

FedBizOpps Presolicitation Notice

CLASSIFICATION CODE *	37
SUBJECT *	Commodity The Houston National Cemetery is in need of a Fork Lift, 7,300 lbs lifting capacity @ 24" load center to 132" MFH. Tilt is 6 degrees forward and 12 degrees backwards; Carriage is ITA Hook type, 46" Carriage; Forks are 48" X 6"
GENERAL INFORMATION	
CONTRACTING OFFICE'S * ZIP-CODE	80228
SOLICITATION NUMBER *	VA786-17-Q-0745
RESPONSE DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	08-30-2017
ARCHIVE	60 DAYS AFTER THE RESPONSE DATE
RECOVERY ACT FUNDS	N
SET-ASIDE	14
NAICS CODE *	423820
CONTRACTING OFFICE ADDRESS	Department of Veterans Affairs NCA Contracting Service 155 Van Gordon St Lakewood, CO 80228
DESCRIPTION *	See Attachment
POINT OF CONTACT * (POC Information Automatically Filled from User Profile Unless Entered)	Geraldine Herrera 303-914-5703 geraldine.herrera@va.gov
PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	
ADDRESS	Houston National Cemetery 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive Houston, TX
POSTAL CODE	77038
COUNTRY	USA
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
AGENCY'S URL	WWW.VA.GOV
URL DESCRIPTION	geraldine.herrera@va.gov
AGENCY CONTACT'S EMAIL ADDRESS	
EMAIL DESCRIPTION	

* = Required Field

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HOUSTON NC'* *****

Pre-Solicitation Notice

For Brand Name or Equal

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THIS IS A PRE-SOLICITATION NOTICE VA786-17-Q-0745 FOR COMMERCIAL SUPPLIES AND PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FORMAT IN FAR SUBPART 12.6, STREAMLINED PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATION AND SOLICITATION FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS-AS SUPPLEMENTED WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS NOTICE. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CONSTITUTES THE ONLY SOLICITATION; QUOTES ARE BEING REQUESTED AND A SEPARATE SOLICITATION DOCUMENT WILL NOT BE ISSUED. THIS PRE-SOLICITATION IS BEING ISSUED USING SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES FAR PART 13. SOLICITATION NUMBER VA786-16-Q-0745 IS BEING ISSUED AS A REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ). THIS NOTICE AND THE INCORPORATED PROVISIONS AND CLAUSES ARE THOSE IN EFFECT THROUGH THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (FAR).

- All responsible sources may submit a quote via E-mail to Geraldine Herrera, Purchasing Agent at geraldine.herrera@va.gov on or before 30 August 2017 by 2:00 PM MST.
- FAR clauses and provisions enclosed within this RFQ are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-80 and are available in full text through Internet access at <http://www.acquisition.gov/far>.
- This is a 100% Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB), Open Market procurement. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration (NCA) intends to award a Firm Fixed Price (FFP) Contract and a delivery of 30 days after date of award. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code is 423820 and the Size Standard is 100 Employees. Any firm that does not meet the capability and size standard under this NAICS code should not submit a response.
- This Presolicitation notice is a request for competitive quotes. Therefore, all quotations received prior to the RFQ close date will be considered by the Contracting Office. A single award will be made based on the most advantages value to the Government, price and other factors considered.
- All questions shall be sent via E-mail to Geraldine Herrera, Purchasing Agent at geraldine.herrera@va.gov on or before 30 August 2017 by 2:00 pm MST. Telephone or faxed questions will not be accepted.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

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

a. CONTRACTOR shall type in their information here:

Business Name:
Business Address:
POC Name and title:
E-mail address:
Phone Number:
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b. GOVERNMENT:

Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration
Contracting Service (43C1), Geraldine Herrera
75 Barrett Heights Road, Suite 309
Stafford, VA 22556

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

[X] 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer – Other Than System for Award Management (JUL 2013) (31 U.S.C. § 3332)

3. INVOICES: Invoices shall be submitted in arrears:

- A.** Invoices shall be submitted electronically.
- B.** Contractors shall not invoice for single orders of a shipment. Shipments will be invoiced for the complete shipment when completed and accepted by the Government.
- C.** Required Contents of Invoice: If any information below is missing from an invoice, the invoice shall be subject to rejection and returned for revision.
 - Contractor Information (Name, Complete Address, Telephone Number)
 - Date of Invoice
 - Unique Invoice Number
 - Each invoice may be submitted only once. If the need exists to submit a corrected invoice, the original invoice number should be noted with “COR” added at the end of the invoice number on the revised invoice. Where possible CORRECTED INVOICE shall be clearly noted
 - Purchase Order Number (Only one purchase order may be included on each invoice submitted)
 - Shipment Number (If there is not enough space on an invoice, an attachment to the invoice shall list the Shipment Number(s) and the Decedent’s Last Name and shall match the invoice quantity)
 - Decedent’s Last Name (See above)

- Cemetery Name
- Unit Cost
- Total Dollar Amount Invoiced
- Certificate of Conformance:
 - This certifies that (Contractor's Name) furnished the above listed supplies or services called for by the above listed purchase order number in accordance with all applicable requirements. We further certify that the supplies or services are the quality specified and conform in all respects with the contract requirements.

4. GOVERNMENT INVOICE ADDRESS: All invoices from the Contractor shall be sent electronically by following instruction as stated at website: <http://www.fsc.va.gov/einvoice.asp>. See VAAR clause 852.232-72 Electronic Submission of Payment Requests (NOV 2012).

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMENDMENTS:

The Offeror acknowledges receipt of Amendments to the Combined Synopsis/Solicitation numbered and dated as follows:

AMENDMENT NO	DATE

6. MISSING PAGES: It is the responsibility of the Offeror to examine this Combined Synopsis/Solicitation to verify that he, or she, has received all pages. In addition, in compiling this package, some pages may have been duplicated. If the Offeror feels that pages are missing or duplicated, the Offeror is encouraged to contact the Purchasing Agent at the E-mail address geraldine.herrera@va.gov.

7. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR(S): Prospective awardees **SHALL** be registered with SAM at <http://www.sam.gov> and registered with Vendor Information Pages (VIP) as a VIP Verified Business – Certified SDVOSB at <https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov/>, **Prior to Award** and through final payment, and the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) at <http://www.sam.gov> prior to award and through final payment. **Contract will not be awarded until SAM registration has been completed.**

Failure to submit ALL required documentation in accordance with the solicitation instructions at FAR Clause 52.212-1 and Addendum to FAR Clause 52.212-1 “Addition Instructions” shall result in your QUOTE being removed from further consideration.

LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING-MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE (JUN 2011)

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

(End of Clause)

DIGNITY STANDARDS

1. Every action by contractor personnel at a National cemetery must be performed with the special care, reverence, dignity, and respect that acknowledge the cemetery as the final resting place that commemorates the service and sacrifice that service members, Veterans and their families made for our Nation. Critically important is the awareness required of the contractor employees of the remains buried in the grounds where the work is performed. The utmost care must be given to these remains and the headstones and flat grave markers that mark those gravesites and memorialize the service of individuals.
 - a. Contractors can neither walk, stand, lean, sit or jump on headstones or markers nor can they drive over them. Contractor personnel should use tools approved by the Contracting Officer Representative (COR), such as shovels, pry bars or pinch bars to lift flat markers out of the ground; pick axes are not an acceptable tool.
 - b. No tools, equipment or other items will be placed or leaned on headstones or markers. Once headstones/markers are removed from the socket, do not place on dirt piles or mud; they should be carefully placed on each associated gravesite and protected in such a way as to prevent any soiling and be out of the way of any other work.

- c. Contractor shall be responsible for replacing damaged headstones and markers and for restoring turf damaged during performance of this work.
 - d. Additionally, should any activity result in the exposure and/or damage to any remains, container for remains (i.e., casket or urn), or outer burial container, the Contractor must contact the COR, Director/Assistant Director, or Contracting Officer (CO) for guidance.
2. Any doubts as to proper procedures shall be brought to the attention of the COR, Director/Assistant Director, or CO for guidance or resolution.
 3. The Contractor is required to discuss the guidance with this Contractor employees and have each employee sign a statement of compliance and deliver the signed statement to the COR before work may begin.

CONTRACT CLAUSES

52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

<http://www.va.gov/oal/library/vaar/>

(End of Clause)

<u>FAR Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
52.203-3	GRATUITIES	APR 1984
52.203-17	CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS	APR 2014
52.204-18	COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE MAINTENANCE	JUL 2015
52.211-17	DELIVERY OF EXCESS QUANTITIES	SEP 1989
52.212-4	CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS	MAY 2015
52.232-18	AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	APR 1984
52.232-40	PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENTS TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS	DEC 2013
52.242-13	BANKRUPTCY	JUL 1995
52.246-1	CONTRACTOR INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS	APR 1984
52.246-16	RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES	APR 1984

52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS-COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JUN 2016)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[X] (4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (OCT 2015) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

☐ (5) [Reserved]

☐ (6) 52.204-14, Service Contract Reporting Requirements (JAN 2014) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

☐ (7) 52.204-15, Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (JAN 2014) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

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

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

☐ (10) [Reserved]

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

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

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

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

☐ (13) [Reserved]

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

☐ (ii) Alternate I (NOV 2011).

☐ (iii) Alternate II (NOV 2011).

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

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

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

☐ (16) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2014) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).

☐ (17)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (OCT 2015) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).

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

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

☐ (iv) Alternate III (OCT 2015) of 52.219-9.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☒ (26) 52.222-19, **Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (FEB 2016) (E.O. 13126).**

☒ (27) 52.222-21, **Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).**

☒ (28) 52.222-26, **Equal Opportunity (APR 2015) (E.O. 11246).**

☒ (29) 52.222-35, **Equal Opportunity for Veterans (OCT 2015) (38 U.S.C. 4212).**

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

☒ (31) 52.222-37, **Employment Reports on Veterans (FEB 2016) (38 U.S.C. 4212).**

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

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

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

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

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

☐ (36) 52.223-11, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

☐ (37) 52.223-12, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

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

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

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

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

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

☒ (40) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (DEC 2007)(42 U.S.C. 8259b).

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

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

☒ (42) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (AUG 2011)

☐ (43) 52.223-20, Aerosols (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

☐ (44) 52.223-21, Foams (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

☐ (45) 52.225-1, Buy American—Supplies (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83).

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

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

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

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

☐ (47) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (FEB 2016) (19 U.S.C. 2501, *et seq.*, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).

☒ (48) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (JUN 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

☐ (49) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

☐ (50) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

☐ (51) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

☐ (52) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

☐ (53) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

☐ (54) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

☒ (55) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

☐ (56) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (MAY 2014) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

☐ (57) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[] (9) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (MAY 2014) (42 U.S.C. 1792).

[] (10) 52.237-11, Accepting and Dispensing of \$1 Coin (SEP 2008) (31 U.S.C. 5112(p)(1)).

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2014) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

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

- (iv) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).
- (v) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (APR 2015) (E.O. 11246).
- (vi) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (OCT 2015) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (vii) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUL 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- (viii) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (FEB 2016) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (ix) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause 52.222-40.
- (x) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (xi)(A) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (MAR 2015) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
- (B) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
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- (xv) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (DEC 2015).
- (xvi) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).
- (xvii) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (MAY 2014) (42 U.S.C. 1792). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.
- (xviii) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

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

(End of Clause)

VAAR 852.203-70 COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING (JAN 2008)

The 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)

VAAR 852.211-73 BRAND NAME OR EQUAL (JAN 2008)

(Note: as used in this clause, the term "brand name" includes identification of products by make and model.)

(a) If items called for by this Request for Quote have been identified in the schedule by a "brand name or equal" description, such identification is intended to be descriptive, but not restrictive, and is to indicate the quality and characteristics of products that will be satisfactory. Quotes offering "equal" products (including products of the brand name manufacturer other than the one described by brand name) will be considered for award if such products are clearly identified in the quotes and are determined by the Government to meet, fully, the salient characteristics requirements listed in the RFQ.

(b) Unless the Offeror clearly indicates in the quote that the Offeror is offering an "equal" product, the quote shall be considered as offering a brand name product referenced in the RFQ.

(c)(1) If the Offeror proposes to furnish an "equal" product, the brand name, if any, of the product to be furnished shall be inserted in the space provided in the RFQ, or such product shall be otherwise clearly identified in the quote. The evaluation of quotes and the determination as to equality of the product offered shall be the responsibility of the Government and will be based on information furnished by the Offeror or identified in his/her quote as well as other information reasonably available to the purchasing activity. **CAUTION TO OFFERORS;** the purchasing activity is not responsible for locating or securing any information that is not identified in the quote and reasonably available to the purchasing activity. Accordingly, to insure that sufficient information is available, the Offeror must furnish as a part of his/her quote all descriptive material (such as cuts, illustrations, drawings or other information) necessary for the purchasing activity to:

(i) Determine whether the product offered meets the salient characteristics requirement of the RFQ, and

(ii) Establish exactly what the Offeror proposes to furnish and what the Government would be binding itself to purchase by making an award. The information furnished may include specific references to information previously furnished or to information otherwise available to the purchasing activity.

(2) If the Offeror proposes to modify a product so as to make it conform to the requirements of the RFQ, he/she shall:

(i) Include in his/her quote a clear description of such proposed modifications, and

(ii) Clearly mark any descriptive material to show the proposed modifications.

(3) Modifications proposed **after close** of RFQ to make a product conform to a brand name product referenced in the RFQ will not be considered.

The clause entitled "Brand name or equal" applies to all line items listed in the price schedule.

(End of Clause)

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

(a) *Definition.* For the Department of Veterans Affairs, "Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business" concern 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 SDVOSB concern 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)

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)

VAAR 852.246-70 GUARANTEE (JAN 2008)

The Contractor guarantees the equipment against defective material, workmanship and performance for a period of one year, said guarantee to run from date of acceptance of the equipment by the Government. The Contractor agrees to furnish, without cost to the Government, replacement of all parts and material that are found to be defective during the guarantee period. Replacement of material and parts will be furnished to the Government at the point of installation, if installation is within the continental United States, or f.o.b. the continental U.S. port to be designated by the Contracting Officer if installation is outside of the continental United States. Cost of installation of replacement material and parts shall be borne by the Contractor.

(End of Clause)

VAAR 852.246-71 INSPECTION (JAN 2008)

Rejected goods will be held subject to contractor's order for not more than 30 days, after which the rejected merchandise will be returned to the Contractor's address at his/her risk and expense. Expenses incident to the examination and testing of materials or supplies that have been rejected will be charged to the Contractor's account.

(End of Clause)

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, OR ATTACHMENTS

See attached document: Attachment A - Specification Sheet.

COMBINED SYNOPSIS/SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>
<http://www.va.gov/oal/library/vaar/>

(End of Provision)

<u>FAR Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
52.204-7	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT	JUL 2013
52.204-16	COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE REPORTING	JUL 2015
52.204-17	OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF OFFEROR	NOV 2014
52.212-3	OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS-COMMERCIAL ITEMS	APR 2016

52.211-6 BRAND NAME OR EQUAL (AUG 1999)

(a) If an item in this solicitation is identified as "brand name or equal," the purchase description reflects the characteristics and level of quality that will satisfy the Government's needs. The salient physical, functional, or performance characteristics that "equal" products must meet are specified in the solicitation.

(b) To be considered for award, offers of "equal" products, including "equal" products of the brand name manufacturer, must—

(1) Meet the salient physical, functional, or performance characteristic specified in this solicitation;

(2) Clearly identify the item by—

(i) Brand name, if any; and

(ii) Make or model number;

(3) Include descriptive literature such as illustrations, drawings, or a clear reference to previously furnished descriptive data or information available to the Contracting Officer; and

(4) Clearly describe any modifications the offeror plans to make in a product to make it conform to the solicitation requirements. Mark any descriptive material to clearly show the modifications.

(c) The Contracting Officer will evaluate "equal" products on the basis of information furnished by the Offeror or identified in the offer and reasonably available to the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer is not responsible for locating or obtaining any information not identified in the offer.

(d) Unless the Offeror clearly indicates, in its offer, that the product being offered is an "equal" product, the Offeror shall provide the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.

(End of Provision)

52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS-COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2015)

(a) *North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code and small business size standard.* The NAICS code and small business size standard for this acquisition appear in Block 10 of the solicitation cover sheet (SF 1449). However, the small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, but which proposes to furnish an item which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b) *Submission of offers.* Submit signed and dated offers to the office specified in this solicitation at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. Offers may be submitted on the SF 1449, letterhead stationery, or as otherwise specified in the solicitation. As a minimum, offers must show—

(1) The solicitation number;

(2) The time specified in the solicitation for receipt of offers;

(3) The name, address, and telephone number of the offeror;

(4) A technical description of the items being offered in sufficient detail to evaluate compliance with the requirements in the solicitation. This may include product literature, or other documents, if necessary;

(5) Terms of any express warranty;

(6) Price and any discount terms;

(7) "Remit to" address, if different than mailing address;

(8) A completed copy of the representations and certifications at FAR 52.212-3 (see FAR 52.212-3(b) for those representations and certifications that the offeror shall complete electronically);

(9) Acknowledgment of Solicitation Amendments;

(10) Past performance information, when included as an evaluation factor, to include recent and relevant contracts for the same or similar items and other references (including contract numbers, points of contact with telephone numbers and other relevant information); and

(11) If the offer is not submitted on the SF 1449, include a statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation. Offers that fail to furnish required representations or information, or reject the terms and conditions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.

(c) *Period for acceptance of offers.* The offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for 30 calendar days from the date specified for receipt of offers, unless another time period is specified in an addendum to the solicitation.

(d) *Product samples.* When required by the solicitation, product samples shall be submitted at or prior to the time specified for receipt of offers. Unless otherwise specified in this solicitation, these samples shall be submitted at no expense to the Government, and returned at the sender's request and expense, unless they are destroyed during pre-award testing.

(e) *Multiple offers.* N/A

(f) Late submissions, modifications, revisions, and withdrawals of offers.

(1) Offerors are responsible for submitting offers, and any modifications, revisions, or withdrawals, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office on the date that offers or revisions are due.

(2)(i) Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition; and—

(A) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of offers; or

(B) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of offers; or

(C) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, it was the only proposal received.

(ii) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer, that makes its terms more favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

(3) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the offer wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.

(4) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that offers cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of offers by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation or other notice of an extension of the closing date, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.

(5) Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers. Oral offers in response to oral solicitations may be withdrawn orally. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers, subject to the conditions specified in the solicitation concerning facsimile offers. An offer may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for receipt of offers, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer.

(g) *Contract award (not applicable to Invitation for Bids)*. The Government intends to evaluate offers and award a contract without discussions with offerors. Therefore, the offeror's initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. However, the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if later determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary. The Government may reject any or all offers if such action is in the public interest; accept other than the lowest offer; and waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.

(h) *Multiple awards*. N/A

(i) Availability of requirements documents cited in the solicitation.

(1)(i) The GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions, FPMR Part 101-29, and copies of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained for a fee by submitting a request to—

GSA Federal Supply Service Specifications Section
Suite 8100 470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW

Washington, DC 20407
Telephone (202) 619-8925
Facsimile (202) 619-8978.

(ii) If the General Services Administration, Department of Agriculture, or Department of Veterans Affairs issued this solicitation, a single copy of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained free of charge by submitting a request to the addressee in paragraph (i)(1)(i) of this provision. Additional copies will be issued for a fee.

(2) Most unclassified Defense specifications and standards may be downloaded from the following ASSIST websites:

- (i) ASSIST (<https://assist.dla.mil/online/start/>);
- (ii) Quick Search (<http://quicksearch.dla.mil/>);
- (iii) ASSISTdocs.com (<http://assistdocs.com>).

(3) Documents not available from ASSIST may be ordered from the Department of Defense Single Stock Point (DoDSSP) by?

- (i) Using the ASSIST Shopping Wizard (<https://assist.dla.mil/wizard/index.cfm>);
- (ii) Phoning the DoDSSP Customer Service Desk (215) 697-2179, Mon-Fri, 0730 to 1600 EST; or
- (iii) Ordering from DoDSSP, Building 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Telephone (215) 697-2667/2179, Facsimile (215) 697-1462.

(4) Nongovernment (voluntary) standards must be obtained from the organization responsible for their preparation, publication, or maintenance.

(j) *Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number.* (Applies to all offers exceeding \$3,500, and offers of \$3,500 or less if the solicitation requires the Contractor to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database. The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "DUNS" or "DUNS +4" followed by the DUNS or DUNS +4 number that identifies the offeror's name and address. The DUNS +4 is the DUNS number plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned at the discretion of the offeror to establish additional SAM records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see FAR Subpart 32.11) for the same concern. If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one. An offeror within the United States may contact Dun and Bradstreet by calling 1-866-705-5711 or via the internet at <http://www.fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. An offeror located outside the United States must contact the local Dun and Bradstreet office for a DUNS number. The offeror should indicate that it is an offeror for a Government contract when contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

(k) *System for Award Management*. Unless exempted by an addendum to this solicitation, by submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the SAM database prior to award, during performance and through final payment of any contract resulting from this solicitation. If the Offeror does not become registered in the SAM database in the time prescribed by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered Offeror. Offerors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via the SAM database accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>.

(l) *Debriefing*. If a post-award debriefing is given to requesting offerors, the Government shall disclose the following information, if applicable:

(1) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed offeror's offer.

(2) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful and the debriefed offeror and past performance information on the debriefed offeror.

(3) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.

(4) A summary of the rationale for award;

(5) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror.

(6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed offeror as to whether source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed by the agency.

(End of Provision)

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

Additional Instructions

The following Solicitation is a Request for Quote (RFQ) competed in accordance with (IAW) FAR Part 13, Simplified Acquisition Procedures; FAR Part 12, Commercial Items. Quotes failing to meet all the terms and conditions of this solicitation; to include buy terms, line item descriptions, and attachments, shall not be evaluated for award. One firm-fixed price contract will be awarded as a result of this solicitation.

This is a Brand Name or Equal solicitation and a 100% SDVOSB Set-Aside.

Offer Period: Quote shall be good for 30 Calendar days after close of Solicitation.

In Attachment A (all information shall be in typed format only):

- 1) At the top of the document type company name, your name, and date then sign (electronic signatures are welcome).
- 2) Type the unit price and the total price for each line item.
- 3) Type the total price at the bottom.
- 4) Type in the “Vendor’s Submission: Brand Name or Equal” column to specify if you are quoting the actual brand name or the “Equal to” brand name specs. **ANNOTATE THE SPECS IN RIGHT COLUMN OF THE SECOND TABLE.**

(End of Addendum to 52.212-1)

52.212-2 EVALUATION-COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2014)

(a) The Government will award a single contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer is the most advantageous value to the Government. **Having the lowest price does not automatically constitute award.** If your quote is the lowest price, but your product does not meet the salient characteristics/specifications as set forth in the Solicitation and Attachment A, you will not be awarded the contract.

Price:

The Government anticipates that adequate price competition will establish a fair and reasonable price. However, if the Government does not receive adequate price competition, it will evaluate price proposals to ensure price reasonableness of the products being provided to the Government, considering the specific terms and conditions and relevant commercial practices.

The Government will determine lowest price by evaluating the “Total Price” for each line item in the price schedule.

Technical Qualifications:

The Offeror shall submit a completed Attachment A and shall meet the salient characteristics/specifications in order to be considered technically acceptable; quotes must meet the Minimum Technical Requirements listed in FAR Clause 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors, “Additional Information” and in accordance with Attachment A in this solicitation. The Technical Review of Attachment A will be on an Acceptable or Not Acceptable basis.

(b) A written and signed/dated, by both parties, contract of award to the successful Offeror shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the quote's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer, whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

Determination of Responsibility: In accordance with FAR 9.1 Responsible Prospective Contractors. The Government will make a determination using several data bases to aid in

establishing a more complete picture of responsibility and ability the databases include, but are not limited to Experian, PPIRS, EPLS, VetBiz and SBA.

(End of Provision)

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:

Geraldine Herrera

Hand-Carried and Mailed Address:

Department of Veterans Affairs
NCA Contracting Service
75 Barrett Heights Rd. Suite 309
Stafford VA 22556

(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)

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