

SOLICITATION PROVISIONS
(Acquisition of Leasehold Interests in Real Property)
Addendum No. 1

1. INITIAL OFFERS; COMMUNICATIONS WITH OFFERORS

As stated in the FAR Provision 52.215-1 in this section, the Government reserves the right to evaluate proposals and award a contract without discussions with Offerors (except clarifications as described in FAR 15.306(a)). Therefore, the Offeror's initial proposal should contain the Offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. This does not preclude the contracting officer from holding discussions if it is determined negotiations are necessary.

2. COMPETITIVE RANGE

After receipt and evaluation of initial offers, the Contracting Officer may communicate with Offerors in accordance with FAR 15.306(d). COMPETITIVE RANGE.

The Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if the Contracting Officer later determines them to be necessary. If the Contracting Officer determines that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Contracting Officer may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals.

In accordance with 15.306(c), after evaluating all proposals in accordance with Paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.** above based on the ratings of each proposal against all evaluation criteria, if the Contracting Officer cannot make an award, a competitive range comprised of all the most highly rated proposals will be established. If the Contracting Officer determines that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Contracting Officer may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals.

3. NEGOTIATIONS

VA will negotiate only with those Offerors who have been placed in the competitive range as established under procedures at Paragraph 2.5 above. VA Contracting Officer will conduct negotiations on behalf of the Government in order to obtain the best value to the Government. Other VA personnel, including the Contracting Officer's Representative named on the cover of this Solicitation, may assist the Contracting Officer.

If an award is not made based on the initial proposals, the following process will occur:

Each Offeror still in the competitive range will be given an opportunity to submit a "final proposal revision" to clarify and document understandings reached during negotiations. Once final proposal revisions are received, all discussions will cease.

After the conclusion of negotiations and a review of final proposal revisions are completed, the Contracting Officer may award the lease.

4. AWARD

Competitive negotiated with Best Value Trade Offs. Competitive negotiated best value trade off source selection procedures will be used to evaluate proposals and award will be made to responsible firm(s) offering the best value to the Government after evaluation of both the total evaluated contract price and non-priced technical factors.

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The award by the Government occurs upon execution of the lease by VA Contracting Officer and issuance of a letter by VA Contracting Officer indicating that the Government accepts the Offeror's proposal.

5. RANDOLPH-SHEPARD ACT: VENDING AND CANTEEN FACILITIES

VA is required to comply with the provisions of the Randolph-Sheppard Act pertaining to Vending Facility Programs for the Blind, 34 CFR 395, on properties owned, leased, or occupied by the Government. If the lease contemplated under this Solicitation is subject to the Randolph-Sheppard Act, prior to lease award, VA will have notified the appropriate State licensing agency of intent to occupy space under this lease. The State licensing agency shall be afforded the opportunity to determine whether the building includes a satisfactory site for a vending facility and, subject to the approval by VA, shall be offered the opportunity to select the location and type of vending facility to be operated by a blind vendor prior to the completion of the Design Documents.

The Lessor will have no right to control or receive income from automatic vending machines provided pursuant to the Randolph-Sheppard Act or provided by VA.