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## SECTION B - CONTINUATION OF SF 1449 BLOCKS

### B.1 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

(continuation from Standard Form 1449, block 18A.)

1. Contract Administration: All contract administration matters will be handled by the following individuals:

a. CONTRACTOR:

b. GOVERNMENT: James O'Quinn 0010G

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Strategic Acquisition Center

10300 Spotsylvania Ave

Fredericksburg VA 22408

2. CONTRACTOR REMITTANCE ADDRESS: All payments by the Government to the contractor will be made in accordance with:

☒ 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer -Other than Central Contractor Registration, or  
☐ 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party

3. INVOICES: Invoices shall be submitted in arrears:

- a. Quarterly ☐
- b. Semi-Annually ☐
- c. Other ☒ - Monthly

4. GOVERNMENT INVOICE ADDRESS: All Invoices from the contractor shall be submitted electronically in accordance with VAAR Clause 852.232-72 Electronic Submission of Payment Requests.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Financial Services Center

PO BOX 149971

Austin TX 78714-8917

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS: The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the Solicitation numbered and dated as follows:

AMENDMENT NO	DATE

## **B.2 LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING-- MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE (JUN 2011)**

This solicitation includes FAR 52.219-4 Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HubZone Small Business Concerns. Accordingly, any contract resulting from this solicitation will include this clause. The contractor is advised in performing contract administration functions, the CO may use the services of a support contractor(s) retained by VA to assist in assessing the contractor's compliance with the limitations on subcontracting or percentage of work performance requirements specified in the clause. To that end, the support contractor(s) may require access to contractor's offices where the contractor's business records or other proprietary data are retained and to review such business records regarding the contractor's compliance with this requirement. All support contractors conducting this review on behalf of VA will be required to sign an "Information Protection and Non-Disclosure and Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest Agreement" to ensure the contractor's business records or other proprietary data reviewed or obtained in the course of assisting the CO in assessing the contractor for compliance are protected to ensure information or data is not improperly disclosed or other impropriety occurs. Furthermore, if VA determines any services the support contractor(s) will perform in assessing compliance are advisory and assistance services as defined in FAR 2.101, Definitions, the support contractor(s) must also enter into an agreement with the contractor to protect proprietary information as required by FAR 9.505-4, obtaining access to proprietary information, paragraph (b). The contractor is required to cooperate fully and make available any records as may be required to enable the CO to assess the contractor's compliance with the limitations on subcontracting or percentage of work performance requirement.

(End of Clause)

## **B.3 SUBCONTRACTING COMMITMENTS--MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE (JUN 2011)**

This solicitation includes VAAR 852.215-70, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned and Veteran-Owned Small Business Evaluation Factors, and VAAR 852.215-71, Evaluation Factor Commitments. Accordingly, any contract resulting from this solicitation will include these clauses. The contractor is advised in performing contract administration functions, the CO may use the services of a support contractor(s) to assist in assessing contractor compliance with the subcontracting commitments incorporated into the contract. To that end, the support contractor(s) may require access to the contractor's business records or other proprietary data to review such business records regarding contract compliance with this requirement. All support contractors conducting this review on behalf of VA will be required to sign an "Information Protection and Non-Disclosure and Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest Agreement" to ensure the contractor's business records or other proprietary data reviewed or obtained in the course of assisting the CO in assessing the contractor for compliance are protected to ensure information or data is not improperly disclosed or other impropriety occurs. Furthermore, if VA determines any services the support contractor(s) will perform in assessing compliance are advisory and assistance services as defined in FAR 2.101, Definitions, the support contractor(s) must also enter into an agreement with the contractor to protect proprietary information as required by FAR 9.505-4, obtaining access to proprietary information, paragraph (b). The contractor is required to cooperate fully and make available any records as may be required to enable the CO to assess the contractor compliance with the subcontracting commitments.

(End of Clause)

## **B.4 SUBCONTRACTING PLAN--MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE (JUN 2011)**

This solicitation includes FAR 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan, and VAAR 852.219-9, VA Small Business Subcontracting Plan Minimum Requirement. Accordingly, any contract resulting from this solicitation will include these clauses. The contractor is advised in performing contract administration functions, the CO may use the services of a support contractor(s) to assist in assessing the contractor's compliance with the plan, including reviewing the contractor's accomplishments in achieving the subcontracting goals in the plan. To that end, the support contractor(s) may require access to the contractor's business records or other proprietary data to review such business records regarding the contractor's compliance with this requirement. All support contractors conducting this review on behalf of VA will be

required to sign an “Information Protection and Non-Disclosure and Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest Agreement” to ensure the contractor's business records or other proprietary data reviewed or obtained in the course of assisting the CO in assessing the contractor for compliance are protected to ensure information or data is not improperly disclosed or other impropriety occurs. Furthermore, if VA determines any services the support contractor(s) will perform in assessing compliance are advisory and assistance services as defined in FAR 2.101, Definitions, the support contractor(s) must also enter into an agreement with the contractor to protect proprietary information as required by FAR 9.505-4, obtaining access to proprietary information, paragraph (b). The contractor is required to cooperate fully and make available any records as may be required to enable the CO to assess the contractor compliance with the subcontracting plan.

(End of Clause)

## B.5 Price/Cost Schedule

### Item Information

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
0001	Healthcare Accreditation Base Year  Travel shall be at cost and identified on a separate Line Item in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulation	1.00	EA		
1001	Contract Period: Option 1 POP Begin: POP End: Healthcare Accreditation Option Year One  Travel shall be at cost and identified on a separate Line Item in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulation	1.00	EA		
2001	Contract Period: Option 2 POP Begin: POP End: Healthcare Accreditation Option Year Two  Travel shall be at cost and identified on a separate Line Item in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulation	1.00	EA		
3001	Contract Period: Option 3 POP Begin: POP End: Healthcare Accreditation Option Year Three	1.00	EA		

	Travel shall be at cost and identified on a separate Line Item in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulation				
<b>4001</b>	Contract Period: Option 4 POP Begin: POP End: Healthcare Accreditation Fourth Year Option  Travel shall be at cost and identified on a separate Line Item in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulation	1.00	EA		
				<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	

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## B.6 Statement of Objectives

### I. PURPOSE

Accreditation of Health Care Services –

The objective of this contract is to acquire healthcare accreditation services for Veterans Health Administration (VHA) healthcare facilities. Maintaining healthcare accreditation is consistent with one of VHA's strategies to "continuously improve the quality and safety of health care for Veterans." Healthcare accreditation confers recognition that VHA healthcare organizations meet certain standards of quality and safety, and also confers deemed compliance with healthcare quality standards of payers, both public (e.g., Medicare) and commercial.

### II. SCOPE

This requirement covers healthcare accreditation for all VHA Hospitals and Ambulatory Care Units. Programs that fall under this requirement include accreditation or certification of: Laboratories, and Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacies (CMOPs), Home Care, and Long Term Care/Community Living Center (CLC), Behavioral Health Programs, and other specialties, special programs, or areas of emphasis unique to VHA. Contractor shall be a nationally recognized healthcare accreditation body as described herein. The healthcare accreditation provided by the contractor shall be recognized by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Contractor shall be a Substance Abuse and Mental Healthcare Services and Administration (SAMHSA) approved Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) accrediting body.

### III. PERIOD AND PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance shall be for one (1) Base Year of 12 months and up to four (4) 12-month option years. The Period of Performance reads as follows:

- Base Year
- Option Year I
- Option Year II
- Option Year III
- Option Year IV

The place of performance will be at VHA facilities requiring accreditation and at the contractor's facility.

### IV. BACKGROUND

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Facilities have been accredited for over 35 years. The healthcare accreditation process is a complex system of related and dependent activities. It includes pre-survey/review activities (e.g., education on accreditation process, application); survey/review activities (e.g., on-site survey/reviews, survey/review notification to Veterans Healthcare



Administration (VHA) Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), survey/review validation/notification process); post survey/review and monitoring activities (e.g., ongoing communication; survey/review report(s) in an exportable format; data, measurement, and reporting requirements and data submissions. Maintaining healthcare accreditation is consistent with VHA's mission statement "To honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being."

## **V. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

1. Accreditation for all: Hospitals, Ambulatory Care Units, Laboratories, and Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacies (CMOPs). While these numbers may fluctuate the current facility count is as follows: 140-Hospitals, 19-Ambulatory Care Units, 13-Laboratories, and 7-Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacies (CMOPs).
2. Deliver after survey reports to designated government personnel, to include the COR, of the standards cited for non-compliance, the observation of non-compliance, the type of program (i.e. behavioral health), and accreditation status.
3. Deliver feedback report on utilization, effectiveness, and evidence of implementation of and compliance with any existing quality management system: i.e. ISO 9001:2008 or most current version at the end of a site visit.
4. Perform full survey/reviews of VA hospital and ambulatory center sites conducted on an established cycle, utilizing qualified and experienced surveyors.
  - Employing a quality system approach meant to measure, manage and sustain performance and mitigate risk. Evaluating the entire organization. (i.e. leadership, planning, resources, environment, process, procedures, policies, documentation, measurement/monitoring activities, but must include the regular analysis and review of the organizations identified functions/activities and continuous improvement cycle actions to ensure repeatable and sustainable process/es).
5. Provide targeted consultative support to all facilities following the survey to assist staff in redesigning, improving, stabilizing or correcting identified non-compliances.
6. Participate and collaborate in annual corporate orientations and summations to VA leadership.
7. Collaborate with VHA representatives regarding data collection and reporting requirements that meet the shared goals for performance improvement and benchmarking of both the Contractor and VHA.

8. Provide any licensing agreements, all manuals and publications of standards and regulations used to evaluate VHA programs. Manuals and publications shall be provided for each facility and for corporate offices.
9. Provide an established and COR approved quality assurance program to include any data validation and inter-rater reliability requirements.
10. Provide accreditation program management oversight and communication and reporting to the VHA's Contracting Officer's Representative.
11. Provide a plan for seamless transition from previous accrediting organization.
12. Provide seamless transition to follow on accrediting organization.

### **Operating Constraints**

The contractor shall have a Business Associate Agreement (BAA) and safeguard Personal Health Information (PHI) agreements. The Contractor staff shall complete VA privacy training annually. The Contractor shall allow each VA facility to select 10 avoid dates. Scheduling of all surveys/reviews shall avoid all Federal holidays, including Veterans Day and all known Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Combined Assessment Program (CAP) survey/review days. The VA will provide the dates of all known OIG CAP review to Contractor every six months (January and June, or as available). The Contractor shall have no access to the VA computer network. The contractor shall be recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Contractor shall be a Substance Abuse and Mental Healthcare Services and Administration (SAMHSA) approved Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) accrediting body.

## **SECTION C - CONTRACT CLAUSES**

### **52.252-2 -- Clauses Incorporated by Reference. (Feb 1998)**

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://farsite.hill.af.mil/vffara.htm>

(End of Clause)

### **C.1 Clauses Incorporated by Reference**

#### **52.202-1 DEFINITIONS (NOV 2013)**

#### **52.203-3 GRATUITIES (APR 1984)**

#### **52.203-12 LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS (OCT 2010)**

#### **52.203-17 CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS (SEP 2013)**

#### **52.204-4 PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON POSTCONSUMER FIBER CONTENT PAPER (MAY 2011)**

#### **52.204-10 REPORTING EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACT AWARDS (JUL 2013)**

#### **52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (SEP 2013)**

#### **52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (NOV 1999)**

#### **52.222-17 NONDISPLACEMENT OF QUALIFIED WORKERS (JAN 2013)**

#### **52.227-2 NOTICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING PATENT COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT (DEC 2007)**

#### **52.227-14 – RIGHTS IN DATA – GENERAL. (DEC 2007)**

#### **52.232-39 UNENFORCEABILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS (JUN 2013)**

#### **52.233-4 APPLICABLE LAW FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM (OCT 2004)**

#### **52.242-13 BANKRUPTCY (JUL 1995)**

## C.2 52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (NOV 2013)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

(1) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (FEB 2009) (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

\_\_\_ Alternate I (AUG 2007) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

(2) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (AUG 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).

(3) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Pub. L. 108-77, 108-78).

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the contracting officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

*[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]*

\_X\_ (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Sept 2006), with Alternate I (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

\_X\_ (2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Apr 2010) (Pub. L. 110-252, Title VI, Chapter 1 (41 U.S.C. 251 note)).

\_\_\_ (3) 52.203-15, Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Jun 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub L. 111-5) (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009).

\_X\_ (4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Jul 2013) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

\_\_\_ (5) 52.204-11, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—Reporting Requirements (Jul 2010) (Pub. L. 111-5).

\_X\_ (6) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (Aug 2013) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

\_X\_ (7) 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Jul 2013) (41 U.S.C. 2313).

\_\_\_ (8) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (May 2012) (section 738 of Division C of Public Law 112-74, section 740 of Division C of Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Division D of Pub. L. 111-8, and section 745 of Division D of Pub. L. 110-161).

\_\_\_ (9) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

\_X\_ (10) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (Jan 2011) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer)(15 U.S.C. 657a).

\_\_\_ (11) [Reserved]

\_\_\_ (12) (i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Aside (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Nov 2011).

\_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2011).

\_\_\_ (13) (i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003) (15 U.S.C. 644).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 1995) of 52.219-7.

\_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of 52.219-7.

\_X\_ (14) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).

\_X\_ (15) (i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637 (d)(4)).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.

\_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.

\_X\_ (iv) Alternate III (July 2010) of 52.219-9.

\_\_\_ (16) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)).

\_\_\_ (17) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).

\_\_\_ (18) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (Jan 1999) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).

\_\_\_ (19) (i) 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns (Oct 2008) (10 U.S.C. 2323) (if the offeror elects to waive the adjustment, it shall so indicate in its offer).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (June 2003) of 52.219-23.

\_X\_ (20) 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Disadvantaged Status and Reporting (Jul 2013) (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).

\_\_\_ (21) 52.219-26, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Incentive Subcontracting (Oct 2000) (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).

\_\_\_ (22) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657f).

X (23) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).

\_\_\_ (24) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB) Concerns (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

\_\_\_ (25) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Concerns Eligible Under the WOSB Program (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

X (26) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (June 2003) (E.O. 11755).

\_\_\_ (27) 52.222-19, Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Nov 2013) (E.O. 13126).

X (28) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999).

X (29) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Mar 2007) (E.O. 11246).

X (30) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Sep 2010) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

X (31) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (Oct 2010) (29 U.S.C. 793).

X (32) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (Sep 2010) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

X (33) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496).

X (34) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Aug 2013). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.)

\_\_\_ (35) (i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items (May 2008) (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (May 2008) of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

\_\_\_ (36) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (Dec 2007) (42 U.S.C. 8259b).

\_\_\_ (37) (i) 52.223-16, IEEE 1680 Standard for the Environmental Assessment of Personal Computer Products (Dec 2007) (E.O. 13423).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Dec 2007) of 52.223-16.

X (38) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging while Driving (Aug 2011).

\_\_\_ (39) 52.225-1, Buy American Act--Supplies (Feb 2009) (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d).

\_\_\_ (40) (i) 52.225-3, Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act (Nov 2012) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, Pub. L. 103-182, Pub. L. 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2012) of 52.225-3.

\_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2012) of 52.225-3.

\_\_\_ (iv) Alternate III (Nov 2012) of 52.225-3.

\_X\_ (41) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (Nov 2013) (19 U.S.C. 2501, *et seq.*, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).

\_X\_ (42) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (Jun 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

\_\_\_ (43) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2303 Note).

\_\_\_ (44) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

\_\_\_ (45) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

\_\_\_ (46) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002) (41 U.S.C. 255(f), 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

\_\_\_ (47) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 255(f), 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

\_\_\_ (48) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer— System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

\_X\_ (49) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other Than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

\_\_\_ (50) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

\_\_\_ (51) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

\_\_\_ (52) (i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) of 52.247-64.

(c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

X (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965 (Nov 2007) (41 U.S.C. 351, *et seq.*).

X (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 1989) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, *et seq.*).

\_\_\_ (3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act -- Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (Sep 2009) (29 U.S.C.206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, *et seq.*).

\_\_\_ (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act -- Price Adjustment (Sep 2009) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, *et seq.*).

\_\_\_ (5) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment--Requirements (Nov 2007) (41 U.S.C. 351, *et seq.*).

\_\_\_ (6) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Certain Services--Requirements (Feb 2009) (41 U.S.C. 351, *et seq.*).

\_\_\_ (7) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (Jan 2013) (E.O. 13495).

\_\_\_ (8) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations. (Mar 2009) (Pub. L. 110-247).

\_\_\_ (9) 52.237-11, Accepting and Dispensing of \$1 Coin (Sep 2008) (31 U.S.C. 5112(p)(1)).

(d) *Comptroller General Examination of Record* The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records -- Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.



(e)

(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1) in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause—

(i) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Apr 2010) (Pub. L. 110-252, Title VI, Chapter 1 (41 U.S.C. 251 note)).

(ii) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$650,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(iii) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (Jan 2013) (E.O. 13495). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (1) of FAR clause 52.222-17.

(iv) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Mar 2007) (E.O. 11246).

(v) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Sep 2010) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

(vi) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (Oct 2010) (29 U.S.C. 793).

(vii) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause 52.222-40.

(viii) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965, (Nov 2007), (41 U.S.C. 351, *et seq.*)

(ix) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Feb 2009) (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

\_\_\_ Alternate I (Aug 2007) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

(x) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment--Requirements (Nov 2007) (41 U.S.C. 351, *et seq.*)

(xi) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Certain Services--Requirements (Feb 2009) (41 U.S.C. 351, *et seq.*)

(xii) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Aug 2013).

(xiii) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

(xiv) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations. (Mar 2009) (Pub. L. 110-247). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.

(xv) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately-Owned U.S. Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

(2) While not required, the contractor may include in its subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(End of Clause)

### **C.3 52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 2000)**

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within 10 days of end of current period of performance; provided that the Government gives the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least 10 days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the Government to an extension.

(b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed .

(End of Clause)

### **C.4 VAAR 852.203-70 COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING (JAN 2008)**

The bidder or offeror agrees that if a contract is awarded to him/her, as a result of this solicitation, he/she will not advertise the award of the contract in his/her commercial advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the Department of Veterans Affairs endorses a product, project or commercial line of endeavor.

(End of Clause)

### **C.5 VAAR 852.203-71 DISPLAY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS HOTLINE POSTER (DEC 1992)**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) below, the Contractor shall display prominently, in common work areas within business segments performing work under VA contracts, Department of Veterans Affairs Hotline posters prepared by the VA Office of Inspector General.

(b) Department of Veterans Affairs Hotline posters may be obtained from the VA Office of Inspector General (53E), P.O. Box 34647, Washington, DC 20043-4647.

(c) The Contractor need not comply with paragraph (a) above if the Contractor has established a mechanism, such as a hotline, by which employees may report suspected instances of improper conduct, and instructions that encourage employees to make such reports.

(End of Clause)

### **C.6 852.232-72 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PAYMENT REQUESTS (NOV 2012)**

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

(1) *Contract financing payment* has the meaning given in FAR 32.001.

(2) *Designated agency office* has the meaning given in 5 CFR 1315.2(m).

(3) *Electronic form* means an automated system transmitting information electronically according to the

Accepted electronic data transmission methods and formats identified in paragraph (c) of this clause. Facsimile, email, and scanned documents are not acceptable electronic forms for submission of payment requests.

(4) *Invoice payment* has the meaning given in FAR 32.001.

(5) *Payment request* means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment submitted by the contractor under this contract.

(b) *Electronic payment requests.* Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this clause, the contractor shall submit payment requests in electronic form. Purchases paid with a Government-wide commercial purchase card are considered to be an electronic transaction for purposes of this rule, and therefore no additional electronic invoice submission is required.

(c) *Data transmission.* A contractor must ensure that the data transmission method and format are through one of the following:

(1) VA's Electronic Invoice Presentment and Payment System. (See Web site at <http://www.fsc.va.gov/einvoice.asp>.)

(2) Any system that conforms to the X12 electronic data interchange (EDI) formats established by the Accredited Standards Center (ASC) and chartered by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The X12 EDI Web site (<http://www.x12.org>) includes additional information on EDI 810 and 811 formats.

(d) *Invoice requirements.* Invoices shall comply with FAR 32.905.

(e) *Exceptions.* If, based on one of the circumstances below, the contracting officer directs that payment requests be made by mail, the contractor shall submit payment requests by mail through the United States Postal Service to the designated agency office. Submission of payment requests by mail may be required for:

(1) Awards made to foreign vendors for work performed outside the United States;

(2) Classified contracts or purchases when electronic submission and processing of payment requests could compromise the safeguarding of classified or privacy information;

(3) Contracts awarded by contracting officers in the conduct of emergency operations, such as responses to national emergencies;

(4) Solicitations or contracts in which the designated agency office is a VA entity other than the VA Financial Services Center in Austin, Texas; or

(5) Solicitations or contracts in which the VA designated agency office does not have electronic invoicing capability as described above.

(End of Clause)

## C.7 VAAR 852.273-70 LATE OFFERS (JAN 2003)

This provision replaces paragraph (f) of FAR provision 52.212-1. Offers or modifications of offers received after the time set forth in a request for quotations or request for proposals may be considered, at the discretion of the contracting

officer, if determined to be in the best interest of the Government. Late bids submitted in response to an invitation for bid (IFB) will not be considered.

(End of Provision)

#### **C.8 VAAR 852.237-70 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES (1984) Contractor responsibilities.**

The contractor shall obtain all necessary licenses and/or permits required to perform this work. He/she shall take all reasonable precautions necessary to protect persons and property from injury or damage during the performance of this contract. He/ she shall be responsible for any injury to himself/herself, his/her employees, as well as for any damage to personal or public property that occurs during the performance of this contract that is caused by his/her employees fault or negligence, and shall maintain personal liability and property damage insurance having coverage for a limit as required by the laws of the State of [ ]. Further, it is agreed that any negligence of the Government, its officers, agents, servants and employees, shall not be the responsibility of the contractor hereunder with the regard to any claims, loss, damage, injury, and liability resulting there from.

(End of Clause)

#### **C.9 MANDATORY WRITTEN DISCLOSURES**

Mandatory written disclosures required by FAR clause 52.203-13 to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General (OIG) must be made electronically through the VA OIG Hotline at <http://www.va.gov/oig/contacts/hotline.asp> and clicking on "FAR clause 52.203-13 Reporting." If you experience difficulty accessing the website, call the Hotline at 1-800-488-8244 for further instructions.

#### **C.10 SECURITY BREACH**

This Agreement is subject to the statutory requirement to assess liquidated damages against the contractor and/or subcontractor under 38 U.S.C. §5725 in the event of a breach of Sensitive Personal Information (SPI)/Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Such liquidated damages shall be assessed at \$37.50 per affected Veteran or beneficiary. A breach in this context includes the unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of VA SPI which compromises not only the information's security or privacy but that of the Veteran or beneficiary as well as the potential exposure or wrongful disclosure of such information as a result of a failure to follow proper data security controls and protocols.

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**SECTION D - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, OR ATTACHMENTS**

**ATTACHMENT 1 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES**

**ATTACHMENT 2 BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT  
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

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**SECTION E - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS**

**52.252-1 -- Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference. (Feb 1998)**

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://farsite.hill.af.mil/vffara.htm>

(End of Provision)

**E.1 Provisions Incorporated by Reference**

**52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JUL 2013)**

**52.225-25 -- Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran—Representation and Certifications. (Dec 2012)**

**E.2 52.209-5 REPRESENTATION BY CORPORATIONS REGARDING AN UNPAID TAX LIABILITY OR A FELONY CONVICTION UNDER ANY FEDERAL LAW (DEVIATION)(MAR 2012)**

(a) In accordance with Division H, sections 8124 and 8125 of P.L. 112-74 and sections 738 and 739 of P.L. 112-55 none of the funds made available by either Act may be used to enter into a contract with any corporation that—

(1) Has an unpaid federal tax liability, unless the agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and the Suspension and Debarment Official has made a determination that this action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(2) Has a felony criminal violation under any Federal or State law within the preceding 24 months, unless the agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and Suspension and Debarment Official has made a determination that this action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(b) The Offeror represents that—

(1) The offeror does [ ] does not [ ] have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability.

(2) The offeror, its officers or agents acting on its behalf have [ ] have not [ ] been convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal or State law within the preceding 24 months.

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**E.3 52.209-7 INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (JUL 2013)**

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision—

"Administrative proceeding" means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (e.g., Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative Proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals Proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals Proceedings). This includes administrative proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include agency actions such as contract audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

"Federal contracts and grants with total value greater than \$10,000,000" means—

(1) The total value of all current, active contracts and grants, including all priced options; and

(2) The total value of all current, active orders including all priced options under indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity, 8(a), or requirements contracts (including task and delivery and multiple-award Schedules).

"Principal" means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a division or business segment; and similar positions).

(b) The offeror [ ] has [ ] does not have current active Federal contracts and grants with total value greater than \$10,000,000.

(c) If the offeror checked "has" in paragraph (b) of this provision, the offeror represents, by submission of this offer, that the information it has entered in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS) is current, accurate, and complete as of the date of submission of this offer with regard to the following information:

(1) Whether the offeror, and/or any of its principals, has or has not, within the last five years, in connection with the award to or performance by the offeror of a Federal contract or grant, been the subject of a proceeding, at the Federal or State level that resulted in any of the following dispositions:

(i) In a criminal proceeding, a conviction.

(ii) In a civil proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in the payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more.

(iii) In an administrative proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in—

(A) The payment of a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more; or

(B) The payment of a reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000.

(iv) In a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding, a disposition of the matter by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault by the Contractor if the proceeding could have led to any of the outcomes specified in paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (c)(1)(ii), or (c)(1)(iii) of this provision.

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(2) If the offeror has been involved in the last five years in any of the occurrences listed in (c)(1) of this provision, whether the offeror has provided the requested information with regard to each occurrence.

(d) The offeror shall post the information in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(iv) of this provision in FAPIIS as required through maintaining an active registration in the System for Award Management database via <https://www.acquisition.gov> (see 52.204-7).

(End of Provision)

**E.4 52.212-2 -- Evaluation -- Commercial Items. (Jan 1999)**

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

Technical

Past Performance

Small Business Participation

Veterans Involvement

Technical and past performance, when combined, are significantly more important when combined, when compared to price.

(b) *Options.* The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

(c) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

(End of Provision)

**E.5 52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (AUG 2013) ALTERNATE II (JAN 2012)**

An offeror shall complete only paragraph (b) of this provision if the offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via <http://www.acquisition.gov>. If an offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at the System for Award Management (SAM) website, the offeror shall complete only paragraphs (c) through (o) of this provision.



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(a) Definitions. As used in this provision—

"Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern" means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States and who are economically disadvantaged in accordance with 13 CFR part 127. It automatically qualifies as a women-owned small business eligible under the WOSB Program.

"Forced or indentured child labor" means all work or service—

(1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or

(2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.

"Inverted domestic corporation", as used in this section, means a foreign incorporated entity which is treated as an inverted domestic corporation under 6 U.S.C. 395(b), i.e., a corporation that used to be incorporated in the United States, or used to be a partnership in the United States, but now is incorporated in a foreign country, or is a subsidiary whose parent corporation is incorporated in a foreign country, that meets the criteria specified in 6 U.S.C. 395(b), applied in accordance with the rules and definitions of 6 U.S.C. 395(c). An inverted domestic corporation as herein defined does not meet the definition of an inverted domestic corporation as defined by the Internal Revenue Code at 26 U.S.C. 7874.

"Manufactured end product" means any end product in Federal Supply Classes (FSC) 1000-9999, except—

- (1) FSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;
- (2) Federal Supply Group (FSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;
- (3) FSG 88, Live Animals;
- (4) FSG 89, Food and Related Consumables;
- (5) FSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) FSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) FSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (8) FSC 9610, Ores;
- (9) FSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and
- (10) FSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

"Place of manufacture" means the place where an end product is assembled out of components, or otherwise made or processed from raw materials into the finished product that is to be provided to the Government. If a product is disassembled and reassembled, the place of reassembly is not the place of manufacture.

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"Restricted business operations" means business operations in Sudan that include power production activities, mineral extraction activities, oil-related activities, or the production of military equipment, as those terms are defined in the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174). Restricted business operations do not include business operations that the person (as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007) conducting the business can demonstrate—

- (1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;
- (2) Are conducted pursuant to specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;
- (3) Consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;
- (4) Consist of providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;
- (5) Consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education; or
- (6) Have been voluntarily suspended.

"Sensitive technology"—

- (1) Means hardware, software, telecommunications equipment, or any other technology that is to be used specifically—
  - (i) To restrict the free flow of unbiased information in Iran; or
  - (ii) To disrupt, monitor, or otherwise restrict speech of the people of Iran; and
- (2) Does not include information or informational materials the export of which the President does not have the authority to regulate or prohibit pursuant to section 203(b)(3) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)).

"Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern"—

- (1) Means a small business concern—
  - (i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and
  - (ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.
- (2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

"Small business concern" means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR Part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

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"Subsidiary" means an entity in which more than 50 percent of the entity is owned—

- (1) Directly by a parent corporation; or
- (2) Through another subsidiary of a parent corporation.

"Veteran-owned small business concern" means a small business concern—

- (1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and
- (2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

"Women-owned business concern" means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

"Women-owned small business concern" means a small business concern—

- (1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and
- (2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

"Women-owned small business (WOSB) concern eligible under the WOSB Program" (in accordance with 13 CFR part 127), means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States.

(b)(1) *Annual Representations and Certifications*. Any changes provided by the offeror in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision do not automatically change the representations and certifications posted on the SAM website.

(2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the SAM website access through <http://www.acquisition.gov>. After reviewing the SAM database information, the offeror verifies by submission of this offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically at FAR 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items, have been entered or updated in the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201), except for paragraphs .

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas. Check all that apply.

- (1) Small business concern. The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a small business concern.
- (2) Veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a veteran-owned small business concern.

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(3) Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.

(4) Small disadvantaged business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.

(5) Women-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a women-owned small business concern.

(6) WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a women-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(5) of this provision.] The offeror represents that—

(i) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program, has provided all the required documents to the WOSB Repository, and no change in circumstances or adverse decisions have been issued that affects its eligibility; and

(ii) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 127, and the representation in paragraph (c)(6)(i) of this provision is accurate for each WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program participating in the joint venture. [*The offeror shall enter the name or names of the WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program and other small businesses that are participating in the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.*] Each WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the WOSB representation.

(7) Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern. [*Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program in (c)(6) of this provision.*] The offeror represents that—

(i) It ☐ is, ☐ is not an EDWOSB concern, has provided all the required documents to the WOSB Repository, and no change in circumstances or adverse decisions have been issued that affects its eligibility; and

(ii) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 127, and the representation in paragraph (c)(7)(i) of this provision is accurate for each EDWOSB concern participating in the joint venture. [*The offeror shall enter the name or names of the EDWOSB concern and other small businesses that are participating in the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.*] Each EDWOSB concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the EDWOSB representation.

**Note:** Complete paragraphs (c)(8) and (c)(9) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(8) Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern). [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it ☐ is a women-owned business concern.

(9) Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns. If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price:

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(10) [Complete only if the solicitation contains the clause at FAR 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, or FAR 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Disadvantaged Status and Reporting, and the offeror desires a benefit based on its disadvantaged status.]

(i) General. The offeror represents that either—

(A) It [ ] is, [ ] is not certified by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern and identified, on the date of this representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the SAM Dynamic Small Business Search database maintained by the Small Business Administration, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification, and, where the concern is owned by one or more individuals claiming disadvantaged status, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); or

(B) It [ ] has, [ ] has not submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.

(ii) [ ] Joint Ventures under the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns. The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements in 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (c)(10)(i) of this provision is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.]

(iii) Address. The offeror represents that its address [ ] is, [ ] is not in a region for which a small disadvantaged business procurement mechanism is authorized and its address has not changed since its certification as a small disadvantaged business concern or submission of its application for certification. The list of authorized small disadvantaged business procurement mechanisms and regions is posted at <http://www.acquisition.gov/References/sdbadjustments.htm>. The offeror shall use the list in effect on the date of this solicitation. "Address," as used in this provision, means the address of the offeror as listed on the Small Business Administration's register of small disadvantaged business concerns or the address on the completed application that the concern has submitted to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier in accordance with 13 CFR Part 124, subpart B. For joint ventures, "address" refers to the address of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture.

(11) HUBZone small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that—

(i) It [ ] is, [ ] is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR Part 126; and

(ii) It [ ] is, [ ] is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR Part 126, and the representation in paragraph (c)(11)(i) of this provision is accurate for the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are

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participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name or names of the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture:\_\_\_\_\_.] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

(d) Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246—

(1) Previous contracts and compliance. The offeror represents that—

(i) It [ ] has, [ ] has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and

(ii) It [ ] has, [ ] has not filed all required compliance reports.

(2) Affirmative Action Compliance. The offeror represents that—

(i) It [ ] has developed and has on file, [ ] has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR parts 60-1 and 60-2), or

(ii) It [ ] has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C. 1352). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$150,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract. If any registrants under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 have made a lobbying contact on behalf of the offeror with respect to this contract, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its offer, OMB Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to provide the name of the registrants. The offeror need not report regularly employed officers or employees of the offeror to whom payments of reasonable compensation were made.

(f) Buy American Act Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.225-1, Buy American Act—Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)

(1) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that for other than COTS items, the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products, i.e., an end product that is not a COTS item and does not meet the component test in paragraph (2) of the definition of "domestic end product." The terms "commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item," "component," "domestic end product," "end product," "foreign end product," and "United States" are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act—Supplies."

(2) Foreign End Products:

Line Item No	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____

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\_\_\_\_\_  
[List as necessary]

(3) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(g)(1) Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-3, Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (g)(1)(iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that for other than COTS items, the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The terms "Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end product," "commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item," "component," "domestic end product," "end product," "foreign end product," "Free Trade Agreement country," "Free Trade Agreement country end product," "Israeli end product," and "United States" are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act."

(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Free Trade Agreement country end products (other than Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end products) or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act":

Free Trade Agreement Country End Products (Other than Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian End Products) or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(iii) The offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act." The offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products, i.e., an end product that is not a COTS item and does not meet the component test in paragraph (2) of the definition of "domestic end product."

Other Foreign End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
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(iv) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(2) Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate I. If Alternate I to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act":

Canadian End Products:

Line Item No.

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[List as necessary]

(3) Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate II. If Alternate II to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act":

Canadian or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
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[List as necessary]

(4) *Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate III.* If Alternate III to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Free Trade Agreement country end products (other than Bahrainian, Korean, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end products) or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act":

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Free Trade Agreement Country End Products (Other than Bahrainian, Korean, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian End Products) or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*[List as necessary]*

(5) *Trade Agreements Certificate.* (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-5, Trade Agreements, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(5)(ii) of this provision, is a U.S.-made, designated country end product, as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Trade Agreements."

(ii) The offeror shall list as other end products those end products that are not U.S.-made or designated country, end products.

Other End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*[List as necessary]*

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25. For line items covered by the WTO GPA, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

(h) Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters (Executive Order 12689). (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror and/or any of its principals—

(1) ☐ Are, ☐ are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;

(2) ☐ Have, ☐ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes

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relating to the submission of offers; or Commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property;

(3) ☐ Are, ☐ are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses enumerated in paragraph (h)(2) of this clause; and

(4) ☐ Have, ☐ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied.

(i) Taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:

(A) The tax liability is finally determined. The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge to the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.

(B) The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment. A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.

(ii) Examples.

(A) The taxpayer has received a statutory notice of deficiency, under I.R.C. Sec. 6212, which entitles the taxpayer to seek Tax Court review of a proposed tax deficiency. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek Tax Court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(B) The IRS has filed a notice of Federal tax lien with respect to an assessed tax liability, and the taxpayer has been issued a notice under I.R.C. Sec. 6320 entitling the taxpayer to request a hearing with the IRS Office of Appeals contesting the lien filing, and to further appeal to the Tax Court if the IRS determines to sustain the lien filing. In the course of the hearing, the taxpayer is entitled to contest the underlying tax liability because the taxpayer has had no prior opportunity to contest the liability. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek tax court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(C) The taxpayer has entered into an installment agreement pursuant to I.R.C. Sec. 6159. The taxpayer is making timely payments and is in full compliance with the agreement terms. The taxpayer is not delinquent because the taxpayer is not currently required to make full payment.

(D) The taxpayer has filed for bankruptcy protection. The taxpayer is not delinquent because enforced collection action is stayed under 11 U.S.C. 362 (the Bankruptcy Code).

(i) Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126).

(1) Listed end products.

Listed End Product	Listed Countries of Origin
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(2) Certification. [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either (i)(2)(i) or (i)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]

☐ (i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.

☐ (ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

(j) Place of manufacture. (Does not apply unless the solicitation is predominantly for the acquisition of manufactured end products.) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly—

(1) ☐ In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); or

(2) ☐ Outside the United States.

(k) Certificates regarding exemptions from the application of the Service Contract Act. (Certification by the offeror as to its compliance with respect to the contract also constitutes its certification as to compliance by its subcontractor if it subcontracts out the exempt services.)

☐ (1) Maintenance, calibration, or repair of certain equipment as described in FAR 22.1003-4(c)(1). The offeror ☐ does ☐ does not certify that—

(i) The items of equipment to be serviced under this contract are used regularly for other than Governmental purposes and are sold or traded by the offeror (or subcontractor in the case of an exempt subcontract) in substantial quantities to the general public in the course of normal business operations;

(ii) The services will be furnished at prices which are, or are based on, established catalog or market prices (see FAR 22.1003- 4(c)(2)(ii)) for the maintenance, calibration, or repair of such equipment; and

(iii) The compensation (wage and fringe benefits) plan for all service employees performing work under the contract will be the same as that used for these employees and equivalent employees servicing the same equipment of commercial customers.

☐ (2) Certain services as described in FAR 22.1003- 4(d)(1). The offeror ☐ does ☐ does not certify that—

(i) The services under the contract are offered and sold regularly to non-Governmental customers, and are provided by the offeror (or subcontractor in the case of an exempt subcontract) to the general public in substantial quantities in the course of normal business operations;

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(ii) The contract services will be furnished at prices that are, or are based on, established catalog or market prices (see FAR 22.1003-4(d)(2)(iii));

(iii) Each service employee who will perform the services under the contract will spend only a small portion of his or her time (a monthly average of less than 20 percent of the available hours on an annualized basis, or less than 20 percent of available hours during the contract period if the contract period is less than a month) servicing the Government contract; and

(iv) The compensation (wage and fringe benefits) plan for all service employees performing work under the contract is the same as that used for these employees and equivalent employees servicing commercial customers.

(3) If paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this clause applies—

(i) If the offeror does not certify to the conditions in paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) and the Contracting Officer did not attach a Service Contract Act wage determination to the solicitation, the offeror shall notify the Contracting Officer as soon as possible; and

(ii) The Contracting Officer may not make an award to the offeror if the offeror fails to execute the certification in paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this clause or to contact the Contracting Officer as required in paragraph (k)(3)(i) of this clause.

(l) *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)* (26 U.S.C. 6109, 31 U.S.C. 7701). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to the SAM database to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (l)(3) through (l)(5) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(2) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

(3) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

☐ TIN: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ TIN has been applied for.

☐ TIN is not required because:

☐ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;

☐ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

☐ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

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(4) Type of organization.

- ☐ Sole proprietorship;
- ☐ Partnership;
- ☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);
- ☐ Corporate entity (tax-exempt);
- ☐ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);
- ☐ Foreign government;
- ☐ International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

(5) Common parent.

- ☐ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;
- ☐ Name and TIN of common parent:

Name \_\_\_\_\_.

TIN \_\_\_\_\_.

(m) Restricted business operations in Sudan. By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror does not conduct any restricted business operations in Sudan.

(n) Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations. (1) Relation to Internal Revenue Code. An inverted domestic corporation as herein defined does not meet the definition of an inverted domestic corporation as defined by the Internal Revenue Code 25 U.S.C. 7874.

(2) Representation. By submission of its offer, the offeror represents that—

- (i) It is not an inverted domestic corporation; and
- (ii) It is not a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation.

(o) *Prohibition on contracting with entities engaging in certain activities or transactions relating to Iran.* (1) The offeror shall email questions concerning sensitive technology to the Department of State at [CISADA106@state.gov](mailto:CISADA106@state.gov).

(2) *Representation and certifications.* Unless a waiver is granted or an exception applies as provided in paragraph (o)(3) of this provision, by submission of its offer, the offeror—

(i) Represents, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror does not export any sensitive technology to the government of Iran or any entities or individuals owned or controlled by, or acting on behalf or at the direction of, the government of Iran;

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(ii) Certifies that the offeror, or any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not engage in any activities for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act; and

(iii) Certifies that the offeror, and any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not knowingly engage in any transaction that exceeds \$3,000 with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps or any of its officials, agents, or affiliates, the property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (see OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List at <http://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/t11sdn.pdf>).

(3) The representation and certification requirements of paragraph (o)(2) of this provision do not apply if—

(i) This solicitation includes a trade agreements certification (*e.g.*, 52.212–3(g) or a comparable agency provision); and

(ii) The offeror has certified that all the offered products to be supplied are designated country end products.

(End of Provision)

**E.6 52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)**

The Government contemplates award of a Firm-Fixed-Price contract resulting from this solicitation.

(End of Provision)

**E.7 52.219-22 SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS STATUS (OCT 1999)**

(a) *General.* This provision is used to assess an offeror's small disadvantaged business status for the purpose of obtaining a benefit on this solicitation. Status as a small business and status as a small disadvantaged business for general statistical purposes is covered by the provision at FAR 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representation.

(b) Representations.

(1) *General.* The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a small business under the size standard applicable to this acquisition; and either—

[ ] (i) It has received certification by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern consistent with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B; and

(A) No material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification;

(B) Where the concern is owned by one or more disadvantaged individuals, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and

(C) It is identified, on the date of its representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net); or

[ ] (ii) It has submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.

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(2) [ ] *For Joint Ventures.* The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements at 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture:  
\_\_\_\_\_.]

(c) *Penalties and Remedies.* Anyone who misrepresents any aspects of the disadvantaged status of a concern for the purposes of securing a contract or subcontract shall:

- (1) Be punished by imposition of a fine, imprisonment, or both;
- (2) Be subject to administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment; and
- (3) Be ineligible for participation in programs conducted under the authority of the Small Business Act.

(End of Provision)

**E.8 52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (SEP 2006)**

Protests, as defined in section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the Government Accountability Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from:

Hand-Carried Address:

Department of Veteran Affairs  
Strategic Acquisition Center (SAC)  
10300 Spotsylvania Ave, Ste 400  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Mailing Address:

Department of Veteran Affairs  
Strategic Acquisition Center (SAC)  
10300 Spotsylvania Ave, Ste 400  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

(End of Provision)

**E.9 852.209-70 ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (JAN 2008)**

(a) It is in the best interest of the Government to avoid situations which might create an organizational conflict of interest or where the offeror's performance of work under the contract may provide the contractor with an unfair competitive advantage. The term "organizational conflict of interest" means that because of other

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activities or relationships with other persons, a person is unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the Government, or the person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or the person has an unfair competitive advantage.

(b) The offeror shall provide a statement with its offer which describes, in a concise manner, all relevant facts concerning any past, present, or currently planned interest (financial, contractual, organizational, or otherwise) or actual or potential organizational conflicts of interest relating to the services to be provided under this solicitation. The offeror shall also provide statements with its offer containing the same information for any consultants and subcontractors identified in its proposal and which will provide services under the solicitation. The offeror may also provide relevant facts that show how its organizational and/or management system or other actions would avoid or mitigate any actual or potential organizational conflicts of interest.

(c) Based on this information and any other information solicited or obtained by the contracting officer, the contracting officer may determine that an organizational conflict of interest exists which would warrant disqualifying the contractor for award of the contract unless the organizational conflict of interest can be mitigated to the contracting officer's satisfaction by negotiating terms and conditions of the contract to that effect. If the conflict of interest cannot be mitigated and if the contracting officer finds that it is in the best interest of the United States to award the contract, the contracting officer shall request a waiver in accordance with FAR 9.503 and 48 CFR 809.503.

(d) Nondisclosure or misrepresentation of actual or potential organizational conflicts of interest at the time of the offer, or arising as a result of a modification to the contract, may result in the termination of the contract at no expense to the Government.

(End of Provision)

**E.10 VAAR 852.215-70 SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS EVALUATION FACTORS (DEC 2009)**

(a) In an effort to achieve socioeconomic small business goals, depending on the evaluation factors included in the solicitation, VA shall evaluate offerors based on their service-disabled veteran-owned or veteran-owned small business status and their proposed use of eligible service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses and veteran-owned small businesses as subcontractors.

(b) Eligible service-disabled veteran-owned offerors will receive full credit, and offerors qualifying as veteran-owned small businesses will receive partial credit for the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned and Veteran-owned Small Business Status evaluation factor. To receive credit, an offeror must be registered and verified in Vendor Information Pages (VIP) database. (<http://www.VetBiz.gov>).

(c) Non-veteran offerors proposing to use service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses or veteran-owned small businesses as subcontractors will receive some consideration under this evaluation factor. Offerors must state in their proposals the names of the SDVOSBs and VOSBs with whom they intend to subcontract and provide a brief description of the proposed subcontracts and the approximate dollar values of the proposed subcontracts. In addition, the proposed subcontractors must be registered and verified in the VetBiz.gov VIP database (<http://www.vetbiz.gov>).

(End of Provision)



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**E.11 VAAR 852.219-9 VA SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (DEC 2009)**

- (a) This clause does not apply to small business concerns.
- (b) If the offeror is required to submit an individual subcontracting plan, the minimum goals for award of subcontracts to service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns and veteran-owned small business concerns shall be at least commensurate with the Department's annual service-disabled veteran-owned small business and veteran-owned small business prime contracting goals for the total dollars planned to be subcontracted.
- (c) For a commercial plan, the minimum goals for award of subcontracts to service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns and veteran-owned small businesses shall be at least commensurate with the Department's annual service-disabled veteran-owned small business and veteran-owned small business prime contracting goals for the total value of projected subcontracts to support the sales for the commercial plan.
- (d) To be credited toward goal achievements, businesses must be verified as eligible in the Vendor Information Pages database. The contractor shall annually submit a listing of service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses and veteran-owned small businesses for which credit toward goal achievement is to be applied for the review of personnel in the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.
- (e) The contractor may appeal any businesses determined not eligible for crediting toward goal achievements by following the procedures contained in 819.407.

(End of Clause)

**E.12 VAAR 852.219-71 VA MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM (DEC 2009)**

- (a) Large businesses are encouraged to participate in the VA Mentor-Protégé Program for the purpose of providing developmental assistance to eligible service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses and veteran-owned small businesses to enhance the small businesses' capabilities and increase their participation as VA prime contractors and as subcontractors.
- (b) The program consists of:
- (1) Mentor firms, which are contractors capable of providing developmental assistance;
  - (2) Protégé firms, which are service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns or veteran-owned small business concerns; and
  - (3) Mentor-Protégé Agreements approved by the VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.
- (c) Mentor participation in the program means providing business developmental assistance to aid protégés in developing the requisite expertise to effectively compete for and successfully perform VA prime contracts and subcontracts.
- (d) Large business prime contractors serving as mentors in the VA Mentor-Protégé Program are eligible for an incentive for subcontracting plan credit. VA will recognize the costs incurred by a mentor firm in providing assistance to a protégé firm and apply those costs for purposes of determining whether the mentor firm attains its subcontracting plan participation goals under a VA contract. The amount of credit given to a mentor firm for these protégé developmental

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assistance costs shall be calculated on a dollar-for-dollar basis and reported by the large business prime contractor via the Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS).

(e) Contractors interested in participating in the program are encouraged to contact the VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization for more information.

(End of Clause)

**E.13 VAAR 852.219-72 EVALUATION FACTOR FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE VA MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM (DEC 2009)**

This solicitation contains an evaluation factor or sub-factor regarding participation in the VA Mentor-Protégé Program. In order to receive credit under the evaluation factor or sub-factor, the offeror must provide with its proposal a copy of a signed letter issued by the VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization approving the offeror's Mentor-Protégé Agreement.

(End of Clause)

**E.14 VAAR 852.233-70 PROTEST CONTENT/ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (JAN 2008)**

(a) Any protest filed by an interested party shall:

- (1) Include the name, address, fax number, and telephone number of the protester;
- (2) Identify the solicitation and/or contract number;
- (3) Include an original signed by the protester or the protester's representative and at least one copy;
- (4) Set forth a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest, including a description of resulting prejudice to the protester, and provide copies of relevant documents;
- (5) Specifically request a ruling of the individual upon whom the protest is served;
- (6) State the form of relief requested; and
- (7) Provide all information establishing the timeliness of the protest.

(b) Failure to comply with the above may result in dismissal of the protest without further consideration.

(c) Bidders/offerors and contracting officers are encouraged to use alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedures to resolve protests at any stage in the protest process. If ADR is used, the Department of Veterans Affairs will not furnish any documentation in an ADR proceeding beyond what is allowed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(End of Provision)

**E.15 VAAR 852.233-71 ALTERNATE PROTEST PROCEDURE (JAN 1998)**

As an alternative to filing a protest with the contracting officer, an interested party may file a protest with the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management, Acquisition Administration Team, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, or for solicitations issued by the Office of Construction and Facilities Management, the Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW.,

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Washington, DC 20420. The protest will not be considered if the interested party has a protest on the same or similar issues pending with the contracting officer.

(End of Provision)

PLEASE NOTE: The correct mailing information for filing alternate protests is as follows:

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics,  
Risk Management Team, Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20420

Or for solicitations issued by the Office of Construction and Facilities Management:

Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management  
811 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20420

**E.16 VAAR 852.270-1 REPRESENTATIVES OF CONTRACTING OFFICERS (JAN 2008)**

The contracting officer reserves the right to designate representatives to act for him/her in furnishing technical guidance and advice or generally monitor the work to be performed under this contract. Such designation will be in writing and will define the scope and limitation of the designee's authority. A copy of the designation shall be furnished to the contractor.

(End of Provision)

Addendum to 52.212-2 Evaluation – Commercial Items

**A. BASIS FOR AWARD**

The Government intends to award a single Firm Fixed Price contract; an award will be made based on the best overall (i.e., best value) proposal that is determined to be the most beneficial to the Government, with appropriate consideration given to the five following evaluation Factors: Technical Capability, Past Performance, Small Business Participation Commitment, Veterans Involvement, and Price.

The Technical Capability Factor is **significantly** more important than all other factors, the Past Performance Factor is **slightly** more important than the Small Business Participation Commitment Factor, which is **slightly** more important than the Veterans Involvement Factor. To receive consideration for award, a rating of no less than "Acceptable" must be achieved for Technical Capability Factor. When combined, the Non-Price Factors are **significantly** more important than Price. Offerors are cautioned that the award may not necessarily be made to the lowest price offered or the most highly rated technical proposal. The Government reserves the right to award without discussions based upon the initial evaluation of proposals.

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**B. FACTORS/SUBFACTORS TO BE EVALUATED**

**Factor 1: TECHNICAL CAPABILITY**

**SUBFACTOR 1: NATIONAL RECOGNITION**

**SUBFACTOR 2: QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL**

**SUBFACTOR 3: MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY**

**Factor 2: PAST PERFORMANCE**

**Factor 3: SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT**

**Factor 4: VETERANS INVOLVEMENT**

**Factor 5: PRICE**

**C. EVALUATION APPROACH**

All proposals shall be subject to evaluation by a team of Government personnel. The Government reserves the right to award without discussions based upon the initial evaluation of proposals. The proposal will be evaluated strictly in accordance with its written content. Proposals which merely restate the requirement or state that the requirement will be met, without providing supporting rationale, are not acceptable. Offerors who fail to meet the minimum technical requirements of the solicitation will be rated Unacceptable and thus, ineligible for award.

**1. TECHNICAL EVALUATION APPROACH.**

The Technical Capability evaluation provides an assessment of the offeror's capability to satisfy the Government's requirements. The evaluation will focus on whether the offeror's proposal exceeds, meets or does not meet the Performance Objectives as stated in the Statement of Objectives (SOO).

Subfactor 1 - National Recognition: The Government will evaluate whether or not the offeror is a nationally recognized healthcare accreditation entity, recognized specifically by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), Substance Abuse and Mental Healthcare Services and Administration (SAMHSA), and approved Opioid Treatment Program (OTP).

Subfactor 2 - Qualifications of Personnel: The evaluation will focus on the adequacy of personnel who will perform the accreditation services, their availability, and their experience, in providing services similar to those described in the SOO.

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Subfactor 3 - Management Capability: The proposal will be evaluated to determine whether the Offeror's methods and approach have adequately and completely considered, defined, and satisfied the requirements specified in the solicitation. The proposal will be evaluated to determine the extent to which each requirement has been addressed (i.e., met and/or exceeded) in accordance with the proposal submission instructions of the solicitation. The Technical volume must include the following plans:

a. Quality Assurance Plan – The Government will evaluate the offeror's QAP for appropriateness of quality assurance procedures and content as stated in the Proposal Submission instructions.

b. Communication Plan - The Government will evaluate the offeror's communication plan to ensure it includes the extent, purpose, and frequency of written/verbal exchanges with the Government to include the Contracting Officer Representative (COR).

c. Transition Plan: The Government will evaluate the offeror's transition plan to ensure it outlines the details including, but not limited to, how it will get the contract started, develop customer relationships, identify subcontractor personnel, complete necessary training, and establish communication channels with the Government.

**2. PAST PERFORMANCE EVALUATION APPROACH**

The Past Performance evaluation will assess the relative risks associated with an Offeror's likelihood of success in fulfilling the solicitation's requirements as indicated by that Offeror's record of past performance. In this context, "Offeror" refers to the proposed prime contractor and all proposed major subcontractor(s). A major subcontractor is defined as one which will be providing Surveyor Accreditation Services and/or whose subcontract is for more than 10% of the total proposed price. In either case, the prime contractor and proposed major subcontractor(s) will be assessed individually and the results will then be assessed in their totality to derive the Offeror's Past Performance rating.

The Government will conduct a performance risk assessment based on the quality, relevancy, and recentness of the Offeror's past performance, as well as that of its major subcontractors, as it relates to the probability of successful accomplishment of the required effort. Offerors are cautioned that the Government will review available past performance data available in the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS). The Government reserves the right to obtain past performance information from any available source and may contact customers other than those identified by the Offeror when evaluating past performance. Since the Government may not necessarily interview all of the sources provided by the Offerors, it is incumbent upon the Offerors to explain the relevance of the data provided. Offerors are reminded that the burden of proving low performance risk rests with the Offerors.

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The Government will review aspects of cost, schedule, and performance. Areas to be evaluated may include, but are not limited to, quality of product or service, timeliness of performance or adherence to delivery schedules, and effectiveness in program management (to include use and control of subcontractors).

In the case of an Offeror without a record of relevant past performance or for whom information on past performance is not available, the Offeror may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance.

**3. SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT EVALUATION APPROACH.**

All Offerors (both large and small businesses) will be evaluated on the level of small business participation commitment that they demonstrate for the proposed acquisition, and their prior level of commitment to utilizing small businesses in performance of prior contracts. The following shall be considered in evaluating small business participation:

- a. The extent to which such firms, as defined in FAR Part 19, are specifically identified in proposals;
- b. The extent of commitment to use such firms (enforceable commitments will be weighted more heavily than non-enforceable ones);
- c. The complexity and variety of the work small firms are to perform;
- d. The realism of the proposal;
- e. Past performance of the Offeror in complying with the requirements of the clauses at FAR 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns, and, for all large business offerors, FAR 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan;
- f. The extent of participation of such firms in terms of the value of the total acquisition;
- g. Whether the Offeror meets the following overall participation requirement for this procurement: Small Business: 17.5% of the total contract value.
- h. The extent to which the Offeror meets or exceeds the Government's Subcontracting goals for this procurement, which are as follows: Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB): 3% of the total contract value; Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB): 5% of the total contract value; Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB): 5% of the total contract value; Women-Owned Small Business: 5% of the total contract value; Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUB Zone) Small Business: 3% of the total contract value. Any inability to meet the Government's subcontracting goal(s) for this procurement must be supported by an adequate explanation as to why that goal(s) cannot be met.
- i. Small Business Subcontracting Plan – Each Large Business Offeror shall provide a Small Business Subcontracting Plan that contains all of the elements required by FAR 52.219-9. If the large business does not have an approved Master Plan or approved Commercial Plan, then an Individual

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Subcontracting Plan must be submitted that includes an assurance that small businesses will be given the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in contract performance. This plan shall be submitted separately from the Small Business Participation information required above, which applies to both Large and Small businesses. The Subcontracting Plan is not a requirement for evaluation in source selection but, rather, a requirement for award to a Large Business and the Plan, as negotiated, will be incorporated into any resultant contract.

**4. VETERANS INVOLVEMENT EVALUATION APPROACH.**

In accordance with VAAR 852.215-70, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned and Veteran-Owned Small Business Evaluation Factors, the Government will assign evaluation credit for an Offeror (prime contractor) which is a SDVOSB or a VOSB. Non-SDVOSB/VOSB Offerors proposing to use SDVOSBs or VOSBs as subcontractors will receive some consideration under this evaluation Factor. In accordance with VAAR 852.219-72, Evaluation Factor for Participation in the VA Mentor-Protégé Program, the Government will assign credit to non-SDVOSB/VOSBs with approved Mentor-Protégé Agreements.

**5. PRICE EVALUATION APPROACH:**

**Fixed Price:** The Government will evaluate offers by adding the total of all line item prices, including all options, except travel. The Price Proposal shall be broken into enough detail to allow for price analysis and detailed invoicing. The Total Evaluated Price will be that sum of all proposed line items less travel.

**Unbalanced Pricing -** The Government may evaluate whether the Offeror has submitted unbalanced pricing. An unbalanced price is one where the price of one or more contract line items is significantly overstated or understated and which will result in the Government paying an unreasonably high price for contract performance or otherwise present an unacceptable level of risk to the Government. If the Contracting Officer determines that the risk is unacceptable, then the offer can be rejected.

**D. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Offeror shall submit seven paper copies and one CD ROM of the proposal submitted by mail to:

Beth Anne Davis

Strategic Acquisition Center (SAC)

Department of Veterans Affairs

10300 Spotsylvania Ave, STE 400

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Proposals shall be in the files set forth below by the date and time indicated in the solicitation. Proposals submitted by any other method will not be considered. The offeror's proposal shall consist of six volumes as follows:

VOLUME	TITLE
I	Technical Capability
II	Past Performance
III	Small Business Participation Commitment
IV	Veterans Involvement
V	Price
VI	Solicitation, Offer and Award Documents, and Certification and Representations.

2. PROPOSAL FILES. Offeror's responses shall be submitted in accordance with the following instructions:

a. Format. The submission shall be clearly indexed and logically assembled. Each volume shall be clearly identified and shall begin at the top of a page. All pages of each volume shall be appropriately numbered and identified by the complete company name, date and solicitation number in the header and/or footer. Proposal page limitations are applicable to this procurement. The Table below indicates the maximum page count (when applicable) for each volume of the Offeror's proposal.

Page size shall be no greater than 8 1/2" x 11" with printing on both sides. The top, bottom, left and right margins shall be a minimum of one inch (1") each. Font size shall be no smaller than 12-point. Arial or Times New Roman fonts are required. Characters shall be set at no less than normal spacing. Tables and illustrations may use a reduced font size not less than 8-point and may be landscape. Line spacing shall be set at no less than single space. Each paragraph shall be separated by at least one blank line. Page numbers, company logos, and headers and footers may be within the page margins ONLY, and are not bound by the 12-point font requirement. Footnotes to text shall not be used. All proprietary information shall be clearly and properly marked. If the Offeror submits annexes, documentation, attachments or the like, not specifically required by this solicitation, such will count against the Offeror's page limitations unless otherwise indicated in the specific volume instructions below. Pages in violation of these instructions, either by exceeding the margin, font or spacing restrictions, or by exceeding the total page limit for a particular volume, will not be evaluated.

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Pages not evaluated due to violation of the margin, font, or spacing restrictions will not count against the page limitations. The page count will be determined by counting the pages in the order they are presented.

b. Content Requirements. All information shall be confined to the appropriate volume. The Offeror shall confine submissions to essential matters, sufficient to define the proposal and provide an adequate basis for evaluation. Offerors are responsible for including sufficient details, in a concise manner, to permit a complete and accurate evaluation of each proposal. The titles and page limits requirements for each file are shown in the Table below:

Volume Number	Factor	Page Limitations*
Volume I	Technical Capability	100 pages
Volume II	Past Performance	25 pages (excluding questionnaires)
Volume III	Small Business Participation Commitment	None
Volume IV	Veterans Involvement	None
Volume V	Price	None
Volume VI	Solicitation, Offer & Award Documents, Certifications & Representations	None

A Cover Page, Table of Contents, and/or a glossary of abbreviations or acronyms will not be included in the page count of the Technical Volume. However, be advised that any and all information contained within any Table of Contents and/or glossary of abbreviations or acronyms submitted with an Offeror's proposal will not be evaluated by the Government.

See also FAR 52.212-1, Instructions to Offerors – Commercial Items.

**(i) VOLUME I – TECHNICAL FACTOR.**

The SOO provides the Government's overall objectives for this requirement. Offerors shall use the SOO, together with other applicable portions of the RFP, as the basis for preparing their proposal, including the Performance Work Statement (PWS) and QAP. The offeror shall ensure all aspects of

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the SOO are addressed. The PWS should specify in clear, understandable terms the services to be performed by the contractor. Preparation of an effective PWS requires both an understanding of the services that are needed and an ability to define what is required in specific, performance based, quantitative terms.

The requirements listed below are known minimum Government requirements. The offeror may include additional requirements. All requirements shall be traceable to specific tasks defined in the PWS.

The Technical Capability Volume shall be prepared in an orderly format and in sufficient detail to enable the Government to make a thorough evaluation of the contractor's technical competence and ability to comply with the SOO. The offeror shall address as specifically as possible the actual methodology to be used for accomplishing each one of the Performance Objectives stated in the SOO.

In addition, the volume shall contain the following sections:

Section 1– Subfactor 1. National Recognition: The Offeror will state whether or not it is a nationally recognized healthcare accreditation entity as described herein. The healthcare accreditation provided by the offeror shall be recognized by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Contractor shall be a Substance Abuse and Mental Healthcare Services and Administration (SAMHSA) approved Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) accrediting body.

Section 2 – Subfactor 2. Qualifications of Personnel: The offeror shall demonstrate the personnel qualifications (experience, education, expertise) and availability of personnel in providing services similar in scope to those described in the SOO. Company leadership and each surveyor credentials must show 5 years or more experience with healthcare accreditation services, and modalities of healthcare services and delivery. The offeror shall have at least 5 years of experience that validates successful programs for national accreditation of healthcare facilities and programs consistent with positive outcomes for surveyed organizations. Surveyors must hold at least a Master's degree in healthcare related fields or recognized occupational certifications related to survey areas assigned. (i.e. Occupational Safety, Life Safety, etc.) All licensed surveyor staff must have current and unrestricted licensure.

In addition, the personnel shall demonstrate their qualifications (experience, education, expertise) in accreditation and certification of Laboratories, and Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacies (CMOPs), Home Care, and Long Term Care/Community Living Center (CLC), Behavioral Health Programs, and other specialties, special programs, or areas of emphasis unique to VHA. Specifically, the offeror shall address the expertise/experience of the proposed individuals who will be conducting the accreditation process, and the type of scientific activity they will be assessing.

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Section 3 – Subfactor 3. Management Capability: The offeror shall submit a Management Capability Plan addressing the following (as a minimum):

- a. Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) – Offerors shall submit a detailed QAP that demonstrates the offeror's plan of action, policies, and procedures to monitor contract performance as part of their PWS. The QAP should have quantitative metrics that are linked to the requirement objectives identified in the SOO. The purpose of the plan is to measure, manage, and sustain performance while mitigating risk. Further, the approach used by the offeror, shall utilize a full systems approach; evaluating the entire organization, to include its analytic and continuous improvement actions to ensure repeatable and sustainable processes.
- b. Communication Plan – The Offeror shall provide a detailed written communication plan describing the extent, purpose, and frequency of communication the Offeror will have with the Government in order to create an open and transparent environment and increase engagement between the contractor and the Government's representatives to include the COR.
- c. Transition Plan: The Offeror shall provide a detailed transition plan that outlines areas including, but not limited to, how it will get the contract started, develop customer relationships, identify subcontractor personnel, complete necessary training, and establish communication channels with the Government.

**(ii) Volume II - PAST PERFORMANCE FACTOR**

This volume shall contain past performance information regarding similar contracts including Federal, State, and local government and private (prime contracts, task/delivery orders, and/or major subcontracts). This volume shall not exceed 25 pages, plus five pages for each major subcontractor, excluding Past Performance Questionnaire Forms. Offerors shall submit all Government and/or commercial contracts for the prime offeror and each major subcontractor in performance or awarded during the past three years, which are relevant to the efforts required in the SOO. Relevant efforts are defined as services/efforts that are the same as or similar to the effort (as compared to NAICS code 813920). Data concerning the offeror shall be provided first, followed by each proposed major subcontractor, in alphabetical order. The Offeror shall also submit the written consent of its major subcontractors to allow the disclosure of its subcontractor's past performance information to the Offeror. In addition, letters of commitment shall be included for all major subcontractors for their past performance to be considered. This volume shall be organized into the following sections:

(1) Section 1 – Contract Descriptions. This section shall include the following information:

- (a) Contractor/Subcontractor place of performance, CAGE Code and DUNS Number. If the work was performed as a subcontractor, also provide the name of the prime contractor and Point of Contact (POC) within the prime contractor organization (name, and current address, e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers).

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(b) Contracting activity, and current address, Procuring Contracting Officer's name, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers.

(c) Technical Representative/COR, and current e-mail address, telephone, and fax numbers.

(d) Contract administration activity and the Administrative Contracting Officer's name, and current e-mail address, telephone, and fax numbers.

(e) Contract Number and, in the case of Indefinite Delivery type contracts, GSA contracts, and Blanket Purchase Agreements, include Delivery Order Numbers also.

(f) Contract Type (specific type such as Fixed Price (FP), Cost Reimbursement (CR), Time & Materials (T&M), etc.) In the case of Indefinite Delivery contracts, indicate specific type (Requirements, Definite Quantity, and Indefinite Quantity) and secondary contract type (FP, CR, T&M, etc.).

(g) Awarded price/cost.

(h) Final or projected final price/cost.

(i) Original delivery schedule, including dates of start and completion of work.

(j) Final or projected final, delivery schedule, including dates of start and completion of work.

(2) Section 2 – Performance. Offerors shall provide a specific narrative explanation of each contract listed in Section 1 describing the objectives achieved and detailing how the effort is relevant to the requirements of this solicitation. For any contract(s)/task order(s) that did not/do not meet original schedule or technical performance requirements, provide a brief explanation of the reason(s) for the shortcoming(s) and any corrective action(s) taken to avoid recurrence. The Offerors shall list each time the delivery schedule was revised and provide an explanation of why the revision was necessary. Offerors shall indicate if any of the contracts listed were terminated and, if so, the type and reasons for the termination.

(3) Section 3 – Subcontracts. Offerors shall provide an outline of how the effort required by the solicitation will be assigned for performance within the Offeror's corporate entity and among the proposed subcontractors. The information provided for the prime Offeror and each proposed major subcontractor must include the entire company name, company address, CAGE Code, DUNS Number, and type of work to be performed by citing the applicable Government PWS paragraph number.

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(4) Section 4 – New Corporate Entities. New corporate entities may submit data on prior contracts involving its officers and employees. However, in addition to the other requirements in this section, the Offeror shall discuss in detail the role performed by such persons in the prior contracts cited. Information should be included in the files described in the sections above.

**(iii) VOLUME III – SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT**

(1) All Offerors, both small and large businesses are required to submit Small Business Participation Commitment information that shall include the following:

a. Type of Business of Prime Contractor:

Check all applicable boxes

☐ Large

☐ Small (also check type of Small Business below)

☐ Small Disadvantaged Business (SBA Certified)

☐ Women-Owned Small Business

☐ HUB Zone Small Business (SBA Certified)

☐ Veteran Owned Small Business

☐ Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business

☐ 8(a) Small Business (SBA Certified)

(2) All Offerors, both small and large businesses, are required to submit Small Business Participation Commitment information which shall include the following:

- a. Provide a listing of all proposed subcontractors, their CAGE code, and respective type of business concern in the format below. Any subcontractor identified as a Small Disadvantaged Business (with the exception of an Alaskan Native Corporation (ANC) or Indian Tribe IAW 52.219-9(d)(1)(i)) MUST have an active SBA certification of its status at the time of proposal. Active HUBZone SBA certification is also a requirement at time of proposal.

Company	Cage	Large	Small	SDB* to include 8(a)s	Women Owned	HUB Zone*	Veteran Owned	Service Disabled Veteran Owned

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\*Must be SBA Certified

- b. List any small business subcontractors with which the vendor has teaming agreements or letters of intent for this solicitation and indicate whether they are bilateral, unilateral, long term relationships, or mentor protégé arrangements.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Type Business (list all small business categories using the key below)</u>	<u>Type of Relationship (i.e., unilateral agreement, bilateral agreement, long term relationship, mentor protégé)</u>

KEY: SB - Small Business; SDB-SBA Certified Small Disadvantaged Business (including 8(a)); WO - Women Owned Small Business; HZ-SBA Certified Hubzone; VOSB - Veteran-Owned Small Business; SDVOSB - Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business; HBCU/MI - Historically Black College/Minority Institution.

- c. List the supply/service each small business subcontractor will provide. Be as specific as possible (i.e., references to performance work statement, etc.) that will demonstrate the variety and complexity of work:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Type Business (list all small business categories using the key above)</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Reference to paragraph/section in PWS if applicable</u>	<u>% of Total contract Value</u>

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- d. Provide narrative information on how goals for this effort were developed and why they are realistic.
- e. Provide evidence of your track record for utilizing small business subcontractors. Provide historical information with respect to small business subcontracting for the latest full Government fiscal year in the following format:

Type Business	FY	Dollars	% of Total Subcontracting Dollars
Small Business			
Small Disadvantaged Business			
Women Owned Small			
HUBZone			
Veteran Owned Small			
Service Disabled Veteran Owned			

- f. Use the matrix below to propose your small business participation goals. An Offeror that qualifies as a small business should include its prime contractor dollars in calculating its proposed percentage goals in all of the small business categories that it qualifies for, in the matrix below. For example, an Offeror that is a small disadvantaged women owned business gets credit in the prime category (B), the small business category (D), the small disadvantaged business category (E), and the women owned small business category (F). The sum of the percentages in matrix categories for small business (E thru I) may exceed 100% since individual subcontractors may be counted in more than one category. (See additional example below.)

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EXAMPLE: Total Contract Value in Price Proposal- \$100

Offeror/Prime (SDVOSB) \$60 - 60%

Large \$31 - 31%

Small Business \$69 - 69%

Small Disadvantaged Business \$5 – 5%

Women Owned Small Business \$5 - 5%

Hubzone \$3 - 3%

Veteran Owned Small Business \$60 - 60%

Service Disabled Veteran Small Business \$60 - 60%

Insert dollars and goals in the following matrix:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>% of Total Contract Value</u>
<b>A. TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE:</b>  This value should match the TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE you have proposed in your price proposal volume.		100%
<b>B. DOLLAR VALUE AND PERCENTAGE OF YOUR            PARTICIPATION AS PRIME CONTRACTOR: Enter            your participation as prime contractor. (<math>\% = B \div A</math>)</b>		
<b>C. DOLLAR VALUE AND PERCENTAGE OF            SUBCONTRACTS             PLANNED FOR LARGE BUSINESS (<math>\% = C \div A</math>)</b>		
<b>D. DOLLAR VALUE AND PERCENTAGE OF            PARTICIPATION/SUBCONTRACTS PLANNED FOR            SMALL BUSINESS:</b>  This is the sum of all subcontracts to Small Business,		



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<p>Small Disadvantaged, Women Owned Small, Hubzone Small, Veteran Owned Small, Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small and HBCU/MI. (If the offeror is any of these Small Business categories, include the dollars reflecting participation as the prime contractor from B above.) <b>(%=<math>D \div A</math>)</b></p>		
<p><b>E. DOLLAR VALUE AND PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION/SUBCONTRACTS PLANNED FOR SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS (SDB) AND HBCU/MI</b></p> <p>This should reflect the value of all subcontracts planned for SBA CERTIFIED SDB (as verified in Central Contract Registry-CCR) or HBCU/MI with the exception that ANC and Indian Tribes are exempt IAW 52.219-9(d)(1)(i). If the Offeror is an SBA CERTIFIED SDB or HBCU/MI or ANC or Indian Tribe (as exempted above), include the dollars reflecting participation as the prime contractor from B above. <b>(%=<math>E \div A</math>)</b></p>		
<p><b>F. DOLLAR VALUE AND PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION/SUBCONTRACTS PLANNED FOR WOMEN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS:</b></p> <p>This should reflect the value of all subcontracts planned for Women Owned small businesses. If the Offeror represents itself as a Women Owned small business, include the dollars reflecting participation as the prime contractor from B above. <b>(%=<math>F \div A</math>)</b></p>		
<p><b>G. DOLLAR VALUE AND PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION/SUBCONTRACTS PLANNED FOR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS ZONE (HUBZONE) SMALL BUSINESS:</b></p> <p>This should reflect the value of all subcontracts planned for SBA CERTIFIED HUBZone small</p>		

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businesses as verified in Central Contract Registry-CCR. If the Offeror is an SBA CERTIFIED HUBZone small business, include the dollars reflecting participation as the prime contractor from B above. <b>(%=<math>G \div A</math>)</b>		
<p>H. DOLLAR VALUE AND PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION/SUBCONTRACTS PLANNED FOR VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS:</p> <p>This should reflect the value of all subcontracts planned for ALL Veteran Owned small businesses including Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB). If the Offeror represents itself as a Veteran-Owned small business, include the dollars reflecting participation as the prime contractor from B above. <b>(%=<math>H \div A</math>)</b></p>		
<p>I. DOLLAR VALUE AND PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION/SUBCONTRACTS PLANNED FOR SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (SDVOSB):</p> <p>The value of all subcontracts planned for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned small businesses (SDVOSB). If the Offeror represents itself as a SDVOSB, include the dollars reflecting participation as the prime contractor from B above. Total should be equal to or less than H. <b>(%=<math>I \div A</math>)</b></p>		

- g. Provide detailed explanations/documentation supporting the proposed subcontracting goal percentages, or lack thereof.

If applicable, provide detailed narrative explanations as to why certain goals specified by the Government in the Evaluation Approach cannot be met as reflected in the Matrix above.

**(iv) VOLUME IV – VETERANS INVOLVEMENT FACTOR.**

(1) For SDVOSBS/VOSBs: In order to receive credit under this Factor, an Offeror shall submit a statement of compliance that it qualifies as a SDVOSB or VOSB in accordance with VAAR 852.215-70, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned and Veteran-Owned Small Business Evaluation Factors.

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Offerors are cautioned that they must be registered and verified in Vendor Information Pages (VIP) database (<http://www.VetBiz.gov>) at time of proposal submission and at time of award.

(2) For Non-SDVOSBs/VOSBs: To receive some consideration under this factor, an Offeror must state in its proposal the names of SDVOSB(s) and/or VOSB(s) with whom it intends to subcontract, and provide a brief description and the approximate dollar values of the proposed subcontracts. Additionally, proposed SDVOSB/VOSB subcontractors must be registered and verified in VIP database (<http://www.VetBiz.gov>) at time of proposal submission and at time of award in order to receive some consideration under the Veterans Involvement Factor.

(3) With regard to the requirements for registration and verification in the VetBiz database, refer to VAAR 804.1102.

(4) At the Offeror's sole discretion, provide information in accordance with VAAR Subpart 852.219-72, Evaluation Factor for Participation in the VA Mentor-Protégé Program.

**(v) VOLUME V– PRICE FACTOR**

The Offeror shall complete the Schedule of Supplies/Services of the solicitation. Except for travel, this is a Firm Fixed Price contract. Offeror shall provide a clear statement of the total price, inclusive of all option years; travel may be estimated and will be removed from the price evaluation.

Price Rounding Issue - The Government requires Offerors to propose unit prices and total prices that only include two decimal places, and requires the unit prices and total prices to be displayed to two decimal places. Ensure that the two digit unit price multiplied by the item quantity equals the two digit total item price (there should be no rounding). All Offerors should propose using an estimated award date of February 1, 2014.

**(vi) VOLUME VI - SOLICITATION, OFFER, AND AWARD DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS/REPRESENTATIONS.**

Certifications and Representations – An authorized official of the firm shall sign the SF 1449 and all certifications requiring original signature. An Acrobat PDF file shall be created to capture the signatures for submission. This Volume shall contain the following:

- a. Solicitation Section A – Standard Form (SF1449) and Acknowledgement of Amendments, if any.
- b. Any proposed terms and conditions and/or assumptions upon which the proposal is predicated.

Offerors are hereby advised that any Offeror-imposed terms and conditions and/or assumptions which deviate from the Government's material terms and conditions established by the Solicitation, may render the Offeror's proposal Unacceptable and, thus, ineligible for award.

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**PAST PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please provide your candid responses. The information that you provide will be used in the awarding of federal contracts. Therefore, it is important that your information be as factual, accurate and complete as possible to preclude the need for follow-up by the evaluators. If you do not have knowledge of or experience with the company in question, please forward this Questionnaire to the person who does. Thank you.

**PART I. (To be completed by the Offeror)**

**A. CONTRACT IDENTIFICATION**

Contractor/Company Name/Division:

Address:

Program Identification/Title:

Contract Number:

Contract Type:

Prime Contractor Name (if different from the contractor name cited above):

Contract Award Date:

Forecasted or Actual Contract Completion Date:

Nature of the Contractual Effort or Items Purchased:

**B. IDENTIFICATION OF OFFEROR'S REPRESENTATIVE**

Prime Offeror:

POC Name:

POC Title:

Date:

POC Telephone Number:

POC FAX Number:

POC Address:

E-mail Address:

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**PART II. EVALUATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY POINT OF CONTACT – RESPONDENT)**

**A. Compliance of Products, Services, Documents, and Related Deliverables to Specification Requirements and Standards of Good Workmanship.**

- ☐ Exceeds Contractual Requirements **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**
- ☐ Meets Contractual Requirements
- ☐ Failed to Meet Contractual Requirements **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**

Comments:

**B. Effectiveness of Project Management (to include use and control of subcontractors).**

- ☐ Exceptional **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**
- ☐ Satisfactory
- ☐ Unsatisfactory **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**

Comments:

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**C. If this was a performance based contract, how well did the contractor perform against the contract metrics?**

- ☐ Exceptional **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**
- ☐ Satisfactory
- ☐ Unsatisfactory **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**
- ☐ Not a performance based contract

Comments:

**D. Rate the contractor's ability to identify and mitigate risks.**

- ☐ Exceptional **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**
- ☐ Satisfactory
- ☐ Unsatisfactory **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**

Comments:

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**E. Rate the contractor's ability to manage complex projects at multiple, geographical dispersed sites, if applicable.**

- ☐ Exceptional **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**
- ☐ Satisfactory
- ☐ Unsatisfactory **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**
- ☐ Not Applicable

Comments:

**F. Timeliness of Performance for Services and Product Deliverables, including the Administrative Aspects of Performance.**

- ☐ Exceeds Contractual Requirements **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**
- ☐ Meets Contractual Requirements
- ☐ Failed to Meet Contractual Requirements **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**

Comments:



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**G. Describe how the work under this contract is related to experience cited in number of end users and coverage requirements and devices provided.**

- ☐ Exceptional **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**
- ☐ Satisfactory
- ☐ Unsatisfactory **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**

Comments:

**H. Commitment to Customer Satisfaction and Business-like Concern for its Customers' Interest.**

- ☐ Exceptional **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**
- ☐ Satisfactory
- ☐ Unsatisfactory **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**

Comments:

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**I. Overall Satisfaction.**

- ☐ Extremely Satisfactory **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**
- ☐ Satisfactory
- ☐ Unsatisfactory **(Explanation must be provided in Comments field below)**

Comments:

**J. General Comments. Provide any other relevant performance information.**

**K. Other Information Sources. Please provide the following information:**

**Are you aware of other relevant past efforts by this company?**

If yes, please provide the name and telephone number of a point of contact:

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**L. Respondent Identification. Please provide the following information:**

Organization:

Name:

Title:

Date:

Telephone Number

Address:

Fax Number:

E-mail Address:

**PART III. RETURN INFORMATION**

Please return this completed Past Performance Questionnaire **AS AN ATTACHMENT** via e-mail to beth.davis2@va.gov. The subject line of the email must read: Past Performance VA119-14-R-0057 in order for the email to be successfully transmitted and received.

Thank you for your assistance.