1. SOLICITATION NUMBER

2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION

3. DATE ISSUED

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4. CONTRACT NUMBER

5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NUMBER

6. PROJECT NUMBER

7. ISSUED BY

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8. ADDRESS OFFER TO

a. NAME

b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS)

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

12a. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH ANY REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS?

(If "YES," indicate within how many calendar days after award in Item 12B.)

12b. CALENDAR DAYS

13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

STANDARD FORM 1442 (REV. 8/2014)

STANDARD FORM 1442

Prescribed by GSA-FAR (48 CFR) 52.236-1(d)

SOLICITATION, OFFER,

AND AWARD

(Construction, Alteration, or Repair)

SOLICITATION

SOLICITATION

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

9. FOR INFORMATION

 CALL:

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

SEALED BID (IFB)

NEGOTIATED (RFP)

11. The Contractor shall begin performance within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calendar days and complete it within

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

calendar days after receiving

award,

notice to proceed. This performance period is

mandatory

negotiable. (See \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).

YES

NO

a.

Sealed offers in original and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in Item 8 by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(hour) local time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date). If this is a sealed bid solicitation, offers must be publicly opened at that time. Sealed

envelopes containing offers shall be marked to show the offeror's name and address, the solicitation number, the date and time offers are due.

b.

An offer guarantee

is,

is not required.

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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.

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Offers providing less than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calendar days for Government acceptance after the date offers are due will not be

considered and will be rejected.

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Project #693-11-105 Building 1 HVAC Phase 2

This project shall generally consist of, but not necessarily be limited to, providing all labor, materials, tools,

equipment, permits, testing, and reports required to perform HVAC upgrades on the campus of the Wilkes-Barre VA

Medical Center as defined by drawings and specifications.

All work must be performed in accordance with (IAW) the attached Statement of Work (SOW), specifications drawings and

all federal, state, and local codes and VA rules and regulations.

Magnitude of Construction: Between $2,000,000 and $5,000,000

Project #693-11-105 Building 1 HVAC Phase 2

NAICS: 238220 – Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Contractors

Size Standard: Small Business $15M

This is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) set-aside acquisition.

Award will be made to the responsive, responsible offeror whose offer conforms to this solicitation and offers the best

value to the government.

All documents for this solicitation will be available on the FedBizOpps website http://www.fedbizopps.gov It is the

responsibility of the contractor to check this website frequently for updates and amendments to this solicitation.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend the pre-proposal Conference/Site Visit, which will be held IAW FAR 52.236-27

Site Visit (FEB 1995).

The Contractor shall be responsible for the correct title classification of workers and compliance with all applicable

wage and hour laws.

Solicitation may be canceled and all offers rejected before award but after solicitation closing date when it is clearly

in the best interest of the Government.

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14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR

15. TELEPHONE NUMBER

16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS

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.

AMOUNTS

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

19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT

NUMBER

DATE.

20a. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER

20b. SIGNATURE

20c. OFFER DATE

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

22. AMOUNT

23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN

ITEM

25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO

10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(

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41 U.S.C. 3304(a) (

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26. ADMINISTERED BY

27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY

PHONE:

FAX:

28. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

29. AWARD

Your

Contractor agrees

offer on this solicitation is hereby accepted as to the items listed. This

to furnish and deliver all items or perform all work requirements identified

award consummates the contract, which consists of (a) the Government

on this form and any continuation sheets for the consideration stated in

solicitation and your offer, and (b) this contract award. No further cont-

this contract. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract

ractual document is necessary.

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.

30a. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR OR PERSON AUTHORIZED

31a. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER

TO SIGN

30b. SIGNATURE

30c. DATE

31b. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

31c. AWARD DATE

BY

**OFFER**

**AWARD**

**STANDARD FORM 1442 (REV. 8/2014) BACK**

(Include ZIP Code)

(Include area code)

(Include only if different than Item 14.)

(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.)

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

(Type or print)

(4 copies unless otherwise specified)

(Type or print)

(Type or print)

(Contractor is required to sign this

document and return \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ copies to issuing office.)

(Contractor is not required to sign this document.)

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

**(To be completed by Government)**

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

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**STATEMENT OF WORK**

**Building 1 HVAC Upgrade, Phase 2**

**PROJECT# 693-11-105**

1. **General:**
	1. The scope of work shall generally consist of, but not necessarily be limited to, providing all labor, materials, tools, equipment, permits, testing, and reports required to perform HVAC upgrades on the campus of the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center. Any work determined by the COR as having a significant impact on the daily operations of the facility shall be conducted on an after-hours schedule. All work shall be performed in accordance with the plans and specifications. In the event of a discrepancy, the VA Specifications shall take precedence. All federal, state, and local codes/regulations/standards shall be followed.
2. **Construction Narrative: (see drawings for details)**
	1. Structural
		1. Provide equipment supports for 1-AHU46 and 1-AHU2
		2. Provide duct support and wall opening at 1-AHU
	2. Architectural
		1. Demolish existing acoustical ceiling panels and suspension grid for access to above ceiling area for mechanical and electrical work
		2. Install new acoustical ceiling panels and suspension grid for area demolished for demolition and/or new work.
		3. Install new exterior door in 5th floor penthouse.
		4. Provide roof membrane repair and new flashing at installation of new work.
		5. Restore surrounding materials and finishes that are damaged during demolition and construction.
	3. Mechanical
		1. Combine air handlers SAC-10 and SAC-10A and fan coil unit into one large air handler 1-AHU46. Provide steam to steam humidifier, 1-STS1.
		2. Install pressure sensors in chilled water piping on basement and first floor.
		3. Replace chilled water secondary bridge piping.
		4. Install packaged glycol feed system.
		5. Demolish various equipment throughout the building.
		6. Improve access to return fan and update controls for AHU in Nuclear Medicine wing.
		7. Provide redundant air conditioner, 1-AHU2 for main I.T. room. Provide electric humidifier, 1-HU1.
		8. Increase ventilation in electrical room AB-034.
	4. Electrical
		1. Connect new chilled water glycol supply pump. Add lighting, exit sign, and new 4-way control switch in 5th floor penthouse.
		2. Disconnect existing various mechanical equipment as indicated on plans.
		3. Connect new fan 1-EF3 to existing circuit disconnected from existing exhaust fan serving ER electrical vault room.
		4. Connect new mechanical equipment.
	5. Plumbing
		1. Provide makeup water to humidifiers 1-STS1 and 1-HU1.

# INFORMATION REGARDING BIDDING MATERIAL, BID GUARANTEE AND BONDS

 (a) Bidding materials consisting of drawings, specifications and contract forms may be obtained by qualified General (Prime) Contractors interested in submitting bids direct to the Department of Veterans Affairs from [www.FBO.GOV](http://www.FBO.GOV)

 (b) Subcontractors, material firms and others interested in preparing sub-bids may obtain a list of Prime Contractors from [www.FBO.GOV](http://www.FBO.GOV) via the Interested Vendors Section.

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

 (d) If the contract will exceed $150,000 (see FAR 28.102-1 for lesser amount), the bidder to whom award is made will be required to furnish two bonds, a Payment Bond, SF 25A, and a Performance Bond, SF 25, each in the penal sum as noted in the General Conditions of the Specification.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:**

 Contractor shall completely prepare site for building operations, including demolition and removal of existing materials, and furnish labor and materials and perform work for “Bldg 1 HVAC Phase 2”. The Contractor acknowledges that it has taken steps reasonably necessary to ascertain the nature and location of the work, and that it has investigated and satisfied itself as to the general and local conditions which can affect the work or its cost; any failure of the Contractor to take the actions described and acknowledged in this paragraph will not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for estimating properly the difficulty and cost of successfully performing the work, or for proceeding to successfully perform the work without additional expense to the Government. The Contractor agrees to be responsible for the correct classification of workers.

**Magnitude of Construction:** $2,000,000.00 to $5,000,000.00

**CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY**:

Safety or Environmental Violations and Experience Modification Rate

“All Bidders/Offerors shall submit the following information pertaining to their past Safety and Environmental record. The information shall contain, at a minimum, a certification that the bidder/offeror has no more than three (3) serious, or one (1) repeat or one (1) willful OSHA or any EPA violation(s) in the past three years.

All Bidders/Offerors shall submit information regarding their current Experience Modification Rate (EMR) equal to or less than 1.0. This information shall be obtained from the bidder’s/offeror’s insurance company and be furnished on the insurance carrier’s letterhead.

Self insured contractors or other contractors that cannot provide their EMR rating on insurance letterhead must obtain a rating from the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI) by completing/submitting form ERM-6 and providing the rating on letterhead from NCCI.  Note: Self insured contractors or other contractors that cannot provide EMR rating on insurance letterhead from the states or territories of CA, DE, MI, NJ, ND, OH, PA, WA, WY, and PR shall obtain their EMR rating from their state run worker’s compensation insurance rating bureau.

A *Determination of Responsibility* will be accomplished for the apparent awardee prior to processing the award. The above information, along with other information obtained from Government systems, such as the OSHA and EPA online inspection history databases will be used to make the *Determination of Responsibility*. Failure to affirm being within the guidelines above may result in a determination of “Non-Responsibility” for the bidder/offeror. NOTE: Any information received by the Government that would cause for a negative *Determination of Responsibility* may make the bidder/offeror ineligible for award.

This requirement is applicable to all subcontracting tiers, and prospective prime contractors are responsible for determining the responsibility of their prospective subcontractors. “

Contractor shall be required to complete all contract work and schedule a final inspection within the specified contract performance period. Should the Contractor fail to complete the contract work (including scheduling of the final inspection), and it is determined by the Government to be a Contractor-caused delay, the Contractor shall be in default status. Ifthe Government determines it to be in the best interest of the Government to allow the Contractor to continue to perform contract work, the Contractor shall provide equitable consideration in the form of Liquidated Damages from the first day of inexcusable delay through final acceptance by the Government. These damages are associated with the additional time granted for completion and acceptance of contract work. Such agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of the Government’s right to terminate this contract in the event the Contractor fails to complete the contract work (including scheduling of the final inspection) on or before the completion date.

**TRAINING**: Effective July 31, 2005, **all employees** of the general contractor and subcontractors shall have the 10-hour OSHA certified construction safety course. The **General Contractor’s competent person** shall have completed the 30-hour OSHA certified construction safety course.  **Documentation of training shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer for review and approval prior to any work being performed. Failure to present the proper training documentation will result in the individual being removed from the job; the individual may only return after the proper documentation has been provided. There shall be no exceptions to this requirement.**

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to provide TB training annually and a PPD test annually for any employees providing services at the VA Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The government reserves the right to review the contractor's records. **Failure to present the proper training documentation upon the Contracting Officer’s request will result in the individual being removed from the job; the individual may only return after the proper documentation has been provided. There shall be no exceptions to this requirement.**

**Privacy and Confidentiality:** Contractors to the Department of Veteran Affairs may be unintentionally exposed to sensitive information.  Information maybe overheard, seen on documents or electronic devices, or observed that could potentially violate the privacy and confidentiality of our veterans, employees, volunteers, and their families.  Regulations such as, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act of 1974 have been enacted to protect sensitive information from being improperly disclosed.  Information should not be divulged or released to anyone unless specifically authorized by this agreement or its attached documents in accordance with the contracted services. Failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulation can result in the termination of this contract and civil and criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment. All suspected or actual breeches of the privacy and confidential should be reported immediately to the Contracting Officer, Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR) or the Facility Privacy Officer.

**KEYS**: All keys provided the Contractor or any subcontractor for use during the project shall be returned to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) at completion of the work or upon request. No keys shall be reproduced by the Contractor or any subcontractor. There shall be a charge for each key that is lost or not returned to the COR.

**Contractor Normal Work Hours:** The contractor work hours are from 8:00AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. Federal holidays that fall on a non-work day –Saturday or Sunday—the holiday usually is observed on Monday if the holiday is on Sunday or on Friday if the holiday is on Saturday. The contractor may request authorization from the Contracting Officer to work an alternative schedule or on holidays. However, the Contracting Officer reserves the right to deny or authorize the contractor’s request at his or her discretion considering the best interests of the Government. All federal holidays are observed as non work days. Federal holidays can be found on the following web site: <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/snow-dismissal-procedures/federal-holidays>. These days will be identified during the pre-construction meeting.

(End of Clause)

# INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS TO BIDDERS/OFFERORS

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

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

(End of Provision)

## 2.2 52.222-5 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:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Goals for minority participation for each trade** | **Goals for female participation for each trade** |
| 0.6 % | 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

Luzern County, Pennsylvania

(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 52.233-2 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:

 Everett E Shaver, Jr.,

 Contracting Officer

Hand-Carried Address:

 Department of Veterans Affairs

 Wilkes-Barre VAMC

 Rm C6-07

 1111 East End Blvd

 Wilkes-Barre PA 18711

Mailing Address:

 Department of Veterans Affairs

 Wilkes-Barre VAMC

 Acquisitions (049E)

 1111 East End Blvd

 Wilkes-Barre PA 18711

 (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)

## 2.6 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—

 **5 Oct 2017 at 1:00PM**

 (c) Participants will meet at—

 **Conf Rm C6-70, Bldg 1, Wilkes-Barre VAMC, Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18711**

(End of Provision)

## 2.7 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>

(End of Provision)

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| **FAR Number** | **Title** | **Date** |
| 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 |
| 52.211-6 | BRAND NAME OR EQUAL | AUG 1999 |
| 52.214-3 | AMENDMENTS TO INVITATIONS FOR BIDS | DEC 2016 |
| 52.214-4 | FALSE STATEMENTS IN BIDS | APR 1984 |
| 52.214-5 | SUBMISSION OF BIDS | DEC 2016 |
| 52.214-6 | EXPLANATION TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS | APR 1984 |
| 52.214-7 | LATE SUBMISSIONS, MODIFICATIONS, AND WITHDRAWALS OF BIDS | NOV 1999 |
| 52.214-18 | PREPARATION OF BIDS—CONSTRUCTION | APR 1984 |
| 52.214-19 | CONTRACT AWARD—SEALED BIDDING—CONSTRUCTION | AUG 1996 |
| 52.214-34 | SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE | APR 1991 |
| 52.214-35 | SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN U.S. CURRENCY | APR 1991 |
| 52.228-1 | BID GUARANTEE | SEP 1996 |
| 52.232-38 | SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER INFORMATION WITH OFFER | JUL 2013 |

## 2.8 VAAR 852.214-70 CAUTION TO BIDDERS--BID ENVELOPES (JAN 2008)

 It is the responsibility of each bidder to take all necessary precautions, including the use of proper mailing cover, to insure that the bid price cannot be ascertained by anyone prior to bid opening. If a bid envelope is furnished with this invitation, the bidder is requested to use this envelope in submitting the bid. The bidder may, however, use any suitable envelope, identified by the invitation number and bid opening time and date. If an Optional Form (OF) 17, Sealed Bid Label, is furnished with this invitation in lieu of a bid envelope, the bidder is advised to complete and affix the OF 17 to the lower left corner of the envelope used in submitting the bid.

(End of Provision)

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

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

(End of Clause)

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

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

 (1) Include the name, address, fax number, and telephone number of the protester;

 (2) Identify the solicitation and/or contract number;

 (3) Include an original signed by the protester or the protester's representative and at least one copy;

 (4) Set forth a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest, including a description of resulting prejudice to the protester, and provide copies of relevant documents;

 (5) Specifically request a ruling of the individual upon whom the protest is served;

 (6) State the form of relief requested; and

 (7) Provide all information establishing the timeliness of the protest.

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

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

(End of Provision)

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

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

(End of Provision)

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

 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics,

 Risk Management Team, Department of Veterans Affairs

 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.

 Washington, DC 20420

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

 Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management

 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W.

 Washington, DC 20420

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

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

(End of Provision)

# REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

## 3.1 52.204-8 ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (JAN 2017)

 (a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 238220.

 (2) The small business size standard is $15 Million.

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

 (b)(1) If the 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:

 [X](i) 52.204-17, Ownership or Control of Offeror.

 [X](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.

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

(End of Provision)

## 3.2 52.209-7 INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (JUL 2013)

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

 "Administrative proceeding" means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (e.g., Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative Proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals Proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals Proceedings). This includes administrative proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include agency actions such as contract audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

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

 (1) The total value of all current, active contracts and grants, including all priced options; and

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

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

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

 (c) If the offeror checked "has" in paragraph (b) of this provision, the offeror represents, by submission of this offer, that the information it has entered in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) is current, accurate, and complete as of the date of submission of this offer with regard to the following information:

 (1) Whether the offeror, and/or any of its principals, has or has not, within the last five years, in connection with the award to or performance by the offeror of a Federal contract or grant, been the subject of a proceeding, at the Federal or State level that resulted in any of the following dispositions:

 (i) In a criminal proceeding, a conviction.

 (ii) In a civil proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in the payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of $5,000 or more.

 (iii) In an administrative proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in—

 (A) The payment of a monetary fine or penalty of $5,000 or more; or

 (B) The payment of a reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of $100,000.

 (iv) In a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding, a disposition of the matter by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault by the Contractor if the proceeding could have led to any of the outcomes specified in paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (c)(1)(ii), or (c)(1)(iii) of this provision.

 (2) If the offeror has been involved in the last five years in any of the occurrences listed in (c)(1) of this provision, whether the offeror has provided the requested information with regard to each occurrence.

 (d) The offeror shall post the information in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(iv) of this provision in FAPIIS as required through maintaining an active registration in the System for Award Management database via [https://www.acquisition.gov](https://www.acquisition.gov/) (see 52.204-7).

(End of Provision)

# GENERAL CONDITIONS

## 4.1 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 238220 assigned to contract number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

SIGNATURE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DATE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

(End of Clause)

## 4.2 52.223-20 AEROSOLS (JUN 2016)

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

 *Global warming potential* means how much a given mass of a chemical contributes to global warming over a given time period compared to the same mass of carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide's global warming potential is defined as 1.0.

 *High global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons* means any hydrofluorocarbons in a particular end use for which EPA's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program has identified other acceptable alternatives that have lower global warming potential. The SNAP list of alternatives is found at 40 CFR part 82, subpart G, with supplemental tables of alternatives available at (<http://www.epa.gov/snap/>).

 *Hydrofluorocarbons* means compounds that contain only hydrogen, fluorine, and carbon.

 (b) Unless otherwise specified in the contract, the Contractor shall reduce its use, release, or emissions of high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons, when feasible, from aerosol propellants or solvents under this contract. When determining feasibility of using a particular alternative, the Contractor shall consider environmental, technical, and economic factors such as—

 (1) In-use emission rates, energy efficiency;

 (2) Safety, such as flammability or toxicity;

 (3) Ability to meet technical performance requirements; and

 (4) Commercial availability at a reasonable cost.

 (c) The Contractor shall refer to EPA's SNAP program to identify alternatives. The SNAP list of alternatives is found at 40 CFR part 82, subpart G, with supplemental tables available at <http://www.epa.gov/snap/>.

(End of Clause)

## 4.3 52.223-21 FOAMS (JUN 2016)

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

 *Global warming potential* means how much a given mass of a chemical contributes to global warming over a given time period compared to the same mass of carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide's global warming potential is defined as 1.0.

 *High global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons* means any hydrofluorocarbons in a particular end use for which EPA's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program has identified other acceptable alternatives that have lower global warming potential. The SNAP list of alternatives is found at 40 CFR part 82, subpart G, with supplemental tables of alternatives available at [http://www.epa.gov/snap/.](http://www.epa.gov/snap/)

 *Hydrofluorocarbons* means compounds that contain only hydrogen, fluorine, and carbon.

 (b) Unless otherwise specified in the contract, the Contractor shall reduce its use, release, and emissions of high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons and refrigerant blends containing hydrofluorocarbons, when feasible, from foam blowing agents, under this contract. When determining feasibility of using a particular alternative, the Contractor shall consider environmental, technical, and economic factors such as—

 (1) In-use emission rates, energy efficiency, and safety;

 (2) Ability to meet performance requirements; and

 (3) Commercial availability at a reasonable cost.

 (c) The Contractor shall refer to EPA's SNAP program to identify alternatives. The SNAP list of alternatives is found at 40 CFR part 82, subpart G, with supplemental tables available at [http://www.epa.gov/snap/.](http://www.epa.gov/snap/)

(End of Clause)

## 4.4 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:

 None

 (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)

## 4.5 SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

## 4.6 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>

(End of Clause)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **FAR Number** | **Title** | **Date** |
|  | 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 |
|  | 52.203-17 | 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 |
|  | 52.204-14 | SERVICE CONTRACT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS | OCT 2016 |
|  | 52.204-18 | COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE MAINTENANCE | JUL 2016 |
|  | 52.204-19 | INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS | DEC 2014 |
|  | 52.209-6 | PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT | OCT 2015 |
|  | 52.209-9 | UPDATES OF PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS | JUL 2013 |
|  | 52.209-10 | PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH INVERTED DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS | NOV 2015 |
|  | 52.211-10 | COMMENCEMENT, PROSECUTION, AND COMPLETION OF WORK ALTERNATE I (APR 1984) | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.214-26 | AUDIT AND RECORDS—SEALED BIDDING | OCT 2010 |
|  | 52.214-27 | PRICE REDUCTION FOR DEFECTIVE CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA—MODIFICATIONS—SEALED BIDDING | AUG 2011 |
|  | 52.214-28 | SUBCONTRACTOR CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA—MODIFICATIONS—SEALED BIDDING | 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 |
|  | 52.222-35 | EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS | OCT 2015 |
|  | 52.222-36 | EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES | JUL 2014 |
|  | 52.222-37 | EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON VETERANS | FEB 2016 |
|  | 52.222-40 | NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT | DEC 2010 |
|  | 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 |
|  | 52.222-60 | PAYCHECK TRANSPARENCY (EXECUTIVE ORDER 13673) | OCT 2016 |
|  | 52.222-61 | ARBITRATION OF CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE CLAIMS (EXECUTIVE ORDER 13673) | DEC 2016 |
|  | 52.222-62 | PAID SICK LEAVE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13706 | JAN 2017 |
|  | 52.223-1 | BIOBASED PRODUCT CERTIFICATION | MAY 2012 |
|  | 52.223-2 | AFFIRMATIVE PROCUREMENT OF BIOBASED PRODUCTS UNDER SERVICE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS | SEP 2013 |
|  | 52.223-3 | HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION AND MATERIAL SAFETY DATA ALTERNATE I (JUL 1995) | JAN 1997 |
|  | 52.223-4 | RECOVERED MATERIAL CERTIFICATION | MAY 2008 |
|  | 52.223-5 | POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RIGHT-TO-KNOW INFORMATION ALTERNATE I (MAY 2011) | MAY 2011 |
|  | 52.223-6 | DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE | MAY 2001 |
|  | 52.223-15 | ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN ENERGY-CONSUMING PRODUCTS | DEC 2007 |
|  | 52.223-17 | AFFIRMATIVE PROCUREMENT OF EPA-DESIGNATED ITEMS IN SERVICE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS | MAY 2008 |
|  | 52.223-18 | ENCOURAGING CONTRACTOR POLICIES TO BAN TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING | AUG 2011 |
|  | 52.225-13 | RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PURCHASES | JUN 2008 |
|  | 52.227-1 | AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT | DEC 2007 |
|  | 52.227-2 | NOTICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT | DEC 2007 |
|  | 52.227-4 | PATENT INDEMNITY—CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS | DEC 2007 |
|  | 52.228-2 | ADDITIONAL BOND SECURITY | OCT 1997 |
|  | 52.228-5 | 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 |
|  | 52.232-33 |  PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER—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 |
|  | 52.236-1 | PERFORMANCE OF WORK BY THE CONTRACTOR | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-2 | DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-3 | SITE INVESTIGATION AND CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE WORK | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-5 | MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-6 | SUPERINTENDENCE BY THE CONTRACTOR | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-7 | PERMITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES | NOV 1991 |
|  | 52.236-8 | OTHER CONTRACTS | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-9 | PROTECTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION, STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES, AND IMPROVEMENTS | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-10 | OPERATIONS AND STORAGE AREAS | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-11 | USE AND POSSESSION PRIOR TO COMPLETION | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-12 | CLEANING UP | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-13 | ACCIDENT PREVENTION | NOV 1991 |
|  | 52.236-14 | AVAILABILITY AND USE OF UTILITY SERVICES | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-15 | SCHEDULES FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-17 | LAYOUT OF WORK | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.236-21 | SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION ALTERNATE I (APR 1984) | FEB 1997 |
|  | 52.236-26 | PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE | FEB 1995 |
|  | 52.242-13 | BANKRUPTCY | JUL 1995 |
|  | 52.242-14 | SUSPENSION OF WORK | APR 1984 |
|  | 52.243-4 | CHANGES | JUN 2007 |
|  | 52.244-6 | SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS | JAN 2017 |
|  | 52.246-12 | INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION | AUG 1996 |
|  | 52.246-21 | WARRANTY OF CONSTRUCTION ALTERNATE I (APR 1984) | MAR 1994 |
|  | 52.248-3 | VALUE ENGINEERING—CONSTRUCTION ALTERNATE I (APR 1984) | 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 |

## 4.7 VAAR 852.203-70 COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING (JAN 2008)

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

(End of Clause)

## 4.8 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 invitation for bids 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. Bids 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 bids and are determined by the Government to meet fully the salient characteristics requirements listed in the invitation.

 (b) Unless the bidder clearly indicates in the bid that the bidder is offering an "equal" product, the bid shall be considered as offering a brand name product referenced in the invitation for bids.

 (c)(1) If the bidder 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 invitation for bids, or such product shall be otherwise clearly identified in the bid. The evaluation of bids 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 bidder or identified in his/her bid as well as other information reasonably available to the purchasing activity. CAUTION TO BIDDERS. The purchasing activity is not responsible for locating or securing any information that is not identified in the bid and reasonably available to the purchasing activity. Accordingly, to insure that sufficient information is available, the bidder must furnish as a part of his/her bid 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 Invitation for Bids, and

 (ii) Establish exactly what the bidder 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 bidder proposes to modify a product so as to make it conform to the requirements of the Invitation for Bids, he/she shall:

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

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

 (3) Modifications proposed after bid opening to make a product conform to a brand name product referenced in the Invitation for Bids will not be considered.

(End of Clause)

## 4.12 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 invitation for bids 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. Bids 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 bids and are determined by the Government to meet fully the salient characteristics requirements listed in the invitation.

 (b) Unless the bidder clearly indicates in the bid that the bidder is offering an "equal" product, the bid shall be considered as offering a brand name product referenced in the invitation for bids.

 (c)(1) If the bidder 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 invitation for bids, or such product shall be otherwise clearly identified in the bid. The evaluation of bids 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 bidder or identified in his/her bid as well as other information reasonably available to the purchasing activity. CAUTION TO BIDDERS. The purchasing activity is not responsible for locating or securing any information that is not identified in the bid and reasonably available to the purchasing activity. Accordingly, to insure that sufficient information is available, the bidder must furnish as a part of his/her bid 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 Invitation for Bids, and

 (ii) Establish exactly what the bidder 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 bidder proposes to modify a product so as to make it conform to the requirements of the Invitation for Bids, he/she shall:

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

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

 (3) Modifications proposed after bid opening to make a product conform to a brand name product referenced in the Invitation for Bids will not be considered.

 (End of Clause)

**BRAND NAME OR EQUAL PRODUCTS**

In accordance with VAAR 811.104-71 (b), based on the inclusion of FAR 52.211-6, Brand Name or Equal (AUG 1999) and VAAR 852.211-73, Brand Name or Equal (JAN 2008), bidders proposing to furnish an “equal product other than referenced in the solicitation, shall insert the following description for each equal product (See also VAAR 852.211-73 (c)(1) and (c)(2).

Bidding On:

Manufacturers

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Brand: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Specification Section and Page Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE FOLLOWING BRAND NAME OR EQUAL ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS SOLICITATION. CONTRACTORS SHALL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES AS DETAILED IN VAAR CLAUSE 852.211-73.**

 ***The Salient Characteristics for these items are detailed in specification sections and/or Drawings as indicated.***

* + - 1. *Direct Digital Control Systems*

***Johnson Controls***

* *Section 23 09 23, Direct-Digital Control System for HVAC*
* *Justification: This item is being referenced as an existing facility system. New work must integrate into existing system without voiding facility warranties.*
	+ - 1. *Fire Detection and Alarm*

***Simplex***

* *Section 28 31 00, Fire Detection and Alarm*
* *Justification: This item is being referenced as an existing facility system. New work must integrate into existing system without voiding facility warranties.*
	+ - 1. *Flexible Metal Gas Piping*

***Omega Flex Inc.***

* *DWG 1-G8*
* *Justification: This item is being referenced as a basis of design, and can be substituted for any approved equal.*
	+ - 1. *Flexible Metal Gas Piping*

***Gastit Div of Titflex Corp***

* *DWG 1-G8*
* *Justification: This item is being referenced as a basis of design, and can be substituted for any approved equal.*
	+ - 1. *Flexible Metal Gas Piping*

***Ward MFG, Inc.***

* *DWG 1-G8*
* *Justification: This item is being referenced as a basis of design, and can be substituted for any approved equal.*
	+ - 1. *Firestop*

***3M Company***

* *DWG 1-G8*
* *Justification: This item is being referenced as a basis of design, and can be substituted for any approved equal.*
	+ - 1. *Packaged Glycol Feed System*

***J.L. Wingert Company***

* *DWG 1-H30*
* *Justification: This item is being referenced as a basis of design, and can be substituted for any approved equal.*
	+ - 1. *Louvered Air Intake*

***Cook***

* *DWG 1-H30*
* *Justification: This item is being referenced as a basis of design, and can be substituted for any approved equal.*
	+ - 1. *Fans*

 ***Greenheck***

* *DWG 1-H30*
* *Justification: This item is being referenced as a basis of design, and can be substituted for any approved equal.*
	+ - 1. *Fans*

***Cook***

* *DWG 1-H30*
* *Justification: This item is being referenced as a basis of design, and can be substituted for any approved equal.*

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

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

 (1) Means a small business concern:

 (i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or eligible surviving spouses (see VAAR 802.201 Surviving Spouse definition);

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

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

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

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

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

 (b) *General.*

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

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

 (c) *Agreement.* A service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern agrees that in the performance of the contract, the concern will comply with the limitation on subcontracting requirements in 13 CFR §125.6.

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

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

(End of Clause)

## 4.10 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)

## 4.11 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)

## 4.12 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)

## 4.13 VAAR 852.236-72 PERFORMANCE OF WORK BY THE CONTRACTOR (JUL 2002) ALTERNATE I

 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 cost per activity of the construction schedule required by Section 01310 or 01311, NETWORK ANALYSIS SYSTEM, a responsibility code for all activities of the network for which the contractor's forces will perform the work. The cost of these activities will be used in determining the portions of the total contract work to be executed by the contractor's forces for the purpose of this article.

 (c) If, during progress of work hereunder, the contractor requests a change in activities of work to be performed by the contractor's forces and the contracting officer determines it to be in the best interest of the Government, the contracting officer may, at his or her discretion, authorize a change in such activities of said work.

 (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)

## 4.14 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)

## 4.15 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)

## 4.16 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)

## 4.17 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)

## 4.18 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)

## 4.19 VAAR 852.236-80 SUBCONTRACTS AND WORK COORDINATION (APR 1984)

 (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 of the subcontractors and their employees. The contractor shall also be responsible for coordination of the work of the trades, subcontractors, and material suppliers.

 (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)

## 4.20 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

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| --- | --- |
| **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)

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BAR CHART SCHEDULE

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

 - Activity Description

 - Estimated Duration

 - Responsibility (Trade) and Manpower (Crew size)

 - Planned Start and Completion Dates

 - Activity Cost

 B. Updated Schedules and Updating Procedures

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

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

 - Actual start and completion dates for activities started and/or completed during the reporting period.

 - VA issued changes to the original contract requirements that change the contractor's original sequence of work.

 - Contractor changes in work sequence, durations, responsibility, manpower, and activity costs.

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

(End of Clause)

## 4.22 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)

## 4.23 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)

## 4.24 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)

## 4.25 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)

## 4.26 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)

## 4.27 VAAR 852.236-90 RESTRICTION ON SUBMISSION AND USE OF EQUAL PRODUCTS (NOV 1986)

This clause applies to the following items: None

Notwithstanding the "Material and Workmanship" clause of this contract, FAR 52.236-5(a), nor any other contractual provision, "equal" products will not be considered by the Department of Veterans Affairs and may not be used.

(End of Clause)

## 4.28 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)

## 4.29 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)

## 4.30 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 inassessing 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.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR DAVIS BACON GENERAL DECISION**

The Contractor shall be responsible for the correct title classification of workers and compliance with all applicable wage and hour laws.

<http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx>

General Decision Number: PA170119 09/22/2017 PA119

Superseded General Decision Number: PA20160119

State: Pennsylvania

Construction Type: Building

County: Luzerne County in Pennsylvania.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (does not include single family

homes or apartments up to and including 4 stories).

Note: Under Executive Order (EO) 13658, an hourly minimum wage

of $10.20 for calendar year 2017 applies to all contracts

subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is

awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January

1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor

must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage

determination at least $10.20 (or the applicable wage rate

listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all

hours spent performing on the contract in calendar year 2017.

The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional

information on contractor requirements and worker protections

under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

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 9 09/08/2017

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 ASBE0038-006 07/01/2014

 Rates Fringes

ASBESTOS WORKER/HEAT & FROST

INSULATOR (MECHANICAL- Duct,

Pipe & Mechanical System

Insulation)......................$ 32.48 18.52

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 BOIL0013-008 01/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

BOILERMAKER......................$ 44.26 33.02

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 BRPA0005-072 05/01/2014

 Rates Fringes

TILE FINISHER....................$ 26.30 12.86

TILE SETTER......................$ 29.21 13.12

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 BRPA0005-078 05/01/2014

 Rates Fringes

BRICKLAYER (Including

Pointing, Caulking, and

Cleaning)........................$ 32.45 14.02

MASON - STONE....................$ 32.45 14.02

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 CARP0261-012 05/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

CARPENTER (Acoustical Ceiling

Installation and Floor

Laying-Carpet Only)..............$ 28.88 16.78

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 CARP0287-018 06/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

CARPENTER (Including Form

Work)............................$ 28.88 15.75

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 CARP0514-009 06/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

CARPENTER (Drywall Hanging

and Floor Laying-Vinyl Only).....$ 28.88 16.78

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 ELEC0163-007 06/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

ELECTRICIAN (Includes

Installation of Sound and

Communication Systems,

HVAC/Temperature Controls

Installation, and Low Voltage

Wiring)..........................$ 34.36 19.83

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 ELEV0084-005 01/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

ELEVATOR MECHANIC................$ 46.04 31.585+A+B

FOOTNOTES:

 A. VACATION CREDIT: Employer contributes 8% basic hourly rate

 for 5 years or more of service as vacation pay credit, and

 6% for 6 months to 5 years of service.

 B. Eight Paid Holidays (provided employee has worked 5

 consecutive days before and the working day after the

 holiday): New Years's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day;

 Labor Day; Veteran's Day; Thanksgiving Day and the Friday

 after Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

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 ENGI0066-039 06/12/2017

 Rates Fringes

POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

 Pump........................$ 29.58 20.15

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 ENGI0542-038 05/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

 Backhoe/ Excavator/

 Trackhoe, Bulldozer, Hoist

 (With Two Towers),

 Mechanic, Loader............$ 34.96 23.48

 Bobcat/ Skid Steer/ Skid

 Loader, Roller..............$ 34.96 23.48

 Concrete Pump...............$ 37.49 24.23

 Crane.......................$ 35.24 23.57

 Forklift (20 ft and over,

 excludes masonry work)......$ 34.96 23.48

 Forklift (Lull or similar,

 excludes masonry work)......$ 32.23 22.68

 Hoist (Single Drum),

 Forklift (under 20 ft)......$ 32.23 22.68

 Oiler.......................$ 29.77 21.95

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 IRON0489-015 07/01/2016

 Rates Fringes

IRONWORKER (Ornamental,

Structural, & Reinforcing).......$ 31.57 28.50

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 LABO0130-011 05/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

LABORER

 Asbestos Abatement:

 Removal from Floors,

 Walls, Ceilings and

 Mechanical Systems..........$ 22.80 16.88

 Common or General;

 Concrete Worker.............$ 20.80 16.88

 Forklift (Masonry Work

 Only).......................$ 24.87 16.88

 Mason Tender-Brick..........$ 23.32 16.88

 Mason Tender-Stone..........$ 23.32 16.88

 Scaffold Builder (Brick

 and Masonry only)...........$ 23.32 16.88

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 PAIN0041-002 05/01/2014

 Rates Fringes

PAINTER (Brush, Roller,

Spray, and Drywall

Finishing/Taping)................$ 27.95 16.12

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 PLAS0592-038 06/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER...$ 33.00 11.63

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 PLUM0524-011 06/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

PLUMBER..........................$ 41.24 20.27

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 PLUM0524-012 06/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

PIPEFITTER (Includes HVAC

Pipe Installation)...............$ 41.24 20.27

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\* ROOF0030-012 05/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

ROOFER (Excludes Metal Roof

Installation and

Waterproofing)...................$ 36.15 29.76

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 SFPA0669-004 04/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

SPRINKLER FITTER (Fire

Sprinklers)......................$ 37.40 21.49

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 SHEE0044-010 05/01/2017

 Rates Fringes

SHEET METAL WORKER (Includes

HVAC Duct and Metal Roof

Installation)....................$ 30.61 22.46

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\* UAVG-PA-0020 01/01/2016

 Rates Fringes

LABORER: Mason Tender -

Cement/Concrete..................$ 24.12 15.99

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 SUPA2011-053 08/20/2014

 Rates Fringes

OPERATOR: Drill.................$ 28.55 15.78

OPERATOR: Gradall...............$ 32.70 18.43

OPERATOR: Grader/Blade..........$ 32.51 17.98

OPERATOR: Paver (Asphalt,

Aggregate, and Concrete).........$ 33.01 18.37

ROOFER: Waterproofing Only.......$ 28.60 18.02

TRUCK DRIVER: Dump Truck........$ 23.36 7.60

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing

operation to which welding is incidental.

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Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave

for Federal Contractors applies to all contracts subject to the

Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any

solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2017. If this

contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must provide

employees with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours

they work, up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year.

Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their

own illness, injury or other health-related needs, including

preventive care; to assist a family member (or person who is

like family to the employee) who is ill, injured, or has other

health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons

resulting from, or to assist a family member (or person who is

like family to the employee) who is a victim of, domestic

violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional information

on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO

is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within

the scope of the classifications listed may be added after

award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses

(29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

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The body of each wage determination lists the classification

and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the

cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage

determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical

order of "identifiers" that indicate whether the particular

rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local),

a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate

(weighted union average rate).

Union Rate Identifiers

A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed

in dotted lines beginning with characters other than "SU" or

"UAVG" denotes that the union classification and rate were

prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example:

PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of

the union which prevailed in the survey for this

classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198

indicates the local union number or district council number

where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number,

005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing

the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the

most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1,

2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate

changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing

this classification and rate.

Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the "SU" identifier indicate that

no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and

the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average

rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that

classification. As this weighted average rate includes all

rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and

non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates

the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average

calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates

the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which

these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007

in the example, is an internal number used in producing the

wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion

date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a

new survey is conducted.

Union Average Rate Identifiers

Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate

that no single majority rate prevailed for those

classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the

classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010

08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union

average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in

the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage

determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date

for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of

each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current

negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is

based.

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 WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

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

be:

\* an existing published wage determination

\* a survey underlying a wage determination

\* a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on

 a wage determination matter

\* a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests

for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour

Regional Office for the area in which the survey was conducted

because those Regional Offices have responsibility for the

Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial

contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.)

and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal

process described here, initial contact should be with the

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

 Branch of Construction Wage Determinations

 Wage and Hour Division

 U.S. Department of Labor

 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

 Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an

interested party (those affected by the action) can request

review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator

(See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

 Wage and Hour Administrator

 U.S. Department of Labor

 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

 Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the

interested party's position and by any information (wage

payment data, project description, area practice material,

etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an

interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative

Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

 Administrative Review Board

 U.S. Department of Labor

 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

 Washington, DC 20210

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

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 END OF GENERAL DECISION

See attached document: S02 Specs 20170831.

See attached document: S02 Drawings 693-11-105.

See attached document: InfectionCtrlConstructionProjectCompliance 11IC-16-897.

See attached document: SafetyHealthDuringConstruction 18S-15-346.

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