

Description: This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial items prepared in accordance with the format in Subpart 12.6, in conjunction with Far Part 13 as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; proposals are being requested and a written solicitation will not be issued. The commercial items procedures of FAR Part 12 will be used. **Solicitation# RFP VA256-17-R-0368.** This solicitation is issued as request for proposal (RFP).

Solicitation document and incorporated provisions and clauses are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-94 & 2005-95 (effective 01/20/17) Rev 1 (02/16/17).

This is a total set-aside for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) only.

NAICS code is 561730, size standard is \$7.5 MILLION.

Place of Performance: Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center
2002 Holcombe BLVD
Houston, TX 77030

Anticipated Performance Period: May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018 plus four 12 Month Option periods at the discretion of the government to exercise.

All questions pertaining to this solicitation shall be submitted by 9:00am CST April 13, 2017. Send all questions electronically to anthony.marion2@va.gov.

Only electronic offers will be accepted. Offers shall be submitted to Anthony.marion2@va.gov

NO LATER THAN April 18, 2017 by 2:00 PM CST.

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A.1 APPLICABLE Provisions and Clauses

The provision at 52.212-1 Introduction to Offerors – Commercial, applies to this acquisition.

The provision at 52.212-2 EVALUATION – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 1999) applies to this acquisition.

All offers shall include a completed copy of the provision at 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications –Commercial Items.

The clause at 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Items, applies to this acquisition and a statement. The addendum to FAR 52.212-4 also applies to this acquisition.

The clause at 52.212-5, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders – Commercial Items, applies to this acquisition and all additional FAR clauses cited in the clause are applicable to the acquisition.

Addendum to FAR 52.212-4 Show FAR clauses followed by VAAR clauses in numeric order.

Solicitation contains a list of all clauses incorporated by reference in numeric order under 52.252-2 (see below), starting first with FAR and followed by VAAR.

B.1 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

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

a. CONTRACTOR:

b. GOVERNMENT: Contracting Officer 36C256

Department of Veterans Affairs
NCO 16 & Division I Services Team B
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center
2002 Holcombe BLVD
Houston TX 77030 4298

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

- 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System For Award Management
- 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other Than System For Award Management, or
- 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party

3. INVOICES: Invoices shall be submitted in arrears:

- a. Quarterly
- b. Semi-Annually
- c. Other MONTHLY

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

Department of Veterans Affairs
Financial Service Center
PO Box 149971
Austin TX 78714-9971

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

| AMENDMENT NO | DATE |
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B.2 PRICE/COST SCHEDULE**ITEM INFORMATION**

| ITEM NUMBER | DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES | QUANTITY | UNIT | UNIT PRICE | AMOUNT |
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| 0001 | <p>The Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, personnel, equipment, tools, supervision, and other items and services necessary to ensure that grounds maintenance is performed at Michael E Debakey Veteran Affairs Medical Center (MEDVAMC) per the Performance Work Statement.</p> <p>MEDVAMC is located at 2002 Holcombe Boulevard. Houston, Texas, and bounded by Cambridge street, Old Spanish Trail, Almeda Road, Mixon Avenue, Ringness Avenue, and Holcombe Boulevard as described in the attached specifications and drawing.</p> <p>Contract Period: Base POP Begin: 05-01-2017 POP End: 04-01-2018</p> | 12.00 | MO | | |
| 1001 | <p>The Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, personnel, equipment, tools, supervision, and other items and services necessary to ensure that grounds maintenance is performed at Michael E Debakey Veteran Affairs Medical Center (MEDVAMC) per the Performance Work Statement.</p> <p>MEDVAMC is located at</p> | 12.00 | MO | | |

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| | <p>2002 Holcombe Boulevard. Houston, Texas, and bounded by Cambridge street, Old Spanish Trail, Alameda Road, Mixon Avenue, Ringness Avenue, and Holcombe Boulevard as described in the attached specifications and drawing. Contract Period: Option 1 POP Begin: 05-01-2018 POP End: 04-30-2019</p> | | | | |
| <p>2001</p> | <p>The Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, personnel, equipment, tools, supervision, and other items and services necessary to ensure that grounds maintenance is performed at Michael E Debakey Veteran Affairs Medical Center (MEDVAMC) per the Performance Work Statement.</p> <p>MEDVAMC is located at 2002 Holcombe Boulevard. Houston, Texas, and bounded by Cambridge street, Old Spanish Trail, Alameda Road, Mixon Avenue, Ringness Avenue, and Holcombe Boulevard as described in the attached specifications and drawing. Contract Period: Option 2 POP Begin: 05-01-2019 POP End: 04-30-2020</p> | <p>12.00</p> | <p>MO</p> | <p>_____</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>3001</p> | <p>The Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, personnel, equipment, tools, supervision, and other items and services necessary to ensure that</p> | <p>12.00</p> | <p>MO</p> | <p>_____</p> | <p>_____</p> |

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MEDVAMC is located at 2002 Holcombe Boulevard. Houston, Texas, and bounded by Cambridge street, Old Spanish Trail, Alameda Road, Mixon Avenue, Ringness Avenue, and Holcombe Boulevard as described in the attached specifications and drawing.

Contract Period: Option 3
 POP Begin: 05-01-2020
 POP End: 04-30-2021

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The Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, personnel, equipment, tools, supervision, and other items and services necessary to ensure that grounds maintenance is performed at Michael E Debakey Veteran Affairs Medical Center (MEDVAMC) per the Performance Work Statement.

12.00 MO

MEDVAMC is located at 2002 Holcombe Boulevard. Houston, Texas, and bounded by Cambridge street, Old Spanish Trail, Alameda Road, Mixon Avenue, Ringness Avenue, and Holcombe Boulevard as described in the attached specifications and drawing.

Contract Period: Option 4
 POP Begin: 05-01-2021

POP End: 04-30-2022

GRAND TOTAL _____

- i. Based on the total estimated value of the order, the government is seeking price discounts from contractors.
- ii. Prior to exercising any option shall the Contracting Officer will ensure that it is still in the governments best interest, with price and other factors considered.
- iii. Any extension, in accordance with FAR 52.217-8, shall utilize option 4 pricing.
- iv. Options: The Government will evaluate quoters for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price of the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are mathematically and materially unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s). As part of price evaluation the Government will evaluate its option to extend services (see FAR Clause 52.217-8) by adding one-half of the offeror's final option period prices to the offeror's total price. Thus, the offeror's total price for the purpose of evaluation will include the base period, 1st option, 2nd option, 3rd option, 4th option, and ½ of the 4th option. As indicated in FAR 52.217-8 the government will have the option provision to extend the performance of the contract up to an additional 6 months when the contractor is provided written notice. Thus, providing separate pricing fort the optional six-month extension period is not required.

B.3 LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING-- MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE (JUN 2011)

This solicitation includes VAAR 852.219-10, VA Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside. Accordingly, any contract resulting from this solicitation will include this clause. The contractor is advised in performing contract administration functions, the CO may use the services of a support contractor(s) retained by VA to assist in assessing the contractor's compliance with the limitations on subcontracting or percentage of work performance requirements specified in the clause. To that end, the support contractor(s) may require access to contractor's offices where the contractor's business records or other proprietary data are retained and to review such business records regarding the contractor's compliance with this requirement. All support contractors conducting this review on behalf of VA will be required to sign an "Information Protection and Non-Disclosure and Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest Agreement" to ensure the contractor's business records or other proprietary data reviewed or obtained in the course of assisting the CO in assessing the contractor for compliance are protected to ensure information or data is not improperly disclosed or other impropriety occurs. Furthermore, if VA determines any services the support contractor(s) will perform in assessing compliance are advisory and assistance services as defined in FAR 2.101, Definitions, the support contractor(s) must also enter into an agreement with the contractor to protect proprietary information as required by FAR 9.505-4, obtaining access to proprietary information, paragraph (b). The contractor is required to cooperate fully and make available any records as may be required to enable the CO to assess the contractor's compliance with the limitations on subcontracting or percentage of work performance requirement.

B.4 REGISTRATION WITH CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (CPARS)

a. As prescribed in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 42.1502 and 42.1503, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) evaluates contractor past performance on all contracts that exceed \$100,000. The FAR requires that the Contractor be provided an opportunity to comment on past performance evaluations prior to each report closing. To fulfill this requirement VA uses an online database, Contractor Performance Assessment System (CPARS), which is maintained by the Naval Sea Logistics Center in Portsmouth, Virginia. CPARS has connectivity with the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) database, which is available to all Federal agencies. PPIRS is the system used to collect and retrieve performance assessment reports used in source selection determinations and completed CPARS report cards transferred to PPIRS. CPARS also includes access to the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS). FAPIIS is a web-enabled application accessed via CPARS for contractor responsibility determination information.

b. The Contractor will have an opportunity to review their ratings/comments, under the step “Contractor Comments” in CPARS. You will be notified via email by the CPARS system to review the report and provide comments. Each contractor whose contract award is estimated to exceed \$100,000 may register with CPARS database at the following web address: www.cpars.gov in order to review the past performance evaluations. Help in registering can be obtained by contacting Customer Support Desk @ DSN: 684-1690 or COMM: 207- 438-1690. Registration should occur no later than thirty days after contract award, and must be kept current should there be any change to the Contractor's registered representative.

B.5 PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT (PWS)

PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT

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PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT (PWS) FOR GROUNDS SERVICES

1.0 Description of Services. The Contractor shall provide all labor, personnel, equipment, tools, supervision, and other items and services necessary to ensure that grounds maintenance is performed at Michael E Debakey Veteran Affairs Medical Center (MEDVAMC) property located at 2002 Holcombe Boulevard, Houston, Texas, and bounded by Cambridge street, Old Spanish Trail, Alameda Road, Mixon Avenue, Ringness Avenue, and Holcombe Boulevard as described in the attached specifications and drawing.

The grounds being defined as outside of all building exterior doors and tunnel entrances, and right-of-ways outside the fence in a manner that will maintain healthy grass, trees, shrubs, and plants and present a clean, neat, and professional appearance in accordance with this PWS. The contractor shall accomplish all grounds maintenance tasks identified in this PWS and Appendices A, and B, in order to meet the requirements and the Service Summary (SS). Property maps of areas maintained are provided in Appendix A, Area Maps and Site Plans.

Specific ground area measurements are established in Appendix B, Ground Maintenance Estimated Quantities. All work performed by the contractor shall be performed in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, standards, instructions, and commercial practices. The Government reserves the right to increase or decrease the service level at any time. Some factors that may cause service level change include drought conditions, water shortages, extra rainfall budget changes etc. This is not an all-inclusive list or intended to be. Service Levels will most likely be reduced outside of growing season or as needed in the government's best interest.

COR: The Contracting Officer's Representative assists the Contracting Officer by monitoring compliance with all contract terms and conditions. The contractor will be required to complete and return the COR Delegation of Responsibilities form to the Contracting Officer. This form clearly states the role, responsibilities, and limitation of authority imposed on the COR. Only the Contracting Officer has the authority to negotiate changes or to modify the contract. The COR is **not** authorized in any way to commit the Government.

1.1 Maintain Grounds: The contractor shall provide services identified below for all grounds identified in Appendix A.

1.1.1 Mowing of all Grass Areas (SS 1) Grass and vegetation shall be mowed between 2 to 4 inches, in all grassy areas once a week from April 1 – October 31, and every other week from November 31 – March 31 during daytime hours (including drainage ditches). Grass clippings shall be removed or mulched when visible after mowing. Contractor Shall mulch flower beds, tree beds, shrub beds, raised beds, and all other areas that are void of grass once a year during the months of December to February. All tree limbs, pine cones, litter and other debris shall be picked up and disposed of prior to each mowing. Ditches shall be free of shrubs, trees, silt and trash in order to keep water free flowing. Contractor will blow all sidewalks and streets to clear them of grass particles immediately following mowing. Contractor shall dispose of collected material in appropriate waste containers designated by the Contract Officer Representative. (COR). Any and all damage by the Contractor to government property (to include personal property of MEDVAMC patients, visitors and employees) due to performance of mowing operations shall be repaired or replaced by the Contractor at no additional cost to the government within 15 days after identification/notification.

1.1.1.1 Trim Grass/weeds in area inaccessible to mowers (SS 1) Grass, weeds and vegetation shall be trimmed, Cut grass height shall be a minimum of three and one half inches. (3 ½") around trees, shrubs, buildings, fences, poles, posts, fire hydrants, parking lot bumper blocks, boulders, and other fixed obstacles on grounds inaccessible to mowers. Trimming height shall match surrounding area grass heights. Weed Eater shall be applied to visible areas as needed. Contractor shall weed flower beds, shrub beds, raised beds, and all other areas that are void of grass as necessary such that there are no weeds. All areas shall be trimmed concurrent with mowing. Litter, trash or other debris shall be picked up and disposed of properly during trimming operations. Damage to trees, shrubs, irrigation sprinklers, vehicles, landscape light fixtures and guard sheds from trimming or mowing shall be repaired by the Contractor at no additional cost to the government. If a plant should die or become unhealthy due to damage, the Contractor will be responsible for replacing the damaged plant with a plant of same size and type. Plant replacement shall occur within 15 days after identification and/or notification. Irrigation head repair/replacement will also occur within 15 days after damage is discovered.

1.1.1.2 Edging and String Trimming (SS 1) Sidewalks, driveways, curbs, patios, pavilions and other concrete or asphalt edges shall be edged. Edge no more than ½-inch from the hard surface edge, maintaining an even contour with the edge surface, uniform in appearance and free of scalping, rutting, and uneven or rough cutting. Grass, vegetation and dirt from edging operations shall not be left on paved surfaces. All curb slabs, sidewalks, site structures, and site fixtures shall be edged or string trimmed at the same frequency as mowing. All weeds and grass inaccessible to mowers shall be string trimmed or manually removed at the same frequency as mowing. Debris from edging and trimming will be removed from pavement at time of edging and trimming.

1.1.1.3 Fertilization (SS 1) The Contractor shall have a pH adjustment and fertilizer application program for all improved turf. The type and amount of fertilizer or amendments applied should be based on the needs of the individual types (warm season grasses, cool season grass) of turf to maintain optimal root growth. Contractor will submit a fertilization plan to the COR for approval.

1.1.2 Non-Turf Areas (SS 1) Maintain grounds to present a neat and professional appearance. Maintenance activities include weeding, dead vegetation and litter removal. The contractor may use mechanical, chemical or physical methods of weed control that do not degrade the quality of the mulch surfaces. Application of herbicides shall comply with all provisions in PWS paragraph 1.2.

1.1.3 Leaf Removal (SS 1) Leaves and tree debris shall be removed from grounds including sidewalks. Sparse amounts of leaves may be mulched in place if the residual mulch does not excessively cover turf. The Contractor shall dispose of collected material in an appropriate waste container designated or identified by the COR.

1.1.4 Special Landscaped/Flower/Rock Beds (SS 1) Maintain beds located in Appendix A to present a manicured appearance. Contractor will remove "suckers" from crape myrtle trees when they get to be more than 3" in length. Beds can include shrub beds, hedge beds, flower beds, or a mixture of all types of vegetation arrangements to include individual trees and berms. Maintenance activities include pruning shrubs, hedges and trees, trimming flowers, adding soil amendment/fertilizing, watering, weed eradication, trash/debris removal, replacement of plants and or shrubs. The contractor may use mechanical, chemical or physical methods of weed

removal that do not degrade the quality of the mulched surfaces. Dyes may be used to enhance and track applications. Application of herbicides shall comply with all provisions in PWS paragraph 1.2.

1.1.5 Prune Shrubs (SS-2) Prune shrubs on grounds to maintain their natural growth characteristics, existing shape, and health of the plant to promote safety and security. Maintain the existing shape and form of the shrubs by removing new growth. Prune hedges to maintain their natural mature height. Prune shrubs to maintain a minimum of 3 inches from buildings and other obstructions. Contractor will make regular inspections so that diseased, broken, and dead branches can be removed from the shrubbery as needed.

No shrubs shall be pruned during the flowering stage or thirty days prior to the onset of normal cold winter weather conditions

1.1.5.1 Mulching (SS-3) Contractor shall inspect mulched areas and provide and apply additional mulch three times per year. Cedar mulch must be used and a sample must be submitted to COR for approval prior to application. This inspection and application will be in March, May, and July. Depth of Mulch-Shrubs, beds, and trees shall have hardwood mulch applied to attain a minimum of 5 inches in depth. Width of Mulch-Trees shall have a 4-foot diameter of mulch bed. Shrubs shall have a 3-foot diameter of mulch bed.

1.1.6. Trash Cleanup and Disposal (SS-4) The contractor is responsible for all loose exterior trash cleanup and disposal in lawn areas maintained under this contract; including cigarette butts, paper, plastic, bottles, broken glass, cans, cardboard, rags, plant material and other similar solid materials. Trash must be picked up (at the frequency shown under paragraph 1.1.1 Mowing of All Grass Areas) and properly disposed of and not relocated to a concrete area or area not included under this contract. Trash is to be emptied at all standing buildings and entrances around the hospital grounds to include the atriums, existing and remaining buildings on MEDVAMC Campus.

1.2 Herbicide and Fungicide Application Procedures. Contractor personnel handling and applying herbicides and fungicides shall possess state certification in Right-of-Way categories. Contractor personnel handling and applying herbicides and fungicides for broadleaf weed control (pest weeds) and fungus control shall possess state certification in Ornamental & Turf categories. The contractor shall perform treatment of pest weeds (broadleaf weed control) in accordance with federal and state regulations. The contractor will submit a herbicide and fungicide plan to the COR for approval. Contractor is responsible for handling and applying all chemicals in accordance with applicable regulations with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas Department of Health (TDH), Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA), Center for Disease Control (CDC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other applicable local laws. Hazardous waste shall be properly disposed and documented by the Contractor and shall be manifested under the Contractors identification number. Contractor may be required to furnish copies of manifests.

1.2.1 Chemical Weed Control, Manual Weed Removal, Pesticides Tree saucers, curbs, and pavement shall be free of weeds. Contractor shall control weeds primarily by manual or mechanical removal in conjunction with mulching and mowing of grass to promote growth of grass. All areas, except open lawn areas, shall be weeded at the same frequency as mowing. All weeds shall be removed from the work site at the time of weeding. At no time should weeds be allowed to exceed six inches. Weeds in paved areas, curbs and sidewalks may

be controlled with a chemical herbicide provided they are treated before the growth exceeds six inches in height. If this height is exceeded, weeds in paved areas must be removed by hand.

1.2.2 Ants (SS 5) Contractor will provide two full applications of fire ant treatment over all lawn areas a year. Contractor will treat individual fire ant mounds twice weekly

1.2.3 The Contractor shall submit a weed control plan to the Contracting Officer. Prior to any herbicide application being allowed. The plan must be updated before any new herbicide is used. The weed control plan shall detail:

(1) The type of herbicide(s) to be applied; with the name & EPA number & application rate (amount per acre)

(2) Timing of application(s)

(3) The type of application equipment

1.2.4 Contractor personnel handling and applying herbicides shall possess a current State of Texas certification, business license and training in the appropriate herbicide/pesticide categories. A copy of all state certifications/licenses of personnel applying pesticides herbicides shall be provided to the COR seven days prior to the application of any pesticide. No uncertified technicians will be authorized to mix or apply herbicides.

1.2.5 The Contractor shall furnish the COR with labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all herbicides to be approved by the MEDVAMC Pest Management Coordinator prior to use. Herbicides will be applied in accordance with label directions, including required personal protective equipment, application rates, and use restrictions.

1.2.6 Storage and mixing of herbicides and fungicides by the Contractor is not allowed on MEDVAMC property. Contractors must have a spill kit on each vehicle capable of containing 110% of the greatest container volume. All wastes shall be the responsibility of the Contractor and will be disposed off site in accordance with all Federal and State regulations pertaining to hazardous chemicals, wastes, and herbicides/pesticides. In no manner will the Government be responsible for off-base disposals.

1.3 Contractor-Furnished Equipment/Vehicles. The contractor shall provide and maintain all equipment and vehicles necessary to perform the requirements of this contract. The contractor may perform cleaning, minor repair and other normal maintenance requirements of equipment on site. Maintenance and repair of contractor vehicles or their privately owned vehicles shall not be accomplished on site. Contractor vehicles shall be maintained to present a neat, professional appearance.

1.3.1 All equipment used in the performance of this contract shall be in operable condition and carry a U/L (Underwriters Laboratory) listing, if applicable. Equipment found to be unsafe and unable to function as designed, shall not be used in performance of this contract. The contracting officer or designated representative may inspect the contractor's equipment and vehicles at any time and direct the removal of any unsafe or unusable equipment or vehicle from the installation.

Any replaced equipment or vehicle shall be at the contractor's expense.

1.3.2 The contractor shall coordinate availability of a sufficient quantity of equipment and vehicles to effectively fulfill the scope of this contract. Equipment failure or maintenance requirements shall not alleviate the contractor from meeting the performance standards contained in this contract.

1.4 Miscellaneous Requirements

Practice water and energy conservation

Turn off unnecessary lights

Report fire hazards, conditions, and items in need of repair to the COTR

Turn in lost and found articles to the COR

The Contractor shall notify the COR of any condition, including adverse weather or special requests from government personnel that may interrupt or delay performance under this PWS. Once the condition is resolved the Contractor shall resume interrupted work as soon as practical. When this period exceeds 24 hours the COR must approve the delay.

2. SERVICES SUMMARY

| Performance Objective | PWS Para | Performance Threshold | Remedy | Method of Assessment |
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| SS-1 Maintain Grounds a. Mowing of all Grass Area b. Trim Grass/Weed in area inaccessible to mowers c. Edging And String Trimming d. Fertilization e. Non-Turf Area f. Leaf Removal e. Special f.Landscaped/Flowers/Rock Beds. | 1.1 - 1.1.4 inclusive | No more than five valid defects per month | Re-performance within eight hours of notification | Periodic Surveillance and Customer Complaint |
| SS-2 Prune Shrubs | 1.1.5 inclusive | No more than five valid defects per month | Re-performance within eight hours of notification | Periodic Surveillance and Customer Complaint |

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| SS-3 Mulching | 1.1.5.1 and inclusive | No more than five valid defects per month | Re-performance within eight hours of notification | Periodic Surveillance and Customer Complaint |
| SS-4 Trash Cleanup and Disposal | 1.16 inclusive | No more than five valid defects per month | Re-performance within four hours of notification | Periodic Surveillance and Customer Complaint |
| SS-5 Ants | 1.2.2 | No more than three valid defects per month | Re-performance within four hours of notification | Periodic Surveillance and Customer Complaint |

2.1 Quality Control The contractor shall develop and maintain a quality control program to ensure grounds maintenance services are performed in accordance with commonly accepted commercial practices and services identified in this PWS. The contractor shall develop and implement procedures to identify, prevent, and ensure non-performance and continual repeat of defective service does not occur. A written Quality Control Plan shall be submitted with technical proposal. The plan shall specifically address the contractor's strategy to provide quality workmanship, continual process improvement and for correcting deficiencies as required.

2.2. Quality Assurance. The government shall inspect and evaluate the contractor's performance to ensure services are received in accordance with requirements set forth in this contract. The COR shall inspect by watching actual task performance, physically checking an attribute of the completed task, checking a management information report, investigating customer complaints, conferring with facility managers, or otherwise inspecting the task or its results to determine whether or not performance meets the standards contained in this PWS. The COR will use the contractor's work schedule or modified version thereof, to record surveillance. Results of the surveillance then become the official MEDVAMC's record of the Contractor's performance. When a performance threshold has not been met or contractor performance has not been accomplished, the COR will initiate and provide the Contracting Officer a Contract Discrepancy Report (CDR) for issuance to the contractor. The contractor shall respond to the CDR IAW instructions provided and return it to the Contracting Officer within 10 calendar days of receipt.

2.3 Surveillance Methods.

2.3.1 Periodic Surveillances. This method requires the COR to employ a "spot check" style of evaluation based on the contractor's schedule. Periodic surveillances will be conducted on a

scheduled basis (daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annually) and may be adjusted, based on quality trends.

- a. Any unsatisfactory inspection (defect) result will be recorded, and the Contractor shall re-perform the service after notification by the COR.
- b. Failing to meet the performance threshold as outlined in the SS for any of these performance objectives in any one month period shall result in a warning or letter of concern from the Contracting Officer.
- c. Failing to meet the performance threshold as outlined in the SS of these performance objectives in any combination for any two, or more consecutive or non-consecutive months during a contract period shall constitute an immediate Progress Meeting with the Multi-functional Team. All remedies shall be in accordance with the FAR 52.212-4 (a), Contract Terms and Conditions - Commercial Items, Inspection/Acceptance.

2.4 Periodic Progress Meetings. The Contracting Officer, Facility Director, COR, other government personnel as appropriate, and the Contractor will periodically meet to discuss the Contractor's performance. The minutes of these meetings will be reduced to writing, should the contractor not concur with the minutes, the contractor will provide written notification to the Contracting Officer identifying areas of non-concurrence for resolution.

3.0 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED PROPERTY AND SERVICES

3.1 Government Furnished Facilities. The contractor shall confine all operations (including storage of materials) on Government premises to areas authorized and approved by the COR. The Contractor shall not hold the Government, its officers and agents, liable of any theft or damage to equipment stored or used on government property. Temporary buildings, storage containers, and utilities may be brought onsite by the Contractor only with the approval of the COR and shall be built of approved materials with no expense to the Government. Temporary buildings and utilities shall remain the property of the Contractor and shall be removed and the existing grounds restored by the Contractor at its expense upon completion of the contract.

1. When materials are transported in prosecuting the work, vehicles shall not be loaded beyond the loading capacity recommended by the manufacturer of the vehicle or prescribed by any Federal, State, or local law or regulation. When it is necessary to cross curbs or sidewalks, the Contractor shall protect them from damage. The Contractor shall pay for the repair of any damaged curbs, sidewalks, or roads. At no time shall the Contractor's vehicles be parked on lawn area.
2. All flammable liquids shall be handled, stored, and used in accordance with National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) Standard No. 30-1998.
3. Maintain site to permit access of fire department vehicles at all times. All portions of building entrances and exits must always be accessible for fire department apparatus and permit emergency egress of personnel.
4. Perform services so as to interfere as little as possible with normal functioning of the VAMC as a whole, including operations of utility services, fire protection systems and any existing equipment, and with work being done by others.

3.2 Government Furnished Utilities. The Government will furnish electricity, water and sewage service as necessary for accomplishment of work in accordance with this contract.

3.3. Utility Conservation. The Contractor shall adhere to all MEDVAMC utility conservation practices or requirements. The Contractor shall be responsible for operating under conditions that prevent waste of utilities.

3.4 Telephone Service. The Government shall only provide local commercial telephone service. Long distance service, if desired, shall be at the contractor's expense.

3.5 Security, Fire and Medical Services. The Government will provide police and fire protection in the event of a medical emergency

3.6 Refuse Collection and Disposal. The Contractor shall use existing bulk containers to dispose of trash or refuse generated from accomplishment of services detailed in this PWS. The COR will identify these specific dumpsters for yard/tree waste.

4. General Information

4.1 Hours of Operation. The contractor shall perform the services required under this contract during the base hours of operation: **7:00A.M. - 5:30P.M.**, Monday through Friday. The Contractor may find it necessary to deviate from the normal MEDVAMC hours of operation ([i.e. working on Saturday or Sunday](#)) [due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances](#), to ensure timely completion of work under this PWS at no additional cost to the government. Contractor shall communicate and submit request to the Contracting Officer Representative.

1. Contractor shall furnish shirts with company logo to employees. Shirts must be a color other than green. Employees will wear shirts when on site and performing contract work.
2. The MEDVAMC will not provide lunchroom or washroom facilities.
3. Water will be available through hose connections for use by Contractor. The COR shall provide locations of those connections. Contractor is responsible for transportation of water, safe routing of hoses, and repairs to leaking hoses.
4. Contractor shall be required to work after hours and/or weekends to access areas blocked by vehicles during VA's normal business hours. Contractor is responsible for determining which areas are affected during the site visit.
5. Contractor employees shall not be considered government employees for any purpose under the contract.

4.2 Federal Holidays. The contractor is not required to perform services on Federal Holidays.

New Year's Day - 1 January

Martin Luther King Day - 3rd Monday in January

Washington's Birthday - 3rd Monday in February

Memorial Day - last Monday in May

Independence Day - 4 July

Labor Day - 1st Monday in September

Columbus Day - 2nd Monday in October

Veteran's Day - 11 November

Thanksgiving Day - 4th Thursday in November

Christmas Day - 25 December

If these holidays fall on Saturday, the preceding Friday will be observed. If these holidays fall on Sunday, the following Monday will be observed. If a holiday falls on a scheduled service day, the Contractor will be responsible for rescheduling services for the first day post the holiday observance.

4.3 MEDVAMC Closures. Work scheduled but not accomplished because of MEDVAMC closure due to natural disaster or any unforeseen circumstance will be accomplished as soon as possible after reopening the MEDVAMC.

4.4 Fuel Spill Response. The Contractor will be briefed on MEDVAMC spill response procedures at the pre-performance conference. The Contractor is responsible to report and promptly cleanup all spills in a manner consistent with current environmental regulations. In the event that it is necessary to utilize government material, equipment or personnel to clean up a Contractor caused spill, the Contractor shall be required to reimburse the government for all associated costs.

4.6 Hazardous Material/Waste Management. The Contractor will be briefed on MEDVAMC Hazardous Material/Waste Management Plan at the pre-performance conference.

4.7 Hazardous Materials. The Contractor shall not use products that are or contain Toxic 17 chemicals, Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS), Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS), and/or Persistent Bio-accumulative and Toxic (PBT) chemicals. Any hazardous materials containing one of these banned substances will not be allowed on MEDVAMC property.

4.8 Traffic Laws. The Contractor and its employees shall comply with VA Police traffic regulations.

4.9 Weapons, Firearms, and Ammunition. Contractor employees are prohibited from possessing weapons, firearms, or ammunition, on themselves or within their contractor-owned or privately owned vehicle while on MEDVAMC property.

4.10 Reporting Requirements. Contractor personnel shall report to an appropriate authority any information or circumstances of which they are aware may pose a threat to the security of MEDVAMC's patients, visitors, employed personnel, contractor personnel and resources.

4.11 Physical Security. The Contractor shall be responsible for safeguarding all government property and controlled forms provided for contractor use. At the end of each work period, all government facilities, equipment, and materials shall be secured.

4.12 Contract Manager. The Contractor shall establish and maintain an office through which the contract manager or alternate(s) can be contacted during work hours. The contract manager or alternate shall be available during normal duty hours to meet on the installation within 2 hours with the government personnel designated by the Contracting Officer to discuss problem areas.

The Contractor shall provide the CO telephone number(s) where surveillance results and complaints can be reported. The Contractor shall also provide to the Contracting Officer the names and phone/pager numbers of Contractor POCs for after business hours including nights, weekends, and holidays. This information will be kept updated by the Contractor whenever personnel changes occur. The contract manager or alternate shall have full authority to act for the Contractor on all contract matters relating to the daily operation of this contract.

4.13 Personnel. Contractor personnel shall present a neat appearance. Contractor personnel shall be easily recognizable while on the installation in conjunction with this contract. This shall be accomplished through the wear of name tag. Each employee shall have and display a Government-furnished identifying badge which shows the employee's full name and expiration date of the contract. Contractor personnel shall wear uniforms, not provided by the Government, identifying them as Contractor employees, which will be not less than a shirt and pants. The coloring or design of the item selected should be such that identifies personnel easily and quickly for reasons of safety and personal protection. Smoking will be allowed only in designated areas.

The government is authorized to restrict the employment under the contract of any contractor employee or prospective contractor employee, who is identified as a potential threat to the health, safety, security, general well-being or operational mission of MEDVAMC and its population.

4.14 Name Tag Control. The Contractor shall establish and implement methods of making sure all name tags issued to the Contractor by the government are not lost or misplaced and are not used by unauthorized persons. The Contractor shall immediately report to the COR or Contracting Officer any occurrences of lost or duplicated name tags.

4.16 Schedules. The contractor shall submit a schedule for all services described in this PWS and Appendices A and B to the Contracting Officer for approval at the pre-performance conference and at each change in the growing/non-growing season. The schedule shall identify plots, acreages, or base areas and days of the week service will occur. The contractor shall be allowed 30 calendar days to adjust work schedules based on inspections and traffic if applicable. Any modified work schedule shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer for approval within 10 calendar days after the first contract month period. The contractor shall not deviate from the approved schedule without prior approval from the Contracting Officer, or COR. Permanent changes to the schedule must be submitted 10 calendar days before implementation and receive Contracting Officer approval before the Government will allow the proposed changes. The schedule may be submitted electronically using a file format compatible with Government software programs.

4.17 DV and VIP visits. Occurrence-based (non-permanent) schedule changes due MEDVAMC director request shall be submitted to the COR and do not require Contracting Officer approval. The COR shall have the ability to adjust the contractor's grounds mowing schedule for DV and/or VIP visits to either the route or a specific area at MEDVAMC at no additional cost.

4.18 Invoicing

All invoices shall be submitted in arrears, properly prepared in accordance with FAR 52.212-4, contain sufficient details, and match with the service tickets for the work rendered.

a. Monthly Invoices

Invoices for fixed monthly fee shall be properly prepared and sent via OB10. Contractor shall register and submit invoices electronically via OB10. The website address for registering: WWW.OB10.COM .

Notes: On the right side of the screen, click on the (orange button that reads, REGISTER NOW)

THE PROMO CODE SO VENDOR DOESN'T GET CHARGED FOR INVOICES: VAPC7Y18

THE VA's BUYER ID NUMBER: AAA544240062.

Help Desk Number: 1-800-353-9791 or email: vafscshd@va.gov

More information on OB10 invoicing is located <http://www.ob10.com/us/en/veterans-affairs/>.

These invoices shall be sent in arrears at the beginning of each month following the month in which the services were rendered and billed for. At a minimum, all invoices shall include the following details:

- Description of the services rendered
- Billing period in which the services were rendered
- Correct purchase order number which shall be issued by the Contracting Officer after the contract is awarded. Invoices without correct purchase order number shall be rejected and returned to the Contractor.
- Invoice number and date

Payments shall be made in accordance with the prompt payment act out of the Government annual appropriated funds obligated in a purchase order which shall be issued after the contract is awarded

4.19 INSURANCE:

A. Worker compensation and employer's liability: - Contractors are required to comply with applicable Federal and State Worker Compensation and occupational disease statutes.

B. General Liability: - Contractors are required to have Bodily Injury Liability Insurance coverage written on the comprehensive form of policy of at least \$500,000 per occurrence.

C. Property Damage Liability: - Contractors are required to have Property Damage Liability insurance coverage of at least \$500,000.

4.20 Site Visit

A site visit is planned by the Government for prospective offerors to become familiar with the requirement. **No other Site Visit will be Offered.**

Date: 04-12-2017 at 10:00am (cst)

Location: Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical

Center BLDG 100 RM 4B-359

2002 Holcombe Blvd Houston,

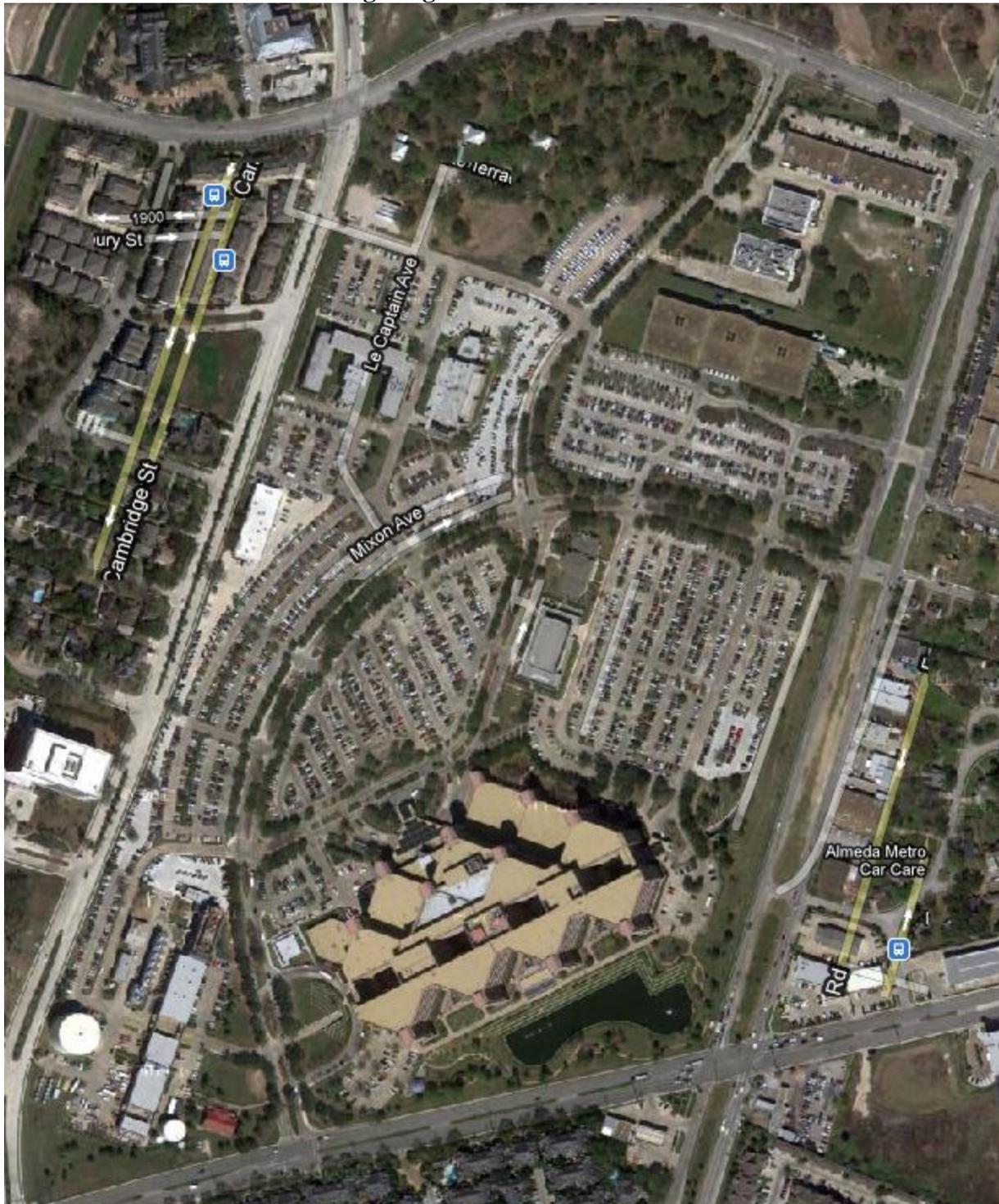
Texas 77030

4.21 Security Procedures:

1. Contractors are required to submit all personal information for a background investigation and receive a favorable adjudication, before MEDVAMC's Human Resources issues a badge. The COR will provide the awarded contractor with required forms and be point of contact for any questions.
2. Contractor's employees shall not enter the MEDVAMC/site without appropriate badge. They may also be subject to inspection of their personal effects when entering or leaving the MEDVAMC/site.
3. For working outside the "regular hours" as defined in the contract, Contractor shall give 7 days notice to the Contracting Officer so that arrangements can be provided for the employees.
4. No photography of VA premises is allowed without written permission of the Contracting Officer.
5. VA reserves the right to close down or shut down the project site and order General Contractor's employees off the premises in the event of a national emergency. The General Contractor may return to the site only with the written approval of the Contracting Officer.

APPENDIX A – AREA MAPS OR SITE PLANS

5.0 APPENDIX A: Satellite image of grounds circa 2011



APPENDIX B - GROUNDS MAINTENANCE QUANTITY ESTIMATES

| Lot | Approx. sqft |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| A | 25754 |
| BC | 24492 |
| D | 23324 |
| E | 23420 |
| FGH | 197420 |
| IJ | 240240 |
| K | 36456 |
| L | 49941 |
| M | 50550 |
| NOP | 226506 |
| Q | 19016 |
| R and R new | 75104 |
| Cambridge new (estimate) | 73223 |
| Fisher 2 & 3 | 108,108 |
| Vanpool Lot | 288,828 |
| Parking Garage | 135,327 |
| B109/ B110 new (estimate) | 73987 |

Appendix B-1: Entrance Areas

| Entrance | Approx. Sqft |
|----------|-----------------|
| SCI | 2951 |
| NH | 2962 |
| Main | 8996 |

APPENDIX C - Required Reports/Forms

| Required | Due Date |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Contractor's Quality Control Plan (QCP) | Shall be Submitted with Proposal. |
| Annual Work Schedule | Shall be Submitted with Proposal. |
| Primary/Alternate POCs | Shall be Submitted with Proposal. |
| Chemical/Hazardous Material Authorization | Shall be Submitted with Proposal. |
| Herbicide - Weed Control Plan | Shall be Submitted with Proposal. |
| Pest Management Maintenance Record | Shall be Submitted with Proposal. |

SECTION C - CONTRACT CLAUSES

C.1 52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (MAY 2015)

(a) *Inspection/Acceptance.* The Contractor shall only tender for acceptance those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to inspect or test any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The Government may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or reperformance of nonconforming services at no increase in contract price. If repair/replacement or reperformance will not correct the defects or is not possible, the Government may seek an equitable price reduction or adequate consideration for acceptance of nonconforming supplies or services. The Government must exercise its post-acceptance rights—

(1) Within a reasonable time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and

(2) Before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item.

(b) *Assignment.* The Contractor or its assignee may assign its rights to receive payment due as a result of performance of this contract to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution, including any Federal lending agency in accordance with the Assignment of Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3727). However, when a third party makes payment (e.g., use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card), the Contractor may not assign its rights to receive payment under this contract.

(c) *Changes.* Changes in the terms and conditions of this contract may be made only by written agreement of the parties.

(d) *Disputes.* This contract is subject to 41 U.S.C. chapter 71, Contract Disputes. Failure of the parties to this contract to reach agreement on any request for equitable adjustment, claim, appeal or action arising under or relating to this contract shall be a dispute to be resolved in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.233-1, Disputes, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any dispute arising under the contract.

(e) *Definitions.* The clause at FAR 52.202-1, Definitions, is incorporated herein by reference.

(f) *Excusable delays.* The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence such as, acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to the Contracting Officer of the cessation of such occurrence.

(g) *Invoice.*

(1) The Contractor shall submit an original invoice and three copies (or electronic invoice, if authorized) to the address designated in the contract to receive invoices. An invoice must include—

(i) Name and address of the Contractor;

- (ii) Invoice date and number;
- (iii) Contract number, contract line item number and, if applicable, the order number;
- (iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price and extended price of the items delivered;
- (v) Shipping number and date of shipment, including the bill of lading number and weight of shipment if shipped on Government bill of lading;
- (vi) Terms of any discount for prompt payment offered;
- (vii) Name and address of official to whom payment is to be sent;
- (viii) Name, title, and phone number of person to notify in event of defective invoice; and
- (ix) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The Contractor shall include its TIN on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.
- (x) Electronic funds transfer (EFT) banking information.

(A) The Contractor shall include EFT banking information on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(B) If EFT banking information is not required to be on the invoice, in order for the invoice to be a proper invoice, the Contractor shall have submitted correct EFT banking information in accordance with the applicable solicitation provision, contract clause (e.g., 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management, or 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other Than System for Award Management), or applicable agency procedures.

(C) EFT banking information is not required if the Government waived the requirement to pay by EFT.

(2) Invoices will be handled in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(h) *Patent indemnity.* The Contractor shall indemnify the Government and its officers, employees and agents against liability, including costs, for actual or alleged direct or contributory infringement of, or inducement to infringe, any United States or foreign patent, trademark or copyright, arising out of the performance of this contract, provided the Contractor is reasonably notified of such claims and proceedings.

(i) Payment.—

(1) *Items accepted.* Payment shall be made for items accepted by the Government that have been delivered to the delivery destinations set forth in this contract.

(2) *Prompt payment.* The Government will make payment in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(3) *Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).* If the Government makes payment by EFT, see 52.212-5(b) for the appropriate EFT clause.

(4) *Discount.* In connection with any discount offered for early payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date which appears on the payment check or the specified payment date if an electronic funds transfer payment is made.

(5) *Overpayments.* If the Contractor becomes aware of a duplicate contract financing or invoice payment or that the Government has otherwise overpaid on a contract financing or invoice payment, the Contractor shall—

(i) Remit the overpayment amount to the payment office cited in the contract along with a description of the overpayment including the—

(A) Circumstances of the overpayment (e.g., duplicate payment, erroneous payment, liquidation errors, date(s) of overpayment);

(B) Affected contract number and delivery order number, if applicable;

(C) Affected contract line item or subline item, if applicable; and

(D) Contractor point of contact.

(ii) Provide a copy of the remittance and supporting documentation to the Contracting Officer.

(6) *Interest.*

(i) All amounts that become payable by the Contractor to the Government under this contract shall bear simple interest from the date due until paid unless paid within 30 days of becoming due. The interest rate shall be the interest rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in 41 U.S.C. 7109, which is applicable to the period in which the amount becomes due, as provided in (i)(6)(v) of this clause, and then at the rate applicable for each six-month period as fixed by the Secretary until the amount is paid.

(ii) The Government may issue a demand for payment to the Contractor upon finding a debt is due under the contract.

(iii) *Final decisions.* The Contracting Officer will issue a final decision as required by 33.211 if—

(A) The Contracting Officer and the Contractor are unable to reach agreement on the existence or amount of a debt within 30 days;

(B) The Contractor fails to liquidate a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer within the timeline specified in the demand for payment unless the amounts were not repaid because the Contractor has requested an installment payment agreement; or

(C) The Contractor requests a deferment of collection on a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer (see 32.607-2).

(iv) If a demand for payment was previously issued for the debt, the demand for payment included in the final decision shall identify the same due date as the original demand for payment.

(v) Amounts shall be due at the earliest of the following dates:

(A) The date fixed under this contract.

(B) The date of the first written demand for payment, including any demand for payment resulting from a default termination.

(vi) The interest charge shall be computed for the actual number of calendar days involved beginning on the due date and ending on—

(A) The date on which the designated office receives payment from the Contractor;

(B) The date of issuance of a Government check to the Contractor from which an amount otherwise payable has been withheld as a credit against the contract debt; or

(C) The date on which an amount withheld and applied to the contract debt would otherwise have become payable to the Contractor.

(vii) The interest charge made under this clause may be reduced under the procedures prescribed in 32.608-2 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation in effect on the date of this contract.

(j) *Risk of loss.* Unless the contract specifically provides otherwise, risk of loss or damage to the supplies provided under this contract shall remain with the Contractor until, and shall pass to the Government upon:

(1) Delivery of the supplies to a carrier, if transportation is f.o.b. origin; or

(2) Delivery of the supplies to the Government at the destination specified in the contract, if transportation is f.o.b. destination.

(k) *Taxes.* The contract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes and duties.

(l) *Termination for the Government's convenience.* The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.

(m) *Termination for cause.* The Government may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the Government, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the Government shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the Government improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

(n) *Title.* Unless specified elsewhere in this contract, title to items furnished under this contract shall pass to the Government upon acceptance, regardless of when or where the Government takes physical possession.

(o) *Warranty.* The Contractor warrants and implies that the items delivered hereunder are merchantable and fit for use for the particular purpose described in this contract.

(p) *Limitation of liability.* Except as otherwise provided by an express warranty, the Contractor will not be liable to the Government for consequential damages resulting from any defect or deficiencies in accepted items.

(q) *Other compliances.* The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, executive orders, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this contract.

(r) *Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts.* The Contractor agrees to comply with 31 U.S.C. 1352 relating to limitations on the use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracts; 18 U.S.C. 431 relating to officials not to benefit; 40 U.S.C. chapter 37, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards; 41 U.S.C. chapter 87, Kickbacks; 41 U.S.C. 4712 and 10 U.S.C. 2409 relating to whistleblower protections; 49 U.S.C. 40118, Fly American; and 41 U.S.C. chapter 21 relating to procurement integrity.

(s) *Order of precedence.* Any inconsistencies in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

(1) The schedule of supplies/services.

(2) The Assignments, Disputes, Payments, Invoice, Other Compliances, Compliance with Laws Unique to Government Contracts, and Unauthorized Obligations paragraphs of this clause;

(3) The clause at 52.212-5.

(4) Addenda to this solicitation or contract, including any license agreements for computer software.

(5) Solicitation provisions if this is a solicitation.

(6) Other paragraphs of this clause.

(7) The Standard Form 1449.

(8) Other documents, exhibits, and attachments

(9) The specification.

(t) *System for Award Management (SAM).*

(1) Unless exempted by an addendum to this contract, the Contractor is responsible during performance and through final payment of any contract for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the SAM database, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in the SAM database after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to review and update on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates its information in the SAM database to ensure it is current, accurate and complete. Updating information in

the SAM does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document.

(2)(i) If a Contractor has legally changed its business name, "doing business as" name, or division name (whichever is shown on the contract), or has transferred the assets used in performing the contract, but has not completed the necessary requirements regarding novation and change-of-name agreements in FAR subpart 42.12, the Contractor shall provide the responsible Contracting Officer a minimum of one business day's written notification of its intention to (A) change the name in the SAM database; (B) comply with the requirements of subpart 42.12; and (C) agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer. The Contractor must provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.

(ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (t)(2)(i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (t)(2)(i)(C) of this clause, and, in the absence of a properly executed novation or change-of-name agreement, the SAM information that shows the Contractor to be other than the Contractor indicated in the contract will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of Payment" paragraph of the electronic funds transfer (EFT) clause of this contract.

(3) The Contractor shall not change the name or address for EFT payments or manual payments, as appropriate, in the SAM record to reflect an assignee for the purpose of assignment of claims (see Subpart 32.8, Assignment of Claims). Assignees shall be separately registered in the SAM database. Information provided to the Contractor's SAM record that indicates payments, including those made by EFT, to an ultimate recipient other than that Contractor will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of payment" paragraph of the EFT clause of this contract.

(4) Offerors and Contractors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via SAM accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>.

(u) *Unauthorized Obligations.*

(1) Except as stated in paragraph (u)(2) of this clause, when any supply or service acquired under this contract is subject to any End User License Agreement (EULA), Terms of Service (TOS), or similar legal instrument or agreement, that includes any clause requiring the Government to indemnify the Contractor or any person or entity for damages, costs, fees, or any other loss or liability that would create an Anti-Deficiency Act violation (31 U.S.C. 1341), the following shall govern:

(i) Any such clause is unenforceable against the Government.

(ii) Neither the Government nor any Government authorized end user shall be deemed to have agreed to such clause by virtue of it appearing in the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement. If the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement is invoked through an "I agree" click box or other comparable mechanism (e.g., "click-wrap" or "browse-wrap" agreements), execution does not bind the Government or any Government authorized end user to such clause.

(iii) Any such clause is deemed to be stricken from the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement.

(2) Paragraph (u)(1) of this clause does not apply to indemnification by the Government that is expressly authorized by statute and specifically authorized under applicable agency regulations and procedures.

(v) *Incorporation by reference.* The Contractor’s representations and certifications, including those completed electronically via the System for Award Management (SAM), are incorporated by reference into the contract.

(End of Clause)

C.2 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/oal/library/vaar/>

(End of Clause)

| <u>FAR Number</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 52.203-16 | PREVENTING PERSONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST | DEC 2011 |
| 52.203-17 | CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS | APR 2014 |
| 52.204-4 | PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON RECYCLED PAPER | MAY 2011 |
| 52.204-9 | PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL | JAN 2011 |
| 52.228-5 | INSURANCE—WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION | JAN 1997 |
| 52.232-18 | AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS | APR 1984 |
| 52.232-40 | PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENTS TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS | DEC 2013 |
| 52.237-2 | PROTECTION OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND VEGETATION | APR 1984 |
| 52.237-3 | CONTINUITY OF SERVICES | JAN 1991 |

C.3 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)

C.4 52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. These rates may be adjusted only as a result of revisions to prevailing labor rates provided by the Secretary of Labor. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within 30 days of contract expiration.

(End of Clause)

C.5 52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 2000)

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within 30 days of contract expiration; provided that the Government gives the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least 30 days of contract expiration days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the Government to an extension.

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

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed 60 Months.

(End of Clause)

C.6 52.232-19 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (APR 1984)

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond 04-30-2018. The Government's obligation for performance of this contract beyond that date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond 04-30-2018, until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for performance and until the Contractor receives notice of availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(End of Clause)

C.7 VAAR 852.203-70 COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING (JAN 2008)

The bidder or offeror agrees that if a contract is awarded to him/her, as a result of this solicitation, he/she will not advertise the award of the contract in his/her commercial advertising in such a manner as to state

or imply that the Department of Veterans Affairs endorses a product, project or commercial line of endeavor.

(End of Clause)

C.8 VAAR 852.203-71 DISPLAY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS HOTLINE POSTER (DEC 1992)

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

C.9 VAAR 852.219-10 VA NOTICE OF TOTAL SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE (JUL 2016)(DEVIATION)

(a) *Definition.* For the Department of Veterans Affairs, “Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern or SDVSOB”:

(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 (see VAAR 802.201 Surviving Spouse definition);

(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;

(iv) The business has been verified for ownership and control pursuant to 38 CFR 74 and is so listed in the Vendor Information Pages database, (<https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov>); and

(v) The business will comply with subcontracting limitations in 13 CFR 125.6, as applicable

(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 verified service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns. Offers received from concerns that are not verified service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns shall not be considered.

(2) Any award resulting from this solicitation shall be made to a verified 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, the concern will comply with the limitation on subcontracting requirements in 13 CFR §125.6.

(d) A joint venture may be considered a service-disabled veteran owned small business concern if the joint venture complies with the requirements in 13 CFR 125.15, provided that any reference therein to SDVO SBC is to be construed to apply to a VA verified SDVOSB as appropriate.

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

(End of Clause)

C.10 VAAR 852.232-72 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PAYMENT REQUESTS (NOV 2012)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

C.11 VAAR 852.237-70 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES (APR 1984)

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

(End of Clause)

C.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)

C.13 52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 2017)

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

(1) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (NOV 2015).

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

(3) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Oct 2004) (Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 (19 U.S.C. 3805 note)).

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

(1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Sept 2006), with Alternate I (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4704 and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

(2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (OCT 2015) (41 U.S.C. 3509).

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

(4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

(5) [Reserved]

(6) 52.204-14, Service Contract Reporting Requirements (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

(7) 52.204-15, Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

(8) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (OCT 2015) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

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

(10) [Reserved]

(11)(i) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

(ii) Alternate I (NOV 2011) of 52.219-3.

(12)(i) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (OCT 2014) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

(ii) Alternate I (JAN 2011) of 52.219-4.

(13) [Reserved]

(14)(i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644).

(ii) Alternate I (NOV 2011).

(iii) Alternate II (NOV 2011).

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

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

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

(16) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (NOV 2016) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).

(17)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (JAN 2017) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).

(ii) Alternate I (NOV 2016) of 52.219-9.

(iii) Alternate II (NOV 2016) of 52.219-9.

(iv) Alternate III (NOV 2016) of 52.219-9.

(v) Alternate IV (NOV 2016) of 52.219-9.

(18) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)).

(19) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).

(20) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (Jan 1999) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).

(21) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657f).

(22) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).

(23) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business Concerns (DEC 2015) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

(24) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Women-Owned Small Business Concerns Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (DEC 2015) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

(25) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (June 2003) (E.O. 11755).

(26) 52.222–19, Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (OCT 2016) (E.O. 13126).

[X] (27) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

[X] (28) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O. 11246).

[X] (29) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (OCT 2015) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

[X] (30) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUL 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).

[X] (31) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (FEB 2016) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

[X] (32) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496).

[X] (33)(i) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (MAR 2015) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

[] (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

[X] (34) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015). (E. O. 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.)

[X] (35) 52.222-59, Compliance with Labor Laws (Executive Order 13673) (OCT 2016). (Applies at \$50 million for solicitations and resultant contracts issued from October 25, 2016 through April 24, 2017; applies at \$500,000 for solicitations and resultant contracts issued after April 24, 2017).

Note to paragraph (b)(35): By a court order issued on October 24, 2016, 52.222-59 is enjoined indefinitely as of the date of the order. The enjoined paragraph will become effective immediately if the court terminates the injunction. At that time, DoD, GSA, and NASA will publish a document in the **Federal Register** advising the public of the termination of the injunction.

[X] (36) 52.222-60, Paycheck Transparency (Executive Order 13673) (OCT 2016).

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

[] (38) 52.223-11, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

[] (39) 52.223-12, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

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

[] (40)(i) 52.223-13, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

[] (ii) Alternate I (OCT 2015) of 52.223-13.

(41)(i) 52.223-14, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Televisions (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

(ii) Alternate I (JUN 2014) of 52.223-14.

(42) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (DEC 2007)(42 U.S.C. 8259b).

(43)(i) 52.223-16, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (OCT 2015) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

(ii) Alternate I (JUN 2014) of 52.223-16.

(44) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (AUG 2011)

(45) 52.223-20, Aerosols (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

(46) 52.223-21, Foams (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

(47) (i) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

(ii) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of 52.224-3.

(48) 52.225-1, Buy American—Supplies (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83).

(49)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).

(ii) Alternate I (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3.

(iii) Alternate II (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3.

(iv) Alternate III (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3.

(50) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (OCT 2016) (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).

(51) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (JUN 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

(52) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (OCT 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

(53) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

(54) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

(55) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

(56) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

(57) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

(58) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

(59) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (MAY 2014) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

(60) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

(61) 52.242-5, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (JAN 2017)(15 U.S.C. 637(d)(12)).

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

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

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

(1) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (MAY 2014) (E.O. 13495).

(2) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(3) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(4) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards—Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(5) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards—Price Adjustment (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(6) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment—Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(7) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services—Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(8) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (DEC 2015).

(9) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2017) (E.O. 13706).

(10) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (MAY 2014) (42 U.S.C. 1792).

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (OCT 2015) (41 U.S.C. 3509).

(ii) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (NOV 2016) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities.

(iii) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (MAY 2014) (E.O. 13495). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (1) of FAR clause 52.222-17.

(iv) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

(v) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O. 11246).

(vi) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (OCT 2015) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

(vii) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUL 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).

(viii) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (FEB 2016) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

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

(x) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(xi)(A) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (MAR 2015) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

(B) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

(xii) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment—Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(xiii) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services—Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(xiv) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015) (E. O. 12989).

(xv) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (DEC 2015).

(xvi) 52.222-59, Compliance with Labor Laws (Executive Order 13673) (OCT 2016) (Applies at \$50 million for solicitations and resultant contracts issued from October 25, 2016 through April 24, 2017; applies at \$500,000 for solicitations and resultant contracts issued after April 24, 2017).

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(xvii) 52.222-60, Paycheck Transparency (Executive Order 13673) (OCT 2016)).

(xviii) 52.222-62 Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2017) (E.O. 13706).

(xix)(A) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

(B) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of 52.224-3.

(xx) 52.225–26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (OCT 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

(xxi) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (MAY 2014) (42 U.S.C. 1792). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.

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

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

(End of Clause)

SECTION D - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, OR ATTACHMENTS

D.1 List of Attachments

See attached document: S02 Past Performance Questionnaire Ground Service Attachment 1.

See attached document: S02 Corporate Experience Form Ground Service Contract Attachment 2.

See attached document: S02 Wage Determination Attachment 3.

SECTION E - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

ADDENDUM to FAR 52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS--COMMERCIAL ITEMS

Provisions that are incorporated by reference (by Citation Number, Title, and Date), have 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 following provisions are incorporated into 52.212-1 as an addendum to this solicitation.

(a) General Instructions:

1. The Government plans to make an award without discussions. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. The Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if it is determined to be necessary.
2. Price proposal and technical proposals of each offeror will be evaluated independently. Offerors shall separately bind each. All copies shall therefore be labeled with the offerors name, business address, and VA Solicitation Number.
3. The response shall consist of two (2) separate parts; Part I - Price Proposal, Part II – Technical Proposal.

(b) Specific Instructions:

1. PART I - Price Proposal – Submit one (01) original
 - a. Completed and signed by the signatory any Amendments.
 - b. Government is seeking **DISCOUNTS**. Contractor shall communicate in price proposal discounts being offered to the government.
 - c. Contractor shall complete and submit Section B.2 Price Schedule.
2. PART II - Technical Proposal - Submit one (01) original.
 - a. The Offeror, shall submit one (01) original detailed technical proposal in a format that clearly addresses the technical evaluation factors below.
 - b. Each response shall address each factor in the sequence listed and clearly identify which factor is being addressed.
 - c. There shall be no mention of costs in the Technical Proposal.
3. Proposal shall be submitted via email to anthony.marion2@va.gov on or before the set forth due date:
4. This Solicitation is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside.

NO FAXED COPIES SHALL BE ACCEPTED. Proposals shall be submitted via email to anthony.marion2@va.gov.

4. Offer's business size certification and status will be verified in the System Award Management (SAM), Small Business Administration (SBA), and Vendor Information Page (VetBiz) portal with Data Universal Number (DUN). Offer shall ensure the company data is able to be viewed publically in all systems. Quotes shall be considered non responsive if Contracting Officer is not able to verify data in SAM's, SBA, and VetBiz.

5. EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

a) The Government will award a contract on the basis of the lowest priced technically acceptable Proposal meeting or exceeding the acceptable standards for non-cost factors.

The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

Factor 1 Technical

Factor 2 Past Performance

Factor 3 Price

Evaluation Rating

Go: Offeror submitted a detailed technical and management plan describing their proposed capability, personnel and methods to manage the performance of all work and requirements in Performance Work Statement. Offeror has identified and submitted documents to illustrate quality control, proposed management policies, Chemical and Hazardous Material Authorizations, Annual Work Schedule, Herbicide Weed Control Plan, Primary/Alternate Points of contacts, Pest Management Maintenance Records and organization charts. Resources necessary that together demonstrate an adequate technical approach that will satisfy the requirements.

There are no significant weaknesses.

No-Go: Offeror failed to submit a detailed technical and management plan describing their proposed capability, personnel and methods to manage the performance of all work and requirements in Performance Work Statement. Offeror failed to identify and submitted documents to illustrate quality control, proposed management policies, Chemical and Hazardous Material Authorizations, Annual Work Schedule, Herbicide Weed Control Plan, Primary/Alternate Points of contacts, Pest Management Maintenance Records and organization charts. Offer failed to submit resources necessary that together demonstrate an adequate technical approach that will satisfy the requirements.

There are no strengths and many weaknesses, or some significant weaknesses.

E.1 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/oal/library/vaar/>

(End of Provision)

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| 52.204-16 | COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE REPORTING | JUL 2016 |
| 52.204-17 | OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF OFFEROR | JUL 2016 |
| 52.212-1 | INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS | OCT 2016 |
| 52.225-25 | PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES ENGAGING IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OR TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO IRAN—REPRESENTATION AND CERTIFICATIONS | OCT 2015 |
| 52.237-1 | SITE VISIT | APR 1984 |

E.2 52.203-98 PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES THAT REQUIRE CERTAIN INTERNAL CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS—REPRESENTATION (DEVIATION) (FEB 2015)

(a) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Resolution Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235), Government agencies are not permitted to use funds appropriated (or otherwise made available) under that or any other Act for contracts with an entity that requires employees or subcontractors of such entity seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or contractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(b) The prohibition in paragraph (a) of this provision does not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312, Form 4414, or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(c) *Representation.* By submission of its offer, the Offeror represents that it does not require employees or subcontractors of such entity seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(End of Provision)

E.3 52.204-22 ALTERNATIVE LINE ITEM PROPOSAL (JAN 2017)

(a) The Government recognizes that the line items established in this solicitation may not conform to the Offeror's practices. Failure to correct these issues can result in difficulties in acceptance of deliverables and processing payments. Therefore, the Offeror is invited to propose alternative line items for which bids, proposals, or quotes are requested in this solicitation to ensure that the resulting contract is economically and administratively advantageous to the Government and the Offeror.

(b) The Offeror may submit one or more additional proposals with alternative line items, provided that alternative line items are consistent with subpart 4.10 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. However, acceptance of an alternative proposal is a unilateral decision made solely at the discretion of the Government. Offers that do not comply with the line items specified in this solicitation may be determined to be nonresponsive or unacceptable.

(End of Provision)

E.4 52.209-5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (OCT 2015)

(a)(1) The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that—

(i) The Offeror and/or any of its Principals—

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

(B) Have [] have not [], within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property (if offeror checks "have," the offeror shall also see 52.209-7, if included in this solicitation);

(C) Are [] are not [] presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subdivision (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision; and

(D) Have [], have not [], within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,500 for which the liability remains unsatisfied.

(1) Federal taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:

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

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

(2) *Examples.*

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

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

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

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

(ii) The Offeror has [] has not [], within a 3-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.

(2) Principal, for the purposes of this certification, 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).

THIS CERTIFICATION CONCERNS A MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE MAKING OF A FALSE, FICTITIOUS, OR FRAUDULENT CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER THE MAKER SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 1001, TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.

(b) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(c) A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

(End of Provision)

E.5 52.209-7 INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (JUL 2013)

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

"Administrative proceeding" means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (e.g., Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative Proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals Proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals Proceedings). This includes administrative proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in

connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include agency actions such as contract audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

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

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

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

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

(c) If the offeror checked "has" in paragraph (b) of this provision, the offeror represents, by submission of this offer, that the information it has entered in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) 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 FAPIIS as required through maintaining an active registration in the System for Award Management database via <https://www.acquisition.gov> (see 52.204-7).

(End of Provision)

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

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

(End of Provision)

E.7 52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (SEP 2006)

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

Anthony Marion
Contract Specialist
Hand-Carried Address:
Department of Veterans Affairs

Purchasing & Contracting
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center
2002 Holcombe BLVD
Houston TX 77030 4298
Mailing Address:

Department of Veterans Affairs

Purchasing & Contracting
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center
2002 Holcombe BLVD
Houston TX 77030 4298

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

(End of Provision)

E.8 VAAR 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 of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas Department of Health(TDH), Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA), Center for Disease Control (CDC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other applicable local laws. 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)

E.9 VAAR 852.233-70 PROTEST CONTENT/ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (JAN 2008)

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

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

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

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

(End of Provision)

E.10 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)

E.11 52.212-2 EVALUATION—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2014)

(a) The Government will award a contract on the basis of the lowest priced technically acceptable Proposal meeting or exceeding the acceptable standards for non-cost factors.

The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

TECHNICAL
PAST PERFORMANCE
PRICE

FACTOR 1: TECHNICAL

SUB FACTOR 1 - CORPORATE EXPERIENCE

(A) Contractor shall utilize the attached Corporate Experience Form. Contractor shall have at least 5 (five) years of Corporate Experience. Failure to provide evidence of experience in the proposal submission shall result in a rejection of the proposal.

(B) Company shall have provided these types of services to either a Government or Commercial entity for the minimum 5 (five) years. At a minimum, your narrative shall include the following:

(i) Organizations number of years of corporate experience in providing the services at similar sized and complexity as the Michael E. DeBaakey VA Medical Center or commercial entity.

(ii) Organizations size, experience in the field, and resources available to enable the Contractor to fulfill requirements of the size anticipated under any resultant contract;

(iii) Brief history of the organizations activities contributing to the development of expertise and capabilities related to this requirement.

(iv) Information that demonstrates the contractor organizational and accounting controls and manpower presently in-house or the ability to acquire the type and kinds of personnel proposed to become in-house staff.

No substitution for Corporate Experience will be considered.

SUB FACTOR -2. Technical/Management Approach - The Contractor shall demonstrate the following, relevant to the subject procurement.

(A) Contractor shall submit with proposal a detailed technical and management plan describing their proposed capability and methods to manage the performance of all work and requirements in Performance Work Statement. The plan shall be organized, specific and complete in detail, realistic, and provide a straightforward delineation of the proposed management system. The plan shall contain all proposed management policies, Chemical/Hazardous Material Authorizations, Annual Work Schedule, Herbicide - Weed Control Plan, Primary/Alternate Points of contacts, Pest Management Maintenance Record and organization charts proposed to implement the plan.

(B) Contractor shall submit with proposal names and resumes of employees and prospective employees who are known to the Contractor that are anticipated to fulfill the services of this Performance Work Statement should be submitted as part of the vendor's technical proposal. Where employees' names are not known, the use of position titles and job description will be acceptable. Prospective employees may provide letter of commitments in writing and copies of any licenses or certifications are a plus.

(C) Contractor shall submit with proposal detail prior experience in providing services similar to those required by this solicitation. Emphasis shall be placed upon prior contractual experience that is the same as or equivalent to that required by this solicitation. The offerors description of prior contractual experience shall include a description of the type of work performed. Offerors may provide copies of the contract technical requirements to illustrate the type of work.

(D) Contractor shall submit a copy of his or her quality control plan concurrently with the proposal in adherence with Performance Work Statement requirements. Offeror shall provide a synopsis of offeror's

overall approach to quality control/quality improvement and provide information on proposed quality improvement plan.

Quality control measures shall include, but not be limited to:

- Performing all required services, inspections, and maintenance per Performance Work Statement
- Listing all subcontractors and services they shall perform under the contract
- Compliance with applicable Federal, state and local codes and regulations.

SUB FACTOR -3. Personnel

(A) Contractor shall identify the personnel for the required contract. A complete resume shall be submitted for each personnel proposed for the contract. Contractor shall include with personnel resume any professional qualifications, specialized experience in this type of work, and the technical competence of the staff on similar projects. Contractors shall provide details concerning any previous experience the proposed team may have worked together on similar sized and complexity contracts.

(B) The contractor shall submit a resume of qualifications and training certificates with proposal for personnel and employees proposed for this service contract. The contractor shall identify, by name, the key management and technical personnel who shall work under this contract.

FACTOR 2: PAST PERFORMANCE

(A). In this factor, the Government Past Performance will be evaluated for responsibility purpose only. Contractor's demonstrating past performance of work of a similar nature and relevance to this procurement within the past three years. Contractor shall utilize the attached Past Performance Questionnaire. Contact persons provided for project submitted under Factor #1 Corporate Experience above may be contacted by the Evaluation Panel. The Contractor's past performance on similar contracts.

(B). Past Performance: The Contractor shall send out the attached past performance questionnaire to each of their references listed under Factor #1 -Corporate Experience above. The Government will evaluate the quality and extent of Contractor's performance deemed relevant to the requirements of this solicitation. The references shall return the past performance questionnaire directly to the Government Contract Specialist listed on the past performance questionnaire via email. The government will use information submitted by the Contractor's and other sources such as other Federal government offices and commercial sources to assess performance.

(C). Contractor's should follow-up and encourage references to return the questionnaires to the Contracting Officer in a timely manner.

The government will review available past performance data in PPIRS. However, the government reserves the right to obtain past performance information from any available sources and may contact customer other than those identified by the offer when evaluating past performance.

Note: Contractor's with no relevant past performance history will not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance.

FACTOR 3: PRICE

(A). In this factor, price will be evaluated for reasonableness and fairness by comparing contractors price submitted and the government independent government cost estimate.

(B) Options. The Government will average all submitted prices from each performance period and add that to the overall submitted price for total evaluation purposes. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

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

DELIVERABLES:

1. Technical Proposal
2. Past Performance
3. Corporate Experience Form

(End of Provision)

E.12 52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS— COMMERCIAL ITEMS (DEC 2016)

The Offeror shall complete only paragraph (b) of this provision if the Offeror has completed the annual representations and certification electronically via the System for Award Management (SAM) Web site located at <https://www.sam.gov/portal>. If the Offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically, the Offeror shall complete only paragraphs (c) through (t) of this provision.

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

Administrative merits determination means certain notices or findings of labor law violations issued by an enforcement agency following an investigation. An administrative merits determination may be final or be subject to appeal or further review. To determine whether a particular notice or finding is covered by this definition, it is necessary to consult section II.B. in the DOL Guidance.

Arbitral award or decision means an arbitrator or arbitral panel determination that a labor law violation occurred, or that enjoined or restrained a violation of labor law. It includes an award or decision that is not final or is subject to being confirmed, modified, or vacated by a court, and includes an award or decision resulting from private or confidential proceedings. To determine whether a particular award or decision is covered by this definition, it is necessary to consult section II.B. in the DOL Guidance.

Civil judgment means—

(1) In paragraph (h) of this provision: A judgment or finding of a civil offense by any court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) In paragraph (s) of this provision: Any judgment or order entered by any Federal or State court in which the court determined that a labor law violation occurred, or enjoined or restrained a violation of labor law. It includes a judgment or order that is not final or is subject to appeal. To determine whether a particular judgment or order is covered by this definition, it is necessary to consult section II.B. in the DOL Guidance.

DOL Guidance means the Department of Labor (DOL) Guidance entitled: “Guidance for Executive Order 13673, ‘Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces’ “. The DOL Guidance, dated August 25, 2016, can be obtained from www.dol.gov/fairpayandsafeworkplaces.

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

Enforcement agency means any agency granted authority to enforce the Federal labor laws. It includes the enforcement components of DOL (Wage and Hour Division, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration), the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and the National Labor Relations Board. It also means a State agency designated to administer an OSHA-approved State Plan, but only to the extent that the State agency is acting in its capacity as administrator of such plan. It does not include other Federal agencies which, in their capacity as contracting agencies, conduct investigations of potential labor law violations. The enforcement agencies associated with each labor law under E.O. 13673 are—

(1) Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division (WHD) for—

- (i) The Fair Labor Standards Act;
- (ii) The Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act;
- (iii) 40 U.S.C. chapter 31, subchapter IV, formerly known as the Davis-Bacon Act;
- (iv) 41 U.S.C. chapter 67, formerly known as the Service Contract Act;
- (v) The Family and Medical Leave Act; and
- (vi) E.O. 13658 of February 12, 2014 (Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors);

(2) Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for—

- (i) The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; and
- (ii) OSHA-approved State Plans;

(3) Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) for—

- (i) Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- (ii) The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1972 and the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; and

- (iii) E.O. 11246 of September 24, 1965 (Equal Employment Opportunity);
- (4) National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) for the National Labor Relations Act; and
- (5) Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) for—
 - (i) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
 - (ii) The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
 - (iii) The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967; and
 - (iv) Section 6(d) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (Equal Pay Act).

Forced or indentured child labor means all work or service—

- (1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or
- (2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.

Highest-level owner means the entity that owns or controls an immediate owner of the offeror, or that owns or controls one or more entities that control an immediate owner of the offeror. No entity owns or exercises control of the highest level owner.

Immediate owner means an entity, other than the offeror, that has direct control of the offeror. Indicators of control include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: Ownership or interlocking management, identity of interests among family members, shared facilities and equipment, and the common use of employees.

Inverted domestic corporation means a foreign incorporated entity that meets the definition of an inverted domestic corporation under 6 U.S.C. 395(b), applied in accordance with the rules and definitions of 6 U.S.C. 395(c).

Labor compliance agreement means an agreement entered into between a contractor or subcontractor and an enforcement agency to address appropriate remedial measures, compliance assistance, steps to resolve issues to increase compliance with the labor laws, or other related matters.

Labor laws means the following labor laws and E.O.s:

- (1) The Fair Labor Standards Act.
- (2) The Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970.
- (3) The Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act.
- (4) The National Labor Relations Act.
- (5) 40 U.S.C. chapter 31, subchapter IV, formerly known as the Davis-Bacon Act.
- (6) 41 U.S.C. chapter 67, formerly known as the Service Contract Act.

(7) E.O. 11246 of September 24, 1965 (Equal Employment Opportunity).

(8) Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

(9) The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1972 and the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974.

(10) The Family and Medical Leave Act.

(11) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(12) The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

(13) The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967.

(14) E.O. 13658 of February 12, 2014 (Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors).

(15) Equivalent State laws as defined in the DOL Guidance. (The only equivalent State laws implemented in the FAR are OSHA-approved State Plans, which can be found at www.osha.gov/dcsp/osp/approved_state_plans.html).

Labor law decision means an administrative merits determination, arbitral award or decision, or civil judgment, which resulted from a violation of one or more of the laws listed in the definition of “labor laws”.

Manufactured end product means any end product in product and service codes (PSCs) 1000-9999, except—

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

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

Predecessor means an entity that is replaced by a successor and includes any predecessors of the predecessor.

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

(1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;

(2) Are conducted pursuant to specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;

(3) Consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;

(4) Consist of providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;

(5) Consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education; or

(6) Have been voluntarily suspended.

“Sensitive technology”—

(1) Means hardware, software, telecommunications equipment, or any other technology that is to be used specifically—

(i) To restrict the free flow of unbiased information in Iran; or

(ii) To disrupt, monitor, or otherwise restrict speech of the people of Iran; and

(2) Does not include information or informational materials the export of which the President does not have the authority to regulate or prohibit pursuant to section 203(b)(3) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)).

Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern—

(1) Means a small business concern—

(i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and

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

(2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

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

Small disadvantaged business concern, consistent with 13 CFR 124.1002, means a small business concern under the size standard applicable to the acquisition, that—

(1) Is at least 51 percent unconditionally and directly owned (as defined at 13 CFR 124.105) by—

(i) One or more socially disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.103) and economically disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.104) individuals who are citizens of the United States; and

(ii) Each individual claiming economic disadvantage has a net worth not exceeding \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled (as defined at 13.CFR 124.106) by individuals, who meet the criteria in paragraphs (1)(i) and (ii) of this definition.

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

(1) Directly by a parent corporation; or

(2) Through another subsidiary of a parent corporation.

Successor means an entity that has replaced a predecessor by acquiring the assets and carrying out the affairs of the predecessor under a new name (often through acquisition or merger). The term “successor” does not include new offices/divisions of the same company or a company that only changes its name. The extent of the responsibility of the successor for the liabilities of the predecessor may vary, depending on State law and specific circumstances.

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

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

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

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

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

(1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and

(2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

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

Note to paragraph (a): By a court order issued on October 24, 2016, the following definitions in this paragraph (a) are enjoined indefinitely as of the date of the order: “Administrative merits determination”, “Arbitral award or decision”, paragraph (2) of “Civil judgment”, “DOL Guidance”, “Enforcement agency”, “Labor compliance agreement”, “Labor laws”, and “Labor law decision”. The enjoined definitions will become effective immediately if the court terminates the injunction. At that time, DoD, GSA, and NASA will publish a document in the **Federal Register** advising the public of the termination of the injunction.

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

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

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

(1) *Small business concern.* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [] is, [] is not a small business concern.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) It is, is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone

employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR Part 126; and

(ii) It [] is, [] is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR Part 126, and the representation in paragraph (c)(10)(i) of this provision is accurate for the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name or names of the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture: _____.] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the-shelf (COTS) item,” “component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” “foreign end product,” and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American—Supplies.”

(2) Foreign End Products:

| Line Item No | Country of Origin |
|--------------|-------------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

[List as necessary]

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

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

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

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

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

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

[List as necessary]

(iii) The offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act.” The offeror shall list as other foreign end

products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products, i.e., an end product that is not a COTS item and does not meet the component test in paragraph (2) of the definition of “domestic end product.”

Other Foreign End Products:

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

[List as necessary]

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

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

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

Canadian End Products:

| Line Item No. |
|---------------|
| _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |

[List as necessary]

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

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

Canadian or Israeli End Products:

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

[List as necessary]

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

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

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

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

[List as necessary]

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

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

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

Other End Products:

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

[List as necessary]

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25. For line items covered by the WTO GPA, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American statute. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products unless

the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

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

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

(2) Have, have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or Commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property;

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

(4) Have, have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,500 for which the liability remains unsatisfied.

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

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

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

(ii) *Examples.*

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

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

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

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

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

(1) *Listed end products.*

| Listed End Product | Listed Countries of Origin |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
|--------------------|----------------------------|

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Outside the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)*.

TIN: _____.

TIN has been applied for.

TIN is not required because:

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

Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(4) *Type of organization.*

Sole proprietorship;

Partnership;

Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

Foreign government;

International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;

Other _____.

(5) *Common parent.*

Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;

Name and TIN of common parent:

Name _____.

TIN _____.

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

(n) *Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations.*

(1) Government agencies are not permitted to use appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with either an inverted domestic corporation, or a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation, unless the exception at 9.108-2(b) applies or the requirement is waived in accordance with the procedures at 9.108-4.

(2) *Representation.* The Offeror represents that—

(i) It is, is not an inverted domestic corporation; and

(ii) It is, is not a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation.

(o) *Prohibition on contracting with entities engaging in certain activities or transactions relating to Iran.*

(1) The offeror shall email questions concerning sensitive technology to the Department of State at CISADA106@state.gov.

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

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

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

(iii) Certifies that the offeror, and any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not knowingly engage in any transaction that exceeds \$3,500 with Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps or any of its officials, agents, or affiliates, the property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (see OFAC’s Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List at <http://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/t11sdn.pdf>).

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

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

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

(p) *Ownership or Control of Offeror.* (Applies in all solicitations when there is a requirement to be registered in SAM or a requirement to have a unique entity identifier in the solicitation).

(1) The Offeror represents that it has or does not have an immediate owner. If the Offeror has more than one immediate owner (such as a joint venture), then the Offeror shall respond to paragraph (2) and if applicable, paragraph (3) of this provision for each participant in the joint venture.

(2) If the Offeror indicates “has” in paragraph (p)(1) of this provision, enter the following information:

Immediate owner CAGE code: _____.

Immediate owner legal name: _____.

(Do not use a “doing business as” name)

Is the immediate owner owned or controlled by another entity: Yes or No.

(3) If the Offeror indicates “yes” in paragraph (p)(2) of this provision, indicating that the immediate owner is owned or controlled by another entity, then enter the following information:

Highest-level owner CAGE code: ____.

Highest-level owner legal name: ____.

(Do not use a “doing business as” name)

(q) Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law.

(1) As required by sections 744 and 745 of Division E of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235), and similar provisions, if contained in subsequent appropriations acts, The Government will not enter into a contract with any corporation that—

(i) Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or

(ii) Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(2) The Offeror represents that—

(i) It is is not a corporation that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and

(ii) It is is not a corporation that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal law within the preceding 24 months.

(r) Predecessor of Offeror. (Applies in all solicitations that include the provision at 52.204-16, Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting.)

(1) The Offeror represents that it is or is not a successor to a predecessor that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years.

(2) If the Offeror has indicated “is” in paragraph (r)(1) of this provision, enter the following information for all predecessors that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years (if more than one predecessor, list in reverse chronological order):

Predecessor CAGE code: ____ (or mark “Unknown”).

Predecessor legal name: ____.

(Do not use a “doing business as” name).

(s) *Representation regarding compliance with labor laws (Executive Order 13673).* If the offeror is a joint venture that is not itself a separate legal entity, each concern participating in the joint venture shall separately comply with the requirements of this provision.

(1)(i) For solicitations issued on or after October 25, 2016 through April 24, 2017: The Offeror does does not anticipate submitting an offer with an estimated contract value of greater than \$50 million.

(ii) For solicitations issued after April 24, 2017: The Offeror does does not anticipate submitting an offer with an estimated contract value of greater than \$500,000.

(2) If the Offeror checked “does” in paragraph (s)(1)(i) or (ii) of this provision, the Offeror represents to the best of the Offeror's knowledge and belief [Offeror to check appropriate block]:

(i) There has been no administrative merits determination, arbitral award or decision, or civil judgment for any labor law violation(s) rendered against the offeror (see definitions in paragraph (a) of this section) during the period beginning on October 25, 2015 to the date of the offer, or for three years preceding the date of the offer, whichever period is shorter; or

(ii) There has been an administrative merits determination, arbitral award or decision, or civil judgment for any labor law violation(s) rendered against the Offeror during the period beginning on October 25, 2015 to the date of the offer, or for three years preceding the date of the offer, whichever period is shorter.

(3)(i) If the box at paragraph (s)(2)(ii) of this provision is checked and the Contracting Officer has initiated a responsibility determination and has requested additional information, the Offeror shall provide--

(A) The following information for each disclosed labor law decision in the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov, unless the information is already current, accurate, and complete in SAM. This information will be publicly available in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS):

(1) The labor law violated.

(2) The case number, inspection number, charge number, docket number, or other unique identification number.

(3) The date rendered.

(4) The name of the court, arbitrator(s), agency, board, or commission that rendered the determination or decision;

(B) The administrative merits determination, arbitral award or decision, or civil judgment document, to the Contracting Officer, if the Contracting Officer requires it;

(C) In SAM, such additional information as the Offeror deems necessary to demonstrate its responsibility, including mitigating factors and remedial measures such as offeror actions taken to address the violations, labor compliance agreements, and other steps taken to achieve compliance with labor laws.

Offerors may provide explanatory text and upload documents. This information will not be made public unless the contractor determines that it wants the information to be made public; and

(D) The information in paragraphs (s)(3)(i)(A) and (s)(3)(i)(C) of this provision to the Contracting Officer, if the Offeror meets an exception to SAM registration (see FAR 4.1102(a)).

(ii)(A) The Contracting Officer will consider all information provided under (s)(3)(i) of this provision as part of making a responsibility determination.

(B) A representation that any labor law decision(s) were rendered against the Offeror will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a representation or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.

(C) The representation in paragraph (s)(2) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous representation, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation in accordance with the procedures set forth in FAR 12.403.

(4) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if at any time prior to contract award the Offeror learns that its representation at paragraph (s)(2) of this provision is no longer accurate.

(5) The representation in paragraph (s)(2) of this provision will be public information in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS).

Note to paragraph (s): By a court order issued on October 24, 2016, this paragraph (s) is enjoined indefinitely as of the date of the order. The enjoined paragraph will become effective immediately if the court terminates the injunction. At that time, DoD, GSA, and NASA will publish a document in the **Federal Register** advising the public of the termination of the injunction.

(t) *Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals.* Applies in all solicitations that require offerors to register in SAM (52.212-1(k)).

(1) This representation shall be completed if the Offeror received \$7.5 million or more in contract awards in the prior Federal fiscal year. The representation is optional if the Offeror received less than \$7.5 million in Federal contract awards in the prior Federal fiscal year.

(2) Representation. [Offeror to check applicable block(s) in paragraph (t)(2)(i) and (ii)]. (i) The Offeror (itself or through its immediate owner or highest-level owner) [] does, [] does not publicly disclose greenhouse gas emissions, i.e., makes available on a publicly accessible Web site the results of a greenhouse gas inventory, performed in accordance with an accounting standard with publicly available and consistently applied criteria, such as the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Standard.

(ii) The Offeror (itself or through its immediate owner or highest-level owner) [] does, [] does not publicly disclose a quantitative greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal, i.e., make available on a publicly accessible Web site a target to reduce absolute emissions or emissions intensity by a specific quantity or percentage.

(iii) A publicly accessible Web site includes the Offeror's own Web site or a recognized, third-party greenhouse gas emissions reporting program.

(3) If the Offeror checked "does" in paragraphs (t)(2)(i) or (t)(2)(ii) of this provision, respectively, the Offeror shall provide the publicly accessible Web site(s) where greenhouse gas emissions and/or reduction goals are reported:_____.

(End of Provision)