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Chapter 1: Policy and Procedures

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1.1 **Policy and Procedures.** Department policy and procedures regarding unsolicited technical ideas or proposals received from the public, (1) not submitted with the object of obtaining a contract are prescribed in 401 DM 2; and (2) submitted for the purpose of obtaining a contract are prescribed at Section 14-4.5101 of the Interior Procurement Regulations (IPR 14-4.5101 - 41 CFR 14-4.5101).

1.2 **Cross Reference.** This cross reference to 401 DM 2 and IPR 14-4.5101 is inserted in this part because such unsolicited technical ideas or proposals received from the public may eventually develop into inventions and patents. Whenever a proposal develops into an invention and subsequent patent, the policies and procedures contained in 453 DM 1 and 453 DM 2, AInventions and Patents,@ will apply if a contract is awarded whether pursuant to IPR 14-4.5101 or as a result of a submission under 401 DM 2.

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