

<b>SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, &amp; 30</b>				1. REQUISITION NO. 9248-000012 9248-000021		PAGE 1 OF 66	
2. CONTRACT NO.		3. AWARD/EFFECTIVE DATE		4. ORDER NO.		5. SOLICITATION NUMBER 36C78618Q0215	
6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE 05-23-2018		7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL: a. NAME Max Andrade		b. TELEPHONE NO. (No Collect Calls) 540-658-7221		8. OFFER DUE DATE/LOCAL TIME 06-06-2018 0900	
9. ISSUED BY Department of Veterans Affairs NCA Contracting Service  75 Barrett Heights Rd. Suite 309 Stafford VA 22556				10. THIS ACQUISITION IS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> UNRESTRICTED OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SET ASIDE: 100 % FOR: <input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (WOSB) ELIGIBLE UNDER THE WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM <input type="checkbox"/> EDWOSB <input type="checkbox"/> 8(A) NAICS: 221310 SIZE STANDARD: \$27.5 Million			
11. DELIVERY FOR FOB DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEE SCHEDULE		12. DISCOUNT TERMS		13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700) <input type="checkbox"/>		13b. RATING N/A	
15. DELIVER TO Department of Veterans Affairs South Florida National Cemetery 6501 S State Road 7  Lake Worth FL 33449				16. ADMINISTERED BY Department of Veterans Affairs NCA Contracting Service  75 Barrett Heights Rd. Suite 309 Stafford VA 22556			
17a. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR CODE		FACILITY CODE		18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY  http://www.tungsten-network.com/customer-campaigns/veterans-affairs/  SEE VAAR 852.232-72 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PAYMENT REQUESTS  PHONE: 1-877-752-0900 FAX:		18b. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK 18a UNLESS BLOCK BELOW IS CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/> SEE ADDENDUM	
17b. CHECK IF REMITTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND PUT SUCH ADDRESS IN OFFER <input type="checkbox"/>		19. ITEM NO.		20. See CONTINUATION Page SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES		21. QUANTITY	
22. UNIT		23. UNIT PRICE		24. AMOUNT		25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA See CONTINUATION Page	
26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Govt. Use Only) \$0.00		27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA <input type="checkbox"/> ARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARE NOT ATTACHED.		27b. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-5 IS ATTACHED. ADDENDA <input type="checkbox"/> ARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARE NOT ATTACHED.		28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN 1 COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED	
29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REF. _____ OFFER DATED _____ YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS:		30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR		31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER)		31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (TYPE OR PRINT)	
31c. DATE SIGNED		30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (TYPE OR PRINT)		30c. DATE SIGNED		31c. DATE SIGNED	

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## SECTION B - CONTINUATION OF SF 1449 BLOCKS

### B.1 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

(continuation from Standard Form 1449, block 18A.)

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

a. CONTRACTOR:

b. GOVERNMENT: Contracting Officer [TBD]  
 Department of Veterans Affairs  
 NCA Contracting Service  
 75 Barrett Heights Rd. Suite 309  
 Stafford VA 22556

**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/periodic, after government acceptance

**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.

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

AMENDMENT NO	DATE

### 5. MISSING PAGES, LOST OR MISSING QUOTES

This is a Request for Quote (RFQ) for furnishing the commercial services in the Schedule. Quotes shall be received at the address specified in Block 20, i.e. <https://www.vendorportal.ecms.va.gov> by the date and time specified in Block 8 of SF 1449.

Offerors shall examine this solicitation to verify that all pages have been received. In addition, in compiling this package, some pages may have been duplicated. If the offeror feels that pages are missing or duplicated, the offeror is encouraged to contact the Contracting Officer at the email address shown in

Block 7a, Standard Form 1449. The offeror is responsible for the results of any failure to check for completeness or page duplication.

To address potential lost, delayed, or mis-delivered quotes, please email the Contracting Officer by the due date to ensure your offer was received. Offerors have the burden to make sure quotes are received at VA by the date and time specified above. The Offerors bear the risk of having quotes rejected and not considered if filing is not completed by the date/time required.

CAUTION - LATE Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals: See provision 52.212-1. All offers are subject to all terms and conditions of this solicitation.

## 6. GOVERNMENT HOLIDAYS

Holidays observed by the Federal Government:

New Year's Day	1 January
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Third Monday in January
President's Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	4 July
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
Veterans Day	11 November
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November
Christmas Day	25 December

If a holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday will be observed as the legal holiday. When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday is observed as a legal holiday by U.S. Government agencies. Also included would be any day specifically declared by the President of the United States of America as a national holiday.

## 7. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS

Prospective offerors must be registered with the System for Award Management (SAM) website and complete representations and certifications at <https://www.sam.gov>.

**Offers received from concerns that are not Small Business (SB) concerns shall not be considered.**

**Questions pertaining to this solicitation must be sent by e-mail to: [max.andrade@va.gov](mailto:max.andrade@va.gov) no later than 9:00 AM ET, May 31, 2018. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted. Questions received after this date and time will not be considered.**

**Offerors shall inspect all sites where services are to be performed and to understand all general and local conditions that may affect the cost of contract performance (See Provision 52.237-1 Site Visit). In no event shall failure to inspect constitute grounds for a claim or request for equitable adjustment after contract award. To make arrangements for site visits, contact the following cemetery Point of Contact: Amy Pena, Cemetery Administrative Officer, Phone number: 561-649-6489 X1001.**

## **B.2 PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT**

### **B.2.1 BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION**

The contractor shall provide all personnel, equipment, tools, and supervision necessary to provide plant and water mitigation services at the South Florida National Cemetery located at 6501 S State Road 7, Lake Worth, Florida.

National Cemeteries are a resting place for our nation's heroes and as such, the standards for management, maintenance and appearance of these cemeteries have been established by the National Cemetery Administration to reflect this nation's concern and respect for those interred there. The National Cemetery Administration (NCA) mission: The NCA 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 maintenance and appearance at these cemeteries must reflect this nation's concern for those interred there. For this reason, strict adherence to the specifications is required as well as National Cemetery Administration standards.

### **B.2.2 CONTRACT TYPE SPECIFICS**

This procurement is being made under FAR Part 13 Simplified Acquisition Procedures for commercial items.

- A. Contract period is for a base period with four (1) one-year options if exercised. Units and services to be in accordance with the Scope of Work, terms and conditions, contained in this solicitation. The offers shall include a price for each Contract Line Item Number (CLIN), a total price for the estimated quantities, and a sub total price for all estimated services in the contract base period and each option year. Unit prices shall be all inclusive containing (unit prices for materials, unit prices for labor, any labor burden or fringes, any associated travel costs, profit, overhead, and of the like).
- B. This is a firm-fixed priced, requirements contract. This requirement provides estimated quantities that are a realistic estimated total quantity for the resulting contract in accordance with FAR 16.503. The Government is not obligated to any specified quantity as the initial contract award will be awarded at a \$0.00 amount and 0 quantities but succeeding executed task orders will obligate funding and exact quantities to the master contract, serving as a funding/quantity allowance for the contract. The contractor shall not exceed quantities listed

on the individual task orders as they will not receive payment for additional services rendered outside the executed task order quantity limits. The contractor shall notify the COR when quantities on the CLINs/Task Order are about to be exhausted, and the contractor considers more quantities are needed in order to perform future services on the contract. The COR will make the determination on ordering future services and will coordinate with the Contract Officer for executing new task orders. Once a new task order is executed, the Contracting Officer & COR will provide the order to the contractor for continuing/new services under this contract. The Government is only obligated to provide payments for all services requested from fully executed task orders following this solicitation.

### **B.2.3 SERVICE LOCATION:**

South Florida National Cemetery  
6501 S State Road 7  
Lake Worth, FL 33449

### **B.2.4 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**

#### **1. 1. General**

All work performed under this section is subject to the General Requirements and Contract Documents to bidders which form a part of these specifications, and the Contractor shall be responsible for and governed by all the requirements there under. All equipment and supplies to be provided by the contractor

#### **2. Scope of Work for Water Treatment Services**

A. the contractor shall furnish all labor, tools, materials, parts, equipment and testing to:

1. Provide Preventative Maintenance Service on two (2) water treatment systems at the South Florida National Cemetery located in the Maintenance Building (Category V, Class D) and Administration Building (Category III, Class C) to ensure all required performance, operation and compliance standards are maintained.
  - a. Provide a Class “A” Certified Operator licensed in the state of Florida to service, operate and maintain a category three (III) water treatment plant.
  - b. Make necessary adjustments to equipment and perform testing to maintain required chlorine dosing level (residual), system pressures and overall performance requirements per applicable permits, laws and regulations. The operator shall test chlorine residual at most distant location in the water system during every site visit and record results in the maintenance logs.
  - c. Preventative maintenance shall be conducted in strict compliance with Chapter 62-555.305

- Florida Administrative code and the water treatment system Operation & Maintenance Manual. (1) One copy of the plant's manufacturer data and O& M manual will be provided at South Florida National Cemetery for the contractor's reference. The manual shall remain Government property and shall not be removed from the site without written authorization from the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). The contractor may make copies of the manual at the contractor's expense.
- d. Provide and deliver all required water treatment chemicals to the site and check/fill the chemical feed tanks to appropriate operation levels. All chemicals used on this system shall be NSF certified.
  - e. If the system must be temporarily shut down to complete preventative maintenance service, the contractor shall provide the COR a minimum 24- hour notice. If parts and supplies are to be charged for repairs, a quote will be required to be turned in to the Administrative Officer or Budget Analyst for an increase of funds to the contract. Once funds have been approved and contract has been increased for repairs, maintenance and service can be performed. Upon completion of maintenance service, the operator shall immediately return the system to full operation then notify the COR that the system is available for use.
  - f. The operator shall make (1) one site visit each week to perform preventative maintenance.
  - g. Preventative maintenance shall be in accordance with the following:

2. How the System Works:

- a. Water is pumped from the well via a multi-stage water pump to the pressurized water storage tank. The pump is turned on/off by a pressure switch that operates between 30-50 psi ("cut-on" pressure) and 50 psi ("cut-off pressure). A 20 psi differential is recommended by the manufacturer to be between "cut-on" and "cut-off".
- b. Water travels from the pressure tank to the "untreated water meter", and then to the 300 gallon contact tank.
- c. Before the water enters into the contact tank, a chemical feed pump (CFP #1) injects a pre-mixed solution of chlorine/water into the line entering the tank (injection point fitting – IPF#1)) allowing the chlorine to mix with the water for a period of time to achieve proper disinfection. A switch (Flow-Switch #1) on the outlet piping of the contact tank senses water flow exiting the tank and activates the chemical feed pump, turning it "on and off" depending on water flow through the tank.
- d. Upon leaving the contact tank, the water enters the first automatic backwashing filter (Filter AG Filter) where suspended solids & any oxidized iron/hydrogen sulfide are removed.
- e. Next, the filtered water passes through the second automatic backwashing filter (Centaur Carbon Filter) where any residual hydrogen sulfide and/or chlorine are removed.
- f. The "de-chlorinated/filtered" water then passes through a second switch (Flow Switch #2) which activates a second chemical feed pump (CFP#2) that injects a chlorine solution into the treated water (injection point fitting – IPF#2) for "final" disinfection before distribution and use.
- g. The treated water passes through a "finished water meter" and is ready for final use.



3. Required Water Treated System Preventative Maintenance:

- a. Test well water before the water treatment equipment to see if water quality has changed from previous month's test results. Variations in water quality might require adjustments with water treatment chemical feed pumps, chlorine solution mixtures, or filter backwashing frequencies.
- b. Inspect chemical solution tanks at each chemical feed pump (CFP#1 & CFP #2) and fill with proper mixture of chlorine (sodium hypochlorite) & clean filtered water when solution level is low. This will need to be done on a weekly basis. Proper mixing ratios have been posted on top of each solution tank by installer at time of installation and start-up. Please refer to these for correct mixture ration.
- c. Check operation of flow switch (Flow-Switch #1) to be certain it is operating properly. Clean switch if it fails to operate chemical feed pump (CFP #1) properly. Foreign matter will cause switch to stick and not operate properly. Check weekly and keep clean at all times.
- d. Remove and clean injection point fitting (IPF#1). Iron & calcium deposits will build up on fitting over time. Clean weekly, and notify the COR when replacement of injection fitting with new fitting is necessary.
- e. Check operation of flow switch (Flow-Switch #2) to be certain it is operating properly. Clean switch if it fails to operate chemical feed pump (CFP #2) properly. Check weekly and keep clean at all times.
- f. Remove and clean injection point fitting (IPF#@). Calcium deposits will build up on fitting over time. Clean weekly, and notify the COR when replacement of the injection fitting with new fitting is necessary.
- g. Open blow-down valve at bottom of 300 gallon contact tank each month for 2-5 minutes to flush contact tank of any sediment/iron buildup that has accumulated at bottom of tank. Failure to do this will allow excess iron to bleed into the system causing iron staining and possible filtration equipment failure.
- h. Test treated water at required intervals and document per requirements stated in this contract. Maintain proper chlorine residual in finished water at all times as required by the Department of Health regulations.
- i. Check and clean sediment filter at well head each month.
- j. Carbon Filter Replacement. Each Carbon Filter will need to have media replacement every 2-3 years. Notify the COR when Carbon media must be replaced. Actual replacement of carbon media will require an additional quote and an increase of contract for parts and services and is not included in this contract.

4. Additional Equipment Maintenance:

Sodium Water treatment system (Administration Building): Monitor, maintain and supply salt for Sodium water treatment system to maintain accurate salt levels in the system according to manufacturer's suggestions to keep the drinking water system properly cleaned.

5. Provide Water Monitoring and Analysis:

- a. Water sampling shall be performed by the certified operator.
- b. Measurements and field testing shall be in accordance with procedures identified in the Department of Environmental Protection Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP 001/01, Rule 62-160.800 and 62-550.550(1), F.A.C
- c. Water samples shall be analyzed by a laboratory certified by the Department of Health to perform drinking water analysis.
- d. Water samples may be taken at any time during the respective quarterly or annual time periods; however, samples shall not be taken less than (3) thirty days apart.
- e. If analysis results show that the system has exceeded maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for Nitrates, Nitrites or received a positive result for the bacteriological test, the contractor shall notify the COR or Contracting Officer immediate, verbally and in writing.
- f. Required Analysis:
  - a. (1) Sample Nitrates & Nitrites-Annually
  - b. (2) Samples Microbiological (finished water)-Quarterly
  - c. (4) Sample Microbiological (Raw Water at Source)-Quarterly

6. Provide Documentation & Recordkeeping:

- a. Operations and Maintenance (O&M) logs shall be maintained at the water treatment plant site at all times. O & M Logs and laboratory results forms shall be maintained in a bound condition; three ring binder, spiral binder or other method approved by the COR.
- b. O & M logs shall contain the date of site visit, noted deficiencies, list of maintenance items inspected or performed and the license number and printed name of the operator conducting the maintenance/sampling. The logs shall also contain the date and results of all sampling and water analysis performed. If results are reported on a laboratory form, the logs shall reference the corresponding laboratory form. Copies of all laboratory forms shall be maintained with the O & M logs in an approved binding.
- c. DOH-certified laboratory reporting format shall be per 62-550.730(1) (b) F.A. C.
- d. Monthly and within (10) ten days after each month of system operations, the contractor shall complete a monthly report in addition to the maintenance log entries using Florida Department of Environmental Protection form 62-555.900 (3), "Monthly Operation Report for PWS's Treating Raw Ground Water or Purchased Finished Water" and add it to the bound maintenance log book.

7. After Normal Hours On-Call/Emergency Service:

The Contractor shall establish and maintain a point-of-contact to receive emergency calls from the COR. The point-of-contact shall be available on a 24-hour basis including during weekends, Federal Holidays and after normal hours of operation. The Contractor shall provide telephone and cell phone numbers for emergency and/or after hour situations. Service shall be completed as expeditiously as circumstances allow or within (24) hours upon initial emergency call.

### **3. Scope of Work for Exotic/Nuisance Plant Control**

A. Contractor to provide all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to:

1. Perform all exotic/nuisance species control in the developed acreage, mitigation areas, lake areas, buffer areas and as specified. In addition, contractor to provide detailed monthly data collection, reporting and annual mitigation monitoring report.

Exotic/Nuisance Species: Contractor shall be responsible for the eradication and control of exotic/nuisance species work including but not limited to the following:

- Hydrilla (Hydrilla Verticillata)
  - Torpedo grass (Panicum Repens)
  - Cattail (Typha Spp.)
  - Primrose Willow (Ludwigia Peruviana)
  - Melaleuca (Melaleuca Quinquenervia)
  - Brazilian Pepper (Schinus Terebinthifolius)
  - Australian Pines (Casuarinas pp.)
  - Cowpea (Vigna sp.)
  - Plants included on the FDEP List of Prohibited Aquatic Plants, Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's (FEPPC) List of Florida's Most Invasive Species (latest edition).
  - Any other exotic or nuisance plant species that may adversely impact the natural growth of desirable plant species in the defined areas as stipulated in applicable permits or as determined by VA.
2. Maintenance shall be performed at such a frequency to maintain the conditions of compliance as depicted in the special conditions section of the USACOE and SFWMD permits.
  3. Permits and Fees: Contractor will be in compliance with all permits and if necessary will acquire any additional permits and pay all required fees to any regulatory agency having jurisdiction over this work. They will coordinate any inspections required by local ordinances during the course of exotic/nuisance plant control and will keep the VA informed on all actions and inspections. On completion of work, evidence satisfactory to VA shall be furnished to show that all work has been performed in accordance with the contract.
  4. Treatment is to be done in a manner having the least effect on the environment and using approved methods of control described by appropriate regulatory agencies. In cases where chemicals cannot be used, weed removal by manual or mechanical means may be necessary.
  5. The contractor has full responsibility for systematically treating the areas indicated. Areas not treated or not responding to treatment may be required to be retreated at the contractor's expense if so determined by VA.

- B. Qualifications: Contractor will demonstrate having a minimum of three (3) years of experience in treating aquatics and exotic/nuisance plant species in South Florida. The contractor shall be a licensed aquatic herbicide applicator in good standing with the Florida Department of Agriculture and consumer services (FDACS) and all other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over such licensure. Prior to award, the contractor shall provide proof of all licenses, certifications, or registration required to perform exotic/nuisance plant control work.
- C. Regulatory Agencies: This contract is subject to the rules and regulations of the public agencies listed below, including but not limited to:
- DVA/NCA - Department of Veterans Affairs/National Cemetery Administration
  - USCOE - United States Army Corps of Engineers
  - SFWMD - South Florida Water Management District
  - FFWCC - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
  - LWWD - Lake Worth Drainage District
- D. Inspections: Herbicides will be available for inspection at the cemetery before they are used in the exotic/nuisance plant control operations. If necessary, samples shall be taken and analyzed by a certified lab at the contractor's expense.
1. At any time during the exotic/nuisance plant control work by the contractor, the VA's Contracting Officer (CO) may visit the site to observe the work underway. Upon request the contractor shall be required to exhibit work as directed by the CO without compensation. Should the materials or workmanship not meet the standard specification herein, the contractor shall correct the problem at his expense and as soon as possible.
  2. The contractor shall keep a record of exotic/nuisance plant control progress onsite at all times. This record shall be made available to the VA's COR or cemetery director upon request.
- E. Treatment Schedule: Maintenance Treatment (minimum - once monthly) shall consist of treating specified areas such as mitigation area(s), wetland or upland preserves, lakes, and buffer areas within the developed property by the contractor and treatment as often as necessary to accomplish progressive noxious / invasive plant destruction.
- F. Materials - Herbicides: The contractor shall use chemicals approved by the controlling government agencies. All chemicals used must be approved by EPA, FDA or DEP as applicable. Use of all chemicals and disposal of residue shall be in strict conformance with the chemical manufacturer's instructions. In the event a chemical is banned by any governing agency (either local, state or federal) during the term of the contract, the contractor shall continue work using other approved chemicals.

Herbicides must be selective and approved, in order that exotic/ nuisance species are eradicated and

desirable native or planted species are not affected. Contractor is responsible for ensuring that the herbicides will be effective on targeted species and follow all regulations.

1. Melaleuca: control using a frilling or cut and spray technique including an application of ARSENAL or approved equivalent.
  2. Brazilian Pepper, Australian Pines and other woody exotic/nuisance trees or shrubs (not including Melaleuca): control using frill and girdle, cut and spray, or basal bark spray with Garlon 4 or approved equivalent.
  3. Cattails, torpedo grass and other non-woody exotic/nuisance species: control using a post-emergent application of RODEO aquatic herbicide or approved equivalent.
  4. Hydrilla and associated aquatic species: control using submerged aquatic herbicide or proposed treatment must be in compliance with the requirements of FDEP Aquatic Plant Control Permit No. SF- 97-02 and submitted to VA's Contracting Officer for approval.
  5. An indicator dye shall be used in conjunction with all herbicide application methods carried out in the wetland and mitigation areas and upland preserve and/or buffer areas to provide evidence of treatment.
- G. Site Preparation: The contractor shall fully acquaint him/herself with the related conditions and utilities to preclude any misunderstanding and to facilitate trouble-free exotic/nuisance plant control. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to obtain all such information as it is made available. Drawings and specifications of related work may be obtained from the Contracting Officer if they are required.
1. Prior to execution, the exotic/nuisance plant control limits shall be reviewed on the site by the contractor. Review with the Contracting Officer, any discrepancies and request in writing to the Contracting Officer for the approval of the exotic/nuisance plant control and access locations before any work commences. The Contracting Officer may adjust locations to meet field conditions and the intent of the plan.
  2. Work shall be conducted under favorable weather and seasonal conditions as are normal and proper for such work. All exotic/nuisance plant control shall be performed by experienced work persons, according to the best trade practice and as specified herein.
  3. Damage to existing desirable plants shall be repaired or replaced at the contractor's expense. All lawn areas, plant beds and mitigation plants and desirable vegetation that are existing, shall be protected from any harm by the contractor caused by overspray, access or any other related activities.
  4. The contractor shall be responsible for notifying affected adjacent property owners,

Contracting Officer, and the public of any use restrictions listed on the labels of the products used. Notification shall be made prior to the commencement of work.

5. Contractor shall erect and maintain as required by the conditions and progress of the work and spraying program and as required by law all necessary safeguards for safety and protection, including posting danger signs and other warnings to the public.
- H. Manual Exotic/Nuisance Plant Removal: Small trees (less than 2" caliper, typical) and seedlings of woody exotic/nuisance species will be removed by this method. In order not to impact desired species, manual removal will be the primary method of exotic/nuisance plant control for the following species:
- Melaleuca Quinquenervia
  - Schinus Terebinthifolius
  - Ludwigia Peruviana
  - Casuarina spp.

All other methods of exotic/nuisance plant control will require approval by the Contracting Officer prior to commencement.

**\*\*Manually removed exotic/nuisance plant biomass from the mitigation areas shall be removed from the site and disposed of properly and in compliance with local regulations.**

- I. Herbicide Application Techniques: Contractor shall follow the techniques to achieve maximum eradication success without impacting desired vegetation. Acceptance by the Contracting Officer will be received prior to commencement.
1. Wick application is the method used for non-woody exotic/nuisance species as well as woody exotic/nuisance seedlings, and small exotic/nuisance trees in areas of desired species. This method is performed to prevent loss of desired plant species. Herbicides used in this method will be the same as described for the spray methods.
  2. Contractor is to follow the manufacturer's application rate of herbicide and selectively wipe herbicide treated sponge on exotic/nuisance plants' foliage.
  3. Aquatic spray method shall be used for direct application of herbicide to aquatic exotic/nuisance species, including cattail and torpedo grass. This method is to be executed by selective application to targeted species with no overspray applied to the desirable plant species. Any woody exotic/nuisance shrubs or trees treated in the mitigation areas that exceed 12 feet in overall height and are too large for manual removal shall be treated with herbicide and upon visual evidence of successful treatment, the dead biomass shall be removed at ground level and disposed of in compliance with acceptable methodology approved by the

Contracting Officer.

4. Contractor will use the approved manufacturer's recommended application rate and solution of RODEO aquatic herbicide applied with a backpack sprayer to the foliage of the exotic/nuisance species.
  5. Basal spray method shall be used for eradication of woody exotic/nuisance trees and shrubs including Brazilian Pepper located in non-aquatic areas. Treatment application of the approved manufacturer's rate and solution of GARLON 4 by pump-up sprayers and applied as a basal spray to the lower 2 feet of stems and trunks following manufacturer's guidelines and restrictions. Application shall fully cover and encircle the stems and trunks without impacting surrounding desirable vegetation. Upon visual evidence of successful treatment the treated biomass shall be removed at ground level and disposed of in compliance with local guidelines.
  6. Cut/Paint method shall be used for eradication of established Melaleuca, Brazilian pepper or Australian Pines and woody exotic/nuisance species (2" - 6" calipers) in non-aquatic locations.
    - a. Cut canopy of trees no less than 12" above high water elevation.
    - b. Directly apply Garlon 4 (for species other than Melaleuca) or ARSENAL (for Melaleuca) to the exposed cut and completely cover the cut, following the approved manufacturer's application rate and solution.
    - c. Remove cut canopy from site and dispose of in an approved off-site location using methods that will not encourage further exotic/nuisance plant infestation. Disposal shall be in compliance of local guidelines.
  7. Frill/Girdle methods shall be used for eradication of established Melaleuca and other exotic/nuisance trees (6" caliper or greater) in non-aquatic locations.
    - a. Cut into trunk of existing tree to the cambium. Cuts are to be angled downward around the entire circumference of the tree. Remove cut bark to expose the cambium layer.
    - b. Directly apply a quantity of Garlon 4 (for species other than Melaleuca) or ARSENAL (for Melaleuca) to the exposed cambium layer, following the manufacture's approved application rate and solution method.
  8. For any Submerged Aquatic methods, contractor will submit desired eradication technique (method, herbicide) to the Contracting Officer for approval in treatment of Hydrilla and other associated aquatic exotic/nuisance species prior to commencing work.
- J. Disposal of Removed Exotics: Dispose of all removed exotic/nuisance plant species in an approved off- site location. Disposal shall be done in an approved manner that will not encourage re-infestation by the exotic/nuisance species and comply with all applicable state and local codes.

1. During and upon completion of each phase of the contract work, the contractor shall keep the cemetery site clean. In addition to removing all equipment and unused materials, the contractor shall provide a neat and uniform site. All damaged or altered structures, resulting from the exotic/nuisance plant control work, shall be corrected immediately. Clean up of all herbicide related facilities shall be in conformance with all applicable regulations and shall follow manufacture's guidelines.
  2. The contractor shall remove from the right-of-way and adjacent properties all false work, equipment, surplus and discarded materials, rubbish and temporary structures; shall restore in an acceptable manner all property both public and private, which has been damaged during the execution of the work, and shall leave any waterways unobstructed and roadways in a neat and presentable condition throughout the entire length of the work under the contract. The placing of materials of any character, rubbish or equipment, on undeveloped portions of the cemetery, or abutting property, with or without the consent of the adjacent property owners and the Contracting Officer, shall not constitute satisfactory disposal. The contractor will be allowed to temporarily store equipment, surplus materials, etc., within the limits of work only if approved by the Contracting Officer in writing, but no discarded equipment, materials or rubbish shall be placed on such site.
  3. When or where direct or indirect injury is done to public or private property by or on account of any act, omission, commission, neglect, or misconduct in the execution of the work or in consequence of the non-execution thereof by the contractor, he shall restore, at his own expense such property to a condition similar or equal to that existing before such damage or injury was done. By repairing, rebuilding, replanting, or otherwise restoring as may be directed, or he shall make good such damage or injury in an acceptable manner.
  4. Work that is to remain in place which is damaged or defaced by reasons of work performed under this contract shall be restored at no additional cost to the VA.
- K. Data Collection and Reporting: The Contractor shall collect data from the data logger and maintenance of the Monitoring Well on a monthly basis and submit the information to the South Florida National Cemetery for review. This data will be used in preparation of a hydrograph reporting water level in the mitigation area wetlands in the Annual Mitigation Monitoring Report. The Contractor will provide all field monitoring and required documentation to prepare and submit the Annual Mitigation Monitoring Report in accordance with South Florida Water Management District Permit Number 50-06978-P. South Florida National Cemetery Special Conditions are as follows:
- Monthly collection of stored data from data logger-technician physically uploads stored data from the data logger onto laptop computer using programmable software. Equipment check would be conducted monthly.
  - Provide all personnel, equipment analysis and reporting in preparation of a draft and final Annual Mitigation Report in accordance with South Florida Water Management District



Permit Number 50-06978-P. South Florida National Cemetery Special Conditions.

L. Additional Information:

- Approximately 11,132 linear foot of lakes (4 lakes total)
- Approximately 8.5 acres of created Mitigation acres (5 areas total)
- Approximately 14 acres of existing Cypress Slus & upland areas
- Monthly maintenance on Lakes
- Quarterly maintenance on preserves and Marsh areas
- Monthly Data Collection and Reporting requirements

Preparation of Annual Mitigation Monitoring Report

M. Project Information:

1. Work Hours: All work shall be performed between the normal business hours of 0800 am to 430 pm, Monday thru Friday, excluding Federal Legal Holidays. Work may be performed on weekends provided arrangements are made in advance with the COR at no additional cost to the Government. The following terms have the following meaning:

Normal Work Hours: Monday through Friday, 800am to 430pm, excluding Holidays.

2. LICENSE AND PERMITS: contractors shall have a current State of Florida, Class “A” water treatment plant certified operator license PRIOR to submission of bid. The Contractor shall provide to the contracting officer copies of the following with submission of the bid/proposal:
  - a. Certified Operator: Name, State of Florida Certified Operator’s License(s), Class “A”, Category III Water Treatment Plant (for each proposed operator)
  - b. Laboratory: Department of Health Laboratory Certification to perform drinking water analysis
  - c. NSF Certification for all water treatment chemicals to be used.
3. STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS BY REFERENCE:
  - a. Chapter 62-555 Florida Administrative Code
  - b. Chapter 62-550 Florida Administrative Code
4. Standards of Conduct: The National Cemetery Administration honors veterans with 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 the cemetery shall reflect this nations concern for those interred there. Due to the sensitive mission of the cemetery, contractor personnel must exercise and exhibit absolute decorum, composure, and stability at all times.

- a. The burial activities at a National Cemetery shall take precedence over contract activities. The contractor shall cooperate and coordinate with the Cemetery Director in arranging scheduled activities to cause the least possible interference with cemetery activities in actual burial areas. Noise during the interment services shall not disturb the service. Trucks and workmen/workwomen shall not pass through the service area during this period.
- b. National Cemeteries are National Shrines. The standards of maintenance and appearance at these cemeteries must reflect this nation's concern for those interred there. For this reason, strict adherence to the specifications is required as well as National Cemetery Administration standards in accordance with National Cemetery Administration National Shrine Commitment Operational Standards and Measures Version 5.1, July 2014.
- c. The contractor shall cease work operations if necessary to ensure that no contract work causes any funeral ceremony, procession or visitation be delayed, altered, or otherwise impacted in such a way that the dignity, serenity or security of that event is compromised. The contractor shall coordinate with the COR daily to schedule work around interment services.
- d. The Contractor is required to discontinue his work sufficiently in advance of Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and Federal holidays to permit the contractor to clean up all areas of operation adjacent to existing burial plots before these dates. Cleaning up shall include the removal of all equipment, tools, materials, and debris and leaving the areas in a clean, neat condition.
- e. Workmen/Workwomen are subject to rules of the Cemetery applicable to their conduct. While on site at the National Cemetery, contractor personnel shall be required to adhere to the following standards of dress and conduct while performing work in the national cemetery. These standards and regulations are enforceable under the Title 38, U.S.C. , Section 218
- f. Contractor personnel appearance and conduct shall be professional and unobtrusive at all times. Shirts and full length pants must be worn at all times.
- g. Smoking is not allowed in any building or section at the National Cemetery.
- h. The playing of radios, cassette recorders, etc., is prohibited on site or in buildings (unless otherwise instructed). The contractor's work force is governed by the same rules governing cemetery employees. All individuals failing to comply will be removed from the site.
- i. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated and the offending individual(s) will be removed from the site immediately.
- j. Contractor personnel shall not sleep on cemetery grounds, sit or stand on installed grave markers, or put, place or lean equipment or material on grave markers.
- k. Questions from cemetery visitors shall be politely referred or directed to cemetery personnel.
- l. The contractor shall ensure that all employees behave with appropriate decorum, courtesy, and respect while within the cemetery or at its perimeter or entrances. Shouting, cursing, angry outbursts, sleeping, intoxication, drug use, unsafe driving of private or company vehicles, and/or violence or criminal acts of any kind will not be tolerated and

- is cause for immediate removal from the cemetery.
- m. The contractor and subcontractors shall not fuel equipment in grass/turf areas. Petroleum based products will damage the grass/turf. Contractor shall bear all costs associate with removing any contaminated soil as a result of fueling in grass/turf areas and shall re-sod the area.

## **B.2.5 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT**

- A. Representatives of the Contracting Officer: The VA Contracting Officer will designate one (or more) representatives to serve as the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to act for him/her in furnishing technical guidance and advice or generally directing the work to be performed under the contract. Such designation will be in writing and will define the scope and limitations of the COR's authority. A copy of the designation(s) shall be furnished to the Contractor at time of award.
  - (i) The COR may direct and arrange the Contractor's work schedule in specific areas of the cemetery to coordinate with daily cemetery activities and operations.
- B. Duties and responsibilities of the COR include day-to-day monitoring of the contract as follows:
  - (i) Providing contract oversight and technical guidance to the Contractor.
  - (ii) Verification / certification of payments to the Contractor for services rendered.
  - (iii) Assuring that any changes effecting work involved, price, terms and/or conditions under the contract are not implemented before written authorization is issued by the Contracting Officer.
- C. All administrative contract functions are the responsibility of the VA CO. Any modifications to the contract, including those involving no-cost changes, increases and decreases in cost or level of services provided, termination or extension of the contract (in part or in whole) and decisions concerning claims or disputes, must be authorized in writing by the Government Contracting Officer.

### B.3 SUPPLIES OR SERVICES & PRICES / COSTS

#### BASE PERIOD (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)

CLIN	ITEM	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
0001	Water Tank Treatment Operation, Maintenance & Documentation (Frequency: One site Visit Per week) ( For 2 systems)	52	Weeks		
0002	Bacteriological Testing (Frequency: Quarterly) (2) Tests for each System - Finished Water; (1) Test for each System - Source (Raw Water)	4	Each		
0003	Nitrate & Nitrite Testing (Frequency: Annually) (1) Test for each system	1	Each		
0004	Routine Maintenance of Water Softner (Frequency: Quarterly)	4	Each		
0005	Lake Edge Treatment (4) Lakes, totaling 11,132 linear feet of shoreline. Phase 1B High Quality uplands, wetlands, mitigation area A and buffers totaling 24.12 acres	12	Months		
0006	Quarterly Maintenance on Phase 1B Preserves	4	Each		
0007	Monthly Data Collection and Reporting on Plant Mitigation	12	Months		
0008	Preparation of Annual Mitigation Monitoring Report	1	Each		
				Total Estimated Price:	

#### OPTION YEAR ONE (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)

CLIN	ITEM	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1001	Water Tank Treatment Operation, Maintenance & Documentation (Frequency: One site Visit Per week) ( For 2 systems)	52	Weeks		
1002	Bacteriological Testing (Frequency: Quarterly) (2) Tests for each System - Finished Water; (1) Test for each System - Source (Raw Water)	4	Each		
1003	Nitrate & Nitrite Testing (Frequency:	1	Each		

	Annually) (1) Test for each system				
1004	Routine Maintenance of Water Softner (Frequency: Quarterly)	4	Each		
1005	Lake Edge Treatment (4) Lakes, totaling 11,132 linear feet of shoreline. Phase 1B High Quality uplands, wetlands, mitigation area A and buffers totaling 24.12 acres	12	Months		
1006	Quarterly Maintenance on Phase 1B Preserves	4	Each		
1007	Monthly Data Collection and Reporting on Plant Mitigation	12	Months		
1008	Preparation of Annual Mitigation Monitoring Report	1	Each		
				Total Estimated Price:	

**OPTION YEAR TWO (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)**

CLIN	ITEM	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
2001	Water Tank Treatment Operation, Maintenance & Documentation (Frequency: One site Visit Per week) ( For 2 systems)	52	Weeks		
2002	Bacteriological Testing (Frequency: Quarterly) (2) Tests for each System - Finished Water; (1) Test for each System - Source (Raw Water)	4	Each		
2003	Nitrate & Nitrite Testing (Frequency: Annually) (1) Test for each system	1	Each		
2004	Routine Maintenance of Water Softner (Frequency: Quarterly)	4	Each		
2005	Lake Edge Treatment (4) Lakes, totaling 11,132 linear feet of shoreline. Phase 1B High Quality uplands, wetlands, mitigation area A and buffers totaling 24.12 acres	12	Months		
2006	Quarterly Maintenance on Phase 1B Preserves	4	Each		
2007	Monthly Data Collection and Reporting on Plant Mitigation	12	Months		
2008	Preparation of Annual Mitigation Monitoring Report	1	Each		

				Total Estimated Price:	
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**OPTION YEAR THREE (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)**

CLIN	ITEM	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
3001	Water Tank Treatment Operation, Maintenance & Documentation (Frequency: One site Visit Per week) ( For 2 systems)	52	Weeks		
3002	Bacteriological Testing (Frequency: Quarterly) (2) Tests for each System Finished Water; (1) Test for each System - Source (Raw Water)	4	Each		
3003	Nitrate & Nitrite Testing (Frequency: Annually) (1) Test for each system	1	Each		
3004	Routine Maintenance of Water Softner (Frequency: Quarterly)	4	Each		
3005	Lake Edge Treatment (4) Lakes, totaling 11,132 linear feet of shoreline. Phase 1B High Quality uplands, wetlands, mitigation area A and buffers totaling 24.12 acres	12	Months		
3006	Quarterly Maintenance on Phase 1B Preserves	4	Each		
3007	Monthly Data Collection and Reporting on Plant Mitigation	12	Months		
3008	Preparation of Annual Mitigation Monitoring Report	1	Each		
				Total Estimated Price:	

**OPTION YEAR FOUR (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)**

CLIN	ITEM	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
4001	Water Tank Treatment Operation, Maintenance & Documentation (Frequency: One site Visit Per week) ( For 2 systems)	52	Weeks		
4002	Bacteriological Testing (Frequency: Quarterly) (2) Tests for each System -	4	Each		

	Finished Water; (1) Test for each System - Source (Raw Water)				
4003	Nitrate & Nitrite Testing (Frequency: Annually) (1) Test for each system	1	Each		
4004	Routine Maintenance of Water Softner (Frequency: Quarterly)	4	Each		
4005	Lake Edge Treatment (4) Lakes, totaling 11,132 linear feet of shoreline. Phase 1B High Quality uplands, wetlands, mitigation area A and buffers totaling 24.12 acres	12	Months		
4006	Quarterly Maintenance on Phase 1B Preserves	4	Each		
4007	Monthly Data Collection and Reporting on Plant Mitigation	12	Months		
4008	Preparation of Annual Mitigation Monitoring Report	1	Each		
				Total Estimated Price:	

**TOTAL PRICES:**

<b>BASE PERIOD</b>	
<b>OPTION YEAR I</b>	
<b>OPTION YEAR 2</b>	
<b>OPTION YEAR 3</b>	
<b>OPTION YEAR 4</b>	
<b>Grand Total Estimated Price:</b>	

The period of performance is from Date of Award through June 30, 2019, with four (4) one (1) year renewal options, if exercised. *Note: all Option Years are subject to the availability of appropriated funds; options are not guaranteed, and the Government's decision not to exercise an option shall not be understood, construed, or intended as a termination.*

## SECTION C - CONTRACT CLAUSES

### C.1 52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 2017)

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

- (1) Within a reasonable time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and
- (2) Before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item.

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

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

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

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

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

(g) *Invoice.*

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

- (i) Name and address of the Contractor;
- (ii) Invoice date and number;
- (iii) Contract number, line item number and, if applicable, the order number;
- (iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price and extended price of the items delivered;
- (v) Shipping number and date of shipment, including the bill of lading number and weight of shipment if shipped on Government bill of lading;
- (vi) Terms of any discount for prompt payment offered;



(vii) Name and address of official to whom payment is to be sent;  
 (viii) Name, title, and phone number of person to notify in event of defective invoice; and  
 (ix) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The Contractor shall include its TIN on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(x) Electronic funds transfer (EFT) banking information.

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

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

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

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

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

(i) *Payment.*—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(D) Contractor point of contact.

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

(6) *Interest.*

(i) All amounts that become payable by the Contractor to the Government under this contract shall bear simple interest from the date due until paid unless paid within 30 days of becoming due. The interest rate shall be the interest rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in 41 U.S.C. 7109,

which is applicable to the period in which the amount becomes due, as provided in (i)(6)(v) of this clause, and then at the rate applicable for each six-month period as fixed by the Secretary until the amount is paid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) The date fixed under this contract.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(m) *Termination for cause.* The Government may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and

conditions, or fails to provide the Government, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the Government shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the Government improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) The schedule of supplies/services.
- (2) The Assignments, Disputes, Payments, Invoice, Other Compliances, Compliance with Laws Unique to Government Contracts, and Unauthorized Obligations paragraphs of this clause;
- (3) The clause at 52.212-5.
- (4) Addenda to this solicitation or contract, including any license agreements for computer software.
- (5) Solicitation provisions if this is a solicitation.
- (6) Other paragraphs of this clause.
- (7) The Standard Form 1449.
- (8) Other documents, exhibits, and attachments
- (9) The specification.

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

(1) Unless exempted by an addendum to this contract, the Contractor is responsible during performance and through final payment of any contract for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the SAM database, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in the SAM database after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to review and update on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates its information in the SAM database to ensure it is current, accurate and complete. Updating information in the SAM does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document.

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

comply with the requirements of subpart 42.12; and (C) agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer. The Contractor must provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.

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

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

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

(u) *Unauthorized Obligations.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

## **C.2 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)**

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

<u><b>FAR Number</b></u>	<u><b>Title</b></u>	<u><b>Date</b></u>
52.203-3	GRATUITIES	APR 1984
52.203-17	CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS	APR 2014
52.204-4	PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON RECYCLED PAPER	MAY 2011
52.204-9	PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL	JAN 2011
52.204-13	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE	OCT 2016
52.204-18	COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE MAINTENANCE	JUL 2016
852.203-70	COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING	JAN 2008
52.223-2	AFFIRMATIVE PROCUREMENT OF BIOBASED PRODUCTS UNDER SERVICE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	SEP 2013
52.223-5	POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RIGHT-TO-KNOW INFORMATION	MAY 2011
52.223-10	WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM	MAY 2011
52.232-17	INTEREST	MAY 2014
52.232-40	PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENTS TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS	DEC 2013
52.237-2	PROTECTION OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND VEGETATION	APR 1984
52.237-3	CONTINUITY OF SERVICES	JAN 1991
52.242-13	BANKRUPTCY	JUL 1995
52.242-15	STOP-WORK ORDER	AUG 1989
52.246-2	INSPECTION OF SUPPLIES—FIXED-PRICE	AUG 1996
52.246-4	INSPECTION OF SERVICES—FIXED-PRICE	AUG 1996
52.246-16	RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES	APR 1984
852.203-71	DISPLAY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HOTLINE POSTER	DEC 1992
852.237-70	CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES	APR 1984
852.246-71	INSPECTION	JAN 2008

### **C.3 52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 2018)**

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

(1) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (JAN 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

(2) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (NOV 2015).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ (5) [Reserved]

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

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

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

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

☐ (10) [Reserved]

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

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

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

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

☐ (13) [Reserved]

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

☐ (ii) Alternate I (NOV 2011).

☐ (iii) Alternate II (NOV 2011).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ (19) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (JAN 2017) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).

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

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

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

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

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

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

[] (26) 52.222-19, Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN 2018) (E.O. 13126).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ☐ (46) 52.225-1, Buy American—Supplies (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83).
  - ☐ (47)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).
  - ☐ (ii) Alternate I (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3.
  - ☐ (iii) Alternate II (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3.
  - ☐ (iv) Alternate III (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3.
  - ☐ (48) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (OCT 2016) (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).
  - ☒ (49) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (JUN 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
  - ☐ (50) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (OCT 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).
  - ☐ (51) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
  - ☐ (52) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
  - ☐ (53) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
  - ☐ (54) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (JAN 2017) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
  - ☐ (55) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
  - ☒ (56) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
  - ☐ (57) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (MAY 2014) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
  - ☐ (58) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).
  - ☐ (59) 52.242-5, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (JAN 2017)(15 U.S.C. 637(d)(12)).
  - ☐ (60)(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631).
  - ☐ (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) of 52.247-64.
- (c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:
- ☐ (1) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (MAY 2014) (E.O. 13495).
  - ☒ (2) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
  - ☒ (3) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

## Employee Class

## Monetary Wage-Fringe Benefits

- ☒ (4) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards—Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- ☐ (5) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards—Price Adjustment (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- ☐ (6) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment—Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (JAN 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

#### **C.4 52.203-99 PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES THAT REQUIRE CERTAIN INTERNAL CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS (DEVIATION) (FEB 2015)**

(a) The Contractor shall not require employees or contractors seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

### **C.5 52.216-18 ORDERING (OCT 1995)**

(a) Any supplies and services to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by issuance of delivery orders or task orders by the individuals or activities designated in the Schedule. Such orders may be issued from the effective date of the contract through the end of the effective period.

(b) All delivery orders or task orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event of conflict between a delivery order or task order and this contract, the contract shall control.

(c) If mailed, a delivery order or task order is considered "issued" when the Government deposits the order in the mail. Orders may be issued orally, by facsimile, or by electronic commerce methods only if authorized in the Schedule.

(End of Clause)

### **C.6 52.216-19 ORDER LIMITATIONS (OCT 1995)**

(a) *Minimum order.* When the Government requires supplies or services covered by this contract in an amount of less than 1, the Government is not obligated to purchase, nor is the Contractor obligated to furnish, those supplies or services under the contract.

(b) *Maximum order.* The Contractor is not obligated to honor—

(1) Any order for a single item in excess of N/A;

(2) Any order for a combination of items in excess of N/A; or

(3) A series of orders from the same ordering office within 1 days that together call for quantities exceeding the limitation in paragraph (b)(1) or (2) of this section.

(c) If this is a requirements contract (i.e., includes the Requirements clause at subsection 52.216-21 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)), the Government is not required to order a part of any one requirement from the Contractor if that requirement exceeds the maximum-order limitations in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the Contractor shall honor any order exceeding the maximum order limitations in paragraph (b), unless that order (or orders) is returned to the ordering office within 5 days after issuance, with written notice stating the Contractor's intent not to ship the item (or items) called for and the reasons. Upon receiving this notice, the Government may acquire the supplies or services from another source.

(End of Clause)

### **C.7 52.216-21 REQUIREMENTS (OCT 1995)**

(a) This is a requirements contract for the supplies or services specified, and effective for the period stated, in the Schedule. The quantities of supplies or services specified in the Schedule are estimates only and are not purchased by this contract. Except as this contract may otherwise provide, if the Government's requirements do not result in orders in the quantities described as "estimated" or "maximum" in the Schedule, that fact shall not constitute the basis for an equitable price adjustment.

(b) Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. Subject to any limitations in the Order Limitations clause or elsewhere in this contract, the Contractor shall furnish to the Government all supplies or services specified in the Schedule and called for by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. The Government may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations.

(c) Except as this contract otherwise provides, the Government shall order from the Contractor all the supplies or services specified in the Schedule that are required to be purchased by the Government activity or activities specified in the Schedule.

(d) The Government is not required to purchase from the Contractor requirements in excess of any limit on total orders under this contract.

(e) If the Government urgently requires delivery of any quantity of an item before the earliest date that delivery may be specified under this contract, and if the Contractor will not accept an order providing for the accelerated delivery, the Government may acquire the urgently required goods or services from another source.

(f) Any order issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order. The contract shall govern the Contractor's and Government's rights and obligations with respect to that order to the same extent as if the order were completed during the contract's effective period; provided, that the Contractor shall not be required to make any deliveries under this contract after June 30, 2023, if extended..

(End of Clause)

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

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. These rates may be adjusted only as a result of revisions to prevailing labor rates provided by the Secretary of Labor. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within 15 calendar days.

(End of Clause)

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

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within 15 calendar days; provided that the Government gives the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least 30 days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the Government to an extension.

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

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed 5 years, if all options are exercised..

(End of Clause)

#### **C.10 52.219-14 LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING (JAN 2017)**

(a) This clause does not apply to the unrestricted portion of a partial set-aside.

(b) *Applicability.* This clause applies only to—

(1) Contracts that have been set aside or reserved for small business concerns or 8(a) participants;

(2) Part or parts of a multiple-award contract that have been set aside for small business concerns or 8(a) participants; and

(3) Orders set aside for small business or 8(a) participants under multiple-award contracts as described in 8.405-5 and 16.505(b)(2)(i)(F).

(c) By submission of an offer and execution of a contract, the Offeror/Contractor agrees that in performance of the contract in the case of a contract for—

(1) *Services (except construction).* At least 50 percent of the cost of contract performance incurred for personnel shall be expended for employees of the concern.

(2) *Supplies (other than procurement from a nonmanufacturer of such supplies).* The concern shall perform work for at least 50 percent of the cost of manufacturing the supplies, not including the cost of materials.

(3) *General construction.* The concern will perform at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract, not including the cost of materials, with its own employees.

(4) *Construction by special trade contractors.* The concern will perform at least 25 percent of the cost of the contract, not including the cost of materials, with its own employees.

(End of Clause)

### **C.11 52.223-3 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION AND MATERIAL SAFETY DATA (JAN 1997)**

(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.

(End of Clause)

#### **C.12 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)

#### **C.13 52.232-18 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS (APR 1984)**

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

(End of Clause)

#### **C.14 52.232-19 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (APR 1984)**

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond March 31, 2018. The Government's obligation for performance of this contract beyond that date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond March 31, 2018, until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for performance and until the Contractor receives notice of availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(End of Clause)

#### **C.15 SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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

(a) Workers' compensation and employers liability: Contractors are required to comply with applicable Federal and State workers' compensation and occupational disease statutes. If occupational diseases are not compensable under those statutes, they shall be covered under the employer's liability section of the



insurance policy, except when contract operations are so commingled with a Contractor's commercial operations that it would not be practical to require this coverage. Employer's liability coverage of at least \$100,000 is required, except in States with exclusive or monopolistic funds that do not permit workers' compensation to be written by private carriers.

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

## **C.16 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)



## **SECTION D - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, OR ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. See attached document: ATTACHMENT I - SCA WD 2015-4573 Rev 5 DATED 01-10-2018.**
- 2. See attached document: ATTACHMENT II - Past Performance Evaluation Questionnaire.**

## SECTION E - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

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

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

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

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

(End of Provision)

<u>FAR</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
52.204-7	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT	OCT 2016
52.204-16	COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE REPORTING	JUL 2016
52.204-17	OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF OFFEROR	JUL 2016
52.225-25	PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES ENGAGING IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OR TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO IRAN—REPRESENTATION AND CERTIFICATIONS	OCT 2015

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

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

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

(c) *Representation.* By submission of its offer, the Offeror represents that it does not require employees or subcontractors of such entity seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from

lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(End of Provision)

### **E.3 52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 2017)**

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

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

- (1) The solicitation number;
- (2) The time specified in the solicitation for receipt of offers;
- (3) The name, address, and telephone number of the offeror;
- (4) A technical description of the items being offered in sufficient detail to evaluate compliance with the requirements in the solicitation. This may include product literature, or other documents, if necessary;
- (5) Terms of any express warranty;
- (6) Price and any discount terms;
- (7) "Remit to" address, if different than mailing address;
- (8) A completed copy of the representations and certifications at FAR 52.212-3 (see FAR 52.212-3(b) for those representations and certifications that the offeror shall complete electronically);
- (9) Acknowledgment of Solicitation Amendments;
- (10) Past performance information, when included as an evaluation factor, to include recent and relevant contracts for the same or similar items and other references (including contract numbers, points of contact with telephone numbers and other relevant information); and
- (11) If the offer is not submitted on the SF 1449, include a statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation. Offers that fail to furnish required representations or information, or reject the terms and conditions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.

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

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

(e) *Multiple offers.* Offerors are encouraged to submit multiple offers presenting alternative terms and conditions, including alternative line items (provided that the alternative line items are consistent with subpart 4.10 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation), or alternative commercial items for satisfying the requirements of this solicitation. Each offer submitted will be evaluated separately.

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

(1) Offerors are responsible for submitting offers, and any modifications, revisions, or withdrawals, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If

no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office on the date that offers or revisions are due.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(h) *Multiple awards*. The Government may accept any item or group of items of an offer, unless the offeror qualifies the offer by specific limitations. Unless otherwise provided in the Schedule, offers may not be submitted for quantities less than those specified. The Government reserves the right to make an award on any item for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit prices offered, unless the offeror specifies otherwise in the offer.

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

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

Suite 8100 470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
 Washington, DC 20407  
 Telephone (202) 619-8925  
 Facsimile (202) 619-8978.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(j) *Unique entity identifier.* (Applies to all offers exceeding \$10,000, and offers of \$10,000 or less if the solicitation requires the Contractor to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database.) The Offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation “Unique Entity Identifier” followed by the unique entity identifier that identifies the Offeror’s name and address. The Offeror also shall enter its Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator, if applicable. The EFT indicator is a four-character suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the Offeror to establish additional SAM records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see subpart 32.11) for the same entity. If the Offeror does not have a unique entity identifier, it should contact the entity designated at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) for unique entity identifier establishment directly to obtain one. The Offeror should indicate that it is an offeror for a Government contract when contacting the entity designated at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) for establishing the unique entity identifier.

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

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

- (1) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed offeror's offer.
- (2) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful and the debriefed offeror and past performance information on the debriefed offeror.
- (3) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.

- (4) A summary of the rationale for award;
- (5) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror.
- (6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed offeror as to whether source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed by the agency.

(End of Provision)

## **ADDENDUM TO 52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS--COMMERCIAL ITEMS**

1. **All quotes must be submitted through the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Management System (eCMS) Vendor Portal website to be considered.**
2. 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.
3. In the event an Offeror is unable to submit a quote through the Vendor Portal, prior to the quote 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 quotes by email will not be accepted. Quote transmission/uploads must be completed by the date/time specified. Late or incomplete Quotes will not be considered.**
4. If Offerors are still unable to submit a quote through VA eCMS Vendor Portal, the Contracting Officer may elect to accept submission of a CD version of the quote 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 quote. A copy of the email correspondence with the VAAS helpdesk will be forwarded to the Contracting Specialist, Max Andrade, at [max.andrade@va.gov](mailto:max.andrade@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 quote 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 quote via the Portal. This document will be submitted together with the CD version of the quote. **In the event an Offeror has not requested quote 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 quote via Vendor Portal, the Offeror will be considered non-responsive and the CD version of the quote will not be accepted.**
5. If a CD version of the quote will be accepted by the Contracting Officer, the electronic version of the quote 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 quote, 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 quote to the address specified in Block 9 of SF 1449. **Offerors are**

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

The quote package shall contain the following:

- a. Completed and signed SF 1449 with all required blocks completed.
- b. Technical Qualifications in a written narrative as specified in the evaluation factors for the Government's evaluation.
- c. At a minimum, provide Three (3) past performance references within the last 5 years that are similar in size and scope to this solicitation. Use only the attached Past Performance Questionnaire form. Prepare one for each reference.
- d. Completed Schedule of Prices in .doc or .docx format or PDF.
- e. Required representations and certifications
- f. Acknowledgement of any amendments

**Failure to submit all required documentation may result in your submission being determined technically unacceptable and removed from further consideration.**

**Quote packages that do not contain all the above materials may be rejected.**

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

**Quotes that are not received completely by the time and date specified in Block 8 of the SF 1449 will be rejected and shall not be considered.**

(End of Addendum to 52.212-1)

#### **E.4 52.212-2 EVALUATION—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2014)**

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered.

The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers: Price and Past Performance.

(b) *Options.* The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

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

(End of Provision)

## **ADDENDUM TO FAR 52.212-2**

**Offers received from concerns that are not Small Business concerns shall not be considered and will not be evaluated.**

**Evaluation Process: The Government will evaluate quotes under FAR Part 13, Simplified Acquisition Procedures for commercial items. In accordance with FAR 13.106-1(a)(2), an award determination will be made utilizing Lowest Price and Past Performance.**

1. **PRICE** – Price analysis will be conducted to determine a fair and reasonable price. In order to ensure a fair and reasonable price, the Government will compare proposed prices received in response to the solicitation. Normally, adequate price completion establishes a fair and reasonable price when two or more responsible Offerors, competing independently, submit priced offers that satisfy the Government's expressed requirement.
2. **PAST PERFORMANCE** – Quotes must show that the contractor has the experience to complete the project. In accordance with FAR 13.106-2(b)(3)(ii), the Government shall utilize past performance questionnaires and Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) to obtain past performance ratings.
  - a. Deliverables:
    - i. Utilizing the attached Past Performance Questionnaire, provide at a minimum three (3) references that best display at least 5 years of experiences and past performances to the requirements set forth in this solicitation.
      1. These references/contracts will be reviewed in the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) for their associated performance rating. References missing from PPIRS shall be rated lower than referrals that are listed in PPIRS.
      2. Contractors are to only utilize the attached Past Performance Questionnaire as other questionnaires will not be accepted for this solicitation requirement.
3. **TECHNICAL** – Quotes must show that the contractor has the technical capabilities to perform the project.
  - a. Deliverables:
    - i. The Contractor shall provide to the contracting Officer copies of the following Licenses and Certifications with quote submission:



1. Certified Operator: Name, State of Florida Certified Operator's License(s), Class "A", Category III Water Treatment Plant (for each proposed operator)
2. Laboratory: Department of Health Laboratory Certification to perform drinking water analysis
3. NSF Certification for all water treatment chemicals to be used.
4. All licenses, certifications, and registration required to perform exotic/nuisance plant control work.

## **E.5 52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS— COMMERCIAL ITEMS (NOV 2017)**

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

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

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

*Forced or indentured child labor* means all work or service—

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) PSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;
- (2) Product or Service Group (PSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;
- (3) PSG 88, Live Animals;
- (4) PSG 89, Subsistence;

- (5) PSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) PSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) PSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (8) PSC 9610, Ores;
- (9) PSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and
- (10) PSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

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

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

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

- (1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;
- (2) Are conducted pursuant to specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;
- (3) Consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;
- (4) Consist of providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;
- (5) Consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education; or
- (6) Have been voluntarily suspended.

“Sensitive technology”—

- (1) Means hardware, software, telecommunications equipment, or any other technology that is to be used specifically—
  - (i) To restrict the free flow of unbiased information in Iran; or
  - (ii) To disrupt, monitor, or otherwise restrict speech of the people of Iran; and
- (2) Does not include information or informational materials the export of which the President does not have the authority to regulate or prohibit pursuant to section 203(b)(3) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)).

*Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern*—

- (1) Means a small business concern—
  - (i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and
  - (ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.
- (2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

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

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

- (1) Is at least 51 percent unconditionally and directly owned (as defined at 13 CFR 124.105) by—
  - (i) One or more socially disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.103) and economically disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.104) individuals who are citizens of the United States; and
  - (ii) Each individual claiming economic disadvantage has a net worth not exceeding \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and
- (2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled (as defined at 13.CFR 124.106) by individuals, who meet the criteria in paragraphs (1)(i) and (ii) of this definition.

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

- (1) Directly by a parent corporation; or
- (2) Through another subsidiary of a parent corporation.

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and
- (2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

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

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

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

solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201), except for paragraphs .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(8) *Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern).* [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in

*paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.*] The offeror represents that it [ ] is a women-owned business concern.

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

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

(i) It [ ] is, [ ] is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR Part 126; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that for other than COTS items, the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify

as domestic end products, i.e., an end product that is not a COTS item and does not meet the component test in paragraph (2) of the definition of “domestic end product.” The terms “commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item,” “component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” “foreign end product,” and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American—Supplies.”

(2) Foreign End Products:

Line Item No	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

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

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

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

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

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

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

[List as necessary]

(iii) The offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act.” The offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products, i.e., an end product that is not a COTS item and does not meet the component test in paragraph (2) of the definition of “domestic end product.”

Other Foreign End Products:

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

[List as necessary]

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

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

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

Canadian End Products:

Line Item No.


[List as necessary]

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

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

Canadian or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin

[List as necessary]

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

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

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

Line Item No.	Country of Origin

[List as necessary]

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

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

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

Other End Products:

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

[List as necessary]

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25. For line items covered by the WTO GPA, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American statute. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) *Examples.*

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

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



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

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

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

(1) *Listed end products.*

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

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

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

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

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

(2) ☐ Outside the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ TIN: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ TIN has been applied for.

☐ TIN is not required because:

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

☐ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

☐ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(4) *Type of organization*.

☐ Sole proprietorship;

☐ Partnership;

☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

☐ Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

☐ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

☐ Foreign government;

☐ International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

(5) *Common parent.*

☐ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;

☐ Name and TIN of common parent:

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

TIN \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Immediate owner CAGE code: \_\_\_\_\_.

Immediate owner legal name: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

Highest-level owner CAGE code: \_\_\_\_.

Highest-level owner legal name: \_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The Offeror represents that—

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

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

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

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

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

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

Predecessor legal name: \_\_\_\_.

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

(s) [Reserved]

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

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

(2) Representation. [Offeror to check applicable block(s) in paragraph (t)(2)(i) and (ii)]. (i) The Offeror (itself or through its immediate owner or highest-level owner) ☐ does, ☐ does not publicly disclose greenhouse gas emissions, i.e., makes available on a publicly accessible Web site the results of a

greenhouse gas inventory, performed in accordance with an accounting standard with publicly available and consistently applied criteria, such as the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Standard.

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

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

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

(u)(1) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions), Government agencies are not permitted to use appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with an entity that requires employees or subcontractors of such entity seeking to report waste, fraud, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(2) The prohibition in paragraph (u)(1) of this provision does not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement), Form 4414 (Sensitive Compartmented Information Nondisclosure Agreement), or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(3) Representation. By submission of its offer, the Offeror represents that it will not require its employees or subcontractors to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse related to the performance of a Government contract to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information (e.g., agency Office of the Inspector General).

(End of Provision)

## **E.6 52.209-5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (OCT 2015)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) *Examples.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The

knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

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

(End of Provision)

#### **E.7 52.209-5 REPRESENTATION BY CORPORATIONS REGARDING AN UNPAID TAX LIABILITY OR A FELONY CONVICTION UNDER ANY FEDERAL LAW (DEVIATION)(MAR 2012)**

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

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

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

(b) The Offeror represents that—

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

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

(End of Provision)

#### **E.8 52.209-7 INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (JUL 2013)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) In a criminal proceeding, a conviction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Provision)

## **E.9 52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)**

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

(End of Provision)

## **E.10 52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (SEP 2006)**

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

Max Andrade

Hand-Carried Address:

Department of Veterans Affairs

NCA Contracting Service

75 Barrett Heights Rd. Suite 309

Stafford VA 22556

Mailing Address:

Department of Veterans Affairs



NCA Contracting Service  
75 Barrett Heights Rd. Suite 309

Stafford VA 22556

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

(End of Provision)

#### **E.11 52.237-1 SITE VISIT (APR 1984)**

Offerors or quoters are urged and expected to inspect the site where services are to be performed and to satisfy themselves regarding all general and local conditions that may affect the cost of contract performance, to the extent that the information is reasonably obtainable. In no event shall failure to inspect the site constitute grounds for a claim after contract award.

(End of Provision)

#### **E.12 VAAR 852.233-70 PROTEST CONTENT/ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (JAN 2008)**

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

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

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

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

(End of Provision)

#### **E.13 VAAR 852.233-71 ALTERNATE PROTEST PROCEDURE (JAN 1998)**

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

(End of Provision)

#### **E.14 VAAR 852.270-1 REPRESENTATIVES OF CONTRACTING OFFICERS (JAN 2008)**

The contracting officer reserves the right to designate representatives to act for him/her in furnishing technical guidance and advice or generally monitor the work to be performed under this contract. Such

designation will be in writing and will define the scope and limitation of the designee's authority. A copy of the designation shall be furnished to the contractor.

(End of Provision)

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