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

4. CONTRACT NUMBER	5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NUMBER 7897-000013	6. PROJECT NUMBER MM 789CM3917
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7. ISSUED BY Department of Veterans Affairs NCA Contracting Service  75 Barrett Heights Rd. Suite 309 Stafford VA 22556	CODE 43C1	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO Department of Veterans Affairs NCA Contracting Service <a href="https://www.vendorportal.ecms.va.gov">https://www.vendorportal.ecms.va.gov</a>
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9. FOR INFORMATION CALL:	a. NAME Mr. Charles A. Daniels	b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS) 803-699-2246, Ext. 417
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**SOLICITATION**

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

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

The Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration (NCA), anticipates awarding a Firm, Fixed Priced contract. Contractor shall furnish all labor, material, equipment, and supervision to remove the existing corroded coating from the aboveground irrigation water distribution main pipeline, flanges, fittings, and appurtenances; prepare the surfaces and apply new corrosion protection coating system at Houston National Cemetery, Houston, TX 77038, in accordance with the contract statement of work as specified and per applicable industry standards and codes. Project No. MM 789CM3917

**Per VAAR 836.204, the magnitude of this project is between \$25,000 and \$100,000.**

**This acquisition is 100% set aside for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses. Authority, 38 USC 8127(d). The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code is 238320. Painting and Wall Covering Contractors, Business Size Standard is \$15.0 million.** Prospective SDVOSBs must be registered with the System for Award Management (SAM) website and complete representations and certifications at <https://www.sam.gov>. At the time of proposal submission, prospective SDVOSBs must be registered and verified at <https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov>. Companies must have the Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) seal on their registration to be considered for an award; the VIP database will be checked both upon receipt of an offer and prior to award.

There will be an Official organized site visit. See 52.236-27 Site Visit on page 45 for site visit information.

Questions shall be submitted to [charles.daniels2@va.gov](mailto:charles.daniels2@va.gov) no later than 4:30pm, EST, Friday, February 16, 2018. Email must contain the following in the subject line: Solicitation Number, Project Name, Cemetery Name, Project Number. Telephone inquiries and questions received after this date and time will not be accepted.

**Completed and signed proposals shall be submitted through the Department of Veterans Affairs - Electronic Contract Management System (eCMS) Vendor Portal website to be considered. Go to <https://www.vendorportal.ecms.va.gov> to register. Offers will not be accepted by other means. See Submission of Proposals, page 41.**

The government intends to award without discussions, however; the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if the Contracting Officer later determines them to be necessary.

11. The Contractor shall begin performance within 10 calendar days and complete it within 60 calendar days after receiving  award,  notice to proceed. This performance period is  mandatory  negotiable. (See 52.211-10).

12a. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH ANY REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS? (If "YES," indicate within how many calendar days after award in Item 12B.) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	12b. CALENDAR DAYS  N/A
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13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:
- a. Sealed offers in original and 1 copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in Item 8 by 1:00 PM EST (hour) local time 03-01-2018 (date). If this is a sealed bid solicitation, offers must be publicly opened at that time. Sealed envelopes containing offers shall be marked to show the offeror's name and address, the solicitation number, the date and time offers are due.
  - b. An offer guarantee  is,  is not required.
  - c. All offers are subject to the (1) work requirements, and (2) other provisions and clauses incorporated in the solicitation in full text or by reference.
  - d. Offers providing less than 90 calendar days for Government acceptance after the date offers are due will not be considered and will be rejected.

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

14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR (Include ZIP Code)		15. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)	
Email: _____		16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS (Include only if different than Item 14.)	
DUNS: _____ TIN: _____			
CODE	FACILITY CODE		

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

See Price Schedule, page 5

AMOUNTS

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

**19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS**

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

AMENDMENT NUMBER										
DATE.										

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

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

22. AMOUNT	23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA
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24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN (4 copies unless otherwise specified)	ITEM	25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO <input type="checkbox"/> 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)( ) <input type="checkbox"/> 41 U.S.C. 3304(a) ( )
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26. ADMINISTERED BY	27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY
	PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

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

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

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**SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE/COSTS**

**B.1 PRICE/COST SCHEDULE**

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
0001	A. The Contractor: Shall furnish all labor, material, equipment, and supervision to remove the existing corroded coating from the aboveground irrigation water distribution main pipeline, flanges, fittings, and appurtenances; prepare the surfaces and apply new corrosion protection coating system at Houston National Cemetery in accordance with the contract requirements specified below and per applicable industry standards and codes.	1.00	JB	_____	_____
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				_____	-

## **B.2 LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING-- MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE (JUN 2011)**

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

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## SECTION C - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK

### C.1 STATEMENT OF WORK/SPECIFICATION

- A. The Contractor: Shall furnish all labor, material, equipment, and supervision to remove the existing corroded coating from the aboveground irrigation water distribution main pipeline, flanges, fittings, and appurtenances; prepare the surfaces and apply new corrosion protection coating system at Houston National Cemetery in accordance with the contract requirements specified below and per applicable industry standards and codes.
- B. The Work: The Work shall include, but shall not be limited to the following (not necessarily in the order indicated):

#### **CLIN 1: Refurbish Pipe Coating**

1. The Contractor shall prepare all metal surfaces of the aboveground steel piping including removal of existing paint system through near-white blasting in accordance with Society of Protective Coatings' standard SSPC SP 10 to make the surfaces acceptable for the application of the three-part exterior coating system. These facilities were constructed in 1992 and recent testing has confirmed that the existing coatings contain no lead-based or asbestos materials.
2. Disassemble five (5) metal pipe restraint straps from concrete pipeline sleepers (aka saddles) in order to refinish pipe under straps, as well.
3. The Contractor shall be required to work with various blast media materials such as garnet (black beauty) walnut shell, glass bead, and steel shot. This media shall be used on metals such as steel and aluminum. The Contractor shall contain and capture all blast media. Dispose of paint debris and spent blast media.
4. Recoat all exposed metal surfaces with the following three-coat system:
  - a. Primer: Inorganic zinc-rich, epoxy primer.
  - b. Intermediate and stripe: Epoxy polyamide paint.
  - c. Top coat: High-solids formulation polyurethane paint.

Exterior surfaces to be painted are indicated in the attached pictures and well piping schematic.

5. All surfaces that are not to be painted shall be masked and covered to prevent paint splatters, drops, etc. from contacting the surfaces. The two (2) sand separators and blue

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expansion tank are not included in the scope for recoating. The Contractor shall take special and extreme precautions to protect the pump motor, gauges, and electronics from damage or infiltration of paint or abrasives.

6. Take all necessary precautions to avoid paint fallout beyond boundary of Owner's property. All costs associated with drifting spray, fallout, or other damage caused by coatings or abrasives leaving the site and restoration of site conditions, including tilling, leveling and reseeded of damaged areas shall be solely borne by the Contractor.
7. All work shall be in compliance with paint specification Section 09 97 13, "*Exterior Coating of Steel Structures*" (attached).

**CLIN 2: Pipe Support Stands and U-Bolt Anchors**

1. The Contractor shall saw cut and remove top of five (5) concrete support block saddles.
2. Provide and install new welded and coated steel pipe support stands; anchor bolt to existing concrete blocks.
3. Provide and install new hot-dipped galvanized u-bolt pipe anchors with high-density thermoplastic semi-rod pipe support per the attached drawings. The thermoplastic compressive strength shall be no less than 15 ksi, tensile strength of 9.4 ksi. U-bolt shall have cross-linked polyolefin applied to shank (any part in contact with water pipe).

C. General Conditions:

1. Remove, cut, alter, replace, patch and repair existing work as necessary to install new work. Existing work to be altered or extended and that is found to be defective in any way, shall be reported to the COR before it is disturbed. Materials and workmanship used in restoring work shall conform in type and quality to that of original existing construction, except as otherwise shown or specified.
2. Thoroughly clean up the work area at the end of each day's work including any mud or dirt tracked onto Cemetery streets, and at completion of the project. Leave premises clean and free of waste, scrap, used equipment, or other material intentionally or incidentally delivered to the site by Contractor or Contractor's personnel. Haul away & dump debris and waste to an approved disposal site.
3. The Contractor shall preserve and protect all structures, equipment, and vegetation (such as trees, shrubs, and grass) on or adjacent to the work site not to be removed and do not unreasonably interfere with the work required under this contract. If any limbs or branches of trees are broken during contract performance, or by the careless operation of equipment, or by workmen, the Contractor shall trim those limbs or branches with a clean cut and paint the cut with a tree-pruning compound as directed by the Contracting Officer.



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4. The Contractor shall protect from damage all existing improvements and utilities at or near the work site and on adjacent property of a third party, the locations of which are made known to or should be known by the Contractor. The Contractor shall repair any damage to those facilities, including those that are the property of a third party, resulting from failure to comply with the requirements of this contract or failure to exercise reasonable care in performing the work. If the Contractor fails or refuses to repair the damage promptly, the Contracting Officer may have the necessary work performed and charge the cost to the Contractor.
5. All utilities required for the continuous operation of all existing facilities shall be maintained in service at all times except when disruptions are needed. The contractor shall inform the Cemetery Director and the Contracting Officer (CO) in writing for such disruptions and obtain approval from the CO in writing at least 2 weeks prior to such need. When option exists, implement options to minimize interruption of services to the facilities.
6. The Contractor shall coordinate with the Cemetery Director for parking, material storage, temporary portable restroom facilities, and any other needs for the work. Public access to the National Cemetery shall not be impaired.
7. The Contractor shall assume sole responsibility for safety of all persons on or about the construction site, in accordance with applicable laws and codes. Guard all materials in accordance with the safety provisions according to OSHA and Associated General Contractors of America (AGC).

D. Standards of Employee Conduct:

1. The National Cemetery Administration honors veterans with a final resting place and lasting memorials that commemorate their service to our Nation. National Cemeteries are National Shrines. The standards of work, appearance, and procedures performed by the Contractor at this Cemetery shall reflect this Nation's concern for those interred there. Due to the sensitive mission of the Cemetery, Contractor personnel must always exercise and exhibit absolute decorum, composure, and stability when on Cemetery grounds.
2. Contractor personnel shall be required to adhere to the following standards of dress and conduct, as briefly mentioned here, while performing work in the National Cemetery. These standards and regulations are enforceable under Title 38, U.S.C., Part I, Chapter 9, Section 5901.
3. Clothing shall be presentable and suitable to the work while maintaining proper appearance and decorum indicative for a National Shrine. Uniform shirts and hats are preferred. Clothing shall be clean and cleanliness and personal hygiene are imperative. T-shirts and/or tank tops as outer garments are prohibited. Protective/safety clothing and shoes shall meet or exceed OSHA and state requirements.

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4. Behavior and language must be appropriate, reverent, and respectful at all times when on Cemetery grounds.
  5. Eating and drinking (except water) is prohibited in the work areas and within sight of a committal shelter during a service.
  6. Use of intoxicating beverages, any tobacco products, and illegal drugs on the Cemetery premises is strictly prohibited.
  7. Contractor personnel shall not lean, sit, or stand on or against headstones or monuments. No tools, equipment or other items will be placed or leaned on headstones or monuments.
  8. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining satisfactory standards of personnel conduct and work performance and shall administer disciplinary action as required. The Contractor is expected to remove any employees from the Cemetery for cause, to include, but not limited to, safety violations, other misconduct in performance of duty under these specifications and/or conduct contrary to the best interests of the Government. If the Contractor fails to act in this regard, or the reason for a removal is immediately required to protect the interests of the Government, the COR may direct the removal of an employee from the premises. Contractor objections to any such action will be referred to the Contracting Officer (CO) for final resolution; however, the Contractor will first immediately comply with COR direction pending any CO final resolution at a later time or date. The Contractor will not be due any type of compensation for their costs incurred as a result of an employee being removed for cause; unless the removal is directed by the COR, and is later found invalid and/or unreasonable by the Contracting Officer.
- E. Time of Completion: The project shall be completed within 60 calendar days after Notice to Proceed. Contractor shall submit a detailed project schedule to the COR at most five (5) business days after Award. Work outside of the Cemetery's normal operating hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm shall be permitted only by approval of the COR and only in order to meet the Period of Performance.
- F. Code Compliance: All work shall be performed in accordance with National, State, and Local Codes including the International Building Code (IBC), the International Mechanical Code (IMC), and the International Plumbing Code (IPC).
- G. Contractor Quality Control:
1. The Contractor shall guarantee that all work done under this contract shall be free from defaults and no faulty materials or workmanship with a five (5)-year warranty. The Contractor hereby agrees to repair deficiencies within the specified time frame by the direction of the CO at Contractor's own expense and shall be corrected to the satisfaction of the Government.

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2. Contractor Supervisor: A competent and experienced English-speaking Contractor Supervisor shall be provided by the Contractor whenever work is being performed, other than trash and debris pick-up.
  3. The Contractor Supervisor shall review and approve submittals, ensure all specifications are being met, inspect the quality of work performed, ensure contract work does not conflict with ceremonies and funerals, ensure employees are adequately supervised and proper conduct maintained, and certify the completed work for payment and other purposes.
- E. Submittals After Award: Submit manufacturer's literature and specifications for the all components, equipment, and materials used to perform the work to the COR for review and approval.
- G. Plans/details:
- (1) Attachment 1, Pictures
  - (2) Attachment 2, Well Piping Schematic
  - (3) Attachment 3, Specification Section 09 97 13, "*Exterior Coating of Steel Structures*"
  - (4) Attachment 4, Pipe Support Drawings (CLIN 2)
- H. POC: The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) for this project is Scott Weber, Work Leader, Houston National Cemetery.
- I. Project completion: The project site shall be protected and/or restored to a condition equal to that existing prior to the commencement of work. Upon completion of contract, deliver work complete and undamaged. Existing work disturbed or removed as a result of performing required new work, shall be patched, repaired, reinstalled, or replaced with new work, and refinished and left in as good condition as existed before commencing work.

**END OF STATEMENT OF WORK**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**PHOTOGRAPHS OF EXISTING CONDITIONS**



**Figure 1:** Western limits of work  
(protect circled pump motor from damage)

**Figure 2:** Distribution piping  
(protect water meter, center)



ATTACHMENT 1

PHOTOGRAPHS OF EXISTING CONDITIONS



**Figure 1:** Eastern limits of work (blue expansion tank and circled sand separator not part of scope)

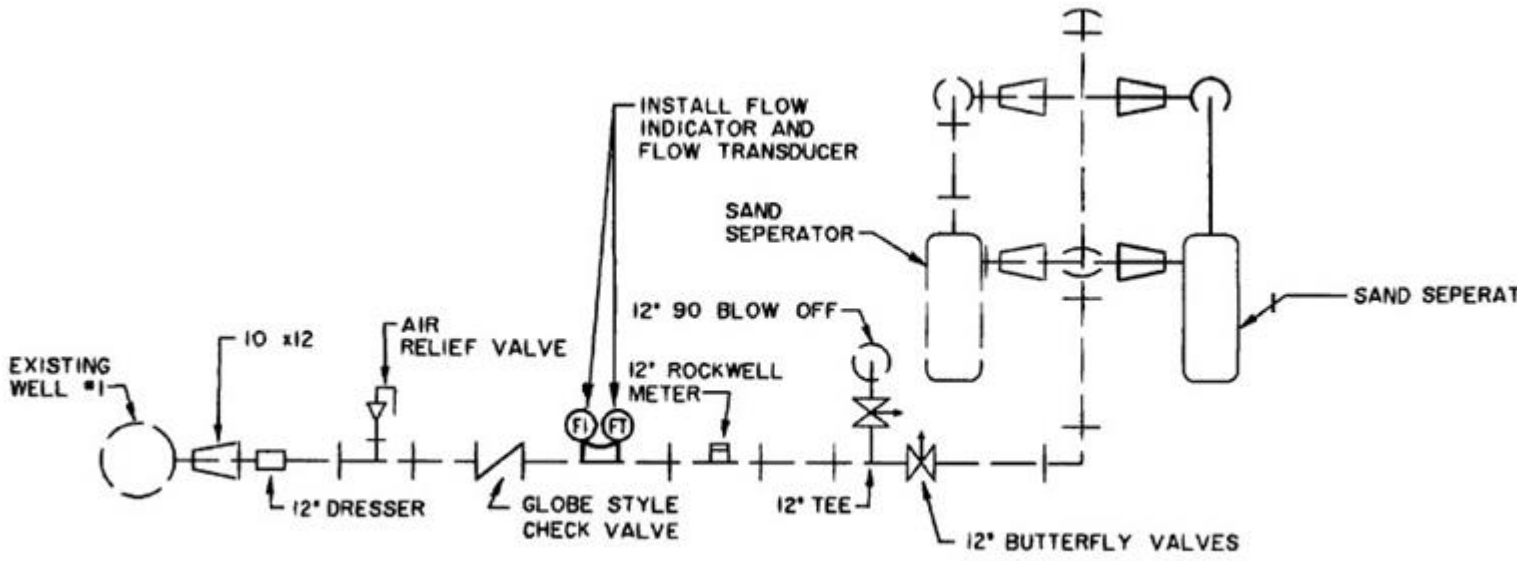
**Figure 2:** Eastern limits of work (where pipe dives underground)

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**PHOTOGRAPHS OF EXISTING CONDITIONS**



**Figure 1:** Opposite view of western limits of work **Figure 2:** Opposite view of eastern limits of work (circled sand separator not part of scope)



## **SECTION D - PACKAGING AND MARKING**

**[For this Solicitation, there are NO clauses in this Section]**



## SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

### E.1 52.246-12 INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION (AUG 1996)

(a) *Definition.* "Work" includes, but is not limited to, materials, workmanship, and manufacture and fabrication of components.

(b) The Contractor shall maintain an adequate inspection system and perform such inspections as will ensure that the work performed under the contract conforms to contract requirements. The Contractor shall maintain complete inspection records and make them available to the Government. All work shall be conducted under the general direction of the Contracting Officer and is subject to Government inspection and test at all places and at all reasonable times before acceptance to ensure strict compliance with the terms of the contract.

(c) Government inspections and tests are for the sole benefit of the Government and do not—

- (1) Relieve the Contractor of responsibility for providing adequate quality control measures;
- (2) Relieve the Contractor of responsibility for damage to or loss of the material before acceptance;
- (3) Constitute or imply acceptance; or

(4) Affect the continuing rights of the Government after acceptance of the completed work under paragraph (i) below.

(d) The presence or absence of a Government inspector does not relieve the Contractor from any contract requirement, nor is the inspector authorized to change any term or condition of the specification without the Contracting Officer's written authorization.

(e) The Contractor shall promptly furnish, at no increase in contract price, all facilities, labor, and material reasonably needed for performing such safe and convenient inspections and tests as may be required by the Contracting Officer. The Government may charge to the Contractor any additional cost of inspection or test when work is not ready at the time specified by the Contractor for inspection or test, or when prior rejection makes re-inspection or retest necessary. The Government shall perform all inspections and tests in a manner that will not unnecessarily delay the work. Special, full size, and performance tests shall be performed as described in the contract.

(f) The Contractor shall, without charge, replace or correct work found by the Government not to conform to contract requirements, unless in the public interest the Government consents to accept the work with an appropriate adjustment in contract price. The Contractor shall promptly segregate and remove rejected material from the premises.

(g) If the Contractor does not promptly replace or correct rejected work, the Government may (1) by contract or otherwise, replace or correct the work and charge the cost to the Contractor or (2) terminate for default the Contractor's right to proceed.

(h) If, before acceptance of the entire work, the Government decides to examine already completed work by removing it or tearing it out, the Contractor, on request, shall promptly furnish all necessary facilities,

labor, and material. If the work is found to be defective or nonconforming in any material respect due to the fault of the Contractor or its subcontractors, the Contractor shall defray the expenses of the examination and of satisfactory reconstruction. However, if the work is found to meet contract requirements, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment for the additional services involved in the examination and reconstruction, including, if completion of the work was thereby delayed, an extension of time.

(i) Unless otherwise specified in the contract, the Government shall accept, as promptly as practicable after completion and inspection, all work required by the contract or that portion of the work the Contracting Officer determines can be accepted separately. Acceptance shall be final and conclusive except for latent defects, fraud, gross mistakes amounting to fraud, or the Government's rights under any warranty or guarantee.

(End of Clause)

## **SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE**

### **F.1 52.242-14 SUSPENSION OF WORK (APR 1984)**

(a) The Contracting Officer may order the Contractor, in writing, to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the work of this contract for the period of time that the Contracting Officer determines appropriate for the convenience of the Government.

(b) If the performance of all or any part of the work is, for an unreasonable period of time, suspended, delayed, or interrupted (1) by an act of the Contracting Officer in the administration of this contract, or (2) by the Contracting Officer's failure to act within the time specified in this contract (or within a reasonable time if not specified), an adjustment shall be made for any increase in the cost of performance of this contract (excluding profit) necessarily caused by the unreasonable suspension, delay, or interruption, and the contract modified in writing accordingly. However, no adjustment shall be made under this clause for any suspension, delay, or interruption to the extent that performance would have been so suspended, delayed, or interrupted by any other cause, including the fault or negligence of the Contractor, or for which an equitable adjustment is provided for or excluded under any other term or condition of this contract.

(c) A claim under this clause shall not be allowed (1) for any costs incurred more than 20 days before the Contractor shall have notified the Contracting Officer in writing of the act or failure to act involved (but this requirement shall not apply as to a claim resulting from a suspension order), and (2) unless the claim, in an amount stated, is asserted in writing as soon as practicable after the termination of the suspension, delay, or interruption, but not later than the date of final payment under the contract.

(End of Clause)

### **F.2 52.211-10 COMMENCEMENT, PROSECUTION, AND COMPLETION OF WORK (APR 1984)**

The Contractor shall be required to (a) commence work under this contract within 10 calendar days after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed, (b) prosecute the work diligently, and (c) complete the entire work ready for use not later than 120 days after Notice to Proceed. The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.

(End of Clause)

## SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

**1. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:** All contract administration matters will be handled by the following individuals:

a. CONTRACTOR: [TBD]

b. GOVERNMENT: Mr. Charles A. Daniels, Contracting Officer  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
NCA Contracting Service  
4170 Percival Road (Fort Jackson NC)  
Columbia, SC 29929

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

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

**3. INVOICES:** Invoices shall be submitted in arrears:

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

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

<http://www.tungsten-network.com/customer-campaigns/veterans-affairs/>

(END OF SECTION)

## **SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

**[For this Solicitation, there are NO clauses in this Section]**

## PART II - CONTRACT CLAUSES

### SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

#### I.1 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

<b><u>FAR Number</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
52.203-19	PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING CERTAIN INTERNAL CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS OR STATEMENTS	JAN 2017
52.204-10	REPORTING EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACT AWARDS	OCT 2016
52.204-13	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE	OCT 2016
52.204-18	COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE MAINTENANCE	JUL 2016
52.209-6	PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT	OCT 2015
52.209-10	PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH INVERTED DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS	NOV 2015
52.215-8	ORDER OF PRECEDENCE—UNIFORM CONTRACT FORMAT	OCT 1997
52.222-3	CONVICT LABOR	JUN 2003
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
52.222-50	COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS	MAR 2015
52.222-55	MINIMUM WAGES UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13658	DEC 2015
52.222-62	PAID SICK LEAVE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13706	JAN 2017

52.223-5	POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RIGHT-TO-KNOW INFORMATION ALTERNATE I (MAY 2011)	MAY 2011
52.223-18	ENCOURAGING CONTRACTOR POLICIES TO BAN TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING	AUG 2011
52.223-21	FOAMS	JUN 2016
52.225-13	RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PURCHASES	JUN 2008
52.227-4	PATENT INDEMNITY—CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	DEC 2007
52.228-2	ADDITIONAL BOND SECURITY	OCT 1997
52.228-11	PLEDGES OF ASSETS	JAN 2012
52.228-12	PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTOR REQUESTS FOR BONDS	MAY 2014
52.232-5	PAYMENTS UNDER FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	MAY 2014
52.232-23	ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS	MAY 2014
52.232-27	PROMPT PAYMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	JAN 2017
52.232-34	PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER—OTHER THAN SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT	JUL 2013
52.232-39	UNENFORCEABILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS	JUN 2013
52.232-40	PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENTS TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS	DEC 2013
52.233-1	DISPUTES	MAY 2014
52.233-3	PROTEST AFTER AWARD	AUG 1996
52.233-4	APPLICABLE LAW FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM	OCT 2004
52.236-2	DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS	APR 1984
52.236-3	SITE INVESTIGATION AND CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE WORK	APR 1984
52.236-5	MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP	APR 1984
52.236-7	PERMITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES	NOV 1991
52.236-9	PROTECTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION, STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES, AND IMPROVEMENTS	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
52.236-21	SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION	FEB 1997
52.236-26	PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE	FEB 1995
52.243-5	CHANGES AND CHANGED CONDITIONS	APR 1984
52.244-6	SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS	JAN 2017
52.246-21	WARRANTY OF CONSTRUCTION	MAR 1994
52.249-1	TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT (FIXED-PRICE) (SHORT FORM)	APR 1984
52.249-10	DEFAULT (FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION)	APR 1984
52.253-1	COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS	JAN 1991
852.203-70	COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING	JAN 2008
852.211-70	SERVICE DATA MANUALS, MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT	JAN 2008
852.236-72	PERFORMANCE OF WORK BY THE CONTRACTOR	JUL 2002
852.236-74	INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION	JUL 2002
852.236-76	CORRESPONDENCE	APR 1984
852.236-77	REFERENCE TO "STANDARDS"	JUL 2002
852.236-78	GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION	APR 1984
852.236-80	SUBCONTRACTS AND WORK COORDINATION	APR 1984
852.236-82	PAYMENTS UNDER FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (WITHOUT NAS)	APR 1984
852.236-84	SCHEDULE OF WORK PROGRESS	NOV 1984
852.236-85	SUPPLEMENTARY LABOR STANDARDS PROVISIONS	APR 1984
852.236-86	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	JAN 2008

852.236-87	ACCIDENT PREVENTION	SEP 1993
852.236-88	CONTRACT CHANGES--SUPPLEMENT	JUL 2002
852.236-89	BUY AMERICAN ACT	JAN 2008
852.236-91	SPECIAL NOTES	JUL 2002
852.246-71	INSPECTION	JAN 2008

## **I.2 52.204-19 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (DEC 2014)**

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

(End of Clause)

## **I.3 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 237110 assigned to contract number .

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

(End of Clause)

#### **I.4 52.222-36 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES (JUL 2014)**

(a) *Equal opportunity clause.* The Contractor shall abide by the requirements of the equal opportunity clause at 41 CFR 60-741.5(a), as of March 24, 2014. This clause prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability, and requires affirmative action by the Contractor to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

(b) *Subcontracts.* The Contractor shall include the terms of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of \$15,000 unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor shall act as specified by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs of the U.S. Department of Labor, to enforce the terms, including action for noncompliance. Such necessary changes in language may be made as shall be appropriate to identify properly the parties and their undertakings.

(End of Clause)

### **I.5 52.223-3 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION AND MATERIAL SAFETY DATA (JAN 1997) ALTERNATE I (JUL 1995)**

(a) "Hazardous material," as used in this clause, includes any material defined as hazardous under the latest version of Federal Standard No. 313 (including revisions adopted during the term of the contract).

(b) The offeror must list any hazardous material, as defined in paragraph (a) of this clause, to be delivered under this contract. The hazardous material shall be properly identified and include any applicable identification number, such as National Stock Number or Special Item Number. This information shall also be included on the Material Safety Data Sheet submitted under this contract.

<b>Material (If none, insert "None")</b>	<b>Identification No.</b>

(c) This list must be updated during performance of the contract whenever the Contractor determines that any other material to be delivered under this contract is hazardous.

(d) The apparently successful offeror agrees to submit, for each item as required prior to award, a Material Safety Data Sheet, meeting the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.1200(g) and the latest version of Federal Standard No. 313, for all hazardous material identified in paragraph (b) of this clause. Data shall be submitted in accordance with Federal Standard No. 313, whether or not the apparently successful offeror is the actual manufacturer of these items. Failure to submit the Material Safety Data Sheet prior to award may result in the apparently successful offeror being considered nonresponsible and ineligible for award.

(e) If, after award, there is a change in the composition of the item(s) or a revision to Federal Standard No. 313, which renders incomplete or inaccurate the data submitted under paragraph (d) of this clause, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer and resubmit the data.

(f) Neither the requirements of this clause nor any act or failure to act by the Government shall relieve the Contractor of any responsibility or liability for the safety of Government, Contractor, or subcontractor personnel or property.

(g) Nothing contained in this clause shall relieve the Contractor from complying with applicable Federal, State, and local laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations (including the obtaining of licenses and permits) in connection with hazardous material.

(h) The Government's rights in data furnished under this contract with respect to hazardous material are as follows:

(1) To use, duplicate and disclose any data to which this clause is applicable. The purposes of this right are to—

(i) Apprise personnel of the hazards to which they may be exposed in using, handling, packaging, transporting, or disposing of hazardous materials;

(ii) Obtain medical treatment for those affected by the material; and

(iii) Have others use, duplicate, and disclose the data for the Government for these purposes.

(2) To use, duplicate, and disclose data furnished under this clause, in accordance with subparagraph (h)(1) of this clause, in precedence over any other clause of this contract providing for rights in data.

(3) The Government is not precluded from using similar or identical data acquired from other sources.

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (i)(2) the Contractor shall prepare and submit a sufficient number of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's), meeting the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.1200(g) and the latest version of Federal Standard No. 313, for all hazardous materials identified in paragraph (b) of this clause.

(1) For items shipped to consignees, the Contractor shall include a copy of the MSDS with the packing list or other suitable shipping document which accompanies each shipment. Alternatively, the Contractor is permitted to transmit MSDS's to consignees in advance of receipt of shipments by consignees, if authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(2) For items shipped to consignees identified by mailing address as agency depots, distribution centers or customer supply centers, the Contractor shall provide one copy of the MSDS's in or on each shipping container. If affixed to the outside of each container, the MSDS must be placed in a weather resistant envelope.

(End of Clause)

#### **I.6 52.228-5 INSURANCE—WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION (JAN 1997)**

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

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

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

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

(c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in subcontracts under this contract that require work on a Government installation and shall require subcontractors to provide and maintain the insurance required in the Schedule or elsewhere in the contract. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of all subcontractors' proofs of required insurance, and shall make copies available to the Contracting Officer upon request.

(End of Clause)

## I.7 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)

## I.8 52.225-9 BUY AMERICAN—CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (MAY 2014)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Cost of components" means—

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

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

"Domestic construction material" means—

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

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

(i) The cost of its components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States exceeds 50 percent of the cost of all its components. Components of foreign origin of the same class or kind for which non-availability 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)

### **I.9 52.228-13 ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROTECTIONS (JULY 2000)**

(a) The Contractor shall submit one of the following payment protections:

Payment Bond; Irrevocable Letter of Credit (ILC); Tripartite Escrow Agreement; Certificates of Deposit Certified or Cashiers Check

(b) The amount of the payment protection shall be 100 percent of the contract price.

(c) The submission of the payment protection is required within 10 days of contract award.

(d) The payment protection shall provide protection for the full contract performance period plus a one-year period.

(e) Except for escrow agreements and payment bonds, which provide their own protection procedures, the Contracting Officer is authorized to access funds under the payment protection when it has been alleged in writing by a supplier of labor or material that a nonpayment has occurred, and to withhold such funds pending resolution by administrative or judicial proceedings or mutual agreement of the parties.

(f) When a tripartite escrow agreement is used, the Contractor shall utilize only suppliers of labor and material that signed the escrow agreement.

(End of Clause)

**I.10 52.236-4 PHYSICAL DATA (APR 1984)**

Data and information furnished or referred to below is for the Contractor's information. The Government shall not be responsible for any interpretation of or conclusion drawn from the data or information by the Contractor.

(a) The indications of physical conditions on the drawings and in the specifications are the result of site investigations by:

(End of Clause)

**I.11 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.

The clause entitled "Brand name or equal" applies only to the items described in the Statement of Work

(End of Clause)

## **I.12 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)

### **I.13 VAAR 852.232-72 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PAYMENT REQUESTS (NOV 2012)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Awards made to foreign vendors for work performed outside the United States;
- (2) Classified contracts or purchases when electronic submission and processing of payment requests could compromise the safeguarding of classified or privacy information;
- (3) Contracts awarded by contracting officers in the conduct of emergency operations, such as responses to national emergencies;
- (4) Solicitations or contracts in which the designated agency office is a VA entity other than the VA Financial Services Center in Austin, Texas; or
- (5) Solicitations or contracts in which the VA designated agency office does not have electronic invoicing capability as described above.

(End of Clause)

#### **I.14 VAAR 852.236-71 SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION (JUL 2002)**

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

- (a) The contracting officer's interpretation of the drawings and specifications will be final, subject to the disputes clause.
- (b) Large scale drawings supersede small scale drawings.
- (c) Dimensions govern in all cases. Scaling of drawings may be done only for general location and general size of items.
- (d) Dimensions shown of existing work and all dimensions required for work that is to connect with existing work shall be verified by the contractor by actual measurement of the existing work. Any work at variance with that specified or shown in the drawings shall not be performed by the contractor until approved in writing by the contracting officer.

(End of Clause)

#### **I.15 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)

**PART III - LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS**

**SECTION J - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

See attached document: DB General Decision TX180099 Dated 01-12-2018, TX99.

See attached document: 09 97 13, Exterior Coating of Steel Structures.

See attached document: Drawing - Houston - Corrosion Protection Coating, Well Piping.

## **PART IV - REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

### **SECTION K - REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS**

#### **K.1 52.204-8 ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (JAN 2017)**

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 237110.

(2) The small business size standard is \$36.5 Million.

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

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

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

(i) Paragraph (d) applies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Note to paragraph (c)(1)(xvi):** By a court order issued on October 24, 2016, 52.222-57 is enjoined indefinitely as of the date of the order. The enjoined paragraph will become effective immediately if the court terminates the injunction. At that time, DoD, GSA, and NASA will publish a document in the **Federal Register** advising the public of the termination of the injunction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) 52.204-20, Predecessor of Offeror.

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

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

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

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

(vii) 52.227-6, Royalty Information.

(A) Basic.

(B) Alternate I.

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

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

FAR Clause #	Title	Date	Change

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

(End of Provision)



## SECTION L - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

### SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- 1. All proposals must be submitted through the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Management System (eCMS) Vendor Portal website to be considered.**
- Please go to the VA eCMS Vendor Portal website at <https://www.vendorportal.ecms.va.gov> to register. Once on the webpage, proceed to the Vendor Portal Login section located on the far left side of the webpage and click on 'Request a user account' to register.
- In the event an Offeror is unable to submit a proposal through the Vendor Portal, prior to the proposal closing date and time, contact the VAAS helpdesk at 1-877-634-3739, or via email at [VA.Acquisition.Systems@va.gov](mailto:VA.Acquisition.Systems@va.gov). **Submission of proposals by email will not be accepted. Proposal transmission/uploads must be completed by the date/time specified. Late or incomplete Proposals will not be considered.**
- If Offerors are still unable to submit a proposal through VA eCMS Vendor Portal, the Contracting Officer may elect to accept submission of a CD version of the proposal package as long as VA eCMS Vendor Portal registration requirements have been fulfilled and Offerors have contacted the VAAS helpdesk for assistance in their submission of a proposal. A copy of the email correspondence with the VAAS helpdesk will be forwarded to the Contracting Officer, Mr. Charles A. Daniels, at [charles.daniels2@va.gov](mailto:charles.daniels2@va.gov), as proof of email correspondence. If a phone conversation with the VAAS helpdesk proves unsuccessful in an Offeror's ability to submit a proposal prior to the closing date via Vendor Portal, the Offeror shall submit to the Contracting Officer correspondence that contains the date, time, and name of helpdesk representative the Offeror contacted to include the reasons why the Offeror could not submit a proposal via the Portal. This document will be submitted together with the CD version of the proposal. **In the event an Offeror has not requested proposal submission assistance to the VAAS help desk prior to the closing date, nor has submitted correspondence that identifies reasons why the Offeror could not submit a proposal via Vendor Portal, the Offeror will be considered non-responsive and the CD version of the proposal will not be accepted.**
- If a CD version of the proposal will be accepted by the Contracting Officer, the electronic version of the proposal may be submitted as an MS Word document in .doc or .docx format or Portable Document Format (PDF). If PDF is preferred, then each Section submitted shall be a separate file. For example, all required licenses, technical proposal, Past Performance Questionnaires, shall all be under separate files and shall be classified as such. The files shall be categorized in a manner where it is easy to ascertain. Offerors who meet stated requirements may mail or hand carry the CD version of their proposal to the address specified in Block 7 of SF 1442. **Offerors are**

**responsible to ensure proposals are received no later than the date and time specified in the solicitation. Late or incomplete Proposals will not be considered.** See FAR 15.208 – Submission, Modification, Revision, and Withdrawal of Proposals. All offers are subject to all terms and conditions of this solicitation.

The proposal package shall contain the following:

- a. Completed and signed SF 1442 with all required blocks completed on Page 2, to include Total Price in block 17 and printed name, authorized signature and date in blocks 30a, 30b and 30c.
- b. Technical Qualifications in a written narrative as specified in the evaluation factors for the Government's evaluation.
- c. Three (3) past performance references within the last five (5) years that are similar in size and scope to this solicitation. Use the Past Performance Questionnaire. Prepare one for each reference.
- d. Completed Schedule of Prices in .doc or .docx format or PDF.
- e. Required representations and certifications and bonds.
- f. Acknowledgement of any amendments

**Proposal packages that fail to include sufficient Technical, Past Performance and/or Price information for evaluation may result in the proposal being rejected and not considered.**

**Proposals that are not received completely by the time and date specified in Block 13 of SF 1442 will be rejected and shall not be considered.**

### **L.1 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)**

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

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

(End of Provision)

<b>FAR Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
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
52.215-1	INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION	JAN 2017
52.222-5	CONSTRUCTION WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS— SECONDARY SITE OF THE WORK	MAY 2014
52.236-28	PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS—CONSTRUCTION	OCT 1997

## **L.2 VAAR 852.252-70 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS OR CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (JAN 2008)**

The following provisions or clauses incorporated by reference in this solicitation must be completed by the offeror or prospective contractor and submitted with the quotation or offer. Copies of these provisions or clauses are available on the Internet at the Web sites provided in the provision at FAR 52.252-1, Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference, or the clause at FAR 52.252-2, Clauses Incorporated by Reference. Copies may also be obtained from the contracting officer.

(End of Provision)

## **L.3 52.222-23 NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSTRUCTION (FEB 1999)**

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

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

<b>Goals for minority participation for each trade</b>	<b>Goals for female participation for each trade</b>
18.2 %	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 Dallas-Fort Worth, TX

(End of Provision)

#### **L.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)

#### **L.5 52.236-27 SITE VISIT (CONSTRUCTION) (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.

**The Official Site Visit will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018,  
at 10:00am CST, at the Houston National Cemetery, Houston, TX.**

(End of Provision)

**L.6 VAAR 852.211-72 TECHNICAL INDUSTRY STANDARDS (JAN 2008)**

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

(End of Provision)

## SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

### **Factor 1. Past Performance**

1. The offeror shall provide three (3) references for projects that are equal in size and complexity to the Scope of Work. The Contractor shall provide sufficient project details with their technical proposal to demonstrate experience with at least three (3) water utility projects of similar size, scope, and using similar materials and methods over the past five (5) years. Each contract submitted must have been satisfactorily completed, or if not yet completed, must be marked by satisfactory progress. The Government will not consider a contract that is less than 50% complete or an effort that concluded more than 5 years ago. Contractor shall provide reference points of contact for each project listed, to include the point of contact name, email address and phone number shall be included with submitted references. Use the attached Past Performance Questionnaire.

### **Factor 2. Technical Approach**

1. A technical approach shall be submitted that demonstrates the offeror's complete understanding of the work required within the Scope of Work. The technical approach shall not restate the requirements.
  - Qualifications of Coating Contractors: All Contractors and Subcontractors that perform surface preparation or coating application shall demonstrate qualifications by providing proof of current certification in the following standards promulgated by The Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC):
    - SSPC QP 1, Standard Procedure for Evaluating Qualifications of Painting Contractors, (Field Application to Complex Industrial Structures), 1998 with Revisions 2012.
    - SSPC QP 2, Standard Procedure for Evaluating the Qualifications of Painting Contractors, (Removal of Hazardous Coatings from Industrial/Marine Steel Structures), 2009.
  - Experience of Coating Contractors: The Contractor must demonstrate with their technical proposal experience of their company or their subcontractor with at least three (3) steel protective coating projects of similar size over the past five (5) years. Each contract submitted must have been satisfactorily completed, or if not yet completed, must be marked by satisfactory progress. The Government will not consider a contract that is less than 50% complete or an effort that concluded more than 5 years ago.
2. Identify any subcontractor(s) to be used in performance of this contract and list the type and percentage of work each party will perform, along with each subcontractor's socio-economic status (e.g. Disabled/Veteran owned, Woman owned, Small, Large Business, etc.)

### **Factor 3. Price**

1. Price will be evaluated but not scored or otherwise combined with the other aspects of the proposal evaluation.

**Note:** Technical Approach and Past Performance will be rated on an acceptable or unacceptable basis. Proposal ranking will not be established.

**Bases of Award:** Award will be made on the basis of the lowest evaluated price of proposals meeting or exceeding the acceptability standards for non-cost factors.

## PAST PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

**INSTRUCTIONS: Offerors must identify previous federal, state, and local government and private contracts that they have completed and that are similar to the contract being evaluated. List at least three (3), contracts for evaluation limited to the last five (5) years. (One contract reference per form, Form may be duplicated)**

**Contractor (you) Information:**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contract Information:**

Name of company/agency you provided service for: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Contract: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Dollar Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: Completed, Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If not completed, projected completion date \_\_\_\_\_

If not completed, why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Point of Contact Information for the company/agency you serviced:**

Name of the Contract Person & their position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



**Description of Supply/Service(s) provided, location & relevancy of work:**

**Complexity of Product/Service, if any:**

**Percentage of Work completed by your company/by subcontractor:**

**Provide information on problems encountered during performance of this contract and your corrective actions. (if applicable):**

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