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4. CONTRACT NUMBER	5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NUMBER 564-17-4-654-0001	6. PROJECT NUMBER 564-15-110
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9. FOR INFORMATION CALL:	a. NAME DEE TRENTAM	b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS) 479-587-5823

### SOLICITATION

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

10. THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRES PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THESE DOCUMENTS (Title, identifying number, date)

This procurement is 100 % set-aside for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) under Public Law 109-461. Bidders must be verified as a SDVOSB in the VetBiz Vendor Information pages (VIP) at: <http://www.vetbiz.gov>. Bids received from contractors who are not SDVOSB verified in the VetBiz VIP will be considered non-responsive and will not be considered for award.

Federal Acquisition Regulations require that federal contractors register in the System for Award Management (SAM) database at <https://www.sam.gov> and enter all mandatory information into the system. Award cannot be made until the contractor has registered. Bidders are encouraged to ensure that they are registered in SAM prior to submitting their bid.

PROJECT NO. 564-15-110 NEW FLOORING FOR CANTEEN & NUTRITION & FLOOR SERVICE DISH ROOMS  
BASE BID: The Fayetteville VA Medical Center, 1100 North College Avenue, Fayetteville, AR 72703 requires supervision, labor, materials, equipment, tools, and transportation for the removal of flooring in the canteen & nutrition & floor service dish rooms and other work as described in the statement of work.

An organized site visit has been scheduled for: JULY 17, 2017 @ 10:00 am (cst).  
Participates will meet at the Contracting Office, 2575 Keystone Crossing, Fayetteville, AR 72703.

All questions pertaining to this solicitation must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer at: [sonya.trentham@va.gov](mailto:sonya.trentham@va.gov) no later than July 24, 2017 at 2:00 pm (cst) so as to allow for adequate amendment issuance to the FedbizOpps website prior to the bid due date.

As per VHA Directive 2011-036 Safety and Health During Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Violations: Bidders must verify that they have had no more than three serious, no repeat or no willful OSHA or EPA violations in the past three years and have an Experience Modification Rate (EMR) of equal to or less than 1.0 to be considered for award.

In accordance with FAR 36.204/VAAR 836.204 Disclosure of the Magnitude of construction projects, the above described project falls within the terms of the following cost range (Between \$250,000 and \$500,000)

NAICS Code: 236220 Small Business Size Standard \$36.5 Million/ Geographical area where work is to be performed: Fayetteville, AR

11. The Contractor shall begin performance within <u>10</u> calendar days and complete it within <u>90</u> calendar days after receiving <input type="checkbox"/> award, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notice to proceed. This performance period is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> negotiable. (See <u>52.211-10</u> ).	
12a. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH ANY REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS? (If "YES," indicate within how many calendar days after award in Item 12B.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	12b. CALENDAR DAYS  10

### 13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Sealed offers in original and 1 copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in Item 8 by 2:00 PM (CST) (hour) local time 08-07-2017 (date). If this is a sealed bid solicitation, offers must be publicly opened at that time. Sealed envelopes containing offers shall be marked to show the offeror's name and address, the solicitation number, the date and time offers are due.
- An offer guarantee ☒ is, ☐ is not required.
- All offers are subject to the (1) work requirements, and (2) other provisions and clauses incorporated in the solicitation in full text or by reference.
- Offers providing less than 90 calendar days for Government acceptance after the date offers are due will not be considered and will be rejected.

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

14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR (Include ZIP Code)

15. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)

16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS (Include only if different than Item 14.)

CODE

FACILITY CODE

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

AMOUNTS

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

**19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS**

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

AMENDMENT NUMBER										
DATE.										

20a. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER  
(Type or print)

20b. SIGNATURE

20c. OFFER DATE

**AWARD (To be completed by Government)**

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

22. AMOUNT

23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

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24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN  
(4 copies unless otherwise specified)

ITEM

25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO  
☐ 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)( ) ☐ 41 U.S.C. 3304(a) ( )

26. ADMINISTERED BY

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Healthcare System of the Ozarks  
Network Contracting Office 16  
2575 Keystone Crossing  
Fayetteville AR 72703

27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Financial Services Center  
P.O. Box 149971

Austin TX 78714-8972

PHONE:

FAX:

**CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 28 OR 29 AS APPLICABLE**

☐ 28. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT (Contractor is required to sign this document and return \_\_\_\_\_ copies to issuing office.) Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items or perform all work requirements identified on this form and any continuation sheets for the consideration stated in this contract. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be governed by (a) this contract award, (b) the solicitation, and (c) the clauses, representations, certifications, and specifications incorporated by reference in or attached to this contract.

☐ 29. AWARD (Contractor is not required to sign this document.) Your offer on this solicitation is hereby accepted as to the items listed. This award consummates the contract, which consists of (a) the Government solicitation and your offer, and (b) this contract award. No further contractual document is necessary.

30a. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR OR PERSON AUTHORIZED  
TO SIGN (Type or print)

31a. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)

SONYA D TRENTAM

30b. SIGNATURE

30c. DATE

31b. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

31c. AWARD DATE

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## A.1 STATEMENT OF WORK

### Statement of Work (SOW)

New Flooring for N&FS and Canteen Dish Rooms Project 564-15-110

Veterans Healthcare System of the Ozarks Fayetteville, Arkansas

1. The Contractor shall provide supervision, labor, material, equipment, tools, supplies, and related services, in accordance with this SOW, VA plans and specifications and as necessary for complete working systems. Electronic copies of VA specifications shall be provided by VA upon Contractors' written request. Hard copies of VA specifications shall be at the Contractors' expense. Contractor is responsible for verifying all quantities and dimensions. The general scope of work includes, but is not limited to: The removal of the Canteen and Nutrition and Floor Service (N&FS) dish rooms the removal of all equipment and furnishings required for floor installation, removal of all existing floor and wall tiles, the preparation and installation of new epoxy coated resinous flooring and wall coating systems, and the re-installation of all equipment and furnishings. The Contractor shall provide 2 additional 6" floor drains, as shown on the floor plan, trench drain, new LED lighting, and painting of walls, door and window frames.
2. General: Any provision or partial provision of the Contract plans, specifications, documents or requirements that is not consistent with this SOW and Contractor Access and Activities Notice shall be null and void only to the extent of the inconsistency; all other provisions or partial provisions of the Contract plans, specifications, documents or requirements shall remain in full force and effect.
3. Information Technology (IT) security requirements Certification and Accreditation (authorization) (C&A) of the contractor system: The C & A requirements do not apply and a Security Accreditation Package is not required. Safety shall be the Contractor's highest priority.
4. This project shall be a turn-key operation for the work as described in this SOW.
5. The VA healthcare facility shall continue to operate during the performance period, including, but not limited to the mechanical and electrical systems.
6. Contractor shall be responsible to develop a phasing control plan that incorporates requirements of the specifications section 01 00 00 and meets the requirements of the VA.

7. Work by the Contractor shall be completed during regular business hours, between 0800 – 1630, Monday through Friday. Work that will interfere with normal operations shall be coordinated (prior to or ahead of designated time) with affected VA departments and accomplished during designated maintenance times, as noted otherwise herein, as requested and/or approved by the COR for special circumstances. Contractor's work shall be conducted in a manner and at times which would present the least amount of disruption to the VA healthcare facility. Period of Performance: Ninety (90) Calendar days.
8. The contractor shall be required to complete one dish room at a time and all materials construction materials for each dish room must be on station prior to demolition.
9. No job site work shall commence prior to receipt of all approved submittal items (received by Contractor and stored on site), and upon written authorization of COR.
10. Submittals shall be submitted for approval no later than ten (10) calendar days after Notice to Proceed.
11. VA utilities and work areas may not be immediately available and the Contractor must provide flexibility in the schedule. The contractor must allow 10 working days for all utility shutdown requests.
12. Documentation – Contractor shall provide written documentation that products provided are specifically designed for use in a medical facility and meet the stated requirements in this SOW, Contract plans, specifications, and documents.
13. Installation - The Contractor shall be responsible for all work to include termination to all components and utilities.
14. Contractor shall provide all supervision, labor, materials, equipment, tools, supplies, and related services required to provide complete a turnkey removal of existing flooring and wall tile, repair and installation of flooring and wall covering, installation of additional drains, Replacement of overhead lighting, and painting of walls and ceilings, and to carry out the contract in accordance with the true intent and meaning of the SOW, contract plans, and specifications without additional cost to the VA.

15. Building materials, tools and equipment shall never be left unattended within the work area. When working in common areas, there shall be a minimum of 2 individuals in proximity of the work to ensure that building materials, equipment, tools, and supplies are not accessible to patients or others.
16. Specifications and Drawings: Electronic copies of the specifications and drawings shall be made available to the Contractor upon Contractor's written request. Contractor shall be responsible for printed copies of specifications, drawings and other documents, at the Contractor's expense.
17. New Flooring in the Canteen Dish room: To remove existing tile flooring and wall covering, repair concrete floor and wall sub straight in preparation of new flooring and wall covering, install new epoxy coated resinous flooring and wall covering.
18. All existing wall and floor tile and cove shall be demolished and disposed of by the Contractor.
19. Before demolition all dish room furnishings, fixtures, and equipment (FFE) shall be removed by the Contractor per the manufacture's specifications. When the COR has accepted the new installed floors and walls, the Contractor shall re-install all dish room FFE per manufacturers specifications. FFE shall be stored on site at the contractor's expense.
20. The Contractor shall remove existing service window and construct a wall in the window location. The contractor shall repair moisture damage prior to finishing the walls. The service line walls shall blend seamlessly with the existing wall.
21. The Contractor shall prep and repair the floor prior to resinous flooring installation and per the manufactures specification.
22. The Contractor shall prep and repair all walls with moisture resistant wall board prior to resinous wall installation and per manufactures specifications.
23. Contractor remove and dispose of lighting fixtures in dish rooms. Contractor shall provide and install new LED light fixtures. See contract specifications for lighting fixture requirements and installation. All lighting shall abide by the VHA lighting design guide and final locations shall be approved by the COR.

24. New Flooring and wall covering in the Nutrition and Food Service (N&FS) Dish room: To remove existing tile flooring and tile wall covering, repair concrete floor and wall sub straight, and install new epoxy coated resinous flooring and wall covering.
25. All existing wall and floor tile and floor cove shall be demolished and disposed of by the Contractor.
26. The Contractor shall construct barrier walls prior to demolition and removal of FFE (see floor plan for locations). Before demolition all dish room furnishings, fixtures, and equipment (FFE) shall be removed, by the Contractor, per manufactures specifications. When the COR has accepted the new installed floors and walls, the Contractor shall re-install all dish room FFE per manufacturers specifications. FFE shall be stored on site at the contractor's expense.
27. The Contractor shall prep and repair the floor prior to resinous flooring installation and per the manufactures specification.
28. The Contractor shall prep and repair the walls with moisture resistant wall board prior to resinous wall installation and per manufactures specifications.
29. Contractor shall provide and install specified resinous floor and wall covering in specified areas (see floor plan for locations). See contract specifications for wall covering requirements and installation.
30. Contractor shall install two (2) new 6" floor drains in locations specified by COR (see floor plan for location). See contract specifications for drain and installation requirements and installation.
31. Contractor shall provide and install one (1) new trench drain specified by the COR (see floor plan for location) See contract specifications for trench drain requirements and installation.
32. Contractor shall paint walls (not covered with resinous wall covering), door frames, and window frames (see floor plan for locations and quantity). See contract specifications for paint requirements and installation.



33. Contractor remove and dispose of lighting fixtures in dish rooms. Contractor shall provide and install new LED light fixtures. See contract specifications for lighting fixture requirements and installation. All lighting shall abide by the VHA lighting design guide and final locations shall be approved by the COR.
34. Contractor Access and Activities Notice: Any provision or partial provision of the Contract plans, specifications, documents or requirements that is not consistent with this SOW and Contractor Access and Activities Notice shall be null and void only to the extent of the inconsistency; other provisions or partial provisions of the Contract plans, specifications, documents or requirements shall remain in full force and effect.
35. General Requirements: Contractor, Contractor employees, Contractor Sub-Contractors, and Contractor suppliers shall comply with the VA security management program and obtain permission of the VA police, be identified by the contract and employer, and restricted from unauthorized access. This shall be coordinated with the VA Police by the COR.
36. Contractor, Contractor employees, Contractor Sub-Contractors, and Contractor suppliers shall not enter the work site without VHSO issued identity badge (Badge). They may also be subject to inspection of their personal effects when entering or leaving the project site. Badges shall be supplied by the VA to the Contractor for distribution to the Contractor, Contractor employees, Contractor's Sub-Contractors, and Contractor suppliers. The Contractor shall maintain a log of Badge ID numbers and names of employees the Badges were issued to. Updated Badge log shall be given to the COR weekly or less frequently if directed by COR. Lost Badges shall be reported immediately to the COR and the Contractor will be responsible for a \$100.00 fee for all lost or unreturned Badges.
37. A key for mechanical room(s) will be provided by Engineering and shall be checked out/in by the Contractor on a daily basis. Key(s) provided by Engineering and checked out by the Contractor shall not leave VHSO property. Lost keys shall be reported immediately to the COR and the Contractor shall be responsible for a \$3,500.00 fee for all lost or unreturned keys. Other locked areas requiring VA assistance will require approximately one (1) business day advance notice from the Contractor.
38. Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks (VHSO) Property Access Regular Business Hours:  
Work by the Contractor shall be completed as specified in the SOW under General, except work that will interfere with normal operations shall be coordinated (prior to or ahead of designated time) with affected VA departments and accomplished during designated maintenance times, as noted otherwise herein, as requested and/or approved by the COR for special circumstances.

39. After regular business hours or weekend access: For work outside the regular business hours and weekend, the Contractor must provide written notification to the COR and the COR will schedule and provide written authorization to proceed three (3) business days in advance of the proposed work activity. This notice is separate from any notices required for utility interruption described later in this section. Any work performed by the Contractor, at the Contractor's own volition outside specified working hours will be at no additional expense to the VA.
40. Safety: Safety shall be the Contractor's highest priority. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for compliance with Federal/State/Local (F/S/L) OSHA regulations. The Contractor shall provide and have in place Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), safety signage, cones, barricades etc., to protect the safety of VHSO patients, employees, visitors, volunteers, tenants and others. Contractor, Contractor employees, and Contractor suppliers shall not be permitted to work and shall be asked to leave if the proper safety items are missing. Contractor shall provide required safety items.
41. Special Requirements: Not Applicable.
42. Contractor Expertise Requirements: Contractor shall have at least three (3) years' general contracting experience at hospital facilities. Contractor must be licensed to complete work, where required, by F/S/L regulations within the State of Arkansas. The Contractor shall provide proof of license where required by F/S/L regulations; and liability insurance.
43. Contractor must be an authorized supplier and installer of the products provided. Contractor must be able to provide twenty-four (24) hour emergency service and respond within two (2) hours of the initial emergency service call.
44. Other requirements: The materials and equipment installed shall match similar existing work if applicable.
45. Structural members shall not be cut or altered, without written authorization of the Contracting Officer.

46. Contractor shall make every reasonable effort to protect VA property from damage. Anything remaining in place that is damaged or defaced during this Contract shall be restored by the Contractor to the condition existing at time of award of Contract at the Contractor's expense.
47. The Contractor is responsible for moving any furniture or equipment located in the VA facility (except for equipment and/or paperwork that cannot be moved, in which case the Contractor shall provide adequate protection for such equipment before any construction activities occur). Moved items shall be put back by the Contractor to their original locations as work is completed at the Contractor's expense.
48. The Contractor shall coordinate work of different trades so that interference between mechanical, electrical, architectural, and structural work, including existing services, will be avoided and, within limits indicated, the maximum practical space for operation, repair, removal, and testing of equipment is provided. Keep pipes, ducts, conduit, and the like as close as possible to ceiling slab, walls, and columns to take up a minimum amount of space. Locate pipes, ducts, and equipment so they do not interfere with the intended use of eyebolts and other lifting devices.
49. When the work requires that the ground/slab/floor be disturbed, locate existing underground utilities in area of work. If utilities are to remain in place, provide adequate means of support and protection during earthwork operations. Any property including, but not limited to, electrical, sprinkler, natural gas, medical gas, other communication or utility lines, grounds, walkways, driveways, roads, and curbs damaged during the project due to carelessness or negligence of Contractor personnel shall be repaired or replaced at the Contractor's expense.
50. Personnel engaged in the Contract activities specified herein must be licensed by the (Federal/ State/ Local) authority having jurisdiction in those trades, crafts or professions that require licensing by such jurisdictions. The license must be of a grade or other level consistent with the requirement of the work being performed and/or as established by the above jurisdictions.
51. Walls, ceilings, floors, furniture, etc., will be protected from damage due to water, staining, or falling debris created during any construction activities of the project including, but not limited to coring/sawing process at the Contractor's expense. Areas shall be cleaned after coring/sawing and other construction activities by the Contractor and at the Contractor's expense.
52. No unauthorized work shall be initiated without the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer shall approve any request, or proposal for changes in project scope and/or additional requirements, in writing prior to the Contractor proceeding with any

related work. Any changes accomplished without prior written approval, shall be done at the Contractor's expense.

53. Contractors shall visit the job site and visit the facility in order to determine if it's reasonable or necessary to ascertain the nature and location of the work to be performed in general, and the local conditions which can affect the work or the cost thereof. Failure to do so will not relieve the Contractor of his responsibility for estimating properly the difficulty or cost of successfully performing the work without additional cost to the VA.
54. Measurements/locations are approximate and shall be verified by the Contractor. VA will not be held responsible for any error or variation in any measurements or other data listed. The Contractor shall not be relieved of his responsibility to carry out the Contract in accordance with the true intent and meaning of the SOW, Contract plans, specifications, and documents without additional cost to the VA.
55. Contractor shall be responsible for complying with applicable F/S/L laws, codes, regulations, and ordinances in connection with the prosecution of the work.
56. Additionally, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining permits, licenses, etc. that are required by applicable F/S/L law, code, regulation, and ordinance in connection with the prosecution of the work.
57. Work required for this project shall be in accordance with the best practices of the building trades involved and in accordance with the true intent and meaning of the SOW, Contract plans, specifications, documents and requirements without additional cost to the VA.
58. Supervision: Contractor shall provide qualified supervisor(s), on site during all work activities to instruct (in the scope of work), supervise the Contractor employees, Contractor sub-contractors, and suppliers continuously during the work. The Contractors' supervision shall be responsible for quality control and ensure the systems are complete and working.
59. Contractor shall provide resources, including, but not limited to, qualified professionals, materials, equipment, tools, supplies, and related services to perform the work. Contractor shall work independently once oriented, with adequate resources to accomplish work within the performance period and per the Contractor's COR approved progress schedule.

60. Workmanship: This project shall be a turn-key operation for the SOW, Contract plans, specifications, documents and requirements and be complete and working systems. The Contractor shall provide qualified professionals, material, equipment, tools, supplies, and related services required to install complete working systems.
61. Work shall be conducted in a manner and at times which would present the least amount of disruption to the VA healthcare facility.
62. No utility, fire protection or security system shall be left out of service at the end of a work period (Monday – Friday) or weekend without written permission of the COR. All switches must also be verified, by the Contractors' supervision, that they are reset prior to end of any work period (Monday – Friday) or weekend. If a system is not functioning at the end of a work period (Monday – Friday) or weekend without written permission of the COR, the Contractor shall restore the system to working order prior to leaving the site or shall provide an around-the-clock watch until the system is functioning properly. If the Contractor fails to do so, the Contractor shall be liable for any costs incurred by the VA for providing the around-the-clock watch and/or repairing the system.
63. Vehicles and construction equipment: Contractors' keys to unattended vehicles and equipment shall be removed.
64. Material Storage: Contractor must have prior written authorization by the VA for storage of Contractor supplied materials and equipment. The Contractor shall submit in writing a request for storage of materials, equipment, tools, and supplies. The Contractor's written request shall be submitted to the COR a minimum of seven (7) business days prior to the storage so there is time to review and notify the impacted parties. Work shall be planned in advance by the Contractor to give as much time as possible to schedule storage. No storage shall commence until written approval and authorization of the Contractor's request is provided by the COR seventy two (72) hours prior to the storage. There may be times when a storage request is denied because of insufficient lead-time or interference with ongoing activities and have to be rescheduled at the Contractor's expense.
65. Tools/Staging: Contractors must provide materials, equipment, tools, ladders, and supplies to complete their work.
66. Unloading/Parking: No materials or equipment are permitted through the front entry. Use Employee entrance – only for loading and unloading, do not leave vehicle(s) unlocked. Parking

on VHSO property is limited and the Contractor must have prior written approval of on-site parking from COR.

67. Elevators: Contractor shall protect elevator cabs and controls during periods of use. Contractor shall not exceed elevator weight limits.
68. Radios/Cell Phones: Use only at low volume or outside. Do not carry on conversations in hallways or near any patient areas. AM/FM radios and other sound producing devices are strictly prohibited in the VA buildings.
69. Noise: Contractor shall coordinate and schedule any noise making activities with the COR. For any noise making work activities, the Contractor shall provide written request to the COR and the COR will schedule and provide written authorization to proceed three (3) business days in advance of the proposed activity. At least two (2) business days' notice must be given to the VHSO facility stakeholders. Operations that are disruptive to the VA facility stakeholders shall be scheduled after regular business hours.
70. Infection Control: Infection Control: Contractor shall be responsible to develop a phasing/infection control plan that incorporates requirements of the 01 00 00 specification and meets the requirements of the VA. Contractor shall install and create temporary dust barriers with the follow products: ZipWall® ZIP POLES FOUR PACK (Includes 4 Spring Loaded Steel Zip Poles, 4 GripDisk™ Slide Stoppers, 2 standard zippers, 1 carry bag) or equal, construction film shall be white, fire retardant polyethylene, antistatic, 12 x 100 Ft x minimum 6 mil thickness, imprinted with fire retardant labeling. Zippers shall be straight or curved heavy duty ZipWall® Zippers or equal. Sticky mat shall be STICKY MAT Flat Store Clean Mat or equal, tacky mat, white, 24 x 45 inch. Construction traffic through the facility shall be coordinated with the COR.
71. Construction workers, materials and clothing shall be transported through the hospital dust free. Use hand wash sink stations, provided by the contractor, to wipe dust from construction workers, materials, and carts. Any dusty, dirty, odorous or wet materials shall be transported in sealed clean bags. Traffic routes will be at the discretion of the COR.
72. Dust Proofing/Cleaning: Facility and furnishings must be covered with plastic or clean drop cloth if there is any potential for dust. Contractors shall provide their own HEPA vacuum cleaner(s), tacky mats at the entrance of the work zone and cleaning tools.

73. Contractor shall provide required protection items. Contractor, Contractor employees, Contractor Sub-Contractors, and Contractor suppliers shall not be permitted to work and shall be asked to leave if the proper protection items are missing.
74. Fire Alarm: Dust and smoke producing activities will activate the buildings fire alarm. In Contractor planned work activities, an evaluation must be made to determine if the fire alarm system shall be bypassed. Contractor shall be responsible for fire watch in the areas where coverage is removed or disabled. Contractor shall be responsible to coordinate with the COR and Electronic Technician the removal and restoration of fire protection coverage.
75. After hours supervision of the fire panel by VHSO personnel or others, shall be at the contractors expense unless otherwise noted. Cost of supervision of the fire alarm panel by VHSO personnel or others shall be billed to the Contractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for completion and submission of a written FIRE ALARM BYPASS REQUEST. The Contractors' written request must be submitted to the COR and the COR shall schedule and provide written authorization to proceed three (3) business days in advance of any proposed work activity.
76. If the fire alarm system requires any deactivation, it must be reactivated the same day before the Contractor leaves the site to insure that the fire alarm system is functioning properly. If the fire alarm system is not functioning, the Contractor shall restore the fire alarm system to working order prior to leaving the site or shall provide an around-the-clock fire watch until the fire alarm system is functioning properly. If the Contractor fails to do so, the Contractor shall be liable for any costs incurred by the VA for providing the fire watch and/or repairing the fire alarm system.
77. If the fire alarm system requires any deactivation, it must be reactivated the same day before the Contractor leaves the site to insure that the fire alarm system is functioning properly. If the fire alarm system is not functioning, the Contractor shall restore the fire alarm system to working order prior to leaving the site or shall provide an around-the-clock fire watch until the fire alarm system is functioning properly. If the Contractor fails to do so, the Contractor shall be liable for any costs incurred by the VA for providing the fire watch and/or repairing the fire alarm system.
78. Hot Work: Contractor shall perform and safeguard hot work operations in accordance with NFPA 241 and NFPA 51B. Contractor shall coordinate with the COR. Contractor shall obtain Hot Work permits from COR at least forty eight (48) hours in advance for any work or operation involving open flame or producing heat and/or sparks, burning, welding, or a similar operation that is capable of initiating fires or explosions. This work includes, but is not limited to, processes such as arc welding, oxy-fuel gas welding, open- flame soldering, brazing, thermal spraying, oxygen cutting, arc cutting, chipping, grinding, heat treating, sand blasting, torch-applied roofing, chemical welding and light horizontal welding.

79. Fire and Smoke Barrier Penetration: Contractor shall perform, maintain, and safeguard the integrity of smoke and fire barriers in accordance with NFPA 101, NFPA 80, and NFPA 90A. Contractor penetrations in barriers shall be repaired in an approved manner (filled with the designated and approved flame retardant filler) as soon as feasible after the work has been completed. Contractor shall obtain Hot Fire and Smoke Barrier Penetration permits from Engineering Service Maintenance Supervisor between 08:00 and 09:00 M-F.
80. Energized Circuit Work: Contractor shall coordinate with the COR. Contractor shall obtain ENERGIZED CIRCUIT WORK PERMIT from COR at least seven (7) work days in advance when an electrical shut down is not feasible for work. Contractor shall perform, maintain and safeguard the integrity of the VA electrical systems and shall follow procedures around energized equipment in accordance with NFPA 70 E standards including PPE. VHSO electrician or electrical engineer shall monitor work. Contractor shall use safety equipment to include but not be limited to 12 cal. arc flash suits with hoods and 5 KV gloves. No exists will be blocked. Personnel without proper PPE will not be allowed within the working area around live panels with their cover removed.
81. Utility interruption: Contractor shall submit in writing utility interruption requests in advance to the COR. The Contractor's written utility interruption request shall be submitted to the COR a minimum of seven (7) business days prior to the work activity so there is time to review and notify the impacted VHSO stakeholders. Work shall be planned in advance to give as much time as possible to schedule a utility interruption.
82. No work activity shall commence until written approval and authorization of the Contractor's request is provided by the COR seventy-two (72) hours prior to the utility interruption. There may be times when a utility interruption request is denied because of insufficient lead-time or interference with ongoing activities and shall be rescheduled at the Contractor's expense.
83. Cleanup: The Contractor shall submit in writing requests to disposing of any government owned materials, equipment or property in advance to the COR.
84. Contractor shall remove and properly dispose construction debris, materials, equipment, and substances from this project and the VA property daily, after each work period (Monday – Friday) or weekend, into the contractors' supplied containers.



85. Construction debris created from this project shall not be disposed of at the job site, in VA dumpsters, or on VA property.
86. Disposal of construction debris, materials, equipment, and substances from this project shall be in accordance with applicable F/S/L and environmental laws, rules and/or regulations. The Contractor shall ensure and provide appropriate documentation to the Contracting Officer that all hazardous waste handlers, haulers, and disposal facilities are properly certified or licensed. The Contractor shall provide shipping manifest and documentation of proper disposal of any construction debris, materials, equipment, and substances from this project prior to final payment.
87. Contractor shall return the work site to the condition in which it was found at the Contractor's expense.
88. Painting/Paint Fumes: Contractor shall schedule painting after regular business hours and request written approval by the COR prior to the work activity. Contractor shall be responsible for ventilation necessary to evacuate and prevent paint fumes from entering adjoining areas, outside air intake ductwork, and re-entering the VHSO healthcare facilities at the Contractor's expense.
89. Fumes: The Contractor shall schedule fume producing activities after regular business hours and request written approval by the COR prior to the work activity. Contractor shall be responsible for ventilation necessary to evacuate and prevent fumes from entering adjoining areas, outside air intake ductwork, and re-entering the VHSO healthcare facilities at the Contractor's expense.
90. Training: Training shall be included to applicable VA personnel. Training shall include a paper instruction sheet and shall include hands-on for up to five (5) users. Contractor shall provide user and administrator training to VA officials and VA Engineering personnel, with four (4) to eight (8) hours of on-site training. Coordination and scheduling for the training shall be determined after contract award.
91. Warranty: Contractor shall guarantee all workmanship for a period of two (2) years after completion of work. Contractor must provide a 1-year parts/support warranty on all work completed.
92. Photography: Photography of any patients, personnel, visitors, and others on VA property is strictly prohibited.

## A.2 PRICE SCHEDULE

### SCHEDULE

BID SCHEDULE Contract Line Item Number CLIN 0001 (See Statement of Work, Contract Specifications and Drawings)

CLIN 0001, - BASE BID GENERAL CONSTRUCTION: Work includes general construction, alterations, site work, mechanical and electrical work, utility systems, necessary removal of existing structures and construction and certain other items per drawings and specifications.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE - \_\_\_\_\_ CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTICE TO PROCEED.

CLIN 0001 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED COST BREAKDOWN: (list below or attach separate sheet)**

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

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

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#### **GENERAL RULES FOR SUBMISSION OF THE OFFERORS:**

1.1. In accordance with FAR 15.304, **all non-price factors, when combined, are significantly more important than Cost/Price; however the offeror who demonstrates the “best overall value” to the government shall be selected.** The evaluation factors that apply to this acquisition are a part of the Source Selection Plan. Technical Experience is the most important non-priced factor. The 2<sup>nd</sup> most important non-priced factors are Past Performance. Within the technical factors, the technical sub-factors are listed with relative importance identified. The applicable evaluation factors and submission requirements are identified below.

1.2. Offerors are advised the government shall evaluate both Performance Capability and Pricing factors, as described in this section. Offerors are required to submit a Performance Capability (Technical) Proposal as outlined in this section, in addition to its Price Proposal. The Department of Veterans Affairs shall not pay any costs incurred for the preparation and submission of proposals.

1.3. The government intends to use the “Best Value” Past Performance/Price meeting or exceeding the acceptability standards process source selection approach without discussions, but reserves the right to enter into discussions if so determined to be in the best interest of the government under **FAR Part 15.101-2**. Award will be made to the most responsive, responsible offerors whose offers, in conformance with this solicitation, results in the overall best value to the Government, price plus other factors considered.

1.4. The Contracting Officer shall award a firm fixed-price contract to the responsible Offeror whose proposal the Source Selection Authority (SSA) has determined conforms to the solicitation, is fair and reasonable, represents fair market value and offers the best overall value to the Government, considering all non-price factors described herein and price. The intent of this Solicitation is to obtain the best proposal within cost magnitude as stated on SF1442 cover page of the solicitation. After the Government individually evaluates and rates each proposal, the Source Selection Authority’s (SSA) decision shall be based on a comparative assessment of proposals against all source selection criteria in the solicitation.

**To be eligible for consideration of award, an overall rating of no less than Acceptable must be achieved** for Factor I.

1.5. The Government reserves the right to accept other than the lowest priced offer or to reject all offers. The Government shall not award a contract to an Offeror whose proposal contains a deficiency, as defined in FAR 15.001. If there is a lower priced, conforming offer(s), the Contracting Officer/Source Selection Official must determine that the added value of a more expensive proposal would justify award to that offeror. The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract without discussions with offerors unless holding discussion is determined by the Source Selection Team to be in the best interest of the Government. Therefore, proposals should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms from a price and technical standpoint. Do not assume that offerors will be contacted or afforded an opportunity to clarify, discuss or revise their proposals.

## **2. PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

These instructions prescribe the format of proposals and describe the approach for the development and presentation of the proposal data. They are designed to ensure the submission of necessary information to provide for the understanding and comprehensive evaluation of proposals. Carefully review this section prior to commencing proposal preparation. All solicitation amendments must be acknowledged in accordance with FAR Provision 52.215-1 and Instructions, conditions and other statements to bidders/offerors.

2.1. Offerors are cautioned to strictly comply with all instructions within this solicitation to ensure submission of a complete proposal. Failure to furnish a complete proposal, at the time of proposal submission, shall result in the proposal being unacceptable to the Government and eliminated from consideration of award.

2.2. After completing all required information, submit the information in accordance with the "Proposal Due Date" as listed in Block 13A of SF1442 solicitation and item #4 below and return the original and specified number of copies to the issuing office as listed in paragraph 4 below. Mark the front of the envelope/box with the following: *Proposal No. **VA256-17-R-0829, Removal of Flooring for Canteen/Nutrition & Floor Service Dish Rooms Project #564-15-110.***

2.3. MISSING PAGES: It is the responsibility of the prospective offeror to examine the contents of this solicitation to verify that he/she has all pages. However, in the event you feel as though you are missing pages or have duplicate pages, you are urged to contact the Contracting Officer.

2.4. TECHNICAL QUESTIONS: Questions of a technical nature must be provided in writing and shall be submitted from the prospective firm to the Contracting Officer named in Item 9a (SF 1442). **ONLY**

questions shall be submitted via e-mail to: [sonya.trentham@va.gov](mailto:sonya.trentham@va.gov) and COR (Contracting Officer Representative) at [charity.sanchez@va.gov](mailto:charity.sanchez@va.gov) no later than **July 24, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. CST** shown in Block 13A of Standard Form (SF) 1442 or as amended. The subject line must read: **VA256-17-R-0829, Removal of Flooring for Canteen/Nutrition & Floor Service Dish Rooms Project #564-15-110**. All questions and responses shall be posted by amendment on FedBizOpps website.

No questions will be answered by phone calls and no questions will be accepted after that date.

**Please note – If any of the Proposal Package information is not provided by the proposal due date, your proposal package may be found Technically Unacceptable.**

**2.5 SITE VISIT:** The pre-proposal conference / site visit is scheduled for: **July 17, 2017 at 10:00 am (cst).** Site visit will be held at the Contracting Office, 2575 Keystone Crossing, Fayetteville, AR 72703.

**3. PROPOSAL CONTENT:** Prospective offerors shall submit the following:

3.1. SOLICITATION: Complete Standard Form 1442, blocks 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 (if applicable) 20A, 20B and 20C, and fill in the blanks in the Bid Schedule. An official having the authority to contractually bind your company must sign the SF 1442 in accordance with FAR 4.102. One copy of the SF 1442 is required to have an original signature. Incomplete proposals will be considered non-responsive.

3.2 Acknowledge any solicitation amendments in block 19 of the Standard Form 1442. Return a signed copy of all amendments with your offer.

3.3. Submit one (1) original and electronic version on CD and three (3) copies of Volume I, Technical Acceptability Proposal to include: Technical Capability, Experience, Quality and Past Performance and Volume II, Price Proposal with Price Schedule cost and Disciplines along with the fill in areas in the solicitation for required information. The electronic/CD version of the proposal may be submitted as an MS Word document or PDF file. If PDF is furnished, then each Section submitted shall be separate file. For example, all required licenses, technical proposal, past performance questionnaires, shall all be under separate files and shall be classified as such. The electronic/CD shall be categorized in a manner where it is easy to ascertain. Incomplete proposals may be determined non-responsive and rejected from consideration. CAUTION – LATE Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals: See provision 52.212-1. All offers are subject to all terms and conditions of the solicitation.

**See table below to summarize how to submit a proposal.**

Factor/Sub-Factor	Volume	Factor	File Name of CD	Relative Importance	Page Limitations
Factor I		Technical Acceptability	Tech.doc/pdf	Most Important Factor (slightly more important than Factor 2)	25
Sub-Factor 1	Volume 1, Tab A	Technical Capability	Tech.doc/pdf	Most Important Sub-Factor	25
Sub-Factor 2	Volume 1, Tab B	Experience	Tech.doc/pdf	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Important Sub-Factor (slightly less important as Sub-Factor 1), equally important as Sub-Factor 3)	25
Sub-Factor 3	Volume 1, Tab C	Quality	Tech.doc/pdf	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Important Sub-Factor (slightly less important as Sub-Factor 1), equally important as Sub-Factor 2)	25
Factor II	Volume 1, Tab D	Past Performance	Past Perf.doc/pdf	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Important Factor (slightly less important than Factor 3	25
Factor III	Volume 2, Tab A	Price Schedule Include Cost Estimate Breakdown, list of sub-contractors/discipline Signed SF-1442, Bonding (if applicable, Insurance,DUNS, CAGE, TAX ID, POC ,Email and other documents, FAR Provision 52.212-3 “Certifications and Representations”	Price.xls/pdf/doc ReqDocs.doc/pdf	3 <sup>rd</sup> Most Important Factor (slightly less important than Factor I and Factor II combined)	20

#### **4. PROPOSAL DUE DATE SCHEDULE:**



4.1. The entire proposal (Volumes 1 and 2) are due by the date and time set for the receipt of proposals shown in Block 13 of the SF 1442. **Offerors are also to ensure the past performance references provide questionnaires responses to the Contracting Officer no later than the date established for receipt of offers.**

4.2. Submit your Proposal to arrive **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 7, 2017 AT 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME to:**

Fayetteville Veterans Health Administration

Attn: Dee Trentham

VISN16 Contracting Activity

2575 Keystone Crossing

Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703

**5. Volume 1 – Technical Acceptability-Factor I** - Technical capability will be evaluated to determine the extent to which it demonstrates a clear understanding of all features involved in performance of the requirements identified in the (SOW) Statement of Work. The proposal should not simply restate the government's requirements, but it should describe, in detail, how the offeror intends to meet the requirements. Technical capability evaluation factors consist of four separate elements: Technical Capability, Experience, Quality and Past Performance. Technical proposals will be rated either acceptable or unacceptable. Each element must be rated acceptable to receive an overall acceptable technical rating. Proposals must separately address each sub factor or each element to be considered acceptable.

The following will be evaluated:

**5.1. Volume 1-Tab B – Sub-Factor 2- Experience** – Offers shall address the following in narrative. Offers that do not describe each topic in enough detail or provide the requested documentation will be rated unacceptable.

(1) Provide experience documentation of the Prime Contractor and/or their sub-contractors of specific projects (minimum of three) relating to statement of work specifications and drawings of this solicitation;

successfully completed or in progress, that was coordinated and performed in the last 3 years of a similar size and magnitude, scope and complexity. Contractor shall provide the following information for each contract/project submitted for evaluation:

Company Name/Address Phone number/Email Address

Project Title

Contracting Office/Government Agency

Contract Number

Total Contract Amount

Period of Performance

Contracting Officer (CO) name, Phone Number and Email

Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) Name, Phone number, and email address

Brief Description of the Project /Requirements and number of personnel assigned to the project.

(2) Provide the names of the general contractor's proposed project management personnel (i.e. Site Superintendent, Project Manager,) along with a description of the individual's experience (i.e. certifications, resumes, training) and a list of successfully completed projects of similar size, scope, and complexity (in a Hospital facility or similar working conditions) within the last 3 years. Superintendent shall have a minimum of three (3) years of experience. Identify experience managing or supervising projects of similar size and scope.

(3) Offerors shall provide a list of sub-contractors that you intend to use for this proposed project and include all recent (within last 3 years) and relevant experience of the sub-contractors working on projects of similar size, scope, and complexity.

(4) Offerors shall provide information about the business or firm's resource capabilities to ensure successful completion of this requirement.

**5.2. Volume 1-Tab C – Sub-Factor 3- Quality** - Offers shall address in narrative the following. Offers that do not describe each topic in enough detail will be rated unacceptable.

(1) Contractor shall explain how the project will be accomplished with no interruptions of services in adjacent patient care areas; experience with projects. (See statement of work)

(2) Contractor shall demonstrate a clear understanding of the project requirements including critical milestones, critical path and long lead time items. Demonstrate techniques for maintaining on-time schedule performance.

- (3) Contractor shall provide a detailed explanation as to how the project will be implemented and managed through to ensure compliance with all OSHA Construction Standards, and Fire and Life Safety issues, and security measures.
- (4) Contractor shall provide a site specific Quality Control Plan describing techniques for maintaining quality control for workmanship.

## **6. Volume 1 - Tab D – Factor II-Past Performance**

6.1. Past performance will be evaluated for quality, schedule (recent), price control, business relations, management, relevance. If no past performance information is readily available, the offeror may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance. FAR 15.305 will be used to evaluate past performance of prospective offerors. Responsibility determination will be made in accordance with FAR 9.1 Responsible Prospective Contractors.

(1) Provide completion of at least three (3) projects within the last 3 years ongoing or completed in direct performance of work similar in size, scope, magnitude and complexity to this requirement (prime and sub-contractors). The offeror shall have demonstrated ability to perform successfully in accordance with approved progress schedules under previous construction projects.

(2) Offerors shall prepare and forward to prior client(s) for submission to Contracting Office **EXHIBIT C PAST AND PRESENT PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRE** for all the projects listed by offeror and submitted using **EXHIBIT B PERFORMANCE RELEVANCY SURVEY**. This includes correspondence explaining the requirement to obtain an independent evaluation of prior contract performance and the Past and Present Performance Questionnaire for use in evaluating Past Performance. Proposals that do not include a “completed” past performance survey shall be rated neither favorably nor unfavorably. The performance risk shall be considered unknown and rated “neutral”. In order to be a “completed” past performance survey, shall include a correct phone number, a correct email address and all requested information on the Survey Form Exhibit.

(3) Completed Past Performance Questionnaires shall be submitted to the Contracting Office so as to arrive **not later than the closing date/time for receipt of proposals shown on the SF1442**. Completed questionnaires shall be forwarded via email to [sonya.trentham@va.gov](mailto:sonya.trentham@va.gov). The subject line shall state **VA256-15-R-0085 Renovate Former Army Reserve Center (Leroy Pond) Past Performance for (Name of Company.)** **NOTE: Offeror shall not review the Past Performance Questionnaire prior to submission. Past Performance Questionnaire must be submitted by the client/evaluator directly to the Contracting Office.** **It is the Offeror’s responsibility to verify with each of their customers to ensure the completed questionnaire was provided to the Contracting Officer by proposal due date and time for receipt of offers.**

**Note: The government will research information and data bases to aid in establishing contractor's responsibility and ability to perform. The databases include, but are not limited to PPIRS, EPLS, VetBiz and SBA.**

## **7. Volume 2 - Tab A – Factor III-Price**

7.1. Submit the properly filled out and executed SF1442, along with the CLIN Schedule, containing line item, total pricing, cost breakdown, sub-contractors & disciplines and proposed contract proposed duration. Price proposals will be ranked according to price, from lowest to highest. Price will not be evaluated other than to ensure price reasonableness and determine availability of funds. The government may use various price analysis techniques and procedures to make a price reasonableness determination.

7.2. In addition, include a separate itemized cost estimate breakdown with your priced proposal (e.g. direct labor – sheet metal worker, engineer, direct material/equipment costs, other costs, overhead, G&A, profit and list discipline sub-contractors for each)

7.3. If an evaluation factor has multiple requirements for acceptability, a proposal must meet all of them. If the evaluation factor has multiple requirements for unacceptable, a proposal need only be deficient under one requirement to receive an unacceptable rating for the entire evaluation factor.

7.4. The price evaluators shall also check for appearance of unbalanced line item prices. Offerors are cautioned to distribute direct costs such as material, labor, equipment, subcontracts and to evenly distribute indirect costs such as job overhead, home office overhead, and bonding to the appropriate contract line items. Both parties shall presume that field overhead costs through the proposed contract duration are inclusive in the offered price for the contract.

7.5. The Government shall evaluate offers for award purposes based on CLINS or any alternate deduct items as determined by the Government based on the availability of funding.

7.6. Each offeror's price shall be evaluated in accordance with FAR 15.4 to determine reasonableness and evaluate potential performance risks. In this context, each offeror shall include breakdown of item cost (i.e., equipment, materials, labor, disciplines) in order for fair and reasonable pricing to be determined when comparing offered price with the government estimate. This factor shall be evaluated as either

reasonable or unreasonable. The offeror who demonstrates the “best overall value” to the government shall be selected for award.

## **8.0 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

8.1. The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract without discussions with offerors. The Government intends to award a single contract to the offeror deemed responsible in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) whose proposal conforms to the RFP's requirements and judged to represent the “best value” to the Government. The “best value” is the most beneficial (advantageous) offer, price and other factors considered, and consistent with the Government's stated importance of evaluation criteria. This may result in award being made to a higher-rated, higher-priced offeror where the Contracting Officer determines that the Technical Evaluation of the higher-priced offeror outweighs the cost difference. To arrive at a Best Value decision, the Source Selection Evaluation Team (SSEB) shall integrate the evaluation of Technical Acceptability, Past Performance, and Price and Proposed Contract Duration/Summary Schedule. While the Government and the SSEB shall strive for maximum objectivity, the evaluation process, by its nature, is subjective and therefore, professional judgment is implicit throughout the entire evaluation process.

8.2. As such, offerors are encouraged to provide their best possible pricing initially as Final Proposal Revisions *may not* be requested. However, the Government reserves the right to request clarifications and/or conduct discussions if determined by the Contracting Officer to be in the best interest of the Government at any time leading up to contract award.

8.3. Award of a contract shall be based on “best value” to the Government with all non-priced factors, when combined, being approximately equal to Cost/Price. An offeror must be determined to be technically acceptable and pricing determined to be reasonable based on fair market value for project cost.

8.4. Evaluation Factors - Source Selection Process —

<b>"Best Value" Technically Acceptable Evaluation Standards</b>	
<b>Determination</b>	<b>Definition</b>

Acceptable	ALL of the minimum acceptable criteria are clearly met by the proposal. Proposal greatly exceeds the contract requirements and has significant strengths and no significant weaknesses or deficiencies. The offeror's proposal meets the performance and technical capability requirements defined in the SOW. <b>NOTE: Once the proposals have been determined to be "technically acceptable," award will be based on price only.</b>
Unacceptable	Not all of the minimum acceptable criteria are met by the proposal. An unacceptable proposal contains one or more deficiencies. Proposal fails to meet specified minimum performance with major weaknesses and technical capability requirements defined in the SOW.

8.5. A “Competitive Range” is a subjective determination of the most highly rated proposals in the event that the Government decides that discussions with offerors are required or are considered to be in the Government’s best interest. In such an event, the Contracting Officer shall establish a competitive range of all the most highly rated proposals.

8.6. If discussions are held, the Government may engage in a broad give and take with those offerors in the competitive range, in accordance with FAR 15.306(d). The Government shall provide the Offeror an advance agenda for the discussion. During discussions, the Government may ask the Offeror to further explain its proposal and to answer questions about it.

8.7. Upon conclusion of discussions, those offerors still considered the most highly rated, shall be afforded an opportunity to submit their proposal revisions for final evaluation and selection.

8.8. Competitive Range: The Government reserves the right to limit for purposes of efficiency, the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that shall permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals (10 U.S.C.2305(b)(4) and 41 U.S.C. 253b(d)). If the contracting officer decides that an offeror’s proposal should no longer be included in the competitive range, the proposal shall be eliminated from consideration for award and written notice of the decision shall be provided to the unsuccessful offeror in accordance with FAR 15.503.

8.9. Discussions: To maximize the Government’s ability to obtain best value, based on the requirements and the evaluation factors set forth in this **RFP**, it may be necessary to conduct discussions. If discussions are necessary due to perceived deficiencies, uncertainties, or other issues, which must be addressed before award, they shall be conducted with only those offerors determined to be within the competitive range. Discussions may be conducted either orally or in writing. The scope and extent of discussions are a matter of contracting officer judgment. The Government may make a final determination as to whether the offeror’s proposal is acceptable or unacceptable solely on the basis of the initial proposal as submitted. Accordingly, offerors are advised to submit initial proposals which are fully and clearly acceptable and without the need for additional information. The competitive range, if required, may be reduced for

purposes of efficiency pursuant to FAR 15.306(c) (2). Offerors may be restricted to a short turnaround (i.e., less than 24 hours) in responding to the contracting officer during any discussion period.

8.10. Final Proposal Revisions: If discussions are conducted, final proposal revisions shall be required in determining the award of a contract resulting from this RFP. Offerors may be required to respond with their final proposal revision within 24 hours. However, the Government reserves the right to award a contract without discussions or opportunity for proposal revisions, in which case, final proposal revisions shall not be required. Offerors are advised that unsupported final proposal revisions may be penalized in the overall proposal evaluation, and an otherwise acceptable proposal could be placed in jeopardy.

8.11. Rejection of Unrealistic Offers: The Government may reject any proposal that is evaluated to be unrealistic in terms of program commitments, contract terms and conditions, or unrealistically high or low in price when compared to Government estimates, such that the proposal is deemed to reflect an inherent lack of competence or failure to comprehend the complexity and risks of the program.

8.12. Correction Potential of Proposals: The Government shall consider throughout the evaluation, the correction potential of any deficiency or proposal inadequacy. The judgment of such correction potential is within the sole discretion of the Government. If an aspect of an offeror's proposal not meeting the Government's requirements is not considered correctable, the offeror may be eliminated from the competitive range. For a proposal to result in an awardable contract, the proposal must at least meet all technical requirements, conform to all required terms and conditions, and include all required certifications. Offerors are required to meet RFP requirements in addition to those identified as evaluation criteria to be eligible for award.

## **9. SOURCE SELECTION EVALUATION BOARD (SSEB)**

A SSEB comprised of representatives of the Department of Veterans Affairs will be established to conduct the evaluation of proposals received in response to this solicitation. The identities of the SSEB personnel are confidential and any attempt by the offerors to contact these individuals is prohibited. The evaluation will be based on the content of the proposal and any subsequent discussions required, as well as information obtained from other sources; IE. past performance information. Offerors are advised that the technical evaluation and rating of proposals will be conducted in strict confidence. The number and identities of offerors are not revealed to anyone who is not involved in the evaluation and award process or to other offerors. Proposals will be evaluated based on the factors described herein and award will be made to the responsive acceptable offeror in conformance with this solicitation results in the best value to the Government, price and other factors considered. The SSEB will not consider any information incorporated by reference except as expressly allowed by this Solicitation.

10. **VETBIZ REGISTRATION:** This procurement is a total SDVOSB set-aside under Public Law 109-461. By submission of an offer, a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) acknowledges the requirement that the firm shall be registered in and verified as a SDVOSB in the VetBiz database in the VetBiz.gov Vendor Information Pages (VIP) at <http://www.vetbiz.gov/> at time of submission of offer. Offeror received from contractors who are not verified as a SDVOSB at VetBiz shall be considered non-responsive and shall not be considered for award.

## **11. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM):**

11.1. SAM has replaced the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), Online Representations and Certifications Application (OCRA) and the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS).

11.2. Federal Acquisition Regulations require that federal contractors register in the SAM database at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/> and enter all mandatory information into the system. Prior to **award** and through final payment, and the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) at <http://orca.bpn.gov> prior to award and through final payment. **Contract shall not be awarded until SAM registration has been completed.**

## **12. VETS-4212:**

Title 38, USC Section 4212(d) and Public Law 105-339, requires that federal contractors report, at least annually, the number and category of veterans who are within their workforce. This VETS-4212 report can be submitted per the instructions **at** <http://www.dol.gov/vets/vets4212.htm>. For additional information see <http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/fcp/main.htm>. For assistance contact VETS-4212 customer support at 1-866-237-0275 or [VETS4212-customersupport@dol.gov](mailto:VETS4212-customersupport@dol.gov). **For procurement awards in excess of \$100,000, this report must be completed and accepted prior to any Federal contract award.** **Therefore, all potential contractors are encouraged to file every year.**

## **13. GOVERNMENT INVOICE ADDRESS:**

All invoices from the contractor shall be sent electronically by following instruction as stated as website:

<http://www.fsc.va.gov/einvoice.asp> OB10 link: <http://www.ob10.com/us/en/veterans-affairs/>

See VAAR clause 852.232-72 Electronic Submission of Payment Requests (Nov 2012)



(a) In accordance with the Prompt Payment Act, the VAFSC requires the following information for the invoice to be considered valid for payment. Invoices without the required information will be returned.

Vendor name, invoice number, and date

Remittance address (address where the payment is to be issued)

Station Number, Purchase Order Number (PO#)

Project Number (if available)

Contract number

Itemized description of goods or services, quantity, and unit price

Total dollar amount of invoice

Discount or net terms

(b) Payrolls may be submitted monthly as same time as invoices electronically to Contracting Officer.

#### **14. OFFEROR IDENTIFICATION**

Offeror shall complete the following:

CAGE CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

DUNS: \_\_\_\_\_

TAX I.D. NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **15. REVIEW REQUIRED REGISTRATION WITH CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (CPARS)**

As prescribed in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 42.1502(b), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) evaluates contractor past performance on all contracts that exceed \$150,000, and shares those evaluations with other Federal Government contract specialists and procurement officials. 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, CPARS, which is maintained by the Naval Seal 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.

Each contractor whose contract award is estimated to exceed \$150,000 is required to register with CPARS database at the following web address: <http://www.cpars.gov/>. Help in registering can be obtained by contacting Customer Support Desk @ 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.

For contracts with a period of one year or less, the contracting officer will perform a single evaluation when the contract is complete. For contracts exceeding one year, the contracting officer will evaluate the contractor's performance annually. Interim reports will be filed each year until the last year of the contract, when the final report will be completed. The report shall be assigned in CPARS to the contractor's designated representative for comment. The contractor representative will have thirty days to submit any comments and re-assign the report to the VA contracting officer.

Failure to have a current registration in the CPARS database, or to re-assign the report to the VA contracting officer within those thirty days, will result in the Government's evaluation being placed on file in the database with a statement that the contractor failed to respond.

---The Government may evaluate past performance information through the use of questionnaires completed by the offeror's references; use data independently obtained from other Government or commercial sources, including, but not limited to, Government databases; and/or rely upon personal business experience with the offeror. The evaluation may take into account Past Performance information regarding predecessor companies, key personnel who have relevant experience, and/or subcontractors that will perform major or critical aspects of the requirement when such information is relevant to this acquisition. Past Performance information on contracts not listed by the offeror, or that of planned subcontractors, may also be evaluated. The Government may contact references and contact parties other than those identified by the offeror, and information received may be used in the evaluation of the offeror's Past Performance. While the Government may elect to consider data obtained from other sources, the burden of providing current accurate and complete Past Performance information rests with the offeror and no relevant performance record shall be given a "neutral/unknown" rating for these

factors. The Government reserves the right to obtain and evaluate Past Performance information from any source it deems appropriate.---

**16. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS** – Contractors will be required to furnish to the VA electronic:

Insurance certificate

Performance/Payment Bonds (if required)

Submittal List of all submittals for each project

Submittal form for each submittal with contract number and submittal number

Invoice billing will include: Invoice, progress reports & payrolls with project number, contract & purchase order number on each document

After project completion – Release of Claims & Warranty Certificate/Letter

**17. AWARD AND DEBRIEFING:**

17.1. Award. A single firm-fixed price award will be made in the form of firm fixed-price contract to the responsible offeror whose proposal the Source Selection Authority (SSA) has determined conforms to the solicitation, is fair and reasonable, represents fair market value and offers the “best value” to the Government, considering all non-price factors described herein and price.

17.2. Debriefings. Offerors excluded from the competitive range or otherwise excluded from the competition before award may submit a written request for a debriefing to the Contracting Officer in accordance with FAR 15.505. After award, unsuccessful offerors may submit a written request for a debriefing to the Contracting Officer [sonya.trentham@va.gov](mailto:sonya.trentham@va.gov) in accordance with FAR 15.506. Written requests for debriefing will not be accepted by facsimile.

**18. WORK HOURS:**

Standard Hours – 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM local time Monday through Friday with all Federal Holidays recognized as non-working days. However, the nature of the work for some projects will require some construction tasks to take place evenings, nights, weekends and/or holidays. Contractors shall coordinate work outside standard hours with the VA contracting officer/COR. Contractor requests for work outside standard hours are to be submitted to the CO/COR a minimum of three (3) working days in advance.

Federal Holidays - The Federal Government observes the following days as holidays.

New Year's Day	January 1 <sup>st</sup> *
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Third Monday in January
Presidents Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4 <sup>th</sup> *
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
Veterans Day	November 11 <sup>th</sup> *
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25 <sup>th</sup> *

\* When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday will be observed as a legal holiday. When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday is observed by U.S. Government agencies.

## **19. PROGRESS MEETINGS:**

19.1. A weekly meeting (or more frequent if necessary) may be held between the contractor, the COR and/or CO to discuss work progress, problems and potential modifications. The contracting officer shall be notified in advance of each meeting, and provided a progress report.

19.2. Initial conference. Before issuance of the contract, a pre-construction conference may be conducted to acquaint the contractor with Government policies and procedures that are to be observed during the prosecution of the work. It is strongly suggested that the contractor's Project Manager, Quality Control Manager, Superintendent, and other appropriate employees attend this meeting.

## **20. SCHEDULING OF WORK:**

20.1. Before commencement of work the contractor shall confer with the COR, as well as the building occupant, and agree on a sequence of procedures; means of access to premises and building, space for storage of materials and equipment, delivery of materials and use of approaches, use of corridors, stairways, elevators, and similar means of communications, location of partitions, eating spaces, and restrooms for contractor employees, and the like.

20.2. Delivery of materials and equipment shall be made with a minimum of interference to Government operations and personnel and shall be coordinated with the COR. VA personnel shall not assist with shipments or deliveries that are made to the job site. Acceptance by the Government of delivered materials shall be based on installation and inspection by Government personnel.

20.3. The work shall, so far as practicable, be done in definite sections or divisions, and confined to limited areas which shall be completed before work in other sections or divisions is begun. Most work will be performed in occupied areas.

20.4. The contractor shall take all precautions to ensure that no damage will result from his operations to private or public property. All damages shall be repaired or replaced by the contractor at no cost to the Government.

20.5. The contractor shall be responsible for providing all dust barriers, access barriers, and other site protective barriers and site control devices. This includes, but is not limited to: protective fences; protective tapes; and protective signage. The contractor shall be responsible for providing all necessary traffic control, such as street blockages, traffic cones, flagman, etc., as required at no additional cost to the Government. Proposed traffic control methods shall be submitted to the COR for final approval. No street or access way shall be completely closed to traffic without prior approval from the COR.

20.6. At the beginning of each working day, the contractor shall notify the COR of the location(s) of work to be accomplished that day.

20.7. All temporary outages of any utility services required for the performance of work shall be scheduled with the COR no less than five (5) working days in advance of such outages.

## **21. CONTRACTOR QUALITY CONTROL PLAN & SAFETY ASSURANCE:**

No later than 10 calendar days after contract award, the contractor shall submit a Contractor Quality Control (CQC) Plan to the Contracting Officer. The Government reserves the right to require the contractor to make changes in his CQC Plan and operations as necessary. Failure to implement or maintain an adequate CQC Plan shall be cause for a default termination of the contract. The CQC plan must contain, as a minimum, the following items:

21.1. A description of the quality control organization, including an organization chart showing lines of authority and acknowledgement that the CQC staff shall report to the project manager or someone higher in the Contractor's organization;

21.2. The qualifications, duties, responsibilities, and authorities of each person assigned a quality control function;

21.3. A copy of the letter to the Quality Control Manager, signed by an authorized official of the firm, which describes the responsibilities and delegates the authorities of the Quality Control Manager, shall be furnished;

21.4. Procedures for scheduling and managing submittals, including those of subcontractors, offsite fabricators, suppliers, and purchasing agents;

21.5. Testing & inspection procedures including internal and external reporting procedures; and

21.6. Methods used to ensure that all applicable OSHA regulations are adhered to.

21.7. The Contractor shall assume full responsibility and liability for compliance with all applicable OSHA regulations pertaining to the health and safety of personnel during the execution of work, and shall hold the Government harmless for any action on his part or that of his employees or subcontractors, which results in illness, injury, or death. Contractors are required to report any accidents or injuries that occur on the job.

**22. CONTRACTOR PROJECT QUALITY CONTROL:** Contractor quality control is the means by which the contractor assures himself that his construction complies with the requirements of the contract plans and specifications. The controls shall be adequate to cover all construction operations, including both on-site and off-site fabrication, and will be keyed to the proposed construction sequence. Quality control includes, as a minimum, the following functions:

22.1. All submittals are submitted in a timely fashion.

22.2. The submittals are approved.

22.3. The supplies that are delivered are the same as shown on the submittal.

22.4. The supplies are in the proper condition when delivered.

22.5. The supplies are stored properly.

22.6. The construction equipment is correct and meets contract requirements.

22.7. Testing provisions are reviewed and testing equipment and personnel are available and correct.

22.8. All tests are performed at the proper times and in the proper places.

22.9. All test reports meet contract requirements.

22.10. The workers are cognizant of the required level of workmanship.

22.11. Inspect each area of work to ensure the preparation for the work is correct.

22.12. Inspect each feature of the work to ascertain that no deficient work is covered up by succeeding work.

22.13. Inspections shall continue throughout the contract.

22.14. Document all inspections.



22.15. The documentation covers both conforming and defective work.

22.16. All deficiencies are corrected.

22.17. Develop procedures to ensure that deficiencies do not recur.

22.18. Develop a “punch list” for the completion inspection.

22.19. Government officials are notified at the proper times of inspections and/ or tests that are required.

### **23. WORK BY THE GOVERNMENT**

The Government reserves the right to undertake performance by Government forces or other contractors, for the same type or similar work as contracted for herein, as the Government deems necessary or desirable, and to do so will not breach or otherwise violate this contract.

24. **CONTRACTING OFFICER/CONTRACTING OFFICERS REPRESENTATIVE:** The Contracting Officer has the overall responsibility for the administration of this contract. The CO alone, without delegation, is authorized to take actions on behalf of the Government to amend, modify or deviate from the contract terms, conditions, requirements, specifications, details and/or delivery schedules; issue task orders against the contract; make final decisions on disputed deductions from contract payments for nonperformance, or unsatisfactory performance; terminate the contract for convenience or default; and issue final decisions regarding contract questions or matters under dispute. However, the CO may delegate certain other responsibilities to the Contracting Officer’s Representatives (COR). All delegated duties will be specified in writing in the COR Appointment and Delegation Notice.

**25. CONSTRUCTION WAGES:** Minimum rates of wages, required by the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a), as amended, to be paid the various classes of laborers and mechanics employed on this work.

**26. TRAINING:**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) requires strict adherence to the Code of Federal Regulations 29, Part 1926, along with Infection Control Procedures and Interim Life Safety Measures that are contained in the contract drawings. This includes the requirement that the contractor have a "Competent Person" on the job for each definable feature of work being performed. At least one of the prime contractor designated personnel: superintendent, project manager, quality control or safety officer, must be on site at all times during all work activities. The before listed prime contractor personnel must have at least the 30-hour OSHA certified Construction Safety course. As of January 1, 2005, all employees of general contractor or subcontractors are required to have 10-hour OSHA certified Construction Safety course and /or other relevant competency training. Submit training records of all such employees for approval before the start of work. Lack of verified proof of training may result in the denial of work for the affected employee.

**27. NOTICE OF COMPLETION/FINAL INSPECTION:**

27.1. When the Contractor is ready for final inspection, he/she shall request a final inspection in writing to the Contracting Officer, unless prior verbal arrangements are made. These will be approved on a case by case basis. The final inspection will normally be requested 5 working days prior to the desired date or as otherwise negotiated with the Contracting Officer. **Final inspections shall be scheduled at least 10 days prior to the completion date of project, sufficient to permit correction of deficiencies noted during the pre-final inspection.**

27.2. Once the Contractor has requested a final inspection, the COR may then conduct a pre-final inspection. Any discrepancies noted shall be corrected by the Contractor prior to any final inspection.

27.3. Attendance at the final inspection at a minimum will include the Contractor and COR. The COR with the Contracting Officer may, at his/her discretion, include technical representatives from other areas of expertise such as Fire Protection, Safety, Bio-Environmental or any other Engineering Services shop. Any discrepancies noted will be corrected by the Contractor within ten (10) working days or as specified by the Contracting Officer, prior to final payment. The Contracting Officer reserves the right to either decline the Contractor request for a final inspection or suspend a final inspection, when it is evident that the Contractor is not ready for a final inspection. Five (5) percent of the total value of the project shall be retained until all discrepancies are corrected.

## **2.1 52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)**

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

(End of Provision)

## **2.2 52.222-5 CONSTRUCTION WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS— SECONDARY SITE OF THE WORK (MAY 2014)**

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

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

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

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

(End of Provision)

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

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

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

<b>Goals for minority participation for each trade</b>	<b>Goals for female participation for each trade</b>
3.6 %	6.9 %

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

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

its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor, or from project to project, for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the regulations in 41 CFR 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

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

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

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

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON  
CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE  
STATE OF ARKANSAS

(End of Provision)

## **2.4 52.225-10 NOTICE OF BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENT— CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (MAY 2014)**

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

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

(c) Evaluation of offers.

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

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

(d) Alternate offers.

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

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

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

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

(ii) May be accepted if revised during negotiations.

(End of Provision)

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

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

(b) The bidder shall furnish a bid guarantee in the form of a firm commitment, e.g., bid bond supported by good and sufficient surety or sureties acceptable to the Government, postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or, under Treasury Department regulations, certain bonds or notes of the United States. The Contracting Officer will return bid guarantees, other than bid bonds—

(1) To unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after the opening of bids; and

(2) To the successful bidder upon execution of contractual documents and bonds (including any necessary coinsurance or reinsurance agreements), as required by the bid as accepted.

(c) The amount of the bid guarantee shall be 100 percent of the bid price or NTE \$3 MILLION, whichever is less.

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

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

(End of Provision)

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

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:

SONYA D TRENTAM  
CONTRACTING OFFICER

Veterans Health Administration  
Network Contracting Office 16  
2575 Keystone Crossing  
Fayetteville AR 72703

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

(End of Provision)

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

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

(b) An organized site visit has been scheduled for—JULY 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM (CST)

(c) Participants will meet at—Contracting Office, 2575 Keystone Crossing, Fayetteville, AR 72703

(End of Provision)

## **2.8 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)

<u><b>FAR Number</b></u>	<u><b>Title</b></u>	<u><b>Date</b></u>
52.204-7	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT	OCT 2016
52.204-16	COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE REPORTING	JUL 2016
52.204-22	ALTERNATIVE LINE ITEM PROPOSAL	JAN 2017
52.215-1	INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION	JAN 2017
52.232-38	SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER INFORMATION WITH OFFER	JUL 2013
52.236-28	PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS—CONSTRUCTION	OCT 1997

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

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

(End of Clause)

## **2.10 VAAR 852.233-70 PROTEST CONTENT/ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (JAN 2008)**

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

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

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

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

(End of Provision)

## **2.11 VAAR 852.233-71 ALTERNATE PROTEST PROCEDURE (JAN 1998)**

As an alternative to filing a protest with the contracting officer, an interested party may file a protest with the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management, Acquisition Administration Team, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, or for solicitations issued by the Office of Construction and Facilities Management, the Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. The protest will not be considered if the interested party has a protest on the same or similar issues pending with the contracting officer.

(End of Provision)

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

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

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

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

## **2.12 VAAR 852.270-1 REPRESENTATIVES OF CONTRACTING OFFICERS (JAN 2008)**

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

(End of Provision)



## **REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

### **3.1 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)

### **3.2 52.204-8 ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (JAN 2017)**

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 236220.

(2) The small business size standard is .

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

(b)(1) If the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

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

[ ] (i) Paragraph (d) applies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) 52.203-18, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements—Representation. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(iv) 52.204-3, Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management.

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

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

(B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and

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

(vi) 52.209-2, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations—Representation.

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

(viii) 52.209-11, Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law. This provision applies to all solicitations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(xvi) 52.222-57, Representation Regarding Compliance with Labor Laws (Executive Order 13673). This provision applies to solicitations expected to exceed \$50 million which are issued from October 25, 2016 through April 24, 2017, and solicitations expected to exceed \$500,000, which are issued after April 24, 2017.

**Note to paragraph (c)(1)(xvi):** By a court order issued on October 24, 2016, 52.222-57 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.

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

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

(xix) 52.223-22, Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals--Representation. This provision applies to solicitations that include the clause at 52.204-7.)

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

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

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

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

(C) If the acquisition value is \$50,000 or more but is less than \$77,533, the provision with its Alternate II applies.

(D) If the acquisition value is \$77,533 or more but is less than \$100,000, the provision with its Alternate III applies.

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

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

(xxiv) 52.225-25, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran—Representation and Certifications. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxv) 52.226-2, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions.

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

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

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

☒ (i) 52.204-17, Ownership or Control of Offeror.

☒ (ii) 52.204-20, Predecessor of Offeror.

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

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

☐ (v) 52.222-52, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services—Certification.

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

☐ (vii) 52.227-6, Royalty Information.

☐ (A) Basic.

☐ (B) Alternate I.

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

(d) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the SAM Web site accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>. After reviewing the SAM database information, the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically that apply to this solicitation as indicated in paragraph (c) of this provision have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201); except for the changes identified below [offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date]. These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

FAR Clause #	Title	Date	Change

Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on SAM.

(End of Provision)

### **3.3 52.209-5 REPRESENTATION BY CORPORATIONS REGARDING AN UNPAID TAX LIABILITY OR A FELONY CONVICTION UNDER ANY FEDERAL LAW (DEVIATION)(MAR 2012)**

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

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

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

(b) The Offeror represents that—

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

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

(End of Provision)

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **4.1 52.203-99 PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES THAT REQUIRE CERTAIN INTERNAL CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS (DEVIATION) (FEB 2015)**

(a) The Contractor shall not require employees or contractors seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign or comply with 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.

(b) The contractor shall notify employees that the prohibitions and restrictions of any internal confidentiality agreements covered by this clause are no longer in effect.

(c) The prohibition in paragraph (a) of this clause 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.

(d)(1) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Resolution Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235), use of funds appropriated (or otherwise made available) under that or any other Act may be prohibited, if the Government determines that the Contractor is not in compliance with the provisions of this clause.

(2) The Government may seek any available remedies in the event the contractor fails to comply with the provisions of this clause.

(End of Clause)

### **4.2 52.204-19 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (DEC 2014)**

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)

### **4.3 52.211-10 COMMENCEMENT, PROSECUTION, AND COMPLETION OF WORK (APR 1984) ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)**

The Contractor shall be required to (a) commence work under this contract within 10 calendar days after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed, (b) prosecute the work diligently, and (c) complete the entire work ready for use not later than 90 days after receipt of award. The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.

The completion date is based on the assumption that the successful offeror will receive the notice to proceed by . The completion date will be extended by the number of calendar days after the above date that the Contractor receives the notice to proceed, except to the extent that the delay in issuance of the

notice to proceed results from the failure of the Contractor to execute the contract and give the required performance and payment bonds within the time specified in the offer.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.4 52.219-28 POST-AWARD SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REREPRESENTATION (JUL 2013)**

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

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

*Small business concern* means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and the size standard in paragraph (c) of this clause. Such a concern is "not dominant in its field of operation" when it does not exercise a controlling or major influence on a national basis in a kind of business activity in which a number of business concerns are primarily engaged. In determining whether dominance exists, consideration shall be given to all appropriate factors, including volume of business, number of employees, financial resources, competitive status or position, ownership or control of materials, processes, patents, license agreements, facilities, sales territory, and nature of business activity.

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

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

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

(3) For long-term contracts—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Contractor represents that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a small business concern under NAICS Code 236220 assigned to contract number .

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

(End of Clause)

#### **4.5 52.222-35 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS (OCT 2015)**

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

“Active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran,” “Armed Forces service medal veteran,” “disabled veteran,” “protected veteran,” “qualified disabled veteran,” and “recently separated veteran” have the meanings given at FAR 22.1301.

(b) *Equal opportunity clause.* The Contractor shall abide by the requirements of the equal opportunity clause at 41 CFR 60-300.5(a), as of March 24, 2014. This clause prohibits discrimination against qualified protected veterans, and requires affirmative action by the Contractor to employ and advance in employment qualified protected veterans.

(c) *Subcontracts.* The Contractor shall insert the terms of this clause in subcontracts of \$150,000 or more unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor. The Contractor shall act as specified by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, to enforce the terms, including action for noncompliance. Such necessary changes in language may be made as shall be appropriate to identify properly the parties and their undertakings.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.6 52.222-40 NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT (DEC 2010)**

(a) During the term of this contract, the Contractor shall post an employee notice, of such size and in such form, and containing such content as prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, in conspicuous places in and about its plants and offices where employees covered by the National Labor Relations Act engage in activities relating to the performance of the contract, including all places where notices to employees are



customarily posted both physically and electronically, in the languages employees speak, in accordance with 29 CFR 471.2(d) and (f).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) Subcontracts.

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

#### **4.7 52.223-2 AFFIRMATIVE PROCUREMENT OF BIOBASED PRODUCTS UNDER SERVICE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (SEP 2013)**

(a) In the performance of this contract, the contractor shall make maximum use of biobased products that are United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-designated items unless—

(1) The product cannot be acquired—

(i) Competitively within a time frame providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;

(ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or

(iii) At a reasonable price.

(2) The product is to be used in an application covered by a USDA categorical exemption (see 7 CFR 3201.3(e)). For example, all USDA-designated items are exempt from the preferred procurement requirement for the following:

(i) Spacecraft system and launch support equipment.

(ii) Military equipment, i.e., a product or system designed or procured for combat or combat-related missions.

(b) Information about this requirement and these products is available at <http://www.biopreferred.gov>.

(c) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall—

(1) Report to <http://www.sam.gov>, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, on the product types and dollar value of any USDA-designated biobased products purchased by the Contractor during the previous Government fiscal year, between October 1 and September 30; and

(2) Submit this report no later than—

(i) October 31 of each year during contract performance; and

(ii) At the end of contract performance.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.8 52.225-9 BUY AMERICAN—CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (MAY 2014)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Does not include bulk cargo, as defined in 46 U.S.C. 40102(4), such as agricultural products and petroleum products.

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

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

"Cost of components" means—

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

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

"Domestic construction material" means—

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

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

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

(ii) The construction material is a COTS item.

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

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

(b) Domestic preference.

(1) This clause implements 41 U.S.C. chapter 83, Buy American, by providing a preference for domestic construction material. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. 1907, the component test of the Buy American statute is waived for construction material that is a COTS item. (See FAR 12.505(a)(2)). The Contractor shall use only domestic construction material in performing this contract, except as provided in paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this clause.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B) Unit of measure;

(C) Quantity;

(D) Price;

(E) Time of delivery or availability;

(F) Location of the construction project;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PRICE COMPARISON			
Construction Material Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Price (Dollars)*
Item 1:			
Foreign Construction Material			
Domestic Construction Material			
Item 2:			
Foreign Construction Material			
Domestic Construction Material			

[List name, address, telephone number, and contact for suppliers surveyed Attach copy of response; if oral, attach summary.]

[Include other applicable supporting information.]

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

(End of Clause)

#### 4.9 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)

<b><u>FAR</u></b> <b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
52.202-1	DEFINITIONS	NOV 2013
52.203-3	GRATUITIES	APR 1984
52.203-5	COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES	MAY 2014
52.203-6	RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR SALES TO THE GOVERNMENT	SEP 2006
52.203-7	ANTI-KICKBACK PROCEDURES	MAY 2014
52.203-8	CANCELLATION, RESCISSION, AND RECOVERY OF FUNDS FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY	MAY 2014
52.203-10	PRICE OR FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY	MAY 2014
52.203-12	LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS	OCT 2010
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
52.203-19	PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING CERTAIN INTERNAL CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS OR STATEMENTS	JAN 2017
52.204-4	PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON RECYCLED PAPER	MAY 2011
52.204-9	PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL	JAN 2011
52.204-10	REPORTING EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACT AWARDS	OCT 2016
52.204-13	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE	OCT 2016
52.204-18	COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE MAINTENANCE	JUL 2016
52.209-6	PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT	OCT 2015
52.209-10	PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH INVERTED DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS	NOV 2015
52.215-2	AUDIT AND RECORDS—NEGOTIATION	OCT 2010
52.219-8	UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS	NOV 2016
52.222-1	NOTICE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LABOR DISPUTES	FEB 1997
52.222-3	CONVICT LABOR	JUN 2003
52.222-4	CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS—OVERTIME COMPENSATION	MAY 2014
52.222-6	CONSTRUCTION WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS	MAY 2014
52.222-7	WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS	MAY 2014
52.222-8	PAYROLLS AND BASIC RECORDS	MAY 2014
52.222-9	APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES	JUL 2005
52.222-10	COMPLIANCE WITH COPELAND ACT REQUIREMENTS	FEB 1988
52.222-11	SUBCONTRACTS (LABOR STANDARDS)	MAY 2014
52.222-12	CONTRACT TERMINATION—DEBARMENT	MAY 2014
52.222-13	COMPLIANCE WITH CONSTRUCTION WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED REGULATIONS	MAY 2014
52.222-14	DISPUTES CONCERNING LABOR STANDARDS	FEB 1988
52.222-15	CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY	MAY 2014
52.222-21	PROHIBITION OF SEGREGATED FACILITIES	APR 2015
52.222-26	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY	SEP 2016

52.222-27	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION	APR 2015
52.222-36	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES	JUL 2014
52.222-37	EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON VETERANS	FEB 2016
52.222-41	SERVICE CONTRACT LABOR STANDARDS	MAY 2014
52.222-44	FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT AND SERVICE CONTRACT LABOR STANDARDS—PRICE ADJUSTMENT	MAY 2014
52.222-50	COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS	MAR 2015
52.222-54	EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION	OCT 2015
52.222-55	MINIMUM WAGES UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13658	DEC 2015
52.222-62	PAID SICK LEAVE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13706	JAN 2017
52.223-5	POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RIGHT-TO-KNOW INFORMATION	MAY 2011
52.223-6	DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE	MAY 2001
52.223-15	ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN ENERGY-CONSUMING PRODUCTS	DEC 2007
52.223-18	ENCOURAGING CONTRACTOR POLICIES TO BAN TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING	AUG 2011
52.223-21	FOAMS	JUN 2016
52.225-13	RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PURCHASES	JUN 2008
52.227-1	AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT	DEC 2007
52.227-2	NOTICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT	DEC 2007
52.227-4	PATENT INDEMNITY—CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	DEC 2007
52.228-2	ADDITIONAL BOND SECURITY	OCT 1997
52.228-5	INSURANCE—WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION	JAN 1997
52.228-11	PLEDGES OF ASSETS	JAN 2012
52.228-12	PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTOR REQUESTS FOR BONDS	MAY 2014
52.228-14	IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT	NOV 2014
52.228-15	PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS—CONSTRUCTION	OCT 2010
52.229-3	FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES	FEB 2013
52.232-5	PAYMENTS UNDER FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	MAY 2014
52.232-17	INTEREST	MAY 2014
52.232-23	ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS	MAY 2014
52.232-27	PROMPT PAYMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	JAN 2017
52.232-34	PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER—OTHER THAN SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT	JUL 2013
52.232-39	UNENFORCEABILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS	JUN 2013
52.232-40	PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENTS TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS	DEC 2013
52.233-1	DISPUTES ALTERNATE I (DEC 1991)	MAY 2014
52.233-3	PROTEST AFTER AWARD	AUG 1996
52.233-4	APPLICABLE LAW FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM	OCT 2004
52.236-2	DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS	APR 1984
52.236-3	SITE INVESTIGATION AND CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE WORK	APR 1984
52.236-5	MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP	APR 1984
52.236-6	SUPERINTENDENCE BY THE CONTRACTOR	APR 1984
52.236-7	PERMITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES	NOV 1991
52.236-8	OTHER CONTRACTS	APR 1984

52.236-9	PROTECTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION, STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES, AND IMPROVEMENTS	APR 1984
52.236-10	OPERATIONS AND STORAGE AREAS	APR 1984
52.236-11	USE AND POSSESSION PRIOR TO COMPLETION	APR 1984
52.236-12	CLEANING UP	APR 1984
52.236-13	ACCIDENT PREVENTION	NOV 1991
52.236-15	SCHEDULES FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	APR 1984
52.236-17	LAYOUT OF WORK	APR 1984
52.236-21	SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION	FEB 1997
52.236-26	PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE	FEB 1995
52.242-13	BANKRUPTCY	JUL 1995
52.242-14	SUSPENSION OF WORK	APR 1984
52.243-4	CHANGES	JUN 2007
52.244-5	COMPETITION IN SUBCONTRACTING	DEC 1996
52.244-6	SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS	JAN 2017
52.246-21	WARRANTY OF CONSTRUCTION	MAR 1994
52.248-3	VALUE ENGINEERING—CONSTRUCTION	OCT 2015
52.249-2	TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT (FIXED PRICE) ALTERNATE I (SEPT 1996)	APR 2012
52.249-10	DEFAULT (FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION)	APR 1984
52.253-1	COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS	JAN 1991

#### **4.10 VAAR 852.203-70 COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING (JAN 2008)**

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

(End of Clause)

#### **4.11 VAAR 852.219-10 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)

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

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

(End of Clause)

#### **4.13 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)

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

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

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

(b) Large scale drawings supersede small scale drawings.

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

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

(End of Clause)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

#### **4.17 VAAR 852.236-76 CORRESPONDENCE (APR 1984)**

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

(End of Clause)

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

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

(End of Clause)

#### **4.19 VAAR 852.236-78 GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION (APR 1984)**

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

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

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

(End of Clause)

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

## **4.22 VAAR 852.236-82 PAYMENTS UNDER FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (WITHOUT NAS) (APR 1984) ALTERNATE I (JULY 2002)**

(a) Retainage:

(1) The contracting officer may retain funds:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) The cost schedule shall include separate cost information for the systems listed in the table in this paragraph (b)(5). The percentages listed below are proportions of the cost listed in the contractor's cost

schedule and identify, for payment purposes, the value of the work to adjust, correct and test systems after the material has been installed. Payment of the listed percentages will be made only after the contractor has demonstrated that each of the systems is substantially complete and operates as required by the contract.

(6)(i) The contractor shall at the time of contract award furnish the total cost of the guarantee period services in accordance with specification section(s) covering guarantee period services. The contractor shall submit, within 15 calendar days of receipt of the notice to proceed, a guarantee period performance program that shall include an itemized accounting of the number of work-hours required to perform the guarantee period service on each piece of equipment. The contractor shall also submit the established salary costs, including employee fringe benefits, and what the contractor reasonably expects to pay over the guarantee period, all of which will be subject to the contracting officer's approval.

(ii) The cost of the guarantee period service shall be prorated on an annual basis and paid in equal monthly payments by VA during the period of guarantee. In the event the installer does not perform satisfactorily during this period, all payments may be withheld and the contracting officer shall inform the contractor of the unsatisfactory performance, allowing the contractor 10 days to correct deficiencies and comply with the contract. The guarantee period service is subject to those provisions as set forth in the Payments and Default clauses.

#### VALUE OF ADJUSTING, CORRECTING, AND TESTING SYSTEM

System	Percent
Pneumatic tube system	10
Incinerators (medical waste and trash)	5
Sewage treatment plant equipment	5
Water treatment plant equipment	5
Washers (dish, cage, glass, etc.)	5
Sterilizing equipment	5
Water distilling equipment	5
Prefab temperature rooms (cold, constant temperature)	5
Entire air-conditioning system (Specified under 600 Sections)	5
Entire boiler plant system (Specified under 700 Sections)	5
General supply conveyors	10
Food service conveyors	10

Pneumatic soiled linen and trash system	10
Elevators and dumbwaiters	10
Materials transport system	10
Engine-generator system	5
Primary switchgear	5
Secondary switchgear	5
Fire alarm system	5
Nurse call system	5
Intercom system	5
Radio system	5
TV (entertainment) system	5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

(End of Clause)

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

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

(a) The wage determination decision of the Secretary of Labor is set forth in section GR, General Requirements, of this contract. It is the result of a study of wage conditions in the locality and establishes the minimum hourly rates of wages and fringe benefits for the described classes of labor in accordance with applicable law. No increase in the contract price will be allowed or authorized because of payment of wage rates in excess of those listed.

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

in addition be accompanied by Department of Labor Form WH-348, Statement of Compliance, or any other form containing the exact wording of this form.

(End of Clause)

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

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

(End of Clause)

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

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

(End of Clause)

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

The clauses entitled "Changes" in FAR 52.243-4 and "Differing Site Conditions" in FAR 52.236-2 are supplemented as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

#### **4.31 VAAR 852.246-75 WARRANTY FOR CONSTRUCTION--GUARANTEE PERIOD SERVICES (JAN 2008)**

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

Should the contractor fail to prosecute the work or fail to proceed promptly to provide guarantee period services after notification by the contracting officer, the Government may, subject to the default clause contained at FAR 52.249-10, Default (Fixed- Price Construction), and after allowing the contractor 10 days to correct and comply with the contract, terminate the right to proceed with the work (or the separable part of the work) that has been delayed or unsatisfactorily performed. In this event, the Government may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damages to the Government resulting from the contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within this specified time, whether or not the contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the Government in completing the work.

(End of Clause)

#### **4.32 LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING-- MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE (JUN 2011)**

This solicitation includes VAAR 852.219-10 VA Notice of Total 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.

See attached document: AR170035 05122017 AR35 BUILDING.

See attached document: Combined Specs.

See attached document: 564 15 110\_NFS Dish Room Floors\_Floor Plan.

See attached document: AS102dwgNOTES.

See attached document: EXHIBIT B PERFORMANCE RELEVANCY SURVEY.

See attached document: EXHIBIT C PAST AND PRESENT PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRE.