C. STREAMLINED COMPETITION PROCEDURES.

1. Streamlined Competition Form (SLCF). After public announcement, an agency shall calculate, compare, and certify costs based upon the scope and requirements of the activity to determine and document a cost-effective performance decision by completing the SLCF as follows:

   a. **Cost of Agency Performance.** An agency shall calculate and certify the cost of performing the activity with government personnel in accordance with Attachment C for a minimum of three performance periods by completing SLCF Lines 1, 2, 3 (limited to awarded contracts supporting agency performance of the activity), 4, and 6. An agency may base the agency cost estimate on the incumbent activity; however, an agency is encouraged develop a more efficient organization, which may be an MEO.

   b. **Cost of Private Sector/Public Reimbursable Performance.** An agency shall determine an estimated contract price for performing the activity with a private sector source, using documented market research or soliciting cost proposals in accordance with the FAR. An agency may also determine an estimated cost for performing the activity with a public reimbursable source by calculating (or requesting that a public reimbursable source calculate) SLCF Lines 1a, 2a, 3a (limited to awarded contracts), 4a, and 6a. An agency shall enter and certify an estimated contract price or public reimbursable cost on SLCF Line 7 in accordance with Attachment C for a minimum of three performance periods.

   c. **Adjusted Cost Estimate.** An agency shall calculate and certify the adjusted costs for SLCF Lines 8, 12, 13, and 17 to determine and certify a cost effective source as reflected on SLCF Line 18 in accordance with Attachment C. An agency shall not calculate any other SLCF lines for a streamlined competition.
d. **Cost Estimate Firewalls.** An agency shall ensure that the individual(s) preparing the agency cost estimate and the individual(s) preparing the private sector/public reimbursable cost estimate shall be different, and shall not share information concerning their respective estimates.

2. **Time Limit.** A streamlined competition shall not exceed 90 calendar days from public announcement (start date) to performance decision (end date) unless the CSO grants a time limit waiver. Before the public announcement of each streamlined competition, the CSO may grant a time limit waiver, in writing, allowing a specific streamlined competition to exceed the 90 day time limit by no more than 45 calendar days, for a maximum of 135 calendar days from public announcement (start date) to performance decision (end date). The CSO may only grant a time limit waiver if the CSO expects the agency to create an MEO or issue a solicitation for private sector offers. If an agency cannot complete an announced streamlined competition within the time limit, the agency shall either convert the streamlined competition to a standard competition or request an additional extension of time from OMB using the deviation procedure in paragraph 5.c. of this circular.

3. **Performance Decision in a Streamlined Competition.**

   a. **SLCF Certifications.** An agency shall make three certifications on the SLCF in accordance with Attachment C to determine a performance decision. A different individual shall make each of these certifications.

   b. **SLCF Review.** Consistent with procurement integrity, ethics, and standards of conduct rules, including the restrictions of 18 U.S.C. § 208, agencies shall allow incumbent service providers to review the SLCF prior to the public announcement of a performance decision.

   c. **Public Announcement.** The agency shall make a formal public announcement (at the local level and via FedBizOpps.gov) of the performance decision. The SLCF shall be made available to the public, upon request. If the agency cost estimate includes any support contracts, the agency shall not release proprietary information contained in these contracts.

   d. **Implementing the Streamlined Performance Decision.** An agency shall implement the performance decision resulting from a streamlined competition as follows:

      (1) **Private Sector or Public Reimbursable Performance Decision.** The CO may issue a solicitation to determine a private sector or public reimbursable service provider. For a private sector performance decision, the CO shall award a contract in accordance with the FAR and shall implement FAR 7.305(c), the right of first refusal. For a public reimbursable performance decision, the CO shall execute a fee-for-service agreement with the public reimbursable source.

      (2) **Agency Performance Decision.** The CO shall execute a letter of obligation with an official responsible for performing the commercial activity.