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# FAC 2005-101 SUMMARY OF ITEMS

Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-101 amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) as specified below:

# Item I— System for Award Management Registration (FAR Case 2015-005)

This final rule updates the instructions for registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) and corrects an inconsistency involving the timing of registration. In order to correct this inconsistency, the final rule amends FAR 4.1102, 4.1103, and 52.204-7 to require (with some exceptions) offeror registration in SAM prior to submission of an offer.

In addition, the rule requires contracting officers to use the name and physical address from the contractor's SAM registration for the provided "unique entity identifier"; removes the term "division name" from the FAR text at FAR 4.1102 and clause 52.204-13; and changes the referenced website "acquisition.gov" to "sam.gov" to be consistent with the rest of the FAR. It is not anticipated that the rule will have a significant economic impact on small entities, because the rule only clarifies that offerors must be registered in SAM prior to submission of an offer, which is already necessary in order to submit the required annual representations and certifications with the offer.

Replacement pages: 1.1-3 and 1.1-4; 2.1-13 and 2.1-14; 4.6-1 and 4.6-2; 4.11-1 and 4.11-2; 4.12-1 and 4.12-2; 7.1-1 thru 7.1-6; 8.4-1 and 8.4-2; 9.1-7 and 9.1-8; 9.4-1 thru 9.4-10; 12.3-1 thru 12.3-4; 13.1-3 thru 13.1-6; 13.2-1 and 13.2-2; 16.5-5 and 16.5-6; 17.2-1 and 17.2-2; 18.1-1 thru 18.1-4; 19.3-09 and 19.3-10; 19.7-3 and 19.7-4; 22.10-13 and 22.10-14; 23.8-1 and 23.8-2; 25.7-3 and 25.7-4; 26.2-1 and 26.2-2; 28.2-3 thru 28.2-6; 32.11-1 and 32.11-2; 44.2-1 thru 44.2-4; 52.2-11 thru 5.2-12.12; 52.2-2-20.1 and 52.2-20.2; 52.2-27 thru 52.2-42.6; 52.2-93 thru 52.2-96; 52.2-229 and 52.2-230; 52.2-261 and 52.2-262.

# Item II- One Dollar Coins (FAR Case 2018-009)

This final rule amends the FAR to implement section 885 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Publ. L. 115-91). Section 885 amends 31 U.S.C. 5112(p) to

provide an exception for business operations conducted by an entity under a Government contract from the requirements to accept and dispense \$1 coins.

Contracting officers will no longer have to insert FAR clause 52.237-11, Accepting and Dispensing of \$1 Coin, into solicitations and contracts.

Contractors providing services under Government contracts that involve business operations conducted in U.S. coins and currency will no longer be required to accept \$1 coins. The Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply to this rule, because this final rule does not constitute a significant FAR revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501-1, and 41 U.S.C. 1707 does not require publication for public comment.

Replacement pages: TOC 37-1 and 37-2; 37.1-5 and 37.1-6; TOC 52-7 and 52-8; 52.2-27 thru 52.2-42.6; 52.2-247 and 52.2-248; 52.3-29 and 53.2-30.

# FAC 2005-101 FILING INSTRUCTIONS

**NOTE:** The FAR is segmented by subparts. The FAR page numbers reflect FAR Subparts. For example, "1.1-3" is page 3 of subpart 1.1.

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## 1.104 Applicability.

The FAR applies to all acquisitions as defined in <u>Part 2</u> of the FAR, except where expressly excluded.

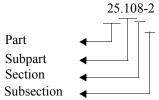
#### 1.105 Issuance.

## 1.105-1 Publication and code arrangement.

- (a) The FAR is published in—
  - (1) The daily issue of the Federal Register;
- (2) Cumulated form in the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR); and
  - (3) A separate loose-leaf edition.
- (b) The FAR is issued as Chapter 1 of Title 48, CFR. Subsequent chapters are reserved for agency acquisition regulations that implement or supplement the FAR (see <u>Subpart 1.3</u>). The CFR Staff will assign chapter numbers to requesting agencies.
- (c) Each numbered unit or segment (e.g., part, subpart, section, etc.) of an agency acquisition regulation that is codified in the CFR shall begin with the chapter number. However, the chapter number assigned to the FAR will not be included in the numbered units or segments of the FAR.

# 1.105-2 Arrangement of regulations.

- (a) General. The FAR is divided into subchapters, parts (each of which covers a separate aspect of acquisition), subparts, sections, and subsections.
- (b) Numbering.(1) The numbering system permits the discrete identification of every FAR paragraph. The digits to the left of the decimal point represent the part number. The numbers to the right of the decimal point and to the left of the dash represent, in order, the subpart (one or two digits), and the section (two digits). The number to the right of the dash represents the subsection. Subdivisions may be used at the section and subsection level to identify individual paragraphs. The following example illustrates the make-up of a FAR number citation (note that subchapters are not used with citations):



(2) Subdivisions below the section or subsection level consist of parenthetical alpha numerics using the following sequence:

# (a)(1)(i)(A)(1)(i)

- (c) References and citations.(1) Unless otherwise stated, cross-references indicate parts, subparts, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, or subdivisions of this regulation.
- (2) This regulation may be referred to as the Federal Acquisition Regulation or the FAR.

- (3) Using the FAR coverage at 9.106-4(d) as a typical illustration, reference to the—
- (i) Part would be "FAR part 9" outside the FAR and "part 9" within the FAR.
- (ii) Subpart would be "FAR subpart 9.1" outside the FAR and "subpart 9.1" within the FAR.
- (iii) Section would be "FAR 9.106" outside the FAR and "9.106" within the FAR.
- (iv) Subsection would be "FAR 9.106-4" outside the FAR and "9.106-4" within the FAR.
- (v) Paragraph would be "FAR 9.106-4(d)" outside the FAR and "9.106-4(d)" within the FAR.
- (4) Citations of authority (e.g., statutes or Executive orders) in the FAR shall follow the *Federal Register* form guides.

# 1.105-3 Copies.

Copies of the FAR in *Federal Register*, loose-leaf, CD-ROM, and CFR form may be purchased from the—

Superintendent of Documents Government Printing Office (GPO) Washington, DC 20402.

# 1.106 OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) imposes a requirement on Federal agencies to obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before collecting information from 10 or more members of the public. The information collection and recordkeeping requirements contained in this regulation have been approved by the OMB. The following OMB control numbers apply:

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"Overtime premium" means the difference between the contractor's regular rate of pay to an employee for the shift involved and the higher rate paid for overtime. It does not include shift premium, *i.e.*, the difference between the contractor's regular rate of pay to an employee and the higher rate paid for extra-pay-shift work.

"Ozone-depleting substance" means any substance the Environmental Protection Agency designates in 40 CFR part 82 as—

- (1) Class I, including, but not limited to, chlorofluorocarbons, halons, carbon tetrachloride, and methyl chloroform; or
- (2) Class II, including, but not limited to, hydrochlorofluorocarbons.

"Partial termination" means the termination of a part, but not all, of the work that has not been completed and accepted under a contract.

"Past performance" means an offeror's or contractor's performance on active and physically completed contracts (see 4.804-4).

"Performance-based acquisition (PBA)" means an acquisition structured around the results to be achieved as opposed to the manner by which the work is to be performed.

"Performance Work Statement (PWS)" means a statement of work for performance-based acquisitions that describes the required results in clear, specific and objective terms with measurable outcomes.

"Personal property" means property of any kind or interest in it except real property, records of the Federal Government, and naval vessels of the following categories:

- (1) Battleships;
- (2) Cruisers;
- (3) Aircraft carriers;
- (4) Destroyers; and
- (5) Submarines.

"Personal services contract" means a contract that, by its express terms or as administered, makes the contractor personnel appear to be, in effect, Government employees (see 37.104).

"Plant clearance officer" means an authorized representative of the contracting officer, appointed in accordance with agency procedures, responsible for screening, redistributing, and disposing of contractor inventory from a contractor's plant or work site. The term "Contractor's plant" includes, but is not limited to, Government-owned contractor-operated plants, Federal installations, and Federal and non-Federal industrial operations, as may be required under the scope of the contract.

"Pollution prevention" means any practice that—

(1)(i) Reduces the amount of any hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant entering any waste stream or otherwise released into the environment (including fugitive emissions) prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal; and

- (ii) Reduces the hazards to public health and the environment associated with the release of such substances, pollutants, and contaminants;
- (2) Reduces or eliminates the creation of pollutants through increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water, or other resources; or
  - (3) Protects natural resources by conservation.

"Power of attorney" means the authority given one person or corporation to act for and obligate another, as specified in the instrument creating the power; in corporate suretyship, an instrument under seal that appoints an attorney-in-fact to act in behalf of a surety company in signing bonds (see also "attorney-in-fact" at 28.001).

"Preaward survey" means an evaluation of a prospective contractor's capability to perform a proposed contract.

"Preponderance of the evidence" means proof by information that, compared with that opposing it, leads to the conclusion that the fact at issue is more probably true than not.

"Pricing" means the process of establishing a reasonable amount or amounts to be paid for supplies or services.

"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).

"Procurement" (see "acquisition").

"Procuring activity" means a component of an executive agency having a significant acquisition function and designated as such by the head of the agency. Unless agency regulations specify otherwise, the term "procuring activity" is synonymous with "contracting activity."

"Products" has the same meaning as "supplies."

"Projected average loss" means the estimated long-term average loss per period for periods of comparable exposure to risk of loss.

"Proper invoice" means an invoice that meets the minimum standards specified in 32.905(b).

"Purchase order," when issued by the Government, means an offer by the Government to buy supplies or services, including construction and research and development, upon specified terms and conditions, using simplified acquisition procedures.

"Qualification requirement" means a Government requirement for testing or other quality assurance demonstration that must be completed before award of a contract.

"Qualified products list (QPL)" means a list of products that have been examined, tested, and have satisfied all applicable qualification requirements.

"Receiving report" means written evidence that indicates Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed (see <a href="subpart 46.6"><u>subpart 46.6</u></a>). Receiving reports must meet the requirements of <a href="32.905"><u>32.905</u></a>(c).

"Recovered material" means waste materials and by-products recovered or diverted from solid waste, but the term does not include those materials and by-products generated from, and commonly reused within, an original manufacturing process. For use in <u>subpart 11.3</u> for paper and paper products, see the definition at 11.301.

"Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM)" means that—

- (1) The Contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the unique entity identifier and the Electronic Funds Transfer indicator (if applicable), the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code, as well as data required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (see subpart 4.14), into SAM;
- (2) The Contractor has completed the Core, Assertions, Representations and Certifications, and Points of Contact sections of the registration in SAM;
- (3) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The contractor will be required to provide consent for TIN validation to the Government as a part of the SAM registration process; and
  - (4) The Government has marked the record Active.

"Renewable energy" means energy produced by solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, landfill gas, ocean (including tidal, wave, current, and thermal), municipal solid waste, or new hydroelectric generation capacity achieved from increased efficiency or additions of new capacity at an existing hydroelectric project (Energy Policy Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. 15852).

"Renewable energy technology" means—

- (1) Technologies that use renewable energy to provide light, heat, cooling, or mechanical or electrical energy for use in facilities or other activities; or
- (2) The use of integrated whole-building designs that rely upon renewable energy resources, including passive solar design.

"Requesting agency" means the agency that has the requirement for an interagency acquisition.

"Residual value" means the proceeds, less removal and disposal costs, if any, realized upon disposition of a tangible capital asset. It usually is measured by the net proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the asset, or its fair value if the asset is traded in on another asset. The estimated residual value is a current forecast of the residual value.

"Responsible audit agency" means the agency that is responsible for performing all required contract audit services at a business unit.

"Responsible prospective contractor" means a contractor that meets the standards in 9.104.

"Scrap" means personal property that has no value except its basic metallic, mineral, or organic content.

"Segment" means one of two or more divisions, product departments, plants, or other subdivisions of an organization reporting directly to a home office, usually identified with responsibility for profit and/or producing a product or service. The term includes—

- (1) Government-owned contractor-operated (GOCO) facilities: and
- (2) Joint ventures and subsidiaries (domestic and foreign) in which the organization has—
  - (i) A majority ownership; or
- (ii) Less than a majority ownership, but over which it exercises control.

"Self-insurance" means the assumption or retention of the risk of loss by the contractor, whether voluntarily or involuntarily. Self-insurance includes the deductible portion of purchased insurance.

"Senior procurement executive" means the individual appointed pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 1702(c) who is responsible for management direction of the acquisition system of the executive agency, including implementation of the unique acquisition policies, regulations, and standards of the executive agency.

"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 <u>38 U.S.C. 101(2)</u>, with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

"Servicing agency" means the agency that will conduct an assisted acquisition on behalf of the requesting agency.

"Shall" means the imperative.

"Shipment" means freight transported or to be transported.

"Shop drawings" means drawings submitted by the construction contractor or a subcontractor at any tier or required under a construction contract, showing in detail either or both of the following:

- (1) The proposed fabrication and assembly of structural
- (2) The installation (*i.e.*, form, fit, and attachment details) of materials or equipment.

"Should" means an expected course of action or policy that is to be followed unless inappropriate for a particular circumstance.

"Signature" or "signed" means the discrete, verifiable symbol of an individual that, when affixed to a writing with the knowledge and consent of the individual, indicates a present intention to authenticate the writing. This includes electronic symbols.

"Simplified acquisition procedures" means the methods prescribed in <u>part 13</u> for making purchases of supplies or services.

# **Subpart 4.6—Contract Reporting**

# 4.600 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes uniform reporting requirements for the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS).

#### 4.601 Definitions.

As used in this subpart-

"Contract action" means any oral or written action that results in the purchase, rent, or lease of supplies or equipment, services, or construction using appropriated dollars over the micro-purchase threshold, or modifications to these actions regardless of dollar value. Contract action does not include grants, cooperative agreements, other transactions, real property leases, requisitions from Federal stock, training authorizations, or other non-FAR based transactions.

"Contract action report (CAR)" means contract action data required to be entered into the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS).

"Definitive contract" means any contract that must be reported to FPDS other than an indefinite delivery vehicle. This definition is only for FPDS, and is not intended to apply to Part 16.

"Entitlement program" means a Federal program that guarantees a certain level of benefits to persons or other entities who meet requirements set by law, such as Social Security, farm price supports, or unemployment benefits.

"Generic entity identifier" means a number or other identifier assigned to a category of vendors and not specific to any individual or entity.

"Indefinite delivery vehicle (IDV)" means an indefinite delivery contract or agreement that has one or more of the following clauses:

- (1) 52.216-18, Ordering.
- (2) 52.216-19, Order Limitations.
- (3) 52.216-20, Definite Quantity.
- (4) 52.216-21, Requirements.
- (5) 52.216-22, Indefinite Quantity.
- (6) Any other clause allowing ordering.

# 4.602 General.

- (a) The FPDS provides a comprehensive web-based tool for agencies to report contract actions. The resulting data provides—
- (1) A basis for recurring and special reports to the President, the Congress, the Government Accountability Office, Federal executive agencies, and the general public;
- (2) A means of measuring and assessing the effect of Federal contracting on the Nation's economy and the extent to which small, veteran-owned small, service-disabled veteran-owned small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, womenowned small business concerns, and AbilityOne nonprofit

- agencies operating under <u>41 U.S.C. chapter 85</u>, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, are sharing in Federal contracts;
- (3) A means of measuring and assessing the effect of Federal contracting for promoting sustainable technologies, materials, products, and high-performance sustainable buildings. This is accomplished by collecting and reporting agency data on sustainable acquisition, including types of products purchased, the purchase costs, and the exceptions used for other than sustainable acquisition; and
- (4) A means of measuring and assessing the effect of other policy and management initiatives (*e.g.*, performance based acquisitions and competition).
- (b) FPDS does not provide reports for certain acquisition information used in the award of a contract action (e.g., subcontracting data, funding data, or accounting data).
- (c) The FPDS Web site, <a href="https://www.fpds.gov">https://www.fpds.gov</a>, provides instructions for submitting data. It also provides—
- (1) A complete list of departments, agencies, and other entities that submit data to the FPDS;
  - (2) Technical and end-user guidance;
  - (3) A computer-based tutorial; and
- (4) Information concerning reports not generated in FPDS.

#### 4.603 Policy.

- (a) In accordance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282), all unclassified Federal award data must be publicly accessible.
- (b) Executive agencies shall use FPDS to maintain publicly available information about all unclassified contract actions exceeding the micro-purchase threshold, and any modifications to those actions that change previously reported contract action report data, regardless of dollar value.
- (c) Agencies awarding assisted acquisitions or direct acquisitions must report these actions and identify the Program/Funding Agency and Office Codes from the applicable agency codes maintained by each agency at FPDS. These codes represent the agency and office that has provided the predominant amount of funding for the contract action. For assisted acquisitions, the requesting agency will receive socioeconomic credit for meeting agency small business goals, where applicable. Requesting agencies shall provide the appropriate agency/bureau component code as part of the written interagency agreement between the requesting and servicing agencies (see 17.502-1(b)(1)).
- (d) Agencies awarding contract actions with a mix of appropriated and non-appropriated funding shall only report the full appropriated portion of the contract action in FPDS.

#### 4.604 Responsibilities.

- (a) The Senior Procurement Executive in coordination with the head of the contracting activity is responsible for developing and monitoring a process to ensure timely and accurate reporting of contractual actions to FPDS.
- (b)(1) The responsibility for the completion and accuracy of the individual contract action report (CAR) resides with the

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contracting officer who awarded the contract action. CARs in a draft or error status in FPDS are not considered complete.

- (2) The CAR must be confirmed for accuracy by the contracting officer prior to release of the contract award. The CAR must then be completed in FPDS within three business days after contract award.
- (3) For any action awarded in accordance with FAR <u>6.302-2</u> or pursuant to any of the authorities listed at FAR subpart <u>18.2</u>, the CAR must be completed in FPDS within 30 days after contract award.
- (4) When the contracting office receives written notification that a contractor has changed its size status in accordance with the clause at <u>52.219-28</u>, Post-Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation, the contracting officer shall update the size status in FPDS within 30 days after receipt of contractor's notification of rerepresentation.
- (5) If after award of a contract, the contracting officer receives written notification of SBA's final decision on a protest concerning a size determination, the contracting officer shall update FPDS to reflect the final decision.
- (c) The chief acquisition officer of each agency required to report its contract actions must submit to the General Services Administration (GSA), in accordance with FPDS guidance, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, an annual certification of whether, and to what degree, agency CAR data for the preceding fiscal year is complete and accurate.

## 4.605 Procedures.

- (a) Procurement Instrument Identifier (PIID). Agencies shall have in place a process that ensures that each PIID reported to FPDS is unique Governmentwide, for all solicitations, contracts, blanket purchase agreements, basic agreements, basic ordering agreements, or orders in accordance with 4.1601 to 4.1603, and will remain so for at least 20 years from the date of contract award. Other pertinent PIID instructions for FPDS reporting can be found at <a href="https://www.fpds.gov">https://www.fpds.gov</a>.
- (b) *Unique entity identifier*. The contracting officer shall identify and report a unique entity identifier for the successful offeror on a contract action. The unique entity identifier shall correspond to the successful offeror's name and address as stated in the offer and resultant contract, and as registered in the System for Award Management in accordance with the provision at <u>52.204-7</u>, System for Award Management. The contracting officer shall ask the offeror to provide its unique entity identifier by using either the provision at <u>52.204-6</u>, Unique Entity Identifier, the provision at <u>52.204-7</u>, System for Award Management, or the provision at <u>52.212-1</u>, Instructions to Offerors-Commercial Items. (For a discussion of the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code, which is a different identifier, see subpart 4.18.)
  - (c) Generic entity identifier. (1) The use of a generic entity identifier should be limited, and only used in the situations described in paragraph (c)(2) of this section. Use of a generic entity identifier does not supersede the requirements of pro-

- visions <u>52.204-6</u>, Unique Entity Identifier or <u>52.204-7</u>, System for Award Management (if present in the solicitation) for the contractor to have a unique entity identifier assigned.
- (2) Authorized generic entity identifiers, maintained by the Integrated Award Environment (IAE) program office (<a href="http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/105036">http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/105036</a>), may be used to report contracts in lieu of the contractor's actual unique entity identifier only for—
- (i) Contract actions valued at or below \$30,000 that are awarded to a contractor that is—
  - (A) A student;
- (B) A dependent of either a veteran, foreign service officer, or military member assigned outside the United States and its outlying areas (as defined in 2.101); or
- (C) Located outside the United States and its outlying areas for work to be performed outside the United States and its outlying areas and the contractor does not otherwise have a unique entity identifier;
- (ii) Contracts valued above \$30,000 awarded to individuals located outside the United States and its outlying areas for work to be performed outside the United States and its outlying areas; or
- (iii) Contracts when specific public identification of the contracted party could endanger the mission, contractor, or recipients of the acquired goods or services. The contracting officer must include a written determination in the contract file of a decision applicable to authority under this paragraph (c)(2)(iii).
- (d) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act actions. The contracting officer, when entering data in FPDS, shall use the instructions at <a href="https://www.fpds.gov">https://www.fpds.gov</a> to identify any action funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5).
  - (e) Office Codes. Agencies shall by March 31, 2016-
- (1) Use the Activity Address Code (AAC), as defined in  $\underline{2.101}$ , assigned to the issuing contracting office as the contracting office code, and
- (2) Use the AAC assigned to the program/funding office providing the predominance of funding for the contract action as the program/funding office code.

# 4.606 Reporting Data.

- (a) Actions required to be reported to FPDS.(1) As a minimum, agencies must report the following contract actions over the micro-purchase threshold, regardless of solicitation process used, and agencies must report any modification to these contract actions that change previously reported contract action data, regardless of dollar value:
- (i) Definitive contracts, including purchase orders and imprest fund buys over the micro-purchase threshold awarded by a contracting officer.
- (ii) Indefinite delivery vehicle (identified as an "IDV" in FPDS). Examples of IDVs include the following:
- (A) Task and Delivery Order Contracts (see <a href="subpart 16.5"><u>subpart 16.5</u></a>), including—

# Subpart 4.11—System for Award Management

## 4.1100 Scope.

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures for requiring contractor registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) to—

- (a) Increase visibility of vendor sources (including their geographical locations) for specific supplies and services; and
- (b) Establish a common source of vendor data for the Government.

# 4.1101 Definition.

As used in this subpart—

"Agreement" means basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchase agreement.

# 4.1102 Policy.

- (a) Offerors and quoters are required to be registered in SAM at the time an offer or quotation is submitted in order to comply with the annual representations and certifications requirements except for—
- (1) Purchases under the micro-purchase threshold that use a Governmentwide commercial purchase card as both the purchasing and payment mechanism, as opposed to using the purchase card for payment only;
- (2) Classified contracts (see <u>2.101</u>) when registration in SAM, or use of SAM data, could compromise the safeguarding of classified information or national security;
  - (3) Contracts awarded by—
- (i) Deployed contracting officers in the course of military operations, including, but not limited to, contingency operations as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13) or humanitarian or peacekeeping operations as defined in 10 U.S.C. 2302(8);
- (ii) Contracting officers located outside the United States and its outlying areas, as defined in 2.101, for work to be performed in support of diplomatic or developmental operations, including those performed in support of foreign assistance programs overseas, in an area that has been designated by the Department of State as a danger pay post (see <a href="http://aoprals.state.gov/Web920/danger">http://aoprals.state.gov/Web920/danger</a> pay all.asp); or
- (iii) Contracting officers in the conduct of emergency operations, such as responses to natural or environmental disasters or national or civil emergencies, *e.g.*, Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121);
- (4) Contracts with individuals for performance outside the United States and its outlying areas;
- (5) Contracts awarded without providing for full and open competition due to unusual or compelling urgency (see 6.302-2);

- (6) Contract actions at or below \$30,000 awarded to foreign vendors for work performed outside the United States, if it is impractical to obtain SAM registration; and
- (7) Micro-purchases that do not use the electronic funds transfer (EFT) method for payment and are not required to be reported (see subpart 4.6).
- (b) If practical, the contracting officer shall modify the contract or agreement awarded under paragraph (a)(3) of this section to require SAM registration.
- (c) Contracting officers shall use the legal business name or "doing business as" name and physical address from the contractor's SAM registration for the provided unique entity identifier to identify the contractor in section A of the contract schedule, similar sections of non-uniform contract formats and agreements, and all corresponding forms and data exchanges. Contracting officers shall make no changes to the data retrieved from SAM.
- (d) (1) (i) If a contractor has legally changed its business name or "doing business as" 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 <a href="subpart 42.12">subpart 42.12</a>, the contractor is required to provide the responsible contracting officer a minimum of one business day's written notification of its intention to change the name in SAM, comply with the requirements of <a href="subpart 42.12">subpart 42.12</a>, and agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible contracting officer. Along with the notification, the contractor is required to provide the contracting officer sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.
- (ii) If the contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (d)(1)(i) of the clause at 52.204-13, System for Award Management Maintenance, or fails to perform the agreement at 52.204-13, paragraph (d)(1)(i)(C), 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 EFT clause of the contract.
- (2) The contractor shall not change the name or address for electronic funds transfer payments (EFT) or manual payments, as appropriate, in the SAM record to reflect an assignee for the purpose of assignment of claims (see <a href="subpart 32.8"><u>subpart 32.8</u></a>, Assignment of Claims).
- (3) Assignees shall be separately registered in SAM. 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 the contract.

#### 4.1103 Procedures.

- (a) Unless the acquisition is exempt under 4.1102(a), the contracting officer—
- (1) Shall verify that the offeror or quoter is registered in SAM (see paragraph (b) of this section) at the time an offer or quotation is submitted;
- (2) Should use the unique entity identifier to verify SAM registration—
  - (i) Via https://www.sam.gov; or
  - (ii) As otherwise provided by agency procedures; or
- (3) Need not verify SAM registration before placing an order or call if the contract or agreement includes the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, or the clause at 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions-Commercial Items, or a similar agency clause, except when use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card is contemplated as a method of payment. (See 32.1108(b)(2).)
- (b) If the contract action is being awarded in accordance with 4.1102(a)(5), the contractor is required to be registered in SAM within 30 days after contract award, or at least three days prior to submission of the first invoice, whichever occurs first.
- (c) Agencies shall protect against improper disclosure of information contained in SAM.

(d) The contracting officer shall, on contractual documents transmitted to the payment office, provide the unique entity identifier, or, if applicable, the Electronic Funds Transfer indicator, in accordance with agency procedures.

# 4.1104 Disaster Response Registry.

Contracting officers shall consult the Disaster Response Registry via <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>, Search Records, Advanced Search, Disaster Response Registry Search when contracting for debris removal, distribution of supplies, reconstruction, and other disaster or emergency relief activities inside the United States and outlying areas. (See 26.205).

# 4.1105 Solicitation provision and contract clauses.

- (a)(1) Insert the provision at  $\underline{52.204-7}$ , System for Award Management, in all solicitations except when the conditions in  $\underline{4.1102}$ (a) apply.
- (2) Insert the provision at <u>52.204-7</u>, System for Award Management, with its Alternate I when the solicitation is anticipated to be awarded in accordance with 4.1102(a)(5).
- (b) Insert the clause at <u>52.204-13</u>, System for Award Management Maintenance, in solicitations that contain the provision at <u>52.204-7</u>, and resulting contracts.

# **Subpart 4.12—Representations and Certifications**

## 4.1200 Scope.

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures for requiring submission and maintenance of representations and certifications via the System for Award Management (SAM) to—

- (a) Eliminate the administrative burden for contractors of submitting the same information to various contracting offices;
- (b) Establish a common source for this information to procurement offices across the Government; and
- (c) Incorporate by reference the contractor's representations and certifications in the awarded contract.

## 4.1201 Policy.

- (a) Offerors and quoters are required to complete electronic annual representations and certifications in SAM accessed via <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a> as a part of required registration (see FAR 4.1102).
- (b)(1) All registrants are required to review and update the representations and certifications submitted to SAM as necessary, but at least annually, to ensure they are kept current, accurate, and complete. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from date of submission or update to SAM.
- (2) A contractors that represented itself as a small business prior to award of a contract must update the representations and certifications in SAM in accordance with <u>52.219-28</u>. A contractor that represented itself as other than small business before contract award and qualifies as a small business may update its representations and certifications in SAM in accordance with <u>52.219-28</u>.
- (c) Data in SAM is archived and is electronically retrievable. Therefore, when a prospective contractor has completed representations and certifications electronically in SAM, the contracting officer must reference the date of SAM verification in the contract file to satisfy contract file documentation requirements of 4.803(a)(11). However, if an offeror identifies changes to SAM data pursuant to the FAR provisions at 52.204-8(d) or 52.212-3(b), the contracting officer must include a copy of the changes in the contract file.
- (d) The contracting officer shall incorporate the representations and certifications by reference in the contract (see 52.204-19, or for acquisitions of commercial items see 52.212-4(v)).

#### 4.1202 Solicitation provision and contract clause.

(a) Insert the provision at <u>52.204-8</u>, Annual Representations and Certifications, in solicitations, except for commercial item solicitations issued under FAR part <u>12</u>. The contracting officer shall check the applicable provisions at <u>52.204-8</u>(c)(2). When the provision at <u>52.204-7</u>, System for

- Award Management, is included in the solicitation, do not separately include the following representations and certifications:
- (1) <u>52.203-2</u>, Certificate of Independent Price Determination.
- (2) <u>52.203-11</u>, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions.
- (3) <u>52.203-18</u>, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements-Representation.
  - (4) 52.204-3, Taxpayer Identification.
- (5) <u>52.204-5</u>, Women-Owned Business (Other Than Small Business).
  - (6) 52.204-17, Ownership or Control of Offeror.
  - (7) 52.204-20, Predecessor of Offeror.
- (8) <u>52.209-2</u>, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations—Representation.
- (9) <u>52.209-5</u>, Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters.
- (10) <u>52.209-11</u>, Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law.
- (11) <u>52.214-14</u>, Place of Performance—Sealed Bidding.
  - (12) 52.215-6, Place of Performance.
- (13) <u>52.219-1</u>, Small Business Program Representations (Basic & Alternate I).
  - (14) 52.219-2, Equal Low Bids.
  - (15) [Reserved]
- (16) <u>52.222-18</u>, Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products.
- (17)  $\underline{52.222-22}$ , Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports.
  - (18) 52.222-25, Affirmative Action Compliance.
- (19) <u>52.222-38</u>, Compliance with Veterans' Employment Reporting Requirements.
- (20) <u>52.222-48</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment–Certification.
- (21) <u>52.222-52</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services—Certification.
  - (22) 52.223-1, Biobased Product Certification.
  - (23) 52.223-4, Recovered Material Certification.
- (24) <u>52.223-9</u>, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items (Alternate I only).
- (25) <u>52.223-22</u>, Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals-Representation.
  - (26) <u>52.225-2</u>, Buy American Certificate.

- (27) <u>52.225-4</u>, Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate (Basic, Alternates I, II, and III).
  - (28) 52.225-6, Trade Agreements Certificate.
- (29) <u>52.225-20</u>, Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan—Certification.
- (30) <u>52.225-25</u>, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran-Representation and Certifications.
- (31) <u>52.226-2</u>, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation.
- (32) <u>52.227-6</u>, Royalty Information (Basic & Alternate I).
- (33) <u>52.227-15</u>, Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software.
- (b) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at <u>52.204-19</u>, Incorporation by Reference of Representations and Certifications, in solicitations and contracts.

## 7.000 Scope of part.

This part prescribes policies and procedures for—

- (a) Developing acquisition plans;
- (b) Determining whether to use commercial or Government resources for acquisition of supplies or services;
- (c) Deciding whether it is more economical to lease equipment rather than purchase it; and
- (d) Determining whether functions are inherently governmental.

# **Subpart 7.1—Acquisition Plans**

#### 7.101 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

"Acquisition streamlining" means any effort that results in more efficient and effective use of resources to design and develop, or produce quality systems. This includes ensuring that only necessary and cost-effective requirements are included, at the most appropriate time in the acquisition cycle, in solicitations and resulting contracts for the design, development, and production of new systems, or for modifications to existing systems that involve redesign of systems or subsystems.

"Life-cycle cost" means the total cost to the Government of acquiring, operating, supporting, and (if applicable) disposing of the items being acquired.

"Order" means an order placed under a-

- (1) Federal Supply Schedule contract; or
- (2) Task-order contract or delivery-order contract awarded by another agency, (*i.e.*, Governmentwide acquisition contract or multi-agency contract).

"Planner" means the designated person or office responsible for developing and maintaining a written plan, or for the planning function in those acquisitions not requiring a written plan.

#### 7.102 Policy.

- (a) Agencies shall perform acquisition planning and conduct market research (see <u>part 10</u>) for all acquisitions in order to promote and provide for—
- (1) Acquisition of commercial items or, to the extent that commercial items suitable to meet the agency's needs are not available, nondevelopmental items, to the maximum extent practicable (10 U.S.C. 2377 and 41 U.S.C. 3307); and
- (2) Full and open competition (see <u>part 6</u>) or, when full and open competition is not required in accordance with <u>part 6</u>, to obtain competition to the maximum extent practicable, with due regard to the nature of the supplies or services to be acquired (10 U.S.C. 2305(a)(1)(A) and 41 U.S.C. 3306a)(1)).
- (3) Selection of appropriate contract type in accordance with part 16; and
- (4) Appropriate consideration of the use of pre-existing contracts, including interagency and intra-agency contracts, to fulfill the requirement, before awarding new contracts. (See 8.002 through 8.004 and subpart 17.5).
- (b) This planning shall integrate the efforts of all personnel responsible for significant aspects of the acquisition. The purpose of this planning is to ensure that the Government meets

its needs in the most effective, economical, and timely manner. Agencies that have a detailed acquisition planning system in place that generally meets the requirements of <u>7.104</u> and <u>7.105</u> need not revise their system to specifically meet all of these requirements.

# 7.103 Agency-head responsibilities.

The agency head or a designee shall prescribe procedures for—

- (a) Promoting and providing for full and open competition (see part 6) or, when full and open competition is not required in accordance with part 6, for obtaining competition to the maximum extent practicable, with due regard to the nature of the supplies and services to be acquired (10 U.S.C. 2305(a)(1)(A) and 41 U.S.C. 3306(a)(1)).
- (b) Encouraging offerors to supply commercial items, or to the extent that commercial items suitable to meet the agency needs are not available, nondevelopmental items in response to agency solicitations (10 U.S.C. 2377 and 41 U.S.C. 3307); and
- (c) Ensuring that acquisition planners address the requirement to specify needs, develop specifications, and to solicit offers in such a manner to promote and provide for full and open competition with due regard to the nature of the supplies and services to be acquired (10 U.S.C. 2305(a)(1)(A) and 41 U.S.C. 3306(a)(1)). (See part 6 and 10.002.)
- (d) Ensuring that acquisition planners document the file to support the selection of the contract type in accordance with subpart 16.1.
- (e) Establishing criteria and thresholds at which increasingly greater detail and formality in the planning process is required as the acquisition becomes more complex and costly, including for cost-reimbursement and other high-risk contracts (*e.g.*, other than firm-fixed-price contracts) requiring a written acquisition plan. A written plan shall be prepared for cost reimbursement and other high-risk contracts other than firm-fixed-price contracts, although written plans may be required for firm-fixed-price contracts as appropriate.
- (f) Ensuring that the statement of work is closely aligned with performance outcomes and cost estimates.
- (g) Writing plans either on a systems basis, on an individual contract basis, or on an individual order basis, depending upon the acquisition.
- (h) Ensuring that the principles of this subpart are used, as appropriate, for those acquisitions that do not require a written plan as well as for those that do.
  - (i) Designating planners for acquisitions.
- (j) Reviewing and approving acquisition plans and revisions to these plans to ensure compliance with FAR requirements including 7.104 and part 16. For other than firm-fixed-price contracts, ensuring that the plan is approved and signed at least one level above the contracting officer.
- (k) Establishing criteria and thresholds at which design-to-cost and life-cycle-cost techniques will be used.
- (l) Establishing standard acquisition plan formats, if desired, suitable to agency needs; and
- (m) Waiving requirements of detail and formality, as necessary, in planning for acquisitions having compressed deliv-

ery or performance schedules because of the urgency of the need.

- (n) Assuring that the contracting officer, prior to contracting, reviews:
- (1) The acquisition history of the supplies and services; and
- (2) A description of the supplies, including, when necessary for adequate description, a picture, drawing, diagram, or other graphic representation.
- (o) Ensuring that agency planners include use of the metric system of measurement in proposed acquisitions in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 205b (see 11.002(b)) and agency metric plans and guidelines.
  - (p) Ensuring that agency planners—
- (1) Specify needs for printing and writing paper consistent with the 30 percent postconsumer fiber minimum content standards specified in section 2(d)(ii) of Executive Order 13423 of January 24, 2007, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management, and section 2(e)(iv) of Executive Order 13514 of October 5, 2009 (see 11.303)
- (2) Comply with the policy in 11.002(d) regarding procurement of biobased products, products containing recovered materials, environmentally preferable products and services (including Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT®)-registered electronic products, nontoxic or low-toxic alternatives), ENERGY STAR® and Federal Energy Management Program-designated products, renewable energy, water-efficient products, non-ozone-depleting products, and products and services that minimize or eliminate, when feasible, the use, release, or emission of high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons, such as by using reclaimed instead of virgin hydrofluorocarbons;
- (3) Comply with the Guiding Principles for Federal Leadership in High-Performance and Sustainable Buildings (Guiding Principles), for the design, construction, renovation, repair, or deconstruction of Federal buildings. The Guiding Principles can be accessed at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/greeningepa/guiding-principles-federal-leadership-high-performance-and-sustainable-buildings">https://www.epa.gov/greeningepa/guiding-principles-federal-leadership-high-performance-and-sustainable-buildings</a>; and
- (4) Require contractor compliance with Federal environmental requirements, when the contractor is operating Government-owned facilities or vehicles, to the same extent as the agency would be required to comply if the agency operated the facilities or vehicles.
- (q) Ensuring that acquisition planners specify needs and develop plans, drawings, work statements, specifications, or other product descriptions that address Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards (see 36 CFR Part 1194) in proposed acquisitions (see 11.002(e)) and that these standards are included in requirements planning, as appropriate (see subpart 39.2).
- (r) Making a determination, prior to issuance of a solicitation for advisory and assistance services involving the analysis and evaluation of proposals submitted in response to a solicitation, that a sufficient number of covered personnel with the training and capability to perform an evaluation and analysis of proposals submitted in response to a solicitation

- are not readily available within the agency or from another Federal agency in accordance with the guidelines at 37.204.
- (s) Ensuring that no purchase request is initiated or contract entered into that would result in the performance of an inherently governmental function by a contractor and that all contracts or orders are adequately managed so as to ensure effective official control over contract or order performance.
- (t) Ensuring that knowledge gained from prior acquisitions is used to further refine requirements and acquisition strategies. For services, greater use of performance-based acquisition methods should occur for follow-on acquisitions.
- (u) Ensuring that acquisition planners, to the maximum extent practicable—
- (1) Structure contract requirements to facilitate competition by and among small business concerns; and
- (2) Avoid unnecessary and unjustified consolidation or bundling (see 7.107) (15 U.S.C. 631(j) and 15 U.S.C. 657q).
- (v) Ensuring that agency planners on information technology acquisitions comply with the capital planning and investment control requirements in 40 U.S.C. 11312 and OMB Circular A-130.
- (w) Ensuring that agency planners on information technology acquisitions comply with the information technology security requirements in the Federal Information Security Management Act (44 U.S.C. 3544), OMB's implementing policies including Appendix III of OMB Circular A-130, and guidance and standards from the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology.
- (x) Encouraging agency planners to consider the use of a project labor agreement (see subpart 22.5).
- (y) Ensuring that contracting officers consult the Disaster Response Registry via <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>, Search Records, Advanced Search, Disaster Response Registry Search as a part of acquisition planning for debris removal, distribution of supplies, reconstruction, and other disaster or emergency relief activities inside the United States and outlying areas. (See 26.205).

#### 7.104 General procedures.

- (a) Acquisition planning should begin as soon as the agency need is identified, preferably well in advance of the fiscal year in which contract award or order placement is necessary. In developing the plan, the planner shall form a team consisting of all those who will be responsible for significant aspects of the acquisition, such as contracting, small business, fiscal, legal, and technical personnel. If contract performance is to be in a designated operational area or supporting a diplomatic or consular mission, the planner shall also consider inclusion of the combatant commander or chief of mission, as appropriate. The planner should review previous plans for similar acquisitions and discuss them with the key personnel involved in those acquisitions. At key dates specified in the plan or whenever significant changes occur, and no less often than annually, the planner shall review the plan and, if appropriate, revise it.
- (b) Requirements and logistics personnel should avoid issuing requirements on an urgent basis or with unrealistic delivery or performance schedules, since it generally restricts competition and increases prices. Early in the planning pro-

cess, the planner should consult with requirements and logistics personnel who determine type, quality, quantity, and delivery requirements.

- (c) The planner shall coordinate with and secure the concurrence of the contracting officer in all acquisition planning. If the plan proposes using other than full and open competition when awarding a contract, the plan shall also be coordinated with the cognizant advocate for competition.
- (d) The planner shall coordinate the acquisition plan or strategy with the cognizant small business specialist when the strategy contemplates an acquisition meeting the thresholds in 7.107-4 for substantial bundling unless the contract or task order or delivery order is entirely reserved or set-aside for small business under part 19. The small business specialist shall notify the agency Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization or the Office of Small Business Programs if the strategy involves-
  - (1) Bundling that is unnecessary or unjustified; or
- (2) Bundled or consolidated requirements not identified as such by the agency (see 7.107).
- (e) The planner shall ensure that a COR is nominated as early as practicable in the acquisition process by the requirements official or in accordance with agency procedures. The contracting officer shall designate and authorize a COR as early as practicable after the nomination. See 1.602-2(d).

# 7.105 Contents of written acquisition plans.

In order to facilitate attainment of the acquisition objectives, the plan must identify those milestones at which decisions should be made (see paragraph (b)(21) of this section). The plan must address all the technical, business, management, and other significant considerations that will control the acquisition. The specific content of plans will vary, depending on the nature, circumstances, and stage of the acquisition. In preparing the plan, the planner must follow the applicable instructions in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, together with the agency's implementing procedures. Acquisition plans for service contracts or orders must describe the strategies for implementing performance-based acquisition methods or must provide rationale for not using those methods (see subpart 37.6).

- (a) Acquisition background and objectives—(1) Statement of need. Introduce the plan by a brief statement of need. Summarize the technical and contractual history of the acquisition. Discuss feasible acquisition alternatives, the impact of prior acquisitions on those alternatives, and any related inhouse effort.
- (2) Applicable conditions. State all significant conditions affecting the acquisition, such as—
- (i) Requirements for compatibility with existing or future systems or programs; and
- (ii) Any known cost, schedule, and capability or performance constraints.
- (3) Cost. Set forth the established cost goals for the acquisition and the rationale supporting them, and discuss

- related cost concepts to be employed, including, as appropriate, the following items:
- (i) *Life-cycle cost*. Discuss how life-cycle cost will be considered. If it is not used, explain why. If appropriate, discuss the cost model used to develop life-cycle-cost estimates.
- (ii) *Design-to-cost*. Describe the design-to-cost objective(s) and underlying assumptions, including the rationale for quantity, learning-curve, and economic adjustment factors. Describe how objectives are to be applied, tracked, and enforced. Indicate specific related solicitation and contractual requirements to be imposed.
- (iii) *Application of should-cost*. Describe the application of should-cost analysis to the acquisition (see 15.407-4).
- (4) Capability or performance. Specify the required capabilities or performance characteristics of the supplies or the performance standards of the services being acquired and state how they are related to the need.
- (5) Delivery or performance-period requirements. Describe the basis for establishing delivery or performance-period requirements (see <u>subpart 11.4</u>). Explain and provide reasons for any urgency if it results in concurrency of development and production or constitutes justification for not providing for full and open competition.
- (6) *Trade-offs*. Discuss the expected consequences of trade-offs among the various cost, capability or performance, and schedule goals.
- (7) *Risks*. Discuss technical, cost, and schedule risks and describe what efforts are planned or underway to reduce risk and the consequences of failure to achieve goals. If concurrency of development and production is planned, discuss its effects on cost and schedule risks.
- (8) Acquisition streamlining. If specifically designated by the requiring agency as a program subject to acquisition streamlining, discuss plans and procedures to—
- (i) Encourage industry participation by using draft solicitations, presolicitation conferences, and other means of stimulating industry involvement during design and development in recommending the most appropriate application and tailoring of contract requirements;
- (ii) Select and tailor only the necessary and costeffective requirements; and
- (iii) State the timeframe for identifying which of those specifications and standards, originally provided for guidance only, shall become mandatory.
  - (b) Plan of action—(1) Sources.
- (i) Indicate the prospective sources of supplies or services that can meet the need.
- (ii) Consider required sources of supplies or services (see <u>part 8</u>) and sources identifiable through databases including the Governmentwide database of contracts and other procurement instruments intended for use by multiple agencies available at <a href="https://www.contractdirectory.gov/contractdirectory/">https://www.contractdirectory.gov/contractdirectory/</a>.

- (iii) Include consideration of small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concerns (see part 19).
- (iv) Consider the impact of any consolidation or bundling that might affect their participation in the acquisition (see 7.107) (15 U.S.C. 644(e) and 15 U.S.C. 657q). When the proposed acquisition strategy involves bundling, identify the incumbent contractors and contracts affected by the bundling.
- (v) Address the extent and results of the market research and indicate their impact on the various elements of the plan (see part 10).
- (2) *Competition*.(i) Describe how competition will be sought, promoted, and sustained throughout the course of the acquisition. If full and open competition is not contemplated, cite the authority in <u>6.302</u>, discuss the basis for the application of that authority, identify the source(s), and discuss why full and open competition cannot be obtained.
- (ii) Identify the major components or subsystems. Discuss component breakout plans relative to these major components or subsystems. Describe how competition will be sought, promoted, and sustained for these components or subsystems.
- (iii) Describe how competition will be sought, promoted, and sustained for spares and repair parts. Identify the key logistic milestones, such as technical data delivery schedules and acquisition method coding conferences, that affect competition.
- (iv) When effective subcontract competition is both feasible and desirable, describe how such subcontract competition will be sought, promoted, and sustained throughout the course of the acquisition. Identify any known barriers to increasing subcontract competition and address how to overcome them.
- (3) Contract type selection. Discuss the rationale for the selection of contract type. For other than firm-fixed-price contracts, see 16.103(d) for additional documentation guidance. Acquisition personnel shall document the acquisition plan with findings that detail the particular facts and circumstances, (e.g., complexity of the requirements, uncertain duration of the work, contractor's technical capability and financial responsibility, or adequacy of the contractor's accounting system), and associated reasoning essential to support the contract type selection. The contracting officer shall ensure that requirements and technical personnel provide the necessary documentation to support the contract type selection.
- (4) Source-selection procedures. Discuss the source-selection procedures for the acquisition, including the timing for submission and evaluation of proposals, and the relationship of evaluation factors to the attainment of the acquisition objectives (see <a href="subpart 15.3">subpart 15.3</a>). When an EVMS is required (see FAR <a href="34.202">34.202</a>(a)) and a pre-award IBR is contemplated, the acquisition plan must discuss—
- (i) How the pre-award IBR will be considered in the source selection decision;

- (ii) How it will be conducted in the source selection process (see FAR 15.306); and
- (iii) Whether offerors will be directly compensated for the costs of participating in a pre-award IBR.
- (5) Acquisition considerations. (i) For each contract contemplated, discuss use of multiyear contracting, options, or other special contracting methods (see part 17); any special clauses, special solicitation provisions, or FAR deviations required (see subpart 1.4); whether sealed bidding or negotiation will be used and why; whether equipment will be acquired by lease or purchase (see subpart 7.4) and why; and any other contracting considerations. Provide rationale if a performance-based acquisition will not be used or if a performance-based acquisition for services is contemplated on other than a firm-fixed-price basis (see 37.102(a), 16.103(d), and 16.505(a)(3)).
  - (ii) For each order contemplated, discuss—
- (A) For information technology acquisitions, how the capital planning and investment control requirements of 40 U.S.C. 11312 and OMB Circular A-130 will be met (see 7.103(v) and part 39); and
- (B) Why this action benefits the Government, such as when—
- (1) The agency can accomplish its mission more efficiently and effectively (e.g., take advantage of the servicing agency's specialized expertise; or gain access to contractors with needed expertise); or
- (2) Ordering through an indefinite delivery contract facilitates access to small business concerns, including small disadvantaged business concerns, 8(a) contractors, women-owned small business concerns, HUBZone small business concerns, or service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.
- (iii) For information technology acquisitions using Internet Protocol, discuss whether the requirements documents include the Internet Protocol compliance requirements specified in <a href="11.002">11.002</a>(g) or a waiver of these requirements has been granted by the agency's Chief Information Officer.
- (iv) For each contract (and order) contemplated, discuss the strategy to transition to firm-fixed-price contracts to the maximum extent practicable. During the requirements development stage, consider structuring the contract requirements, *i.e.*, line items, in a manner that will permit some, if not all, of the requirements to be awarded on a firm-fixed-price basis, either in the current contract, future option years, or follow-on contracts. This will facilitate an easier transition to a firm-fixed-price contract, because a cost history will be developed for a recurring definitive requirement.
- (6) Budgeting and funding. Include budget estimates, explain how they were derived, and discuss the schedule for obtaining adequate funds at the time they are required (see subpart 32.7).
- (7) Product or service descriptions. Explain the choice of product or service description types (including performance-based acquisition descriptions) to be used in the acquisition.
- (8) *Priorities, allocations, and allotments.* When urgency of the requirement dictates a particularly short delivery or performance schedule, certain priorities may apply. If

so, specify the method for obtaining and using priorities, allocations, and allotments, and the reasons for them (see subpart 11.6).

- (9) Contractor versus Government performance. Address the consideration given to OMB Circular No. A-76 (see subpart 7.3).
- (10) *Inherently governmental functions*. Address the consideration given to subpart 7.5.
- (11) Management information requirements. Discuss, as appropriate, what management system will be used by the Government to monitor the contractor's effort. If an Earned Value Management System is to be used, discuss the methodology the Government will employ to analyze and use the earned value data to assess and monitor contract performance. In addition, discuss how the offeror's/contractor's EVMS will be verified for compliance with the Electronic Industries Alliance Standard 748 (EIA-748), Earned Value Management Systems, and the timing and conduct of integrated baseline reviews (whether prior to or post award). (See 34.202.)
- (12) *Make or buy*. Discuss any consideration given to make-or-buy programs (see 15.407-2).
- (13) Test and evaluation. To the extent applicable, describe the test program of the contractor and the Government. Describe the test program for each major phase of a major system acquisition. If concurrency is planned, discuss the extent of testing to be accomplished before production release.

# (14) Logistics considerations. Describe—

- (i) The assumptions determining contractor or agency support, both initially and over the life of the acquisition, including consideration of contractor or agency maintenance and servicing (see <a href="subpart 7.3">subport for contracts to be performed in a designated operational area or supporting a diplomatic or consular mission (see <a href="25.301-3">25.301-3</a>); and distribution of commercial items;
- (ii) The reliability, maintainability, and quality assurance requirements, including any planned use of warranties (see part 46);
- (iii) The requirements for contractor data (including repurchase data) and data rights, their estimated cost, and the use to be made of the data (see part 27); and
- (iv) Standardization concepts, including the necessity to designate, in accordance with agency procedures, technical equipment as "standard" so that future purchases of the equipment can be made from the same manufacturing source.
- (15) Government-furnished property. Indicate any Government property to be furnished to contractors, and discuss any associated considerations, such as its availability or the schedule for its acquisition (see 45.102).
- (16) Government-furnished information. Discuss any Government information, such as manuals, drawings, and test data, to be provided to prospective offerors and contractors. Indicate which information that requires additional controls to monitor access and distribution (e.g., technical specifications, maps, building designs, schedules, etc.), as determined by the agency, is to be posted via the enhanced controls of the GPE at <a href="https://www.fbo.gov">https://www.fbo.gov</a> (see <a href="5.102">5.102</a>(a)).
- (17) Environmental and energy conservation objectives. Discuss all applicable environmental and energy con-

- servation objectives associated with the acquisition (see part 23), the applicability of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (see 40 CFR 1502), the proposed resolution of environmental issues, and any environmentally-related requirements to be included in solicitations and contracts (see 11.002 and 11.303).
- (18) Security considerations. (i) For acquisitions dealing with classified matters, discuss how adequate security will be established, maintained, and monitored (see subpart 4.4).
- (ii) For information technology acquisitions, discuss how agency information security requirements will be met.
- (iii) For acquisitions requiring routine contractor physical access to a Federally-controlled facility and/or routine access to a Federally-controlled information system, discuss how agency requirements for personal identity verification of contractors will be met (see subpart 4.13).
- (iv) or acquisitions that may require Federal contract information to reside in or transit through contractor information systems, discuss compliance with subpart 4.19.
- (19) Contract administration. Describe how the contract will be administered. In contracts for services, include how inspection and acceptance corresponding to the work statement's performance criteria will be enforced.
  - (20) Other considerations. Discuss, as applicable:
    - (i) Standardization concepts;
    - (ii) The industrial readiness program;
    - (iii) The Defense Production Act;
    - (iv) The Occupational Safety and Health Act;
- (v) Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002 (SAFETY Act) (see <u>subpart 50.2</u>);
  - (vi) Foreign sales implications;
- (vii) Special requirements for contracts to be performed in a designated operational area or supporting a diplomatic or consular mission; and
- (viii) Any other matters germane to the plan not covered elsewhere.
- (21) *Milestones for the acquisition cycle*. Address the following steps and any others appropriate:

Acquisition plan approval.

Statement of work.

Specifications.

Data requirements.

Completion of acquisition-package preparation.

Purchase request.

Justification and approval for other than full and open competition where applicable and/or any required D&F approval.

Issuance of synopsis.

Issuance of solicitation.

Evaluation of proposals, audits, and field reports.

Beginning and completion of negotiations.

Contract preparation, review, and clearance.

Contract award.

(22) *Identification of participants in acquisition plan preparation*. List the individuals who participated in preparing the acquisition plan, giving contact information for each.

## 7.106 Additional requirements for major systems.

- (a) In planning for the solicitation of a major system (see part 34) development contract, planners shall consider requiring offerors to include, in their offers, proposals to incorporate in the design of a major system—
- (1) Items which are currently available within the supply system of the agency responsible for the major system, available elsewhere in the national supply system, or commercially available from more than one source; and
- (2) Items which the Government will be able to acquire competitively in the future if they are likely to be needed in substantial quantities during the system's service life.
- (b) In planning for the solicitation of a major system (see part 34) production contract, planners shall consider requiring offerors to include, in their offers, proposals identifying opportunities to assure that the Government will be able to obtain, on a competitive basis, items acquired in connection with the system that are likely to be acquired in substantial quantities during the service life of the system. Proposals submitted in response to such requirements may include the following:
- (1) Proposals to provide the Government the right to use technical data to be provided under the contract for competitive future acquisitions, together with the cost to the Government, if any, of acquiring such technical data and the right to use such data.
- (2) Proposals for the qualification or development of multiple sources of supply for competitive future acquisitions.
- (c) In determining whether to apply paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, planners shall consider the purposes for which the system is being acquired and the technology necessary to meet the system's required capabilities. If such proposals are required, the contracting officer shall consider them in evaluating competing offers. In noncompetitive awards, the factors in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, may be considered by the contracting officer as objectives in negotiating the contract.

# 7.107 Additional requirements for acquisitions involving consolidation, bundling, or substantial bundling.

#### 7.107-1 General.

- (a) If the requirement is considered both consolidated and bundled, the agency shall follow the guidance regarding bundling in 7.107-3 and 7.107-4.
  - (b) The requirements of this section 7.107 do not apply—
- (1) If a cost comparison analysis will be performed in accordance with OMB Circular A-76 (except 7.107-4 still applies);
- (2) To orders placed under single-agency task-order contracts or delivery-order contracts, when the requirement was considered in determining that the consolidation or bundling of the underlying contract was necessary and justified; or
- (3) To requirements for which there is a mandatory source (see <u>8.002</u> or <u>8.003</u>), including supplies and services that are on the Procurement List maintained by the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Dis-

- abled or the Schedule of Products issued by Federal Prison Industries, Inc. This exception does not apply—
- (i) When the requiring agency obtains a waiver in accordance with 8.604 or an exception in accordance with 8.605 or 8.706; or
- (ii) When optional acquisitions of supplies and services permitted under 8.713 are included.

# 7.107-2 Consolidation.

- (a) Consolidation may provide substantial benefits to the Government. However, because of the potential impact on small business participation, before conducting an acquisition that is a consolidation of requirements with an estimated total dollar value exceeding \$2 million, the senior procurement executive or chief acquisition officer shall make a written determination that the consolidation is necessary and justified in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 657q, after ensuring that—
  - (1) Market research has been conducted;
- (2) Any alternative contracting approaches that would involve a lesser degree of consolidation have been identified;
- (3) The determination is coordinated with the agency's Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization or the Office of Small Business Programs;
- (4) Any negative impact by the acquisition strategy on contracting with small business concerns has been identified; and
- (5) Steps are taken to include small business concerns in the acquisition strategy.
- (b) The senior procurement executive or chief acquisition officer may determine that the consolidation is necessary and justified if the benefits of the acquisition would substantially exceed the benefits that would be derived from each of the alternative contracting approaches identified under paragraph (a)(2) of this subsection, including benefits that are quantifiable in dollar amounts as well as any other specifically identified benefits.
- (c) Such benefits may include cost savings or price reduction and, regardless of whether quantifiable in dollar amounts—
- (1) Quality improvements that will save time or improve or enhance performance or efficiency;
  - (2) Reduction in acquisition cycle times;
  - (3) Better terms and conditions; or
  - (4) Any other benefit.
- (d) *Benefits*. (1) Benefits that are quantifiable in dollar amounts are substantial if individually, in combination, or in the aggregate the anticipated financial benefits are equivalent to—
- (i) Ten percent of the estimated contract or order value (including options) if the value is \$94 million or less; or
- (ii) Five percent of the estimated contract or order value (including options) or \$9.4 million, whichever is greater, if the value exceeds \$94 million.

# **Subpart 8.4—Federal Supply Schedules**

#### 8.401 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

"Ordering activity" means an activity that is authorized to place orders, or establish blanket purchase agreements (BPA), against the General Services Administration's (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule contracts. A list of eligible ordering activities is available at <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/schedules">http://www.gsa.gov/schedules</a> (click "For Customers Ordering from Schedules" and then "Eligibility to Use GSA Sources").

"Multiple Award Schedule (MAS)" means contracts awarded by GSA or the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for similar or comparable supplies, or services, established with more than one supplier, at varying prices. The primary statutory authorities for the MAS program are 41 U.S.C. 152(3), Competitive Procedures, and 40 U.S.C. 501, Services for Executive Agencies.

"Requiring agency" means the agency needing the supplies or services.

"Schedules e-Library" means the on-line source for GSA and VA Federal Supply Schedule contract award information. Schedules e-Library may be accessed at <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/elibrary">http://www.gsa.gov/elibrary</a>.

"Special Item Number (SIN)" means a group of generically similar (but not identical) supplies or services that are intended to serve the same general purpose or function.

#### 8.402 General.

(a) The Federal Supply Schedule program is also known as the GSA Schedules Program or the Multiple Award Schedule Program. The Federal Supply Schedule program is directed and managed by GSA and provides Federal agencies (see 8.004) with a simplified process for obtaining commercial supplies and services at prices associated with volume buying. Indefinite delivery contracts are awarded to provide supplies and services at stated prices for given periods of time. GSA may delegate certain responsibilities to other agencies (e.g., GSA has delegated authority to the VA to procure medical supplies under the VA Federal Supply Schedules program). Orders issued under the VA Federal Supply Schedule program are covered by this subpart. Additionally, the Department of Defense (DoD) manages similar systems of scheduletype contracting for military items; however, DoD systems are not covered by this subpart.

(b) GSA schedule contracts require all schedule contractors to publish an "Authorized Federal Supply Schedule Pricelist" (pricelist). The pricelist contains all supplies and services offered by a schedule contractor. In addition, each pricelist contains the pricing and the terms and conditions pertaining to each Special Item Number that is on schedule. The schedule contractor is required to provide one copy of its pricelist to any ordering activity upon request. Also, a copy of

the pricelist may be obtained from the Federal Supply Service submitting a written e-mail request schedules.infocenter@gsa.gov or by telephone 1-800-488-3111. This subpart, together with the pricelists, contain necessary information for placing delivery or task orders with schedule contractors. In addition, the GSA schedule contracting office issues Federal Supply Schedules publications that contain a general overview of the Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) program and address pertinent topics. Ordering activities may request copies of schedules publications by contacting the Centralized Mailing List Service through the Internet at http://www.gsa.gov/cmls, submitting written email requests to CMLS@gsa.gov; or by completing GSA Form 457, FSS Publications Mailing List Application, and mailing it to the GSA Centralized Mailing List Service (7SM), P.O. Box 6477, Fort Worth, TX 76115. Copies of GSA Form 457 may also be obtained from the above-referenced points of contact.

(c)(1) GSA offers an on-line shopping service called "GSA Advantage!" through which ordering activities may place orders against Schedules. (Ordering activities may also use GSA Advantage! to place orders through GSA's Global Supply System, a GSA wholesale supply source, formerly known as "GSA Stock" or the "Customer Supply Center." FAR subpart 8.4 is not applicable to orders placed through the GSA Global Supply System.) Ordering activities may access GSA Advantage! through the GSA Federal Supply Service Home Page (<a href="http://www.gsa.gov/fas">http://www.gsa.gov/fas</a>) or the GSA Federal Supply Schedule Home Page at <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/schedules">http://www.gsa.gov/schedules</a>.

- (2) GSA Advantage! enables ordering activities to search specific information (*i.e.*, national stock number, part number, common name), review delivery options, place orders directly with Schedule contractors (except see <u>8.405-6</u>) and pay for orders using the Governmentwide commercial purchase card.
- (d)(1) *e-Buy*, GSA's electronic Request for Quotation (RFQ) system, is a part of a suite of on-line tools which complement GSA Advantage!. E-Buy allows ordering activities to post requirements, obtain quotes, and issue orders electronically. Posting an RFQ on e-Buy—
- (i) Is one medium for providing fair notice to all schedule contractors offering such supplies and services as required by 8.405-1, 8.405-2, and 8.405-3; and
- (ii) Is required when an order contains brand-name specifications (see 8.405-6).
- (2) Ordering activities may access e-Buy at <a href="http://www.ebuy.gsa.gov">http://www.ebuy.gsa.gov</a>. For more information or assistance on either GSA Advantage! or e-Buy, contact GSA at Internet e-mail address <a href="gsa.advantage@gsa.gov">gsa.advantage@gsa.gov</a>.
- (e) For more information or assistance regarding the Federal Supply Schedule Program, review the following website: <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/schedules">http://www.gsa.gov/schedules</a>. Additionally, for on-line train-

ing courses regarding the Schedules Program, review the following website: <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/training">http://www.gsa.gov/training</a>.

- (f) For administrative convenience, an ordering activity contracting officer may add items not on the Federal Supply Schedule (also referred to as open market items) to a Federal Supply Schedule blanket purchase agreement (BPA) or an individual task or delivery order only if—
- (1) All applicable acquisition regulations pertaining to the purchase of the items not on the Federal Supply Schedule have been followed (*e.g.*, publicizing (<u>Part 5</u>), competition requirements (<u>Part 6</u>), acquisition of commercial items (<u>Part 12</u>), contracting methods (<u>Parts 13</u>, <u>14</u>, and <u>15</u>), and small business programs (<u>Part 19</u>));
- (2) The ordering activity contracting officer has determined the price for the items not on the Federal Supply Schedule is fair and reasonable;
- (3) The items are clearly labeled on the order as items not on the Federal Supply Schedule and they conform to the rules for numbering line items at subpart 4.10; and
- (4) All clauses applicable to items not on the Federal Supply Schedule are included in the order.
- (g) When using the Governmentwide commercial purchase card as a method of payment, orders at or below the micro-purchase threshold are exempt from verification in the System for Award Management as to whether the contractor has a delinquent debt subject to collection under the Treasury Offset Program (TOP).

#### 8.403 Applicability.

- (a) Procedures in this subpart apply to—
- (1) Individual orders for supplies or services placed against Federal Supply Schedules contracts; and
- (2) BPAs established against Federal Supply Schedule contracts.
- (b) GSA may establish special ordering procedures for a particular schedule. In this case, that schedule will specify those special ordering procedures. Unless otherwise noted, special ordering procedures established for a Federal Supply Schedule take precedence over the procedures in 8.405.

# **Note**: GSA-established ordering procedures for Order-Level Materials can be found at GSAR subpart 538-72.

- (c) In accordance with section 1427(b) of Public Law 108-136 (40 U.S.C. 1103 note), for requirements that substantially or to a dominant extent specify performance of architect-engineer services (as defined in 2.101), agencies—
  - (1) Shall use the procedures at subpart 36.6; and
- (2) Shall not place orders for such requirements under a Federal Supply Schedule.

# 8.404 Use of Federal Supply Schedules.

(a) General. Parts 13 (except 13.303-2(c)(3)), 14, 15, and 19 (except for the requirement at 19.202-1(e)(1)(iii)) do not

- apply to BPAs or orders placed against Federal Supply Schedules contracts (but see <u>8.405-5</u>). BPAs and orders placed against a MAS, using the procedures in this subpart, are considered to be issued using full and open competition (see <u>6.102(d)(3)</u>). Therefore, when establishing a BPA (as authorized by <u>13.303-2(c)(3)</u>), or placing orders under Federal Supply Schedule contracts using the procedures of <u>8.405</u>, ordering activities shall not seek competition outside of the Federal Supply Schedules or synopsize the requirement; but see paragraph (g) of this section.
- (b)(1) The contracting officer, when placing an order or establishing a BPA, is responsible for applying the regulatory and statutory requirements applicable to the agency for which the order is placed or the BPA is established. The requiring agency shall provide the information on the applicable regulatory and statutory requirements to the contracting officer responsible for placing the order.
- (2) For orders over \$550,000, see subpart 17.5 for additional requirements for interagency acquisitions. For example, the requiring agency shall make a determination that use of the Federal Supply Schedule is the best procurement approach, in accordance with 17.502-1(a).
- (c) *Acquisition planning*. Orders placed under a Federal Supply Schedule contract—
- (1) Are not exempt from the development of acquisition plans (see <u>subpart 7.1</u>), and an information technology acquisition strategy (see Part 39);
- (2) Shall comply with all FAR requirements for a consolidated or bundled contract when the order meets the definition at 2.101(b) of "consolidation" or "bundling"; and
- (3) Must, whether placed by the requiring agency, or on behalf of the requiring agency, be consistent with the requiring agency's statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the acquisition of the supply or service.
- (d) Pricing. Supplies offered on the schedule are listed at fixed prices. Services offered on the schedule are priced either at hourly rates, or at a fixed price for performance of a specific task (e.g., installation, maintenance, and repair). GSA has already determined the prices of supplies and fixed-price services, and rates for services offered at hourly rates, under schedule contracts to be fair and reasonable. Therefore, ordering activities are not required to make a separate determination of fair and reasonable pricing, except for a price evaluation as required by 8.405-2(d). By placing an order against a schedule contract using the procedures in 8.405, the ordering activity has concluded that the order represents the best value (as defined in FAR 2.101) and results in the lowest overall cost alternative (considering price, special features, administrative costs, etc.) to meet the Government's needs. Although GSA has already negotiated fair and reasonable pricing, ordering activities may seek additional discounts before placing an order (see 8.405-4).

# 9.108 Prohibition on contracting with inverted domestic corporations.

# 9.108-1 Definitions.

As used in this section—

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

"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.

#### 9.108-2 Prohibition.

- (a) Section 745 of Division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Pub. L. 110-161) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions) prohibit, on a Governmentwide basis, the use of appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with either an inverted domestic corporation, or a subsidiary of such a corporation, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section and in 9.108-4 Waiver.
- (b)(1) Section 745 and its successor provisions include the following exception: This section shall not apply to any Federal Government contract entered into before the date of the enactment of this Act, or to any task order issued pursuant to such contract.
- (2) To ensure appropriate application of the prohibition and this exception, contracting officers should consult with legal counsel if, during the performance of a contract, a contractor becomes an inverted domestic corporation or a subsidiary of one.

# 9.108-3 Representation by the offeror.

- (a) In order to be eligible for contract award, an offeror must represent that it is neither an inverted domestic corporation, nor a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation. Any offeror that cannot so represent is ineligible for award of a contract, unless waived in accordance with the procedures at 9.108-4.
- (b) The contracting officer may rely on an offeror's representation that it is not an inverted domestic corporation unless the contracting officer has reason to question the representation.

## 9.108-4 Waiver.

Any agency head may waive the prohibition in subsection 9.108-2 and the requirement of subsection 9.108-3 for a specific contract if the agency head determines in writing that the waiver is required in the interest of national security, documents the determination, and reports it to the Congress.

#### 9.108-5 Solicitation provision and contract clause.

The contracting officer shall—

- (a) Include the provision at <u>52.209-2</u>, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations—Representation, in each solicitation for the acquisition of products or services (including construction); and
- (b) Include the clause at <u>52.209-10</u>, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations, in each solicitation and contract for the acquisition of products or services (including construction).

# 9.109 Prohibition on contracting with an entity involved in activities that violate arms control treaties or agreements with the United States.

# 9.109-1 Authority.

This section implements 22 U.S.C. 2593e.

#### 9.109-2 Prohibition.

Contracting officers shall not award, renew, or extend a contract for the procurement of products or services with an entity identified as excluded in the System for Award Management specifically for this subpart, on the basis of involvement in activities that violate arms control treaties or agreements with the United States.

# 9.109-3 Exception.

The prohibition in 9.109-2 does not apply to contracts for the procurement of products or services along a major route of supply to a zone of active combat or major contingency operation, as specified in statute or by the cognizant Combatant Commander, in consultation with the Chief of Mission. As of May 10, 2018, countries along the major route of supply to support operations in Afghanistan are Afghanistan, Georgia, the Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Tajikistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan.

# 9.109-4 Certification by the offeror.

- (a) In order to be eligible for contract award, an offeror is required to—
- (1)(i) Certify that it does not engage and has not engaged in any activity that contributed to or was a significant factor in the President's or Secretary of State's determination that a foreign country is in violation of its obligations undertaken in any arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or is not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. The determinations are described in the most recent unclassified annual report provided to Congress pursuant to section 403 of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act (22 U.S.C. 2593a). The report is available via the Internet at https://www.state.gov/t/avc/rls/rpt/; and

- (ii) Similarly certify with regard to any entity owned or controlled by the offeror; or
- (2) Provide with its offer information that the President of the United States has—
- (i) Waived application under <u>22 U.S.C. 2593e(d)</u> or (e); or
- (ii) Determined under 22 U.S.C. 2593e(g)(2) that the entity has ceased all activities for which measures were imposed under 22 U.S.C.2593e(b).
- (b) If certifying in accordance with <u>52.209-13(b)(1)</u>, the Offeror is required to submit the certification with the offer. It is not included in the annual representations and certifications in the System for Award Management.
- (c) The contracting officer may rely on an offeror's certification unless the contracting officer has reason to question the certification.

(d) An offeror that falsely certifies under <u>52.209-13</u> will be subject to such remedies as suspension or debarment for a period of not less than 2 years, subject to the procedures set forth in <u>subpart 9.4</u> (including 9.406-1 or 9.407-1), or termination of any contract resulting from the false certification.

# 9.109-5 Solicitation provision.

Unless the exception at <u>9.109-3</u> applies, the contracting officer shall include the provision at <u>52.209-13</u>, Violation of Arms Control Treaties or Agreements-Certification, in each solicitation for the acquisition of products or services (including construction) that exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold, other than solicitations for the acquisition of commercial items.

# Subpart 9.4—Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility

# 9.400 Scope of subpart.

- (a) This subpart—
- (1) Prescribes policies and procedures governing the debarment and suspension of contractors by agencies for the causes given in 9.406-2 and 9.407-2;
- (2) Provides for the listing of contractors debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, and declared ineligible (see the definition of "ineligible" in 2.101); and
  - (3) Sets forth the consequences of this listing.
- (b) Although this subpart does cover the listing of ineligible contractors (9.404) and the effect of this listing (9.405(b)), it does not prescribe policies and procedures governing declarations of ineligibility.

# 9.401 Applicability.

In accordance with Public Law 103-355, Section 2455 (31 U.S.C. 6101, note), and Executive Order 12689, any debarment, suspension or other Governmentwide exclusion initiated under the Nonprocurement Common Rule implementing Executive Order 12549 on or after August 25, 1995, shall be recognized by and effective for Executive Branch agencies as a debarment or suspension under this subpart. Similarly, any debarment, suspension, proposed debarment or other Governmentwide exclusion initiated on or after August 25, 1995, under this subpart shall also be recognized by and effective for those agencies and participants as an exclusion under the Nonprocurement Common Rule.

# 9.402 Policy.

- (a) Agencies shall solicit offers from, award contracts to, and consent to subcontracts with responsible contractors only. Debarment and suspension are discretionary actions that, taken in accordance with this subpart, are appropriate means to effectuate this policy.
- (b) The serious nature of debarment and suspension requires that these sanctions be imposed only in the public interest for the Government's protection and not for purposes of punishment. Agencies shall impose debarment or suspension to protect the Government's interest and only for the causes and in accordance with the procedures set forth in this subpart.
- (c) Agencies are encouraged to establish methods and procedures for coordinating their debarment or suspension actions.
- (d) When more than one agency has an interest in the debarment or suspension of a contractor, the Interagency Committee on Debarment and Suspension, established under Executive Order 12549, and authorized by Section 873 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Pub. L. 110-417) (31 U.S.C. 6101, note), shall resolve the lead agency issue and coordinate such resolution among all

interested agencies prior to the initiation of any suspension, debarment, or related administrative action by any agency.

(e) Agencies shall establish appropriate procedures to implement the policies and procedures of this subpart.

#### 9.403 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

"Affiliates." Business concerns, organizations, or individuals are affiliates of each other if, directly or indirectly, (1) either one controls or has the power to control the other, or (2) a third party controls or has the power to control both. Indicia of control include, but are not limited to, interlocking management or ownership, identity of interests among family members, shared facilities and equipment, common use of employees, or a business entity organized following the debarment, suspension, or proposed debarment of a contractor which has the same or similar management, ownership, or principal employees as the contractor that was debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment.

"Agency" means any executive department, military department or defense agency, or other agency or independent establishment of the executive branch.

"Civil judgment" means a judgment or finding of a civil offense by any court of competent jurisdiction.

"Contractor" means any individual or other legal entity that—

- (1) Directly or indirectly (e.g., through an affiliate), submits offers for or is awarded, or reasonably may be expected to submit offers for or be awarded, a Government contract, including a contract for carriage under Government or commercial bills of lading, or a subcontract under a Government contract; or
- (2) Conducts business, or reasonably may be expected to conduct business, with the Government as an agent or representative of another contractor.

"Debarring official" means—

- (1) An agency head; or
- (2) A designee authorized by the agency head to impose debarment.

"Indictment" means indictment for a criminal offense. An information or other filing by competent authority charging a criminal offense is given the same effect as an indictment.

"Legal proceedings" means any civil judicial proceeding to which the Government is a party or any criminal proceeding. The term includes appeals from such proceedings.

"Nonprocurement Common Rule" means the procedures used by Federal Executive Agencies to suspend, debar, or exclude individuals or entities from participation in nonprocurement transactions under Executive Order 12549. Examples of nonprocurement transactions are grants, cooperative agreements, scholarships, fellowships, contracts of assistance, loans, loan guarantees, subsidies, insurance, payments for specified use, and donation agreements.

"Suspending official" means—

(1) An agency head; or

- (2) A designee authorized by the agency head to impose suspension.
- "Unfair trade practices" means the commission of any or the following acts by a contractor:
- (1) A violation of Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337) as determined by the International Trade Commission.
- (2) A violation, as determined by the Secretary of Commerce, of any agreement of the group known as the "Coordination Committee" for purposes of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2401, et seq.) or any similar bilateral or multilateral export control agreement.
- (3) A knowingly false statement regarding a material element of a certification concerning the foreign content of an item of supply, as determined by the Secretary of the Department or the head of the agency to which such certificate was furnished.

# 9.404 Exclusions in the System for Award Management.

- (a) The General Services Administration (GSA)—
- (1) Operates the web-based System for Award Management (SAM), which contains exclusion records; and
- (2) Provides technical assistance to Federal agencies in the use of SAM.
  - (b) An exclusion record in SAM-
- (1) Names and addresses of the entities debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or excluded or disqualified under the nonprocurement common rule, with cross-references when more than one name is involved in a single action;
- (2) Name of the agency or other authority taking the action;
- (3) Cause for the action (see 9.406-2 and 9.407-2 for causes authorized under this subpart) or other statutory or regulatory authority;
  - (4) Effect of the action;
  - (5) Termination date for each listing;
  - (6) Unique Entity Identifier;
- (7) Social Security Number (SSN), Employer Identification Number (EIN), or other Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), if available; and
- (8) Name and telephone number of the agency point of contact for the action.
  - (c) Each agency shall—
- (1) Identify the individual(s) responsible for entering and updating exclusions data in SAM and assign the appropriate roles;
- (2) Remove the exclusion roles in SAM when the individual leaves the organization or changes functions;
  - (3) For each exclusion accomplished by the Agency-
- (i) Enter the information required by paragraph (b) of this section within 3 working days after the action becomes effective;

- (ii) Determine whether it is legally permitted to enter the SSN, EIN, or other TIN, under agency authority to suspend or debar; and
- (iii) Update the exclusion record in SAM, generally within 5 working days after modifying or rescinding an action;
- (4) In accordance with internal retention procedures, maintain records relating to each debarment, suspension, or proposed debarment taken by the agency;
- (5) Establish procedures to ensure that the agency does not solicit offers from, award contracts to, or consent to subcontracts with contractors who have an active exclusion record in SAM, except as otherwise provided in this subpart;
- (6) Direct inquiries concerning listed contractors and other entities to the agency or other authority that took the action; and
- (7) Contact GSA for technical assistance with SAM, via the support e-mail address or on the technical support phone line
  - (d) SAM is available via https://www.sam.gov.

# 9.405 Effect of listing.

- (a) Contractors debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment are excluded from receiving contracts, and agencies shall not solicit offers from, award contracts to, or consent to subcontracts with these contractors, unless the agency head determines that there is a compelling reason for such action (see 9.405-1(b), 9.405-2, 9.406-1(c), 9.407-1(d), and 23.506(e)). Contractors debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment are also excluded from conducting business with the Government as agents or representatives of other contractors.
- (b) Contractors and other entities that have an active exclusion record in SAM because they have been declared ineligible on the basis of statutory or other regulatory procedures are excluded from receiving contracts, and if applicable, subcontracts, under the conditions and for the period set forth in the statute or regulation. Agencies shall not solicit offers from, award contracts to, or consent to subcontracts with these contractors under those conditions and for that period. In addition, agencies shall not extend contracts with contractors that have been declared ineligible pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2593e.
- (c) Contractors debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment are excluded from acting as individual sureties (see Part 28).
- (d)(1) After the opening of bids or receipt of proposals or quotes, the contracting officer shall review the exclusion records in SAM.
- (2) Bids received from any listed contractor in response to an invitation for bids shall be entered on the abstract of bids, and rejected unless the agency head determines in writing that there is a compelling reason to consider the bid.

- (3) Proposals, quotations, or offers received from any listed contractor shall not be evaluated for award or included in the competitive range, nor shall discussions be conducted with a listed offeror during a period of ineligibility, unless the agency head determines, in writing, that there is a compelling reason to do so. If the period of ineligibility expires or is terminated prior to award, the contracting officer may, but is not required to, consider such proposals, quotations, or offers.
- (4) Immediately prior to award, the contracting officer shall again review the exclusion records in SAM to ensure that no award is made to a listed contractor.

#### 9.405-1 Continuation of current contracts.

- (a) Notwithstanding the debarment, suspension, or proposed debarment of a contractor, agencies may continue contracts or subcontracts in existence at the time the contractor was debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment unless the agency head directs otherwise. A decision as to the type of termination action, if any, to be taken should be made only after review by agency contracting and technical personnel and by counsel to ensure the propriety of the proposed action.
- (b) For contractors debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment, unless the agency head makes a written determination of the compelling reasons for doing so, ordering activities shall not—
- (1) Place orders exceeding the guaranteed minimum under indefinite quantity contracts;
- (2) Place orders under Federal Supply Schedule contracts, blanket purchase agreements, or basic ordering agreements; or
- (3) Add new work, exercise options, or otherwise extend the duration of current contracts or orders.

## 9.405-2 Restrictions on subcontracting.

- (a) When a contractor debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment is proposed as a subcontractor for any subcontract subject to Government consent (see Subpart 44.2), contracting officers shall not consent to subcontracts with such contractors unless the agency head states in writing the compelling reasons for this approval action. (See 9.405(b) concerning declarations of ineligibility affecting sub-contracting.)
- (b) The Government suspends or debars contractors to protect the Government's interests. By operation of the clause at 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interests When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended or Proposed for Debarment, contractors shall not enter into any subcontract in excess of \$35,000, other than a subcontract for a commercially available off-the-shelf item, with a contractor that has been debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment unless there is a compelling reason to do so. If a contractor intends to enter into a subcontract in excess of \$35,000, other than a subcontract for a commercially available off-the-shelf item, with a party that is debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment as evidenced by the party's having an active exclu-

- sion record in SAM (see 9.404), a corporate officer or designee of the contractor is required by operation of the clause at 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interests when Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment, to notify the contracting officer, in writing, before entering into such subcontract. For contracts for the acquisition of commercial items, the notification requirement applies only for first-tier subcontracts. For all other contracts, the notification requirement applies to subcontracts at any tier. The notice must provide the following:
  - (1) The name of the subcontractor;
- (2) The contractor's knowledge of the reasons for the subcontractor having an active exclusion record in SAM;
- (3) The compelling reason(s) for doing business with the subcontractor notwithstanding its having an active exclusion record in SAM; and
- (4) The systems and procedures the contractor has established to ensure that it is fully protecting the Government's interests when dealing with such subcontractor in view of the specific basis for the party's debarment, suspension, or proposed debarment.
- (c) The contractor's compliance with the requirements of <u>52.209-6</u> will be reviewed during Contractor Purchasing System Reviews (see <u>Subpart 44.3</u>).

#### 9.406 Debarment.

#### 9.406-1 General.

- (a) It is the debarring official's responsibility to determine whether debarment is in the Government's interest. The debarring official may, in the public interest, debar a contractor for any of the causes in 9.406-2, using the procedures in 9.406-3. The existence of a cause for debarment, however, does not necessarily require that the contractor be debarred; the seriousness of the contractor's acts or omissions and any remedial measures or mitigating factors should be considered in making any debarment decision. Before arriving at any debarment decision, the debarring official should consider factors such as the following:
- (1) Whether the contractor had effective standards of conduct and internal control systems in place at the time of the activity which constitutes cause for debarment or had adopted such procedures prior to any Government investigation of the activity cited as a cause for debarment.
- (2) Whether the contractor brought the activity cited as a cause for debarment to the attention of the appropriate Government agency in a timely manner.
- (3) Whether the contractor has fully investigated the circumstances surrounding the cause for debarment and, if so, made the result of the investigation available to the debarring official.
- (4) Whether the contractor cooperated fully with Government agencies during the investigation and any court or administrative action.

- (5) Whether the contractor has paid or has agreed to pay all criminal, civil, and administrative liability for the improper activity, including any investigative or administrative costs incurred by the Government, and has made or agreed to make full restitution.
- (6) Whether the contractor has taken appropriate disciplinary action against the individuals responsible for the activity which constitutes cause for debarment.
- (7) Whether the contractor has implemented or agreed to implement remedial measures, including any identified by the Government.
- (8) Whether the contractor has instituted or agreed to institute new or revised review and control procedures and ethics training programs.
- (9) Whether the contractor has had adequate time to eliminate the circumstances within the contractor's organization that led to the cause for debarment.
- (10) Whether the contractor's management recognizes and understands the seriousness of the misconduct giving rise to the cause for debarment and has implemented programs to prevent recurrence.

The existence or nonexistence of any mitigating factors or remedial measures such as set forth in this paragraph (a) is not necessarily determinative of a contractor's present responsibility. Accordingly, if a cause for debarment exists, the contractor has the burden of demonstrating, to the satisfaction of the debarring official, its present responsibility and that debarment is not necessary.

- (b) Debarment constitutes debarment of all divisions or other organizational elements of the contractor, unless the debarment decision is limited by its terms to specific divisions, organizational elements, or commodities. The debarring official may extend the debarment decision to include any affiliates of the contractor if they are—
  - (1) Specifically named; and
- (2) Given written notice of the proposed debarment and an opportunity to respond (see 9.406-3(c)).
- (c) A contractor's debarment, or proposed debarment, shall be effective throughout the executive branch of the Government, unless the agency head or a designee (except see 23.506(e)) states in writing the compelling reasons justifying continued business dealings between that agency and the contractor.
- (d)(1) When the debarring official has authority to debar contractors from both acquisition contracts pursuant to this regulation and contracts for the purchase of Federal personal property pursuant to the Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR) 101-45.6, that official shall consider simultaneously debarring the contractor from the award of acquisition contracts and from the purchase of Federal personal property.
- (2) When debarring a contractor from the award of acquisition contracts and from the purchase of Federal per-

sonal property, the debarment notice shall so indicate and the appropriate FAR and FPMR citations shall be included.

# 9.406-2 Causes for debarment.

The debarring official may debar—

- (a) A contractor for a conviction of or civil judgment for—
- (1) Commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with—
  - (i) Obtaining;
  - (ii) Attempting to obtain; or
  - (iii) Performing a public contract or subcontract.
- (2) Violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers;
- (3) 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;
- (4) Intentionally affixing a label bearing a "Made in America" inscription (or any inscription having the same meaning) to a product sold in or shipped to the United States or its outlying areas, when the product was not made in the United States or its outlying areas (see Section 202 of the Defense Production Act (Public Law 102-558)); or
- (5) Commission of any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects the present responsibility of a Government contractor or subcontractor.
- (b)(1) A contractor, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, for any of the following—
- (i) Violation of the terms of a Government contract or subcontract so serious as to justify debarment, such as—
- (A) Willful failure to perform in accordance with the terms of one or more contracts; or
- (B) A history of failure to perform, or of unsatisfactory performance of, one or more contracts.
- (ii) Violations of 41 U.S.C. chapter 81, Drug-Free Workplace, as indicated by—
- (A) Failure to comply with the requirements of the clause at 52.223-6, Drug-Free Workplace; or
- (B) Such a number of contractor employees convicted of violations of criminal drug statutes occurring in the workplace as to indicate that the contractor has failed to make a good faith effort to provide a drug-free workplace (see 23.504).
- (iii) Intentionally affixing a label bearing a "Made in America" inscription (or any inscription having the same meaning) to a product sold in or shipped to the United States or its outlying areas, when the product was not made in the United States or its outlying areas (see Section 202 of the Defense Production Act (Public Law 102-558)).
- (iv) Commission of an unfair trade practice as defined in  $\underline{9.403}$  (see Section 201 of the Defense Production Act (Pub. L. 102-558)).

- (v) Delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,500.
- (A) Federal taxes are considered delinquent for purposes of this provision if both of the following criteria apply:
- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.
- (B) Examples. (1) The taxpayer has received a statutory notice of deficiency, under I.R.C. §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.
- (2) 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. §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.
- (3) The taxpayer has entered into an installment agreement pursuant to I.R.C. §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.
- (4) 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).
- (vi) Knowing failure by a principal, until 3 years after final payment on any Government contract awarded to the contractor, to timely disclose to the Government, in connection with the award, performance, or closeout of the contract or a subcontract thereunder, credible evidence of—
- (A) Violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 of the United States Code;

- (B) Violation of the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733); or
- (C) Significant overpayment(s) on the contract, other than overpayments resulting from contract financing payments as defined in 32.001.
- (2) A contractor, based on a determination by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General of the United States, that the contractor is not in compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act employment provisions (see Executive Order 12989, as amended by Executive Order 13286). Such determination is not reviewable in the debarment proceedings.
- (c) A contractor or subcontractor based on any other cause of so serious or compelling a nature that it affects the present responsibility of the contractor or subcontractor.

#### 9.406-3 Procedures.

- (a) *Investigation and referral*. Agencies shall establish procedures for the prompt reporting, investigation, and referral to the debarring official of matters appropriate for that official's consideration.
- (b) *Decisionmaking process*. (1) Agencies shall establish procedures governing the debarment decisionmaking process that are as informal as is practicable, consistent with principles of fundamental fairness. These procedures shall afford the contractor (and any specifically named affiliates) an opportunity to submit, in person, in writing, or through a representative, information and argument in opposition to the proposed debarment.
- (2) In actions not based upon a conviction or civil judgment, if it is found that the contractor's submission in opposition raises a genuine dispute over facts material to the proposed debarment, agencies shall also—
- (i) Afford the contractor an opportunity to appear with counsel, submit documentary evidence, present witnesses, and confront any person the agency presents; and
- (ii) Make a transcribed record of the proceedings and make it available at cost to the contractor upon request, unless the contractor and the agency, by mutual agreement, waive the requirement for a transcript.
- (c) *Notice of proposal to debar*. A notice of proposed debarment shall be issued by the debarring official advising the contractor and any specifically named affiliates, by certified mail, return receipt requested—
  - (1) That debarment is being considered;
- (2) Of the reasons for the proposed debarment in terms sufficient to put the contractor on notice of the conduct or transaction(s) upon which it is based;
- (3) Of the cause(s) relied upon under 9.406-2 for proposing debarment;
- (4) That, within 30 days after receipt of the notice, the contractor may submit, in person, in writing, or through a representative, information and argument in opposition to the

proposed debarment, including any additional specific information that raises a genuine dispute over the material facts;

- (5) Of the agency's procedures governing debarment decisionmaking;
- (6) Of the effect of the issuance of the notice of proposed debarment; and
  - (7) Of the potential effect of an actual debarment.
- (d) Debarring official's decision. (1) In actions based upon a conviction or civil judgment, or in which there is no genuine dispute over material facts, the debarring official shall make a decision on the basis of all the information in the administrative record, including any submission made by the contractor. If no suspension is in effect, the decision shall be made within 30 working days after receipt of any information and argument submitted by the contractor, unless the debarring official extends this period for good cause.
- (2)(i) In actions in which additional proceedings are necessary as to disputed material facts, written findings of fact shall be prepared. The debarring official shall base the decision on the facts as found, together with any information and argument submitted by the contractor and any other information in the administrative record.
- (ii) The debarring official may refer matters involving disputed material facts to another official for findings of fact. The debarring official may reject any such findings, in whole or in part, only after specifically determining them to be arbitrary and capricious or clearly erroneous.
- (iii) The debarring official's decision shall be made after the conclusion of the proceedings with respect to disputed facts.
- (3) In any action in which the proposed debarment is not based upon a conviction or civil judgment, the cause for debarment must be established by a preponderance of the evidence.
- (e) Notice of debarring official's decision. (1) If the debarring official decides to impose debarment, the contractor and any affiliates involved shall be given prompt notice by certified mail, return receipt requested—
  - (i) Referring to the notice of proposed debarment;
  - (ii) Specifying the reasons for debarment;
- (iii) Stating the period of debarment, including effective dates; and
- (iv) Advising that the debarment is effective throughout the executive branch of the Government unless the head of an agency or a designee makes the statement called for by 9.406-1(c).
- (2) If debarment is not imposed, the debarring official shall promptly notify the contractor and any affiliates involved, by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- (f)(1) If the contractor enters into an administrative agreement with the Government in order to resolve a debarment proceeding, the debarring official shall access the website

- (available at <a href="https://www.cpars.gov">https://www.cpars.gov</a>, then select FAPIIS) and enter the requested information.
- (2) The debarring official is responsible for the timely submission, within 3 working days, and accuracy of the documentation regarding the administrative agreement.
- (3) With regard to information that may be covered by a disclosure exemption under the Freedom of Information Act, the debarring official shall follow the procedures at 9.105-2(b)(2)(iv).

# 9.406-4 Period of debarment.

- (a)(1) Debarment shall be for a period commensurate with the seriousness of the cause(s). Generally, debarment should not exceed 3 years, except that—
- (i) Debarment for violation of the provisions of <u>41</u> <u>U.S.C. chapter 81</u>, Drug-Free Workplace (see <u>23.506</u>) may be for a period not to exceed 5 years;
- (ii) Debarments under 9.406-2(b)(2) shall be for 1 year unless extended pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection; and
- (iii) Debarments pursued as a remedy under 9.109-4(d), for a false certification regarding violations of arms control treaties or agreements with the United States, shall be for a period of not less than 2 years.
- (2) If suspension precedes a debarment, the suspension period shall be considered in determining the debarment period.
- (b) The debarring official may extend the debarment for an additional period, if that official determines that an extension is necessary to protect the Government's interest. However, a debarment may not be extended solely on the basis of the facts and circumstances upon which the initial debarment action was based. Debarments under 9.406-2(b)(2) may be extended for additional periods of one year if the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General determines that the contractor continues to be in violation of the employment provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If debarment for an additional period is determined to be necessary, the procedures of 9.406-3 shall be followed to extend the debarment.
- (c) The debarring official may reduce the period or extent of debarment, upon the contractor's request, supported by documentation, for reasons such as—
  - (1) Newly discovered material evidence;
- (2) Reversal of the conviction or civil judgment upon which the debarment was based;
  - (3) Bona fide change in ownership or management;
- (4) Elimination of other causes for which the debarment was imposed; or
- (5) Other reasons the debarring official deems appropriate.

# 9.406-5 Scope of debarment.

- (a) The fraudulent, criminal, or other seriously improper conduct of any officer, director, shareholder, partner, employee, or other individual associated with a contractor may be imputed to the contractor when the conduct occurred in connection with the individual's performance of duties for or on behalf of the contractor, or with the contractor's knowledge, approval, or acquiescence. The contractor's acceptance of the benefits derived from the conduct shall be evidence of such knowledge, approval, or acquiescence.
- (b) The fraudulent, criminal, or other seriously improper conduct of a contractor may be imputed to any officer, director, shareholder, partner, employee, or other individual associated with the contractor who participated in, knew of, or had reason to know of the contractor's conduct.
- (c) The fraudulent, criminal, or other seriously improper conduct of one contractor participating in a joint venture or similar arrangement may be imputed to other participating contractors if the conduct occurred for or on behalf of the joint venture or similar arrangement, or with the knowledge, approval, or acquiescence of these contractors. Acceptance of the benefits derived from the conduct shall be evidence of such knowledge, approval, or acquiescence.

# 9.407 Suspension.

#### 9.407-1 General.

- (a) The suspending official may, in the public interest, suspend a contractor for any of the causes in 9.407-2, using the procedures in 9.407-3.
- (b)(1) Suspension is a serious action to be imposed on the basis of adequate evidence, pending the completion of investigation or legal proceedings, when it has been determined that immediate action is necessary to protect the Government's interest. In assessing the adequacy of the evidence, agencies should consider how much information is available, how credible it is given the circumstances, whether or not important allegations are corroborated, and what inferences can reasonably be drawn as a result. This assessment should include an examination of basic documents such as contracts, inspection reports, and correspondence.
- (2) The existence of a cause for suspension does not necessarily require that the contractor be suspended. The suspending official should consider the seriousness of the contractor's acts or omissions and may, but is not required to, consider remedial measures or mitigating factors, such as those set forth in 9.406-1(a). A contractor has the burden of promptly presenting to the suspending official evidence of remedial measures or mitigating factors when it has reason to know that a cause for suspension exists. The existence or non-existence of any remedial measures or mitigating factors is not necessarily determinative of a contractor's present responsibility.

- (c) Suspension constitutes suspension of all divisions or other organizational elements of the contractor, unless the suspension decision is limited by its terms to specific divisions, organizational elements, or commodities. The suspending official may extend the suspension decision to include any affiliates of the contractor if they are—
  - (1) Specifically named; and
- (2) Given written notice of the suspension and an opportunity to respond (see 9.407-3(c)).
- (d) A contractor's suspension shall be effective throughout the executive branch of the Government, unless the agency head or a designee (except see 23.506(e)) states in writing the compelling reasons justifying continued business dealings between that agency and the contractor.
- (e)(1) When the suspending official has authority to suspend contractors from both acquisition contracts pursuant to this regulation and contracts for the purchase of Federal personal property pursuant to FPMR 101-45.6, that official shall consider simultaneously suspending the contractor from the award of acquisition contracts and from the purchase of Federal personal property.
- (2) When suspending a contractor from the award of acquisition contracts and from the purchase of Federal personal property, the suspension notice shall so indicate and the appropriate FAR and FPMR citations shall be included.

## 9.407-2 Causes for suspension.

- (a) The suspending official may suspend a contractor suspected, upon adequate evidence, of—
- (1) Commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with—
  - (i) Obtaining;
  - (ii) Attempting to obtain; or
  - (iii) Performing a public contract or subcontract.
- (2) Violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers;
- (3) 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;
- (4) Violations of <u>41 U.S.C. chapter 81</u>, Drug-Free Workplace, as indicated by—
- (i) Failure to comply with the requirements of the clause at <u>52.223-6</u>, Drug-Free Workplace; or
- (ii) Such a number of contractor employees convicted of violations of criminal drug statutes occurring in the workplace as to indicate that the contractor has failed to make a good faith effort to provide a drug-free workplace (see 23.504);
- (5) Intentionally affixing a label bearing a "Made in America" inscription (or any inscription having the same meaning) to a product sold in or shipped to the United States or its outlying areas, when the product was not made in the

United States or its outlying areas (see Section 202 of the Defense Production Act (Public Law 102-558));

- (6) Commission of an unfair trade practice as defined in 9.403 (see section 201 of the Defense Production Act (Pub. L. 102-558));
- (7) Delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds 3,500. See the criteria at 9.406-2(b)(1)(v) for determination of when taxes are delinquent;
- (8) Knowing failure by a principal, until 3 years after final payment on any Government contract awarded to the contractor, to timely disclose to the Government, in connection with the award, performance, or closeout of the contract or a subcontract thereunder, credible evidence of—
- (i) Violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 of the United States Code;
- (ii) Violation of the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733); or
- (iii) Significant overpayment(s) on the contract, other than overpayments resulting from contract financing payments as defined in 32.001; or
- (9) Commission of any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects the present responsibility of a Government contractor or subcontractor.
- (b) Indictment for any of the causes in paragraph (a) of this section constitutes adequate evidence for suspension.
- (c) The suspending official may upon adequate evidence also suspend a contractor for any other cause of so serious or compelling a nature that it affects the present responsibility of a Government contractor or subcontractor.

#### 9.407-3 Procedures.

- (a) *Investigation and referral*. Agencies shall establish procedures for the prompt reporting, investigation, and referral to the suspending official of matters appropriate for that official's consideration.
- (b) *Decisionmaking process*. (1) Agencies shall establish procedures governing the suspension decisionmaking process that are as informal as is practicable, consistent with principles of fundamental fairness. These procedures shall afford the contractor (and any specifically named affiliates) an opportunity, following the imposition of suspension, to submit, in person, in writing, or through a representative, information and argument in opposition to the suspension.
- (2) In actions not based on an indictment, if it is found that the contractor's submission in opposition raises a genuine dispute over facts material to the suspension and if no determination has been made, on the basis of Department of Justice advice, that substantial interests of the Government in pending or contemplated legal proceedings based on the same facts as the suspension would be prejudiced, agencies shall also—

- (i) Afford the contractor an opportunity to appear with counsel, submit documentary evidence, present witnesses, and confront any person the agency presents; and
- (ii) Make a transcribed record of the proceedings and make it available at cost to the contractor upon request, unless the contractor and the agency, by mutual agreement, waive the requirement for a transcript.
- (c) *Notice of suspension*. When a contractor and any specifically named affiliates are suspended, they shall be immediately advised by certified mail, return receipt requested—
- (1) That they have been suspended and that the suspension is based on an indictment or other adequate evidence that the contractor has committed irregularities—
- (i) Of a serious nature in business dealings with the Government or
- (ii) Seriously reflecting on the propriety of further Government dealings with the contractor—any such irregularities shall be described in terms sufficient to place the contractor on notice without disclosing the Government's evidence:
- (2) That the suspension is for a temporary period pending the completion of an investigation and such legal proceedings as may ensue;
- (3) Of the cause(s) relied upon under 9.407-2 for imposing suspension;
  - (4) Of the effect of the suspension;
- (5) That, within 30 days after receipt of the notice, the contractor may submit, in person, in writing, or through a representative, information and argument in opposition to the suspension, including any additional specific information that raises a genuine dispute over the material facts; and
- (6) That additional proceedings to determine disputed material facts will be conducted unless—
  - (i) The action is based on an indictment; or
- (ii) A determination is made, on the basis of Department of Justice advice, that the substantial interests of the Government in pending or contemplated legal proceedings based on the same facts as the suspension would be prejudiced.
  - (d) Suspending official's decision. (1) In actions—
    - (i) Based on an indictment;
- (ii) In which the contractor's submission does not raise a genuine dispute over material facts; or
- (iii) In which additional proceedings to determine disputed material facts have been denied on the basis of Department of Justice advice, the suspending official's decision shall be based on all the information in the administrative record, including any submission made by the contractor.
- (2)(i) In actions in which additional proceedings are necessary as to disputed material facts, written findings of fact shall be prepared. The suspending official shall base the decision on the facts as found, together with any information and

argument submitted by the contractor and any other information in the administrative record.

- (ii) The suspending official may refer matters involving disputed material facts to another official for findings of fact. The suspending official may reject any such findings, in whole or in part, only after specifically determining them to be arbitrary and capricious or clearly erroneous.
- (iii) The suspending official's decision shall be made after the conclusion of the proceedings with respect to disputed facts.
- (3) The suspending official may modify or terminate the suspension or leave it in force (for example, see 9.406-4(c) for the reasons for reducing the period or extent of debarment). However, a decision to modify or terminate the suspension shall be without prejudice to the subsequent imposition of—
  - (i) Suspension by any other agency; or
  - (ii) Debarment by any agency.
- (4) Prompt written notice of the suspending official's decision shall be sent to the contractor and any affiliates involved, by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- (e)(1) If the contractor enters into an administrative agreement with the Government in order to resolve a suspension proceeding, the suspending official shall access the website (available at <a href="https://www.cpars.gov">https://www.cpars.gov</a>, then select FAPIIS) and enter the requested information.
- (2) The suspending official is responsible for the timely submission, within 3 working days, and accuracy of the documentation regarding the administrative agreement.
- (3) With regard to information that may be covered by a disclosure exemption under the Freedom of Information Act, the suspending official shall follow the procedures at 9.105-2(b)(2)(iv).

#### 9.407-4 Period of suspension.

- (a) Suspension shall be for a temporary period pending the completion of investigation and any ensuing legal proceedings, unless sooner terminated by the suspending official or as provided in this subsection.
- (b) If legal proceedings are not initiated within 12 months after the date of the suspension notice, the suspension shall be terminated unless an Assistant Attorney General requests its extension, in which case it may be extended for an additional 6 months. In no event may a suspension extend beyond 18 months, unless legal proceedings have been initiated within that period.
- (c) The suspending official shall notify the Department of Justice of the proposed termination of the suspension, at least 30 days before the 12-month period expires, to give that Department an opportunity to request an extension.

### 9.407-5 Scope of suspension.

The scope of suspension shall be the same as that for debarment (see 9.406-5), except that the procedures of 9.407-3 shall be used in imposing suspension.

#### **9.408** [Reserved]

# 9.409 Contract clause.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at <u>52.209-6</u>, Protecting the Government's Interests when Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment, in solicitations and contracts where the contract value exceeds \$35,000.

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# Subpart 12.3—Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses for the Acquisition of Commercial Items

### 12.300 Scope of subpart.

This subpart establishes provisions and clauses to be used when acquiring commercial items.

# 12.301 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses for the acquisition of commercial items.

- (a) In accordance with 41 U.S.C. 3307, contracts for the acquisition of commercial items shall, to the maximum extent practicable, include only those clauses—
- (1) Required to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to the acquisition of commercial items; or
- (2) Determined to be consistent with customary commercial practice.
- (b) Insert the following provisions in solicitations for the acquisition of commercial items, and clauses in solicitations and contracts for the acquisition of commercial items:
- (1) The provision at 52.212-1, Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items. This provision provides a single, streamlined set of instructions to be used when soliciting offers for commercial items and is incorporated in the solicitation by reference (see Block 27a, SF 1449). The contracting officer may tailor these instructions or provide additional instructions tailored to the specific acquisition in accordance with 12.302.
- (2) The provision at 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items. This provision provides a single, consolidated list of representations and certifications for the acquisition of commercial items and is attached to the solicitation for offerors to complete. This provision may not be tailored except in accordance with subpart 1.4. Use the provision with its Alternate I in solicitations issued by DoD, NASA, or the Coast Guard.
- (3) The clause at 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items. This clause includes terms and conditions which are, to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with customary commercial practices and is incorporated in the solicitation and contract by reference (see Block 27, SF 1449). Use this clause with its Alternate I when a time-and-materials or labor-hour contract will be awarded. The contracting officer may tailor this clause in accordance with 12.302.
- (4) The clause at 52.212-5, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items. This clause incorporates by reference only those clauses required to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to the acquisition of commercial items. The contracting officer shall attach this clause to the

- solicitation and contract and, using the appropriate clause prescriptions, indicate which, if any, of the additional clauses cited in 52.212-5(b) or (c) are applicable to the specific acquisition. Some of the clauses require fill-in; the fill-in language should be inserted as directed by 52.104(d). When cost information is obtained pursuant to Part 15 to establish the reasonableness of prices for commercial items, the contracting officer shall insert the clauses prescribed for this purpose in an addendum to the solicitation and contract. This clause may not be tailored.
- (i) Use the clause with its Alternate I when the head of the agency has waived the examination of records by the Comptroller General in accordance with 25.1001.
- (ii)(A) If the acquisition will use funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5), the contracting officer shall use the clause with its Alternate II.
- (B) (1) In the case of a bilateral contract modification that will use funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the contracting officer shall specify applicability of Alternate II to that modification.
- (2) In the case of a task- or delivery-order contract in which not all orders will use funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the contracting officer shall specify the task or delivery orders to which Alternate II applies.
- (C) The contracting officer may not use Alternate I when Alternate II applies.
- (c) When the use of evaluation factors is appropriate, the contracting officer may—
- (1) Insert the provision at <u>52.212-2</u>, Evaluation—Commercial Items, in solicitations for commercial items (see <u>12.602</u>); or
- (2) Include a similar provision containing all evaluation factors required by <u>13.106</u>, <u>subpart 14.2</u> or <u>subpart 15.3</u>, as an addendum (see <u>12.302(d)</u>).
- (d) Other required provisions and clauses. Notwithstanding prescriptions contained elsewhere in the FAR, when acquiring commercial items, contracting officers shall be required to use only those provisions and clauses prescribed in this part. The provisions and clauses prescribed in this part shall be revised, as necessary, to reflect the applicability of statutes and executive orders to the acquisition of commercial items.
- (1) Insert the provision at <u>52.204-7</u>, System for Award Management, as prescribed in <u>4.1105</u>(a).
- (2) Insert the clause at <u>52.204-13</u>, System for Award Management Maintenance, as prescribed in 4.1105(b).
- (3) Insert the provision at <u>52.204-16</u>, Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting, as prescribed in <u>4.1804(a)</u>.

- (4) Insert the clause at <u>52.204-18</u>, Commercial and Government Entity Code Maintenance, as prescribed in 4.1804(c).
- (5) Insert the clause at <u>52.204-21</u>, Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems, in solicitations and contracts (except for acquisitions of COTS items), as prescribed in 4.1903.
- (6) Insert the provision at <u>52.207-6</u>, Solicitation of Offers from Small Business Concerns and Small Business Teaming Arrangements or Joint Ventures (Multiple-Award Contracts), as prescribed at 7.107-6.
- (7) Insert the provision at <u>52.209-7</u>, Information Regarding Responsibility Matters, as prescribed in <u>9.104-7(b)</u>.
- (8) Insert the provision at  $\underline{52.209-12}$ , Certification Regarding Tax Matters, as prescribed at 9.104-7(e).
- (9) Insert the provision at <u>52.222-56</u>, Certification Regarding Trafficking in Persons Compliance Plan, in solicitations as prescribed at <u>22.1705(b)</u>.
- (10) Insert the clause at <u>52.225-19</u>, Contractor Personnel in a Designated Operational Area or Supporting a Diplomatic or Consular Mission outside the United States, as prescribed in <u>25.301-4</u>.
- (11) Insert the clause at <u>52.232-40</u>, Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors, as prescribed in <u>32.009-2</u>.
- (e) Discretionary use of FAR provisions and clauses. The contracting officer may include in solicitations and contracts by addendum other FAR provisions and clauses when their use is consistent with the limitations contained in 12.302. For example:
- (1) The contracting officer may include appropriate clauses when an indefinite-delivery type of contract will be used. The clauses prescribed at <u>16.506</u> may be used for this purpose.
- (2) The contracting officer may include appropriate provisions and clauses when the use of options is in the Government's interest. The provisions and clauses prescribed in 17.208 may be used for this purpose. If the provision at 52.212-2 is used, paragraph (b) provides for the evaluation of options.
- (3) The contracting officer may use the provisions and clauses contained in Part 23 regarding the use of products containing recovered materials and biobased products when appropriate for the item being acquired.
- (4) When setting aside under the Stafford Act (<u>subpart 26.2</u>), include the provision at <u>52.226-3</u>, Disaster or Emergency Area Representation, in the solicitation. The representation in this provision is not in the System for Award Management.
- (f) Agencies may supplement the provisions and clauses prescribed in this part (to require use of additional provisions and clauses) only as necessary to reflect agency unique stat-

utes applicable to the acquisition of commercial items or as may be approved by the agency senior procurement executive, or the individual responsible for representing the agency on the FAR Council, without power of delegation.

# 12.302 Tailoring of provisions and clauses for the acquisition of commercial items.

- (a) *General*. The provisions and clauses established in this subpart are intended to address, to the maximum extent practicable, commercial market practices for a wide range of potential Government acquisitions of commercial items. However, because of the broad range of commercial items acquired by the Government, variations in commercial practices, and the relative volume of the Government's acquisitions in the specific market, contracting officers may, within the limitations of this subpart, and after conducting appropriate market research, tailor the provision at 52.212-1, Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items, and the clause at 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, to adapt to the market conditions for each acquisition.
- (b) Tailoring 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items. The following paragraphs of the clause at 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, implement statutory requirements and shall not be tailored—
  - (1) Assignments;
  - (2) Disputes;
  - (3) Payment (except as provided in subpart 32.11);
  - (4) Invoice;
  - (5) Other compliances;
- (6) Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts; and
  - (7) Unauthorized obligations.
- (c) Tailoring inconsistent with customary commercial practice. The contracting officer shall not tailor any clause or otherwise include any additional terms or conditions in a solicitation or contract for commercial items in a manner that is inconsistent with customary commercial practice for the item being acquired unless a waiver is approved in accordance with agency procedures. The request for waiver must describe the customary commercial practice found in the marketplace, support the need to include a term or condition that is inconsistent with that practice and include a determination that use of the customary commercial practice is inconsistent with the needs of the Government. A waiver may be requested for an individual or class of contracts for that specific item.
- (d) Tailoring shall be by addenda to the solicitation and contract. The contracting officer shall indicate in Block 27a of the SF 1449 if addenda are attached. These addenda may include, for example, a continuation of the schedule of supplies/services to be acquired from blocks 18 through 21 of the SF 1449; a continuation of the description of the supplies/services being acquired; further elaboration of any other item(s)

on the <u>SF 1449</u>; any other terms or conditions necessary for the performance of the proposed contract (such as options, ordering procedures for indefinite-delivery type contracts, warranties, contract financing arrangements, etc.).

#### 12.303 Contract format.

Solicitations and contracts for the acquisition of commercial items prepared using this <u>Part 12</u> shall be assembled, to the maximum extent practicable, using the following format:

- (a) Standard Form (SF) 1449;
- (b) Continuation of any block from SF 1449, such as—
- (1) Block 10 if an incentive subcontracting clause is used (the contracting officer shall indicate the applicable percentage);
  - (2) Block 18B for remittance address;
  - (3) Block 19 for line item numbers;
  - (4) Block 20 for schedule of supplies/services; or

- (5) Block 25 for accounting data;
- (c) Contract clauses—
- (1) <u>52.212-4</u>, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, by reference (see <u>SF 1449</u> block 27a);
  - (2) Any addendum to 52.212-4; and
- (3) <u>52.212-5</u>, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes and Executive orders;
  - (d) Any contract documents, exhibits or attachments; and
  - (e) Solicitation provisions—
- (1) <u>52.212-1</u>, Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items, by reference (see <u>SF 1449</u>, Block 27a);
  - (2) Any addendum to <u>52.212-1</u>;
- (3) <u>52.212-2</u>, Evaluation—Commercial Items, or other description of evaluation factors for award, if used; and
- (4) <u>52.212-3</u>, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items.

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- (b) The Federal Acquisition Regulatory (FAR) Council will include any law enacted after October 13, 1994, that sets forth policies, procedures, requirements, or restrictions for the acquisition of property or services, on the list set forth in paragraph (a) of this section. The FAR Council may make exceptions when it determines in writing that it is in the best interest of the Government that the enactment should apply to contracts or subcontracts not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold.
- (c) The provisions of paragraph (b) of this section do not apply to laws that—
  - (1) Provide for criminal or civil penalties; or
- (2) Specifically state that notwithstanding the language of 41 U.S.C. 1905, the enactment will be applicable to contracts or subcontracts in amounts not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold.
- (d) Any individual may petition the Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), to include any applicable provision of law not included on the list set forth in paragraph (a) of this section unless the FAR Council has already determined in writing that the law is applicable. The Administrator, OFPP, will include the law on the list in paragraph (a) of this section unless the FAR Council makes a determination that it is applicable within 60 days of receiving the petition.

### 13.006 Inapplicable provisions and clauses.

While certain statutes still apply, pursuant to Public Law 103-355, the following provisions and clauses are inapplicable to contracts and subcontracts at or below the simplified acquisition threshold:

- (a) 52.203-5, Covenant Against Contingent Fees.
- (b) <u>52.203-6</u>, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government.
  - (c) 52.203-7, Anti-Kickback Procedures.
- (d) <u>52.215-2</u>, Audits and Records—Negotiation, except as used with its Alternate I, when using funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5).
- (e) <u>52.222-4</u>, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards—Overtime Compensation.
  - (f) 52.223-6, Drug-Free Workplace, except for individuals.
- (g) <u>52.223-9</u>, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items.

# **Subpart 13.1—Procedures**

### 13.101 General.

- (a) In making purchases, contracting officers shall—
- (1) Comply with the policy in <u>7.202</u> relating to economic purchase quantities, when practicable;
- (2) Satisfy the procedures described in <u>subpart 19.6</u> with respect to Certificates of Competency before rejecting a

- quotation, oral or written, from a small business concern determined to be nonresponsible (see subpart 9.1); and
- (3) Provide for the inspection of supplies or services as prescribed in 46.404.
  - (b) In making purchases, contracting officers should—
- (1) Include related items (such as small hardware items or spare parts for vehicles) in one solicitation and make award on an "all-or-none" or "multiple award" basis provided suppliers are so advised when quotations or offers are requested;
- (2) Incorporate provisions and clauses by reference in solicitations and in awards under requests for quotations, provided the requirements in 52.102 are satisfied;
- (3) Make maximum effort to obtain trade and prompt payment discounts (see <u>14.408-3</u>). Prompt payment discounts shall not be considered in the evaluation of quotations; and
- (4) Use bulk funding to the maximum extent practicable. Bulk funding is a system whereby the contracting officer receives authorization from a fiscal and accounting officer to obligate funds on purchase documents against a specified lump sum of funds reserved for the purpose for a specified period of time rather than obtaining individual obligational authority on each purchase document. Bulk funding is particularly appropriate if numerous purchases using the same type of funds are to be made during a given period.

#### 13.102 Source list.

- (a) Contracting officers should use the System for Award Management (see subpart 4.11) via <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a> as their primary sources of vendor information. Offices maintaining additional vendor source files or listings should identify the status of each source (when the status is made known to the contracting office) in the following categories:
  - (1) Small business.
  - (2) Small disadvantaged business.
- (3) Women-owned small business concern, including economically disadvantaged women-owned small business concerns and women-owned small business concerns eligible under the Women-owned Small Business (WOSB) Program.
  - (4) HUBZone small business.
  - (5) Service-disabled veteran-owned small business.
  - (6) Veteran-owned small business.
- (b) The status information may be used as the basis to ensure that small business concerns are provided the maximum practicable opportunities to respond to solicitations issued using simplified acquisition procedures.

#### 13.103 Use of standing price quotations.

Authorized individuals do not have to obtain individual quotations for each purchase. Standing price quotations may be used if—

- (a) The pricing information is current; and
- (b) The Government obtains the benefit of maximum discounts before award.

#### 13.104 Promoting competition.

The contracting officer must promote competition to the maximum extent practicable to obtain supplies and services from the source whose offer is the most advantageous to the Government, considering the administrative cost of the purchase.

- (a) The contracting officer must not—
  - (1) Solicit quotations based on personal preference; or
- (2) Restrict solicitation to suppliers of well-known and widely distributed makes or brands.
- (b) If using simplified acquisition procedures and not providing access to the notice of proposed contract action and solicitation information through the Governmentwide point of entry (GPE), maximum practicable competition ordinarily can be obtained by soliciting quotations or offers from sources within the local trade area. Unless the contract action requires synopsis pursuant to  $\underline{5.101}$  and an exception under  $\underline{5.202}$  is not applicable, consider solicitation of at least three sources to promote competition to the maximum extent practicable. Whenever practicable, request quotations or offers from two sources not included in the previous solicitation.

# 13.105 Synopsis and posting requirements.

- (a) The contracting officer must comply with the public display and synopsis requirements of 5.101 and 5.203 unless an exception in 5.202 applies.
- (b) When acquiring commercial items or supplies or services procured in accordance with 12.102(f)(1), the contracting officer may use a combined synopsis and solicitation. In these cases, a separate solicitation is not required. The contracting officer must include enough information to permit suppliers to develop quotations or offers.
- (c) See  $\underline{5.102}$ (a)(6) for the requirement to post a brand name justification or documentation required by  $\underline{13.106-1}$ (b) or 13.501.
- (d) When publicizing contract actions funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5):
- (1) Notices of proposed contract actions shall follow the procedures in 5.704 for posting orders.
  - (2) Award notices shall follow the procedures in <u>5.705</u>.

# 13.106 Soliciting competition, evaluation of quotations or offers, award and documentation.

# 13.106-1 Soliciting competition.

- (a) Considerations. In soliciting competition, the contracting officer shall consider the guidance in 13.104 and the following before requesting quotations or offers:
- (1)(i) The nature of the article or service to be purchased and whether it is highly competitive and readily available in several makes or brands, or is relatively noncompetitive.

- (ii) An electronic commerce method that employs widespread electronic public notice is not available; and
  - (iii) The urgency of the proposed purchase.
  - (iv) The dollar value of the proposed purchase.
- (v) Past experience concerning specific dealers' prices.
- (2) When soliciting quotations or offers, the contracting officer shall notify potential quoters or offerors of the basis on which award will be made (price alone or price and other factors, *e.g.*, past performance and quality). Contracting officers are encouraged to use best value. Solicitations are not required to state the relative importance assigned to each evaluation factor and subfactor, nor are they required to include subfactors.
- (b) Soliciting from a single source. (1) For purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. (i) Contracting officers may solicit from one source if the contracting officer determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name or industrial mobilization).
- (ii) Where a single source is identified to provide a portion of a purchase because that portion of the purchase specifies a particular brand-name item, the documentation in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section only applies to the portion of the purchase requiring the brand-name item. The documentation should state it is covering only the portion of the acquisition which is brand-name.
- (2) For purchases exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. The requirements at 13.501(a) apply to sole-source (including brand-name) acquisitions of commercial items conducted pursuant to subpart 13.5.
- (3) See 5.102(a)(6) for the requirement to post the brand-name justification or documentation.
- (c) *Soliciting orally*.(1) The contracting officer shall solicit quotations orally to the maximum extent practicable, if—
- (i) The acquisition does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold;
- (ii) Oral solicitation is more efficient than soliciting through available electronic commerce alternatives; and
  - (iii) Notice is not required under <u>5.101</u>.
- (2) However, an oral solicitation may not be practicable for contract actions exceeding \$25,000 unless covered by an exception in <u>5.202</u>.
- (d) Written solicitations. If obtaining electronic or oral quotations is uneconomical or impracticable, the contracting officer should issue paper solicitations for contract actions likely to exceed \$25,000. The contracting officer shall issue a written solicitation for construction requirements exceeding \$2,000.
- (e) *Use of options*. Options may be included in solicitations, provided the requirements of <u>subpart 17.2</u> are met and the aggregate value of the acquisition and all options does not

exceed the dollar threshold for use of simplified acquisition procedures.

(f) *Inquiries*. An agency should respond to inquiries received through any medium (including electronic commerce) if doing so would not interfere with the efficient conduct of the acquisition.

## 13.106-2 Evaluation of quotations or offers.

- (a) General.(1) The contracting officer shall evaluate quotations or offers—
  - (i) In an impartial manner; and
- (ii) Inclusive of transportation charges from the shipping point of the supplier to the delivery destination.
- (2) Quotations or offers shall be evaluated on the basis established in the solicitation.
- (3) All quotations or offers shall be considered (see paragraph (b) of this subsection).
- (b) Evaluation procedures.(1) The contracting officer has broad discretion in fashioning suitable evaluation procedures. The procedures prescribed in Parts 14 and 15 are not mandatory. At the contracting officer's discretion, one or more, but not necessarily all, of the evaluation procedures in Part 14 or 15 may be used.
- (2) If telecommuting is not prohibited, agencies shall not unfavorably evaluate an offer because it includes telecommuting unless the contracting officer executes a written determination in accordance with FAR 7.108(b).
- (3) If using price and other factors, ensure that quotations or offers can be evaluated in an efficient and minimally burdensome fashion. Formal evaluation plans and establishing a competitive range, conducting discussions, and scoring quotations or offers are not required. Contracting offices may conduct comparative evaluations of offers. Evaluation of other factors, such as past performance—
- (i) Does not require the creation or existence of a formal data base; and
  - (ii) May be based on one or more of the following:
- (A) The contracting officer's knowledge of and previous experience with the supply or service being acquired;
- (B) Customer surveys, and past performance questionnaire replies;
- (C) The Governmentwide Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) at <a href="www.ppirs.gov">www.ppirs.gov</a>; or
  - (D) Any other reasonable basis.
- (4) For acquisitions conducted using a method that permits electronic response to the solicitation, the contracting officer may—
- (i) After preliminary consideration of all quotations or offers, identify from all quotations or offers received one that is suitable to the user, such as the lowest priced brand name product, and quickly screen all lower priced quotations or offers based on readily discernible value indicators, such as

past performance, warranty conditions, and maintenance availability; or

(ii) Where an evaluation is based only on price and past performance, make an award based on whether the lowest priced of the quotations or offers having the highest past performance rating possible represents the best value when compared to any lower priced quotation or offer.

#### 13.106-3 Award and documentation.

- (a) *Basis for award*. Before making award, the contracting officer must determine that the proposed price is fair and reasonable.
- (1) Whenever possible, base price reasonableness on competitive quotations or offers.
- (2) If only one response is received, include a statement of price reasonableness in the contract file. The contracting officer may base the statement on—
  - (i) Market research;
- (ii) Comparison of the proposed price with prices found reasonable on previous purchases;
- (iii) Current price lists, catalogs, or advertisements. However, inclusion of a price in a price list, catalog, or advertisement does not, in and of itself, establish fairness and reasonableness of the price;
- (iv) A comparison with similar items in a related industry;
- (v) The contracting officer's personal knowledge of the item being purchased;
- (vi) Comparison to an independent Government estimate; or
  - (vii) Any other reasonable basis.
- (3) Occasionally an item can be obtained only from a supplier that quotes a minimum order price or quantity that either unreasonably exceeds stated quantity requirements or results in an unreasonable price for the quantity required. In these instances, the contracting officer should inform the requiring activity of all facts regarding the quotation or offer and ask it to confirm or alter its requirement. The file shall be documented to support the final action taken.
- (b) File documentation and retention. Keep documentation to a minimum. Purchasing offices shall retain data supporting purchases (paper or electronic) to the minimum extent and duration necessary for management review purposes (see <a href="subpart 4.8">subpart 4.8</a>). The following illustrate the extent to which quotation or offer information should be recorded:
- (1) Oral solicitations. The contracting office should establish and maintain records of oral price quotations in order to reflect clearly the propriety of placing the order at the price paid with the supplier concerned. In most cases, this will consist merely of showing the names of the suppliers contacted and the prices and other terms and conditions quoted by each.
- (2) Written solicitations (see 2.101). For acquisitions not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold, limit written records of solicitations or offers to notes or abstracts to

show prices, delivery, references to printed price lists used, the supplier or suppliers contacted, and other pertinent data.

- (3) Special situations. Include additional statements—
- (i) Explaining the absence of competition (see 13.106-1 for brand name purchases) if only one source is solicited and the acquisition does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (does not apply to an acquisition of utility services available from only one source); or
- (ii) Supporting the award decision if other than pricerelated factors were considered in selecting the supplier.
- (c) *Notification*. For acquisitions that do not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and for which automatic notification is not provided through an electronic commerce method that employs widespread electronic public notice, notification to unsuccessful suppliers shall be given only if requested or required by 5.301.
- (d) Request for information. If a supplier requests information on an award that was based on factors other than price alone, a brief explanation of the basis for the contract award decision shall be provided (see 15.503(b)(2)).
- (e) Taxpayer Identification Number. If an oral solicitation is used, the contracting officer shall ensure that the copy of the award document sent to the payment office is annotated with the contractor's Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and type of organization (see 4.203), unless this information will be obtained from some other source (e.g., centralized database). The contracting officer shall disclose to the contractor that the TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the contractor's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)).

# Subpart 13.2—Actions At or Below the Micro-Purchase Threshold

#### 13.201 General.

- (a) Agency heads are encouraged to delegate micro-purchase authority (see 1.603-3).
- (b) The Governmentwide commercial purchase card shall be the preferred method to purchase and to pay for micro-purchases (see 2.101).
- (c) Purchases at or below the micro-purchase threshold may be conducted using any of the methods described in <u>Subpart 13.3</u>, provided the purchaser is authorized and trained, pursuant to agency procedures, to use those methods.
- (d) Micro-purchases do not require provisions or clauses, except as provided at <u>13.202</u> and <u>32.1110</u>. This paragraph takes precedence over any other FAR requirement to the contrary, but does not prohibit the use of any clause.
- (e) The requirements in Part 8 apply to purchases at or below the micro-purchase threshold.
- (f) The procurement requirements in subparts <u>23.1</u>, <u>23.2</u>, <u>23.4</u>, and <u>23.7</u> apply to purchases at or below the micro-purchase threshold.
- (g)(1) For acquisitions of supplies or services that, as determined by the head of the agency, are to be used to support a contingency operation or to facilitate defense against or recovery from nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack, the micro-purchase threshold is —
- (i) \$20,000 in the case of any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, inside the United States; and
- (ii) \$30,000 in the case of any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, outside the United States.
- (2) Purchases using this authority must have a clear and direct relationship to the support of a contingency operation or the defense against or recovery from nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack.
- (h) When using the Governmentwide commercial purchase card as a method of payment, purchases at or below the micro-purchase threshold are exempt from verification in the System for Award Management as to whether the contractor has a delinquent debt subject to collection under the Treasury Offset Program (TOP).
- (i) Do not purchase any hardware, software, or services developed or provided by Kaspersky Lab that the Government will use on or after October 1, 2018. (See 4.2002.)

# 13.202 Unenforceability of unauthorized obligations in micro-purchases.

Many supplies or services are acquired subject to supplier license agreements. These are particularly common in information technology acquisitions, but they may apply to any supply or service. For example, computer software and services delivered through the internet (web services) are often subject to license agreements, referred to as End User License Agreements (EULA), Terms of Service (TOS), or other similar legal instruments or agreements. Many of these agreements contain indemnification clauses that are inconsistent with Federal law and unenforceable, but which could create a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341) if agreed to by the Government. The clause at 52.232-39, Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations, automatically applies to any micro-purchase, including those made with the Governmentwide purchase card. This clause prevents such violations of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341).

#### 13.203 Purchase guidelines.

- (a) Solicitation, evaluation of quotations, and award. (1) To the extent practicable, micro-purchases shall be distributed equitably among qualified suppliers.
- (2) Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the contracting officer or individual appointed in accordance with <u>1.603-3</u>(b) considers the price to be reasonable.
- (3) The administrative cost of verifying the reasonableness of the price for purchases may more than offset potential savings from detecting instances of overpricing. Therefore, action to verify price reasonableness need only be taken if—
- (i) The contracting officer or individual appointed in accordance with 1.603-3(b) suspects or has information to indicate that the price may not be reasonable (e.g., comparison to the previous price paid or personal knowledge of the supply or service); or
- (ii) Purchasing a supply or service for which no comparable pricing information is readily available (*e.g.*, a supply or service that is not the same as, or is not similar to, other supplies or services that have recently been purchased on a competitive basis).
- (b) *Documentation*. If competitive quotations were solicited and award was made to other than the low quoter, documentation to support the purchase may be limited to identification of the solicited concerns and an explanation for the award decision.

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- (i) Notices of proposed orders shall follow the procedures in 5.704 for posting orders.
- (ii) Award notices for orders shall follow the procedures in <u>5.705</u>.
- (12) When using the Governmentwide commercial purchase card as a method of payment, orders at or below the micro-purchase threshold are exempt from verification in the System for Award Management as to whether the contractor has a delinquent debt subject to collection under the Treasury Offset Program (TOP).
- (b) Orders under multiple-award contracts—(1) Fair opportunity.(i) The contracting officer must provide each awardee a fair opportunity to be considered for each order exceeding \$3,500 issued under multiple delivery-order contracts or multiple task-order contracts, except as provided for in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.
- (ii) The contracting officer may exercise broad discretion in developing appropriate order placement procedures. The contracting officer should keep submission requirements to a minimum. Contracting officers may use streamlined procedures, including oral presentations. If the order does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, the contracting officer need not contact each of the multiple awardees under the contract before selecting an order awardee if the contracting officer has information available to ensure that each awardee is provided a fair opportunity to be considered for each order. The competition requirements in Part 6 and the policies in subpart 15.3 do not apply to the ordering process. However, the contracting officer must—
- (A) Develop placement procedures that will provide each awardee a fair opportunity to be considered for each order and that reflect the requirement and other aspects of the contracting environment;
- (B) Not use any method (such as allocation or designation of any preferred awardee) that would not result in fair consideration being given to all awardees prior to placing each order;
  - (C) Tailor the procedures to each acquisition;
- (D) Include the procedures in the solicitation and the contract; and
- (E) Consider price or cost under each order as one of the factors in the selection decision.
- (iii) Orders exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. (A) Each order exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold shall be placed on a competitive basis in accordance with paragraph (b)(1)(iii)(B) of this section, unless supported by a written determination that one of the circumstances described at  $\underline{16.505}(b)(2)(i)$  applies to the order and the requirement is waived on the basis of a justification that is prepared in accordance with  $\underline{16.505}(b)(2)(ii)(B)$ ;
  - (B) The contracting officer shall—
- (1) Provide a fair notice of the intent to make a purchase, including a clear description of the supplies to be

- delivered or the services to be performed and the basis upon which the selection will be made to all contractors offering the required supplies or services under the multiple-award contract; and
- (2) Afford all contractors responding to the notice a fair opportunity to submit an offer and have that offer fairly considered.
- (iv) Orders exceeding \$5.5 million. For task or delivery orders in excess of \$5.5 million, the requirement to provide all awardees a fair opportunity to be considered for each order shall include, at a minimum—
- (A) A notice of the task or delivery order that includes a clear statement of the agency's requirements;
  - (B) A reasonable response period;
- (C) Disclosure of the significant factors and subfactors, including cost or price, that the agency expects to consider in evaluating proposals, and their relative importance;
- (D) Where award is made on a best value basis, a written statement documenting the basis for award and the relative importance of quality and price or cost factors; and
- (E) An opportunity for a postaward debriefing in accordance with paragraph (b)(6) of this section.
- (v) The contracting officer should consider the following when developing the procedures:
- (A) (1) Past performance on earlier orders under the contract, including quality, timeliness and cost control.
- (2) Potential impact on other orders placed with the contractor.
  - (3) Minimum order requirements.
- (4) The amount of time contractors need to make informed business decisions on whether to respond to potential orders.
- (5) Whether contractors could be encouraged to respond to potential orders by outreach efforts to promote exchanges of information, such as—
- (i) Seeking comments from two or more contractors on draft statements of work;
- (ii) Using a multiphased approach when effort required to respond to a potential order may be resource intensive (e.g., requirements are complex or need continued development), where all contractors are initially considered on price considerations (e.g., rough estimates), and other considerations as appropriate (e.g., proposed conceptual approach, past performance). The contractors most likely to submit the highest value solutions are then selected for one-on-one sessions with the Government to increase their understanding of the requirements, provide suggestions for refining requirements, and discuss risk reduction measures.
- (B) Formal evaluation plans or scoring of quotes or offers are not required.
- (2) Exceptions to the fair opportunity process.(i) The contracting officer shall give every awardee a fair opportunity to be considered for a delivery-order or task-order exceeding

- \$3,500 unless one of the following statutory exceptions applies:
- (A) The agency need for the supplies or services is so urgent that providing a fair opportunity would result in unacceptable delays.
- (B) Only one awardee is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services ordered are unique or highly specialized.
- (C) The order must be issued on a sole-source basis in the interest of economy and efficiency because it is a logical follow-on to an order already issued under the contract, provided that all awardees were given a fair opportunity to be considered for the original order.
- (D) It is necessary to place an order to satisfy a minimum guarantee.
- (E) For orders exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold, a statute expressly authorizes or requires that the purchase be made from a specified source.
- (F) In accordance with section 1331 of Public Law 111-240 (15 U.S.C. 644(r)), contracting officers may, at their discretion, set aside orders for any of the small business concerns identified in 19.000(a)(3). When setting aside orders for small business concerns, the specific small business program eligibility requirements identified in part 19 apply.
- (ii) The justification for an exception to fair opportunity shall be in writing as specified in paragraphs (b)(2)(ii)(A) or (B) of this section. No justification is needed for the exception described in paragraph (b)(2)(i)(F) of this section.
- (A) Orders exceeding \$3,500, but not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. The contracting officer shall document the basis for using an exception to the fair opportunity process. If the contracting officer uses the logical follow-on exception, the rationale shall describe why the relationship between the initial order and the follow-on is logical (e.g., in terms of scope, period of performance, or value).
- (B) Orders exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. As a minimum, each justification shall include the following information and be approved in accordance with paragraph (b)(2)(ii)(C) of this section:
- (1) Identification of the agency and the contracting activity, and specific identification of the document as a "Justification for an Exception to Fair Opportunity."
- (2) Nature and/or description of the action being approved.
- (3) A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs (including the estimated value).
- (4) Identification of the exception to fair opportunity (see  $\underline{16.505}(b)(2)$ ) and the supporting rationale, including a demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires

- use of the exception cited. If the contracting officer uses the logical follow-on exception, the rationale shall describe why the relationship between the initial order and the follow-on is logical (*e.g.*, in terms of scope, period of performance, or value).
- (5) A determination by the contracting officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.
- (6) Any other facts supporting the justification.
- (7) A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers that led to the exception to fair opportunity before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services is made.
- (8) The contracting officer's certification that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of the contracting officer's knowledge and belief.
- (9) Evidence that any supporting data that is the responsibility of technical or requirements personnel (e.g., verifying the Government's minimum needs or requirements or other rationale for an exception to fair opportunity) and which form a basis for the justification have been certified as complete and accurate by the technical or requirements personnel.
- (10) A written determination by the approving official that one of the circumstances in (b)(2)(i)(A) through (E) of this section applies to the order.
- (C) Approval.(1) For proposed orders exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold, but not exceeding \$700,000, the ordering activity contracting officer's certification that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of the ordering activity contracting officer's knowledge and belief will serve as approval, unless a higher approval level is established in accordance with agency procedures.
- (2) For a proposed order exceeding \$700,000, but not exceeding \$13.5 million, the justification must be approved by the advocate for competition of the activity placing the order, or by an official named in paragraph (b)(2)(ii)(C)(3) or (4) of this section. This authority is not delegable.
- (3) For a proposed order exceeding \$13.5 million, but not exceeding \$68 million (or, for DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard, not exceeding \$93 million), the justification must be approved by—
- (i) The head of the procuring activity placing the order;
  - (ii) A designee who—
- (A) If a member of the armed forces, is a general or flag officer;
- (B) If a civilian, is serving in a position in a grade above GS-15 under the General Schedule (or in a comparable or higher position under another schedule); or
- (iii) An official named in paragraph (b)(2)(ii)(C)(4) of this section.

Subpart 17.2—Options 17.204

# **Subpart 17.2—Options**

#### 17.200 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures for the use of option solicitation provisions and contract clauses. Except as provided in agency regulations, this subpart does not apply to contracts for (a) services involving the construction, alteration, or repair (including dredging, excavating, and painting) of buildings, bridges, roads, or other kinds of real property; (b) architect-engineer services; and (c) research and development services. However, it does not preclude the use of options in those contracts.

### 17.201 [Reserved]

### 17.202 Use of options.

- (a) Subject to the limitations of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, for both sealed bidding and contracting by negotiation, the contracting officer may include options in contracts when it is in the Government's interest. When using sealed bidding, the contracting officer shall make a written determination that there is a reasonable likelihood that the options will be exercised before including the provision at 52.217-5, Evaluation of Options, in the solicitation. (See 17.207(f) with regard to the exercise of options.)
- (b) Inclusion of an option is normally not in the Government's interest when, in the judgment of the contracting officer—
  - (1) The foreseeable requirements involve—
- (i) Minimum economic quantities (*i.e.*, quantities large enough to permit the recovery of startup costs and the production of the required supplies at a reasonable price); and
- (ii) Delivery requirements far enough into the future to permit competitive acquisition, production, and delivery.
- (2) An indefinite quantity or requirements contract would be more appropriate than a contract with options. However, this does not preclude the use of an indefinite quantity contract or requirements contract with options.
  - (c) The contracting officer shall not employ options if—
- (1) The contractor will incur undue risks; *e.g.*, the price or availability of necessary materials or labor is not reasonably foreseeable;
- (2) Market prices for the supplies or services involved are likely to change substantially; or
- (3) The option represents known firm requirements for which funds are available unless—
- (i) The basic quantity is a learning or testing quantity; and
- (ii) Competition for the option is impracticable once the initial contract is awarded.
  - (d) In recognition of—
- (1) The Government's need in certain service contracts for continuity of operations; and

(2) The potential cost of disrupted support, options may be included in service contracts if there is an anticipated need for a similar service beyond the first contract period.

#### 17.203 Solicitations.

- (a) Solicitations shall include appropriate option provisions and clauses when resulting contracts will provide for the exercise of options (see 17.208).
- (b) Solicitations containing option provisions shall state the basis of evaluation, either exclusive or inclusive of the option and, when appropriate, shall inform offerors that it is anticipated that the Government may exercise the option at time of award.
- (c) Solicitations normally should allow option quantities to be offered without limitation as to price, and there shall be no limitation as to price if the option quantity is to be considered in the evaluation for award (see 17.206).
- (d) Solicitations that allow the offer of options at unit prices which differ from the unit prices for the basic requirement shall state that offerors may offer varying prices for options, depending on the quantities actually ordered and the dates when ordered.
- (e) If it is anticipated that the Government may exercise an option at the time of award and if the condition specified in paragraph (d) of this section applies, solicitations shall specify the price at which the Government will evaluate the option (highest option price offered or option price for specified requirements).
- (f) Solicitations may, in unusual circumstances, require that options be offered at prices no higher than those for the initial requirement; *e.g.*, when—
  - (1) The option cannot be evaluated under 17.206; or;
  - (2) Future competition for the option is impracticable.
- (g) Solicitations that require the offering of an option at prices no higher than those for the initial requirement shall—
- (1) Specify that the Government will accept an offer containing an option price higher than the base price only if the acceptance does not prejudice any other offeror; and
- (2) Limit option quantities for additional supplies to not more than 50 percent of the initial quantity of the same line item. In unusual circumstances, an authorized person at a level above the contracting officer may approve a greater percentage of quantity.
- (h) Include the value of options in determining if the acquisition will exceed the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement or Free Trade Agreement thresholds.

#### 17.204 Contracts.

- (a) The contract shall specify limits on the purchase of additional supplies or services, or the overall duration of the term of the contract, including any extension.
- (b) The contract shall state the period within which the option may be exercised.

- (c) The period shall be set so as to provide the contractor adequate lead time to ensure continuous production.
- (d) The period may extend beyond the contract completion date for service contracts. This is necessary for situations when exercise of the option would result in the obligation of funds that are not available in the fiscal year in which the contract would otherwise be completed.
- (e) Unless otherwise approved in accordance with agency procedures, the total of the basic and option periods shall not exceed 5 years in the case of services, and the total of the basic and option quantities shall not exceed the requirement for 5 years in the case of supplies. These limitations do not apply to information technology contracts. However, statutes applicable to various classes of contracts, for example, the Service Contract Labor Standards statute (see 22.1002-1), may place additional restrictions on the length of contracts.
- (f) Contracts may express options for increased quantities of supplies or services in terms of—
  - (1) Percentage of specific line items,
  - (2) Increase in specific line items; or
- (3) Additional numbered line items identified as the option.
- (g) Contracts may express extensions of the term of the contract as an amended completion date or as additional time for performance; *e.g.*, days, weeks, or months.

# 17.205 Documentation.

- (a) The contracting officer shall justify in writing the quantities or the term under option, the notification period for exercising the option, and any limitation on option price under 17.203(g); and shall include the justification document in the contract file.
- (b) Any justifications and approvals and any determination and findings required by Part 6 shall specify both the basic requirement and the increase permitted by the option.

#### 17.206 Evaluation.

- (a) In awarding the basic contract, the contracting officer shall, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, evaluate offers for any option quantities or periods contained in a solicitation when it has been determined prior to soliciting offers that the Government is likely to exercise the options. (See 17.208.)
- (b) The contracting officer need not evaluate offers for any option quantities when it is determined that evaluation would not be in the best interests of the Government and this determination is approved at a level above the contracting officer. An example of a circumstance that may support a determination not to evaluate offers for option quantities is when there is a reasonable certainty that funds will be unavailable to permit exercise of the option.

#### 17.207 Exercise of options.

- (a) When exercising an option, the contracting officer shall provide written notice to the contractor within the time period specified in the contract.
- (b) When the contract provides for economic price adjustment and the contractor requests a revision of the price, the contracting officer shall determine the effect of the adjustment on prices under the option before the option is exercised.
- (c) The contracting officer may exercise options only after determining that—
  - (1) Funds are available;
- (2) The requirement covered by the option fulfills an existing Government need;
- (3) The exercise of the option is the most advantageous method of fulfilling the Government's need, price and other factors (see paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section) considered;
- (4) The option was synopsized in accordance with Part 5 unless exempted by 5.202(a)(11) or other appropriate exemptions in 5.202;
- (5) The contractor does not have an active exclusion record in the System for Award Management (see FAR 9.405-1);
- (6) The contractor's past performance evaluations on other contract actions have been considered; and
- (7) The contractor's performance on this contract has been acceptable, *e.g.*, received satisfactory ratings.
- (d) The contracting officer, after considering price and other factors, shall make the determination on the basis of one of the following:
- (1) A new solicitation fails to produce a better price or a more advantageous offer than that offered by the option. If it is anticipated that the best price available is the option price or that this is the more advantageous offer, the contracting officer should not use this method of testing the market.
- (2) An informal analysis of prices or an examination of the market indicates that the option price is better than prices available in the market or that the option is the more advantageous offer.
- (3) The time between the award of the contract containing the option and the exercise of the option is so short that it indicates the option price is the lowest price obtainable or the more advantageous offer. The contracting officer shall take into consideration such factors as market stability and comparison of the time since award with the usual duration of contracts for such supplies or services.
- (e) The determination of other factors under paragraph (c)(3) of this section—
- (1) Should take into account the Government's need for continuity of operations and potential costs of disrupting operations; and
  - (2) May consider the effect on small business.
- (f) Before exercising an option, the contracting officer shall make a written determination for the contract file that exercise is in accordance with the terms of the option, the

#### 18.000 Scope of part.

- (a) This part identifies acquisition flexibilities that are available for emergency acquisitions. These flexibilities are specific techniques or procedures that may be used to streamline the standard acquisition process. This part includes—
  - (1) Generally available flexibilities; and
- (2) Emergency acquisition flexibilities that are available only under prescribed circumstances.
- (b) The acquisition flexibilities in this part are not exempt from the requirements and limitations set forth in FAR <u>Part 3</u>, Improper Business Practices and Personal Conflicts of Interest
- (c) Additional flexibilities may be authorized in an executive agency supplement to the FAR.

#### 18.001 Definition.

"Emergency acquisition flexibilities", as used in this part, means flexibilities provided with respect to any acquisition of supplies or services by or for an executive agency that, as determined by the head of an executive agency, may be used—

- (a) In support of a contingency operation as defined in 2.101;
- (b) To facilitate the defense against or recovery from nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack against the United States; or
- (c) When the President issues an emergency declaration, or a major disaster declaration.

# Subpart 18.1—Available Acquisition Flexibilities

### 18.101 General.

The FAR includes many acquisition flexibilities that are available to the contracting officer when certain conditions are met. These acquisition flexibilities do not require an emergency declaration or designation of contingency operation.

### 18.102 System for Award Management.

- (a) In accordance with <u>4.1102</u>, contractors are not required to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) at the time of submission of offers or quotations for—
- (1) Contracts awarded without providing for full and open competition due to unusual and compelling urgency (see 6.302-2); or
  - (2) Contracts awarded by a contracting officer-
    - (i) Deployed in the course of military operations;
- (ii) Located outside the United States and its outlying areas, for work to be performed in support of diplomatic or developmental operations, in an area that has been designated by the Department of State as a danger pay post; or
  - (iii) In the conduct of emergency operations.

- (b) However, contractors are required to be registered in SAM in order to gain access to the Disaster Response Registry.
- (c) Contracting officers shall consult the Disaster Response Registry via <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>, Search Records, Advanced Search, Disaster Response Registry Search to determine the availability of contractors for debris removal, distribution of supplies, reconstruction, and other disaster or emergency relief activities inside the United States and outlying areas. (See 26.205).

#### 18.103 Synopses of proposed contract actions.

Contracting officers need not submit a synopsis notice when there is an unusual and compelling urgency and the Government would be seriously injured if the agency complied with the notice time periods. (See 5.202(a)(2).)

#### 18.104 Unusual and compelling urgency.

Agencies may limit the number of sources and full and open competition need not be provided for contracting actions involving urgent requirements. (See 6.302-2.)

# 18.105 Federal Supply Schedules (FSSs), multi-agency blanket purchase agreements (BPAs), and multi-agency indefinite delivery contracts.

Streamlined procedures and a broad range of goods and services may be available under Federal Supply Schedule contracts (see <a href="subpart 8.4">subpart 8.4</a>), multi-agency BPAs (see <a href="8.405-3">8.405-3</a>(a)(6)), or multi-agency, indefinite-delivery contracts (see <a href="16.505">16.505</a>(a)(8)). These contracting methods may offer agency advance planning, pre-negotiated line items, and special terms and conditions that permit rapid response.

# 18.106 Acquisitions from Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (FPI).

Purchase from FPI is not mandatory and a waiver is not required if public exigency requires immediate delivery or performance (see <u>8.605(b)</u>).

### 18.107 AbilityOne specification changes.

Contracting officers are not held to the notification required when changes in AbilityOne specifications or descriptions are required to meet emergency needs. (See 8.712(d).)

#### 18.108 Qualifications requirements.

Agencies may determine not to enforce qualification requirements when an emergency exists. (See 9.206-1.)

### 18.109 Priorities and allocations.

The Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) supports approved national defense, emergency preparedness, and energy programs and was established to facilitate rapid

industrial mobilization in case of a national emergency. (See subpart 11.6.)

### 18.110 Soliciting from a single source.

For purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold, contracting officers may solicit from one source under certain circumstances. (See 13.106-1(b).)

# 18.111 Oral requests for proposals.

Oral requests for proposals are authorized under certain conditions. (See 15.203(f).)

#### 18.112 Letter contracts.

Letter contracts may be used when contract performance must begin immediately. (See 16.603.)

#### 18.113 Interagency acquisitions.

Interagency acquisitions are authorized under certain conditions. (See subpart 17.5.)

# 18.114 Contracting with the Small Business Administration (The 8(a) Program).

Contracts may be awarded to the Small Business Administration (SBA) for performance by eligible 8(a) participants on either a sole source or competitive basis. (See subpart 19.8.)

#### 18.115 HUBZone sole source awards.

Contracts may be awarded to Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) small business concerns on a sole source basis. (See 19.1306.)

# 18.116 Service-disabled Veteran-owned Small Business (SDVOSB) sole source awards.

Contracts may be awarded to Service-disabled Veteranowned Small Business (SDVOSB) concerns on a sole source basis. (See 19.1406.)

# 18.117 Awards to economically disadvantaged womenowned small business concerns and women-owned small business concerns eligible under the Women-Owned Small Business Program.

Contracts may be awarded to economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concerns and women-owned small business (WOSB) concerns eligible under the WOSB Program on a competitive or sole source basis. (See subpart 19.15.)

### 18.118 Overtime approvals.

Overtime approvals may be retroactive if justified by emergency circumstances. (See 22.103-4(i).)

#### 18.119 Trade agreements.

The policies and procedures of FAR 25.4 may not apply to acquisitions not awarded under full and open competition (see 25.401(a)(5)).

# 18.120 Use of patented technology under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Requirement to obtain authorization prior to use of patented technology may be waived in circumstances of extreme urgency or national emergency. (See <u>27.204-1</u>.)

### 18.121 Bid guarantees.

The chief of the contracting office may waive the requirement to obtain a bid guarantee for emergency acquisitions when a performance bond or a performance bond and payment bond is required. (See 28.101-1(c).)

#### 18.122 Advance payments.

Agencies may authorize advance payments to facilitate the national defense for actions taken under Public Law 85-804 (see <u>subpart 50.1</u>, Extraordinary Contractual Actions). These advance payments may be made at or after award of sealed bid contracts, as well as negotiated contracts. (See 32.405.)

#### 18.123 Assignment of claims.

The use of the no-setoff provision may be appropriate to facilitate the national defense in the event of a national emergency or natural disaster. (See 32.803(d).)

#### 18.124 Electronic funds transfer.

Electronic funds transfer payments may be waived for acquisitions to support unusual and compelling needs or emergency acquisitions. (See 32.1103(e).)

#### 18.125 Protest to GAO.

When urgent and compelling circumstances exist, agency protest override procedures allow the head of the contracting activity to determine that the contracting process may continue after GAO has received a protest. (See 33.104(b) and (c).)

#### 18.126 Contractor rent-free use of Government property.

Rental requirements do not apply to items of Government production and research property that are part of a general program approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and meet certain criteria. (See <u>45.301</u>.)

#### 18.127 Extraordinary contractual actions.

<u>subpart 50.1</u> prescribes policies and procedures for entering into, amending, or modifying contracts in order to facilitate the national defense under the extraordinary emergency authority granted by Public Law 85-804 (<u>50 U.S.C. 1431-1434</u>). This includes—

- (a) Amending contracts without consideration (see 50.103-2(a));
- (b) Correcting or mitigating mistakes in a contract (see 50.103-2(b)); and
  - (c) Formalizing informal commitments (See <u>50.103-2</u>(c)).

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status of an apparent successful offeror shall file two separate protests.

- (d) All protests shall be in writing and must state all specific grounds for the protest.
- (1) SBA will consider protests challenging the status of a concern if—
- (i) The protest presents evidence that the concern is not at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more women who are United States citizens; or
- (ii) The protest presents evidence that the concern is not at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more economically disadvantaged women, when it is in connection with an EDWOSB contract.
- (2) SBA shall consider protests by a contracting officer when the apparent successful offeror has failed to provide all of the required documents, as set forth in 19.1503(c).
- (3) Assertions that a protested concern is not a EDWOSB or WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program, without setting forth specific facts or allegations, will not be considered by SBA (see 13 CFR 127.603(a)).
  - (e) Protest by an interested party.
- (1) An offeror shall submit its protest to the contracting officer—
- (i) To be received by the close of business by the fifth business day after bid opening (in sealed bid acquisitions); or
- (ii) To be received by the close of business by the fifth business day after notification by the contracting officer of the apparent successful offeror (in negotiated acquisitions).
- (2) Any protest received after the designated time limit is untimely, unless it is from the contracting officer or SBA.
- (f)(1) The contracting officer shall forward all protests to SBA. The protests are to be submitted to SBA's Director for Government Contracting, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416 or by fax to 202-205-6390, Attn: Women-owned Small Business Status Protest.
- (2) The protest shall include a referral letter written by the contracting officer with information pertaining to the solicitation. The referral letter must include the following information to allow SBA to determine timeliness and standing:
- (i) The solicitation number or electronic link to or a paper copy of the solicitation.
- (ii) The name, address, telephone number, email address, and facsimile number of the contracting officer.
  - (iii) Whether the protestor submitted an offer.
- (iv) Whether the protested concern was the apparent successful offeror.
  - (v) When the protested concern submitted its offer.
- (vi) Whether the acquisition was conducted using sealed bid or negotiated procedures.
  - (vii) The bid opening date, if applicable.

- (viii) The date the contracting officer received the protest.
- (ix) The date the protestor received notification about the apparent successful offeror, if applicable.
  - (x) Whether a contract has been awarded.
- (g) SBA will notify the protester and the contracting officer of the date SBA received the protest.
- (h) *Before SBA decision*. (1) After receiving a protest involving the apparent successful offeror's status as an EDWOSB or WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program, the contracting officer shall either—
- (i) Withhold award of the contract until SBA determines the status of the protested concern; or
- (ii) Award the contract after receipt of the protest but before SBA issues its decision if the contracting officer determines in writing that an award must be made to protect the public interest.
- (2) SBA will determine the merits of the status protest within 15 business days after receipt of a protest, or within any extension of that time granted by the contracting officer.
- (3) If SBA does not issue its determination within 15 business days, or within any extension of time granted, the contracting officer may award the contract after determining in writing that there is an immediate need to award the contract and that waiting until SBA makes its determination will be disadvantageous to the Government. This determination shall be provided to the SBA Director for Government Contracting and a copy shall be included in the contract file.
- (i) After SBA decision. SBA will notify the contracting officer, the protester, and the protested concern of its determination. The determination is effective immediately and is final unless overturned on appeal by SBA's Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) pursuant to 13 CFR part 134.
- (1) If the contracting officer has withheld contract award and SBA has denied or dismissed the protest, the contracting officer may award the contract to the protested concern. If OHA subsequently overturns the SBA Director for Government Contracting's determination or dismissal, the contracting officer may apply the OHA decision to the procurement in question.
- (2) If the contracting officer has withheld contract award, SBA has sustained the protest and determined that the concern is not eligible under the WOSB Program, and no OHA appeal has been filed, then the contracting officer shall not award the contract to the protested concern.
- (3) If the contracting officer has made a written determination in accordance with (h)(1)(ii) or (h)(3) of this section, awarded the contract, and SBA's ruling is received after award, and no OHA appeal has been filed, then—
- (i) The contracting officer shall terminate the contract, unless the contracting officer has made a written determination that termination is not in the best interests of the

Government. However, the contracting officer shall not exercise any options or award further task or delivery orders;

- (ii) The contracting officer shall update the FPDS to reflect the final SBA decision; and
- (iii) The concern must remove its designation in the SAM as an EDWOSB or WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program, and shall not submit an offer as an EDWOSB concern or WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program, until SBA issues a decision that the ineligibility is resolved.
- (4) If the contracting officer has made a written determination in accordance with (h)(1)(ii) or (h)(3) of this section, contract award has occurred, SBA has sustained the protest and determined that the concern is not eligible under the WOSB Program, and a timely OHA appeal has been filed, then the contracting officer shall consider whether performance can be suspended until an OHA decision is rendered.
- (5) If OHA affirms the SBA Director for Government Contracting's determination finding the protested concern is ineligible, then—
- (i) The contracting officer shall terminate the contract, unless the contracting officer has made a written determination that termination is not in the best interests of the Government. However, the contracting officer shall not exercise any options or award further task or delivery orders;
- (ii) The contracting officer shall update the FPDS to reflect OHA's decision; and
- (iii) The concern must remove its designation in SAM as an EDWOSB or WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program, and shall not submit an offer as an EDWOSB concern or WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program, until SBA issues a decision that the ineligibility is resolved or OHA finds the concern is eligible on appeal.
- (j) Appeals of EDWOSB or WOSB concerns eligible under the WOSB Program status determinations. (1) The protested EDWOSB concern or WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB program, the protester, or the contracting officer may file an appeal of a WOSB or EDWOSB status protest determination with OHA.
- (2) OHA must receive the appeal no later than 10 business days after the date of receipt of the protest determination. SBA will dismiss an untimely appeal.
- (3) See subpart G "Rules of Practice for Appeals From Women-Owned Small Business Concerns (WOSB) and Economically Disadvantaged WOSB Concern (EDWOSB) Pro-

- tests" at 13 CFR 134.701 through 134.715 for SBA's appeals regulations.
- (k) The appeal must be in writing. The appeal must identify the protest determination being appealed and must set forth a full and specific statement as to why the EDWOSB concern or WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB program protest determination is alleged to be based on a clear error of fact or law, together with an argument supporting such allegation.
- (l) The party appealing the decision must provide notice of the appeal to—
  - (1) The contracting officer;
- (2) Director, Office of Government Contracting, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, facsimile 202-205-6390;
- (3) The protested EDWOSB concern or WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB program, or the original protester, as appropriate; and
- (4) SBA's Office of General Counsel, Associate General Counsel for Procurement Law, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, facsimile 202-205-6873, or e-mail at OPLService@sba.gov.
- (m) OHA will make its decision within 15 business days of the receipt of the appeal, if practicable. SBA will provide a copy of the decision to the contracting officer, the protester, and the protested EDWOSB concern or WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB program. The OHA decision is the final agency decision and is binding on the parties.

#### 19.309 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

- (a)(1) Insert the provision at <u>52.219-1</u>, Small Business Program Representations, in solicitations exceeding the micropurchase threshold when the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (2) Use the provision with its Alternate I in solicitations issued by DoD, NASA, or the Coast Guard.
- (b) When contracting by sealed bidding, insert the provision at <u>52.219-2</u>, Equal Low Bids, in solicitations when the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (c) Insert the clause at <u>52.219-28</u>, Post-Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation, in solicitations and contracts exceeding the micro-purchase threshold when the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

the ANC or Indian tribe shall designate only a portion of the total subcontract award to each contractor. The sum of the amounts designated to various contractors cannot exceed the total value of the subcontract.

- (C) The ANC or Indian tribe shall give a copy of the written designation to the contracting officer, the prime contractor, and the subcontractors in between the prime contractor and the ANC or Indian tribe within 30 days of the date of the subcontract award.
- (D) If the contracting officer does not receive a copy of the ANC's or the Indian tribe's written designation within 30 days of the subcontract award, the contractor that awarded the subcontract to the ANC or Indian tribe will be considered the designated contractor.
- (2) A contractor acting in good faith may rely on the written representation of an ANC or an Indian tribe as to the status of the ANC or Indian tribe unless an interested party challenges its status or the contracting officer has independent reason to question its status. In the event of a challenge of a representation of an ANC or Indian tribe, the interested parties shall follow the procedures at 26.103(b) through (e).
- (d)(1) The contractor shall confirm that a subcontractor representing itself as a HUBZone small business concern is certified by SBA as a HUBZone small business concern by accessing the System for Award Management or by contacting the SBA. Options for contacting the SBA include—
- (i) HUBZone small business database search application web page at <a href="http://dsbs.sba.gov/dsbs/dsp-searchhubzone.cfm">http://dsbs.sba.gov/dsbs/dsp-searchhubzone.cfm</a>;
  - (ii) In writing to the-

Director/HUBzone Program, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington DC 20416; or

- (iii) E-mail at hubzone@sba.gov.
- (2) Protests challenging the socioeconomic status of a HUBZone small business concern must be filed in accordance with 13 CFR 126.801.
- (e) The contracting officer or the SBA may protest the disadvantaged status of a proposed subcontractor. Protests challenging a subcontractor's small disadvantaged business representation must be filed in accordance with 13 CFR 124.1007 through 124.1014. Other interested parties may submit information to the contracting officer or the SBA in an effort to persuade the contracting officer or the SBA to initiate a protest. Such protests, in order to be considered timely, must be submitted to the SBA prior to completion of performance by the intended subcontractor.

#### 19.704 Subcontracting plan requirements.

- (a) Each subcontracting plan required under 19.702(a)(1), (2), and (3) shall include—
- (1) Separate percentage goals for using small business (including ANCs and Indian tribes), veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business (including ANCs and Indian tribes) and women-owned small business concerns as subcontractors;
- (2) A statement of the total dollars planned to be subcontracted and a statement of the total dollars planned to be subcontracted to small business (including ANCs and Indian tribes), veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business (including ANCs and Indian tribes) and women-owned small business concerns, as a percentage of total subcontract dollars. For individual subcontracting plans only, a contracting officer may require the goals referenced in paragraph (a)(1) of this section to be calculated as a percentage of total contract dollars, in addition to the goals established as a percentage of total subcontract dollars;
- (3) A description of the principal types of supplies and services to be subcontracted and an identification of types of supplies or services planned for subcontracting to small business (including ANCs and Indian tribes), veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business (including ANCs and Indian tribes), and women-owned small business concerns;
- (4) A description of the method used to develop the subcontracting goals;
- (5) A description of the method used to identify potential sources for solicitation purposes;
- (6) A statement as to whether or not the offeror included indirect costs in establishing subcontracting goals, and a description of the method used to determine the proportionate share of indirect costs to be incurred with small business (including ANCs and Indian tribes), veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business (including ANCs and Indian tribes), and women-owned small business concerns;
- (7) The name of an individual employed by the offeror who will administer the offeror's subcontracting program, and a description of the duties of the individual;
- (8) A description of the efforts the offeror will make to ensure that small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concerns have an equitable opportunity to compete for subcontracts;
- (9) Assurances that the offeror will include the clause at <u>52.219-8</u>, Utilization of Small Business Concerns

(see 19.708(a)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities, and that the offeror will require all subcontractors (except small business concerns) that receive subcontracts in excess of \$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction) to adopt a plan that complies with the requirements of the clause at 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (see 19.708(b));

- (10) Assurances that the offeror will—
- (i) Cooperate in any studies or surveys as may be required;
- (ii) Submit periodic reports so that the Government can determine the extent of compliance by the offeror with the subcontracting plan;
- (iii) After November 30, 2017, include subcontracting data for each order when reporting subcontracting achievements for indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contracts with individual subcontracting plans where the contract is intended for use by multiple agencies;
- (iv) Submit the Individual Subcontract Report (ISR), and the Summary Subcontract Report (SSR) using the Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS) (<a href="http://www.esrs.gov">http://www.esrs.gov</a>), following the instructions in the eSRS.
- (A) The ISR shall be submitted semi-annually during contract performance for the periods ending March 31 and September 30. A report is also required for each contract within 30 days of contract completion. Reports are due 30 days after the close of each reporting period, unless otherwise directed by the contracting officer. Reports are required when due, regardless of whether there has been any subcontracting activity since the inception of the contract or the previous reporting period. When a contracting officer rejects an ISR, the contractor is required to submit a revised ISR within 30 days of receiving the notice of the ISR rejection.
- (B) The SSR shall be submitted annually by October 30 for the twelve-month period ending September 30. When an SSR is rejected, the contractor is required to submit a revised SSR within 30 days of receiving the notice of SSR rejection;
- (v) Ensure that its subcontractors with subcontracting plans agree to submit the ISR and/or the SSR using the eSRS;
- (vi) Provide its prime contract number, its unique entity identifier and the e-mail address of the offeror's official responsible for acknowledging receipt of or rejecting the ISRs to all first-tier subcontractors with subcontracting plans so they can enter this information into the eSRS when submitting their ISRs; and
- (vii) Require that each subcontractor with a subcontracting plan provide the prime contract number, its own unique entity identifier, and the e-mail address of the subcontractor's official responsible for acknowledging receipt of or rejecting the ISRs, to its subcontractors with subcontracting plans;

- (11) A description of the types of records that will be maintained concerning procedures adopted to comply with the requirements and goals in the plan, including establishing source lists; and a description of the offeror's efforts to locate small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concerns and to award subcontracts to them;
- (12) Assurances that the offeror will make a good faith effort to acquire articles, equipment, supplies, services, or materials, or obtain the performance of construction work from the small business concerns that the offeror used in preparing the bid or proposal, in the same or greater scope, amount, and quality used in preparing and submitting the bid or proposal. Responding to a request for a quote does not constitute use in preparing a bid or proposal. An offeror used a small business concern in preparing the bid or proposal if—
- (i) The offeror identifies the small business concern as a subcontractor in the bid or proposal or associated small business subcontracting plan, to furnish certain supplies or perform a portion of the contract; or
- (ii) The offeror used the small business concern's pricing or cost information or technical expertise in preparing the bid or proposal, where there is written evidence of an intent or understanding that the small business concern will be awarded a subcontract for the related work if the offeror is awarded the contract;
- (13) Assurances that the contractor will provide the contracting officer with a written explanation if the contractor fails to acquire articles, equipment, supplies, services or materials or obtain the performance of construction work as described in (a)(12) of this section. This written explanation will be submitted to the contracting officer within 30 days of contract completion;
- (14) Assurances that the contractor will not prohibit a subcontractor from discussing with the contracting officer any material matter pertaining to payment to or utilization of a subcontractor; and
- (15) Assurances that the offeror will pay its small business subcontractors on time and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the subcontract, and notify the contracting officer if the offeror pays a reduced or an untimely payment to a small business subcontractor (see 52.242-5).
- (b) Contractors may establish, on a plant or division-wide basis, a master subcontracting plan (see 19.701) that contains all the elements required by the clause at 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan, except goals. Master subcontracting plans shall be effective for a 3-year period after approval by the contracting officer; however, it is incumbent upon contractors to maintain and update master subcontracting plans. Changes required to update master subcontracting

- (b) A request for a substantial variance hearing shall include sufficient data to show that the rates at issue vary substantially from those prevailing for similar services in the locality. The request shall also include—
  - (1) The number of the wage determinations at issue;
- (2) The name of the contracting agency whose contract is involved;
- (3) A brief description of the services to be performed under the contract;
- (4) The status of the procurement and any estimated procurement dates, such as bid opening, contract award, and commencement date of the contract or its follow-up option period:
- (5) A statement of the applicant's case, setting forth in detail the reasons why the applicant believes that a substantial variance exists with respect to some or all of the wages and/or fringe benefits;
- (6) Names and addresses (to the extent known) of interested parties; and
  - (7) Any other data required by the Administrator.
  - (c) A request for an arm's length hearing shall include—
- (1) A statement of the applicant's case, setting forth in detail the reasons why the applicant believes that the wages and fringe benefits contained in the collective bargaining agreement were not reached as a result of arm's length negotiations;
- (2) A statement regarding the status of the procurement and any estimated procurement dates, such as bid opening, contract award, and commencement date of the contract or its follow-up option period; and
- (3) Names and addresses (to the extent known) of interested parties.
- (d) Unless the Administrator determines that extraordinary circumstances exist, the Administrator will not consider requests for a hearing unless received as follows:
- (1) For sealed bid contracts, more than 10 days before the award of the contract; or
- (2) For negotiated contracts and for contracts with provisions exceeding the initial term by option, before the commencement date of the contract or the follow-up option period.

#### 22.1022 Withholding of contract payments.

Any violations of the clause at 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards, as amended, renders the responsible contractor liable for the amount of any deductions, rebates, refunds, or underpayments (which includes nonpayment) of compensation due employees performing the contract. The contracting officer may withhold—or, upon written request of the Department of Labor from a level no lower than that of Deputy Regional Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, shall withhold—the amount needed to

pay such underpaid employees from accrued payments due the contractor on the contract, or on any other prime contract (whether subject to the Service Contract Labor Standards statute or not) with the contractor. The agency shall place the amount withheld in a deposit fund. Such withheld funds shall be transferred to the Department of Labor for disbursement to the underpaid employees on order of the Secretary (or authorized representatives), and Administrative Law Judge, or the Administrative Review Board. In addition, the Department of Labor has given blanket approval to forward withheld funds pending completion of an investigation or other administrative proceeding when disposition of withheld funds remains the final action necessary to close out a contract.

#### 22.1023 Termination for default.

As provided by the Service Contract Labor Standards statute, any contractor failure to comply with the requirements of the contract clauses related to the Service Contract Labor Standards statute may be grounds for termination for default (see paragraph (k) of the clause at <u>52.222-41</u>, Service Contract Labor Standards).

#### 22.1024 Cooperation with the Department of Labor.

The contracting officer shall cooperate with Department of Labor representatives in the examination of records, interviews with service employees, and all other aspects of investigations undertaken by the Department. When asked, agencies shall furnish the Wage and Hour Administrator or a designee, any available information on contractors, subcontractors, their contracts, and the nature of the contract services. The contracting officer shall promptly refer, in writing to the appropriate regional office of the Department, apparent violations and complaints received. Employee complaints shall not be disclosed to the employer.

# 22.1025 Ineligibility of violators.

Persons or firms found to be in violation of the Service Contract Labor Standards statute will have an active exclusion record contained in the System for Award Management (see 9.404). No Government contract may be awarded to any violator so listed because of a violation of the Service Contract Labor Standards statute, or to any firm, corporation, partnership, or association in which the violator has a substantial interest, without the approval of the Secretary of Labor. This prohibition against award to an ineligible contractor applies to both prime and subcontracts.

# 22.1026 Disputes concerning labor standards.

Disputes concerning labor standards requirements of the contract are handled under paragraph (t) of the contract clause at <u>52.222-41</u>, Service Contract Labor Standards, and not under the clause at <u>52.233-1</u>, Disputes.

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# **Subpart 23.8—Ozone-Depleting Substances** and **Greenhouse Gases**

# 23.800 Scope of subpart.

This subpart-

- (a) Sets forth policies and procedures for the acquisition of items that—
- (1) Contain, use, or are manufactured with ozone-depleting substances; or
- (2) Contain or use high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons; and
- (b) Addresses public disclosure of greenhouse gas emissions and reduction goals.

#### 23.801 Authorities.

- (a) Title VI of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7671, et seq.).
- (b) Section 706 of Division D, Title VII of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Pub. L. 111-8).
- (c) Executive Order 13693 of March 25, 2015, Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade.
- (d) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, Protection of Stratospheric Ozone (40 CFR part 82).

#### 23.802 Policy.

- It is the policy of the Federal Government that Federal agencies-
- (a) Implement cost-effective programs to minimize the procurement of materials and substances that contribute to the depletion of stratospheric ozone and/or result in the use, release or emission of high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons;
- (b) Give preference to the procurement of acceptable alternative chemicals, products, and manufacturing processes that reduce overall risks to human health and the environment by minimizing—
  - (1) The depletion of ozone in the upper atmosphere; and
- (2) The potential use, release, or emission of high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons;
- (c) Lead efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the Federal level in accordance with Executive Order 13693; and
- (d) In order to better understand both direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions that result from Federal activities, require offerors that are registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) and received \$7.5 million or more in Federal contract awards in the prior Federal fiscal year to—
- (1) Represent whether they publicly disclose greenhouse gas emissions;
- (2) Represent whether they publicly disclose a quantitative greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal; and
  - (3) Provide the website for any such disclosures.

#### 23.803 Procedures.

In preparing specifications and purchase descriptions, and in the acquisition of products and services, agencies shall—

- (a) Comply with the requirements of title VI of the Clean Air Act, section 706 of division D, title VII of Pub. L. 111-8, Executive Order 13693, and 40 CFR 82.84(a)(2), (3), (4), and (5);
- (b) Substitute acceptable alternatives to ozone-depleting substances, as identified under 42 U.S.C. 7671k, to the maximum extent practicable, as provided in 40 CFR 82.84(a)(1), except in the case of Class I substances being used for specified essential uses, as identified under 40 CFR 82.4(n);
- (c) Unless a particular contract requires otherwise, specify that, when feasible, contractors shall use another acceptable alternative in lieu of a high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbon in products and services in a particular end use for which EPA's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program has identified other acceptable alternatives that have lower global warming potential; and
- (d) Refer to EPA's SNAP program for the list of alternatives, found at 40 CFR part 82, subpart G as well as supplemental tables of alternatives (available at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/snap">http://www.epa.gov/snap</a>).

#### 23.804 Contract provision and clauses.

- (a) Except for contracts for supplies that will be delivered outside the United States and its outlying areas, or contracts for services that will be performed outside the United States and its outlying areas, the contracting officer shall insert the following clauses:
- (1) <u>52.223-11</u>, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons, in solicitations and contracts for—
- (i) Refrigeration equipment (in product or service code (PSC) 4110);
  - (ii) Air conditioning equipment (PSC 4120);
- (iii) Clean agent fire suppression systems/equipment (e.g., installed room flooding systems, portable fire extinguishers, aircraft/tactical vehicle fire/explosion suppression systems) (in PSC 4210);
- (iv) Bulk refrigerants and fire suppressants (in PSC 6830);
- (v) Solvents, dusters, freezing compounds, mold release agents, and any other miscellaneous chemical specialty that may contain ozone-depleting substances or high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons (in PSC 6850);
- (vi) Corrosion prevention compounds, foam sealants, aerosol mold release agents, and any other preservative or sealing compound that may contain ozone-depleting substances or high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons (in PSC 8030);
- (vii) Fluorocarbon lubricants (primarily aerosols) (in PSC 9150); and

- (viii) Any other manufactured end products that may contain or be manufactured with ozone-depleting substances.
- (2) <u>52.223-12</u>, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners, in solicitations and contracts that include the maintenance, service, repair, or disposal of—
- (i) Refrigeration equipment, such as refrigerators, chillers, or freezers; or
- (ii) Air conditioners, including air conditioning systems in motor vehicles.
- (3) <u>52.223-20</u>, Aerosols, in solicitations and contracts—
  (i) For products that may contain high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons as a propellant, or as a solvent; or

- (ii) That involve maintenance or repair of electronic or mechanical devices.
  - (4) 52.223-21, Foams, in solicitations and contracts for-
- (i) Products that may contain high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons or refrigerant blends containing hydrofluorocarbons as a foam blowing agent, such as building foam insulation or appliance foam insulation; or
  - (ii) Construction of buildings or facilities.
- (b) The provision at <u>52.223-22</u>, Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals-Representation, is required only when <u>52.204-7</u>, System for Award Management, is included in the solicitation (see <u>52.204-8</u>, Annual Representations and Certifications).

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imposed under section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act. Such activities, which are described in detail in section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act, relate to the energy sector of Iran and development by Iran of weapons of mass destruction or other military capabilities.

- (2) Certification relating to transactions with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps. As required by section 6(b)(1)(B) of the Iran Sanctions Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note), unless an exception applies in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection, or a waiver is granted in accordance with 25.703-4, each offeror must certify that the offeror, and any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not knowingly engage in any significant transaction (i.e., a 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 <a href="https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/default.aspx</a>).
- (b) *Remedies*. Upon the determination of a false certification under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the agency shall take one or more of the following actions:
- (1) The contracting officer terminates the contract in accordance with procedures in part  $\underline{49}$ , or for commercial items, see 12.403.
- (2) The suspending official suspends the contractor in accordance with the procedures in subpart <u>9.4</u>.
- (3) The debarring official debars the contractor for a period of at least two years in accordance with the procedures in subpart 9.4.
- (c) Exception for trade agreements. The certification requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection do not apply if the acquisition is subject to trade agreements and the offeror certifies that all the offered products are designated country end products or designated country construction material (see subpart 25.4).

# 25.703-3 Prohibition on contracting with entities that export sensitive technology to Iran.

- (a) The head of an executive agency may not enter into or extend a contract for the procurement of goods or services with a person that exports certain sensitive technology to Iran, as determined by the President, and has an active exclusion in the System for Award Management at <a href="http://www.sam.gov">http://www.sam.gov</a> (22 U.S.C. 8515).
- (b) Each offeror must represent that it 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.
- (c) Exception for trade agreements. The representation requirement of paragraph (b) of this subsection does not apply if the acquisition is subject to trade agreements and the offeror

certifies that all the offered products are designated country end products or designated country construction material (see subpart 25.4).

#### 25.703-4 Waiver.

- (a) An agency or contractor seeking a waiver of the requirements of 25.703-2 or 25.703-3, consistent with section 6(b)(5) of the Iran Sanctions Act or 22 U.S.C. 8551(b), respectively, and the Presidential Memorandum of September 23, 2010 (75 FR 67025), shall submit the request to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, allowing sufficient time for review and approval.
- (b) Agencies may request a waiver on an individual or class basis; however, waivers are not indefinite and can be cancelled, if warranted.
- (1) A class waiver may be requested only when the class of supplies or equipment is not available from any other source and it is in the national interest.
- (2) Prior to submitting the waiver request, the request must be reviewed and cleared by the agency head.
- (c) In general, all waiver requests should include the following information:
- (1) Agency name, complete mailing address, and point of contact name, telephone number, and e-mail address.
- (2) Offeror's name, complete mailing address, and point of contact name, telephone number, and e-mail address.
  - (3) Description/nature of product or service.
  - (4) The total cost and length of the contract.
- (5) Justification, with market research demonstrating that no other offeror can provide the product or service and stating why the product or service must be procured from this offeror.
- (i) If the offeror exports 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, provide rationale why it is in the national interest for the President to waive the prohibition on contracting with this offeror, as required by 22 U.S.C. 8551(b).
- (ii) If the offeror conducts activities for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act or engages 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, provide rationale why it is essential to the national security interests of the United States for the President to waive the prohibition on contracting with this offeror, as required by section 6(b)(5) of the Iran Sanctions Act.
- (6) Documentation regarding the offeror's past performance and integrity (see the Past Performance Information Retrieval System and the Federal Awardee Performance Information and Integrity System at <a href="https://www.ppirs.gov">www.ppirs.gov</a>, and any other relevant information).

- (7) Information regarding the offeror's relationship or connection with other firms that—
- (i) Export 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) Conduct activities for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act; or
- (iii) Conduct 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.
  - (8) Describe—

- (i) The sensitive technology and the entity or individual to which it was exported (*i.e.*, the government of Iran or an entity or individual owned or controlled by, or acting on behalf or at the direction of, the government of Iran);
- (ii) The activities in which the offeror is engaged for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act; or
- (iii) The transactions that exceed \$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.

# Subpart 26.2—Disaster or Emergency Assistance Activities

### 26.200 Scope of subpart.

This subpart implements the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5150), which provides a preference for local organizations, firms, and individuals when contracting for major disaster or emergency assistance activities.

#### 26.201 Definitions.

"Emergency response contract" means a contract with private entities that supports assistance activities in a major disaster or emergency area, such as debris clearance, distribution of supplies, or reconstruction.

"Local firm" means a private organization, firm, or individual residing or doing business primarily in a major disaster or emergency area.

"Major disaster or emergency area" means the area included in the official Presidential declaration(s) and any additional areas identified by the Department of Homeland Security. Major disaster declarations and emergency declarations are published in the Federal Register and are available at <a href="http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema">http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema</a>.

#### 26.202 Local area preference.

When awarding emergency response contracts during the term of a major disaster or emergency declaration by the President of the United States under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121, et seq.), preference shall be given, to the extent feasible and practicable, to local firms. Preference may be given through a local area set-aside or an evaluation preference.

#### 26.202-1 Local area set-aside.

The contracting officer may set aside solicitations to allow only local firms within a specific geographic area to compete (see 6.208).

- (a) The contracting officer, in consultation with the requirements office, shall define the specific geographic area for the local set-aside.
- (b) A major disaster or emergency area may span counties in several contiguous States. The set-aside area need not include all the counties in the declared disaster/emergency area(s), but cannot go outside it.
- (c) The contracting officer shall also determine whether a local area set-aside should be further restricted to small business concerns in the set-aside area (see Part 19).

### 26.202-2 Evaluation preference.

The contracting officer may use an evaluation preference, when authorized in agency regulations or procedures.

#### 26.203 Transition of work.

- (a) In anticipation of potential emergency response requirements, agencies involved in response planning should consider awarding emergency response contracts before a major disaster or emergency occurs to ensure immediate response and relief. These contracts should be structured to respond to immediate emergency response needs, and should not be structured in any way that may inhibit the transition of emergency response work to local firms (*e.g.*, unnecessarily broad scopes of work or long periods of performance).
- (b) 42 U.S.C. 5150(b)(2) requires that agencies performing response, relief, and reconstruction activities transition to local firms any work performed under contracts in effect on the date on which the President declares a major disaster or emergency, unless the head of such agency determines in writing that it is not feasible or practicable. This determination may be made on an individual contract or class basis. The written determination shall be prepared within a reasonable time given the circumstances of the emergency.
- (c) In effecting the transition, agencies are not required to terminate or renegotiate existing contracts. Agencies should transition the work at the earliest practical opportunity after consideration of the following:
  - (1) The potential duration of the disaster or emergency.
  - (2) The severity of the disaster or emergency.
- (3) The scope and structure of the existing contract, including its period of performance and the milestone(s) at which a transition is reasonable (*e.g.*, before exercising an option).
- (4) The potential impact of a transition, including safety, national defense, and mobilization.
- (5) The expected availability of qualified local offerors who can provide the products or services at a reasonable price.
- (d) The agency shall transition the work to local firms using the local area set-aside identified in 26.202-1.

# 26.204 Justification for expenditures to other than local firms.

- (a) 42 U.S.C. 5150(b)(1) requires that, subsequent to any Presidential declaration of a major disaster or emergency, any expenditure of Federal funds, under an emergency response contract not awarded to a local firm, must be justified in writing in the contract file. The justification should include consideration for the scope of the major disaster or emergency and the immediate requirements or needs of supplies and services to ensure life is protected, victims are cared for, and property is protected.
- (b) The justification may be made on an individual or class basis. The contracting officer approves the justification.

### 26.205 Disaster Response Registry.

(a) Contracting officers shall consult the Disaster Response Registry via <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a> to determine the <a href="https://www.sam.gov">I</a>

availability of contractors for debris removal, distribution of supplies, reconstruction, and other disaster or emergency relief activities inside the United States and outlying areas.

(b) A list of prospective vendors voluntarily participating in the Disaster Response Registry can be retrieved using the System for Award Management (SAM) search tool, which can be accessed via <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>, Search Records, Advanced Search, Disaster Response Registry Search. These vendors may be identified by selecting the criteria for "Disaster Response Contractors". Contractors are required in SAM in order to gain access to the Disaster Response Registry.

#### 26.206 Solicitation provision and contract clauses.

- (a) The contracting officer shall insert the provision at 52.226-3, Disaster or Emergency Area Representation, in solicitations involving the local area set-aside. For commercial items, see 12.301(e)(4).
- (b) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at <u>52.226-4</u>, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-aside in solicitations and contracts involving local area set-asides.
- (c) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at <u>52.226-5</u>, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area, in all solicitations and contracts that involve local area set-asides.

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- (4) Real property owned in fee simple by the surety without any form of concurrent ownership, except as provided in paragraph (c)(3)(iii) of this subsection, and located in the United States or its outlying areas. These assets will be accepted at 100 percent of the most current tax assessment value (exclusive of encumbrances) or 75 percent of the properties' unencumbered market value provided a current appraisal is furnished (see 28.203-3).
- (5) Irrevocable letters of credit (ILC) issued by a federally insured financial institution in the name of the contracting agency and which identify the agency and solicitation or contract number for which the ILC is provided.
  - (c) Unacceptable assets include but are not limited to—
    - (1) Notes or accounts receivable;
    - (2) Foreign securities;
    - (3) Real property as follows:
- (i) Real property located outside the United States and its outlying areas.
- (ii) Real property which is a principal residence of the surety.
- (iii) Real property owned concurrently regardless of the form of co-tenancy (including joint tenancy, tenancy by the entirety, and tenancy in common) except where all co-tenants agree to act jointly.
- (iv) Life estates, leasehold estates, or future interests in real property.
- (4) Personal property other than that listed in paragraph (b) of this subsection (*e.g.*, jewelry, furs, antiques);
- (5) Stocks and bonds of the individual surety in a controlled, affiliated, or closely held concern of the offeror/contractor:
  - (6) Corporate assets (e.g., plant and equipment);
  - (7) Speculative assets (e.g., mineral rights);
- (8) Letters of credit, except as provided in 28.203-2(b)(5).

### 28.203-3 Acceptance of real property.

- (a) Whenever a bond with a security interest in real property is submitted, the individual surety shall provide—
- (1) A mortgagee title insurance policy, in an insurance amount equal to the amount of the lien, or other evidence of title that is consistent with the requirements of Section 2 of the United States Department of Justice Title Standards at <a href="https://www.justice.gov/enrd/page/file/922431/download">https://www.justice.gov/enrd/page/file/922431/download</a>. This title evidence must show fee simple title vested in the surety along with any concurrent owners; whether any real estate taxes are due and payable; and any recorded encumbrances against the property, including the lien filed in favor of the Government under paragraph (d) of this subsection. Agency contracting officers should request

the assistance of their designated agency legal counsel in determining if the title evidence is consistent with the Department of Justice standards;

- (2) Evidence of the amount due under any encumbrance shown in the evidence of title;
- (3) A copy of the current real estate tax assessment of the property or a current appraisal dated no earlier than 6 months prior to the date of the bond, prepared by a professional appraiser who certifies that the appraisal has been conducted in accordance with the generally accepted appraisal standards as reflected in the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice as promulgated by the—

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- (b) Failure to provide evidence that the lien has been properly recorded will render the offeror nonresponsible.
- (c) The individual surety is liable for the payment of all administrative costs of the Government, including legal fees, associated with the liquidation of pledged real estate.
- (d) The following format, or any document substantially the same, shall be signed by all owners of the property and used by the surety and recorded in the local recorder's office when a surety pledges real estate on <a href="Standard Form 28">Standard Form 28</a>, Affidavit of Individual Surety.

#### LIEN ON REAL ESTATE

I/we agree that this instrument constitutes a lien in the amount
of \$ on the property described in this lien. The rights
of the United States Government shall take precedence over any
subsequent lien or encumbrance until the lien is formally
released by a duly authorized representative of the United
States. I/we hereby grant the United States the power of sale of
subject property, including the right to satisfy its reasonable
administrative costs, including legal fees associated with any
sale of subject property, in the event of contractor default if I/
we otherwise fail to satisfy the underlying () bid guarantee, ()
performance bond, ( ) or payment bond obligations as an indi-
vidual surety on solicitation/contract number
. The lien is upon the real estate now owned
by me/us described as follows:
(legal description, street address and other identifying
description)
IN WITNESS HEREOF, I/we have hereunto affixed my/our hand(s)
and seal(s) this Day of20
WITNESS:
WITNESS.
(Seal)
(Seal)
I,, a Notary Public in and for the
(City) (State) do hereby cortify that
(City), (State), do hereby certify that

, a party or parties to a certain Agreement
bearing the date day of 20, and hereunto
annexed, personally appeared before me, the said
being personally well known to me as the per-
son(s) who executed said lien, and acknowledged the same to
be his/her heir act and deed.
GIVEN under my hand and seal this day of20
Notary Public, State

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

#### 28.203-4 Substitution of assets.

An individual surety may request the Government to accept a substitute asset for that currently pledged by submitting a written request to the responsible contracting officer. The contracting officer may agree to the substitution of assets upon determining, after consultation with legal counsel, that the substitute assets to be pledged are adequate to protect the outstanding bond or guarantee obligations. If acceptable, the substitute assets shall be pledged as provided for in Subpart 28.2.

#### 28.203-5 Release of lien.

- (a) After consultation with legal counsel, the contracting officer shall release the security interest on the individual surety's assets using the Optional Form 90, Release of Lien on Real Property, or Optional Form 91, Release of Personal Property from Escrow, or a similar release as soon as possible consistent with the conditions in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this subsection. A surety's assets pledged in support of a payment bond may be released to a subcontractor or supplier upon Government receipt of a Federal district court judgment, or a sworn statement by the subcontractor or supplier that the claim is correct along with a notarized authorization of the release by the surety stating that it approves of such release.
- (1) Contracts subject to the Bonds statute. The security interest shall be maintained for the later of—
  - (i) 1 year following final payment;
- (ii) Until completion of any warranty period (applicable only to performance bonds); or
- (iii) Pending resolution of all claims filed against the payment bond during the 1-year period following final payment.
- (2) Contracts subject to alternative payment protection  $(\underline{28.102-1}(b)(1))$ . The security interest shall be maintained for the full contract performance period plus one year.
- (3) Other contracts not subject to the Bonds statute. The security interest shall be maintained for 90 days following final payment or until completion of any warranty period (applicable only to performance bonds), whichever is later.
- (b) Upon written request, the contracting officer may release the security interest on the individual surety's assets in

support of a bid guarantee based upon evidence that the offer supported by the individual surety will not result in contract award.

(c) Upon written request by the individual surety, the contracting officer may release a portion of the security interest on the individual surety's assets based upon substantial performance of the contractor's obligations under its performance bond. Release of the security interest in support of a payment bond must comply with the paragraphs (a)(1) through (3) of this subsection. In making this determination, the contracting officer will give consideration as to whether the unreleased portion of the lien is sufficient to cover the remaining contract obligations, including payments to subcontractors and other potential liabilities. The individual surety shall, as a condition of the partial release, furnish an affidavit agreeing that the release of such assets does not relieve the individual surety of its obligations under the bond(s).

#### 28.203-6 Contract clause.

Insert the clause at <u>52.228-11</u> in solicitations and contracts which require the submission of bid guarantees, performance, or payment bonds.

#### 28.203-7 Exclusion of individual sureties.

- (a) An individual may be excluded from acting as a surety on bonds submitted by offerors on procurement by the executive branch of the Federal Government, by the acquiring agency's head or designee utilizing the procedures in <a href="Subpart 9.4">Subpart 9.4</a>. The exclusion shall be for the purpose of protecting the Government.
- (b) An individual may be excluded for any of the following causes:
  - (1) Failure to fulfill the obligations under any bond.
  - (2) Failure to disclose all bond obligations.
- (3) Misrepresentation of the value of available assets or outstanding liabilities.
- (4) Any false or misleading statement, signature or representation on a bond or affidavit of individual suretyship.
- (5) Any other cause affecting responsibility as a surety of such serious and compelling nature as may be determined to warrant exclusion.
- (c) An individual surety excluded pursuant to this subsection shall be entered as an exclusion in the System for Award Management (see 9.404.)
- (d) Contracting officers shall not accept the bonds of individual sureties whose names appear in an active exclusion record in the System for Award Management (see 9.404) unless the acquiring agency's head or a designee states in writing the compelling reasons justifying acceptance.
- (e) An exclusion of an individual surety under this subsection will also preclude such party from acting as a contractor in accordance with <u>Subpart 9.4</u>.

# 28.204 Alternatives in lieu of corporate or individual sureties.

- (a) Any person required to furnish a bond to the Government may furnish any of the types of security listed in 28.204-1 through 28.204-3 instead of a corporate or individual surety for the bond. When any of those types of security are deposited, a statement shall be incorporated in the bond form pledging the security in lieu of execution of the bond form by corporate or individual sureties. The contractor shall execute the bond forms as the principal. Agencies shall establish safeguards to protect against loss of the security and shall return the security or its equivalent to the contractor when the bond obligation has ceased.
- (b) Upon written request by any contractor securing a performance or payment bond by any of the types of security listed in 28.204-1 through 28.204-3, the contracting officer may release a portion of the security only when the conditions allowing the partial release of lien in 28.203-5(c) are met. The contractor shall, as a condition of the partial release, furnish an affidavit agreeing that the release of such security does not relieve the contractor of its obligations under the bond(s).
- (c) The contractor may satisfy a requirement for bond security by furnishing a combination of the types of security listed in 28.204-1 through 28.204-3 or a combination of bonds supported by these types of security and additional surety bonds under 28.202 or 28.203. During the period for which a bond supported by security is required, the contractor may substitute one type of security listed in 28.204-1 through 28.204-3 for another, or may substitute, in whole or combination, additional surety bonds under 28.202 or 28.203.

#### 28.204-1 United States bonds or notes.

Any person required to furnish a bond to the Government has the option, instead of furnishing a surety or sureties on the bond, of depositing certain United States bonds or notes in an amount equal at their par value to the penal sum of the bond (the Act of February 24, 1919 (31 U.S.C. 9303) and Treasury Department Circular No. 154 dated July 1, 1978 (31 CFR Part 225)). In addition, a duly executed power of attorney and agreement authorizing the collection or sale of such United States bonds or notes in the event of default of the principal on the bond shall accompany the deposited bonds or notes. The contracting officer may—

- (a) Turn securities over to the finance or other authorized agency official; or
- (b) Deposit them with the Treasurer of the United States, a Federal Reserve Bank (or branch with requisite facilities), or other depository designated for that purpose by the Secretary of the Treasury, under procedures prescribed by the agency concerned and Treasury Department Circular No. 154 (exception: The contracting officer shall deposit all bonds and notes received in the District of Columbia with the Treasurer of the United States).

# 28.204-2 Certified or cashier's checks, bank drafts, money orders, or currency.

Any person required to furnish a bond has an option to furnish a certified or cashier's check, bank draft, Post Office money order, or currency, in an amount equal to the penal sum of the bond, instead of furnishing surety or sureties on the bonds. Those furnishing checks, drafts, or money orders shall draw them to the order of the appropriate Federal agency.

#### 28.204-3 Irrevocable letter of credit.

- (a) Any person required to furnish a bond has the option to furnish a bond secured by an irrevocable letter of credit (ILC) in an amount equal to the penal sum required to be secured (see 28.204). A separate ILC is required for each bond.
- (b) The ILC shall be irrevocable, require presentation of no document other than a written demand and the ILC (and letter of confirmation, if any), expire only as provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection, and be issued/confirmed by an acceptable federally insured financial institution as provided in paragraph (g) of this subsection.
- (c) To draw on the ILC, the contracting officer shall use the sight draft set forth in the clause at 52.228-14, and present it with the ILC (including letter of confirmation, if any) to the issuing financial institution or the confirming financial institution (if any).
- (d) If the contractor does not furnish an acceptable replacement ILC, or other acceptable substitute, at least 30 days before an ILC's scheduled expiration, the contracting officer shall immediately draw on the ILC.
- (e) If, after the period of performance of a contract where ILCs are used to support payment bonds, there are outstanding claims against the payment bond, the contracting officer shall draw on the ILC prior to the expiration date of the ILC to cover these claims.
- (f) The period for which financial security is required shall be as follows:
- (1) If used as a bid guarantee, the ILC should expire no earlier than 60 days after the close of the bid acceptance period.
- (2) If used as an alternative to corporate or individual sureties as security for a performance or payment bond, the offeror/contractor may submit an ILC with an initial expiration date estimated to cover the entire period for which financial security is required or an ILC with an initial expiration date that is a minimum period of one year from the date of issuance. The ILC shall provide that, unless the issuer provides the beneficiary written notice of non-renewal at least 60 days in advance of the current expiration date, the ILC is automatically extended without amendment for one year from the expiration date, or any future expiration date, until the period of required coverage is completed and the contracting officer provides the financial institution with a written state-

ment waiving the right to payment. The period of required coverage shall be:

- (i) For contracts subject to the Bonds statute, the later of—
- (A) One year following the expected date of final payment;
- (B) For performance bonds only, until completion of any warranty period; or
- (C) For payment bonds only, until resolution of all claims filed against the payment bond during the one-year period following final payment.
- (ii) For contracts not subject to the Bonds statute, the later of—
  - (A) 90 days following final payment; or
- (B) For performance bonds only, until completion of any warranty period.
- (g) Only federally insured financial institutions rated investment grade shall issue or confirm the ILC. Unless the financial institution issuing the ILC had letter of credit business of at least \$25 million in the past year, ILCs over \$5 million must be confirmed by another acceptable financial institution that had letter of credit business of at least \$25 million in the past year.
- (1) The offeror/contractor is required by paragraph (d) of the clause at 52.228-14. Irrevocable Letter of Credit, to provide the contracting officer a credit rating from a recognized commercial rating service that indicates the financial institution has the required rating(s) as of the date of issuance of the ILC.
- (2) To support the credit rating of the financial institution(s) issuing or confirming the ILC, the contracting officer shall verify the following information:
- (i) Federal insurance: Each financial institution is federally insured. Verification of federal insurance is available through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) institution directory at the website <a href="http://www2.fdic.gov/idasp/index.asp">http://www2.fdic.gov/idasp/index.asp</a>.

- (ii) Current credit rating. The current credit rating for each financial institution is investment grade and that the credit rating is from a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO). NRSROs can be located at the website <a href="http://www.sec.gov/answers/nrsro.htm">http://www.sec.gov/answers/nrsro.htm</a> maintained by the SEC.
- (3) The rating services listed in the website <a href="http://www.sec.gov/answers/nrsro.htm">http://www.sec.gov/answers/nrsro.htm</a> use different rating scales (e.g., AAA, AA, A, BBB, BB, B, CCC, CC, C, and D; or Aaa, Aa, A, Baa, Ba, B, Caa, Ca, and C) to provide evaluations of institutional credit risk; however, all such systems specify the range of investment grade ratings (e.g., BBB-AAA or Baa-Aaa in the examples in this section) and permit evaluation of the relative risk associated with a specific institution. If the contracting officer learns that a financial institution's rating has dropped below investment grade level, the contracting officer shall give the contractor 30 days to substitute an acceptable ILC or shall draw on the ILC using the sight draft in paragraph (g) of the clause at 52.228-14.
- (h) A copy of the Uniform Customs and Practice (UCP) for Documentary Credits, 2007 Edition, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 600, is available from:

ICC Books USA, 1212 Avenue of the Americas, 21st Floor New York, NY 10036;

Phone: 212-703-5078; Fax: 212-391-6568; E-mail: *iccbooks@uscib.org*;

Via the Internet at: http://www.uscib.org/ucp-600-ud-

4465/.

#### 28.204-4 Contract clause.

Insert the clause at <u>52.228-14</u>, Irrevocable Letter of Credit, in solicitations and contracts for services, supplies, or construction, when a bid guarantee, or performance bonds, or performance and payment bonds are required.

#### **Subpart 32.11—Electronic Funds Transfer**

#### 32.1100 Scope of subpart.

This subpart provides policy and procedures for contract financing and delivery payments to contractors by electronic funds transfer (EFT).

#### 32.1101 Statutory requirements.

31 U.S.C. 3332 requires, subject to implementing regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury at 31 CFR Part 208, that EFT be used to make all contract payments.

#### 32.1102 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

"Electronic Funds Transfer information (EFT)" means information necessary for making a payment by EFT through specified EFT mechanisms.

"Governmentwide commercial purchase card" means a card that is similar in nature to a commercial credit card that is used to make financing and delivery payments for supplies and services. The purchase card is an EFT method and it may be used as a means to meet the requirement to pay by EFT, to the extent that purchase card limits do not preclude such payments.

"Payment information" means the payment advice provided by the Government to the contractor that identifies what the payment is for, any computations or adjustments made by the Government, and any information required by the Prompt Payment Act.

#### 32.1103 Applicability.

The Government shall provide all contract payments through EFT except if—

- (a) The office making payment under a contract that requires payment by EFT, loses the ability to release payment by EFT. To the extent authorized by 31 CFR Part 208, the payment office shall make necessary payments pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of the clause at either 52.232-33 or 52.232-34 until such time as it can make EFT payments;
- (b) The payment is to be received by or on behalf of the contractor outside the United States and Puerto Rico (but see 32.1106(b));
- (c) A contract is paid in other than United States currency (but see 32.1106(b));
- (d) Payment by EFT under a classified contract could compromise the safeguarding of classified information or national security, or arrangements for appropriate EFT payments would be impractical due to security considerations;
- (e) A contract is awarded by a deployed contracting officer in the course of military operations, including, but not limited to, contingency operations as defined in 2.101, or a contract is awarded by any contracting officer in the conduct of emer-

gency operations, such as responses to natural disasters or national or civil emergencies, if—

- (1) EFT is not known to be possible; or
- (2) EFT payment would not support the objectives of the operation;
- (f) The agency does not expect to make more than one payment to the same recipient within a one-year period;
- (g) An agency's need for supplies and services is of such unusual and compelling urgency that the Government would be seriously injured unless payment is made by a method other than EFT:
- (h) There is only one source for supplies and services and the Government would be seriously injured unless payment is made by a method other than EFT; or
- (i) Otherwise authorized by Department of the Treasury Regulations at 31 CFR Part 208.

#### 32.1104 Protection of EFT information.

The Government shall protect against improper disclosure of contractors' EFT information.

#### 32.1105 Assignment of claims.

The use of EFT payment methods is not a substitute for a properly executed assignment of claims in accordance with <u>Subpart 32.8</u>. EFT information that shows the ultimate recipient of the transfer to be other than the contractor, in the absence of a proper assignment of claims, is considered to be incorrect EFT information within the meaning of the "Suspension of Payment" paragraphs of the EFT clauses at <u>52.232-33</u> and <u>52.232-34</u>.

#### 32.1106 EFT mechanisms.

- (a) *Domestic EFT mechanisms*. The EFT clauses at 52.232-33 and 52.232-34 are designed for use with the domestic United States banking system, using United States currency, and only the specified mechanisms (U.S. Automated Clearing House, and Fedwire Transfer System) of EFT. However, the head of an agency may authorize the use of any other EFT mechanism for domestic EFT with the concurrence of the office or agency responsible for making payments.
- (b) Nondomestic EFT mechanisms and other than United States currency. The Government shall provide payment by other than EFT for payments received by or on behalf of the contractor outside the United States and Puerto Rico or for contracts paid in other than United States currency. However, the head of an agency may authorize appropriate use of EFT with the concurrence of the office or agency responsible for making payments if—
- (1) The political, financial, and communications infrastructure in a foreign country supports payment by EFT; or
- (2) Payments of other than United States currency may be made safely.

#### 32.1107 Payment information.

The payment or disbursing office shall forward to the contractor available payment information that is suitable for transmission as of the date of release of the EFT instruction to the Federal Reserve System.

### 32.1108 Payment by Governmentwide commercial purchase card.

A Governmentwide commercial purchase card charge authorizes the third party (e.g., financial institution) that issued the purchase card to make immediate payment to the contractor. The Government reimburses the third party at a later date for the third party's payment to the contractor.

- (a) The clause at 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party, governs when a contractor submits a charge against the purchase card for contract payment. The clause provides that the contractor shall make such payment requests by a charge to a Government account with the third party at the time the payment clause(s) of the contract authorizes the contractor to submit a request for payment, and for the amount due in accordance with the terms of the contract. To the extent that such a payment would otherwise be approved, the charge against the purchase card should not be disputed when the charge is reported to the Government by the third party. To the extent that such payment would otherwise not have been approved, an authorized individual (see 1.603-3) shall take action to remove the charge, such as by disputing the charge with the third party or by requesting that the contractor credit the charge back to the Government under the contract.
- (b)(1) Written contracts to be paid by purchase card should include the clause at 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party, as prescribed by 32.1110(d). However, payment by a purchase card also may be made under a contract that does not contain the clause to the extent the contractor agrees to accept that method of payment.
- (2)(i) When it is contemplated that the Governmentwide commercial purchase card will be used as the method of payment, and the contract or order is above the micro-purchase threshold, contracting officers are required to verify by looking in the System for Award Management (SAM) whether the contractor has any delinquent debt subject to collection under the Treasury Offset Program (TOP) at contract award and order placement. Information on TOP is available at <a href="http://fms.treas.gov/debt/index.html">http://fms.treas.gov/debt/index.html</a>.
- (ii) The contracting officer shall not authorize the Governmentwide commercial purchase card as a method of payment during any period the SAM indicates that the contractor has delinquent debt subject to collection under the TOP. In such cases, payments under the contract shall be made in accordance with the clause at <u>52.232-33</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management, or <u>52.232-34</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other

Than System for Award Management, as appropriate (see FAR 32.1110(d)).

- (iii) Contracting officers shall not use the presence of the SAM debt flag indicator to exclude a contractor from receipt of the contract award or issuance or placement of an order.
- (iv) The contracting officer may take steps to authorize payment by Governmentwide commercial purchase card when a contractor alerts the contracting officer that the SAM debt flag indicator has been changed to no longer show a delinquent debt.
- (c) The clause at <u>52.232-36</u>, Payment by Third Party, requires that the contract—
- (1) Identify the third party and the particular purchase card to be used; and
- (2) Not include the purchase card account number. The purchase card account number should be provided separately to the contractor.

#### 32.1109 EFT information submitted by offerors.

If offerors are required to submit EFT information prior to award, the successful offeror is not responsible for resubmitting this information after award of the contract except to make changes, or to place the information on invoices if required by agency procedures. Therefore, contracting officers shall forward EFT information provided by the successful offeror to the appropriate office.

#### 32.1110 Solicitation provision and contract clauses.

- (a) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at—
- (1) <u>52.232-33</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management, in solicitations and contracts that include the provision at <u>52.204-7</u>, System for Award Management, or an agency clause that requires a contractor to be registered in SAM and maintain registration until final payment, unless—
- (i) Payment will be made through a third party arrangement (see 13.301 and paragraph (d) of this section); or
- (ii) An exception listed in  $\underline{32.1103}$ (a) through (i) applies.
- (2)(i) <u>52.232-34</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other than System for Award Management, in solicitations and contracts that require EFT as the method for payment but do not include the provision at <u>52.204-7</u>, System for Award Management, or a similar agency clause that requires the contractor to be registered in SAM.
- (ii)(A) If permitted by agency procedures, the contracting officer may insert in paragraph (b)(1) of the clause, a particular time after award, such as a fixed number of days, or event such as the submission of the first request for payment.
- (B) If no agency procedures are prescribed, the time period inserted in paragraph (b)(1) of the clause shall be "no later than 15 days prior to submission of the first request for payment."

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hours that are in indirect cost pools for personnel whose regular hours are normally charged direct.

- (c) Contracting officers must ensure that the use of uncompensated overtime in contracts to acquire services on the basis of the number of hours provided will not degrade the level of technical expertise required to fulfill the Government's requirements (see 15.305 for competitive negotiations and 15.404-1(d) for cost realism analysis). When acquiring these services, contracting officers must conduct a risk assessment and evaluate, for award on that basis, any proposals received that reflect factors such as—
- (1) Unrealistically low labor rates or other costs that may result in quality or service shortfalls; and
- (2) Unbalanced distribution of uncompensated overtime among skill levels and its use in key technical positions.

(d) Whenever there is uncompensated overtime, the adjusted hourly rate (including uncompensated overtime) (see definition at 37.101), rather than the hourly rate, shall be applied to all proposed hours, whether regular or overtime hours.

#### 37.115-3 Solicitation provision.

The contracting officer shall insert the provision at 52.237-10, Identification of Uncompensated Overtime, in all solicitations valued above the simplified acquisition threshold, for professional or technical services to be acquired on the basis of the number of hours to be provided.

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#### **Subpart 44.2—Consent to Subcontracts**

#### 44.201 Consent and advance notification requirements.

#### 44.201-1 Consent requirements.

- (a) If the contractor has an approved purchasing system, consent is required for subcontracts specifically identified by the contracting officer in the subcontracts clause of the contract. The contracting officer may require consent to subcontract if the contracting officer has determined that an individual consent action is required to protect the Government adequately because of the subcontract type, complexity, or value, or because the subcontract needs special surveillance. These can be subcontracts for critical systems, subsystems, components, or services. Subcontracts may be identified by subcontract number or by class of items (e.g., subcontracts for engines on a prime contract for airframes).
- (b) If the contractor does not have an approved purchasing system, consent to subcontract is required for cost-reimbursement, time-and-materials, labor-hour, or letter contracts, and also for unpriced actions (including unpriced modifications and unpriced delivery orders) under fixed-price contracts that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, for—
- (1) Cost-reimbursement, time-and-materials, or labor-hour subcontracts; and
  - (2) Fixed-price subcontracts that exceed—
- (i) For the Department of Defense, the Coast Guard, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the greater of the simplified acquisition threshold or 5 percent of the total estimated cost of the contract; or
- (ii) For civilian agencies other than the Coast Guard and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, either the simplified acquisition threshold or 5 percent of the total estimated cost of the contract.
- (c) Consent may be required for subcontracts under prime contracts for architect-engineer services.
- (d) The contracting officer's written authorization for the contractor to purchase from Government sources (see <u>Part 51</u>) constitutes consent.

#### 44.201-2 Advance notification requirements.

Under cost-reimbursement contracts, the contractor is required by statute to notify the contracting officer as follows:

(a) For the Department of Defense, the Coast Guard, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, unless the contractor maintains an approved purchasing system, 10 U.S.C. 2306 requires notification before the award of any cost-plus-fixed-fee subcontract, or any fixed-price subcontract that exceeds the greater of the simplified acquisition threshold or 5 percent of the total estimated cost of the contract.

(b) For civilian agencies other than the Coast Guard and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, even if the contractor has an approved purchasing system, 41 U.S.C. 3905 requires notification before the award of any cost-plus-fixed-fee subcontract, or any fixed-price subcontract that exceeds either the simplified acquisition threshold or 5 percent of the total estimated cost of the contract.

#### 44.202 Contracting officer's evaluation.

#### 44.202-1 Responsibilities.

- (a) The cognizant administrative contracting officer (ACO) is responsible for consent to subcontracts, except when the contracting officer retains the contract for administration or withholds the consent responsibility from delegation to the ACO. In such cases, the contract administration office should assist the contracting office in its evaluation as requested.
- (b) The contracting officer responsible for consent shall review the contractor's notification and supporting data to ensure that the proposed subcontract is appropriate for the risks involved and consistent with current policy and sound business judgment.
- (c) Designation of specific subcontractors during contract negotiations does not in itself satisfy the requirements for advance notification or consent pursuant to the clause at 52.244-2. However, if, in the opinion of the contracting officer, the advance notification or consent requirements were satisfied for certain subcontracts evaluated during negotiations, the contracting officer shall identify those subcontracts in paragraph (j) of the clause at 52.244-2.

#### 44.202-2 Considerations.

- (a) The contracting officer responsible for consent must, at a minimum, review the request and supporting data and consider the following:
- (1) Is the decision to subcontract consistent with the contractor's approved make-or-buy program, if any (see 15.407-2)?
- (2) Is the subcontract for special test equipment, equipment or real property that are available from Government sources?
- (3) Is the selection of the particular supplies, equipment, or services technically justified?
- (4) Has the contractor complied with the prime contract requirements regarding—
- (i) Small business subcontracting, including, if applicable, its plan for subcontracting with small, veteranowned, service-disabled veteran-owned, HUBZone, small disadvantaged and women-owned small business concerns (see Part 19); and

- (ii) Purchase from nonprofit agencies designated by the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled 41 U.S.C. 8504 (see Part 8)?
- (5) Was adequate price competition obtained or its absence properly justified?
- (6) Did the contractor adequately assess and dispose of subcontractors' alternate proposals, if offered?
- (7) Does the contractor have a sound basis for selecting and determining the responsibility of the particular subcontractor?
- (8) Has the contractor performed adequate cost or price analysis or price comparisons and obtained certified cost or pricing data and data other than certified cost or pricing data?
- (9) Is the proposed subcontract type appropriate for the risks involved and consistent with current policy?
- (10) Has adequate consideration been obtained for any proposed subcontract that will involve the use of Government-provided equipment and real property?
- (11) Has the contractor adequately and reasonably translated prime contract technical requirements into subcontract requirements?
- (12) Does the prime contractor comply with applicable cost accounting standards for awarding the subcontract?
- (13) Is the proposed subcontractor listed as excluded in the System for Award Management (see subpart 9.4)?
- (b) Particularly careful and thorough consideration under paragraph (a) of this section is necessary when—
- (1) The prime contractor's purchasing system or performance is inadequate;
- (2) Close working relationships or ownership affiliations between the prime and subcontractor may preclude free competition or result in higher prices;
- (3) Subcontracts are proposed for award on a non-competitive basis, at prices that appear unreasonable, or at prices higher than those offered to the Government in comparable circumstances; or
- (4) Subcontracts are proposed on a cost-reimbursement, time-and-materials, or labor-hour basis.

#### 44.203 Consent limitations.

- (a) The contracting officer's consent to a subcontract or approval of the contractor's purchasing system does not constitute a determination of the acceptability of the subcontract terms or price, or of the allowability of costs, unless the consent or approval specifies otherwise.
  - (b) Contracting officers shall not consent to—
- (1) Cost-reimbursement subcontracts if the fee exceeds the fee limitations of 15.404-4(c)(4)(i);
- (2) Subcontracts providing for payment on a cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost basis;
- (3) Subcontracts obligating the contracting officer to deal directly with the subcontractor;

- (4) Subcontracts that make the results of arbitration, judicial determination, or voluntary settlement between the prime contractor and subcontractor binding on the Government; or
- (5) Repetitive or unduly protracted use of cost-reimbursement, time-and-materials, or labor-hour subcontracts (contracting officers should follow the principles of 16.103(c)).
- (c) Contracting officers should not refuse consent to a sub-contract merely because it contains a clause giving the sub-contractor the right of indirect appeal to an agency board of contract appeals if the subcontractor is affected by a dispute between the Government and the prime contractor. Indirect appeal means assertion by the subcontractor of the prime contractor's right to appeal or the prosecution of an appeal by the prime contractor on the subcontractor's behalf. The clause may also provide that the prime contractor and subcontractor shall be equally bound by the contracting officer's or board's decision. The clause may not attempt to obligate the contracting officer or the appeals board to decide questions that do not arise between the Government and the prime contractor or that are not cognizable under the clause at 52.233-1, Disputes.

#### 44.204 Contract clauses.

- (a)(1) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 52.244-2, Subcontracts, in solicitations and contracts when contemplating—
  - (i) A cost-reimbursement contract;
- (ii) A letter contract that exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold;
- (iii) A fixed-price contract that exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold under which unpriced contract actions (including unpriced modifications or unpriced delivery orders) are anticipated;
- (iv) A time-and-materials contract that exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold; or
- (v) A labor-hour contract that exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold.
- (2) If a cost-reimbursement contract is contemplated, for civilian agencies other than the Coast Guard and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the contracting officer shall use the clause with its Alternate I.
  - (3) Use of this clause is not required in—
    - (i) Fixed-price architect-engineer contracts; or
- (ii) Contracts for mortuary services, refuse services, or shipment and storage of personal property, when an agency-prescribed clause on approval of subcontractors' facilities is required.
- (b) The contracting officer may insert the clause at <u>52.244-4</u>, Subcontractors and Outside Associates and Consultants (Architect-Engineer Services), in architect-engineer contracts.

- (c) The contracting officer shall, when contracting by negotiation, insert the clause at 52.244-5, Competition in Subcontracting, in solicitations and contracts when the contract amount is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, unless—
- (1) A firm-fixed-price contract, awarded on the basis of adequate price competition or whose prices are set by law or regulation, is contemplated; or
- (2) A time-and-materials, labor-hour, or architect-engineer contract is contemplated.

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52.245-7	[Reserved]		Undelivered Freight.
52.245-8	[Reserved]	52.247-17	Charges.
52.245-9	Use and Charges.	52.247-18	Multiple Shipments.
52.246-1	Contractor Inspection Requirements.		Stopping in Transit for Partial Unloading.
52.246-2	Inspection of Supplies—Fixed-Price.		Estimated Quantities or Weights for Evaluation of
	Inspection of Supplies—Cost-Reimbursement.		Offers.
52.246-4	Inspection of Services—Fixed-Price.	52.247-21	Contractor Liability for Personal Injury and/or
52.246-5	Inspection of Services—Cost-Reimbursement.		Property Damage.
52.246-6	Inspection—Time-and-Material and Labor-Hour.	52.247-22	Contractor Liability for Loss of and/or Damage to
52.246-7	Inspection of Research and Development—		Freight other than Household Goods.
	Fixed-Price.	52.247-23	Contractor Liability for Loss of and/or Damage to
52.246-8	Inspection of Research and Development—Cost-		Household Goods.
	Reimbursement.	52.247-24	Advance Notification by the Government.
52.246-9	Inspection of Research and Development (Short		Government-Furnished Equipment With or
	Form).		Without Operators.
52.246-10	[Reserved]	52.247-26	Government Direction and Marking.
	Higher-Level Contract Quality Requirement.		Contract Not Affected by Oral Agreement.
	Inspection of Construction.		Contractor's Invoices.
	Inspection—Dismantling, Demolition, or		F.o.b. Origin.
	Removal of Improvements.		F.o.b. Origin, Contractor's Facility.
52.246-14	Inspection of Transportation.		F.o.b. Origin, Freight Allowed.
	Certificate of Conformance.		F.o.b. Origin, Freight Prepaid.

tor may request the Contracting Officer to terminate the contract in whole or in part. The Contracting Officer shall terminate the contract in whole or in part, as may be appropriate, and the termination shall be deemed a termination under the terms of the Termination for the Convenience of the Government clause.

Alternate II (Apr 1984). If employee identification is required for security or other reasons in a construction contract or architect-engineer contract, add the following paragraph (e) to the basic clause:

(e) The Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing to each employee and for requiring each employee engaged on the work to display such identification as may be approved and directed by the Contracting Officer. All prescribed identification shall immediately be delivered to the Contracting Officer, for cancellation upon the release of any employee. When required by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall obtain and submit fingerprints of all persons employed or to be employed on the project.

#### 52.204-3 Taxpayer Identification.

As prescribed in 4.905, insert the following provision:

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION (OCT 1998)

(a) Definitions.

"Common parent," as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member.

"Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)," as used in this provision, means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.

- (b) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (d) through (f) 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 IRS. If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 4.904, the failure or refusal by the offeror to furnish the information may result in a 31 percent reduction of payments otherwise due under the contract.
- (c) 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.

(d) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).	
□ TIN:	
☐ TIN has been applied for.	
☐ TIN is not required because:	

☐ Offeror is a nonresident aften, foreign corporation
or foreign partnership that does not have income
effectively connected with the conduct of a trade of
business in the United States and does not have an
office or place of business or a fiscal paying agen in the United States;
☐ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreig
government;
☐ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Fed
eral Government.
(e) 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
(f) Common parent.
☐ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common pa
ent as defined in paragraph (a) of this provision.
☐ Name and TIN of common parent:
Name
TIN
(End of provision)

### 52.204-4 Printed or Copied Double-Sided on Postconsumer Fiber Content Paper.

As prescribed in 4.303, insert the following clause:

PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON POSTCONSUMER FIBER CONTENT PAPER (MAY 2011)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

"Postconsumer fiber" means—(1) Paper, paperboard, and fibrous materials from retail stores, office buildings, homes, and so forth, after they have passed through their end-usage as a consumer item, including: used corrugated boxes; old newspapers; old magazines; mixed waste paper; tabulating cards; and used cordage; or

- (2) All paper, paperboard, and fibrous materials that enter and are collected from municipal solid waste; but not
- (3) Fiber derived from printers' over-runs, converters' scrap, and over-issue publications.
- (b) The Contractor is required to submit paper documents, such as offers, letters, or reports that are printed or copied double-sided on paper containing at least 30 percent postconsumer fiber, whenever practicable, when not using electronic commerce methods to submit information or data to the Government.

(End of clause)

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### 52.204-5 Women-Owned Business (Other Than Small Business).

As prescribed in 4.607(a), insert the following provision:

WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS (OTHER THAN SMALL BUSINESS) (OCT 2014)

- (a) *Definition*. "Women-owned business concern," as used in this provision, means a concern 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 its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.
- (b) Representation. [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and has not represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of FAR <u>52.219-1</u>, Small Business Program Representations, of this solicitation.] The offeror represents that it  $\square$  is a womenowned business concern.

(End of provision)

#### 52.204-6 Unique Entity Identifier.

As prescribed in 4.607(b), insert the following provision:

UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (OCT 2016)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision—

"Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator" means a fourcharacter suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity to establish additional System for Award Management records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see <u>subpart 32.11</u>) for the same entity.

"Unique entity identifier" means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See <a href="https://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a> for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers.

- (b) 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 exactly as stated in the offer. The Offeror also shall enter its EFT indicator, if applicable.
- (c) If the Offeror does not have a unique entity identifier, it should contact the entity designated at <a href="www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a> for establishment of the unique entity identifier directly to obtain one. The Offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:
  - (1) Company legal business name.
- (2) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.
- (3) Company physical street address, city, state and Zip Code.
- (4) Company mailing address, city, state and Zip Code (if separate from physical).

- (5) Company telephone number.
- (6) Date the company was started.
- (7) Number of employees at your location.
- (8) Chief executive officer/key manager.
- (9) Line of business (industry).
- (10) Company headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).

(End of provision)

#### 52.204-7 System for Award Management.

As prescribed in 4.1105(a)(1), use the following provision:

SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (OCT 2018)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision—

"Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator" means a fourcharacter suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity to establish additional System for Award Management records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see <u>subpart 32.11</u>) for the same entity.

"Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM)" means that—

- (1) The Offeror has entered all mandatory information, including the unique entity identifier and the EFT indicator, if applicable, the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code, as well as data required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (see subpart 4.14) into SAM;
- (2) The offeror has completed the Core, Assertions, and Representations and Certifications, and Points of Contact sections of the registration in SAM;
- (3) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The offeror will be required to provide consent for TIN validation to the Government as a part of the SAM registration process; and
  - (4) The Government has marked the record "Active".

"Unique entity identifier" means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See <a href="https://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a> for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers.

- (b)(1) An Offeror is required to be registered in SAM when submitting an offer or quotation, and shall continue to be registered until time of award, during performance, and through final payment of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchasing agreement resulting from this solicitation.
- (2) 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 exactly as stated in the offer. The Offeror also shall enter its EFT indica-

- tor, if applicable. The unique entity identifier will be used by the Contracting Officer to verify that the Offeror is registered in SAM.
- (c) If the Offeror does not have a unique entity identifier, it should contact the entity designated at <a href="www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a> for establishment of the unique entity identifier directly to obtain one. The Offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:
  - (1) Company legal business name.
- (2) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.
- (3) Company Physical Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code.
- (4) Company Mailing Address, City, State and Zip Code (if separate from physical).
  - (5) Company telephone number.
  - (6) Date the company was started.
  - (7) Number of employees at your location.
  - (8) Chief executive officer/key manager.
  - (9) Line of business (industry).
- (10) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).
- (d) Processing time should be taken into consideration when registering. Offerors who are not registered in SAM should consider applying for registration immediately upon receipt of this solicitation. See <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a> for information on registration.

#### (End of provision)

Alternate I (Oct 2018). As prescribed in  $\underline{4.1105}$ (a)(2), substitute the following paragraph (b)(1) for paragraph (b)(1) of the basic provision:

(b)(1) An Offeror is required to be registered in SAM as soon as possible. If registration is not possible when submitting an offer or quotation, the awardee shall be registered in SAM in accordance with the requirements of clause 52.204-13, System for Award Management Maintenance.

#### 52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications.

As prescribed in 4.1202(a), insert the following provision:

### ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (OCT 2018)

- (a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [insert NAICS code].
- (3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

- (b)(1) If the provision at <u>52.204-7</u>, System for Award Management, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.
- (2) If the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, is not included in this solicitation, and the Offeror has an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM), the Offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The Offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:
  - □ (i) Paragraph (d) applies.
- ☐ (ii) Paragraph (d) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation.
- (c)(1) The following representations or certifications in SAM are applicable to this solicitation as indicated:
- (i) <u>52.203-2</u>, Certificate of Independent Price Determination. This provision applies to solicitations when a firm-fixed-price contract or fixed-price contract with economic price adjustment is contemplated, unless—
- (A) The acquisition is to be made under the simplified acquisition procedures in Part 13;
- (B) The solicitation is a request for technical proposals under two-step sealed bidding procedures; or
- (C) The solicitation is for utility services for which rates are set by law or regulation.
- (ii) <u>52.203-11</u>, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions. This provision applies to solicitations expected to exceed \$150.000.
- (iii) <u>52.203-18</u>, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements-Representation. This provision applies to all solicitations.
- (iv) <u>52.204-3</u>, Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include the provision at <u>52.204-7</u>, System for Award Management.
- (v) <u>52.204-5</u>, Women-Owned Business (Other Than Small Business). This provision applies to solicitations that—
  - (A) Are not set aside for small business concerns;
  - (B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold;

and

- (C) Are for contracts that will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (vi) <u>52.209-2</u>, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations—Representation.
- (vii) <u>52.209-5</u>, Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters. This provision applies to solicitations where the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.
- (viii) <u>52.209-11</u>, Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction

under any Federal Law. This provision applies to all solicitations

- (ix) <u>52.214-14</u>, Place of Performance—Sealed Bidding. This provision applies to invitations for bids except those in which the place of performance is specified by the Government.
- (x) <u>52.215-6</u>, Place of Performance. This provision applies to solicitations unless the place of performance is specified by the Government.
- (xi)  $\underline{52.219-1}$ , Small Business Program Representations (Basic & Alternate I). This provision applies to solicitations when the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (A) The basic provision applies when the solicitations are issued by other than DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard.
- (B) The provision with its Alternate I applies to solicitations issued by DoD, NASA, or the Coast Guard.
- (xii) <u>52.219-2</u>, Equal Low Bids. This provision applies to solicitations when contracting by sealed bidding and the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (xiii) <u>52.222-22</u>, Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports. This provision applies to solicitations that include the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.
- (xiv) <u>52.222-25</u>, Affirmative Action Compliance. This provision applies to solicitations, other than those for construction, when the solicitation includes the clause at <u>52.222-26</u>, Equal Opportunity.
- (xv) <u>52.222-38</u>, Compliance with Veterans' Employment Reporting Requirements. This provision applies to solicitations when it is anticipated the contract award will exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and the contract is not for acquisition of commercial items.
- (xvi) <u>52.223-1</u>, Biobased Product Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that require the delivery or specify the use of USDA–designated items; or include the clause at <u>52.223-2</u>, Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts.
- (xvii) <u>52.223-4</u>, Recovered Material Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that are for, or specify the use of, EPA–designated items.
- (xviii) <u>52.223-22</u>, Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals–Representation. This provision applies to solicitation that include the clause at <u>52.204-7</u>.
- (xix) <u>52.225-2</u>, Buy American Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-1.
- (xx) <u>52.225-4</u>, Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Basic, Alternates I, II, and III.) This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-3.
- (A) If the acquisition value is less than \$25,000, the basic provision applies.

- (B) If the acquisition value is \$25,000 or more but is less than \$50,000, the provision with its Alternate I applies.
- (C) If the acquisition value is \$50,000 or more but is less than \$80,317, the provision with its Alternate II applies.
- (D) If the acquisition value is \$80,317 or more but is less than \$100,000, the provision with its Alternate III applies.
- (xxi) <u>52.225-6</u>, Trade Agreements Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-5.
- (xxii) <u>52.225-20</u>, Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan—Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.
- (xxiii) <u>52.225-25</u>, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran-Representation and Certifications. This provision applies to all solicitations.
- (xxiv) <u>52.226-2</u>, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions.
- (2) The following representations or certifications are applicable as indicated by the Contracting Officer:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

- \_\_ (i) <u>52.204-17</u>, Ownership or Control of Offeror.
- (ii) 52.204-20, Predecessor of Offeror.
- (iii) <u>52.222-18</u>, Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products.
- \_\_ (iv) <u>52.222-48</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment- Certification.
- \_\_ (v) <u>52.222-52</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Certification.
- \_\_ (vi) <u>52.223-9</u>, with its Alternate I, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA–Designated Products (Alternate I only).
  - \_\_ (vii) <u>52.227-6</u>, Royalty Information.

(A) Basic.

(B) Alternate I.

- \_\_\_ (viii) <u>52.227-15</u>, Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software.
- (d) The Offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically in SAM accessed through <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>. After reviewing the SAM information, the Offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically that apply to this solicitation as indicated in paragraph (c) of this provision have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see

FAR <u>4.1201</u>); except for the changes identified below [offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date]. These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

(End of provision)

### 52.204-9 Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel.

As prescribed in 4.1303, insert the following clause:

PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (JAN 2011)

- (a) The Contractor shall comply with agency personal identity verification procedures identified in the contract that implement Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance M-05-24 and Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) Number 201.
- (b) The Contractor shall account for all forms of Government-provided identification issued to the Contractor employees in connection with performance under this contract. The Contractor shall return such identification to the issuing agency at the earliest of any of the following, unless otherwise determined by the Government:
  - (1) When no longer needed for contract performance.
- (2) Upon completion of the Contractor employee's employment.
  - (3) Upon contract completion or termination.
- (c) The Contracting Officer may delay final payment under a contract if the Contractor fails to comply with these requirements.
- (d) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in all subcontracts when the subcontractor's employees are required to have routine physical access to a Federally-controlled facility and/or routine access to a Federally-controlled information system. It shall be the responsibility of the prime Contractor to return such identification to the issuing agency in accordance with the terms set forth in paragraph (b) of this section, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

#### 52.204-10 Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards.

As prescribed in 4.1403(a), insert the following clause:

REPORTING EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACT AWARDS (OCT 2018)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

"Executive" means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.

"First-tier subcontract" means a subcontract awarded directly by the Contractor for the purpose of acquiring supplies or services (including construction) for performance of a prime contract. It does not include the Contractor's supplier agreements with vendors, such as long-term arrangements for materials or supplies that benefit multiple contracts and/or the costs of which are normally applied to a Contractor's general and administrative expenses or indirect costs.

"Month of award" means the month in which a contract is signed by the Contracting Officer or the month in which a first-tier subcontract is signed by the Contractor.

"Total compensation" means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the Contractor's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)):

- (1) Salary and bonus.
- (2) Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification (FASB ASC) 718, Compensation-Stock Compensation.
- (3) Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.
- (4) *Change in pension value*. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
- (5) Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.
- (6) Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (*e.g.*, severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.
- (b) Section 2(d)(2) of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282), as amended by section 6202 of the Government Funding Transparency Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-252), requires the Contractor to report information on subcontract awards. The law requires all reported information be made public, therefore, the Contractor is responsible for notifying its subcontractors that the required information will be made public.
- (c) Nothing in this clause requires the disclosure of classified information
- (d)(1) Executive compensation of the prime contractor. As a part of its annual registration requirement in the System for Award Management (SAM) (FAR provision 52.204-7), the Contractor shall report the names and total compensation of each of the five most highly compensated executives for its preceding completed fiscal year, if—
- (i) In the Contractor's preceding fiscal year, the Contractor received—

- (A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants), cooperative agreements, and other forms of Federal financial assistance; and
- (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants), cooperative agreements, and other forms of Federal financial assistance; and
- (ii) The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <a href="http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm">http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm</a>.)
- (2) First-tier subcontract information. Unless otherwise directed by the contracting officer, or as provided in paragraph (g) of this clause, by the end of the month following the month of award of a first-tier subcontract with a value of \$30,000 or more, the Contractor shall report the following information at <a href="http://www.fsrs.gov">http://www.fsrs.gov</a> for that first-tier subcontract. (The Contractor shall follow the instructions at <a href="http://www.fsrs.gov">http://www.fsrs.gov</a> to report the data.)
- (i) Unique entity identifier for the subcontractor receiving the award and for the subcontractor's parent company, if the subcontractor has a parent company.
  - (ii) Name of the subcontractor.
  - (iii) Amount of the subcontract award.
  - (iv) Date of the subcontract award.
- (v) A description of the products or services (including construction) being provided under the subcontract, including the overall purpose and expected outcomes or results of the subcontract.
- (vi) Subcontract number (the subcontract number assigned by the Contractor).
- (vii) Subcontractor's physical address including street address, city, state, and country. Also include the nine-digit zip code and congressional district.
- (viii) Subcontractor's primary performance location including street address, city, state, and country. Also include the nine-digit zip code and congressional district.
- (ix) The prime contract number, and order number if applicable.
  - (x) Awarding agency name and code.
  - (xi) Funding agency name and code.
  - (xii) Government contracting office code.
- $(\mbox{xiii})$  Treasury account symbol (TAS) as reported in FPDS.
- (xiv) The applicable North American Industry Classification System code (NAICS).

- (3) Executive compensation of the first-tier subcontractor. Unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, by the end of the month following the month of award of a first-tier subcontract with a value of \$30,000 or more, and annually thereafter (calculated from the prime contract award date), the Contractor shall report the names and total compensation of each of the five most highly compensated executives for that first-tier subcontractor for the first-tier subcontractor's preceding completed fiscal year at <a href="http://www.fsrs.gov">http://www.fsrs.gov</a>, if—
- (i) In the subcontractor's preceding fiscal year, the subcontractor received—
- (A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants), cooperative agreements, and other forms of Federal financial assistance; and
- (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants), cooperative agreements, and other forms of Federal financial assistance; and
- (ii) The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <a href="http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm">http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm</a>.)
- (e) The Contractor shall not split or break down first-tier subcontract awards to a value less than \$30,000 to avoid the reporting requirements in paragraph (d) of this clause.
- (f) The Contractor is required to report information on a first-tier subcontract covered by paragraph (d) when the subcontract is awarded. Continued reporting on the same subcontract is not required unless one of the reported data elements changes during the performance of the subcontract. The Contractor is not required to make further reports after the first-tier subcontract expires.
- (g)(1) If the Contractor in the previous tax year had gross income, from all sources, under \$300,000, the Contractor is exempt from the requirement to report subcontractor awards.
- (2) If a subcontractor in the previous tax year had gross income from all sources under \$300,000, the Contractor does not need to report awards for that subcontractor.
- (h) The FSRS database at <a href="http://www.fsrs.gov">http://www.fsrs.gov</a> will be prepopulated with some information from SAM and the FPDS database. If FPDS information is incorrect, the contractor should notify the contracting officer. If the SAM information is incorrect, the contractor is responsible for correcting this information.

(End of clause)

#### **52.204-11** [Reserved]

#### 52.204-12 Unique Entity Identifier Maintenance.

As prescribed in 4.607(c), insert the following clause:

Unique Entity Identifier Maintenance (Oct 2016)

- (a) *Definition*. "Unique entity identifier", as used in this clause, means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See <a href="https://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a> for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers.
- (b) The Contractor shall ensure that the unique entity identifier is maintained with the entity designated at the System for Award Management (SAM) for establishment of the unique entity identifier throughout the life of the contract. The Contractor shall communicate any change to the unique entity identifier to the Contracting Officer within 30 days after the change, so an appropriate modification can be issued to update the data on the contract. A change in the unique entity identifier does not necessarily require a novation be accomplished.

#### (End of clause)

#### 52.204-13 System for Award Management Maintenance.

As prescribed in 4.1105(b), use the following clause: SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE.

(OCT 2018)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

"Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator" means a four-character suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity to establish additional System for Award Management (SAM) records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see subpart 32.11) for the same entity.

- "Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM)" means that—
- (1) The Contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the unique entity identifier and the EFT indicator (if applicable), the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code, as well as data required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (see subpart 4.14), into SAM;
- (2) The Contractor has completed the Core, Assertions, Representations and Certifications, and Points of Contact sections of the registration in SAM;
- (3) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Contractor will be required to provide consent for TIN validation to the Government as a part of the SAM registration process; and
  - (4) The Government has marked the record "Active".

- "System for Award Management (SAM)" means the primary Government repository for prospective Federal awardee and Federal awardee information and the centralized Government system for certain contracting, grants, and other assistance-related processes. It includes—
- (1) Data collected from prospective Federal awardees required for the conduct of business with the Government;
- (2) Prospective contractor-submitted annual representations and certifications in accordance with FAR <u>subpart 4.12</u>; and
- (3) Identification of those parties excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain types of Federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits.
- "Unique entity identifier" means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See <a href="https://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a> for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers.
- (b) If the solicitation for this contract contained the provision 52.204-7 with its Alternate I, and the Contractor was unable to register prior to award, the Contractor shall be registered in SAM within 30 days after award or before three days prior to submission of the first invoice, whichever occurs first.
- (c) The Contractor shall maintain registration in SAM during contract performance and through final payment of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchasing agreement. The Contractor is responsible for the currency, accuracy and completeness of the data within SAM, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in SAM 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 SAM to ensure it is current, accurate and complete. Updating information in SAM does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document.
- (d) (1) (i) If a Contractor has legally changed its business name or "doing business as" 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 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 SAM;
- (B) Comply with the requirements of subpart 42.12 of the FAR; and
- (C) Agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.
- (ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (d)(1)(i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (d)(1)(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.

- (2) The Contractor shall not change the name or address for EFT payments or manual payments, as appropriate, in SAM record to reflect an assignee for the purpose of assignment of claims (see FAR subpart 32.8, Assignment of Claims). Assignees shall be separately registered in the SAM. 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.
- (3) The Contractor shall ensure that the unique entity identifier is maintained with the entity designated at <a href="https://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a>. for establishment of the unique entity identifier throughout the life of the contract. The Contractor shall communicate any change to the unique entity identifier to the Contracting Officer within 30 days after the change, so an appropriate modification can be issued to update the data on the contract. A change in the unique entity identifier does not necessarily require a novation be accomplished.
- (e) Contractors may obtain additional information on registration and annual confirmation requirements at <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>.

(End of clause)

#### 52.204-14 Service Contract Reporting Requirements.

As prescribed in 4.1705(a), insert the following clause:

SERVICE CONTRACT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (OCT 2016)

(a) Definition.

"First-tier subcontract" means a subcontract awarded directly by the Contractor for the purpose of acquiring supplies or services (including construction) for performance of a prime contract. It does not include the Contractor's supplier agreements with vendors, such as long-term arrangements for materials or supplies that benefit multiple contracts and/or the costs of which are normally applied to a Contractor's general and administrative expenses or indirect costs.

- (b) The Contractor shall report, in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause, annually by October 31, for services performed under this contract during the preceding Government fiscal year (October 1-September 30).
  - (c) The Contractor shall report the following information:
    - (1) Contract number and, as applicable, order number.
- (2) The total dollar amount invoiced for services performed during the previous Government fiscal year under the contract.

- (3) The number of Contractor direct labor hours expended on the services performed during the previous Government fiscal year.
- (4) Data reported by subcontractors under paragraph (f) of this clause.
- (d) The information required in paragraph (c) of this clause shall be submitted via the internet at <a href="www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a>. (See SAM User Guide). If the Contractor fails to submit the report in a timely manner, the contracting officer will exercise appropriate contractual remedies. In addition, the Contracting Officer will make the Contractor's failure to comply with the reporting requirements a part of the Contractor's performance information under FAR subpart 42.15.
- (e) Agencies will review Contractor reported information for reasonableness and consistency with available contract information. In the event the agency believes that revisions to the Contractor reported information are warranted, the agency will notify the Contractor no later than November 15. By November 30, the Contractor shall revise the report, or document its rationale for the agency.
- (f)(1) The Contractor shall require each first-tier subcontractor providing services under this contract, with subcontract(s) each valued at or above the thresholds set forth in 4.1703(a)(2), to provide the following detailed information to the Contractor in sufficient time to submit the report:
- (i) Subcontract number (including subcontractor name and unique entity identifier); and
- (ii) The number of first-tier subcontractor directlabor hours expended on the services performed during the previous Government fiscal year.
- (2) The Contractor shall advise the subcontractor that the information will be made available to the public as required by section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010.

(End of clause)

# 52.204-15 Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts.

As prescribed in 4.1705(b), insert the following clause:

SERVICE CONTRACT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEFINITE-DELIVERY CONTRACTS (OCT 2016)

(a) Definitions.

"First-tier subcontract" means a subcontract awarded directly by the Contractor for the purpose of acquiring supplies or services (including construction) for performance of a prime contract. It does not include the Contractor's supplier agreements with vendors, such as long-term arrangements for materials or supplies that benefit multiple contracts and/or the costs of which are normally applied to a Contractor's general and administrative expenses or indirect costs.

(b) The Contractor shall report, in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause, annually by October 31, for

services performed during the preceding Government fiscal year (October 1-September 30) under this contract for orders that exceed the thresholds established in 4.1703(a)(2).

- (c) The Contractor shall report the following information:
  - (1) Contract number and order number.
- (2) The total dollar amount invoiced for services performed during the previous Government fiscal year under the order.
- (3) The number of Contractor direct labor hours expended on the services performed during the previous Government fiscal year.
- (4) Data reported by subcontractors under paragraph (f) of this clause.
- (d) The information required in paragraph (c) of this clause shall be submitted via the internet at <a href="https://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a>. (See SAM User Guide). If the Contractor fails to submit the report in a timely manner, the Contracting Officer will exercise appropriate contractual remedies. In addition, the Contracting Officer will make the Contractor's failure to comply with the reporting requirements a part of the Contractor's performance information under FAR subpart 42.15.
- (e) Agencies will review Contractor reported information for reasonableness and consistency with available contract information. In the event the agency believes that revisions to the Contractor reported information are warranted, the agency will notify the Contractor no later than November 15. By November 30, the Contractor shall revise the report, or document its rationale for the agency.
- (f)(1) The Contractor shall require each first-tier subcontractor providing services under this contract, with subcontract(s) each valued at or above the thresholds set forth in 4.1703(a)(2), to provide the following detailed information to the Contractor in sufficient time to submit the report:
- (i) Subcontract number (including subcontractor name and unique entity identifier), and
- (ii) The number of first-tier subcontractor directlabor hours expended on the services performed during the previous Government fiscal year.
- (2) The Contractor shall advise the subcontractor that the information will be made available to the public as required by section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010.

(End of clause)

# **52.204-16** Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting.

As prescribed in 4.1804(a), use the following provision:

COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE REPORTING (JUL 2016)

(a) Definition. As used in this provision –

- "Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code" means-
- (1) An identifier assigned to entities located in the United States or its outlying areas by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch to identify a commercial or government entity; or
- (2) An identifier assigned by a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or by the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) to entities located outside the United States and its outlying areas that the DLA Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch records and maintains in the CAGE master file. This type of code is known as a NATO CAGE (NCAGE) code.
- (b) The Offeror shall enter its CAGE code in its offer with its name and address or otherwise include it prominently in its proposal. The CAGE code entered must be for that name and address. Enter "CAGE" before the number. The CAGE code is required prior to award.
  - (c) CAGE codes may be obtained via-
- (1) Registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) at <a href="https://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a>. If the Offeror is located in the United States or its outlying areas and does not already have a CAGE code assigned, the DLA Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch will assign a CAGE code as a part of the SAM registration process. SAM registrants located outside the United States and its outlying areas shall obtain a NCAGE code prior to registration in SAM (see paragraph (c)(3) of this provision).
- (2) The DLA Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch. If registration in SAM is not required for the subject procurement, and the offeror does not otherwise register in SAM, an offeror located in the United States or its outlying areas may request that a CAGE code be assigned by submitting a request at <a href="https://cage.dla.mil">https://cage.dla.mil</a>.
- (3) The appropriate country codification bureau. Entities located outside the United States and its outlying areas may obtain an NCAGE code by contacting the Codification Bureau in the foreign entity's country if that country is a member of NATO or a sponsored nation. NCAGE codes may be obtained from the NSPA at <a href="https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/scage/CageList.aspx">https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/scage/CageList.aspx</a> if the foreign entity's country is not a member of NATO or a sponsored nation. Points of contact for codification bureaus, as well as additional information on obtaining NCAGE codes, are available at <a href="http://www.nato.int/structur/AC/135/main/links/contacts.htm">http://www.nato.int/structur/AC/135/main/links/contacts.htm</a>.
- (d) Additional guidance for establishing and maintaining CAGE codes is available at <a href="https://cage.dla.mil">https://cage.dla.mil</a>.
- (e) When a CAGE Code is required for the immediate owner and/or the highest-level owner by <u>52.204-17</u> or <u>52.212-3(p)</u>, the Offeror shall obtain the respective CAGE Code from that entity to supply the CAGE Code to the Government.

(f) Do not delay submission of the offer pending receipt of a CAGE code.

(End of provision)

#### 52.204-17 Ownership or Control of Offeror.

As prescribed in 4.1804(b), use the following provision:

OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF OFFEROR (JUL 2016)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision—

"Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code" means-

- (1) An identifier assigned to entities located in the United States or its outlying areas by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch to identify a commercial or government entity; or
- (2) An identifier assigned by a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or by the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) to entities located outside the United States and its outlying areas that the DLA Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch records and maintains in the CAGE master file. This type of code is known as a NATO CAGE (NCAGE) code.

"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.

- (b) The Offeror represents that it  $\Box$  has or  $\Box$  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 (c) and if applicable, paragraph (d) of this provision for each participant in the joint venture.
- (c) If the Offeror indicates "has" in paragraph (b) 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?:  $\square$  Yes or  $\square$  No.

(d) If the Offeror indicates "yes" in paragraph (c) 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)
(End of provision)

### **52.204-18** Commercial and Government Entity Code Maintenance.

As prescribed in 4.1804(c), use the following clause:

COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE MAINTENANCE (JUL 2016)

(a) Definition. As used in this clause-

"Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code"

- (1) An identifier assigned to entities located in the United States or its outlying areas by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch to identify a commercial or government entity; or
- (2) An identifier assigned by a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or by the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) to entities located outside the United States and its outlying areas that the DLA Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch records and maintains in the CAGE master file. This type of code is known as a NATO CAGE (NCAGE) code.
- (b) Contractors shall ensure that the CAGE code is maintained throughout the life of the contract. For contractors registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), the DLA Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch shall only modify data received from SAM in the CAGE master file if the contractor initiates those changes via update of its SAM registration. Contractors undergoing a novation or change-of-name agreement shall notify the contracting officer in accordance with <a href="subpart 42.12">subpart 42.12</a>. The contractor shall communicate any change to the CAGE code to the contracting officer within 30 days after the change, so that a modification can be issued to update the CAGE code on the contract.
- (c) Contractors located in the United States or its outlying areas that are not registered in SAM shall submit written change requests to the DLA Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch. Requests for changes shall be provided at <a href="https://cage.dla.mil">https://cage.dla.mil</a>. Change requests to the CAGE master file are accepted from the entity identified by the code.
- (d) Contractors located outside the United States and its outlying areas that are not registered in SAM shall contact the appropriate National Codification Bureau (points of contact available at <a href="http://www.nato.int/structur/AC/135/main/links/contacts.htm">http://www.nato.int/structur/AC/135/main/links/contacts.htm</a>) or NSPA at <a href="https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/scage/CageList.aspx">https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/scage/CageList.aspx</a> to request CAGE changes.
- (e) Additional guidance for maintaining CAGE codes is available at <a href="https://cage.dla.mil">https://cage.dla.mil</a>.

(End of clause)

### 52.204-19 Incorporation by Reference of Representations and Certifications.

As prescribed in 4.1202(b), insert the following clause.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (DEC 2014)

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

(End of clause)

#### 52.204-20 Predecessor of Offeror.

As prescribed in 4.1804(d), insert the following provision:

PREDECESSOR OF OFFEROR (JUL 2016)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision-

"Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code" means-

- (1) An identifier assigned to entities located in the United States or its outlying areas by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch to identify a commercial or government entity; or
- (2) An identifier assigned by a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or by the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) to entities located outside the United States and its outlying areas that the DLA Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch records and maintains in the CAGE master file. This type of code is known as a NATO CAGE (NCAGE) code.

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

"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.

- (b) The Offeror represents that it  $\Box$  is or  $\Box$  is not a successor to a predecessor that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years.
- (c) If the Offeror has indicated "is" in paragraph (b) 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)

(End of provision)

### 52.204-21 Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems.

As prescribed in 4.1903, insert the following clause:

BASIC SAFEGUARDING OF COVERED CONTRACTOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS (JUN 2016)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

"Covered contractor information system" means an information system that is owned or operated by a contractor that processes, stores, or transmits Federal contract information.

"Federal contract information" means information, not intended for public release, that is provided by or generated for the Government under a contract to develop or deliver a product or service to the Government, but not including information provided by the Government to the public (such as on public websites) or simple transactional information, such as necessary to process payments.

"Information" means any communication or representation of knowledge such as facts, data, or opinions, in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual (Committee on National Security Systems Instruction (CNSSI) 4009).

"Information system" means a discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information (44 U.S.C. 3502).

"Safeguarding" means measures or controls that are prescribed to protect information systems.

- (b) Safeguarding requirements and procedures. (1) The Contractor shall apply the following basic safeguarding requirements and procedures to protect covered contractor information systems. Requirements and procedures for basic safeguarding of covered contractor information systems shall include, at a minimum, the following security controls:
- (i) Limit information system access to authorized users, processes acting on behalf of authorized users, or devices (including other information systems).
- (ii) Limit information system access to the types of transactions and functions that authorized users are permitted to execute.
- (iii) Verify and control/limit connections to and use of external information systems.
- (iv) Control information posted or processed on publicly accessible information systems.
- (v) Identify information system users, processes acting on behalf of users, or devices.
- (vi) Authenticate (or verify) the identities of those users, processes, or devices, as a prerequisite to allowing access to organizational information systems.
- (vii) Sanitize or destroy information system media containing Federal Contract Information before disposal or release for reuse.

- (viii) Limit physical access to organizational information systems, equipment, and the respective operating environments to authorized individuals.
- (ix) Escort visitors and monitor visitor activity; maintain audit logs of physical access; and control and manage physical access devices.
- (x) Monitor, control, and protect organizational communications (*i.e.*, information transmitted or received by organizational information systems) at the external boundaries and key internal boundaries of the information systems.
- (xi) Implement subnetworks for publicly accessible system components that are physically or logically separated from internal networks.
- (xii) Identify, report, and correct information and information system flaws in a timely manner.
- (xiii) Provide protection from malicious code at appropriate locations within organizational information systems.
- (xiv) Update malicious code protection mechanisms when new releases are available.
- (xv) Perform periodic scans of the information system and real-time scans of files from external sources as files are downloaded, opened, or executed.
- (2) Other requirements. This clause does not relieve the Contractor of any other specific safeguarding requirements specified by Federal agencies and departments relating to covered contractor information systems generally or other Federal safeguarding requirements for controlled unclassified information (CUI) as established by Executive Order 13556.
- (c) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in subcontracts under this contract (including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial items, other than commercially available off-the-shelf items), in which the subcontractor may have Federal contract information residing in or transiting through its information system.

#### 52.204-22 Alternative Line Item Proposal.

As prescribed in 4.1008, insert the following provision:

ALTERNATIVE LINE ITEM PROPOSAL (JAN 2017)

- (a) The Government recognizes that the line items established in this solicitation may not conform to the Offeror's practices. Failure to correct these issues can result in difficulties in acceptance of deliverables and processing payments. Therefore, the Offeror is invited to propose alternative line items for which bids, proposals, or quotes are requested in this solicitation to ensure that the resulting contract is economically and administratively advantageous to the Government and the Offeror.
- (b) The Offeror may submit one or more additional proposals with alternative line items, provided that alternative line items are consistent with <u>subpart 4.10</u> of the Federal Acquisi-

tion Regulation. However, acceptance of an alternative proposal is a unilateral decision made solely at the discretion of the Government. Offers that do not comply with the line items specified in this solicitation may be determined to be nonresponsive or unacceptable.

#### 52.204-23 Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities.

As prescribed in 4.2004, insert the following clause:

Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (Jul 2018)

- (a) Definitions. As used in this clause-
- "Covered article" means any hardware, software, or service that-
  - (1) Is developed or provided by a covered entity;
- (2) Includes any hardware, software, or service developed or provided in whole or in part by a covered entity; or
- (3) Contains components using any hardware or software developed in whole or in part by a covered entity.

"Covered entity" means-

- (1) Kaspersky Lab;
- (2) Any successor entity to Kaspersky Lab;
- (3) Any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Kaspersky Lab; or
- (4) Any entity of which Kaspersky Lab has a majority ownership.
- (b) *Prohibition*. Section 1634 of Division A of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Pub. L. 115-91) prohibits Government use of any covered article. The Contractor is prohibited from—
- (1) Providing any covered article that the Government will use on or after October 1, 2018; and
- (2) Using any covered article on or after October 1, 2018, in the development of data or deliverables first produced in the performance of the contract.
  - (c) Reporting requirement.
- (1) In the event the Contractor identifies a covered article provided to the Government during contract performance, or the Contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or any other source, the Contractor shall report, in writing, to the Contracting Officer or, in the case of the Department of Defense, to the website at <a href="https://dibnet.dod.mil">https://dibnet.dod.mil</a>. For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer for the indefinite delivery contract and the Contracting Officer(s) for any affected order or, in the case of the Department of Defense, identify both the indefinite delivery contract and any affected orders in the report provided at <a href="https://dibnet.dod.mil">https://dibnet.dod.mil</a>.

- (2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (c)(1) of this clause:
- (i) Within 1 business day from the date of such identification or notification: the contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; brand; model number (Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.
- (ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the report pursuant to paragraph (c)(1) of this clause: any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the Contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of a covered
- article, any reasons that led to the use or submission of the covered article, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered articles.
- (d) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in all subcontracts, including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial items.

(End of clause)

**52.205** [Reserved]

**52.206** [Reserved]

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of the specific basis for the party's debarment, suspension, or proposed debarment.

- (e) Subcontracts. Unless this is a contract for the acquisition of commercial items, the Contractor shall include the requirements of this clause, including this paragraph (e) (appropriately modified for the identification of the parties), in each subcontract that—
  - (1) Exceeds \$35,000 in value; and
- (2) Is not a subcontract for commercially available offthe-shelf items.

(End of clause)

#### 52.209-7 Information Regarding Responsibility Matters.

As prescribed at 9.104-7(b), insert the following provision:

Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Oct 2018)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision—

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

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

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

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

- (b) The offeror [] has [] does not have current active Federal contracts and grants with total value greater than \$10,000,000.
- (c) If the offeror checked "has" in paragraph (b) of this provision, the offeror represents, by submission of this offer, that the information it has entered in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) is current, accurate, and complete as of the date of submission of this offer with regard to the following information:
- (1) Whether the offeror, and/or any of its principals, has or has not, within the last five years, in connection with the

award to or performance by the offeror of a Federal contract or grant, been the subject of a proceeding, at the Federal or State level that resulted in any of the following dispositions:

- (i) In a criminal proceeding, a conviction.
- (ii) In a civil proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in the payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more.
- (iii) In an administrative proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in—
- (A) The payment of a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more; or
- (B) The payment of a reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000.
- (iv) In a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding, a disposition of the matter by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault by the Contractor if the proceeding could have led to any of the outcomes specified in paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (c)(1)(ii), or (c)(1)(iii) of this provision.
- (2) If the offeror has been involved in the last five years in any of the occurrences listed in (c)(1) of this provision, whether the offeror has provided the requested information with regard to each occurrence.
- (d) The offeror shall post the information in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(iv) of this provision in FAPIIS as required through maintaining an active registration in the System for Award Management, which can be accessed via <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a> (see <a href="52.204-7">52.204-7</a>).

(End of provision)

#### **52.209-8** [Reserved]

## 52.209-9 Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters.

As prescribed at 9.104-7(c), insert the following clause:

UPDATES OF PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (OCT 2018)

- (a) The Contractor shall update the information in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) on a semi-annual basis, throughout the life of the contract, by posting the required information in the System for Award Management via <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>.
- (b) As required by section 3010 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-212), all information posted in FAPIIS on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews, will be publicly available. FAPIIS consists of two segments—
- (1) The non-public segment, into which Government officials and the Contractor post information, which can only be viewed by—
- (i) Government personnel and authorized users performing business on behalf of the Government; or
  - (ii) The Contractor, when viewing data on itself; and

- (2) The publicly-available segment, to which all data in the non-public segment of FAPIIS is automatically transferred after a waiting period of 14 calendar days, except for—
- (i) Past performance reviews required by subpart 42.15;
- (ii) Information that was entered prior to April 15, 2011: or
- (iii) Information that is withdrawn during the 14-calendar-day waiting period by the Government official who posted it in accordance with paragraph (c)(1) of this clause.
- (c) The Contractor will receive notification when the Government posts new information to the Contractor's record.
- (1) If the Contractor asserts in writing within 7 calendar days, to the Government official who posted the information, that some of the information posted to the non-public segment of FAPIIS is covered by a disclosure exemption under the Freedom of Information Act, the Government official who posted the information must within 7 calendar days remove the posting from FAPIIS and resolve the issue in accordance with agency Freedom of Information procedures, prior to reposting the releasable information. The contractor must cite 52.209-9 and request removal within 7 calendar days of the posting to FAPIIS.
- (2) The Contractor will also have an opportunity to post comments regarding information that has been posted by the Government. The comments will be retained as long as the associated information is retained, *i.e.*, for a total period of 6 years. Contractor comments will remain a part of the record unless the Contractor revises them.
- (3) As required by section 3010 of Pub. L. 111-212, all information posted in FAPIIS on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews, will be publicly available.
- (d) Public requests for system information posted prior to April 15, 2011, will be handled under Freedom of Information Act procedures, including, where appropriate, procedures promulgated under E.O. 12600.

(End of clause)

# **52.209-10** Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations.

As prescribed in 9.108-5(b), insert the following clause:

PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH INVERTED DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS (NOV 2015)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

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

"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.

- (b) If the contractor reorganizes as an inverted domestic corporation or becomes a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation at any time during the period of performance of this contract, the Government may be prohibited from paying for Contractor activities performed after the date when it becomes an inverted domestic corporation or subsidiary. The Government may seek any available remedies in the event the Contractor fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract as a result of Government action under this clause.
  - (c) Exceptions to this prohibition are located at 9.108-2.
- (d) In the event the Contractor becomes either an inverted domestic corporation, or a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation during contract performance, the Contractor shall give written notice to the Contracting Officer within five business days from the date of the inversion event.

(END OF CLAUSE)

# 52.209-11 Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law.

As prescribed in 9.104-7(d), insert the following provision:

REPRESENTATION BY CORPORATIONS REGARDING DELINQUENT TAX LIABILITY OR A FELONY CONVICTION UNDER ANY FEDERAL LAW (FEB 2016)

- (a) 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—
- (1) 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
- (2) 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.
  - (b) The Offeror represents that—
- (1) It is  $\Box$  is not  $\Box$  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

#### 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items.

As prescribed in  $\underline{12.301}(b)(1)$ , insert the following provision:

### INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2018)

- (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 <u>52.212-3</u> (see FAR <u>52.212-3</u>(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 <u>SF 1449</u>, 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 (<a href="https://assist.dla.mil/wizard/index.cfm">https://assist.dla.mil/wizard/index.cfm</a>);
- (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 \$3,500, and offers of \$3,500 or less if the solicitation requires the Contractor to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM).) 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 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 for establishing the unique entity identifier.
  - (k) [Reserved]
- (1) *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)

#### 52.212-2 Evaluation—Commercial Items.

As prescribed in  $\underline{12.301}(c)$ , the Contracting Officer may insert a provision substantially as follows:

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:

[Contracting Officer shall insert the significant evaluation factors, such as (i) technical capability of the item offered to meet the Government requirement; (ii) price; (iii) past performance (see FAR 15.304); and include them in the relative order of importance of the evaluation factors, such as in descending order of importance.]

Technical and past performance, when combined, are [Contracting Officer state, in accordance with FAR 15.304, the relative importance of all other evaluation factors, when combined, when compared to price.]

- (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)

# 52.212-3 Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items.

As prescribed in  $\underline{12.301}(b)(2)$ , insert the following provision:

OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS— COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2018)

The Offeror shall complete only paragraph (b) of this provision if the Offeror has completed the annual representations and certification electronically in the System for Award Management (SAM) accessed through <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>. 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.

"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 <u>6 U.S.C. 395(b)</u>, 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 <u>38 U.S.C. 101(2)</u>, 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. "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.

"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.

"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 in SAM.
- (2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically in SAM accessed through <a href="http://www.sam.gov">http://www.sam.gov</a>. After reviewing SAM information, the Offeror verifies by submission of this offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically at FAR <a href="52.212-3">52.212-3</a>, 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), at the time this offer is submitted and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR <a href="4.1201">4.1201</a>), except for paragraphs

[Offeror to identify the applicable paragraphs at (c) through (u) of this provision that the offeror has completed for the purposes of this solicitation only, if any.

These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

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

- (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  $\Box$  is,  $\Box$  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  $\Box$  is,  $\Box$  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  $\Box$  is,  $\Box$  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  $\Box$  is,  $\Box$  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  $\Box$  is,  $\Box$  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 womenowned small business concern in paragraph (c)(5) of this provision.] The offeror represents that—
- (i) It  $\square$  is, $\square$  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  $\Box$  is a women-owned business concern.
- (9) The 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 changes in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage have occurred since it was certified in accordance with 13 CFR Part 126; and
- (ii) It  $\square$  is,  $\square$  is not a HUBZone 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 each HUBZone small business concern participating in the HUBZone joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the names of each of the HUBZone small business concerns participating in the HUBZone joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the HUBZone 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  $\Box$  has,  $\Box$  has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and
- (ii) It  $\square$  has,  $\square$  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  $\square$  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) <u>52.225-1</u>, 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."

Line Item No.	<b>Country of Origin</b>

(2) Foreign End Products:

[List as necessarv]

(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 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.	<b>Country of Origin</b>

#### [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 <u>52.225-3</u> 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.		
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#### [List as necessary]

- (3) Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate II. If Alternate II to the clause at FAR <u>52.225-3</u> 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 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 <u>52.225-5</u>, 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—
- $(1) \square$  Are,  $\square$  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;
- $(3) \square$  Are,  $\square$  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)  $\square$  Have,  $\square$  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. §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. §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. §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). [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at 22.1503(b).]

(1) Listed end products.

Listed End Product	<b>Listed Countries of Origin</b>

- (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.]
- $\ \ \Box$  (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.) [The contracting officer is to check a box to indicate if paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) applies.]
- $\Box$  (1) Maintenance, calibration, or repair of certain equipment as described in FAR <u>22.1003-4</u>(c)(1). The offeror  $\Box$  does  $\Box$  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.
- $\Box$  (2) Certain services as described in FAR  $\underline{22.1003-4}$ (d)(1). The offeror  $\Box$  does  $\Box$  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 SAM to be eligible for award.)
- (1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (1)(3) through (1)(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) Tax	xpayer Identification Number (TIN).
	TIN:
	TIN has been applied for.
	TIN is not required because:
	Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corpora-
	tion, 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 for-
	eign government;
	Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the
	Federal Government.
(4) Typ	oe 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) <i>Co</i>	mmon parent.
	Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common
	parent;
	Name and TIN of common parent:
	Name .
	TIN .
(m) Rostv	victed business operations in Sudan By submis-

- (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  $\square$  is,  $\square$  is not an inverted domestic corporation; and
- (ii) It  $\Box$  is,  $\Box$  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 e-mail questions concerning sensitive technology to the Department of State at 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 <a href="https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/default.aspx</a>).
- (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  $\Box$  has or  $\Box$  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:  $\square$  Yes or  $\square$  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  $\Box$  is not  $\Box$  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  $\square$  is not  $\square$  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 <u>52.204-16</u>, Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting.)
- (1) The Offeror represents that it  $\square$  is or  $\square$  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 (12.301(d)(1)).
- (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 website 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)  $\square$  does,  $\square$  does not publicly disclose a quantitative greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal, *i.e.*, make available on a publicly accessible website a target

to reduce absolute emissions or emissions intensity by a specific quantity or percentage.

- (iii) A publicly accessible website includes the Offeror's own website 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 website(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)

Alternate I (Oct 2014). As prescribed in  $\underline{12.301}$ (b)(2), add the following paragraph (c)(11) to the basic provision:

(11) (Complete if the offeror has represented itself as disadvantaged in paragraph (c)(4) of this provision.)

Black American.			
Hispanic American.			
Native American Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians).	(American	Indians,	Eskimos,

\_\_\_\_ Asian-Pacific American (persons with origins from Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Japan, China, Taiwan, Laos, Cambodia (Kampuchea), Vietnam, Korea, The Philippines, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Samoa, Macao, Hong Kong, Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Tuvalu, or Nauru).

\_\_\_\_ Subcontinent Asian (Asian-Indian) American (persons with origins from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, the Maldives Islands, or Nepal).

Individual/concern, other than one of the preceding.

### 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items.

As prescribed in 12.301(b)(3), insert the following clause:

CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2018)

- (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 <u>52.202-1</u>, 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.

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- (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 <u>52.212-5(b)</u> 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 <u>32.607-2</u>).

- (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.
- (1) 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
- (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) [Reserved]
- (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
- (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)

Alternate I (JAN 2017). When a time-and-materials or labor-hour contract is contemplated, substitute the following paragraphs (a), (e), (i), (l), and (m) for those in the basic clause.

- (a) Inspection/Acceptance. (1) The Government has the right to inspect and test all materials furnished and services performed under this contract, to the extent practicable at all places and times, including the period of performance, and in any event before acceptance. The Government may also inspect the plant or plants of the Contractor or any subcontractor engaged in contract performance. The Government will perform inspections and tests in a manner that will not unduly delay the work.
- (2) If the Government performs inspection or tests on the premises of the Contractor or a subcontractor, the Contractor shall furnish and shall require subcontractors to furnish all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient performance of these duties.
- (3) Unless otherwise specified in the contract, the Government will accept or reject services and materials at the place of delivery as promptly as practicable after delivery, and they will be presumed accepted 60 days after the date of delivery, unless accepted earlier.
- (4) At any time during contract performance, but not later than 6 months (or such other time as may be specified in the contract) after acceptance of the services or materials last delivered under this contract, the Government may require the Contractor to replace or correct services or materials that at time of delivery failed to meet contract requirements. Except as otherwise specified in paragraph (a)(6) of this clause, the cost of replacement or correction shall be determined under paragraph (i) of this clause, but the "hourly rate" for labor hours incurred in the replacement or correction shall be reduced to exclude that portion of the rate attributable to profit. Unless otherwise specified below, the portion of the "hourly rate" attributable to profit shall be 10 percent. The Contractor shall not tender for acceptance materials and services required to be replaced or corrected without disclosing the former requirement for replacement or

- correction, and, when required, shall disclose the corrective action taken. [Insert portion of labor rate attributable to profit.]
- (5)(i) If the Contractor fails to proceed with reasonable promptness to perform required replacement or correction, and if the replacement or correction can be performed within the ceiling price (or the ceiling price as increased by the Government), the Government may—
- (A) By contract or otherwise, perform the replacement or correction, charge to the Contractor any increased cost, or deduct such increased cost from any amounts paid or due under this contract; or
  - (B) Terminate this contract for cause.
- (ii) Failure to agree to the amount of increased cost to be charged to the Contractor shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause of the contract.
- (6) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)(4) and (5) above, the Government may at any time require the Contractor to remedy by correction or replacement, without cost to the Government, any failure by the Contractor to comply with the requirements of this contract, if the failure is due to—
- (i) Fraud, lack of good faith, or willful misconduct on the part of the Contractor's managerial personnel; or
- (ii) The conduct of one or more of the Contractor's employees selected or retained by the Contractor after any of the Contractor's managerial personnel has reasonable grounds to believe that the employee is habitually careless or unqualified.
- (7) This clause applies in the same manner and to the same extent to corrected or replacement materials or services as to materials and services originally delivered under this contract.
- (8) The Contractor has no obligation or liability under this contract to correct or replace materials and services that at time of delivery do not meet contract requirements, except as provided in this clause or as may be otherwise specified in the contract.
- (9) Unless otherwise specified in the contract, the Contractor's obligation to correct or replace Government-furnished property shall be governed by the clause pertaining to Government property.
- (e) *Definitions*. (1) The clause at FAR <u>52.202-1</u>, Definitions, is incorporated herein by reference. As used in this clause—
- (i) Direct materials means those materials that enter directly into the end product, or that are used or consumed directly in connection with the furnishing of the end product or service.
- (ii) Hourly rate means the rate(s) prescribed in the contract for payment for labor that meets the labor category qualifications of a labor category specified in the contract that are—
  - (A) Performed by the contractor;
  - (B) Performed by the subcontractors; or
- (C) Transferred between divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliates of the contractor under a common control.

#### (iii) Materials means—

- (A) Direct materials, including supplies transferred between divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliates of the contractor under a common control;
- (B) Subcontracts for supplies and incidental services for which there is not a labor category specified in the contract:
- (C) Other direct costs (*e.g.*, incidental services for which there is not a labor category specified in the contract, travel, computer usage charges, etc.);
- (D) The following subcontracts for services which are specifically excluded from the hourly rate: [Insert any subcontracts for services to be excluded from the hourly rates prescribed in the schedule.]; and
- (E) Indirect costs specifically provided for in this clause.
- (iv) *Subcontract* means any contract, as defined in FAR <u>subpart 2.1</u>, entered into with a subcontractor to furnish supplies or services for performance of the prime contract or a subcontract including transfers between divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliates of a contractor or subcontractor. It includes, but is not limited to, purchase orders, and changes and modifications to purchase orders.
- (i) *Payments*. (1) *Work performed*. The Government will pay the Contractor as follows upon the submission of commercial invoices approved by the Contracting Officer:
  - (i) Hourly rate.
- (A) The amounts shall be computed by multiplying the appropriate hourly rates prescribed in the contract by the number of direct labor hours performed. Fractional parts of an hour shall be payable on a prorated basis.
- (B) The rates shall be paid for all labor performed on the contract that meets the labor qualifications specified in the contract. Labor hours incurred to perform tasks for which labor qualifications were specified in the contract will not be paid to the extent the work is performed by individuals that do not meet the qualifications specified in the contract, unless specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer.
- (C) Invoices may be submitted once each month (or at more frequent intervals, if approved by the Contracting Officer) to the Contracting Officer or the authorized representative.
- (D) When requested by the Contracting Officer or the authorized representative, the Contractor shall substantiate invoices (including any subcontractor hours reimbursed at the hourly rate in the schedule) by evidence of actual payment, individual daily job timecards, records that verify the employees meet the qualifications for the labor categories specified in the contract, or other substantiation specified in the contract.
- (E) Unless the Schedule prescribes otherwise, the hourly rates in the Schedule shall not be varied by virtue of the Contractor having performed work on an overtime basis.
- (1) If no overtime rates are provided in the Schedule and the Contracting Officer approves overtime work in advance, overtime rates shall be negotiated.

- (2) Failure to agree upon these overtime rates shall be treated as a dispute under the Disputes clause of this contract.
- (3) If the Schedule provides rates for overtime, the premium portion of those rates will be reimbursable only to the extent the overtime is approved by the Contracting Officer.
  - (ii) Materials.
- (A) If the Contractor furnishes materials that meet the definition of a commercial item at 2.101, the price to be paid for such materials shall not exceed the Contractor's established catalog or market price, adjusted to reflect the—
  - (1) Quantities being acquired; and
- (2) Any modifications necessary because of contract requirements.
- (B) Except as provided for in paragraph (i)(1)(ii)(A) and (D)(2) of this clause, the Government will reimburse the Contractor the actual cost of materials (less any rebates, refunds, or discounts received by the contractor that are identifiable to the contract) provided the Contractor—
- (1) Has made payments for materials in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement or invoice; or
- (2) Makes these payments within 30 days of the submission of the Contractor's payment request to the Government and such payment is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement or invoice.
  - (C) To the extent able, the Contractor shall—
- (1) Obtain materials at the most advantageous prices available with due regard to securing prompt delivery of satisfactory materials; and
- (2) Give credit to the Government for cash and trade discounts, rebates, scrap, commissions, and other amounts that are identifiable to the contract.
- (D) Other Costs. Unless listed below, other direct and indirect costs will not be reimbursed.
- (1) Other Direct Costs. The Government will reimburse the Contractor on the basis of actual cost for the following, provided such costs comply with the requirements in paragraph (i)(1)(ii)(B) of this clause: [Insert each element of other direct costs (e.g., travel, computer usage charges, etc. Insert "None" if no reimbursement for other direct costs will be provided. If this is an indefinite delivery contract, the Contracting Officer may insert "Each order must list separately the elements of other direct charge(s) for that order or, if no reimbursement for other direct costs will be provided, insert 'None'."
- (2) Indirect Costs (Material Handling, Subcontract Administration, etc.). The Government will reimburse the Contractor for indirect costs on a pro-rata basis over the period of contract performance at the following fixed price: [Insert a fixed amount for the indirect costs and payment schedule. Insert "\$0" if no fixed price reimbursement for indirect costs will be provided. (If this is an indefinite delivery contract, the Contracting Officer may insert "Each order must list separately the fixed amount for the indirect costs and payment schedule or, if no reimbursement for indirect costs, insert 'None')."]

- (2) Total cost. It is estimated that the total cost to the Government for the performance of this contract shall not exceed the ceiling price set forth in the Schedule and the Contractor agrees to use its best efforts to perform the work specified in the Schedule and all obligations under this contract within such ceiling price. If at any time the Contractor has reason to believe that the hourly rate payments and material costs that will accrue in performing this contract in the next succeeding 30 days, if added to all other payments and costs previously accrued, will exceed 85 percent of the ceiling price in the Schedule, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer giving a revised estimate of the total price to the Government for performing this contract with supporting reasons and documentation. If at any time during the performance of this contract, the Contractor has reason to believe that the total price to the Government for performing this contract will be substantially greater or less than the then stated ceiling price, the Contractor shall so notify the Contracting Officer, giving a revised estimate of the total price for performing this contract, with supporting reasons and documentation. If at any time during performance of this contract, the Government has reason to believe that the work to be required in performing this contract will be substantially greater or less than the stated ceiling price, the Contracting Officer will so advise the Contractor, giving the then revised estimate of the total amount of effort to be required under the
- (3) Ceiling price. The Government will not be obligated to pay the Contractor any amount in excess of the ceiling price in the Schedule, and the Contractor shall not be obligated to continue performance if to do so would exceed the ceiling price set forth in the Schedule, unless and until the Contracting Officer notifies the Contractor in writing that the ceiling price has been increased and specifies in the notice a revised ceiling that shall constitute the ceiling price for performance under this contract. When and to the extent that the ceiling price set forth in the Schedule has been increased, any hours expended and material costs incurred by the Contractor in excess of the ceiling price before the increase shall be allowable to the same extent as if the hours expended and material costs had been incurred after the increase in the ceiling price.
- (4) Access to records. At any time before final payment under this contract, the Contracting Officer (or authorized representative) will have access to the following (access shall be limited to the listing below unless otherwise agreed to by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer):
- (i) Records that verify that the employees whose time has been included in any invoice meet the qualifications for the labor categories specified in the contract;
- (ii) For labor hours (including any subcontractor hours reimbursed at the hourly rate in the schedule), when time-cards are required as substantiation for payment—
- (A) The original timecards (paper-based or electronic);
  - (B) The Contractor's timekeeping procedures;
- (C) Contractor records that show the distribution of labor between jobs or contracts; and

- (D) Employees whose time has been included in any invoice for the purpose of verifying that these employees have worked the hours shown on the invoices.
- (iii) For material and subcontract costs that are reimbursed on the basis of actual cost—
- (A) Any invoices or subcontract agreements substantiating material costs; and
- (B) Any documents supporting payment of those invoices.
- (5) Overpayments/Underpayments. Each payment previously made shall be subject to reduction to the extent of amounts, on preceding invoices, that are found by the Contracting Officer not to have been properly payable and shall also be subject to reduction for overpayments or to increase for underpayments. The Contractor shall promptly pay any such reduction within 30 days unless the parties agree otherwise. The Government within 30 days will pay any such increases, unless the parties agree otherwise. The Contractor's payment will be made by check. If the Contractor becomes aware of a duplicate invoice payment or that the Government has otherwise overpaid on an 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)(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, and then at the rate applicable for each six month period as established 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 in a timely manner;
- (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 FAR 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  $\underline{32.608-2}$  of the Federal Acquisition Regulation in effect on the date of this contract.
- (viii) Upon receipt and approval of the invoice designated by the Contractor as the "completion invoice" and supporting documentation, and upon compliance by the Contractor with all terms of this contract, any outstanding balances will be paid within 30 days unless the parties agree otherwise. The completion invoice, and supporting documentation, shall be submitted by the Contractor as promptly as practicable following completion of the work under this contract, but in no event later than 1 year (or such longer period as the Contracting Officer may approve in writing) from the date of completion.
- (7) Release of claims. The Contractor, and each assignee under an assignment entered into under this contract and in effect at the time of final payment under this contract, shall execute and deliver, at the time of and as a condition precedent to final payment under this contract, a release discharging the Government, its officers, agents, and employees of and from all liabilities, obligations, and claims arising out of or under this contract, subject only to the following exceptions.
- (i) Specified claims in stated amounts, or in estimated amounts if the amounts are not susceptible to exact statement by the Contractor.
- (ii) Claims, together with reasonable incidental expenses, based upon the liabilities of the Contractor to third parties arising out of performing this contract, that are not known to the Contractor on the date of the execution of the release, and of which the Contractor gives notice in writing to the Contracting Officer not more than 6 years after the date of the release or the date of any notice to the Contractor that the

Government is prepared to make final payment, whichever is earlier.

- (iii) Claims for reimbursement of costs (other than expenses of the Contractor by reason of its indemnification of the Government against patent liability), including reasonable incidental expenses, incurred by the Contractor under the terms of this contract relating to patents.
- (8) *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.
- (9) *Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)*. If the Government makes payment by EFT, see <u>52.212-5</u>(b) for the appropriate EFT clause.
- (10) *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 that appears on the payment check or the specified payment date if an electronic funds transfer payment is made.
- (1) 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 an amount for direct labor hours (as defined in the Schedule of the contract) determined by multiplying the number of direct labor hours expended before the effective date of termination by the hourly rate(s) in the contract, less any hourly rate payments already made to the Contractor plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system that 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 that 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.

# 52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required To Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items.

As prescribed in 12.301(b)(4), insert the following clause:

# CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS— COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 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) <u>52.203-19</u>, 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) <u>52.204-23</u>, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (JUL 2018) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).
- (3) <u>52.209-10</u>, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (Nov 2015).
- (4) <u>52.233-3</u>, Protest After Award (Aug 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).
- (5) <u>52.233-4</u>, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004)(Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 (<u>19</u> 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:

#### [Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

- \_\_(1) <u>52.203-6</u>, 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) <u>52.203-13</u>, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (OCT 2015) (41 U.S.C. 3509)).
- \_\_\_(3) <u>52.203-15</u>, Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (JUNE 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5). (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.)
- $\underline{\hspace{0.1cm}}$  (4)  $\underline{52.204-10}$ , Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (OCT 2018) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).
  - (5) [Reserved].
- (6) <u>52.204-14</u>, Service Contract Reporting Requirements (OCT 2016) (PUB. L. 111-117, section 743 OF DIV. C).
- \_\_\_ (7) <u>52.204-15</u>, Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (OCT 2016) (PUB. L. 111-117, section 743 OF DIV. C).
- (8) <u>52.209-6</u>, 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 (OCT 2018) (41 U.S.C. 2313). \_ (10) [Reserved]. (11)(i)52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657a). (ii) Alternate I (Nov 2011) of 52.219-3. (12)(i)52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (OCT 2014) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a). (ii) Alternate I (JAN 2011) of 52.219-4. (13) [Reserved] (14)(i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644). \_\_(ii) Alternate I (Nov 2011). (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2011). (15)(i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (JUNE 2003) (15 U.S.C. 644). (ii) Alternate I (OCT 1995) of 52.219-7. (iii) Alternate II (MAR 2004) of 52.219-7. (16) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2018) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)). (17)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Aug 2018) (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 (Aug 2018) of 52.219-9. (18) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders  $(\text{Nov } \overline{2011}) (15 \text{ U.S.C. } 644(r)).$ (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. 657 (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
- 13496). 22.1803.) items.) (37) 52.223-12, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or 13514). Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (25) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (JUNE 2003) 13513). (26) 52.222-19, Child Labor—Cooperation with (27) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (28)(i) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEPT 2016)
  - (38)(i)52.223-13, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and
  - (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).
  - (40) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (DEC 2007) (42 U.S.C. 8259b).
  - Registered Personal Computer Products (OCT 2015) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
  - (42) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (Aug 2011) (E.O.
    - (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.

(ii) Alternate I (FEB 1999) of 52.222-26.

Authorities and Remedies (JAN 2018) (E.O. 13126).

(DEC 2015) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

(E.O. 11755).

(APR 2015).

(E.O. 11246).

- (29)(i) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (OCT 2015)(38 U.S.C. 4212).
  - (ii) Alternate I (JULY 2014) of 52.222-35.
- (30)(i) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JULY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).
  - (ii) Alternate I (JULY 2014) of 52.222-36.
- (31) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (FEB 2016) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (32) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O.
- (33)(i) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (MAR 2015) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
- (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
- (34) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in
- (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
- (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).
- Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

  - (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-14.
  - (41)(i) 52.223-16, Acquisition of EPEAT®-
  - (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-16.
- (46) <u>52.225-1</u>, Buy American—Supplies (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83).

- \_\_\_\_ (47)(i) <u>52.225-3</u>, Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act (MAY 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 83</u>, <u>19 U.S.C. 3301</u> note, <u>19 U.S.C. 2112</u> note, <u>19 U.S.C. 3805</u> note, <u>19 U.S.C. 4001</u> 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) <u>52.225-5</u>, Trade Agreements (AUG 2018) (19 U.S.C. 2501, *et seq.*, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).
- \_\_\_\_ (49) <u>52.225-13</u>, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (JUNE 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
- (50) <u>52.225-26</u>, 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; <u>10 U.S.C. 2302 Note</u>).
- \_\_(51) <u>52.226-4</u>, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
- \_\_\_ (52) <u>52.226-5</u>, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (<u>42 U.S.C.</u> 5150).
- \_\_(53) <u>52.232-29</u>, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (FEB 2002) (<u>41 U.S.C. 4505</u>, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- \_\_\_ (54) <u>52.232-30</u>, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (JAN 2017) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- \_\_\_\_(55) <u>52.232-33</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (OCT 2018) (<u>31 U.S.C. 3332</u>).
- (56) <u>52.232-34</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than System for Award Management (JUL 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- (57) <u>52.232-36</u>, Payment by Third Party (MAY 2014) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- (58) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (AUG  $\overline{1996}$ ) (5  $\overline{U.S.C.552a}$ ).
- \_\_\_ (59) <u>52.242-5</u>, 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.
  - (iii) Alternate II (FEB 2006) 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: [Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]
- (1) <u>52.222-17</u>, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (MAY 2014)(E.O. 13495).
- (Aug 2018) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

- (3) <u>52.222-42</u>, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (MAY 2014) (<u>29 U.S.C. 206</u> and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- \_\_(4) <u>52.222-43</u>, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (AUG 2018) (<u>29 U.S.C. 206</u> and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- \_\_(5) <u>52.222-44</u>, 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) <u>52.222-51</u>, 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) <u>52.222-53</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services—Requirements (MAY 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter</u> 67).
- (8) <u>52.222-55</u>, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order <u>13658</u> (DEC 2015).
- (9) <u>52.222-62</u>, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order <u>13706</u> (JAN 2017) (E.O. 13706).
- \_\_(10) <u>52.226-6</u>, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (MAY 2014) (42 U.S.C. 1792).
- (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 <u>52.215-2</u>, 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) <u>52.203-13</u>, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (OCT 2015) (41 U.S.C. 3509).
- (ii) <u>52.203-19</u>, 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) <u>52.204-23</u>, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (JUL 2018) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).
- (iv) <u>52.219-8</u>, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2018) (<u>15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2</u>) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include <u>52.219-8</u> in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.
- (v) <u>52.222-17</u>, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (MAY 2014) (E.O. 13495). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (l) of FAR clause <u>52.222-17</u>.
- (vi) <u>52.222-21</u>, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015)
- (vii) <u>52.222-26</u>, Equal Opportunity (SEPT 2016) (E.O. 11246).
- (viii)  $\underline{52.222-35}$ , Equal Opportunity for Veterans (OCT 2015) ( $\underline{38~U.S.C.~4212}$ ).
- (ix) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUL 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- (x)  $\underline{52.222-37}$ , Employment Reports on Veterans (FEB 2016) ( $\overline{38}$  U.S.C. 4212)
- (xi) <u>52.222-40</u>, 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 <u>52.222-40</u>.
- (xii) <u>52.222-41</u>, Service Contract Labor Standards (Aug 2018) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>).
- (xiii) (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 <u>52.222-50</u> (<u>22 U.S.C. chapter 78</u> and E.O 13627).
- (xiv) <u>52.222-51</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (MAY 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>).
- (xv) <u>52.222-53</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (xvi) <u>52.222-54</u>, Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015) (E.O. 12989).
- (xvii) <u>52.222-55</u>, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (DEC 2015).

- (xviii) <u>52.222-62</u>, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2017) (E.O. 13706).
- (xix)(A) <u>52.224-3</u>, Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a).
  - (B) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of <u>52.224-3</u>.
- (xx) <u>52.225-26</u>, 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).
- (xxi) <u>52.226-6</u>, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (MAY 2014) (<u>42 U.S.C. 1792</u>). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause <u>52.226-6</u>.
- (xxii) <u>52.247-64</u>, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (<u>46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b)</u> and <u>10 U.S.C. 2631</u>). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause <u>52.247-64</u>.
- (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)

Alternate I (Feb 2000). As prescribed in  $\underline{12.301}$ (b)(4)(i), delete paragraph (d) from the basic clause, redesignate paragraph (e) as paragraph (d), and revise the reference to "paragraphs (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this clause" in the redesignated paragraph (d) to read "paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this clause."

- Alternate II (Oct 2018). As prescribed in 12.301(b)(4)(ii), substitute the following paragraphs (d)(1) and (e)(1) for paragraphs (d)(1) and (e)(1) of the basic clause as follows:
- (d)(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, an appropriate Inspector General appointed under section 3 or 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), or an authorized representative of either of the foregoing officials shall have access to and right to—
- (i) Examine any of the Contractor's or any subcontractors' records that pertain to, and involve transactions relating to, this contract; and
- (ii) Interview any officer or employee regarding such transactions.
- (e)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause in a subcontract for commercial items, other than—
- (i) Paragraph (d) of this clause. This paragraph flows down to all subcontracts, except the authority of the Inspector General under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) does not flow down; and
- (ii) Those clauses listed in this paragraph (e)(1). Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause—
- (A) <u>52.203-13</u>, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Oct 2015) (<u>41 U.S.C. 3509</u>).

- (B) <u>52.203-15</u>, Whistleblower Protections Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Jun 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5).
- (C) <u>52.204-23</u>, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (Jul 2018) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).
- (D) <u>52.219-8</u>, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Oct 2018) (<u>15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2)</u> and (<u>3</u>)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include <u>52.219-8</u> in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.
- (E)  $\underline{52.222-21}$ , Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Apr 2015).
- (F) <u>52.222-26</u>, Equal Opportunity (Sept 2016) (E.O. 11246).
- (G) <u>52.222-35</u>, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Oct 2015) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (H) <u>52.222-36</u>, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jul 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- (I) <u>52.222-40</u>, 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.
- (J) <u>52.222-41</u>, Service Contract Labor Standards (Aug 2018) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (K) \_\_\_(1) <u>52.222-50</u>, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Mar 2015) (<u>22 U.S.C. chapter 78</u> and E.O 13627).
- \_\_\_(2) Alternate I (Mar 2015) of <u>52.222-50</u> (<u>22 U.S.C. chapter 78</u> and E.O 13627).
- (L) <u>52.222-51</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment—Requirements (May 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>).
- (M) <u>52.222-53</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services—Requirements (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (N) <u>52.222-54</u>, Employment Eligibility Verification (Oct 2015) (Executive Order 12989).
- (O) <u>52.222-55</u>, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (Dec 2015).
- (P) <u>52.222-62</u>, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2017) (E.O. 13706).
- (Q)(1)<u>52.224-3</u>, Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a).
  - (2)Alternate I (JAN 2017) of <u>52.224-3</u>.
- (R) <u>52.225-26</u>, 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)

- (S) <u>52.226-6</u>, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations. (May 2014) (<u>42 U.S.C. 1792</u>). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.
- (T) <u>52.247-64</u>, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (<u>46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b)</u> and <u>10 U.S.C. 2631</u>). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

#### 52.213-1 Fast Payment Procedure.

As prescribed in <u>13.404</u>, insert the following clause:

FAST PAYMENT PROCEDURE (MAY 2006)

- (a) *General*. The Government will pay invoices based on the Contractor's delivery to a post office or common carrier (or, if shipped by other means, to the point of first receipt by the Government).
- (b) Responsibility for supplies.(1) Title to the supplies passes to the Government upon delivery to—
- (i) A post office or common carrier for shipment to the specific destination; or
- (ii) The point of first receipt by the Government, if shipment is by means other than Postal Service or common carrier.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of the contract, order, or blanket purchase agreement, the Contractor shall—
- (i) Assume all responsibility and risk of loss for supplies not received at destination, damaged in transit, or not conforming to purchase requirements; and
- (ii) Replace, repair, or correct those supplies promptly at the Contractor's expense, if instructed to do so by the Contracting Officer within 180 days from the date title to the supplies vests in the Government.
- (c) Preparation of invoice.(1) Upon delivery to a post office or common carrier (or, if shipped by other means, the point of first receipt by the Government), the Contractor shall—
- (i) Prepare an invoice as provided in this contract, order, or blanket purchase agreement; and
- (ii) Display prominently on the invoice "FAST PAY." Invoices not prominently marked "FAST PAY" via manual or electronic means may be accepted by the payment office for fast payment. If the payment office declines to make fast payment, the Contractor shall be paid in accordance with procedures applicable to invoices to which the Fast Payment clause does not apply.
- (2) If the purchase price excludes the cost of transportation, the Contractor shall enter the prepaid shipping cost on the invoice as a separate item. The Contractor shall not include the cost of parcel post insurance. If transportation charges are stated separately on the invoice, the Contractor shall retain related paid freight bills or other transportation billings paid separately for a period of 3 years and shall furnish the bills to the Government upon request.

- (3) If this contract, order, or blanket purchase agreement requires the preparation of a receiving report, the Contractor shall either—
- (i) Submit the receiving report on the prescribed form with the invoice; or
  - (ii) Include the following information on the invoice:
    - (A) Shipment number.
    - (B) Mode of shipment.
    - (C) At line item level—
- (1) National stock number and/or manufacturer's part number;
  - (2) Unit of measure;
  - (3) Ship-To Point;
  - (4) Mark-For Point, if in the contract; and
- (5) FEDSTRIP/MILSTRIP document number, if in the contract.
- (4) If this contract, order, or blanket purchase agreement does not require preparation of a receiving report on a prescribed form, the Contractor shall include on the invoice the following information at the line item level, in addition to that required in paragraph (c)(1) of this clause:
  - (i) Ship-To Point.
  - (ii) Mark-For Point.
- (iii) FEDSTRIP/MILSTRIP document number, if in the contract.
- (5) Where a receiving report is not required, the Contractor shall include a copy of the invoice in each shipment.
- (d) Certification of invoice. The Contractor certifies by submitting an invoice to the Government that the supplies being billed to the Government have been shipped or delivered in accordance with shipping instructions issued by the ordering officer, in the quantities shown on the invoice, and that the supplies are in the quantity and of the quality designated by the contract, order, or blanket purchase agreement.
- (e) FAST PAY container identification. The Contractor shall mark all outer shipping containers "FAST PAY" When outer shipping containers are not marked "FAST PAY," the payment office may make fast payment. If the payment office declines to make fast payment, the Contractor shall be paid in accordance with procedures applicable to invoices to which the Fast Payment clause does not apply.

(End of clause)

#### 52.213-2 Invoices.

As prescribed in 13.302-5(b), insert the following clause:

INVOICES (APR 1984)

The Contractor's invoices must be submitted before payment can be made. The Contractor will be paid on the basis of the invoice, which must state—

(a) The starting and ending dates of the subscription delivery; and

(b) Either that orders have been placed in effect for the addressees required, or that the orders will be placed in effect upon receipt of payment.

(End of clause)

#### 52.213-3 Notice to Supplier.

As prescribed in  $13.\overline{302-5}(c)$ , insert the following clause:

NOTICE TO SUPPLIER (APR 1984)

This is a firm order ONLY if your price does not exceed the maximum line item or total price in the Schedule. Submit invoices to the Contracting Officer. If you cannot perform in exact accordance with this order, WITHHOLD PERFORMANCE, and notify the Contracting Officer immediately, giving your quotation.

(End of clause)

## 52.213-4 Terms and Conditions—Simplified Acquisitions (Other Than Commercial Items).

As prescribed in 13.302-5(d), insert the following clause:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS—SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS (OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL ITEMS) (OCT 2018)

- (a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses that are incorporated by reference:
- (1) The clauses listed below implement provisions of law or Executive order:
- (i) <u>52.203-19</u>, 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)).
- (ii) <u>52.204-23</u>, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (JUL 2018) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).
- (iii) <u>52.222-3</u>, Convict Labor (JUN 2003) (E.O. 11755).
- (iv)  $\underline{52.222-21}$ , Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).
- (v) <u>52.222-26</u>, Equal Opportunity (SEPT 2016) (E.O. 11246).
- (vi) <u>52.225-13</u>, 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).
- (vii) <u>52.233-3</u>, Protest After Award (Aug 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).
- (viii) <u>52.233-4</u>, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Pub. L. 108-77, 108-78 (<u>19 U.S.C.</u> <u>3805 note</u>)).
  - (2) Listed below are additional clauses that apply:

- (i) <u>52.232-1</u>, Payments (APR 1984).
- (ii)  $\underline{52.232-8}$ , Discounts for Prompt Payment (FEB 2002).
  - (iii) 52.232-11, Extras (APR 1984).
  - (iv) 52.232-25, Prompt Payment (JAN 2017).
- (v) <u>52.232-39</u>, Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations (Jun 2013).
- (vi) <u>52.232-40</u>, Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (DEC 2013)
  - (vii) 52.233-1, Disputes (MAY 2014).
- (viii) <u>52.244-6</u>, Subcontracts for Commercial Items (OCT 2018).
- (ix)  $\underline{52.253-1}$ , Computer Generated Forms (JAN 1991).
- (b) The Contractor shall comply with the following FAR clauses, incorporated by reference, unless the circumstances do not apply:
- (1) The clauses listed below implement provisions of law or Executive order:
- (i) <u>52.204-10</u>, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (OCT 2018) (Pub. L. 109-282) (<u>31 U.S.C. 6101 note</u>) (Applies to contracts valued at \$30,000 or more).
- (ii) <u>52.222-19</u>, Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN 2018) (E.O. 13126) (Applies to contracts for supplies exceeding the micro-purchase threshold.)
- (iii) <u>52.222-20</u>, Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment Exceeding \$15,000 (MAY 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 65</u>) (Applies to supply contracts over \$15,000 in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands).
- (iv)  $\underline{52.222-35}$ , Equal Opportunity for Veterans (OCT 2015) ( $\underline{38~U.S.C.~4212}$ ) (applies to contracts of \$150,000 or more).
- (v) 52.222-36, Equal Employment for Workers with Disabilities (Jul 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793) (Applies to contracts over \$15,000, unless the work is to be performed outside the United States by employees recruited outside the United States.) (For purposes of this clause, "United States" includes the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Wake Island.)
- (vi) <u>52.222-37</u>, Employment Reports on Veterans (FEB 2016) (<u>38 U.S.C. 4212</u>) (Applies to contracts of \$150,000 or more).
- (vii) <u>52.222-41</u>, Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>) (Applies to service contracts over \$2,500 that are subject to the Service Contract Labor Standards statute and will be performed in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Johnston Island, Wake Island, or the outer Continental Shelf).

- (viii)(A) <u>52.222-50</u>, Combating Trafficking in Persons (MAR 2015) (<u>22 U.S.C. chapter 78</u> and E.O 13627) (Applies to all solicitations and contracts).
- (B) Alternate I (MAR 2015) (Applies if the Contracting Officer has filled in the following information with regard to applicable directives or notices: Document title(s), source for obtaining document(s), and contract performance location outside the United States to which the document applies).
- (ix) <u>52.222-55</u>, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (DEC 2015) (Applies when <u>52.222-6</u> or <u>52.222-41</u> are in the contract and performance in whole or in part is in the United States (the 50 States and the District of Columbia)).
- (x) <u>52.222-62</u>, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2017) (E.O. 13706) (Applies when <u>52.222-6</u> or <u>52.222-41</u> are in the contract and performance in whole or in part is in the United States (the 50 States and the District of Columbia.))
- (xi) <u>52.223-5</u>, Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information (MAY 2011) (E.O. 13423) (Applies to services performed on Federal facilities).
- (xii) <u>52.223-11</u>, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693)(applies to contracts for products as prescribed at FAR 23.804(a)(1)).
- (xiii) <u>52.223-12</u>, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693) (Applies to maintenance, service, repair, or disposal of refrigeration equipment and air conditioners).
- (xiv) <u>52.223-15</u>, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (DEC 2007) (<u>42 U.S.C. 8259b</u>) (Unless exempt pursuant to <u>23.204</u>, applies to contracts when energy-consuming products listed in the ENERGY STAR® Program or Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)) will be—
  - (A) Delivered;
- (B) Acquired by the Contractor for use in performing services at a Federally-controlled facility;
- (C) Furnished by the Contractor for use by the Government; or
- (D) Specified in the design of a building or work, or incorporated during its construction, renovation, or maintenance).
- (xv) <u>52.223-20</u>, Aerosols (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693) (Applies to contracts for products that may contain high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons as a propellant or as a solvent; or contracts for maintenance or repair of electronic or mechanical devices).
- (xvi) <u>52.223-21</u>, Foams (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693) (Applies to contracts for products that may contain high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons or refrigerant

blends containing hydrofluorocarbons as a foam blowing agent; or contracts for construction of buildings or facilities.

- (xvii) <u>52.225-1</u>, Buy American—Supplies (MAY 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>) (Applies to contracts for supplies, and to contracts for services involving the furnishing of supplies, for use in the United States or its outlying areas, if the value of the supply contract or supply portion of a service contract exceeds the micro-purchase threshold and the acquisition—
  - (A) Is set aside for small business concerns; or
- (B) Cannot be set aside for small business concerns (see 19.502-2), and does not exceed \$25,000).
- (xviii) <u>52.226-6</u>, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (MAY 2014) (<u>42 U.S.C. 1792</u>) (Applies to contracts greater than \$25,000 that provide for the provision, the service, or the sale of food in the United States).
- (xix) <u>52.232-33</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (OCT 2018) (Applies when the payment will be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) and the payment office uses the System for Award Management (SAM) as its source of EFT information).
- (xx) <u>52.232-34</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than System for Award Management (JUL 2013) (Applies when the payment will be made by EFT and the payment office does not use the SAM database as its source of EFT information).
- (xxi) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. App. 1241) (Applies to supplies transported by ocean vessels (except for the types of subcontracts listed at 47.504(d)).
  - (2) Listed below are additional clauses that may apply:
- (i) <u>52.204-21</u>, Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems (Jun 2016) (Applies to contracts when the contractor or a subcontractor at any tier may have Federal contract information residing in or transiting through its information system.
- (ii) <u>52.209-6</u>, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (OCT 2015) (Applies to contracts over \$35,000).
- (iii) <u>52.211-17</u>, Delivery of Excess Quantities (SEPT 1989) (Applies to fixed-price supplies).
- (iv)  $\underline{52.247-29}$ , F.o.b. Origin (FEB 2006) (Applies to supplies if delivery is f.o.b. origin).
- (v) <u>52.247-34</u>, F.o.b. Destination (Nov 1991) (Applies to supplies if delivery is f.o.b. destination).
- (c) FAR <u>52.252-2</u>, 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):

#### [Insert one or more Internet addresses]

- (d) *Inspection/Acceptance*. The Contractor shall tender for acceptance only 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. The Government must exercise its postacceptance rights—
- (1) Within a reasonable period of 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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 that 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 that reasonably could have been avoided.
- (g) 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 of the contractor shall be liable to the contrac

ment improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

(h) *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.

proceed to award to the next otherwise successful HUBZone small business concern or other offeror.

#### (End of clause)

Alternate I (Jan 2011). As prescribed in  $\underline{19.1309}$ (b)(1), substitute the following paragraphs (d)(3) and (d)(4) for paragraphs (d)(3) and (d)(4) of the basic clause:

- (3) General construction, at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract performance to be incurred for personnel will be spent on the concern's employees; or
- (4) Construction by special trade contractors, at least 25 percent of the cost of the contract performance to be incurred for personnel will be spent on the concern's employees.

#### **52.219-5** [Reserved]

#### 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside.

As prescribed in 19.508(c), insert the following clause:

NOTICE OF TOTAL SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE (Nov 2011)

- (a) *Definition*. "Small business concern," as used in this clause, 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 size standards in this solicitation.
  - (b) Applicability. This clause applies only to—
- (1) Contracts that have been totally set aside or reserved for small business concerns; and
- (2) Orders set aside for small business concerns under multiple-award contracts as described in 8.405-5 and 16.505(b)(2)(i)(F).
- (c) General. (1) Offers are solicited only from small business concerns. Offers received from concerns that are not small business concerns shall be considered nonresponsive and will be rejected.
- (2) Any award resulting from this solicitation will be made to a small business concern.
- (d) Agreement. A small business concern submitting an offer in its own name shall furnish, in performing the contract, only end items manufactured or produced by small business concerns in the United States or its outlying areas. If this procurement is processed under simplified acquisition procedures and the total amount of this contract does not exceed \$25,000, a small business concern may furnish the product of any domestic firm. This paragraph does not apply to construction or service contracts.

#### (End of clause)

Alternate I (Nov 2011). When the acquisition is for a product in a class for which the Small Business Administration has

determined that there are no small business manufacturers or processors in the Federal market in accordance with 19.502-2(c), delete paragraph (d).

Alternate II (Nov 2011). As prescribed in 19.508(c), substitute the following paragraph (c) for paragraph (c) of the basic clause:

- (c) *General*. (1) Offers are solicited only from small business concerns and Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (FPI). Offers received from concerns that are not small business concerns or FPI shall be considered nonresponsive and will be rejected.
- (2) Any award resulting from this solicitation will be made to either a small business concern or FPI.

#### 52.219-7 Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside.

As prescribed in 19.508(d), insert the following clause:

NOTICE OF PARTIAL SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE (JUNE 2003)

- (a) *Definitions*. "Small business concern," as used in this clause, 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 size standards in this solicitation.
- (b) General.(1) A portion of this requirement, identified elsewhere in this solicitation, has been set aside for award to one or more small business concerns.
- (2) Offers on the non-set-aside portion will be evaluated first and award will be made on that portion in accordance with the provisions of this solicitation.
- (3) The set-aside portion will be awarded at the highest unit price(s) in the contract(s) for the non-set-aside portion, adjusted to reflect transportation and other costs appropriate for the selected contractor(s).
- (4) The contractor(s) for the set-aside portion will be selected from among the small business concerns that submitted responsive offers on the non-set-aside portion. Negotiations will be conducted with the concern that submitted the lowest responsive offer on the non-set-aside portion. If the negotiations are not successful or if only part of the set-aside portion is awarded to that concern, negotiations will be conducted with the concern that submitted the second-lowest responsive offer on the non-set-aside portion. This process will continue until a contract or contracts are awarded for the entire set-aside portion.
- (5) The Government reserves the right to not consider token offers or offers designed to secure an unfair advantage over other offerors eligible for the set-aside portion.
- (c) Agreement. For the set-aside portion of the acquisition, a small business concern submitting an offer in its own name shall furnish, in performing the contract, only end items manufactured or produced by small business concerns in the United States or its outlying areas. If this procurement is processed under simplified acquisition procedures and the total amount of this contract does not exceed \$25,000, a small business concern may furnish the product of any domestic firm.

This paragraph does not apply to construction or service contracts

#### (End of clause)

Alternate I (Oct 1995). When the acquisition is for a product in a class for which the Small Business Administration has determined that there are no small business manufacturers or processors in the Federal market in accordance with 19.502-2(c), delete paragraph (c).

Alternate II (Mar 2004). As prescribed in 19.508(d), add the following paragraph (d) to the basic clause:

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this clause, offers from Federal Prison Industries, Inc., will be solicited and considered for both the set-aside and non-set-aside portion of this requirement.

#### 52.219-8 Utilization of Small Business Concerns.

As prescribed in 19.708(a), insert the following clause:

UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS (OCT 2018)

(a) Definitions. As used in this contract—

"HUBZone small business concern" means a small business concern, certified by the Small Business Administration, that appears on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration.

"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 <u>38 U.S.C. 101(2)</u>, with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

"Small business concern" means a small business as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and relevant regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

"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.

"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 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.
- (b) It is the policy of the United States that small business concerns, veteran-owned small business concerns, servicedisabled veteran-owned small business concerns, HUBZone small business concerns, small disadvantaged business concerns, and women-owned small business concerns shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in performing contracts let by any Federal agency, including contracts and subcontracts for subsystems, assemblies, components, and related services for major systems. It is further the policy of the United States that its prime contractors establish procedures to ensure the timely payment of amounts due pursuant to the terms of their subcontracts with small business concerns, veteran-owned small business concerns, service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns, HUBZone small business concerns, small disadvantaged business concerns, and women-owned small business con-
- (c) The Contractor hereby agrees to carry out this policy in the awarding of subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with efficient contract performance. The Contractor further agrees to cooperate in any studies or surveys as may be conducted by the United States Small Business Administration or the awarding agency of the United States as may be necessary to determine the extent of the Contractor's compliance with this clause.
- (d)(1) The Contractor may accept a subcontractor's written representations of its size and socioeconomic status as a small business, small disadvantaged business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, or a women-owned small business if the subcontractor represents that the size and socioeconomic status representations with its

offer are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of the offer for the subcontract.

- (2) The Contractor may accept a subcontractor's representations of its size and socioeconomic status as a small business, small disadvantaged business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, or a women-owned small business in the System for Award Management (SAM) if—
  - (i) The subcontractor is registered in SAM; and
- (ii) The subcontractor represents that the size and socioeconomic status representations made in SAM are current, accurate and complete as of the date of the offer for the subcontract.
- (3) The Contractor may not require the use of SAM for the purposes of representing size or socioeconomic status in connection with a subcontract.
- (4) In accordance with 13 CFR 121.411, 124.1015, 125.29, 126.900, and 127.700, a contractor acting in good faith is not liable for misrepresentations made by its subcontractors regarding the subcontractor's size or socioeconomic status.
- (5) The Contractor shall confirm that a subcontractor representing itself as a HUBZone small business concern is certified by SBA as a HUBZone small business concern by accessing the System for Award Management or by contacting the SBA. Options for contacting the SBA include—
- (i) HUBZone small business database search application web page at <a href="http://dsbs.sba.gov/dsbs/search/dsp-searchhubzone.cfm">http://dsbs.sba.gov/dsbs/search/dsp-searchhubzone.cfm</a>; or <a href="http://www.sba.gov/hubzone">http://www.sba.gov/hubzone</a>;
- (ii) In writing to the Director/HUB, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416: or
- (iii) The SBA HUBZone Help Desk at hubzone@sba.gov.

(End of clause)

#### 52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan.

As prescribed in 19.708(b), insert the following clause:

SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN (AUG 2018)

- (a) This clause does not apply to small business concerns.
- (b) Definitions. As used in this clause—

"Alaska Native Corporation (ANC)" means any Regional Corporation, Village Corporation, Urban Corporation, or Group Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Alaska in accordance with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1601, et seq.) and which is considered a minority and economically disadvantaged concern under the criteria at 43 U.S.C. 1626(e)(1). This definition also includes ANC direct and indirect subsidiary corporations, joint ventures, and partnerships that meet the requirements of 43 U.S.C. 1626(e)(2).

"Commercial item" means a product or service that satisfies the definition of commercial item in section 2.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

"Commercial plan" means a subcontracting plan (including goals) that covers the offeror's fiscal year and that applies to the entire production of commercial items sold by either the entire company or a portion thereof (*e.g.*, division, plant, or product line).

"Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS)" means the Governmentwide, electronic, web-based system for small business subcontracting program reporting. The eSRS is located at <a href="http://www.esrs.gov">http://www.esrs.gov</a>.

"Indian tribe" means any Indian tribe, band, group, pueblo, or community, including native villages and native groups (including corporations organized by Kenai, Juneau, Sitka, and Kodiak) as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.A. 1601 et seq.), that is recognized by the Federal Government as eligible for services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1452(c). This definition also includes Indian-owned economic enterprises that meet the requirements of 25 U.S.C. 1452(e).

"Individual subcontracting plan" means a subcontracting plan that covers the entire contract period (including option periods), applies to a specific contract, and has goals that are based on the offeror's planned subcontracting in support of the specific contract, except that indirect costs incurred for common or joint purposes may be allocated on a prorated basis to the contract.

"Master subcontracting plan" means a subcontracting plan that contains all the required elements of an individual subcontracting plan, except goals, and may be incorporated into individual subcontracting plans, provided the master subcontracting plan has been approved.

"Reduced payment" means a payment that is for less than the amount agreed upon in a subcontract in accordance with its terms and conditions, for supplies and services for which the Government has paid the prime contractor.

"Subcontract" means any agreement (other than one involving an employer-employee relationship) entered into by a Federal Government prime Contractor or subcontractor calling for supplies or services required for performance of the contract or subcontract.

"Total contract dollars" means the final anticipated dollar value, including the dollar value of all options.

"Untimely payment" means a payment to a subcontractor that is more than 90 days past due under the terms and conditions of a subcontract for supplies and services for which the Government has paid the prime contractor.

(c)(1) The Offeror, upon request by the Contracting Officer, shall submit and negotiate a subcontracting plan, where applicable, that separately addresses subcontracting with small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concerns. If the Offeror is submitting an individual subcontracting plan, the plan must separately address subcon-

tracting with small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, and womenowned small business concerns, with a separate part for the basic contract and separate parts for each option (if any). The subcontracting plan shall be included in and made a part of the resultant contract. The subcontracting plan shall be negotiated within the time specified by the Contracting Officer. Failure to submit and negotiate the subcontracting plan shall make the Offeror ineligible for award of a contract.

- (2)(i) The Contractor may accept a subcontractor's written representations of its size and socioeconomic status as a small business, small disadvantaged business, veteran-owned small business, or a women-owned small business if the subcontractor represents that the size and socioeconomic status representations with its offer are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of the offer for the subcontract.
- (ii) The Contractor may accept a subcontractor's representations of its size and socioeconomic status as a small business, small disadvantaged business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, or a women-owned small business in the System for Award Management (SAM) if—
  - (A) The subcontractor is registered in SAM; and
- (B) The subcontractor represents that the size and socioeconomic status representations made in SAM are current, accurate and complete as of the date of the offer for the subcontract.
- (iii) The Contractor may not require the use of SAM for the purposes of representing size or socioeconomic status in connection with a subcontract.
- (iv) In accordance with 13 CFR 121.411, 124.1015, 125.29, 126.900, and 127.700, a contractor acting in good faith is not liable for misrepresentations made by its subcontractors regarding the subcontractor's size or socioeconomic status
- (d) The Offeror's subcontracting plan shall include the following:
- (1) Separate goals, expressed in terms of total dollars subcontracted, and as a percentage of total planned subcontracting dollars, for the use of small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concerns as subcontractors. For individual subcontracting plans, and if required by the Contracting Officer, goals shall also be expressed in terms of percentage of total contract dollars, in addition to the goals expressed as a percentage of total subcontract dollars. The Offeror shall include all subcontracts that contribute to contract performance, and may include a proportionate share of products and services that are normally allocated as indirect costs. In accordance with 43 U.S.C. 1626–

- (i) Subcontracts awarded to an ANC or Indian tribe shall be counted towards the subcontracting goals for small business and small disadvantaged business concerns, regardless of the size or Small Business Administration certification status of the ANC or Indian tribe; and
- (ii) Where one or more subcontractors are in the subcontract tier between the prime Contractor and the ANC or Indian tribe, the ANC or Indian tribe shall designate the appropriate Contractor(s) to count the subcontract towards its small business and small disadvantaged business subcontracting goals.
- (A) In most cases, the appropriate Contractor is the Contractor that awarded the subcontract to the ANC or Indian tribe.
- (B) If the ANC or Indian tribe designates more than one Contractor to count the subcontract toward its goals, the ANC or Indian tribe shall designate only a portion of the total subcontract award to each Contractor. The sum of the amounts designated to various Contractors cannot exceed the total value of the subcontract.
- (C) The ANC or Indian tribe shall give a copy of the written designation to the Contracting Officer, the prime Contractor, and the subcontractors in between the prime Contractor and the ANC or Indian tribe within 30 days of the date of the subcontract award.
- (D) If the Contracting Officer does not receive a copy of the ANC's or the Indian tribe's written designation within 30 days of the subcontract award, the Contractor that awarded the subcontract to the ANC or Indian tribe will be considered the designated Contractor.
  - (2) A statement of—
- (i) Total dollars planned to be subcontracted for an individual subcontracting plan; or the Offeror's total projected sales, expressed in dollars, and the total value of projected subcontracts to support the sales for a commercial plan;
- (ii) Total dollars planned to be subcontracted to small business concerns (including ANC and Indian tribes);
- (iii) Total dollars planned to be subcontracted to veteran-owned small business concerns;
- (iv) Total dollars planned to be subcontracted to service-disabled veteran-owned small business;
- (v) Total dollars planned to be subcontracted to HUBZone small business concerns;
- (vi) Total dollars planned to be subcontracted to small disadvantaged business concerns (including ANCs and Indian tribes); and
- (vii) Total dollars planned to be subcontracted to women-owned small business concerns.
- (3) A description of the principal types of supplies and services to be subcontracted, and an identification of the types planned for subcontracting to—
  - (i) Small business concerns;
  - (ii) Veteran-owned small business concerns:
- (iii) Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns;
  - (iv) HUBZone small business concerns;

- (1) The name and address of the Contractor;
- (2) The date of the request for performance-based payment;
- (3) The contract number and/or other identifier of the contract or order under which the request is made;
- (4) Such information and documentation as is required by the contract's description of the basis for payment; and
- (5) A certification by a Contractor official authorized to bind the Contractor, as specified in paragraph (m) of this clause.
- (m) Content of Contractor's certification. As required in paragraph (l)(5) of this clause, the Contractor shall make the following certification in each request for performance-based payment:

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that—

- (1) This request for performance-based payment is true and correct; this request (and attachments) has been prepared from the books and records of the Contractor, in accordance with the contract and the instructions of the Contracting Officer;
- (2) (Except as reported in writing on \_\_\_\_\_\_), all payments to subcontractors and suppliers under this contract have been paid, or will be paid, currently, when due in the ordinary course of business;
- (3) There are no encumbrances (except as reported in writing on \_\_\_\_\_\_) against the property acquired or produced for, and allocated or properly chargeable to, the contract which would affect or impair the Government's title;
- (4) There has been no materially adverse change in the financial condition of the Contractor since the submission by the Contractor to the Government of the most recent written information dated ; and
- (5) After the making of this requested performance-based payment, the amount of all payments for each deliverable item for which performance-based payments have been requested will not exceed any limitation in the contract, and the amount of all payments under the contract will not exceed any limitation in the contract.

(End of clause)

# **52.232-33** Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management.

As prescribed in 32.1110(a)(1), insert the following clause:

PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER-SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (OCT 2018)

(a) Method of payment. (1) All payments by the Government under this contract shall be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT), except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this clause. As used in this clause, the term "EFT" refers to the funds transfer and may also include the payment information transfer.

- (2) In the event the Government is unable to release one or more payments by EFT, the Contractor agrees to either—
- (i) Accept payment by check or some other mutually agreeable method of payment; or
- (ii) Request the Government to extend the payment due date until such time as the Government can make payment by EFT (but see paragraph (d) of this clause).
- (b) Contractor's EFT information. The Government shall make payment to the Contractor using the EFT information contained in the System for Award Management (SAM). In the event that the EFT information changes, the Contractor shall be responsible for providing the updated information to SAM
- (c) Mechanisms for EFT payment. The Government may make payment by EFT through either the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network, subject to the rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association, or the Fedwire Transfer System. The rules governing Federal payments through the ACH are contained in 31 CFR Part 210.
- (d) Suspension of payment. If the Contractor's EFT information in SAM is incorrect, then the Government need not make payment to the Contractor under this contract until correct EFT information is entered into SAM; and any invoice or contract financing request shall be deemed not to be a proper invoice for the purpose of prompt payment under this contract. The prompt payment terms of the contract regarding notice of an improper invoice and delays in accrual of interest penalties apply.
- (e) Liability for uncompleted or erroneous transfers.(1) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Government used the Contractor's EFT information incorrectly, the Government remains responsible for—
  - (i) Making a correct payment;
  - (ii) Paying any prompt payment penalty due; and
  - (iii) Recovering any erroneously directed funds.
- (2) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Contractor's EFT information was incorrect, or was revised within 30 days of Government release of the EFT payment transaction instruction to the Federal Reserve System, and—
- (i) If the funds are no longer under the control of the payment office, the Government is deemed to have made payment and the Contractor is responsible for recovery of any erroneously directed funds; or
- (ii) If the funds remain under the control of the payment office, the Government shall not make payment, and the provisions of paragraph (d) of this clause shall apply.
- (f) EFT and prompt payment. A payment shall be deemed to have been made in a timely manner in accordance with the prompt payment terms of this contract if, in the EFT payment transaction instruction released to the Federal Reserve System, the date specified for settlement of the payment is on or before the prompt payment due date, provided the specified

payment date is a valid date under the rules of the Federal Reserve System.

- (g) EFT and assignment of claims. If the Contractor assigns the proceeds of this contract as provided for in the assignment of claims terms of this contract, the Contractor shall require as a condition of any such assignment, that the assignee shall register separately in SAM and shall be paid by EFT in accordance with the terms of this clause. Notwithstanding any other requirement of this contract, payment to an ultimate recipient other than the Contractor, or a financial institution properly recognized under an assignment of claims pursuant to Subpart 32.8, is not permitted. In all respects, the requirements of this clause shall apply to the assignee as if it were the Contractor. EFT information that shows the ultimate recipient of the transfer to be other than the Contractor, in the absence of a proper assignment of claims acceptable to the Government, is incorrect EFT information within the meaning of paragraph (d) of this clause.
- (h) Liability for change of EFT information by financial agent. The Government is not liable for errors resulting from changes to EFT information made by the Contractor's financial agent.
- (i) Payment information. The payment or disbursing office shall forward to the Contractor available payment information that is suitable for transmission as of the date of release of the EFT instruction to the Federal Reserve System. The Government may request the Contractor to designate a desired format and method(s) for delivery of payment information from a list of formats and methods the payment office is capable of executing. However, the Government does not guarantee that any particular format or method of delivery is available at any particular payment office and retains the latitude to use the format and delivery method most convenient to the Government. If the Government makes payment by check in accordance with paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government shall mail the payment information to the remittance address contained in SAM.

(End of clause)

# 52.232-34 Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other than System for Award Management.

As prescribed in 32.1110(a)(2), insert the following clause:

PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER—OTHER THAN SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (JUL 2013)

(a) Method of payment. (1) All payments by the Government under this contract shall be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this clause. As used in this clause, the term "EFT" refers to the funds transfer and may also include the payment information transfer.

- (2) In the event the Government is unable to release one or more payments by EFT, the Contractor agrees to either—
- (i) Accept payment by check or some other mutually agreeable method of payment; or
- (ii) Request the Government to extend payment due dates until such time as the Government makes payment by EFT (but see paragraph (d) of this clause).

tion.(1) The Contractor is required to provide the Government

(b) Mandatory submission of Contractor's EFT informa-

- with the information required to make payment by EFT (see paragraph (j) of this clause). The Contractor shall provide this information directly to the office designated in this contract to receive that information (hereafter: "designated office") by [the Contracting Officer shall insert date, days after award, days before first request, the date specified for receipt of offers if the provision at 52.232-38 is utilized, or "concurrent with first request" as prescribed by the head of the agency; if not prescribed, insert "no later than 15 days prior to submission of the first request for payment"]. If not otherwise specified in this contract, the payment office is the designated office for receipt of the Contractor's EFT information. If more than one designated office is named for the contract, the Contractor shall provide a separate notice to each office. In the event that the EFT information changes, the Contractor shall be responsible for providing the updated information to the designated office(s).
- (2) If the Contractor provides EFT information applicable to multiple contracts, the Contractor shall specifically state the applicability of this EFT information in terms acceptable to the designated office. However, EFT information supplied to a designated office shall be applicable only to contracts that identify that designated office as the office to receive EFT information for that contract.
- (c) Mechanisms for EFT payment. The Government may make payment by EFT through either the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network, subject to the rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association, or the Fedwire Transfer System. The rules governing Federal payments through the ACH are contained in 31 CFR Part 210.
- (d) Suspension of payment. (1) The Government is not required to make any payment under this contract until after receipt, by the designated office, of the correct EFT payment information from the Contractor. Until receipt of the correct EFT information, any invoice or contract financing request shall be deemed not to be a proper invoice for the purpose of prompt payment under this contract. The prompt payment terms of the contract regarding notice of an improper invoice and delays in accrual of interest penalties apply.
- (2) If the EFT information changes after submission of correct EFT information, the Government shall begin using the changed EFT information no later than 30 days after its receipt by the designated office to the extent payment is made by EFT. However, the Contractor may request that no further

tor's final payment, all title that has not passed to the Contractor shall vest in the Contractor, unless specifically designated in the Schedule as being retained by the Government. The Government shall not be responsible for the condition of, or any loss or damage to, the property.

(c) The Contractor shall promptly remove from the site all property acquired by the Contractor. The Government will not permit storage of property on the site beyond the completion date. If the Contractor does not wish to remove from the site any of the property acquired, the Contracting Officer may, upon written request, grant the Contractor permission to leave the property on the premises. As a condition of the granting of this permission, the Contractor agrees to waive any right, title, claim, or interest in and to the property.

(End of clause)

## 52.237-7 Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance.

As prescribed in 37.403, insert the following clause:

INDEMNIFICATION AND MEDICAL LIABILITY INSURANCE (JAN 1997)

- (a) It is expressly agreed and understood that this is a nonpersonal services contract, as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 37.101, under which the professional services rendered by the Contractor are rendered in its capacity as an independent contractor. The Government may evaluate the quality of professional and administrative services provided, but retains no control over professional aspects of the services rendered, including by example, the Contractor's professional medical judgment, diagnosis, or specific medical treatments. The Contractor shall be solely liable for and expressly agrees to indemnify the Government with respect to any liability producing acts or omissions by it or by its employees or agents. The Contractor shall maintain during the term of this contract liability insurance issued by a responsible insurance carrier of not less than the following amount(s) per specialty per occurrence: \*\_
- (b) An apparently successful offeror, upon request by the Contracting Officer, shall furnish prior to contract award evidence of its insurability concerning the medical liability insurance required by paragraph (a) of this clause.
- (c) Liability insurance may be on either an occurrences basis or on a claims-made basis. If the policy is on a claims-made basis, an extended reporting endorsement (tail) for a period of not less than 3 years after the end of the contract term must also be provided.
- (d) Evidence of insurance documenting the required coverage for each health care provider who will perform under this contract shall be provided to the Contracting Officer prior to the commencement of services under this contract. If the insurance is on a claims-made basis and evidence of an extended reporting endorsement is not provided prior to the

- commencement of services, evidence of such endorsement shall be provided to the Contracting Officer prior to the expiration of this contract. Final payment under this contract shall be withheld until evidence of the extended reporting endorsement is provided to the Contracting Officer.
- (e) The policies evidencing required insurance shall also contain an endorsement to the effect that any cancellation or material change adversely affecting the Government's interest shall not be effective until 30 days after the insurer or the Contractor gives written notice to the Contracting Officer. If, during the performance period of the contract the Contractor changes insurance providers, the Contractor must provide evidence that the Government will be indemnified to the limits specified in paragraph (a) of this clause, for the entire period of the contract, either under the new policy, or a combination of old and new policies.
- (f) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (f), in all subcontracts under this contract for health care services and shall require such subcontractors to provide evidence of and maintain insurance in accordance with paragraph (a) of this clause. At least 5 days before the commencement of work by any subcontractor, the Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer evidence of such insurance.

#### (End of clause)

\* Contracting Officer insert the dollar value(s) of standard coverage(s) prevailing within the local community as to the specific medical specialty, or specialties, concerned, or such higher amount as the Contracting Officer deems necessary to protect the Government's interests.

## 52.237-8 Restriction on Severance Payments to Foreign Nationals.

As prescribed in 37.113-2(a), use the following provision:

RESTRICTION ON SEVERANCE PAYMENTS TO FOREIGN NATIONALS (AUG 2003)

- (a) The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), at 31.205-6(g)(6), limits the cost allowability of severance payments to foreign nationals employed under a service contract performed outside the United States unless the agency grants a waiver pursuant to FAR 37.113-1 before contract award.
- (b) In making the determination concerning the granting of a waiver, the agency will determine that—
- (1) The application of the severance pay limitations to the contract would adversely affect the continuation of a program, project, or activity that provides significant support services for—
- (i) Members of the armed forces stationed or deployed outside the United States; or
- (ii) Employees of an executive agency posted outside the United States;

- (2) The Contractor has taken (or has established plans to take) appropriate actions within its control to minimize the amount and number of incidents of the payment of severance pay to employees under the contract who are foreign nationals; and
- (3) The payment of severance pay is necessary in order to comply with a law that is generally applicable to a significant number of businesses in the country in which the foreign national receiving the payment performed services under the contract, or is necessary to comply with a collective bargaining agreement.

(End of provision)

### 52.237-9 Waiver of Limitation on Severance Payments to Foreign Nationals.

As prescribed in 37.113-2(b), use the following clause:

WAIVER OF LIMITATION ON SEVERANCE PAYMENTS TO FOREIGN NATIONALS (MAY 2014)

- (a) Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2324(e)(3)(A) or 41 U.S.C. 4304(b)(1), as applicable, the cost allowability limitations in FAR 31.205-6(g)(6) are waived.
- (b) This clause may be incorporated into subcontracts issued under this contract, if approved by the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

#### 52.237-10 Identification of Uncompensated Overtime.

As prescribed in <u>37.115-3</u>, insert the following provision:

IDENTIFICATION OF UNCOMPENSATED OVERTIME (MAR 2015)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision—

"Adjusted hourly rate (including uncompensated overtime)" is the rate that results from multiplying the hourly rate for a 40-hour work week by 40, and then dividing by the proposed hours per week which includes uncompensated overtime hours over and above the standard 40-hour work week. For example, 45 hours proposed on a 40-hour work week basis at \$20 per hour would be converted to an uncompensated overtime rate of \$17.78 per hour (\$20.00 x 40 divided by 45 = \$17.78).

"Uncompensated overtime" means the hours worked without additional compensation in excess of an average of 40 hours per week by direct charge employees who are exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act. Compensated personal absences such as holidays, vacations, and sick leave shall be included in the normal work week for purposes of computing uncompensated overtime hours.

(b)(1) Whenever there is uncompensated overtime, the adjusted hourly rate (including uncompensated overtime),

rather than the hourly rate, shall be applied to all proposed hours, whether regular or overtime hours.

- (2) All proposed labor hours subject to the adjusted hourly rate (including uncompensated overtime) shall be identified as either regular or overtime hours, by labor categories, and described at the same level of detail. This is applicable to all proposals whether the labor hours are at the prime or subcontract level. This includes uncompensated overtime hours that are in indirect cost pools for personnel whose regular hours are normally charged direct.
- (c) The offeror's accounting practices used to estimate uncompensated overtime must be consistent with its cost accounting practices used to accumulate and report uncompensated overtime hours.
- (d) Proposals that include unrealistically low labor rates, or that do not otherwise demonstrate cost realism, will be considered in a risk assessment and will be evaluated for award in accordance with that assessment.
- (e) The offeror shall include a copy of its policy addressing uncompensated overtime with its proposal.

(End of provision)

#### **52.238** [Reserved]

#### 52.239-1 Privacy or Security Safeguards.

As prescribed in  $\underline{39.106}$ , insert a clause substantially the same as the following:

PRIVACY OR SECURITY SAFEGUARDS (Aug 1996)

- (a) The Contractor shall not publish or disclose in any manner, without the Contracting Officer's written consent, the details of any safeguards either designed or developed by the Contractor under this contract or otherwise provided by the Government.
- (b) To the extent required to carry out a program of inspection to safeguard against threats and hazards to the security, integrity, and confidentiality of Government data, the Contractor shall afford the Government access to the Contractor's facilities, installations, technical capabilities, operations, documentation, records, and databases.
- (c) If new or unanticipated threats or hazards are discovered by either the Government or the Contractor, or if existing safeguards have ceased to function, the discoverer shall immediately bring the situation to the attention of the other party.

(End of clause)

#### **52.240** [Reserved]

whether changed or not changed by such conduct, an equitable adjustment shall be made—

- (i) In the contract price or delivery schedule or both; and
- (ii) In such other provisions of the contract as may be affected.
- (2) The contract shall be modified in writing accordingly. In the case of drawings, designs or specifications which are defective and for which the Government is responsible, the equitable adjustment shall include the cost and time extension for delay reasonably incurred by the Contractor in attempting to comply with the defective drawings, designs or specifications before the Contractor identified, or reasonably should have identified, such defect. When the cost of property made obsolete or excess as a result of a change confirmed by the Contracting Officer under this clause is included in the equitable adjustment, the Contracting Officer shall have the right to prescribe the manner of disposition of the property. The equitable adjustment shall not include increased costs or time extensions for delay resulting from the Contractor's failure to provide notice or to continue performance as provided, respectively, in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this clause.

NOTE: The phrases "contract price" and "cost" wherever they appear in the clause, may be appropriately modified to apply to cost-reimbursement or incentive contracts, or to combinations thereof.

(End of clause)

#### **52.244-1** [Reserved]

#### 52.244-2 Subcontracts.

As prescribed in  $\underline{44.204}(a)(1)$ , insert the following clause:

SUBCONTRACTS (OCT 2010)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

"Approved purchasing system" means a Contractor's purchasing system that has been reviewed and approved in accordance with Part 44 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

"Consent to subcontract" means the Contracting Officer's written consent for the Contractor to enter into a particular subcontract.

"Subcontract" means any contract, as defined in FAR <u>Subpart 2.1</u>, entered into by a subcontractor to furnish supplies or services for performance of the prime contract or a subcontract. It includes, but is not limited to, purchase orders, and changes and modifications to purchase orders.

(b) When this clause is included in a fixed-price type contract, consent to subcontract is required only on unpriced contract actions (including unpriced modifications or unpriced delivery orders), and only if required in accordance with paragraph (c) or (d) of this clause.

- (c) If the Contractor does not have an approved purchasing system, consent to subcontract is required for any subcontract that—
- (1) Is of the cost-reimbursement, time-and-materials, or labor-hour type; or
  - (2) Is fixed-price and exceeds—
- (i) For a contract awarded by the Department of Defense, the Coast Guard, or the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the greater of the simplified acquisition threshold or 5 percent of the total estimated cost of the contract; or
- (ii) For a contract awarded by a civilian agency other than the Coast Guard and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, either the simplified acquisition threshold or 5 percent of the total estimated cost of the contract.
- (d) If the Contractor has an approved purchasing system, the Contractor nevertheless shall obtain the Contracting Officer's written consent before placing the following subcontracts:
- (e)(1) The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer reasonably in advance of placing any subcontract or modification thereof for which consent is required under paragraph (b), (c), or (d) of this clause, including the following information:
- (i) A description of the supplies or services to be subcontracted.
- (ii) Identification of the type of subcontract to be used.
  - (iii) Identification of the proposed subcontractor.
  - (iv) The proposed subcontract price.
- (v) The subcontractor's current, complete, and accurate certified cost or pricing data and Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data, if required by other contract provisions.
- (vi) The subcontractor's Disclosure Statement or Certificate relating to Cost Accounting Standards when such data are required by other provisions of this contract.
  - (vii) A negotiation memorandum reflecting—
- (A) The principal elements of the subcontract price negotiations;
- (B) The most significant considerations controlling establishment of initial or revised prices;
- (C) The reason certified cost or pricing data were or were not required;
- (D) The extent, if any, to which the Contractor did not rely on the subcontractor's certified cost or pricing data in determining the price objective and in negotiating the final price;
- (E) The extent to which it was recognized in the negotiation that the subcontractor's certified cost or pricing data were not accurate, complete, or current; the action taken

by the Contractor and the subcontractor; and the effect of any such defective data on the total price negotiated;

- (F) The reasons for any significant difference between the Contractor's price objective and the price negotiated; and
- (G) A complete explanation of the incentive fee or profit plan when incentives are used. The explanation shall identify each critical performance element, management decisions used to quantify each incentive element, reasons for the incentives, and a summary of all trade-off possibilities considered.
- (2) The Contractor is not required to notify the Contracting Officer in advance of entering into any subcontract for which consent is not required under paragraph (b), (c), or (d) of this clause.
- (f) Unless the consent or approval specifically provides otherwise, neither consent by the Contracting Officer to any subcontract nor approval of the Contractor's purchasing system shall constitute a determination—
- (1) Of the acceptability of any subcontract terms or conditions;
  - (2) Of the allowability of any cost under this contract; or
- (3) To relieve the Contractor of any responsibility for performing this contract.
- (g) No subcontract or modification thereof placed under this contract shall provide for payment on a cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost basis, and any fee payable under cost-reimbursement type subcontracts shall not exceed the fee limitations in FAR  $\underline{15.404-4}(c)(4)(i)$ .
- (h) The Contractor shall give the Contracting Officer immediate written notice of any action or suit filed and prompt notice of any claim made against the Contractor by any subcontractor or vendor that, in the opinion of the Contractor, may result in litigation related in any way to this contract, with respect to which the Contractor may be entitled to reimbursement from the Government.
- (i) The Government reserves the right to review the Contractor's purchasing system as set forth in FAR <u>Subpart 44.3</u>.
- (j) Paragraphs (c) and (e) of this clause do not apply to the following subcontracts, which were evaluated during negotiations:

#### (End of clause)

Alternate I (June 2007). As prescribed in  $\underline{44.204}$ (a)(2), substitute the following paragraph (e)(2) for paragraph (e)(2) of the basic clause:

(e)(2) If the Contractor has an approved purchasing system and consent is not required under paragraph (c), or (d) of this clause, the Contractor nevertheless shall notify the Contracting Officer reasonably in advance of entering into any (i) cost-plus-

fixed-fee subcontract, or (ii) fixed-price subcontract that exceeds either the simplified acquisition threshold or 5 percent of the total estimated cost of this contract. The notification shall include the information required by paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (e)(1)(iv) of this clause.

#### **52.244-3** [Reserved]

# 52.244-4 Subcontractors and Outside Associates and Consultants (Architect-Engineer Services).

As prescribed in 44.204(b), insert the following clause:

SUBCONTRACTORS AND OUTSIDE ASSOCIATES AND CONSULTANTS (ARCHITECT-ENGINEER SERVICES) (AUG 1998)

Any subcontractors and outside associates or consultants required by the Contractor in connection with the services covered by the contract will be limited to individuals or firms that were specifically identified and agreed to during negotiations. The Contractor shall obtain the Contracting Officer's written consent before making any substitution for these subcontractors, associates, or consultants.

(End of clause)

#### 52.244-5 Competition in Subcontracting.

As prescribed in 44.204(c), insert the following clause:

COMPETITION IN SUBCONTRACTING (DEC 1996)

- (a) The Contractor shall select subcontractors (including suppliers) on a competitive basis to the maximum practical extent consistent with the objectives and requirements of the contract.
- (b) If the Contractor is an approved mentor under the Department of Defense Pilot Mentor-Protégé Program (Pub. L. 101-510, section 831 as amended), the Contractor may award subcontracts under this contract on a noncompetitive basis to its protégés.

(End of clause)

#### 52.244-6 Subcontracts for Commercial Items.

As prescribed in 44.403, insert the following clause:

SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2018)

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(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

"Commercial item" and "commercially available off-theshelf item" have the meanings contained in Federal Acquisition Regulation 2.101, Definitions.

"Subcontract" includes a transfer of commercial items between divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliates of the Contractor or subcontractor at any tier.

(b) To the maximum extent practicable, the Contractor shall incorporate, and require its subcontractors at all tiers to incorporate, commercial items or non-developmental items as components of items to be supplied under this contract.

- (c)(1) The Contractor shall insert the following clauses in subcontracts for commercial items:
- (i) <u>52.203-13</u>, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (OCT 2015) (<u>41 U.S.C. 3509</u>), if the subcontract exceeds \$5.5 million and has a performance period of more than 120 days. In altering this clause to identify the appropriate parties, all disclosures of violation of the civil False Claims Act or of Federal criminal law shall be directed to the agency Office of the Inspector General, with a copy to the Contracting Officer.
- (ii) <u>52.203-15</u>, Whistleblower Protections Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Jun 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5), if the subcontract is funded under the Recovery Act.
- (iii) <u>52.203-19</u>, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (JAN 2017).
- (iv) <u>52.204-21</u>, Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems (Jun 2016), other than subcontracts for commercially available off-the-shelf items, if flow down is required in accordance with paragraph (c) of FAR clause 52.204-21.
- (v) <u>52.204-23</u>, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (JUL 2018) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).
- (vi) <u>52.219-8</u>, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2018) (<u>15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2</u>) and (3)), if the subcontract offers further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include <u>52.219-8</u> in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.
- (vii)  $\underline{52.222-21}$ , Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).
- (viii) <u>52.222-26</u>, Equal Opportunity (SEPT 2016) (E.O. 11246).
- (ix) <u>52.222-35</u>, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (OCT 2015) (38 U.S.C. 4212(a));
- (x) <u>52.222-36</u>, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUL 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- (xi) <u>52.222-37</u>, Employment Reports on Veterans (FEB 2016) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

- (xii) <u>52.222-40</u>, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496), if flow down is required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause <u>52.222-40</u>.
- (xiii)(A) <u>52.222-50</u>, Combating Trafficking in Persons (MAR 2015) (<u>22 U.S.C. chapter 78</u> and E.O. 13627).
- (B) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of <u>52.222-50</u> (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
- (xiv) <u>52.222-55</u>, Minimum Wages under Executive Order 13658 (DEC 2015), if flowdown is required in accordance with paragraph (k) of FAR clause <u>52.222-55</u>.
- (xv) <u>52.222-62</u>, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2017) (E.O. 13706), if flowdown is required in accordance with paragraph (m) of FAR clause 52.222-62.
- (xvi)(A)  $\underline{52.224-3}$ , Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a) if flow down is required in accordance with 52.224-3(f).
- (B) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of <u>52.224-3</u>, if flow down is required in accordance with <u>52.224-3</u>(f) and the agency specifies that only its agency-provided training is acceptable).
- (xvii) <u>52.225-26</u>, 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).
- (xviii) <u>52.232-40</u>, Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (DEC 2013), if flow down is required in accordance with paragraph (c) of FAR clause 52.232-40.
- (xix) <u>52.247-64</u>, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (<u>46 U.S.C. App. 1241</u> and <u>10 U.S.C. 2631</u>), if flow down is required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause <u>52.247-64</u>).
- (2) While not required, the Contractor may flow down to subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.
- (d) The Contractor shall include the terms of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in subcontracts awarded under this contract.

(End of clause)

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SUBPART 52.3—PROVISION AND CLAUSE MATRIX

				PRINCIPLE TYPE AND/OR PURPOSE OF CONTRACT																			
PROVISION OR CLAUSE	PRESCRIBED IN	P OR	IBR	UCF	FP	CR	FP	CR	FP	CR	FP	CR	т&м	LMV		DDR	A&E	FAC	IND	TRN	SAP	UTL	CI
		С			SUP	SUP	R&D	R&D	svc	svc	CON	CON	LH		svc				DEL			svc	
52.237-6 Incremental Payment by	<u>37.304(c)</u>	С	Yes	ı												Α					Α		
Contractor to Government.																							
<u>52.237-7</u> Indemnification and Medical	37.403	C	Yes	I					Α	Α			Α						Α		0		
Liability Insurance.																							
<u>52.237-8</u> Restriction on Severance	<u>37.113-2</u> (a)	P	Yes	K		Α		Α		Α		Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α		Α	Α			
Payments to Foreign Nationals.																							
52.237-9 Waiver of Limitation on	<u>37.113-2</u> (b)	С	Yes			Α		Α		Α		Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α		Α	Α			
Severance Payments to Foreign																							
Nationals.																							
52.237-10 Identification of	37.115-3	Р	Yes	L					Α	Α			Α										
Uncompensated Overtime.																							
52.239-1 Privacy or Security	39.106	С	Yes	ı	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α			Α					Α	Α		Α		Α
Safeguards. (See Note 4.)																							
52.241-1 Electric Service Territory	41.501(b)	Р	No	K																	Α	Α	
Compliance Representation.																							
52.241-2 Order of Precedence—	41.501(c)(1)	С	Yes	ı																	0	R	
Utilities.																							
52.241-3 Scope of Duration of Contract.	41.501(c)(2)	С	No	Ι																	0	R	
52.241-4 Change in Class of Service.	41.501(c)(3)	С	Yes	Ι																	0	R	
52.241-5 Contractor's Facilities.	41.501(c)(4)	С	Yes	ı																	0	R	
52.241-6 Service Provisions.	41.501(c)(5)	С	No	ı																	0	R	
52.241-7 Change in Rates or Terms and	41.501(d)(1)	С	No	ı																	0	Α	
Conditions of Service for Regulated																							
Services.																							
52.241-8 Change in Rates or Terms and	41.501(d)(2)	С	No	I																	0	Α	
Conditions of Service for Unregulated																							
Services.																							
52.241-9 Connection Charge.	41.501(d)(3)	С	No	ı																	0	Α	
Alternate I	41.501(d)(3)	С	No	Ι																	0	Α	
52.241-10 Termination Liability.	41.501(d)(4)	С	No	ı																	0	Α	
52.241-11 Multiple Service Locations.	41.501(d)(5)	С	Yes	ı																	0	Α	
	41.501(d)(6)	С	No	ı																	0	Α	
Service Charge.																							
52.241-13 Capital Credits.	41.501(d)(7)	С	No	ı																	0	Α	
52.242-1 Notice of Intent to Disallow	42.802	С	Yes	1	Α	R	Α	R	Α	R	Α	R	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	R	Α	Α	_	Α	
Costs.		-																					
52.242-2 Production Progress Reports.	42.1107(a)	С	Yes	ı	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α			Α	Α			Α		Α				
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Provision or Clause	PRESCRIBED IN	P OR C	IBR	UCF	FP SUP	CR SUP	FP R&D	CR R&D	FP SVC	CR SVC	FP CON	CR CON	T&M LH	LMV	COM	DDR	A&E	FAC	IND DEL	TRN	SAP	UTL SVC	CI
52.242-3 Penalties for Unallowable	42.709-6	С	Yes	ı		Α		Α		Α		Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α		Α	Α			
Costs.																							
52.242-4 Certification of Final Indirect	42.703-2(f)	С	Yes	ı		Α		Α		Α		Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α		Α	Α			
Costs.																							
52.242-5 Payments to Small Business	42.1504	С	Yes	I	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α		Α	Α
Subcontractors.																							
52.242-13 Bankruptcy.	42.903	С	Yes	ı	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	0	R	
52.242-14 Suspension of Work.	42.1305(a)	С	Yes								Α						Α				Α		
52.242-15 Stop-Work Order.	42.1305(b)(1)	С	Yes	F	0	0	0	0	0	0				0							0		
Alternate I	42.1305(b)(2)	С	Yes	F		0		0		0				0									
52.242-17 Government Delay of Work.	42.1305(c)	С	Yes	F	Α				0					Α							Α		
52.243-1 Changes—Fixed Price.	43.205(a)(1)	С	Yes	ı	R									R					Α		Α		
Alternate I	43.205(a)(2)	С	Yes	ı					Α												Α	Α	
Alternate II	43.205(a)(3)	С	Yes	ı					Α												Α		
Alternate III	43.205(a)(4)	С	Yes	ı					Α								Α						
Alternate IV	43.205(a)(5)	С	Yes	ı																Α	Α		
Alternate V	43.205(a)(6)	С	Yes	ı			0														0		
52.243-2 Changes—Cost	43.205(b)(1)	С	Yes	ı		R																	
Reimbursement.																							
Alternate I	43.205(b)(2)	С	Yes	ı						Α													
Alternate II	43.205(b)(3)	С	Yes	ı						Α													
Alternate III	43.205(b)(4)	С	Yes	- 1								Α											
Alternate V	43.205(b)(6)	С	Yes	ı				0															
52.243-3 Changes—Time-and-Materials	43.205(c)	С	Yes	ı									R										
or Labor-Hours.																							
<u>52.243-4</u> Changes.	43.205(d)	С	Yes	ı							Α					R							
52.243-5 Changes and Changed	43.205(e)	С	Yes	ı							Α										Α		
Conditions.																							
52.243-6 Change Order Accounting.	43.205(f)	С	Yes	I	0	0	0	0						0									
52.243-7 Notification of Changes.	43.107	С	Yes	ı	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	0	
52.244-2 Subcontracts. (See Note 1.)	44.204(a)(1)	С	Yes	I	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α		Α	
Alternate I (See Note 1.)	44.204(a)(2)	С	Yes	I		Α		Α		Α		Α		Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α		Α	
52.244-4 Subcontractors and Outside	44.204(b)	С	Yes	- 1													Α						
Associates and Consultants																							
(Architect-Engineer Services).																							
<u>52.244-5</u> Competition in Subcontracting.	<u>44.204</u> (c)	С	Yes	I	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α		Α		Α		Α	Α	Α		Α		Α	