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**IMPORTANT - The "offer" section on the reverse must be fully completed by offeror.**

4. CONTRACT NO.	5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO.	6. PROJECT NO.
CODE		673-CSI-100
7. ISSUED BY	00673	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO
Department of Veterans Affairs Network Contracting Office 8 (NCO 8) 8875 Hidden River Pkwy Suite 525 Mailbox #35 Tampa FL 33637		Department of Veterans Affairs Network Contracting Office 8 (NCO 8) 8875 Hidden River Pkwy Suite 525 Mailbox #35 Tampa FL 33637
9. FOR INFORMATION CALL:	A. NAME Regina Height	B. TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS) regina.height@va.gov

### SOLICITATION

**NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder".**

10. THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRES PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THESE DOCUMENTS (Title, identifying no., date):

GENERAL INTENTION: Contractor shall completely prepare site for building operations, including demolition and other items as indicated herein. The Contractor shall furnish all necessary equipment, labor, materials, temporary equipment/items, tools, specialty services, supervision, and perform work for Project No. 673-CSI-100, Specialty Treatment Expansion. The general scope of work includes demolition, site preparation, masonry, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and various other tasks. Location of work is at The Department of Veterans Affairs, James A. Haley Veterans (VA) Hospital, 13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33612. The period of performance is 600 calendar days.

A one-time organized Site Visit will take place on May 9, 2012 at 09:00am EDT; participants will assemble outside Building 42 located at 2702 131st Street, Tampa, Florida 33612. Requests for Information (RFIs) for this project shall be emailed to Regina.Height@va.gov from 2:00pm EDT on May 9, 2012 to 2:00pm EDT on May 11, 2012. A response shall not be provided for RFIs not complying with these instructions.

Project Magnitude: Between \$200,000,000.00 and \$500,000,000.00 / NAICS Code: 236210 / Size Standard: \$33.5 million

This procurement is 100% set aside for verified Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB).

Interested offerors must be verified SDVOSB at the time of proposal submission and throughout the award selection process. The award of this requirement shall not be delayed due to an offeror not being SDVOSB verified. Nor will the award be delayed due to the loss of a previously obtained SDVOSB verification. Proposals submitted by non-verified SDVOSB offerors shall be excluded from award consideration.

To be eligible to participate in this procurement, offerors shall be registered and/or verified in the following databases under NAIC code 236210:

VetBiz Registry at <https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov/> Verification By Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE) Required Online Representations and Certifications Applications (ORCA) at <https://orca.bpn.gov/> Central Contractor Registration at <https://www.bpn.gov/CCR/default.aspx> Vets 100 (DOL) at <http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/fcp/main.htm>

FAR clause 52.232-18, Availability of Funds applies to this requirement. Funding is not currently available. Award is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. The Government does not compensate vendors for proposal development.

11. The Contractor shall begin performance within 10 calendar days and complete it within 630 calendar days after receiving ☐ award, ☒ notice to proceed. This performance period is ☒ mandatory, ☐ negotiable. (See 52.211-10.)

12A. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH ANY REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS? (If "YES," indicate within how many calendar days after award in Item 12B.)	12B. CALENDAR DAYS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	10

13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. Sealed offers in original and 1 copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in Item 8 by 2:00pm EDT (hour) local time 06-05-2012 (date). If this is a sealed bid solicitation, offers must be publicly opened at that time. Sealed envelopes containing offers shall be marked to show the offeror's name and address, the solicitation number, the date and time offers are due

B. An offer guarantee ☒ is, ☐ is not required.

C. All offers are subject to the (1) work requirements, and (2) other provisions and clauses incorporated in the solicitation in full text or by reference

D. Offers providing less than 60 calendar days for Government acceptance after the date offers are due will not be considered and will be rejected.

**OFFER(Must be fully completed by offeror)**

14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR (Include ZIP Code)	15. TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code)
	16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS (Include only if different than Item 14)
CODE	FACILITY CODE

17. The offeror agrees to perform the work required at the prices specified below in strict accordance with the terms of the solicitation, if this offer is accepted by the Government in writing within \_\_\_\_\_ calendar days after the date offers are due. (Insert any number equal to or greater than the minimum requirement stated in Item 13D. Failure to insert any number means the offeror accepts the minimum in Item 13D.)

AMOUNTS

18. The offeror agrees to furnish any required performance and payment bonds.

**19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS**

(The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the solicitation - give number and date of each)

AMENDMENT NO.										
DATE										

20A. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print)	20B. SIGNATURE	20C. OFFER DATE
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**AWARD (To be completed by Government)**

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

22. AMOUNT	23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA
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24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN (4 copies unless otherwise specified)	ITEM	25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO <input type="checkbox"/> 10 U.S.C. 2304(c) ( ) <input type="checkbox"/> 41 U.S.C. 253(c) ( ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 38 U.S.C. 8127
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26. ADMINISTERED BY Department of Veterans Affairs Network Contracting Office 8 (NCO 8) 8875 Hidden River Pkwy Suite 525 Mailbox #35 Tampa FL 33637	CODE 00673	27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY Department of Veterans Affairs Financial Services Center  P.O. Box 149971 Austin TX 78714-9971 PHONE: FAX:
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**CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 28 OR 29 AS APPLICABLE**

<input type="checkbox"/> 28. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT (Contractor is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to issuing office.) Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items or perform all work, requisitions identified on this form and any continuation sheets for the consideration stated in this contract. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be governed by (a) this contract award, (b) the solicitation, and (c) the clauses, representations, certifications, and specifications incorporated by reference in or attached to this contract.	<input type="checkbox"/> 29. AWARD (Contractor is not required to sign this document.) Your offer on this solicitation, is hereby accepted as to the items listed. This award consummates the contract, which consists of (a) the Government solicitation and your offer, and (b) this contract award. No further contractual document is necessary.
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30A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Type or print)	31A. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)
30B. SIGNATURE	30C. DATE
	31B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  BY

#### A.1 PRICE/COST SCHEDULE

CLIN NO.	SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	AMOUNT
0001	Provide all necessary equipment, labor, materials, specialty services, supervision, and tools to complete <b><u>NRM Project No. 673-CSI-100, "Specialty Treatment Expansion Project"</u></b> . Work includes architectural, asbestos abatement, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and interior designs, and certain other items of work required by the drawings and specifications. All work is to be completed in 600 calendar days including weekend work and night shift work. All work will be performed at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, Florida 33612	1	JB	\$
0002	<b>Deduct Alternate 1:</b> In lieu of the specified brick veneer over the exterior of the building, provide drainable Exterior Insulation Finish System (EIFS) as can be found in the specifications. Provide standard reinforcing mesh typical, except using high impact mesh from 10' AFF down. Project No. 673-CSI-100	1	JB	\$
0003	<b>Deduct Alternate 2:</b> In lieu of the specified vinyl plank flooring, provide vinyl composition tile (VCT). VCT shall meet the following requirements: A. Acceptable Tile Manufacturers: Provide vinyl composition tile manufactured by Armstrong, Azrock, GAF, Kentile, or approved equivalent. B. Colors and Patterns: As shown on drawings. C. Vinyl Composition Tile: ASTM F 1066-87 Composition 1, 12" x 12" x 1/8" thick. D. Adhesives: Waterproof, stabilized type recommended by tile manufacturer for type of service indicated. E. Concrete Slab Primer: Non-staining type recommended by tile manufacturer. F. Edging Strips: 1/8" thick, vinyl tapered or bullnose edge, as manufactured or	1	JB	\$

	recommended by tile manufacturer. Color as shown or scheduled. Project No. 673-CSI-100			
0004	<b>Deduct Alternate 3:</b> <b>Not applicable</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
0005	<b>Deduct Alternate 4:</b> A. Delete the entire 2nd floor including structure, i.e. the building will only have Ground floor and 1st floor; no 2nd floor will be built. Floor slab of 2nd floor will become the roof of the building. B. Roofing: Provide roofing as specified. Provide flashing between new and the existing buildings for watertight condition. Provide roof curbs with 2" bellow expansion joint separating the existing RTU Corridor roof and new roof. Patch the existing roof as required with compatible roofing. Project No. 673-CSI-100	1	JB	\$
	Performance for Project Completion : NTP + 600 calendar days	Total Proposed Amount		\$

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## **INFORMATION REGARDING BIDDING MATERIAL, BID GUARANTEE AND BONDS**

(a) Bidding materials consisting of drawings, specifications and contract forms may be obtained by qualified General (Prime) Contractors interested in submitting bids direct to the Department of Veterans Affairs. A maximum of 0 sets may be issued when requested. Up to 0 sets of drawings and specifications will be furnished upon request to subcontractors for their use in preparing subbids for General (Prime) Contractors. Suppliers and subcontractors listed above shall show in their requests the work or equipment for which they intend to prepare subbids.

(b) One set of drawings and specifications may be obtained by Builders Exchanges, Chambers of Commerce, Quantity Surveyors, trade and microfilming organizations.

(c) Bidding materials may be obtained only upon written application to the issuing office. Bidders should allow 5 working days after receipt of their request by the issuing office for reproduction, in addition to mail delivery time when requesting bidding material.

(d) Subcontractors, material firms and others interested in preparing subbids may, upon application to the issuing office, obtain a list of organizations, such as Builders Exchanges, Chambers of Commerce, Contractors and others, who have received bidding materials.

(e) While no deposit will be necessary, return of the bidding material, postage prepaid, to the issuing office within 10 days after date of opening bids will be required. In case no bid is to be submitted, the return of the bidding material, as soon as this fact has been determined and before the date of opening bids, is requested. If you decide not to bid on this project, please advise the issuing office of your reasons (the contracting officer should modify accordingly if a deposit is required).

(f) A bid guarantee is required in an amount not less than 20 percent of the bid price but shall not exceed \$3,000,000. Failure to furnish the required bid guarantee in the proper form and amount, by the time set for opening of bids, will require rejection of the bid in all cases except those listed in FAR 28.101-4, and may be cause for rejection even then.

(g) If the contract will exceed \$100,000 (see FAR 28.102-1 for lesser amount), the bidder to whom award is made will be required to furnish two bonds, a Payment Bond, SF 25A, and a Performance Bond, SF 25, each in the penal sum as noted in the General Conditions of the Specification. Copies of SFs 25 and 25A may be obtained upon application to the issuing office.

### **DESCRIPTION OF WORK:**

Cost Range: \$2,000,000.00 to \$5,000,000.00.

(End of Clause)



## INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS TO BIDDERS/OFFERORS

### 2.1 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)

### 2.2 52.222-5 DAVIS-BACON ACT--SECONDARY SITE OF THE WORK (JUL 2005)

(a)(1) The offeror shall notify the Government if the offeror intends to perform work at any secondary site of the work, as defined in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of the FAR clause at 52.222-6, Davis-Bacon Act, of this solicitation.

(2) If the offeror is unsure if a planned work site satisfies the criteria for a secondary site of the work, the offeror shall request a determination from the Contracting Officer.

(b)(1) If the wage determination provided by the Government for work at the primary site of the work is not applicable to the secondary site of the work, the offeror shall request a wage determination from the Contracting Officer.

(2) The due date for receipt of offers will not be extended as a result of an offeror's request for a wage determination for a secondary site of the work.

(End of Provision)

### 2.3 52.222-23 NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSTRUCTION (FEB 1999)

(a) The offeror's attention is called to the Equal Opportunity clause and the Affirmative Action Compliance Requirements for Construction clause of this solicitation.

(b) The goals for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Goals for minority participation for each trade	Goals for female participation for each trade
23.3%	5 %

These goals are applicable to all the Contractor's construction work performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, the Contractor shall apply the goals established for the geographical area where the work is actually performed. Goals are published periodically in the Federal Register in notice form, and these notices may be obtained from any Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs office.

(c) The Contractor's compliance with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the regulations in 41 CFR 60-4 shall be based on (1) its implementation of the Equal Opportunity clause, (2) specific affirmative action obligations required by the clause entitled "Affirmative Action Compliance Requirements for Construction," and (3) its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade. The Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor, or from project to project, for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the regulations in 41 CFR 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

(d) The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance, U.S. Department of Labor, within 10 working days following award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the--

- (1) Name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor;
- (2) Employer's identification number of the subcontractor;
- (3) Estimated dollar amount of the subcontract;
- (4) Estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and
- (5) Geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

(e) As used in this Notice, and in any contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is

(End of Provision)

#### **2.4 52.225-10 NOTICE OF BUY AMERICAN ACT REQUIREMENT -- CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (FEB 2009)**

(a) Definitions. "Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item," "construction material," "domestic construction material," and "foreign construction material," as used in this provision, are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Construction Materials" (Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 52.225-9).

(b) Requests for determinations of inapplicability. An offeror requesting a determination regarding the inapplicability of the Buy American Act should submit the request to the Contracting Officer in time to allow a determination before submission of offers. The offeror shall include the information and applicable supporting data required by paragraphs (c) and (d) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9 in the request. If an offeror has not requested a determination regarding the inapplicability of the Buy American Act before submitting its offer, or has not received a response to a previous request, the offeror shall include the information and supporting data in the offer.

(c) Evaluation of offers. (1) The Government will evaluate an offer requesting exception to the requirements of the Buy American Act, based on claimed unreasonable cost of domestic construction material, by adding to the offered price the appropriate percentage of the cost of such foreign construction material, as specified in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9.

(2) If evaluation results in a tie between an offeror that requested the substitution of foreign construction material based on unreasonable cost and an offeror that did not request an exception, the Contracting Officer will award to the offeror that did not request an exception based on unreasonable cost.

(d) Alternate offers. (1) When an offer includes foreign solicitation in paragraph (b)(2) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9, the offeror also may submit an alternate offer based on use of equivalent domestic construction material.

(2) If an alternate offer is submitted, the offeror shall submit a separate Standard Form 1442 for the alternate offer, and a separate price comparison table prepared in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (d) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9 for the offer that is based on the use of any foreign construction material for which the Government has not yet determined an exception applies.

(3) If the Government determines that a particular exception requested in accordance with paragraph (c) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9 does not apply, the Government will evaluate only those offers based on use of the equivalent domestic construction material, and the offeror shall be required to furnish such domestic construction material. An offer based on use of the foreign construction material for which an exception was requested--

(i) Will be rejected as nonresponsive if this acquisition is conducted by sealed bidding; or

(ii) May be accepted if revised during negotiations.

(End of Provision)

## **2.5 52.228-1 BID GUARANTEE (SEP 1996)**

(a) Failure to furnish a bid guarantee in the proper form and amount, by the time set for opening of bids, may be cause for rejection of the bid.

(b) The bidder shall furnish a bid guarantee in the form of a firm commitment, e.g., bid bond supported by good and sufficient surety or sureties acceptable to the Government, postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or, under Treasury Department regulations, certain bonds or notes of the United States. The Contracting Officer will return bid guarantees, other than bid bonds, (1) to unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after the opening of bids, and (2) to the successful bidder upon execution of contractual documents and bonds (including any necessary coinsurance or reinsurance agreements), as required by the bid as accepted.-

(c) The amount of the bid guarantee shall be 20 percent of the bid price or \$3,000,000.00, whichever is less.-

(d) If the successful bidder, upon acceptance of its bid by the Government within the period specified for acceptance, fails to execute all contractual documents or furnish executed bond(s) within 10 days after receipt of the forms by the bidder, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract for default.

(e) In the event the contract is terminated for default, the bidder is liable for any cost of acquiring the work that exceeds the amount of its bid, and the bid guarantee is available to offset the difference.

(End of Provision)

**2.6 52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (SEP 2006)**

(a) 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: Regina Height

Hand-Carried Address:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Network Contracting Office 8 (NCO 8)  
Attention: Regina Height  
8875 Hidden River Pkwy Suite 525  
Tampa FL 33637

Mailing Address:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Network Contracting Office 8 (NCO 8)  
Attention: Regina Height  
8875 Hidden River Pkwy Mailbox #35  
Tampa FL 33637

(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)

**2.7 52.236-27 SITE VISIT (CONSTRUCTION) (FEB 1995) ALTERNATE I (FEB 1995)**

(a) The clauses at 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions, and 52.236-3, Site Investigations and Conditions Affecting the Work, will be included in any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation. Accordingly, offerors or quoters are urged and expected to inspect the site where the work will be performed.

(b) An organized site visit has been scheduled for-

May 9, 2012 at 09:00 am EDT James A. Haley VA Hospital

(c) Participants will meet/assemble outside Building 42, located at 2702 131st Street.

(End of Provision)

## **2.8 852.211-72 TECHNICAL INDUSTRY STANDARDS (JAN 2008)**

The supplies or equipment required by this invitation for bid or request for proposal must conform to the standards cited in the project specifications. The successful bidder or offeror will be required to submit proof that the item(s) he/she furnishes conforms to this requirement. This proof may be in the form of a label or seal affixed to the equipment or supplies, warranting that they have been tested in accordance with and conform to the specified standards. Proof may also be furnished in the form of a certificate from one of the above listed organizations certifying that the item(s) furnished have been tested in accordance with and conform to the specified standards.

(End of Provision)

## **2.9 VAAR 852.228-72 ASSISTING SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES IN OBTAINING BONDS (DEC 2009)**

Prime contractors are encouraged to assist service-disabled veteran-owned and veteran-owned small business potential subcontractors in obtaining bonding, when required. Mentor firms are encouraged to assist protégé firms under VA's Mentor-Protégé Program in obtaining acceptable bid, payment, and performance bonds, when required, as a prime contractor under a solicitation or contract and in obtaining any required bonds under subcontracts.

(End of Clause)

## **2.10 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)

## **2.11 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., 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

## **2.12 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)

## **2.13 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://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>  
<http://www.va.gov/oamm/oa/ars/policyreg/vaar/index.cfm>  
<http://farsite.hill.af.mil/vffara.htm>

(End of Provision)

52.215-1	INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS--COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION	JAN 2004
52.236-28	PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS--CONSTRUCTION	OCT 1997

## REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

### 3.1 52.204-8 ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (MAR 2012)

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 236210.

(2) The small business size standard is \$33.5 Million.

(3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b)(1) If the clause at 52.204-7, Central Contractor Registration, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

(2) If the clause at 52.204-7 is not included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently registered in CCR, and has completed the ORCA electronically, the offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

☐ (i) Paragraph (d) applies.

☐ (ii) Paragraph (d) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation.

(c)(1) The following representations or certifications in ORCA are applicable to this solicitation as indicated:

(i) 52.203-2, Certificate of Independent Price Determination. This provision applies to solicitations when a firm-fixed-price contract or fixed-price contract with economic price adjustment is contemplated, unless--

(A) The acquisition is to be made under the simplified acquisition procedures in Part 13;

(B) The solicitation is a request for technical proposals under two-step sealed bidding procedures; or

(C) The solicitation is for utility services for which rates are set by law or regulation.

(ii) 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions. This provision applies to solicitations expected to exceed \$150,000.

(iii) 52.204-3, Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include the clause at 52.204-7, Central Contractor Registration.

(iv) 52.204-5, Women-Owned Business (Other Than Small Business). This provision applies to solicitations that--

(A) Are not set aside for small business concerns;

(B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and



(C) Are for contracts that will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

(v) 52.209-2, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations--Representation. This provision applies to solicitations using funds appropriated in fiscal years 2008, 2009, or 2010.

(vi) 52.209-5, Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters. This provision applies to solicitations where the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(vii) 52.214-14, Place of Performance--Sealed Bidding. This provision applies to invitations for bids except those in which the place of performance is specified by the Government.

(viii) 52.215-6, Place of Performance. This provision applies to solicitations unless the place of performance is specified by the Government.

(ix) 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representations (Basic & Alternate I). This provision applies to solicitations when the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

(A) The basic provision applies when the solicitations are issued by other than DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard.

(B) The provision with its Alternate I applies to solicitations issued by DoD, NASA, or the Coast Guard.

(x) 52.219-2, Equal Low Bids. This provision applies to solicitations when contracting by sealed bidding and the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

(xi) 52.222-22, Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports. This provision applies to solicitations that include the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.

(xii) 52.222-25, Affirmative Action Compliance. This provision applies to solicitations, other than those for construction, when the solicitation includes the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.

(xiii) 52.222-38, Compliance with Veterans' Employment Reporting Requirements. This provision applies to solicitations when it is anticipated the contract award will exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and the contract is not for acquisition of commercial items.

(xiv) 52.223-1, Biobased Product Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that require the delivery or specify the use of USDA-designated items; or include the clause at 52.223-2, Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts.

(xv) 52.223-4, Recovered Material Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that are for, or specify the use of, EPA-designated items.

(xvi) 52.225-2, Buy American Act Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-1.

(xvii) 52.225-4, Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Basic, Alternates I, II, and III.) This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-3.

(A) If the acquisition value is less than \$25,000, the basic provision applies.

(B) If the acquisition value is \$25,000 or more but is less than \$50,000, the provision with its Alternate I applies.

(C) If the acquisition value is \$50,000 or more but is less than \$77,494, the provision with its Alternate II applies.

(D) If the acquisition value is \$77,494 or more but is less than \$100,000, the provision with its Alternate III applies.

(xviii) 52.225-6, Trade Agreements Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-5.

(xix) 52.225-20, Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan--Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xx) 52.225-25, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Sanctioned Activities Relating to Iran--Representation and Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxi) 52.226-2, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to--

(A) Solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions; and

(B) For DoD, NASA, and Coast Guard acquisitions, solicitations that contain the clause at 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns.

(2) The following certifications are applicable as indicated by the Contracting Officer:

☐ (i) 52.219-22, Small Disadvantaged Business Status.

☐ (A) Basic.

☐ (B) Alternate I.

☐ (ii) 52.222-18, Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products.

☐ (iii) 52.222-48, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment Certification.

☐ (iv) 52.222-52 Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Certain Services--Certification.

☐ (v) 52.223-9, with its Alternate I, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Products (Alternate I only).

☐ (vi) 52.227-6, Royalty Information.

☐ (A) Basic.

☐ (B) Alternate I.

☐ (vii) 52.227-15, Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software.

(d) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>. After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically that apply to this solicitation as indicated in paragraph (c) of this provision have been entered or updated within 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 the changes identified below [offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date]. These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

FAR Clause #	Title	Date	Change
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Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on ORCA.

(End of Provision)

### 3.2 52.209-7 INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (FEB 2012)

(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.

(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 FAPIS as required through maintaining an active registration in the Central Contractor Registration database via <https://www.acquisition.gov> (see 52.204-7).

(End of Provision)

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

### 4.1 52.209-9 UPDATES OF PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (FEB 2012)

(a) The Contractor shall update the information in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS) on a semi-annual basis, throughout the life of the contract, by posting the required information in the Central Contractor Registration database via <https://www.acquisition.gov>.

(b) As required by section 3010 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-212), all information posted in FAPIS on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews, will be publicly available. FAPIS consists of two segments--

(1) The non-public segment, into which Government officials and the Contractor post information, which can only be viewed by--

(i) Government personnel and authorized users performing business on behalf of the Government; or

(ii) The Contractor, when viewing data on itself; and

(2) The publicly-available segment, to which all data in the non-public segment of FAPIS is automatically transferred after a waiting period of 14 calendar days, except for--

(i) Past performance reviews required by subpart 42.15;

(ii) Information that was entered prior to April 15, 2011; or

(iii) Information that is withdrawn during the 14-calendar-day waiting period by the Government official who posted it in accordance with paragraph (c)(1) of this clause.

(c) The Contractor will receive notification when the Government posts new information to the Contractor's record.

(1) If the Contractor asserts in writing within 7 calendar days, to the Government official who posted the information, that some of the information posted to the nonpublic segment of FAPIS is covered by a disclosure exemption under the Freedom of Information Act, the Government official who posted the information must within 7 calendar days remove the posting from FAPIS and resolve the issue in accordance with agency Freedom of Information procedures, prior to reposting the releasable information. The contractor must cite 52.209-9 and request removal within 7 calendar days of the posting to FAPIS.

(2) The Contractor will also have an opportunity to post comments regarding information that has been posted by the Government. The comments will be retained as long as the associated information is retained, i.e., for a total period of 6 years. Contractor comments will remain a part of the record unless the Contractor revises them.

(3) As required by section 3010 of Pub. L. 111-212, all information posted in FAPIS on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews, will be publicly available.

(d) Public requests for system information posted prior to April 15, 2011, will be handled under Freedom of Information Act procedures, including, where appropriate, procedures promulgated under E.O. 12600.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.2 52.211-10 COMMENCEMENT, PROSECUTION, AND COMPLETION OF WORK (APR 1984) ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)**

The Contractor shall be required to (a) commence work under this contract within 10 calendar days after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed, (b) prosecute the work diligently, and (c) complete the entire work ready for use not later than 600 . The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.

The completion date is based on the assumption that the successful offeror will receive the notice to proceed by 9 Jul 2012. The completion date will be extended by the number of calendar days after the above date that the Contractor receives the notice to proceed, except to the extent that the delay in issuance of the notice to proceed results from the failure of the Contractor to execute the contract and give the required performance and payment bonds within the time specified in the offer.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.3 52.211-12 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES--CONSTRUCTION (SEPT 2000)**

(a) If the Contractor fails to complete the work within the time specified in the contract, the Contractor shall pay liquidated damages to the Government in the amount of \$644.00 for each calendar day of delay until the work is completed or accepted.

(b) If the Government terminates the Contractor's right to proceed, liquidated damages will continue to accrue until the work is completed. These liquidated damages are in addition to excess costs of repurchase under the Termination clause.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.4 52.219-28 POST-AWARD SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REREPRESENTATION (APR 2009)**

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

Long-term contract means a contract of more than five years in duration, including options. However, the term does not include contracts that exceed five years in duration because the period of performance has been extended for a cumulative period not to exceed six months under the clause at 52.217-8, Option to Extend Services, or other appropriate authority.

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 the size standard in paragraph (c) of this clause. Such a concern is "not dominant in its field of operation" when it does not exercise a controlling or major influence on a national basis in a kind of business activity in which a number of

business concerns are primarily engaged. In determining whether dominance exists, consideration shall be given to all appropriate factors, including volume of business, number of employees, financial resources, competitive status or position, ownership or control of materials, processes, patents, license agreements, facilities, sales territory, and nature of business activity.

(b) If the Contractor represented that it was a small business concern prior to award of this contract, the Contractor shall rerepresent its size status according to paragraph (e) of this clause or, if applicable, paragraph (g) of this clause, upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) Within 30 days after execution of a novation agreement or within 30 days after modification of the contract to include this clause, if the novation agreement was executed prior to inclusion of this clause in the contract.

(2) Within 30 days after a merger or acquisition that does not require a novation or within 30 days after modification of the contract to include this clause, if the merger or acquisition occurred prior to inclusion of this clause in the contract.

(3) For long-term contracts-

(i) Within 60 to 120 days prior to the end of the fifth year of the contract; and

(ii) Within 60 to 120 days prior to the date specified in the contract for exercising any option thereafter.

(c) The Contractor shall rerepresent its size status in accordance with the size standard in effect at the time of this rerepresentation that corresponds to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code assigned to this contract. The small business size standard corresponding to this NAICS code can be found at <http://www.sba.gov/services/contractingopportunities/sizestandardstopics/>.

(d) The small business size standard for a Contractor providing a product which it does not manufacture itself, for a contract other than a construction or service contract, is 500 employees.

(e) Except as provided in paragraph (g) of this clause, the Contractor shall make the rerepresentation required by paragraph (b) of this clause by validating or updating all its representations in the Online Representations and Certifications Application and its data in the Central Contractor Registration, as necessary, to ensure that they reflect the Contractor's current status. The Contractor shall notify the contracting office in writing within the timeframes specified in paragraph (b) of this clause that the data have been validated or updated, and provide the date of the validation or update.

(f) If the Contractor represented that it was other than a small business concern prior to award of this contract, the Contractor may, but is not required to, take the actions required by paragraphs (e) or (g) of this clause.

(g) If the Contractor does not have representations and certifications in ORCA, or does not have a representation in ORCA for the NAICS code applicable to this contract, the Contractor is required to complete the following rerepresentation and submit it to the contracting office, along with the contract number and the date on which the rerepresentation was completed:

The Contractor represents that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a small business concern under NAICS Code 236210 assigned to contract number .

[Contractor to sign and date and insert authorized signer's name and title].

(End of Clause)

#### **4.5 52.222-40 NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT (DEC 2010)**

(a) During the term of this contract, the Contractor shall post an employee notice, of such size and in such form, and containing such content as prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, in conspicuous places in and about its plants and offices where employees covered by the National Labor Relations Act engage in activities relating to the performance of the contract, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted both physically and electronically, in the languages employees speak, in accordance with 29 CFR 471.2(d) and (f).

(1) Physical posting of the employee notice shall be in conspicuous places in and about the Contractor's plants and offices so that the notice is prominent and readily seen by employees who are covered by the National Labor Relations Act and engage in activities related to the performance of the contract.

(2) If the Contractor customarily posts notices to employees electronically, then the Contractor shall also post the required notice electronically by displaying prominently, on any Web site that is maintained by the Contractor and is customarily used for notices to employees about terms and conditions of employment, a link to the Department of Labor's Web site that contains the full text of the poster. The link to the Department's Web site, as referenced in (b)(3) of this section, must read, "Important Notice about Employee Rights to Organize and Bargain Collectively with Their Employers."

(b) This required employee notice, printed by the Department of Labor, may be-

(1) Obtained from the Division of Interpretations and Standards, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5609, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-0123, or from any field office of the Office of Labor-Management Standards or Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs;

(2) Provided by the Federal contracting agency if requested;

(3) Downloaded from the Office of Labor-Management Standards Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/olms/regs/compliance/EO13496.htm>; or

(4) Reproduced and used as exact duplicate copies of the Department of Labor's official poster.

(c) The required text of the employee notice referred to in this clause is located at Appendix A, Subpart A, 29 CFR Part 471.

(d) The Contractor shall comply with all provisions of the employee notice and related rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) In the event that the Contractor does not comply with the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause, this contract may be terminated or suspended in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be suspended or debarred in accordance with 29 CFR 471.14 and subpart 9.4. Such other sanctions or remedies may be imposed as are provided by 29 CFR part 471, which implements Executive Order 13496 or as otherwise provided by law.



(f) Subcontracts.

(1) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (f), in every subcontract that exceeds \$10,000 and will be performed wholly or partially in the United States, unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 3 of Executive Order 13496 of January 30, 2009, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.

(2) The Contractor shall not procure supplies or services in a way designed to avoid the applicability of Executive Order 13496 or this clause.

(3) The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions, including the imposition of sanctions for noncompliance.

(4) However, if the Contractor becomes involved in litigation with a subcontractor, or is threatened with such involvement, as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States, through the Secretary of Labor, to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

(End of Clause)

**4.6 52.223-15 ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN ENERGY-CONSUMING PRODUCTS (DEC 2007)**

(a) Definition. As used in this clause--

"Energy-efficient product"--

(1) Means a product that--

(i) Meets Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency criteria for use of the Energy Star trademark label; or

(ii) Is in the upper 25 percent of efficiency for all similar products as designated by the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program.

(2) The term "product" does not include any energy-consuming product or system designed or procured for combat or combat-related missions (42 U.S.C. 8259b).

(b) The Contractor shall ensure that energy-consuming products are energy efficient products (i.e., ENERGY STAR products or FEMP-designated products) at the time of contract award, for products that are--

(1) Delivered;

(2) Acquired by the Contractor for use in performing services at a Federally-controlled facility;

(3) Furnished by the Contractor for use by the Government; or

(4) Specified in the design of a building or work, or incorporated during its construction, renovation, or maintenance.

(c) The requirements of paragraph (b) apply to the Contractor (including any subcontractor) unless--

(1) The energy-consuming product is not listed in the ENERGY STAR Program or FEMP; or

(2) Otherwise approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(d) Information about these products is available for--

(1) ENERGY STAR at <http://www.energystar.gov/products>; and

(2) FEMP at [http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/procurement/ eep\\_requirements.html](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/procurement/ eep_requirements.html) (End of Clause)

#### **4.7 52.225-9 BUY AMERICAN ACT--CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (SEP 2010)**

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause--

"Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item"--

(1) Means any item of supply (including construction material) that is--

(i) A commercial item (as defined in paragraph (1) of the definition at FAR 2.101);

(ii) Sold in substantial quantities in the commercial marketplace; and

(iii) Offered to the Government, under a contract or subcontract at any tier, without modification, in the same form in which it is sold in the commercial marketplace; and

(2) Does not include bulk cargo, as defined in section 3 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. App. 1702), such as agricultural products and petroleum products.

"Component" means any article, material, or supply incorporated directly into construction material.

"Construction material" means an article, material, or supply brought to the construction site by the Contractor or a subcontractor for incorporation into the building or work. The term also includes an item brought to the site preassembled from articles, materials, or supplies. However, emergency life safety systems, such as emergency lighting, fire alarm, and audio evacuation systems, that are discrete systems incorporated into a public building or work and that are produced as complete systems, are evaluated as a single and distinct construction material regardless of when or how the individual parts or components of those systems are delivered to the construction site. Materials purchased directly by the Government are supplies, not construction material.

"Cost of components" means--

(1) For components purchased by the Contractor, the acquisition cost, including transportation costs to the place of incorporation into the end product (whether or not such costs are paid to a domestic firm), and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued); or

(2) For components manufactured by the Contractor, all costs associated with the manufacture of the component, including transportation costs as described in paragraph (1) of this definition, plus allocable overhead costs, but excluding profit. Cost of components does not include any costs associated with the manufacture of the construction material.

"Domestic construction material" means--

(1) An unmanufactured construction material mined or produced in the United States;

(2) A construction material manufactured in the United States, if--

(i) The cost of its components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States exceeds 50 percent of the cost of all its components. Components of foreign origin of the same class or kind for which nonavailability determinations have been made are treated as domestic; or

(ii) The construction material is a COTS item.

"Foreign construction material" means a construction material other than a domestic construction material.

"United States" means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas.

(b) Domestic preference.

(1) This clause implements the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d) by providing a preference for domestic construction material. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. 431, the component test of the Buy American Act is waived for construction material that is a COTS item (See FAR 12.505(a)(2)). The Contractor shall use only domestic construction material in performing this contract, except as provided in paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this clause.

(2) This requirement does not apply to information technology that is a commercial item or to the construction materials or components listed by the Government as follows:

**LEAD GLASS AND HUMAN INSULIN**

(3) The Contracting Officer may add other foreign construction material to the list in paragraph (b)(2) of this clause if the Government determines that--

(i) The cost of domestic construction material would be unreasonable. The cost of a particular domestic construction material subject to the requirements of the Buy American Act is unreasonable when the cost of such material exceeds the cost of foreign material by more than 6 percent;

(ii) The application of the restriction of the Buy American Act to a particular construction material would be impracticable or inconsistent with the public interest; or

(iii) The construction material is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality.

(c) Request for determination of inapplicability of the Buy American Act.

(1)(i) Any Contractor request to use foreign construction material in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this clause shall include adequate information for Government evaluation of the request, including--

(A) A description of the foreign and domestic construction materials;

(B) Unit of measure;

(C) Quantity;

(D) Price;

(E) Time of delivery or availability;

(F) Location of the construction project;

(G) Name and address of the proposed supplier; and

(H) A detailed justification of the reason for use of foreign construction materials cited in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this clause.

(ii) A request based on unreasonable cost shall include a reasonable survey of the market and a completed price comparison table in the format in paragraph (d) of this clause.

(iii) The price of construction material shall include all delivery costs to the construction site and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free certificate may be issued).

(iv) Any Contractor request for a determination submitted after contract award shall explain why the Contractor could not reasonably foresee the need for such determination and could not have requested the determination before contract award. If the Contractor does not submit a satisfactory explanation, the Contracting Officer need not make a determination.

(2) If the Government determines after contract award that an exception to the Buy American Act applies and the Contracting Officer and the Contractor negotiate adequate consideration, the Contracting Officer will modify the contract to allow use of the foreign construction material. However, when the basis for the exception is the unreasonable price of a domestic construction material, adequate consideration is not less than the differential established in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this clause.

(3) Unless the Government determines that an exception to the Buy American Act applies, use of foreign construction material is noncompliant with the Buy American Act.

(d) Data. To permit evaluation of requests under paragraph (c) of this clause based on unreasonable cost, the Contractor shall include the following information and any applicable supporting data based on the survey of suppliers:

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PRICE COMPARISON

-----	Unit of	Unit of	Price
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Construction material description	Measure (dollars)*	Quantity
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Item 1:		
Foreign construction material	..... .....	.....
Domestic construction material	..... .....	.....
Item 2:		
Foreign construction material	..... .....	.....
Domestic construction material	..... .....	.....
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[List name, address, telephone number, and contact for suppliers surveyed Attach copy of response; if oral, attach summary.]

[Include other applicable supporting information.]

[\*Include all delivery costs to the construction site and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued).]

(End of Clause)

#### **4.8 52.228-5 INSURANCE - WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION (JAN 1997)**

(a) The Contractor shall, at its own expense, provide and maintain during the entire performance of this contract, at least the kinds and minimum amounts of insurance required in the Schedule or elsewhere in the contract.

(b) Before commencing work under this contract, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing that the required insurance has been obtained. The policies evidencing required insurance shall contain an endorsement to the effect that any cancellation or any material change adversely affecting the Government's interest shall not be effective--

(1) For such period as the laws of the State in which this contract is to be performed prescribe; or

(2) Until 30 days after the insurer or the Contractor gives written notice to the Contracting Officer, whichever period is longer.

(c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in subcontracts under this contract that require work on a Government installation and shall require subcontractors to provide and maintain the insurance required in the Schedule or elsewhere in the contract. The Contractor

shall maintain a copy of all subcontractors' proofs of required insurance, and shall make copies available to the Contracting Officer upon request.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.9 SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with FAR 28.307-2 and FAR 52.228-5, the following minimum coverage shall apply to this contract:

(a) Workers' compensation and employers liability: Contractors are required to comply with applicable Federal and State workers' compensation and occupational disease statutes. If occupational diseases are not compensable under those statutes, they shall be covered under the employer's liability section of the insurance policy, except when contract operations are so commingled with a Contractor's commercial operations that it would not be practical to require this coverage. Employer's liability coverage of at least \$100,000 is required, except in States with exclusive or monopolistic funds that do not permit workers' compensation to be written by private carriers.

(b) General Liability: \$500,000.00 per occurrences.

(c) Automobile liability: \$200,000.00 per person; \$500,000.00 per occurrence and \$20,000.00 property damage.

(d) The successful bidder must present to the Contracting Officer, prior to award, evidence of general liability insurance without any exclusionary clauses for asbestos that would void the general liability coverage.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.10 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)

#### **4.11 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)

#### **4.13 VAAR 852.219-10 VA NOTICE OF TOTAL SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE (DEC 2009)**

(a) Definition. For the Department of Veterans Affairs, "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 (or eligible surviving spouses);

(ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans (or eligible surviving spouses) or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran;

(iii) The business meets Federal small business size standards for the applicable North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code identified in the solicitation document; and

(iv) The business has been verified for ownership and control and is so listed in the Vendor Information Pages database, (<http://www.VetBiz.gov>).

(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).

(b) General. (1) Offers are solicited only from service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns. Offers received from concerns that are not service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns shall not be considered.

(2) Any award resulting from this solicitation shall be made to a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.

(c) Agreement. A service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern agrees that in the performance of the contract, in the case of a contract for:

(1) Services (except construction), at least 50 percent of the cost of personnel for contract performance will be spent for employees of the concern or employees of other eligible service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns;

(2) Supplies (other than acquisition from a nonmanufacturer of the supplies), at least 50 percent of the cost of manufacturing, excluding the cost of materials, will be performed by the concern or other eligible service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns;

(3) General construction, at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract performance incurred for personnel will be spent on the concern's employees or the employees of other eligible service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns; or

(4) Construction by special trade contractors, at least 25 percent of the cost of the contract performance incurred for personnel will be spent on the concern's employees or the employees of other eligible service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

(d) A joint venture may be considered a service-disabled veteran owned small business concern if--

(1) At least one member of the joint venture is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern, and makes the following representations: That it is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern, and that it is a small business concern under the North American Industry Classification Systems (NAICS) code assigned to the procurement;

(2) Each other concern is small under the size standard corresponding to the NAICS code assigned to the procurement; and

(3) The joint venture meets the requirements of paragraph 7 of the explanation of Affiliates in 19.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(4) The joint venture meets the requirements of 13 CFR 125.15(b).

(e) Any service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern (non-manufacturer) must meet the requirements in 19.102(f) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation to receive a benefit under this program.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.14 VAAR 852.228-70 BOND PREMIUM ADJUSTMENT (JAN 2008)**

When net changes in original contract price affect the premium of a Corporate Surety Bond by \$5 or more, the Government, in determining the basis for final settlement, will provide for bond premium adjustment computed at the rate shown in the bond.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.15 VAAR 852.236-71 SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION (JUL 2002)**

The clause entitled "Specifications and Drawings for Construction" in FAR 52.236-21 is supplemented as follows:

(a) The contracting officer's interpretation of the drawings and specifications will be final, subject to the disputes clause.

(b) Large scale drawings supersede small scale drawings.

(c) Dimensions govern in all cases. Scaling of drawings may be done only for general location and general size of items.



(d) Dimensions shown of existing work and all dimensions required for work that is to connect with existing work shall be verified by the contractor by actual measurement of the existing work. Any work at variance with that specified or shown in the drawings shall not be performed by the contractor until approved in writing by the contracting officer.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.16 VAAR 852.236-72 PERFORMANCE OF WORK BY THE CONTRACTOR (JUL 2002)**

The clause entitled "Performance of Work by the Contractor" in FAR 52.236-1 is supplemented as follows:

(a) Contract work accomplished on the site by laborers, mechanics, and foremen/forewomen on the contractor's payroll and under his/her direct supervision shall be included in establishing the percent of work to be performed by the contractor. Cost of material and equipment installed by such labor may be included. The work by the contractor's executive, supervisory and clerical forces shall be excluded in establishing compliance with the requirements of this clause.

(b) The contractor shall submit, simultaneously with the schedule of costs required by the Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts clause of the contract, a statement designating the branch or branches of contract work to be performed with his/her forces. The approved schedule of costs will be used in determining the value of a branch or branches, or portions thereof, of the work for the purpose of this article.

(c) If, during the progress of work hereunder, the contractor requests a change in the branch or branches of the work to be performed by his/her forces and the contracting officer determines it to be in the best interest of the Government, the contracting officer may, at his/her discretion, authorize a change in such branch or branches of said work. Nothing contained herein shall permit a reduction in the percentage of work to be performed by the contractor with his/her forces, it being expressly understood that this is a contract requirement without right or privilege of reduction.

(d) In the event the contractor fails or refuses to meet the requirement of the FAR clause at 52.236-1, it is expressly agreed that the contract price will be reduced by 15 percent of the value of that portion of the percentage requirement that is accomplished by others. For the purpose of this clause, it is agreed that 15 percent is an acceptable estimate of the contractor's overhead and profit, or mark-up, on that portion of the work which the contractor fails or refuses to perform, with his/her own forces, in accordance with the FAR clause at 52.236-1.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.17 VAAR 852.236-74 INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION (JUL 2002)**

The clause entitled "Inspection of Construction" in FAR 52.246-12 is supplemented as follows:

(a) Inspection of materials and articles furnished under this contract will be made at the site by the resident engineer, unless otherwise provided for in the specifications.

(b) Final inspection will not be made until the contract work is ready for beneficial use or occupancy. The contractor shall notify the contracting officer, through the resident engineer, fifteen (15) days prior to the date on which the work will be ready for final inspection.

(End of Clause)

**4.18 VAAR 852.236-76 CORRESPONDENCE (APR 1984)**

All correspondence relative to this contract shall bear Specification Number, Project Number, Department of Veterans Affairs Contract Number, title of project and name of facility.

(End of Clause)

**4.19 VAAR 852.236-77 REFERENCE TO "STANDARDS" (JUL 2002)**

Any materials, equipment, or workmanship specified by references to number, symbol, or title of any specific Federal, Industry or Government Agency Standard Specification shall comply with all applicable provisions of such standard specifications, except as limited to type, class or grade, or modified in contract specifications. Reference to "Standards" referred to in the contract specifications, except as modified, shall have full force and effect as though printed in detail in specifications.

(End of Clause)

**4.20 VAAR 852.236-78 GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION (APR 1984)**

(a) The work will be under the direction of the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting officer, who may designate another VA employee to act as resident engineer at the construction site.

(b) Except as provided below, the resident engineer's directions will not conflict with or change contract requirements.

(c) Within the limits of any specific authority delegated by the contracting officer, the resident engineer may, by written direction, make changes in the work. The contractor shall be advised of the extent of such authority prior to execution of any work under the contract.

(End of Clause)

**4.21 VAAR 852.236-79 DAILY REPORT OF WORKERS AND MATERIAL (APR 1984)**

The contractor shall furnish to the resident engineer each day a consolidated report for the preceding work day in which is shown the number of laborers, mechanics, foremen/forewomen and pieces of heavy equipment used or employed by the contractor and subcontractors. The report shall bear the name of the firm, the branch of work which they perform such as concrete, plastering, masonry, plumbing, sheet metal work, etc. The report shall give a breakdown of employees by crafts, location where employed, and work performed. The report shall also list materials delivered to the site on the date covered by the report.

(End of Clause)

**4.22 VAAR 852.236-80 SUBCONTRACTS AND WORK COORDINATION (APR 1984)  
ALTERNATE I (JUL 2002)**

(a) Nothing contained in this contract shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the Government. Divisions or sections of specifications are not intended to control the contractor in dividing work among subcontractors, or to limit work performed by any trade.

(b) The contractor shall be responsible to the Government for acts and omissions of his/her own employees, and subcontractors and their employees. The contractor shall also be responsible for coordination of the work of the trades, subcontractors, and material suppliers. The contractor shall, in advance of the work, prepare coordination drawings showing the location of openings through slabs, the pipe sleeves and hanger inserts, as well as the location and elevation of utility lines, including, but not limited to, conveyor systems, pneumatic tubes, ducts, and conduits and pipes 2 inches and larger in diameter. These drawings, including plans, elevations, and sections as appropriate shall clearly show the manner in which the utilities fit into the available space and relate to each other and to existing building elements. Drawings shall be of appropriate scale to satisfy the previously stated purposes, but not smaller than 3/8-inch scale. Drawings may be composite (with distinctive colors for the various trades) or may be separate but fully coordinated drawings (such as sepias or photographic paper reproductions) of the same scale. Separate drawings shall depict identical building areas or sections and shall be capable of being overlaid in any combination. The submitted drawings for a given area of the project shall show the work of all trades which will be involved in that particular area. Six complete composite drawings or six complete sets of separate reproducible drawings shall be received by the Government not less than 20 days prior to the scheduled start of the work in the area illustrated by the drawings, for the purpose of showing the contractor's planned methods of installation. The objectives of such drawings are to promote carefully planned work sequence and proper trade coordination, in order to assure the expeditious solutions of problems and the installation of lines and equipment as contemplated by the contract documents while avoiding or minimizing additional costs to the contractor and to the Government. In the event the contractor, in coordinating the various installations and in planning the method of installation, finds a conflict in location or elevation of any of the utilities with themselves, with structural items or with other construction items, he/she shall bring this conflict to the attention of the contracting officer immediately. In doing so, the contractor shall explain the proposed method of solving the problem or shall request instructions as to how to proceed if adjustments beyond those of usual trades coordination are necessary. Utilities installation work will not proceed in any area prior to the submission and completion of the Government review of the coordinated drawings for that area, nor in any area in which conflicts are disclosed by the coordination drawings until the conflicts have been corrected to the satisfaction of the contracting officer. It is the responsibility of the contractor to submit the required drawings in a timely manner consistent with the requirements to complete the work covered by this contract within the prescribed contract time.

(c) The Government or its representatives will not undertake to settle any differences between the contractor and subcontractors or between subcontractors.

(d) The Government reserves the right to refuse to permit employment on the work or require dismissal from the work of any subcontractor who, by reason of previous unsatisfactory work on Department of Veterans Affairs projects or for any other reason, is considered by the contracting officer to be incompetent or otherwise objectionable.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.23 VAAR 852.236-82 PAYMENTS UNDER FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (WITHOUT NAS) (APR 1984)**

(a) Retainage:

(1) The contracting officer may retain funds:

(i) Where performance under the contract has been determined to be deficient or the contractor has performed in an unsatisfactory manner in the past; or

(ii) As the contract nears completion, to ensure that deficiencies will be corrected and that completion is timely.

(2) Examples of deficient performance justifying a retention of funds include, but are not restricted to, the following:

(i) Unsatisfactory progress as determined by the contracting officer;

(ii) Failure to meet schedule in Schedule of Work Progress;

(iii) Failure to present submittals in a timely manner; or

(iv) Failure to comply in good faith with approved subcontracting plans, certifications, or contract requirements.

(3) Any level of retention shall not exceed 10 percent either where there is determined to be unsatisfactory performance, or when the retainage is to ensure satisfactory completion. Retained amounts shall be paid promptly upon completion of all contract requirements, but nothing contained in this subparagraph shall be construed as limiting the contracting officer's right to withhold funds under other provisions of the contract or in accordance with the general law and regulations regarding the administration of Government contracts.

(b) The contractor shall submit a schedule of cost to the contracting officer for approval within 30 calendar days after date of receipt of notice to proceed. Such schedule will be signed and submitted in triplicate. The approved cost schedule will be one of the bases for determining progress payments to the contractor for work completed. This schedule shall show cost by the branches of work for each building or unit of the contract, as instructed by the resident engineer.

(1) The branches shall be subdivided into as many sub-branches as are necessary to cover all component parts of the contract work.

(2) Costs as shown on this schedule must be true costs and, should the resident engineer so desire, he/she may require the contractor to submit the original estimate sheets or other information to substantiate the detailed makeup of the schedule.

(3) The sum of the sub-branches, as applied to each branch, shall equal the total cost of such branch. The total cost of all branches shall equal the contract price.

(4) Insurance and similar items shall be prorated and included in the cost of each branch of the work.

(5) The cost schedule shall include separate cost information for the systems listed in the table in this paragraph (b)(5). The percentages listed below are proportions of the cost listed in the contractor's cost schedule and identify, for payment purposes, the value of the work to adjust, correct and test systems after the material has been installed. Payment of the listed percentages will be made only after the contractor has demonstrated that each of the systems is substantially complete and operates as required by the contract.

VALUE OF ADJUSTING, CORRECTING, AND TESTING SYSTEM

System	Percent
Pneumatic tube system.....	10
Incinerators (medical waste and trash).....	5
Sewage treatment plant equipment.....	5
Water treatment plant equipment.....	5
Washers (dish, cage, glass, etc.).....	5
Sterilizing equipment.....	5
Water distilling equipment.....	5
Prefab temperature rooms (cold, constant temperature).....	5
Entire air-conditioning system (Specified under 600 Sections)	5
Entire boiler plant system (specified under 700 Sections) ....	5
General supply conveyors .....	10
Food service conveyors .....	10
Pneumatic soiled linen and trash system .....	10
Elevators and dumbwaiters .....	10
Materials transport system .....	10
Engine-generator system .....	5
Primary switchgear .....	5
Secondary switchgear .....	5
Fire alarm system .....	5
Nurse call system .....	5
Intercom system .....	5
Radio system .....	5
TV (entertainment) system .....	5

(c) In addition to this cost schedule, the contractor shall submit such unit costs as may be specifically requested. The unit costs shall be those used by the contractor in preparing his/her bid and will not be binding as pertaining to any contract changes.

(d) The contracting officer will consider for monthly progress payments material and/or equipment procured by the contractor and stored on the construction site, as space is available, or at a local approved location off the site, under such terms and conditions as such officer approves, including but not limited to the following:

(1) The material or equipment is in accordance with the contract requirements and/or approved samples and shop drawings.

(2) Only those materials and/or equipment as are approved by the resident engineer for storage will be included.

(3) Such materials and/or equipment will be stored separately and will be readily available for inspection and inventory by the resident engineer.

(4) Such materials and/or equipment will be protected against weather, theft and other hazards and will not be subjected to deterioration.

(5) All of the other terms, provisions, conditions and covenants contained in the contract shall be and remain in full force and effect as therein provided.

(6) A supplemental agreement will be executed between the Government and the contractor with the consent of the contractor's surety for off-site storage.

(e) The contractor, prior to receiving a progress or final payment under this contract, shall submit to the contracting officer a certification that the contractor has made payment from proceeds of prior payments, or that timely payment will be made from the proceeds of the progress or final payment then due, to subcontractors and suppliers in accordance with the contractual arrangements with them.

(f) The Government reserves the right to withhold payment until samples, shop drawings, engineer's certificates, additional bonds, payrolls, weekly statements of compliance, proof of title, nondiscrimination compliance reports, or any other things required by this contract, have been submitted to the satisfaction of the contracting officer.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.24 VAAR 852.236-84 SCHEDULE OF WORK PROGRESS (NOV 1984)**

(a) The contractor shall submit with the schedule of costs, a progress schedule that indicates the anticipated installation of work versus the elapsed contract time, for the approval of the contracting officer. The progress schedule time shall be represented in the form of a bar graph with the contract time plotted along the horizontal axis. The starting date of the schedule shall be the date the contractor receives the "Notice to Proceed." The ending date shall be the original contract completion date. At a minimum, both dates shall be indicated on the progress schedule. The specific item of work, i.e., "Excavation", "Floor Tile", "Finish Carpentry", etc., should be plotted along the vertical axis and indicated by a line or bar at which time(s) during the contract this work is scheduled to take place. The schedule shall be submitted in triplicate and signed by the contractor.

(b) The actual percent completion will be based on the value of installed work divided by the current contract amount. The actual completion percentage will be indicated on the monthly progress report.

(c) The progress schedule will be revised when individual or cumulative time extensions of 15 calendar days or more are granted for any reason. The revised schedule should indicate the new contract completion date and should reflect any changes to the installation time(s) of the items of work affected.

(d) The revised progress schedule will be used for reporting future scheduled percentage completion.

(End of Clause)

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BAR CHART SCHEDULE**

A. Original Schedule: The following information shall be furnished as minimum for each activity on the initial bar chart schedule.

- Activity Description
- Estimated Duration
- Responsibility (Trade) and Manpower (Crew size)
- Planned Start and Completion Dates
- Activity Cost

#### **B. Updated Schedules and Updating Procedures**

(1) The contractor shall submit, at intervals of 30 calendar days, an updated bar chart schedule of the actual construction progress. The bar chart schedule shall show the activities or portions of activities started and/or completed during the reporting period and their updated monetary percentage value(s) as a basis for the contractor's monthly progress report (payment request).

(2) The contractor shall adjust the activity bars on the bar chart schedule to reflect the actual progress and the remaining activity durations. The updated bar chart schedule shall show at a minimum the following:

- Actual start and completion dates for activities started and/or completed during the reporting period.
- VA issued changes to the original contract requirements that change the contractor's original sequence of work.
- Contractor changes in work sequence, durations, responsibility, manpower, and activity costs.

C. All contract changes durations proposed by the contractor shall be reviewed and approved by the Contracting Officer prior to insertion into the updated bar chart schedule. The updated bar chart schedule shall include all contract changes issued during the reporting period.

(End of Clause)

### **4.25 VAAR 852.236-85 SUPPLEMENTARY LABOR STANDARDS PROVISIONS (APR 1984)**

(a) The wage determination decision of the Secretary of Labor is set forth in section GR, General Requirements, of this contract. It is the result of a study of wage conditions in the locality and establishes

the minimum hourly rates of wages and fringe benefits for the described classes of labor in accordance with applicable law. No increase in the contract price will be allowed or authorized because of payment of wage rates in excess of those listed.

(b) The contractor shall submit the required copies of payrolls to the contracting officer through the resident engineer or engineer officer, when acting in that capacity. Department of Labor Form WH- 347, Payroll, available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, may be used for this purpose. If, however, the contractor or subcontractor elects to use an individually composed payroll form, it shall contain the same information shown on Form WH-347, and in addition be accompanied by Department of Labor Form WH-348, Statement of Compliance, or any other form containing the exact wording of this form.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.26 VAAR 852.236-86 WORKER'S COMPENSATION (JAN 2008)**

Public Law 107-217 (40 U.S.C. 3172) authorizes the constituted authority of States to apply their workers compensation laws to all lands and premises owned or held by the United States.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.27 VAAR 852.236-87 ACCIDENT PREVENTION (SEP 1993)**

The Resident Engineer on all assigned construction projects, or other Department of Veterans Affairs employee if designated in writing by the Contracting Officer, shall serve as Safety Officer and as such has authority, on behalf of the Contracting Officer, to monitor and enforce Contractor compliance with FAR 52.236-13, Accident Prevention. However, only the Contracting Officer may issue an order to stop all or part of the work while requiring satisfactory or corrective action to be taken by the Contractor.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.28 VAAR 852.236-88 CONTRACT CHANGES--SUPPLEMENT (JUL 2002)**

(a) Paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(4) apply to proposed contract changes costing over \$500,000.

(1) When requested by the contracting officer, the contractor shall submit proposals for changes in work to the resident engineer. Proposals, to be submitted as expeditiously as possible but within 30 calendar days after receipt of request, shall be in legible form, original and two copies, with an itemized breakdown that will include material, quantities, unit prices, labor costs (separated into trades), construction equipment, etc. (Labor costs are to be identified with specific material placed or operation performed.) The contractor must obtain and furnish with a proposal an itemized breakdown as described above, signed by each subcontractor participating in the change regardless of tier. When certified cost or pricing data are required under FAR Subpart 15.403, the cost or pricing data shall be submitted in accordance with FAR 15.403-5.

(2) When the necessity to proceed with a change does not allow sufficient time to negotiate a modification or because of failure to reach an agreement, the contracting officer may issue a change order instructing the contractor to proceed on the basis of a tentative price based on the best estimate available at the time, with the firm price to be determined later. Furthermore, when the change order is issued, the contractor shall submit a proposal, which includes the information required by paragraph (a)(1), for cost of changes in work within 30 calendar days.



(3) The contracting officer will consider issuing a settlement by determination to the contract if the contractor's proposal required by paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this clause is not received within 30 calendar days or if agreement has not been reached.

(4) Bond premium adjustment, consequent upon changes ordered, will be made as elsewhere specified at the time of final settlement under the contract and will not be included in the individual change.

(b) Paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(11) apply to proposed contract changes costing \$500,000 or less:

(1) When requested by the contracting officer, the contractor shall submit proposals for changes in work to the resident engineer. Proposals, to be submitted as expeditiously as possible but within 30 calendar days after receipt of request, shall be in legible form, original and two copies, with an itemized breakdown that will include material, quantities, unit prices, labor costs (separated into trades), construction equipment, etc. (Labor costs are to be identified with specific material placed or operation performed.) The contractor must obtain and furnish with a proposal an itemized breakdown as described above, signed by each subcontractor participating in the change regardless of tier. When certified cost or pricing data or information other than cost or pricing data are required under FAR 15.403, the data shall be submitted in accordance with FAR 15.403-5. No itemized breakdown will be required for proposals amounting to less than \$1,000.

(2) When the necessity to proceed with a change does not allow sufficient time to negotiate a modification or because of failure to reach an agreement, the contracting officer may issue a change order instructing the contractor to proceed on the basis of a tentative price based on the best estimate available at the time, with the firm price to be determined later. Furthermore, when the change order is issued, the contractor shall submit within 30 calendar days, a proposal that includes the information required by paragraph (b)(1) for the cost of the changes in work.

(3) The contracting officer will consider issuing a settlement by determination to the contract if the contractor's proposal required by paragraphs (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this clause is not received within 30 calendar days, or if agreement has not been reached.

(4) Allowances not to exceed 10 percent each for overhead and profit for the party performing the work will be based on the value of labor, material, and use of construction equipment required to accomplish the change. As the value of the change increases, a declining scale will be used in negotiating the percentage of overhead and profit. Allowable percentages on changes will not exceed the following: 10 percent overhead and 10 percent profit on the first \$20,000; 7-1/2 percent overhead and 7-1/2 percent profit on the next \$30,000; 5 percent overhead and 5 percent profit on balance over \$50,000. Profit shall be computed by multiplying the profit percentage by the sum of the direct costs and computed overhead costs.

(5) The prime contractor's or upper-tier subcontractor's fee on work performed by lower-tier subcontractors will be based on the net increased cost to the prime contractor or upper-tier subcontractor, as applicable. Allowable fee on changes will not exceed the following: 10 percent fee on the first \$20,000; 7-1/2 percent fee on the next \$30,000; and 5 percent fee on balance over \$50,000.

(6) Not more than four percentages, none of which exceed the percentages shown above, will be allowed regardless of the number of tiers of subcontractors.

(7) Where the contractor's or subcontractor's portion of a change involves credit items, such items must be deducted prior to adding overhead and profit for the party performing the work. The contractor's fee is limited to the net increase to contractor of subcontractors' portions cost computed in accordance herewith.

(8) Where a change involves credit items only, a proper measure of the amount of downward adjustment in the contract price is the reasonable cost to the contractor if he/she had performed the deleted work. A reasonable allowance for overhead and profit are properly includable as part of the downward adjustment for a deductive change. The amount of such allowance is subject to negotiation.

(9) Cost of Federal Old Age Benefit (Social Security) tax and of Worker's Compensation and Public Liability insurance appertaining to changes are allowable. While no percentage will be allowed thereon for overhead or profit, prime contractor's fee will be allowed on such items in subcontractors' proposals.

(10) Overhead and contractor's fee percentages shall be considered to include insurance other than mentioned herein, field and office supervisors and assistants, security police, use of small tools, incidental job burdens, and general home office expenses and no separate allowance will be made therefore. Assistants to office supervisors include all clerical, stenographic and general office help. Incidental job burdens include, but are not necessarily limited to, office equipment and supplies, temporary toilets, telephone and conformance to OSHA requirements. Items such as, but not necessarily limited to, review and coordination, estimating and expediting relative to contract changes are associated with field and office supervision and are considered to be included in the contractor's overhead and/or fee percentage.

(11) Bond premium adjustment, consequent upon changes ordered, will be made as elsewhere specified at the time of final settlement under the contract and will not be included in the individual change.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.29 VAAR 852.236-89 BUY AMERICAN ACT (JAN 2008)**

(a) Reference is made to the clause entitled "Buy American Act--Construction Materials," FAR 52.225-9.

(b) Notwithstanding a bidder's right to offer identifiable foreign construction material in its bid pursuant to FAR 52.225-9, VA does not anticipate accepting an offer that includes foreign construction material.

(c) If a bidder chooses to submit a bid that includes foreign construction material, that bidder must provide a listing of the specific foreign construction material he/she intends to use and a price for said material. Bidders must include bid prices for comparable domestic construction material. If VA determines not to accept foreign construction material and no comparable domestic construction material is provided, the entire bid will be rejected.

(d) Any foreign construction material proposed after award will be rejected unless the bidder proves to VA's satisfaction: (1) it was impossible to request the exemption prior to award, and (2) said domestic construction material is no longer available, or (3) where the price has escalated so dramatically after the contract has been awarded that it would be unconscionable to require performance at that price. The determinations required by (1), (2), and (3) of this paragraph shall be made in accordance with Subpart 825.2 and FAR 25.2.

(e) By signing this bid, the bidder declares that all articles, materials and supplies for use on the project shall be domestic unless specifically set forth on the Bid Form or addendum thereto.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.30 VAAR 852.236-91 SPECIAL NOTES (JUL 2002)**

(a) Signing of the bid shall be deemed to be a representation by the bidder that:

(1) Bidder is a construction contractor who owns, operates, or maintains a place of business, regularly engaged in construction, alteration, or repair of buildings, structures, and communications facilities, or other engineering projects, including furnishing and installing of necessary equipment; or

(2) If newly entering into a construction activity, bidder has made all necessary arrangements for personnel, construction equipment, and required licenses to perform construction work; and

(3) Upon request, prior to award, bidder will promptly furnish to the Government a statement of facts in detail as to bidder's previous experience (including recent and current contracts), organization (including company officers), technical qualifications, financial resources and facilities available to perform the contemplated work.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in this contract, where the use of optional materials or construction is permitted, the same standard of workmanship, fabrication and installation shall be required irrespective of which option is selected. The contractor shall make any change or adjustment in connecting work or otherwise necessitated by the use of such optional material or construction, without additional cost to the Government.

(c) When approval is given for a system component having functional or physical characteristics different from those indicated or specified, it is the responsibility of the contractor to furnish and install related components with characteristics and capacities compatible with the approved substitute component as required for systems to function as noted on drawings and specifications. There shall be no additional cost to the Government.

(d) In some instances it may have been impracticable to detail all items in specifications or on drawings because of variances in manufacturers' methods of achieving specified results. In such instances the contractor will be required to furnish all labor, materials, drawings, services and connections necessary to produce systems or equipment which are completely installed, functional, and ready for operation by facility personnel in accordance with their intended use.

(e) Claims by the contractor for delay attributed to unusually severe weather must be supported by climatological data covering the period and the same period for the 10 preceding years. When the weather in question exceeds in intensity or frequency the 10-year average, the excess experienced shall be considered "unusually severe." Comparison shall be on a monthly basis. Whether or not unusually severe weather in fact delays the work will depend upon the effect of weather on the branches of work being performed during the time under consideration.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.31 VAAR 852.246-74 SPECIAL WARRANTIES (JAN 2008)**

The clause entitled "Warranty of Construction" in FAR 52.246-21 is supplemented as follows:

Any special warranties that may be required under the contract shall be subject to the elections set forth in the FAR clause at 52.246-21, Warranty of Construction, unless otherwise provided for in such special warranties.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.32 VAAR 852.273-76 ELECTRONIC INVOICE SUBMISSION (Interim - October 2008)**

(a) To improve the timeliness of payments and lower overall administrative costs, VA strongly encourages contractors to submit invoices using its electronic invoicing system. At present, electronic submission is voluntary and any nominal registration fees will be the responsibility of the contractor. VA intends to mandate electronic invoice submission, subject to completion of the federal rulemaking process. At present, VA is using a 3rd party agent to contact contractors regarding this service. During the voluntary period, contractors interested in registering for the electronic system should contact the VA's Financial Services Center at <http://www.fsc.va.gov/einvoice.asp>.

#### **4.33 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://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>  
<http://www.va.gov/oamm/oa/ars/policyreg/vaar/index.cfm>  
<http://farsite.hill.af.mil/vffara.htm>

(End of Clause)

52.202-1	DEFINITIONS	JAN 2012
52.203-3	GRATUITIES	APR 1984
52.203-5	COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES	APR 1984
52.203-6	RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR SALES TO THE GOVERNMENT	SEP 2006
52.203-7	ANTI-KICKBACK PROCEDURES	OCT 2010
52.203-8	CANCELLATION, RESCISSION, AND RECOVERY OF FUNDS FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY	JAN 1997
52.203-10	PRICE OR FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY	JAN 1997
52.203-12	LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS	OCT 2010
52.203-13	CONTRACTOR CODE OF BUSINESS ETHICS AND CONDUCT	APR 2010
52.204-4	PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON RECYCLED PAPER	MAY 2011
52.204-7	CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION	FEB 2012
52.204-10	REPORTING EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACT AWARDS	FEB 2012
52.209-6	PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST	DEC 2010

	WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT	
52.215-2	AUDIT AND RECORDS--NEGOTIATION	OCT 2010
52.219-8	UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS	JAN 2011
52.219-27	NOTICE OF SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE	NOV 2011
52.222-3	CONVICT LABOR	JUN 2003
52.222-4	CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT-OVERTIME COMPENSATION	JUL 2005
52.222-6	DAVIS-BACON ACT	JUL 2005
52.222-7	WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS	FEB 1988
52.222-8	PAYROLLS AND BASIC RECORDS	JUN 2010
52.222-9	APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES	JUL 2005
52.222-10	COMPLIANCE WITH COPELAND ACT REQUIREMENTS	FEB 1988
52.222-11	SUBCONTRACTS (LABOR STANDARDS)	JUL 2005
52.222-12	CONTRACT TERMINATION - DEBARMENT	FEB 1988
52.222-13	COMPLIANCE WITH DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT REGULATIONS	FEB 1988
52.222-14	DISPUTES CONCERNING LABOR STANDARDS	FEB 1988
52.222-15	CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY	FEB 1988
52.222-21	PROHIBITION OF SEGREGATED FACILITIES	FEB 1999
52.222-26	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY	MAR 2007
52.222-27	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION	FEB 1999
52.222-35	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS	SEP 2010
52.222-36	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES	OCT 2010
52.222-37	EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON VETERANS	SEP 2010
52.222-50	COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS	FEB 2009
52.222-54	EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION	JAN 2009
52.223-5	POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RIGHT-TO-KNOW INFORMATION	MAY 2011
52.223-6	DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE	MAY 2001
52.223-17	AFFIRMATIVE PROCUREMENT OF EPA-DESIGNATED ITEMS IN SERVICE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	MAY 2008
52.223-18	ENCOURAGING CONTRACTOR POLICIES TO BAN TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING	AUG 2011
52.225-13	RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PURCHASES	JUN 2008
52.227-1	AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT	DEC 2007
52.227-2	NOTICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT	DEC 2007
52.227-4	PATENT INDEMNITY--CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	DEC 2007
52.228-2	ADDITIONAL BOND SECURITY	OCT 1997
52.228-11	PLEDGES OF ASSETS	JAN 2012
52.228-12	PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTOR REQUESTS FOR BONDS	OCT 1995
52.228-14	IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT	DEC 1999

52.228-15	PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS-- CONSTRUCTION	OCT 2010
52.229-3	FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES	APR 2003
52.232-5	PAYMENTS UNDER FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	SEP 2002
52.232-17	INTEREST	OCT 2010
52.232-18	AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	APR 1984
52.232-23	ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS	JAN 1986
52.232-27	PROMPT PAYMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	OCT 2008
52.232-34	PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER-- OTHER THAN CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION	MAY 1999
52.232-38	SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER INFORMATION WITH OFFER	MAY 1999
52.233-1	DISPUTES ALTERNATE I (DEC 1991)	JUL 2002
52.233-3	PROTEST AFTER AWARD	AUG 1996
52.233-4	APPLICABLE LAW FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM	OCT 2004
52.236-1	PERFORMANCE OF WORK BY THE CONTRACTOR	APR 1984
52.236-2	DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS	APR 1984
52.236-3	SITE INVESTIGATION AND CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE WORK	APR 1984
52.236-5	MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP	APR 1984
52.236-6	SUPERINTENDENCE BY THE CONTRACTOR	APR 1984
52.236-7	PERMITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES	NOV 1991
52.236-8	OTHER CONTRACTS	APR 1984
52.236-9	PROTECTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION, STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES, AND IMPROVEMENTS	APR 1984
52.236-10	OPERATIONS AND STORAGE AREAS	APR 1984
52.236-11	USE AND POSSESSION PRIOR TO COMPLETION	APR 1984
52.236-12	CLEANING UP	APR 1984
52.236-13	ACCIDENT PREVENTION	NOV 1991
52.236-14	AVAILABILITY AND USE OF UTILITY SERVICES	APR 1984
52.236-17	LAYOUT OF WORK	APR 1984
52.236-21	SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)	FEB 1997
52.236-26	PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE	FEB 1995
52.242-13	BANKRUPTCY	JUL 1995
52.242-14	SUSPENSION OF WORK	APR 1984
52.243-4	CHANGES	JUN 2007
52.244-6	SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS	DEC 2010
52.245-1	GOVERNMENT PROPERTY	APR 2012
52.245-9	USE AND CHARGES	APR 2012
52.246-12	INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION	AUG 1996
52.246-21	WARRANTY OF CONSTRUCTION	MAR 1994
52.248-3	VALUE ENGINEERING--CONSTRUCTION	OCT 2010
52.249-2	TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE	APR 2012

	GOVERNMENT (FIXED PRICE)	
	ALTERNATE I (SEPT 1996)	
52.249-10	DEFAULT (FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION)	APR 1984
52.253-1	COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS	JAN 1991

#### **4.34 RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

For and in consideration of the payments heretofore made, and payment of final installment now due by reason of performance of Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned Architect-Engineer hereby releases and discharges the United States of America from any and all claims arising under or by virtue of said contract, except as follows: (In this space describe and list in stated amounts excepted claims, if any; otherwise this release will be considered as free of all claims. If no claims reserved, insert None.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, This release has been duly executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Architect-Engineer

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print or type name under signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title (Print or type)

#### 4.35 EVALUATION CRITERIA INFORMATION



**1.1. SOURCE SELECTION USING THE LOWEST PRICE TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE PROCESS**

**(LPTA):** This is a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) that represents the best value to the Government conducted under FAR Part 15, Lowest Price Technically Acceptable (LPTA) source selection process. Award will be made on the basis of the lowest priced proposal which meets or exceeds the acceptability standards for all non-cost factors: Technical Acceptability and Past Performance.

- 1.2. EVALUATION OVERVIEW:** Proposals will be evaluated and ranked according to price, from lowest to highest. The Government reserves the right to evaluate only the technical proposal of the lowest price offeror. Other technical proposals may not be evaluated unless the Government determines the lowest price offeror to be unacceptable or non-responsive. In the event the Government determines the lowest price offeror to be unacceptable, the technical proposal of the next lowest price offeror will be evaluated. This process will continue until a technical proposal is determined to be acceptable. The lowest offeror deemed acceptable in both non-cost factors shall be the apparent awardee.

## **PART I – PRICE EVALUATION**

2.1. Price proposals will be evaluated and ranked according to price, from lowest to highest. Price will not be evaluated other than to ensure price reasonableness and determine availability of funds. All proposals shall include a detailed cost breakdown (materials, labor, and equipment) by trade (see example in attachment 1). Offeror's shall provide a detailed cost breakdown as specified and submit all subcontractor quotes and back-up documentation for G&A/General Site Conditions. The Government may use various price analysis techniques and procedures to make a price reasonableness determination.

2.2. Requests for Proposals may include alternate bid items such as additives, deductives, or options. In such cases the lowest offer will be the offer that is most advantageous (in regards to price and the non-cost factors) to the Government and also provides the most features of work based on the availability of funds.

## **PART II – TECHNICAL EVALUATION**

3.1. The Technical factors will consist of Technical Approach, Experience, Product Specifications with several sub-factors and Past Performance. The factors under Technical proposals will be rated either **Favorable, Unfavorable**. Offerors are advised that in accordance with FAR 15.305 (a) (iv) offerors without a record of relevant past performance may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably.

3.2. Proposals must separately address each factor and sub factor to be considered responsive to this solicitation. Offerors shall address each factor and associate sub-factor in the chronological order listed in the Proposal Format Instructions, Section III of the Evaluation Criteria Information.

3.3. Regarding past performance, the quality of past performance will be evaluated from the information provided by the contact identified on the past performance questionnaire and the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS). In addition, 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.

3.3.1. Past performance is one indicator of an offeror's ability to perform the contract successfully. Offerors must have completed the referenced past performance work as the general contractor. Offerors must submit at least one recent and relevant project, which is valued in the price range of \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Relevance is defined as projects consisting of the building or new construction of hospitals, industrial, and non-residential structures for the same or similar type work as the desired construction contract. Recent is defined as a construction projects completed within the last 3 years.

## **PART III – PROPOSAL FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS**

4.1. The failure of an offeror's proposal to fulfill the proposal instructions and submission requirement for this RFP may result in rejection of the entire proposal. Offerors are to submit their proposal with the Technical and Price sections each separate and independent from the other. Offerors shall prepare Technical Proposals with the Selection Criteria and Evaluation Factors in mind, in terms of both content and organization, to facilitate evaluation.

4.2. Two (2) hardcopies of the proposal in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format on a CD with the original bid guarantee bond shall be mailed and received by the Contracting Office no later than **2:00pm EDT, June 5, 2012** to be accepted. The Contracting Office address is provided in the Proposal Submission Section V of the Evaluation Criteria Information.

4.2. If any part of the submitted proposal exceeds the stated page limits, the Government will only evaluate the first pages that conform to the stated maximum page limits. The remaining or pages in excess of the stated submission limits shall be returned to the offeror without being evaluated. A page printed on both sides shall be counted as two pages.

4.3. This requirement is open to all **Verified Service Disabled Veteran-owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB)**. Interested offerors must be verified SDVOSB at the time of proposal submission and throughout the award selection process. Proposals submitted by non-verified SDVOSB shall be rejected as unqualified/unacceptable for award consideration. The award of this requirement shall not be delayed due to loss of SDVOSB verification status by a prospective offeror.

4.3. Proposals must address the following factors and sub-factors **exactly/in the order** as listed below. Each factor and sub-factor shall be clearly identified by a header or title for the factor or sub-factor being addressed in the submitted proposal

#### **TAB A Price Proposal**

**Section I.** Signed SF 1442; amendment acknowledgement

**Section II.** Joint Venture (if applicable offeror must be SDVOSB verified under Joint Venture Company Name)

**Section III.** Pricing Schedule, detailed cost breakdown as specified in price evaluation, Subcontractors' quotes

**Section III.** Recent copies of CCR registration, Online Representation and Certifications Applications, and VETS100 report

**Section IV.** Original Bid Guarantee Bond with wet signature/seal from a Surety approved by the Department of Treasury

#### **TAB B Technical Proposal**

**Section I. Prime SDVOSB Contractor's Experience and Qualifications --** Prime contractor must demonstrate knowledge and experience performing construction activities to build new non-residential structures in heavily populated area. Referenced projects must have been completed within the last three (3) years. Projects must similar in size, scope, design, construction, duration, and complexity to this project. Information provided in response to sub-factors two (2) and four (4) for this section cannot exceed 4 pages total.

**Sub-Factor 1.** Provide transcripts and a copy of a degree to show Minimum of a four year/Bachelor's Degree in construction science, construction management, architecture or engineering

**Sub-Factor 2.** Demonstrate SDVOSB knowledge of performing supervision, oversight, scheduling, and coordination (from start to finish) for building new non-residential structures

**Sub-Factor 3.** Provide copies of SDVOSB licenses and trade certifications

**Sub-Factor 4.** Demonstrate at least 3 years experience as the prime contractor in the building or new construction of hospitals, industrial, and non-residential structures.

- a. Information shall include Project names, Location, size, scope
- b. Contract value, description of the tasks, complexity, associated risks
- c. Actions taken to mitigate problems and counter contingencies for successful completion

**Section II. Project Management Personnel Experience and Qualifications** – At a minimum, offerors shall provide a Project Superintendent, Project Manager, Quality Assurance and Safety Manager to assist in the management of this project. No one individual can have a dual role/function for this project. Management personnel must demonstrate relevant experience in performing construction activities to build new non-residential structures in heavily populated area. Referenced projects must have been completed within the last three (3) years. Projects must similar in size, scope, design, construction, duration, and complexity to this project. Information provided in response to sub-factors 1.a cannot exceed 16 pages total.

**Sub-Factor 1. Identify the following for each management personnel as follows:**

- a. Individual's Name, management position (i.e. Project Superintendent)
  - i. Describe the duties and responsibilities that will be performed by the respective management team personnel
  - ii. Demonstrate at least 2 years experience in managing the building or new construction of hospitals, industrial, and non-residential structures.
    1. Information for experience shall include Project names, Location, size, scope
    2. Contract value, description of the tasks, complexity, associated risks
    3. Actions taken to mitigate problems and counter contingencies for successful completion
- b. Provide copies of certificates, transcripts, or degree in construction trades or specialties
- c. Provide copies of resumes outlining the qualifications, skills, and experience for each of the personnel that will be assigned to this project

**Section III. Prime Subcontractors Experience and Qualifications** – offerors shall identify all subcontractors performing tasks with a cumulative total of \$200,000 or more. Subcontractors must demonstrate relevant experience in performing associated tasks for the successful completion of this project. Referenced projects must have been completed within the last three (3) years. Projects must similar in size, scope, design, construction, duration, and complexity to the tasks for this project. Information provided in response to sub-factors one (1) and two (2) cannot exceed 20 pages total.

**Sub-Factor 1.** Demonstrate subcontractor's knowledge of performing their specific tasks for this project.

**Sub-Factor 2.** Demonstrate at least 3 years experience as a subcontractor for the building or new construction of hospitals, industrial, and non-residential structures.

Information shall include Project names, Location, size, scope

- a. Contract value, description of the tasks, complexity, associated risks
- b. Actions taken to mitigate problems and counter contingencies

**Sub-Factor 3.** Provide copies of subcontractors' licenses and trade certifications

**Section IV. Technical Approach** – technical approach shall clearly address the means and methods for the following sub-factors. Proposal must address every aspect of each sub-factor. . Information provided in response to sub-factors one (1) thru seven (7) cannot exceed 20 pages total.

**Sub-Factor 1.** Explain the approach to management of this project with medical facility setting without impacting the normal operations

**Sub-Factor 2.** Identify the critical milestones and path for project completion and explain the steps to taken to meet these objectives

**Sub-Factor 3.** Explain the steps the vendor shall take to avert or mitigate the issuance of changes orders

**Sub-Factor 4.** Describe what measures will be taken to resolved problems and risks (i.e. scheduling, power outages)

**Sub-Factor 5.** Provide a detailed explanation as to how the project will be implemented and managed through to ensure compliance with all OSHA Construction Standards, Fire and Life Safety issues, infection control prevention and security measure. The explanation provided for each aspect of this sub-factor must correlate directly to building new non-residential structures in heavily populated area.

**Sub-Factor 6.** Provide a detailed management approach to coordinating road closures and traffic circulation plans for the delivery of equipment, materials and supplies

**Sub-Factor 7.** This sub-factor is applicable to SDVOSB contractors residing outside the state of Florida. The project management team is required to provide daily oversight for the task completion throughout the duration of this project. The vendor selected for this award will be required to maintain a functional office within the state of Florida

- a. For SDVOSB offerors with main offices located outside the state of Florida, provide the proposed location and establishment of business operations (for this project) within the state of Florida of the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital. Explain steps to ensure management oversight Project Superintendent, Project Manager, Quality Assurance and Safety Manager is present throughout the duration of the project completion.

**Section V. Past Performance Survey** -- Offerors must submit at least one reference survey form to verify past performance work as the prime contractor. Project(s) listed on the survey shall meet the recent and relevant standards provided in Part II, the Technical Evaluation section. The cumulative value for each individually referenced project must meet the price range of \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

**Offerors must include the completed survey at attachment 2** with their technical proposal. Past performance for offerors that do not include a survey for valid projects shall be deemed “cannot be determined” or unknown. Past Performance will be rated as ***Favorable, Unfavorable or Neutral.*** **Ensure phone number and email contact information is correct for your reference.**

**Sub-Factor 1.** Furnish the following information for each contract on the Past Performance Survey included in this solicitation:

- a. Company Name/ Address/Phone Number/ Email Address/DUNS Number
- b. Project Title
- c. Contracting Office / Agency (federal, state, and local government, private)

- d. Contract Number
- e. Total Contract Amount
- f. Period of performance.
- g. Names, address, telephone and Fax number of the Contracting Officer.
- h. Contracting Officer (CO) Name, Phone Number, and Email address
- i. Contracting Officer's Representative (COTR) Name, Phone Number, and Email address
- j. Brief Description of the Project/Requirements
  - i. Overview of the project and specifications
  - ii. Include contract type and number of personnel assigned to project
  - iii. If applicable, include problems encountered and corrective actions taken

## PART IV – PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

4.1 To assure timely and equitable evaluation of proposals, offerors must follow the instructions contained herein. Offerors are required to meet all solicitation requirements, including terms and conditions, representations and certifications. Failure to meet a requirement may result in an offer being ineligible for award and being considered non-responsive.

4.2 All responses to this solicitation must include separate Price and Technical proposals to be considered responsive. It is the vendor's sole responsibility to ensure the submitted proposal has the required information, documentation, conforms to the format and required content per this solicitation for award consideration.

4.2.1 Only one award, based on availability of funds, will be made as a result of this solicitation.

4.3. Two (2) hardcopies of the proposal in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format on a CD with the original hardcopy of the bid guarantee bond shall be mailed and received by the Contracting Office **by 2:00pm EDT, June 5, 2012**, the proposal due date. **Electronic proposals are not authorized for this requirement. Submitted electronic proposals shall be not be evaluated and shall be deleted upon receipt.** Proposals may be delivered to the contracting office Monday thru Friday between the hours 08:00am EDT and 2:00pm EDT.

4.4. Proposals may be hand-carried or mailed Proposals shall be mailed or hand delivered to the Point of Contact and Contracting Office as follows:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
James A. Haley Veterans Hospital  
Network Contracting Office East -8 Mail Box #35  
Attention: Regina Height  
8875 Hidden River Parkway  
Tampa FL 33637-1035

## PART V - BASIS FOR AWARD

5.1. The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract without discussions (except clarifications as described in FAR 15.306(a)). Therefore, the offeror's proposal should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint.

5.2. Offerors are cautioned to submit sufficient information and in the format specified in the proposal format instructions. Communication conducted to resolve minor or clerical errors shall not constitute discussions. The Contracting Officer reserves the right to award a contract without the opportunity for proposals revisions.

5.2 Offerors submitting price proposals in response to this solicitation do so with the complete and full understanding that the Government reserves the right to publically announce the total contract award amount.

Submission of proposal signifies the offeror's understanding and binding acceptance of the requirements for this project. Submitted proposals shall not alter nor modify the requirements of this solicitation and project specifications

5.3. Award will be made to the responsible, lowest price, technically acceptable offeror that meets or exceeds the acceptability standards for all non-cost factors, based on availability of funds.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**EXAMPLE OF COST PROPOSAL BREAKDOWN**

<b>Project Title/Number</b>	<b><u>Quantity</u></b>	<b><u>Units</u></b>	<b><u>Material</u></b>	<b><u>Labor</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
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**General Conditions**

Shut down procedures					
Project coordination meetings					
Temporary Fencing and Barricades					
Dumpster					
Signage					
Project Closeout & Cleaning					
Structural Engineer Inspection					
Survey					
Testing					
Structural Engineer Inspection					
Builders Risk Insurance (10%)					
Building Permit (10%)					
Bond (15%)					
<b>Total by Section</b>					<b>\$0</b>
<b>A&amp;E Services</b>					
Architect					
Structural Engineer					
Electrical Engineer					
Plumbing Engineer					
Mechanical Engineer					
Drafter - Architectural					
Drafter - Engineering					
Site survey field conditions					
Submittals					
Materials (35%, 65%, 95%, 100% submissions)					
Design Contingency for changes & flexibility (10%)					
<b>Total by Section</b>					<b>\$0</b>
<b>Demolition Work</b>					
Prep Area for Police Dispatch	1				
Prep Area for Building 36 Entrance	1				
Remove Existing Fan Coil Units (Building 36)	2				
Remove Existing Condensing Units and Piping	2				
Remove existing concrete pads	2				
<b>Total by Section</b>					<b>\$0</b>
<b>Architectural Work</b>					
Concrete	1				
Masonry	1				
Roofing	1				

Thermal Protection	1				
Fire Stopping & Caulking	1				
Acoustical Ceiling 3/4" Thick	507				
VCT & Base	1				
Carpentry	1				
Interior Primer	6				
Interior Paint	6				
Exterior Primer	7				
Exterior Paint	7				
Bulletproof Glass	65				
Awning over Dispatch Window	1				
Covering over Building 36 Entrance with Drainage	1				
Fireproofing	1				
Doors and Hardware	3				
Raised Computer Flooring	400				
Exterior Stucco	256				
<b>Total by Section</b>					<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electrical Work</b>					
Electrical Sub Panel (100 Amp, 30 Circuits, 208Y/120)	1				
Disconnect Switch 100-Amp NEMA 4	1				
Disconnect Switch 60-Amp NEMA 4	1				
1/0 THHN copper feeders	1.5				
6 AWG THHN copper wire	2				
8 AWG THHN copper wire	2				
12 AWG THHN copper wire	15				
2" electrical metallic conduit	40				
2" galvanized rigid steel tubing	70				
1" electrical metallic conduit	50				
3/4" electrical metallic conduit	300				
Electrical Duplex Receptacles with covers	12				
Electrical Quad Receptacles with covers	8				
2'x4' Fluorescent Troffer Light Fixtures	9				
2'x4' Vandal Resistant MaxSecurity Fixture	1				
Exterior Wall Light Fixtures (175-Watt)	2				
Exit Sign (LED Red w/battery back up)	1				
Emergency Light w/battery backup and remote lamp	2				
Fire Alarm Devices (Smoke Detectors)	3				
Fire Alarm Devices (Audio Visual)	2				
Fire Alarm Connections	1				
4" Galvanized Rigid Steel Conduit Through Wall	4				
Cameras (3), Vandal Camera (1) & Security System	1				



Data & Communications CAT-5E	20				
Data & Voice Wall Port (4-port) with faceplate	15				
Data & Communications Connections	1				
<b>Total by Section</b>					<b>\$0</b>
<b>Plumbing Work</b>					
CPVC storm piping (above ground) 2.5"	200	LF			
Trenching for storm pipe drainage	1	LS			\$0
Trenching backfill	1	LF			\$0
<b>Total by Section</b>					<b>\$0</b>
<b>Mechanical Work</b>					
Air Handling Unit	1	EA			\$0
Isolation Valves	2	EA			\$0
Connections to 8" chilled water piping	2	EA			\$0
chilled water piping - steel sched 40	500	LF			\$0
chilled water piping insulation PVC	500	LS			\$0
Ductwork - Galvanized	300	LB			\$0
Ductwork - Insulation Fiberglass 2" thick	450	SF			\$0
VAV Boxes 500 to 1,000 CFM	3	EA			\$0
Controls, Testing, Balancing	1	LS			\$0
Heat Exchanger Steam Conversion	1	EA			\$0
Pressure Reducing Valves Steam	1	EA			\$0
Pumps for Steam Conversion to Water	3	EA			\$0
Steam Connectons	1	LS			\$0
Hot Water Piping schedule 40 Steel	500	LF			\$0
Hot Water Piping Insulation PVC	500	LS			\$0
<b>Total by Section</b>					<b>\$0</b>
<b>Commishioning Services</b>					
Commishioning Service	1	LS	NA	\$0	\$0
<b>Total by Section</b>					<b>\$0</b>
<b>Labor &amp; Material Total:</b>					<b>\$0</b>
<b>SIOH (10%):</b>					<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total:</b>					<b>\$0</b>

## ATTACHMENT 2

### PAST PERFORMANCE SURVEY



General Decision Number: FL120159 04/06/2012 FL159

Superseded General Decision Number: FL20100258

State: Florida

Construction Type: Heavy

County: Hillsborough County in Florida.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (Including Sewer and Water Lines)

Modification Number Publication Date

0	01/06/2012
1	03/09/2012
2	03/30/2012
3	04/06/2012

ELEC0915-003 12/01/2011

Rates Fringes

ELECTRICIAN..... \$ 24.64 34%+\$0.25

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\* ENGI0925-010 01/01/2012

Rates Fringes

POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:

Crawler Cranes; Truck		
Cranes; Pile Driver		
Cranes; Rough Terrain		
Cranes; and Any Crane not		
otherwise described below...	\$ 28.91	10.74
Drill.....	\$ 28.91	1074
Hydraulic Cranes Rated 100		
Tons or Above but Less		
Than 250 Tons; and Lattice		
Boom Cranes Less Than 150		
Tons if not described below.	\$ 29.91	10.74
Lattice Boom Cranes Rated		
at 150 Tons or Above;		
Friction Cranes of Any		
Size; Mobile Tower Cranes		
or Luffing Boom Cranes of		
Any Size; Electric Tower		
Cranes; Hydraulic Cranes		
Rated at 250 Tons or		
Above; and Any Crane		
Equipped with 300 Foot or		
More of Any Boom		
Combination.....	\$ 30.91	10.74
Oiler.....	\$ 22.38	10.74

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IRON0397-006 01/01/2012

**VA248-12-R-1312**

	Rates	Fringes
IRONWORKER, STRUCTURAL.....	\$ 26.67	12.06
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LABO0517-002 05/01/2008		
	Rates	Fringes
LABORER: Grade Checker.....	\$ 17.20	5.47
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PAIN0088-008 07/01/2008		
	Rates	Fringes
PAINTER: Brush, Roller and Spray.....	\$ 16.00	6.85
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SUFL2009-155 06/24/2009		
	Rates	Fringes
CARPENTER.....	\$ 14.95	2.92
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER...	\$ 14.77	3.50
LABORER: Common or General.....	\$ 10.06	0.00
LABORER: Landscape.....	\$ 7.25	0.00
LABORER: Pipelayer.....	\$ 11.33	0.00
LABORER: Power Tool Operator (Hand Held Drills/Saws, Jackhammer and Power Saws Only).....	\$ 10.63	2.20
OPERATOR: Asphalt Paver.....	\$ 11.59	0.00
OPERATOR: Backhoe Loader Combo.....	\$ 16.10	2.44
OPERATOR: Backhoe/Excavator.....	\$ 16.00	0.00
OPERATOR: Bulldozer.....	\$ 17.00	0.00
OPERATOR: Grader/Blade.....	\$ 16.00	2.84
OPERATOR: Loader.....	\$ 17.00	0.00
OPERATOR: Mechanic.....	\$ 14.32	0.00
OPERATOR: Roller.....	\$ 10.76	0.00
OPERATOR: Scraper.....	\$ 11.00	1.74

OPERATOR: Trackhoe.....	\$ 20.92	5.50
OPERATOR: Tractor.....	\$ 10.54	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER, Includes Dump Truck.....	\$ 11.00	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Lowboy Truck.....	\$ 12.73	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Off the Road Truck.....	\$ 12.21	1.97

WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses(29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

The body of each wage determination lists the classification and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of "identifiers" that indicate whether the particular rate is union or non-union.

#### Union Identifiers

An identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than "SU" denotes that the union classification and rate have found to be prevailing for that classification. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2011. The first four letters , PLUM, indicate the international union and the four-digit number, 0198, that follows indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable , i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. The date, 07/01/2011, following these characters is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate/collective bargaining agreement which would be July 1, 2011 in the above example.

Union prevailing wage rates will be updated to reflect any changes in the collective bargaining agreements governing the rate.

#### Non-Union Identifiers

Classifications listed under an "SU" identifier were derived from survey data by computing average rates and are not union rates; however, the data used in computing these rates may include both union and non-union data. Example: SULA2004-007 5/13/2010. SU indicates the rates are not union rates, LA indicates the State of Louisiana; 2004 is the year of the survey; and 007 is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. A 1993 or later date, 5/13/2010, indicates the classifications and rates under that identifier were issued as a General Wage Determination on that date.

Survey wage rates will remain in effect and will not change until a new survey is conducted.

## WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

- \* an existing published wage determination
- \* a survey underlying a wage determination
- \* a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
- \* a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour Regional Office for the area in which the survey was conducted because those Regional Offices have responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations  
Wage and Hour Division  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

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END OF GENERAL DECISION

## 4.37 LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

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Civil

Architectural

Interior Design

Structural

Mechanical

Electrical

Plumbing

Fire Protection