

Procurement News



KEY AREAS DCMA REVIEWERS SCRUTINIZE

DCMA scrutinizes CPSR findings because a contractor's purchasing system directly affects cost, compliance, performance, and risk on government contracts. Weaknesses in subcontracting, competition, price analysis, documentation, flowdowns, or internal controls can expose the Government to excessive costs and contractual risk. Findings help DCMA determine whether deficiencies are isolated issues or signs of systemic purchasing system weaknesses that may require corrective action or affect system approval. JA White has listed the top six areas under DCMA scrutiny.

Frequency and Recurrence

Reviewers assess if a deficiency appears across multiple procurement files, buyers, departments, or business units.

Systemic vs. Isolated Issues

DCMA evaluates whether a finding is a one-time error or evidence of a broader failure in policies, procedures, training, or internal controls.

Regulatory and Policy Compliance

Evaluated against FAR, DFARS, contract requirements, and the contractor's own policies and procedures.

Documentation and Audit Trail

Reviewers assess whether procurement decisions are documented and supported by a clear audit trail covering competition, source selection, price analysis, approvals, and required flowdowns.

Risk and Government Impact

Findings are considered in terms of their potential effect on Government cost, contract performance, subcontract management, and overall procurement integrity.

Corrective Action Effectiveness

DCMA evaluates whether corrective action plans address the root cause, are implemented consistently, and prevent deficiencies from recurring.

For more information on CPSR findings or compliance failures, contact our experts today!