1. SOLICITATION NUMBER

2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION

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4. CONTRACT NUMBER

5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NUMBER

6. PROJECT NUMBER

7. ISSUED BY

CODE

8. ADDRESS OFFER TO

a. NAME

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

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

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

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

12b. CALENDAR DAYS

13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

STANDARD FORM 1442 (REV. 8/2014)

STANDARD FORM 1442

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

SOLICITATION, OFFER,

AND AWARD

(Construction, Alteration, or Repair)

SOLICITATION

SOLICITATION

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

9. FOR INFORMATION

 CALL:

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

SEALED BID (IFB)

NEGOTIATED (RFP)

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

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

calendar days after receiving

award,

notice to proceed. This performance period is

mandatory

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

YES

NO

a.

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

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

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

b.

An offer guarantee

is,

is not required.

c.

All offers are subject to the (1) work requirements, and (2) other provisions and clauses incorporated in the solicitation in full text or by reference.

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d.

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

considered and will be rejected.

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See attached delivery schedule

Donald Kalivoda

814-860-2917

Project 595-25-109 Replace Flagpole Bldg. 1

This is a design build solicitation under FAR Part 36.301. All qualified offerors may submit for Phase I. After

Phase I evaluation is completed, the Government will notify only the top offerors via email with the instructions for

Phase II submission; however, Phase II information is also included in this solicitation. Non-selected Phase I

offerors shall be notified that their offer was not selected for the Phase II of the solicitation.

This project is being solicited as a 100% Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) set aside. The North

American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code is 236220. The Small Business Size standard is $45.0 Million.

Wage Determination PA20240093 dated 12/06/2024 applies to this solicitation and any resultant contract. The Contractor

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

All Contractor employees and all sub-contractor employees who will be working on the Lebanon VA Medical Center

must take the VA Privacy Training for Personnel without access to VA computer systems or Direct Access to or the Use

of VA Sensitive Information before coming on site. Copies of all training must be provided to the Contracting

Officer Representative (COR). Annual training is required as long as the contract is in place. Contractor can

self-enroll in Talent Management System (TMS), taking course VA20939, and provide a copy of the training certificate

to the COR. If text version is reviewed, the COR will enter training as complete in TMS.

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14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR

15. TELEPHONE NUMBER

16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS

CODE

FACILITY CODE

17. The offeror agrees to perform the work required at the prices specified below in strict accordance with the terms of the solicitation, if this offer is

accepted by the Government in writing within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calendar days after the date offers are due.

AMOUNTS

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

19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT

NUMBER

DATE.

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

20b. SIGNATURE

20c. OFFER DATE

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

22. AMOUNT

23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN

ITEM

25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO

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

 )

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

 )

26. ADMINISTERED BY

27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY

PHONE:

FAX:

28. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

29. AWARD

Your

Contractor agrees

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

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

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

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

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

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

ractual document is necessary.

shall be governed by (a) this contract award, (b) the solicitation, and (c)

the clauses, representations, certifications, and specifications incorporated

by reference in or attached to this contract.

30a. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR OR PERSON AUTHORIZED

31a. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER

TO SIGN

30b. SIGNATURE

30c. DATE

31b. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

31c. AWARD DATE

BY

**OFFER**

**AWARD**

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(Include ZIP Code)

(Include area code)

(Include only if different than Item 14.)

(Insert any number equal to or greater than

the minimum requirement stated in Item 13d. Failure to insert any number means the offeror accepts the minimum in Item 13d.)

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

(Type or print)

(4 copies unless otherwise specified)

(Type or print)

(Type or print)

(Contractor is required to sign this

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

(Contractor is not required to sign this document.)

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

**(To be completed by Government)**

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

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Christopher McDevitt

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### ITEM INFORMATION

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ITEM NUMBER | DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES | QUANTITY | UNIT | UNIT PRICE | AMOUNT |
| 001 | Replace Flagpole Bldg. 1 Project 595-25-109 | 1 | JB | **GRAND TOTAL** | **$** |

### ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

|  |  |  |  |
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| ACRN | APPROPRIATION | REQUISITION NUMBER | AMOUNT |
| 001 |  |  | $ |

##  DELIVERY SCHEDULE

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ITEM NUMBER | QUANTITY | DELIVERY DATE |

001 Replace Flagpole Bldg. 1 1 365 days after NTP

# INFORMATION REGARDING BIDDING MATERIAL, BID GUARANTEE AND BONDS

1. Phase I Proposal information and contract forms may be obtained by general (prime) contractors interested in submitting a proposal direct to the Department of Veterans Affairs and by suppliers and subcontractors for their use in preparing sub-bids for general (prime) contractors from the System for Award Management (SAM) Contract Opportunities website at https://sam.gov under solicitation number 36C24425R0020. By registering at SAM, prime contractors, suppliers and subcontractors will have access to download Scope of Work, solicitation and amendments.
2. **PHASE II ONLY Offerors** shall submit a Proposal Guarantee. This is only required for the Phase II part of solicitation. A proposal guarantee is required in an amount not less than **20 percent** of the bid price but shall not exceed $3,000,000.00 Bid Bond is to be executed on a SF 24. Failure to furnish the required bid guarantee on the proper form and amount, by the time set for the opening of bids, will require rejection of the bid in all cases except those listed in FAR 28.101-4, and may be cause for rejection even then.
3. The offeror to whom award is made will be required to furnish two (2) bonds, a Payment Bond, to be executed on the SF 25A and a Performance Bond to be executed on the SF 25 in the penal sum as noted in the General Conditions of the Specification.
4. **Disclosure of the magnitude of construction:** Between $500,000 and $1,000,000.00.

# INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS TO BIDDERS/OFFERORS

## INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

**PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTAL OF OFFERS AND PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA**

**1.** **Overview.**

* 1. The intent of this solicitation is to select one contractor to provide professional design and construction services in accordance with the Statement of Work (SOW) for the Replace Flagpole Bldg. 1, 36C24425R0020.
	2. The Government intends to use the “Best Value” tradeoff process source selection approach in accordance with FAR 15.101-1. Award will be made to the responsive, responsible offeror whose offer in conformance with this solicitation, results in the best value to the Government, price plus other factors considered. A single award shall be generated for the project. The Government reserves the right to accept other than the lowest priced offer or to reject all offers. Setting aside for an SDVOSB firm is in compliance with regulations to meet our goals and fulfill the VA’s mission to meet socioeconomic goals.
	3. This Request for Proposal is issued as a Two-Phase Design-Build procurement (Reference Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 36.3). Proposals will be evaluated in Phase I to determine which offerors will submit proposals for Phase II. A maximum of three (3) offerors will proceed to Phase II unless the Contracting Officer determines that a number greater than three (3) is in the Government’s interest and is consistent with the purposes and objectives of this Two-Phase Design-Build project.

The Phase II Request for Proposal (RFP) , in the form of an amendment to this original solicitation, shall be issued to only those successful offerors that were determined to be the most highly qualified from Phase I. (Reference Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 15)

**2.** **Submittal of offers**.

**2.1** Offerors submitting proposals for this project should limit submissions to data essential for evaluation of proposals, so that a minimum of time and monies will have been expended in preparing information required herein; however, in order to be effectively and equitably evaluated, the proposals must include information sufficiently detailed in Phase I to clearly describe the offeror's technical approach, technical qualifications and past performance to successfully complete the project. Proposals should follow in the order of sequence set forth in the Request For Proposal (RFP). Information provided out of sequence may not be evaluated and may result in the offeror's disqualification from award. Requirements stated in this RFP are minimums.

**2.2** Offerors must comply with the detailed instructions for the format and content of the proposal. Proposals that do not comply with the detailed instructions for the format and content of the proposal may be considered non-responsive and may render the Offeror ineligible for award.

**PHASE I PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL – OPEN TO ALL OFFERORS**

**2.3** Phase I of the Request for Proposal is open to ALL Offerors. All proposals shall be submitted with a table of contents and clearly sectioned and labeled with the information for each evaluation factor / subfactor. The Phase I proposal shall address the evaluation factors listed below:

 Factor 1 - Technical Approach (but not detailed design or technical information)

 Factor 2 – Technical Qualifications

 Subfactor 2A – Specialized Experience and Technical Competence

 Subfactor 2B – Capability to Perform

 Factor 3 – Past Performance

Offerors shall submit the above information via email containing all the information for Phase I submittal. Please note that the Government can only receive emails that are less than 12 megabyte in size – any email containing information larger than that size will need to be submitted in multiple emails. Each factor and sub-factor information must be clearly labeled Failure to label each factor and subfactor clearly may result in a lower rating if the evaluators cannot readily find the appropriate information.

**2.4** Phase I proposals shall be received by **January 31, 2025 by 1:00 pm EST**. Proposals that are received after this time shall be ***late***and may not be considered. There will be no public opening of the proposals.

**2.5** All proposals shall be submitted emailed to:

Attn: Donald Kalivoda at donald.kalivoda@va.gov

Atten: Christopher McDevitt at Christopher.mcdevitt@va.gov

Subject line must contain: Solicitation 36C24425R0020 Phase I Proposal Submittal

**2.6.** **Phase I Proposal Evaluation Process** .

**2.6.1** A Source Selection Evaluation Board (SSEB) comprised of representatives of the Department of Veterans Affairs will evaluate the proposals. **The identities of the SSEB personnel are confidential, and any attempt by the offerors to contact these individuals is prohibited**. The evaluation will be based on the content of the proposal and any subsequent discussions, if necessary, as well as information obtained from other sources, i.e., past performance information. Offerors are advised that the evaluation and rating of proposals will be conducted in strict confidence. During deliberation, the number and identities of offerors are not revealed to anyone who is not involved in the evaluation and award process or to other offerors. Proposals will be evaluated based on the factors described below.

**2.6.2 The evaluation process for Phase I essentially consists of three (3) Factors and two (2) subfactors**: Technical Approach, Technical Qualifications (Specialized Experience and Capability to Perform) and Past Performance. Proposals will be evaluated against these factor and criteria identified below.

2.6.2.1 The Technical Approach, Technical Qualifications, and Past Performance factors are all equal to each other.

2.6.2.2 As demonstrated in their proposals, Offerors shall be evaluated in terms of the Offeror’s ability to meet or exceed the project’s requirements as identified in the SOW, and those proposals demonstrating an ability to exceed specified requirements may be rated higher in those areas than proposals demonstrating only the ability to meet requirements.

2.6.2.3 Provide a clear and concise narrative for each of the factors below. The narrative shall address the information stated in the factors and subfactors. The Government will evaluate the offeror’s answers for information and completeness, and offerors not submitting required information may not be considered for evaluation.

**2.6.3 Phase I Evaluation Factors**

**2.6.3.1 Evaluation Factor 1 – Technical Approach:**

This factor evaluates how the individual offeror will approach the design and construction of this project. The firms shall provide detailed information addressing the organization and the roles and responsibilities of the various sub-contractors for both the design and construction. For Design Approach, firms shall describe the techniques and methods for an efficient, effective design to replace the flagpole for Building 1. For Construction approach, firms shall describe the techniques and methods for this construction project to include coordination with the design packages, projected project timelines and coordination of work. The firm should also include considerations of “Fast Track” construction whereby preliminary site construction activities can begin prior to the completion of the accepted 100% design documents.

**2.6.3.2 Evaluation Factor 2 – Technical Qualifications:**

The offeror shall provide a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of two (2) projects using Exhibit A. Projects may be on going and cannot have been completed any later than 5 years prior to the solicitation issue date. Provide frank, concise comments regarding YOUR PERFORMANCE on the contracts you identify. The SSEB will evaluate this factor using the information provided by the offeror from Exhibit A along with the information requested in the subfactors below. The offeror shall demonstrate their experience on relevant Design/Build and project(s) that are similar in size, scope, and complexity to the RFP. Indicate the number of design/build projects construction contractor and AE have completed together.

**2.6.3.2A Subfactor: Specialized Experience and Technical Competence**

This factor evaluates the experience of the construction firm and design team in completing projects requiring skills similar to those anticipated for this contract. This may include demolition, electrical, masonry, concrete work, etc. and all work to return area to finished, functioning condition. Experience providing drawing in 3D. This factor also evaluates offeror’s overall organization, organization chart, as well as number of personnel and the duties of proposed technical staff to determine if offeror has the ability to manage project within the area of consideration without significant difficulty. The offeror shall provide key contractor and subcontractor personnel that will be assigned to this project and shall have at least five years’ experience in masonry, concrete, electrical, general construction, design, etc. which shall be identified in the submittal. The specific criterion proposed (skill levels, experience, and background) for personnel, if adequate, is an indicator of an acceptable organization. Offeror shall identify all key personnel and adequately address functions, responsibilities, and authorities for performing such duties as overall project management, site superintendence, quality control, safety, administration, and in-house trade capabilities.

**2.6.3.2B Subfactor: Capability to Perform**

The Government will evaluate the offeror’s information concerning overall organization, organizational chart with brief relevant details of individual experiences/qualifications, as well as number of personnel and the duties of proposed technical staff to determine if offeror has the ability to manage multi-discipline projects within the areas of consideration chosen without significant difficulty. Offeror shall provide, as an attachment, an Organizational Chart listing company personnel and their roles. Provide names, duties, and levels of responsibility of key personnel to include the Project Manager, Site Superintendent(s), Quality Control Manager, Safety Manager, and Infection Control Manager. Indicate to whom the Quality Control, Safety and Infection Control Managers report. In addition, contractor shall provide a list of the in-house trades that contractor employs. Provide the number (not names) of these employees and if they are full-time, part-time etc. Offeror should detail its capability in managing projects for the similar size and scope and disciplines needed to accomplish this project. The specific criteria proposed (skill levels and background) for personnel, if adequate, is an indicator of an acceptable organization.

The proposed subcontractors, applicable for multi-discipline consideration, are verifiable, and information provided indicates a good professional relationship with electricians, carpenters, concrete, masonry, Architect, etc.

The offeror shall submit information concerning scheduling methodology, to determine if they have scheduling processes that ensure completion and control of the project from beginning to the end of the project. Adequate scheduling processes are necessary to ensure completion and control of the project from beginning to the end. Offeror must provide an organizational chart and tentative schedule, including a timeline for major features of work. In addition, please identify the person responsible for ensuring the schedule is met (ex. Project Manager).

This factor evaluates the ability of the Construction firm to perform given their current projected workload and the availability of their key personnel, to accomplish the project in the required time. Contractor to provide demonstrated compliance to performance schedules, adherence to timelines for deliverables, the ability to meet unusual time constraints and methods of project management.

The offeror shall provide adequate detail on the offeror’s policy with regard to Quality Control (QC) and how the offeror intends to achieve this standard on the project. Offerors are also to discuss their ability to comply with the requirements of The Infection Control Manual of the Medical Center.

Offeror to discuss their Safety Program in general, and provide, as a minimum, details on training, documentation, and your plan to ensure adherence to OSHA Standards. Offeror is to discuss the steps they took to promote safety during construction during the past five (5) years. Provide a certification that the offeror has no more than three (3) serious, or one (1) repeat or one (1) willful OSHA or any EPA violation(s) in the past three years. If the number exceeds the criteria listed, explain why? Offerors shall submit their current EMR rating. EMR rating should be less than or equal to 1.0. If the number exceeds the criteria listed, explain why?

**2.6.3.3 Evaluation Factor 3 – Past Performance:**

The SSEB will evaluate past performance for the prime contractor past performance along with the designated team of subcontractors. Documentation of satisfactory performance of projects similar in size, scope, and dollar value will be considered to have met the minimum requirements of the RFP. The Government reserves the right to check any or all cited references to verify supplied information and to assess owner satisfaction as to quality, schedule, cost, and management. The Government may also use other tools such as CPARS, Vet Biz, Dunn & Bradstreet, Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS), and Source Selection Evaluator personal knowledge of offeror to gather documentation on past performance. Past performance will be evaluated in accordance with FAR 15.305(a)(2). Evaluations may include past performance information regarding predecessor companies, key personnel who have relevant experience or subcontractors that will perform major or critical aspects of the requirement. Offerors without a record of relevant past performance or for whom information on past performance is not available may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance and shall receive a neutral rating for Past Performance. Offerors may provide information on problems encountered on the identified contracts and the corrective action taken, if desired. This shall be rated based on the confidence portrayed for each of the projects submitted. Offeror’s can provide past performance on previous projects for the SSEB team which can be used during the past performance evaluation. A neutral rating is given when no current and/or relevant performance record is identifiable upon which to base a meaningful performance risk prediction. Government Personnel were unable to identify any relevant Past Performance information for the offeror or key team members/subcontractors or their key personnel. This is neither a negative or positive assessment and represents and unknown risk.

**PHASE II PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL – This submittal is ONLY open to the offerors that the Government has issued an amendment for Design Concepts, Management Approach, Schedule, and Pricing information.**

**3.1** Part II of the Request for Proposal is open only to the offerors that the Government provides an amendment to. The top three offerors shall supply the information listed below. Proposals for Part II shall be submitted in two (2) separate email attachments. A table of contents shall be provided for each attachment. The Phase II proposal shall address the evaluation factors listed below:

 Factor 1 - Design Concepts

 Factor 2 – Management Approach

 Factor 3 - Schedule

 Factor 4 - Price

Offerors shall submit the above information via email with a File Attachment containing all the information for Phase II Factor 1, Factor 2, and Factor 3. The File Attachment must state: Phase II, Factors 1, 2 and 3 Submittal information. Please note that the Government can only receive emails that are less than 12 megabyte in size – any email containing information larger than that size will need to be submitted in multiple emails. Each factor information must be clearly labeled Failure to label each factor clearly may result in a lower rating if the evaluators cannot readily find the appropriate information

In a separate File Attachment, the offeror shall submit the pricing information, SF 1442 and all amendments, Bid Bond, Annual Representation and Certifications, and signed VAAR 852.219-75. The File Attachment must state: Phase II Pricing Information.

**3.2** All proposals shall be submitted emailed to:

Attn: Donald Kalivoda at donald.kalivoda@va.gov

Attn: Christopher McDevitt at christopher.mcdevitt@va.gov

Subject line must contain: Solicitation 36C24425R0020 Phase II Proposal Submittal

**3.3.** **Phase II Proposal Evaluation Process**

**3.3.1 The evaluation process for Phase II consists of three (3) non-priced Factors and one (1) priced Factor**: Technical Approach, Technical Qualifications (Specialized Experience and Capability to Perform) and Past Performance. Proposals will be evaluated these factor and criteria identified below.

3.3.1.1 The Design Concepts, Management Approach and Schedule factors are all equal to each other and when combined are more important than Price.

3.3.1.2 As demonstrated in their proposals, Offerors shall be evaluated in terms of the Offeror’s ability to meet or exceed the project’s requirements as identified in the SOW, and those proposals demonstrating an ability to exceed specified requirements may be rated higher in those areas than proposals demonstrating only the ability to meet requirements.

3.3.1.3 Provide a clear and concise narrative for each of the factors below. The narrative shall address the information stated in the factors and subfactors. The Government will evaluate the offeror’s answers for information and completeness, and offerors not submitting required information may not be considered for evaluation.

**3.3.2 Volume #1 - Phase II Evaluation Factors**

**3.3.2.1 Evaluation Factor 1 – Design Concepts:**

This factor evaluates the offers schematic design based on functional layout of the Replace Flagpole Bldg. 1 in design. Offeror shall provide a schematic showing the overall layout making any potential layout changes to the current set-up and provide narrative to support the offeror’s design concept. Offeror shall address phasing to allow operations to continue during the construction and must work within budget so allow for the VA to continue operations at minimal interference.

**3.3.2.2 Evaluation Factor 2 – Management Approach:**

This factor evaluates the individual experience of persons that are to be assigned to this project. The offeror shall provide information (resume) for personnel in the following functions as a minimum (offeror to provide any additional discipline it feels appropriate) —Project Management, site superintendence, quality control manager, infection and safety, as well as a list of major subcontractors. Offeror shall provide resumes of the individuals for the Design Engineering firm that offeror will be using that will be generating the design documents necessary for construction. The offeror shall provide a listing of projects, with a brief description of the projects, where the Offeror and the Design Engineering firm personnel worked together as a team on previous Design-Build projects.

**3.3.2.3 Evaluation Factor 3 – Schedule:**

This factor evaluates the Offeror’s methodology of the scheduling processes that ensure completion and control of the project from the beginning to the end of the project. The detailed schedule provides the SSEB the extent to which the offeror demonstrates a clear understanding of the architectural and engineering requirements for the construction period and general project delivery. Offeror’s Schedule shall indicate all elements of the design and construction timeline, from notice to proceed (NTP) (in order to establish a common baseline among all offerors) to contract completion, including but not limited to site investigation for design, design meetings, design submittals, preconstruction meetings, material submittals, mobilization, demolition, material lead times, utility installations, abatement (if required), testing, training, commissioning, construction and post-construction submittals, close-out.

**3.4 Volume #2 - Price Information:**

**3.4.1** The offeror shall complete and submit Standard Form 1442. The offeror shall submit a price based on the line items. Note; If discussions or negotiations occur, the Government may require additional cost information. Offerors shall sign and submit all amendments to the solicitation. Please be advised that the Government intends award a contract from Phase II proposals without discussions with offerors (except clarifications as described in FAR 15.306(a)). Therefore, the offeror’s initial proposal should contain the offeror’s best terms from a cost or price and technical standpoint. The Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if the Contracting Officer later determines them to be necessary

**3.4.2** Bid Bond – Phase II only. Offerors shall submit a Bid Guarantee. A bid guarantee is required in an amount not less than **20 percent** of the bid price but shall not exceed $3,000,000.00 Bid Bond is to be executed on a SF 24. Failure to furnish the required bid guarantee on the proper form and amount, by the time set for the opening of bids, will require rejection of the bid in all cases except those listed in FAR 28.101-4, and may be cause for rejection even then.

**3.4.3** Annual Representation and Certifications shall be completed by offeror.

 **3.4.4** Discounts: Prompt payment discounts will not be considered in the evaluation of offers.

 **3.4.5** In the event a minor clerical error has occurred, then the offeror may be given an opportunity to correct the minor error within the constraints of the “clarifications” process or the Contracting Officer determines discussions are required.

**4.0 Evaluation Criteria**

The price will be evaluated by the Contracting Officer for reasonableness by using price analysis. The Contracting Officer shall perform the Best Value Tradeoff using the evaluation factors along with price.

**5.0 Discussions**

Government intends to make award to a responsible Offeror submitting a conforming proposal without discussions if deemed to be in the best interest of the Government. The Government reserves the right to clarify certain aspects of proposals or conduct discussions providing an opportunity for the offeror to revise its proposal.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals at any time prior to award and to award the contract to other than the offeror submitting the lowest total price.

## 2.1 52.201-1 ACQUISITION 360: VOLUNTARY SURVEY (SEP 2023)

 (a) All actual and potential offerors are encouraged to provide feedback on the preaward and debriefing processes, as applicable. Feedback may be provided to agencies up to 45 days after award. The feedback is anonymous, unless the participant self-identifies in the survey. Actual and potential offerors can participate in the survey by selecting the following link: *https:// www.acquisition.gov/360*.

 (b) The Contracting Officer will not review the information provided until after contract award and will not consider it in the award decision. The survey is voluntary and does not convey any protections, rights, or grounds for protest. It creates a way for actual and potential offerors to provide the Government constructive feedback about the preaward and debriefing processes, as applicable, used for a specific acquisition.

 (End of Clause)

## 2.2 52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)

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

(End of Provision)

## 2.3 52.222-5 CONSTRUCTION WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS—SECONDARY SITE OF THE WORK (MAY 2014)

 (a)(1) The offeror shall notify the Government if the offeror intends to perform work at any secondary site of the work, as defined in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of the FAR clause at 52.222-6, Construction Wage Rate Requirements, of this solicitation.

 (2) If the offeror is unsure if a planned work site satisfies the criteria for a secondary site of the work, the offeror shall request a determination from the Contracting Officer.

 (b)(1) If the wage determination provided by the Government for work at the primary site of the work is not applicable to the secondary site of the work, the offeror shall request a wage determination from the Contracting Officer.

 (2) The due date for receipt of offers will not be extended as a result of an offeror's request for a wage determination for a secondary site of the work.

(End of Provision)

## 2.4 52.222-23 NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSTRUCTION (FEB 1999)

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

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

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| **Goals for minority participation for each trade** | **Goals for female participation for each trade** |
| 3.1 % | 6.9 % |

These goals are applicable to all the Contractor's construction work performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, the Contractor shall apply the goals established for the geographical area where the work is actually performed. Goals are published periodically in the Federal Register in notice form, and these notices may be obtained from any Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs office.

 (c) The Contractor's compliance with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the regulations in 41 CFR 60-4 shall be based on (1) its implementation of the Equal Opportunity clause, (2) specific affirmative action obligations required by the clause entitled "Affirmative Action Compliance Requirements for Construction," and (3) its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade. The Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor, or from project to project, for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the regulations in 41 CFR 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

 (d) The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance, U.S. Department of Labor, within 10 working days following award of any construction subcontract in excess of $10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the—

 (1) Name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor;

 (2) Employer's identification number of the subcontractor;

 (3) Estimated dollar amount of the subcontract;

 (4) Estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and

 (5) Geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

 (e) As used in this Notice, and in any contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is

Lebanon, PA

(End of Provision)

## 2.5 52.225-10 NOTICE OF BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENT—CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (MAY 2014)

 (a) *Definitions.* "Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item," "construction material," "domestic construction material," and "foreign construction material," as used in this provision, are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American—Construction Materials" (Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 52.225-9).

 (b) *Requests for determinations of inapplicability.* An offeror requesting a determination regarding the inapplicability of the Buy American statute should submit the request to the Contracting Officer in time to allow a determination before submission of offers. The offeror shall include the information and applicable supporting data required by paragraphs (c) and (d) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9 in the request. If an offeror has not requested a determination regarding the inapplicability of the Buy American statute before submitting its offer, or has not received a response to a previous request, the offeror shall include the information and supporting data in the offer.

 (c) Evaluation of offers.

 (1) The Government will evaluate an offer requesting exception to the requirements of the Buy American statute, based on claimed unreasonable cost of domestic construction material, by adding to the offered price the appropriate percentage of the cost of such foreign construction material, as specified in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9.

 (2) If evaluation results in a tie between an offeror that requested the substitution of foreign construction material based on unreasonable cost and an offeror that did not request an exception, the Contracting Officer will award to the offeror that did not request an exception based on unreasonable cost.

 (d) Alternate offers.

 (1) When an offer includes foreign solicitation in paragraph (b)(2) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9, the offeror also may submit an alternate offer based on use of equivalent domestic construction material.

 (2) If an alternate offer is submitted, the offeror shall submit a separate Standard Form 1442 for the alternate offer, and a separate price comparison table prepared in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (d) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9 for the offer that is based on the use of any foreign construction material for which the Government has not yet determined an exception applies.

 (3) If the Government determines that a particular exception requested in accordance with paragraph (c) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9 does not apply, the Government will evaluate only those offers based on use of the equivalent domestic construction material, and the offeror shall be required to furnish such domestic construction material. An offer based on use of the foreign construction material for which an exception was requested—

 (i) Will be rejected as nonresponsive if this acquisition is conducted by sealed bidding; or

 (ii) May be accepted if revised during negotiations.

(End of Provision)

## 2.6 52.228-1 BID GUARANTEE (SEP 1996)

 (a) Failure to furnish a bid guarantee in the proper form and amount, by the time set for opening of bids, may be cause for rejection of the bid.

 (b) The bidder shall furnish a bid guarantee in the form of a firm commitment, e.g., bid bond supported by good and sufficient surety or sureties acceptable to the Government, postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or, under Treasury Department regulations, certain bonds or notes of the United States. The Contracting Officer will return bid guarantees, other than bid bonds—

 (1) To unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after the opening of bids; and

 (2) To the successful bidder upon execution of contractual documents and bonds (including any necessary coinsurance or reinsurance agreements), as required by the bid as accepted.

 (c) The amount of the bid guarantee shall be 20% percent of the bid price or $3,000,000.00, whichever is less.

 (d) If the successful bidder, upon acceptance of its bid by the Government within the period specified for acceptance, fails to execute all contractual documents or furnish executed bond(s) within 10 days after receipt of the forms by the bidder, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract for default.

 (e) In the event the contract is terminated for default, the bidder is liable for any cost of acquiring the work that exceeds the amount of its bid, and the bid guarantee is available to offset the difference.

(End of Provision)

## 2.7 52.228-17 INDIVIDUAL SURETY—PLEDGE OF ASSETS (BID GUARANTEE) (FEB 2021)

 (a) Offerors shall obtain from each person acting as an individual surety on a bid guarantee—

 (1) A pledge of assets that meets the eligibility, valuation, and security requirements described in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 28.203–1; and

 (2) Standard Form 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety.

 (b) The Offeror shall include with its offer the information required at paragraph (a) of this provision within the timeframe specified in the provision at FAR 52.228–1, Bid Guarantee, or as otherwise established by the Contracting Officer.

 (c) 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.

(End of Provision)

## 2.8 52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (SEP 2006)

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

 Christopher McDevitt

 Hand-Carried Address:

 VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

 1010 Delafield Road, Bldg. 32

 Pittsburgh, PA 15215

 Mailing Address:

 VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

 1010 Dela field Road

 Pittsburgh, PA 15215

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

(End of Provision)

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

 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics,

 Risk Management Team, Department of Veterans Affairs

 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.

 Washington, DC 20420

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

 Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management

 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W.

 Washington, DC 20420

## 2.9 52.236-27 SITE VISIT (CONSTRUCTION) (FEB 1995) ALTERNATE I (FEB 1995)

 (a) The clauses at 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions, and 52.236-3, Site Investigations and Conditions Affecting the Work, will be included in any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation. Accordingly, offerors or quoters are urged and expected to inspect the site where the work will be performed.

 (b) An organized site visit has been scheduled for—

 To be Determined at a later date

 (c) Participants will meet at—

(End of Provision)

## 2.10 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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

 https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far

 https://www.va.gov/oal/library/vaar/

(End of Provision)

**852.233-70 Protest Content/Alternative Dispute Resolution (OCT 2018)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(6) State the form of relief requested; and

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

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

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

(End of provision)

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| **FAR Number** | **Title** | **Date** |
| 52.204-7 | SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT | OCT 2018 |
| 52.204-16 | COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE REPORTING | AUG 2020 |
| 52.204-22 | ALTERNATIVE LINE ITEM PROPOSAL | JAN 2017 |
| 52.215-1 | INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION | NOV 2021 |
| **FAR Number** | **Title** | **Date** |
| 52.236-28 | PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS—CONSTRUCTION | OCT 1997 |

# REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

## 3.1 52.204-8 ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (MAY 2024)

 (a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 236220.

 (2) The small business size standard is $45 Million.

 (3) The small business size standard for a concern that submits an offer, other than on a construction or service acquisition, but proposes to furnish an end item that it did not itself manufacture, process, or produce is 500 employees, or 150 employees for information technology value-added resellers under NAICS code 541519, if the acquisition—

 (i) Is set aside for small business and has a value above the simplified acquisition threshold;

 (ii) Uses the HUBZone price evaluation preference regardless of dollar value, unless the offeror waives the price evaluation preference; or

 (iii) Is an 8(a), HUBZone, service-disabled veteran-owned, economically disadvantaged women-owned, or women-owned small business set-aside or sole-source award regardless of dollar value.

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

 (2) If the provision at 52.204-7, 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) 52.203-2, Certificate of Independent Price Determination. This provision applies to solicitations when a firm-fixed-price contract or fixed-price contract with economic price adjustment is contemplated, unless—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

 (B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and

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

 (vi) 52.204-26, Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation. This provision applies to all solicitations.

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

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

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

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

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

 (xii) 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representations (Basic, Alternates I, and II). This provision applies to solicitations when the contract is for supplies to be delivered or services to be performed in the United States or its outlying areas, or when the contracting officer has applied part 19 in accordance with 19.000(b)(1)(ii).

 (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.

 (C) The provision with its Alternate II applies to solicitations that will result in a multiple-award contract with more than one NAICS code assigned.

 (xiii) 52.219-2, Equal Low Bids. This provision applies to solicitations when contracting by sealed bidding and the contract is for supplies to be delivered or services to be performed in the United States or its outlying areas, or when the contracting officer has applied part 19 in accordance with 19.000(b)(1)(ii).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

 (A) If the acquisition value is less than $50,000, the basic provision applies.

 (B) If the acquisition value is $50,000 or more but is less than $100,000, the provision with its Alternate II applies.

 (C) If the acquisition value is $100,000 or more but is less than $102,280, the provision with its Alternate III applies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

 [X] (ii) 52.204-20, Predecessor of Offeror.

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

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

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

 [] (vi) 52.227-6, Royalty Information.

 [] (A) Basic.

 [] (B) Alternate I.

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

 (d) The Offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically in SAM accessed through <https://www.sam.gov>. 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 4.1201); except for the changes identified below [*offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date*]. These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

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

(End of Provision)

## 3.2 52.204-24 REPRESENTATION REGARDING CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT (NOV 2021)

 The Offeror shall not complete the representation at paragraph (d)(1) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it ‘‘does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument’’ in paragraph (c)(1) in the provision at 52.204–26, Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation, or in paragraph (v)(2)(i) of the provision at 52.212–3, Offeror Representations and Certifications–Commercial Products and Commercial Services. The Offeror shall not complete the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it ‘‘does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services’’ in paragraph (c)(2) of the provision at 52.204–26, or in paragraph (v)(2)(ii) of the provision at 52.212–3.

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

 *Backhaul, covered telecommunications equipment or services, critical technology, interconnection arrangements, reasonable inquiry, roaming,* and *substantial or essential component* have the meanings provided in the clause 52.204–25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

 (b) *Prohibition*. (1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115–232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

 (i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

 (ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

 (2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115–232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract or extending or renewing a contract with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

 (i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

 (ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

 (c) *Procedures*. The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services.”

 (d) *Representations*. The Offeror represents that—

 (1) It [ ] will, [ ] will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(1) of this section if the Offeror responds “will’’ in paragraph (d)(1) of this section; and

 (2) After conducting a reasonable inquiry, for purposes of this representation, the Offeror represents that—

 It [ ] does, [ ] does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(2) of this section if the Offeror responds “does’’ in paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

 (e) *Disclosures*. (1) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “will’’ in the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

 (i) For covered equipment—

 (A) The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or a distributor, if known);

 (B) A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

 (C) Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

 (ii) For covered services—

 (A) If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

 (B) If not associated with maintenance, the Product Service Code (PSC) of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

 (2) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “does’’ in the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

 (i) For covered equipment—

 (A) The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor, if known);

 (B) A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

 (C) Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

 (ii) For covered services—

 (A) If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

 (B) If not associated with maintenance, the PSC of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

(End of Provision)

## 3.3 52.204-29 FEDERAL ACQUISITION SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY ACT ORDERS—REPRESENTATION AND DISCLOSURES (DEC 2023)

 (a) *Definitions*. As used in this provision, *Covered article, FASCSA order, Intelligence community, National security system, Reasonable inquiry, Sensitive compartmented information, Sensitive compartmented information system*, and *Source* have the meaning provided in the clause 52.204–30, Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act Orders— Prohibition.

 (b) *Prohibition*. Contractors are prohibited from providing or using as part of the performance of the contract any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if the prohibition is set out in an applicable Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act (FASCSA) order, as described in paragraph (b)(1) of FAR 52.204–30, Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act Orders—Prohibition.

 (c) *Procedures*. (1) The Offeror shall search for the phrase ‘‘FASCSA order’’ in the System for Award Management (SAM)([*https://www.sam.gov*](https://www.sam.gov)) for any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if there is an applicable FASCSA order described in paragraph (b)(1) of FAR 52.204–30, Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act Orders—Prohibition.

 (2) The Offeror shall review the solicitation for any FASCSA orders that are not in SAM, but are effective and do apply to the solicitation and resultant contract (see FAR 4.2303(c)(2)).

 (3) FASCSA orders issued after the date of solicitation do not apply unless added by an amendment to the solicitation.

 (d) *Representation*. By submission of this offer, the offeror represents that it has conducted a reasonable inquiry, and that the offeror does not propose to provide or use in response to this solicitation any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if the covered article or the source is prohibited by an applicable FASCSA order in effect on the date the solicitation was issued, except as waived by the solicitation, or as disclosed in paragraph (e).

 (e) *Disclosures*. The purpose for this disclosure is so the Government may decide whether to issue a waiver. For any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if the covered article or the source is subject to an applicable FASCSA order, and the Offeror is unable to represent compliance, then the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

 (1) Name of the product or service provided to the Government;

 (2) Name of the covered article or source subject to a FASCSA order;

 (3) If applicable, name of the vendor, including the Commercial and Government Entity code and unique entity identifier (if known), that supplied the covered article or the product or service to the Offeror;

 (4) Brand;

 (5) Model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number);

 (6) Item description;

 (7) Reason why the applicable covered article or the product or service is being provided or used;

 (f) *Executive agency review of disclosures*. The contracting officer will review disclosures provided in paragraph (e) to determine if any waiver may be sought. A contracting officer may choose not to pursue a waiver for covered articles or sources otherwise subject to a FASCSA order and may instead make an award to an offeror that does not require a waiver.

(End of Provision)

## 3.4 52.209-7 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 [*https://www.sam.gov*](https://www.sam.gov) (see 52.204-7).

(End of Provision)

## 3.5 52.209-13 VIOLATION OF ARMS CONTROL TREATIES OR AGREEMENTS—CERTIFICATION (NOV 2021)

 (a) This provision does not apply to acquisitions at or below the simplified acquisition threshold or to acquisitions of commercial products and commercial services as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation 2.101.

 (b) *Certification. [Offeror shall check either (1) or (2).]*

 \_\_\_\_\_ (1) The Offeror certifies that—

 (i) 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 at <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-arms-control-and-international-security-affairs/bureau-of-arms-control-verification-and-compliance/>; and

 (ii) No entity owned or controlled by the Offeror has 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 at <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-arms-control-and-international-security-affairs/bureau-of-arms-control-verification-and-compliance/>;or

 \_\_\_\_\_ (2) The Offeror is providing separate information with its offer in accordance with paragraph (d)(2) of this provision.

 (c) Procedures for reviewing the annual unclassified report (see paragraph (b)(1) of this provision). For clarity, references to the report in this section refer to the entirety of the annual unclassified report, including any separate reports that are incorporated by reference into the annual unclassified report.

 (1) Check the table of contents of the annual unclassified report and the country section headings of the reports incorporated by reference to identify the foreign countries listed there. Determine whether the Offeror or any person owned or controlled by the Offeror may have engaged in any activity related to one or more of such foreign countries.

 (2) If there may have been such activity, review all findings in the report associated with those foreign countries to determine whether or not each such foreign country was determined to be in violation of its obligations undertaken in an arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or to be not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. For clarity, in the annual report an explicit certification of noncompliance is equivalent to a determination of violation. However, the following statements in the annual report are not equivalent to a determination of violation:

 (i) An inability to certify compliance.

 (ii) An inability to conclude compliance.

 (iii) A statement about compliance concerns.

 (3) If so, determine whether the Offeror or any person owned or controlled by the Offeror has engaged in any activity that contributed to or is a significant factor in the determination in the report that one or more of these foreign countries is in violation of its obligations undertaken in an 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. Review the narrative for any such findings reflecting a determination of violation or non-adherence related to those foreign countries in the report, including the finding itself, and to the extent necessary, the conduct giving rise to the compliance or adherence concerns, the analysis of compliance or adherence concerns, and efforts to resolve compliance or adherence concerns.

 (4) The Offeror may submit any questions with regard to this report by email to *NDAA1290Cert@state.gov*. To the extent feasible, the Department of State will respond to such email inquiries within 3 business days.

 (d) Do not submit an offer unless—

 (1) A certification is provided in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision and submitted with the offer; or

 (2) In accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of this provision, the Offeror provides with its offer information that the President of the United States has—

 (i) Waived application under U.S.C. 2593e(d) 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).

 (e) *Remedies*. The certification in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly submitted a false certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, such as suspension or debarment, the Contracting Officer may terminate any contract resulting from the false certification.

(End of Provision)

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# GENERAL CONDITIONS

## 4.1 SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

## 4.2 52.204-19 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (DEC 2014)

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

(End of Clause)

## 4.3 52.204-23 PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND SERVICES DEVELOPED OR PROVIDED BY KASPERSKY LAB COVERED ENTITIES (DEC 2023)

 (a) *Definitions*. As used in this clause—*Kaspersky Lab* *covered article* means any hardware, software, or service that—

 (1) Is developed or provided by a Kaspersky Lab covered entity;

 (2) Includes any hardware, software, or service developed or provided in whole or in part by a Kaspersky Lab covered entity; or

 (3) Contains components using any hardware or software developed in whole or in part by a Kaspersky Lab covered entity.

 *Kaspersky Lab* *covered entity* means—

 (1) Kaspersky Lab;

 (2) Any successor entity to Kaspersky Lab, including any change in name, e.g., ‘‘Kaspersky’’;

 (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 Kaspersky Lab covered article. The Contractor is prohibited from—

 (1) Providing any Kaspersky Lab covered article that the Government will use on or after October 1, 2018; and

 (2) Using any Kaspersky Lab 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 Kaspersky Lab 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 <https://dibnet.dod.mil>. 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 <https://dibnet.dod.mil>.

 (2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (c)(1) of this clause:

 (i) Within 3 business days 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 Kaspersky Lab covered article, any reasons that led to the use or submission of the Kaspersky Lab covered article, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of Kaspersky Lab 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 products or commercial services.

(End of Clause)

## 4.4 52.209-9 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 [*https://www.sam.gov*](https://www.sam.gov).

 (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 FAPIS 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 nonpublic 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)

## 4.5 52.211-10 COMMENCEMENT, PROSECUTION, AND COMPLETION OF WORK (APR 1984)

 The Contractor shall be required to (a) commence work under this contract within 10 calendar days after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed, (b) prosecute the work diligently, and (c) complete the entire work ready for use not later than 220 days after Notice to Proceed. The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.

(End of Clause)

## 4.6 52.211-12 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES—CONSTRUCTION (SEPT 2000)

 (a) If the Contractor fails to complete the work within the time specified in the contract, the Contractor shall pay liquidated damages to the Government in the amount of $815.00 for each calendar day of delay until the work is completed or accepted.

 (b) If the Government terminates the Contractor's right to proceed, liquidated damages will continue to accrue until the work is completed. These liquidated damages are in addition to excess costs of repurchase under the Termination clause.

(End of Clause)

## 4.7 52.219-28 POST-AWARD SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REREPRESENTATION (FEB 2024)

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

 *Long-term contract* means a contract of more than five years in duration, including options. However, the term does not include contracts that exceed five years in duration because the period of performance has been extended for a cumulative period not to exceed six months under the clause at 52.217-8, Option to Extend Services, or other appropriate authority.

 *Small business concern*—

 (1) Means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in its field of operation, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and the size standard in paragraph (d) of this clause.

 (2) *Affiliates*, as used in this definition, means business concerns, one of whom directly or indirectly controls or has the power to control the others, or a third party or parties control or have the power to control the others. In determining whether affiliation exists, consideration is given to all appropriate factors including common ownership, common management, and contractual relationships. SBA determines affiliation based on the factors set forth at 13 CFR 121.103.

 (b) If the Contractor represented that it was any of the small business concerns identified in 19.000(a)(3) prior to award of this contract, the Contractor shall rerepresent its size and socioeconomic status according to paragraph (f) of this clause or, if applicable, paragraph (h) of this clause, upon occurrence of any of the following:

 (1) Within 30 days after execution of a novation agreement or within 30 days after modification of the contract to include this clause, if the novation agreement was executed prior to inclusion of this clause in the contract.

 (2) Within 30 days after a merger or acquisition that does not require a novation or within 30 days after modification of the contract to include this clause, if the merger or acquisition occurred prior to inclusion of this clause in the contract.

 (3) For long-term contracts—

 (i) Within 60 to 120 days prior to the end of the fifth year of the contract; and

 (ii) Within 60 to 120 days prior to the date specified in the contract for exercising any option thereafter.

 (c) If the Contractor represented that it was any of the small business concerns identified in 19.000(a)(3) prior to award of this contract, the Contractor shall rerepresent its size and socioeconomic status according to paragraph (f) of this clause or, if applicable, paragraph (h) of this clause, when the Contracting Officer explicitly requires it for an order issued under a multiple-award contract.

 (d) The Contractor shall rerepresent its size status in accordance with the size standard in effect at the time of this rerepresentation that corresponds to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code(s) assigned to this contract. The small business size standard corresponding to this NAICS code(s) can be found at <https://www.sba.gov/document/support--table-size-standards>.

 (e) The small business size standard for a Contractor providing an end item that it does not manufacture, process, or produce itself, for a contract other than a construction or service contract, is 500 employees, or 150 employees for information technology value-added resellers under NAICS code 541519, if the acquisition—

 (1) Was set aside for small business and has a value above the simplified acquisition threshold;

 (2) Used the HUBZone price evaluation preference regardless of dollar value, unless the Contractor waived the price evaluation preference; or

 (3) Was an 8(a), HUBZone, service-disabled veteran-owned, economically disadvantaged women-owned, or women-owned small business set-aside or sole-source award regardless of dollar value.

 (f) Except as provided in paragraph (h) of this clause, the Contractor shall make the representation(s) required by paragraph (b) and (c) of this clause by validating or updating all its representations in the Representations and Certifications section of the System for Award Management (SAM) and its other data in SAM, as necessary, to ensure that they reflect the Contractor's current status. The Contractor shall notify the contracting office in writing within the timeframes specified in paragraph (b) of this clause, or with its offer for an order (see paragraph (c) of this clause), that the data have been validated or updated, and provide the date of the validation or update.

 (g) If the Contractor represented that it was other than a small business concern prior to award of this contract, the Contractor may, but is not required to, take the actions required by paragraphs (f) or (h) of this clause.

 (h) If the Contractor does not have representations and certifications in SAM, or does not have a representation in SAM for the NAICS code applicable to this contract, the Contractor is required to complete the following rerepresentation and submit it to the contracting office, along with the contract number and the date on which the rerepresentation was completed:

 (1) The Contractor represents that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a small business concern under NAICS Code 236220 assigned to contract number .

 (2) [*Complete only if the Contractor represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (h)(1) of this clause.*] The Contractor represents that it [ ] is, [ ] is not, a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1001.

 (3) [*Complete only if the Contractor represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (h)(1) of this clause.*] The Contractor represents that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a women-owned small business concern.

 (4) Women-owned small business (WOSB) concern eligible under the WOSB Program. The Contractor represents that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR 127.506(a) through (c). [*The Contractor shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture:* \_\_\_\_\_.]

 (5) Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) joint venture. The Contractor represents that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR 127.506(a) through (c). [*The Contractor shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture*: \_\_\_\_\_.]

 (6) [*Complete only if the Contractor represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (h)(1) of this clause*.] The Contractor represents that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a veteran-owned small business concern.

 (7) [*Complete only if the Contractor represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (h)(6) of this clause*.] The Contractor represents that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.

 (8) *Service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) joint venture eligible under the SDVOSB Program*. The Contractor represents that it [ ] is, [ ] is not an SDVOSB joint venture eligible under the SDVOSB Program that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR 128.402. [*The Contractor shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture*: \_\_.]

 (9) [*Complete only if the Contractor represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (h)(1) of this clause.*] The Contractor represents 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 [ ] is, [ ] is not a HUBZone joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 126, and the representation in paragraph (h)(8)(i) of this clause is accurate for each HUBZone small business concern participating in the HUBZone joint venture. [*The Contractor 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.

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

(End of Clause)

## 4.8 52.222-35 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS (JUN 2020)

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

 “Active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran,” “Armed Forces service medal veteran,” “disabled veteran,” “protected veteran,” “qualified disabled veteran,” and “recently separated veteran” have the meanings given at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 22.1301.

 (b) *Equal opportunity clause*. The Contractor shall abide by the requirements of the equal opportunity clause at 41 CFR 60-300.5(a), as of March 24, 2014. This clause prohibits discrimination against qualified protected veterans, and requires affirmative action by the Contractor to employ and advance in employment qualified protected veterans.

 (c) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall insert the terms of this clause in subcontracts valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR 22.1303(a) on the date of subcontract award, unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor. The Contractor shall act as specified by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, to enforce the terms, including action for noncompliance. Such necessary changes in language may be made as shall be appropriate to identify properly the parties and their undertakings.

(End of Clause)

## 4.9 52.222-36 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES (JUN 2020)

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

 (b) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall include the terms of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of the threshold specified in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 22.1408(a) on the date of subcontract award, unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor shall act as specified by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs of the U.S. Department of Labor, to enforce the terms, including action for noncompliance. Such necessary changes in language may be made as shall be appropriate to identify properly the parties and their undertakings.

(End of Clause)

## 4.10 52.222-40 NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT (DEC 2010)

 (a) During the term of this contract, the Contractor shall post an employee notice, of such size and in such form, and containing such content as prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, in conspicuous places in and about its plants and offices where employees covered by the National Labor Relations Act engage in activities relating to the performance of the contract, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted both physically and electronically, in the languages employees speak, in accordance with 29 CFR 471.2(d) and (f).

 (1) Physical posting of the employee notice shall be in conspicuous places in and about the Contractor's plants and offices so that the notice is prominent and readily seen by employees who are covered by the National Labor Relations Act and engage in activities related to the performance of the contract.

 (2) If the Contractor customarily posts notices to employees electronically, then the Contractor shall also post the required notice electronically by displaying prominently, on any Web site that is maintained by the Contractor and is customarily used for notices to employees about terms and conditions of employment, a link to the Department of Labor's Web site that contains the full text of the poster. The link to the Department's Web site, as referenced in (b)(3) of this section, must read, "Important Notice about Employee Rights to Organize and Bargain Collectively with Their Employers."

 (b) This required employee notice, printed by the Department of Labor, may be—

 (1) Obtained from the Division of Interpretations and Standards, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5609, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-0123, or from any field office of the Office of Labor-Management Standards or Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs;

 (2) Provided by the Federal contracting agency if requested;

 (3) Downloaded from the Office of Labor-Management Standards Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/olms/regs/compliance/EO13496.htm>; or

 (4) Reproduced and used as exact duplicate copies of the Department of Labor's official poster.

 (c) The required text of the employee notice referred to in this clause is located at Appendix A, Subpart A, 29 CFR Part 471.

 (d) The Contractor shall comply with all provisions of the employee notice and related rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor.

 (e) In the event that the Contractor does not comply with the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause, this contract may be terminated or suspended in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be suspended or debarred in accordance with 29 CFR 471.14 and subpart 9.4. Such other sanctions or remedies may be imposed as are provided by 29 CFR part 471, which implements Executive Order 13496 or as otherwise provided by law.

 (f) Subcontracts.

 (1) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (f), in every subcontract that exceeds $10,000 and will be performed wholly or partially in the United States, unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 3 of Executive Order 13496 of January 30, 2009, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.

 (2) The Contractor shall not procure supplies or services in a way designed to avoid the applicability of Executive Order 13496 or this clause.

 (3) The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions, including the imposition of sanctions for noncompliance.

 (4) However, if the Contractor becomes involved in litigation with a subcontractor, or is threatened with such involvement, as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States, through the Secretary of Labor, to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

(End of Clause)

## 4.11 52.223-2 REPORTING OF BIOBASED PRODUCTS UNDER SERVICE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (MAY 2024)

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

 *BioBased* *product* means a product determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to be a commercial product or industrial product (other than food or feed) that is composed, in whole or in significant part, of biological products, including renewable domestic agricultural materials and forestry materials, or that is in an intermediate ingredient or feedstock. The term includes, with respect to forestry materials, forest products that meet biobased content requirements, notwithstanding the market share the product holds, the age of the product, or whether the market for the product is new or emerging. (7 U.S.C. 8101) (7 CFR 3201.2)

 *USDA-designated product category* means a generic grouping of products that are or can be made with biobased materials—

 (1) That are listed by USDA in a procurement guideline (7 CFR part 3201, subpart B); and

 (2) For which USDA has provided purchasing recommendations (available at [*https://www.biopreferred.gov*](https://www.biopreferred.gov)).

 (b) The Contractor shall report to [*https://www.sam.gov*](https://www.sam.gov), with a copy to the Contracting Officer, on the product types and dollar value of any biobased products in USDA designated product categories purchased by the Contractor during the previous Government fiscal year, between October 1 and September 30; and

 (c) Submit this report no later than—

 (1) October 31 of each year during contract performance; and

 (2) At the end of contract performance.

(End of Clause)

## 4.12 52.223-20 AEROSOLS (MAY 2024)

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

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

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

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

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

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

 (2) Safety, such as flammability or toxicity;

 (3) Ability to meet technical performance requirements; and

 (4) Commercial availability at a reasonable cost.

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

(End of Clause)

**52.223-21 Foams May 2024**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Ability to meet performance requirements; and

(3) Commercial availability at a reasonable cost.

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

(End of clause)

## 4.13 52.225-9 BUY AMERICAN—CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (OCT 2022)

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

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

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

 (i) A commercial product (as defined in paragraph (1) of the definition of ‘‘commercial product’’ at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101;

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

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

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

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

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

 *Cost of components* means—

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

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

 *Critical component* means a component that is mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States and deemed critical to the U.S. supply chain. The list of critical components is at FAR 25.105.

 *Critical item* means a domestic construction material or domestic end product that is deemed critical to U.S. supply chain resiliency. The list of critical items is at FAR 25.105.

 *Domestic construction material* means—

 (1) For construction material that does not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both—

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

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

 (A) The cost of its components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States exceeds 60 percent of the cost of all its components, except that the percentage will be 65 percent for items delivered in calendar years 2024 through 2028 and 75 percent for items delivered starting in calendar year 2029. Components of foreign origin of the same class or kind for which nonavailability determinations have been made are treated as domestic. Components of unknown origin are treated as foreign; or

 (B) The construction material is a COTS item; or

 (2) For construction material that consists wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, a construction material manufactured in the United States if the cost of foreign iron and steel constitutes less than 5 percent of the cost of all components used in such construction material. The cost of foreign iron and steel includes but is not limited to the cost of foreign iron or steel mill products (such as bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet), castings, or forgings utilized in the manufacture of the construction material and a good faith estimate of the cost of all foreign iron or steel components excluding COTS fasteners. Iron or steel components of unknown origin are treated as foreign. If the construction material contains multiple components, the cost of all the materials used in such construction material is calculated in accordance with the definition of ‘‘cost of components’’.

 *Fastener* means a hardware device that mechanically joins or affixes two or more objects together. Examples of fasteners are nuts, bolts, pins, rivets, nails, clips, and screws.

 *Foreign construction material* means a construction material other than a domestic construction material.

 *Foreign iron and steel* means iron or steel products not produced in the United States. Produced in the United States means that all manufacturing processes of the iron or steel must take place in the United States, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, except metallurgical processes involving refinement of steel additives. The origin of the elements of the iron or steel is not relevant to the determination of whether it is domestic or foreign.

 *Predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both* means that the cost of the iron and steel content exceeds 50 percent of the total cost of all its components. The cost of iron and steel is the cost of the iron or steel mill products (such as bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet), castings, or forgings utilized in the manufacture of the product and a good faith estimate of the cost of iron or steel components excluding COTS fasteners.

 *Steel* means an alloy that includes at least 50 percent iron, between 0.02 and 2 percent carbon, and may include other elements.

 *United States* means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas.

 (b) Domestic preference.

 (1) This clause implements 41 U.S.C. chapter 83, Buy American, by providing a preference for domestic construction material. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. 1907, the domestic content test of the Buy American statute is waived for construction material that is a COTS item, except that for construction material that consists wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, the domestic content test is applied only to the iron and steel content of the construction materials, excluding COTS fasteners. (See FAR 12.505(a)(2)). The Contractor shall use only domestic construction material in performing this contract, except as provided in paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this clause.

 (2) This requirement does not apply to information technology that is a commercial product or to the construction materials or components listed by the Government as follows:

 None

*[Contracting Officer to list applicable excepted materials or indicate ‘‘none’’]*

 (3) The Contracting Officer may add other foreign construction material to the list in paragraph (b)(2) of this clause if the Government determines that—

 (i) The cost of domestic construction material would be unreasonable.

 (A) *For domestic construction material that is not a critical item or does not contain critical components.*

 (*1*) The cost of a particular domestic construction material subject to the requirements of the Buy American statute is unreasonable when the cost of such material exceeds the cost of foreign material by more than 20 percent;

 (*2*) For construction material that is not a COTS item and does not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, if the cost of a particular domestic construction material is determined to be unreasonable or there is no domestic offer received, and the low offer is for foreign construction material that is manufactured in the United States and does not exceed 55 percent domestic content, the Contracting Officer will treat the lowest offer of foreign construction material that exceeds 55 percent domestic content as a domestic offer and determine whether the cost of that offer is unreasonable by applying the evaluation factor listed in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(A)(*1*) of this clause.

 (*3*) The procedures in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(A)(*2*) of this clause will no longer apply as of January 1, 2030.

 (B) *For domestic construction material that is a critical item or contains critical components.*

 (*1*) The cost of a particular domestic construction material that is a critical item or contains critical components, subject to the requirements of the Buy American statute, is unreasonable when the cost of such material exceeds the cost of foreign material by more than 20 percent plus the additional preference factor identified for the critical item or construction material containing critical components listed at FAR 25.105.

 (*2*) For construction material that does not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, if the cost of a particular domestic construction material is determined to be unreasonable or there is no domestic offer received, and the low offer is for foreign construction material that does not exceed 55 percent domestic content, the Contracting Officer will treat the lowest foreign offer of construction material that is manufactured in the United States and exceeds 55 percent domestic content as a domestic offer, and determine whether the cost of that offer is unreasonable by applying the evaluation factor listed in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(B)(*1*) of this clause.

 (*3*) The procedures in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(B)(*2*) of this clause will no longer apply as of January 1, 2030.

 (ii) The application of the restriction of the Buy American statute to a particular construction material would be impracticable or inconsistent with the public interest; or

 (iii) The construction material is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality.

 (c) Request for determination of inapplicability of the Buy American statute.

 (1)(i) Any Contractor request to use foreign construction material in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this clause shall include adequate information for Government evaluation of the request, including—

 (A) A description of the foreign and domestic construction materials;

 (B) Unit of measure;

 (C) Quantity;

 (D) Price;

 (E) Time of delivery or availability;

 (F) Location of the construction project;

 (G) Name and address of the proposed supplier; and

 (H) A detailed justification of the reason for use of foreign construction materials cited in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this clause.

 (ii) A request based on unreasonable cost shall include a reasonable survey of the market and a completed price comparison table in the format in paragraph (d) of this clause.

 (iii) The price of construction material shall include all delivery costs to the construction site and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free certificate may be issued).

 (iv) Any Contractor request for a determination submitted after contract award shall explain why the Contractor could not reasonably foresee the need for such determination and could not have requested the determination before contract award. If the Contractor does not submit a satisfactory explanation, the Contracting Officer need not make a determination.

 (2) If the Government determines after contract award that an exception to the Buy American statute applies and the Contracting Officer and the Contractor negotiate adequate consideration, the Contracting Officer will modify the contract to allow use of the foreign construction material. However, when the basis for the exception is the unreasonable price of a domestic construction material, adequate consideration is not less than the differential established in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this clause.

 (3) Unless the Government determines that an exception to the Buy American statute applies, use of foreign construction material is noncompliant with the Buy American statute.

 (d) *Data*. To permit evaluation of requests under paragraph (c) of this clause based on unreasonable cost, the Contractor shall include the following information and any applicable supporting data based on the survey of suppliers:

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PRICE COMPARISON

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Construction Material Description** | **Unit of Measure** | **Quantity** | **Price (Dollars)\*** |
| Item 1: |
| Foreign Construction Material. |  |  |  |
| Domestic Construction Material. |  |  |  |
| Item 2: |
| Foreign Construction Material. |  |  |  |
| Domestic Construction Material. |  |  |  |

[\*Include all delivery costs to the construction site and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued).]

[List name, address, telephone number, and contact for suppliers surveyed. Attach copy of response; if oral, attach summary.]

[Include other applicable supporting information.]

(End of Clause)

## 4.14 52.236-21 SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION (FEB 1997) ALTERNATE II (APR 1984)

 (a) The Contractor shall keep on the work site a copy of the drawings and specifications and shall at all times give the Contracting Officer access thereto. Anything mentioned in the specifications and not shown on the drawings, or shown on the drawings and not mentioned in the specifications, shall be of like effect as if shown or mentioned in both. In case of difference between drawings and specifications, the specifications shall govern. In case of discrepancy in figures, in the drawings, or in the specifications, the matter shall be promptly submitted to the Contracting Officer, who shall promptly make a determination in writing. Any adjustment by the Contractor without such a determination shall be at its own risk and expense. The Contracting Officer shall furnish from time to time such detailed drawings and other information as considered necessary, unless otherwise provided.

 (b) Wherever in the specifications or upon the drawings the words "directed," "required," "ordered," "designated," "prescribed," or words of like import are used, it shall be understood that the "direction," "requirement," "order," "designation," or "prescription," of the Contracting Officer is intended and similarly the words "approved," "acceptable," "satisfactory," or words of like import shall mean "approved by," or "acceptable to," or "satisfactory to" the Contracting Officer, unless otherwise expressly stated.

 (c) Where "as shown," "as indicated," "as detailed," or words of similar import are used, it shall be understood that the reference is made to the drawings accompanying this contract unless stated otherwise. The word "provided" as used herein shall be understood to mean "provide complete in place," that is "furnished and installed."

 (d) Shop drawings means drawings, submitted to the Government by the Contractor, subcontractor, or any lower tier subcontractor pursuant to a construction contract, showing in detail (1) the proposed fabrication and assembly of structural elements and (2) the installation (i.e., form, fit, and attachment details) of materials of equipment. It includes drawings, diagrams, layouts, schematics, descriptive literature, illustrations, schedules, performance and test data, and similar materials furnished by the contractor to explain in detail specific portions of the work required by the contract. The Government may duplicate, use, and disclose in any manner and for any purpose shop drawings delivered under this contract.

 (e) If this contract requires shop drawings, the Contractor shall coordinate all such drawings, and review them for accuracy, completeness, and compliance with contract requirements and shall indicate its approval thereon as evidence of such coordination and review. Shop drawings submitted to the Contracting Officer without evidence of the Contractor's approval may be returned for resubmission. The Contracting Officer will indicate an approval or disapproval of the shop drawings and if not approved as submitted shall indicate the Government's reasons therefor. Any work done before such approval shall be at the Contractor's risk. Approval by the Contracting Officer shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for any errors or omissions in such drawings, nor from responsibility for complying with the requirements of this contract, except with respect to variations described and approved in accordance with (f) below.

 (f) If shop drawings show variations from the contract requirements, the Contractor shall describe such variations in writing, separate from the drawings, at the time of submission. If the Contracting Officer approves any such variation, the Contracting Officer shall issue an appropriate contract modification, except that, if the variation is minor or does not involve a change in price or in time of performance, a modification need not be issued.

 (g) The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer for approval four copies (unless otherwise indicated) of all shop drawings as called for under the various headings of these specifications. Three sets (unless otherwise indicated) of all shop drawings, will be retained by the Contracting Officer and one set will be returned to the Contractor. Upon completing the work under this contract, the Contractor shall furnish 2 sets of prints of all shop drawings as finally approved. These drawings shall show changes and revisions made up to the time the equipment is completed and accepted.

(End of Clause)

## 4.15 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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

 https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far

 https://www.va.gov/oal/library/vaar/

(End of Clause)

## 4.16 52.252-6 AUTHORIZED DEVIATIONS IN CLAUSES (NOV 2020)

 (a) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the date of the clause.

 (b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any VAAR (48 CFR Chapter FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1)) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

(End of Clause)

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| 52.204-9 | PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL | JAN 2011 |
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| 52.222-4 | CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS—OVERTIME COMPENSATION | MAY 2018 |
| 52.222-6 | CONSTRUCTION WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS | AUG 2018 |
| 52.222-7 | WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS | MAY 2014 |
| 52.222-8 | PAYROLLS AND BASIC RECORDS | JUL 2021 |
| 52.222-9 | APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES | JUL 2005 |
| 52.222-10 | COMPLIANCE WITH COPELAND ACT REQUIREMENTS | FEB 1988 |
| 52.222-11 | SUBCONTRACTS (LABOR STANDARDS) | MAY 2014 |
| 52.222-12 | CONTRACT TERMINATION—DEBARMENT | MAY 2014 |
| 52.222-13 | COMPLIANCE WITH CONSTRUCTION WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED REGULATIONS | MAY 2014 |
| 52.222-14 | DISPUTES CONCERNING LABOR STANDARDS | FEB 1988 |
| 52.222-15 | CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY | MAY 2014 |
| 52.222-21 | PROHIBITION OF SEGREGATED FACILITIES | APR 2015 |
| 52.222-26 | EQUAL OPPORTUNITY | SEP 2016 |
| 52.222-27 | AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION | APR 2015 |
| 52.222-37 | EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON VETERANS | JUN 2020 |
| 52.222-50 | COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS | NOV 2021 |
| 52.222-54 | EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION | MAY 2022 |
| 52.222-55 | MINIMUM WAGES FOR CONTRACTOR WORKERS UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 14026 | JAN 2022 |
| 52.222-62 | PAID SICK LEAVE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13706 | JAN 2022 |
| 52.223-5 | POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RIGHT-TO-KNOW INFORMATION | MAY 2024 |
| 52.223-23 | SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES | MAY 2024 |
| 52.224-3 | PRIVACY TRAINING ALTERNATE I (JAN 2017) | JAN 2017 |
| 52.225-13 | RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PURCHASES | FEB 2021 |
| 52.226-7 | DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE | MAY 2024 |
| 52.226-8 | ENCOURAGING CONTRACTOR POLICIES TO BAN TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING | MAY 2024 |
| 52.227-1 | AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT | JUN 2020 |
| 52.227-2 | NOTICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT | JUN 2020 |
| 52.227-4 | PATENT INDEMNITY—CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS | DEC 2007 |
| 52.228-2 | ADDITIONAL BOND SECURITY | OCT 1997 |
| 52.228-5 | INSURANCE—WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION | JAN 1997 |
| 52.228-11 | INDIVIDUAL SURETY—PLEDGE OF ASSETS | FEB 2021 |
| 52.228-12 | PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTOR REQUESTS FOR BONDS | DEC 2022 |
| 52.228-14 | IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT | NOV 2014 |
| 52.228-15 | PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS—CONSTRUCTION | JUN 2020 |
| 52.229-3 | FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES | FEB 2013 |
| 52.232-5 | PAYMENTS UNDER FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS | MAY 2014 |
| 52.232-17 | INTEREST | MAY 2014 |
| 52.232-23 | ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS | MAY 2014 |
| 52.232-27 | PROMPT PAYMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS | JAN 2017 |
| 52.232-33 |  PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER—SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT | OCT 2018 |
| 52.232-39 | UNENFORCEABILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS | JUN 2013 |
| 52.232-40 | PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENTS TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS | MAR 2023 |
| 52.233-1 | DISPUTES | MAY 2014 |
| 52.233-3 | PROTEST AFTER AWARD | AUG 1996 |
| 52.233-4 | APPLICABLE LAW FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM | OCT 2004 |
| 52.236-2 | DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS | APR 1984 |
| 52.236-3 | SITE INVESTIGATION AND CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE WORK | APR 1984 |
| 52.236-5 | MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP | APR 1984 |
| 52.236-6 | SUPERINTENDENCE BY THE CONTRACTOR | APR 1984 |
| 52.236-7 | PERMITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES | NOV 1991 |
| 52.236-8 | OTHER CONTRACTS | APR 1984 |
| 52.236-9 | PROTECTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION, STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES, AND IMPROVEMENTS | APR 1984 |
| 52.236-10 | OPERATIONS AND STORAGE AREAS | APR 1984 |
| 52.236-11 | USE AND POSSESSION PRIOR TO COMPLETION | APR 1984 |
| 52.236-12 | CLEANING UP | APR 1984 |
| 52.236-13 | ACCIDENT PREVENTION | NOV 1991 |
| 52.236-14 | AVAILABILITY AND USE OF UTILITY SERVICES | APR 1984 |
| 52.236-15 | SCHEDULES FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS | APR 1984 |
| 52.236-17 | LAYOUT OF WORK | APR 1984 |
| 52.236-26 | PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE | FEB 1995 |
| 52.242-13 | BANKRUPTCY | JUL 1995 |
| 52.242-14 | SUSPENSION OF WORK | APR 1984 |
| 52.243-4 | CHANGES | JUN 2007 |
| 52.244-6 | SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES | FEB 2024 |
| 52.246-12 | INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION | AUG 1996 |
| 52.248-3 | VALUE ENGINEERING—CONSTRUCTION | OCT 2020 |
| 52.246-21 | WARRANTY OF CONSTRUCTION | MAR 1994 |
| 52.249-2 | TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT (FIXED PRICE) ALTERNATE I (SEPT 1996) | APR 2012 |
| 52.249-10 | DEFAULT (FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION) | APR 1984 |
| 52.253-1 | COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS | JAN 1991 |

**852.201-70  Contracting Officer’s Representatives**  **(DEC 2022)**

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

(End of clause)

**852.203-70 Commercial Advertising (May 2018)**

The Contractor shall not make reference in its commercial advertising to Department of Veterans Affairs contracts in a manner that states or implies the Department of Veterans Affairs approves or endorses the Contractor’s products or services or considers the Contractor’s products or services superior to other products or services.

(End of clause)

**852.204-70  Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel.**  **(MAY 2020)**

(a) The Contractor shall comply with current Department of Veterans Affairs policy for personal identity verification of all employees performing under this contract when frequent and continuing access to VA facilities or information systems is required.

(b) The Contractor shall insert this clause in all subcontracts when the subcontractor’s employees will require frequent and continuing access to VA facilities or information systems.

(End of clause)

## 4.17 VAAR 852.219-73 VA NOTICE OF TOTAL SET-ASIDE FOR CERTIFIED SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES (JAN 2023) (DEVIATION)

 (a) *Definition*. for the Department of Veterans Affairs, ‘‘*Service-disabled Veteran-owned small business concern or SDVOSB’’*:

 (1) Means a small business concern—

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

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

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

 (iv) The business has been certified for ownership and control pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8127, 13 CFR 128, and is listed as certified in the SBA certification database at [*https://veterans.certify.sba.gov/*](https://veterans.certify.sba.gov/); and

 (v) The business agrees to comply with VAAR subpart 819.70 and Small Business Administration (SBA) regulations regarding small business size, government contracting, and the Veteran Small Business Certification Program at 13 CFR parts 121, 125, and 128.

 (2) The term ‘‘Service-disabled Veteran’’ means a Veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

 (3) The term ‘‘small business concern’’ has the meaning given that term under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

 (4) The term ‘‘small business concern owned and controlled by Veterans with service-connected disabilities’’ has the meaning given the term ‘‘*small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans*’’ under section 3(q)(2) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(q)(2)).

 (5) The term *“SDVOSB participant”* or *certified SDVOSB* means a small business that has been certified in the SBA Veteran Small Business Certification Program and listed in the SBA certification database (see 13 CFR 128.102).

 (b) *General*. In order for a concern to submit an offer and be eligible for the award of an SDVOSB set-aside or sole source contract, the concern must qualify as a small business concern under the size standard corresponding to the NAICS code assigned to the contract and be listed as an SDVOSB participant in the SBA certification database as set forth in 13 CFR 128.

 (1) Offers received from entities that are not certified SDVOSBs and listed in the SBA certification database at the time of offer shall not be considered.

 (2) Any award resulting from this solicitation shall be made to a certified SDVOSB listed in the SBA certification database who is eligible at the time of submission of offer(s) and at the time of award.

 (3) The requirements in this clause apply to any contract, order or subcontract where the firm receives a benefit or preference from its designation as an SDVOSB, including set-asides, sole source awards, and evaluation preferences.

 (c) *Representation*. Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8127(e), only certified SDVOSBs listed in the SBA certification database are considered eligible to receive award of a resulting contract. By submitting an offer, the prospective contractor represents that it is an eligible and certified SDVOSB as defined in this clause, 13 CFR 121, 125, and 128, and VAAR subpart 819.70.

 (d) *Agreement*/*LOS certification.* When awarded a contract action, including orders under multipleaward contracts, an SDVOSB agrees that in the performance of the contract, the SDVOSB shall comply with requirements in VAAR subpart 819.70 and SBA regulations on small business size, and government contracting programs at 13 CFR part 121 and part 125, including the non-manufacturer rule and limitations on subcontracting (LOS) requirements in 13 CFR 121.406(b) and 13 CFR 125.6. For the purpose of limitations on subcontracting, only certified SDVOSBs listed in the SBA certification database (including independent contractors) shall be considered eligible and/or ‘‘similarly situated’’ (i.e., a firm that has the same small business program status as the prime contractor). An otherwise eligible firm further agrees to comply with the required LOS certification requirements in this solicitation (see 852.219–75 or 852.219–76 as applicable). These requirements are summarized as follows:

 (1) *Services*. In the case of a contract for services (except construction), the SDVOSB prime contractor will not pay more than 50% of the amount paid by the government to the prime for contract performance to firms that are not certified SDVOSBs listed in the SBA certification database (excluding direct costs to the extent they are not the principal purpose of the acquisition and the SDVOSB/ VOSB does not provide the service, such as airline travel, cloud computing services, or mass media purchases). When a contract includes both services and supplies, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the service portion of the contract.

 (2) *Supplies/products*.

 (i) In the case of a contract for supplies or products (other than from a non-manufacturer of such supplies), the SDVOSB prime contractor will not pay more than 50% of the amount paid by the government to the prime for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to firms that are not certified SDVOSBs listed in the SBA certification database. When a contract includes both supply and services, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the supply portion of the contract.

 (ii) In the case of a contract for supplies from a non-manufacturer, the SDVOSB prime contractor will supply the product of a domestic small business manufacturer or processor, unless a waiver as described in 13 CFR 121.406(b)(5) has been granted. Refer to 13 CFR 125.6(a)(2)(ii) for guidance pertaining to multiple item procurements.

 (3) *General construction*. In the case of a contract for general construction, the SDVOSB prime contractor will not pay more than 85% of the amount paid by the government to the prime for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to firms that are not certified SDVOSBs listed in the SBA certification database.

 (4) *Special trade construction contractors*. In the case of a contract for special trade contractors, no more than 75% of the amount paid by the government to the prime for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, may be paid to firms that are not certified SDVOSBs listed in the SBA certification database.

 (5) *Subcontracting*. An SDVOSB subcontractor must meet the NAICS size standard assigned by the prime contractor and be certified and listed in the SBA certification database to count as similarly situated. Any work that a first tier SDVOSB subcontractor further subcontracts will count towards the percent of subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. For supply or construction contracts, the cost of materials is excluded and not considered to be subcontracted. When a contract includes both services and supplies, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the portion of the contract with the preponderance of the expenditure upon which the assigned NAICS is based. For information and more specific requirements, refer to 13 CFR 125.6.

 (e) *Required limitations on subcontracting compliance measurement period*. An SDVOSB shall comply with the limitations on subcontracting as follows:

[X] By the end of the base term of the contract or order, and then by the end of each subsequent option period; or

[] By the end of the performance period for each order issued under the contract.

 (f) *Joint ventures*. A joint venture may be considered eligible as an SDVOSB if the joint venture complies with the requirements in 13 CFR 128.402 and the managing joint venture partner makes the representations under paragraph (c) of this clause. A joint venture agrees that, in the performance of the contract, the applicable percentage specified in paragraph (d) of this clause will be performed by the aggregate of the joint venture participants.

 (g) *Precedence*. The VA Veterans First Contracting Program, as defined in VAAR 802.101, subpart 819.70, and this clause, takes precedence over any inconsistencies between the requirements of the SBA Veteran Small Business Certification Program and the VA Veterans First Contracting Program.

 (h) *Misrepresentation*. Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8127(g), any business concern, including all its principals, that is determined by VA to have willfully and intentionally misrepresented a company’s SDVOSB status is subject to debarment from contracting with the Department for a period of not less than five years (see VAAR 809.406–2 Causes for Debarment).

(End of Clause)

## 4.18 VAAR 852.219-75 VA NOTICE OF LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING—CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION (JAN 2023) (DEVIATION)

 (a) Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8127(l)(2), the offeror certifies that—

 (1) If awarded a contract (see FAR 2.101 definition), it will comply with the limitations on subcontracting requirement as provided in the solicitation and the resultant contract, as follows:

 (i) [] *Services*. In the case of a contract for services (except construction), the contractor will not pay more than 50% of the amount paid by the government to it to firms that are not certified SDVOSBs listed in the SBA certification database as set forth in 852.219–73 or certified VOSBs listed in the SBA certification database as set forth in 852.219–74. Any work that a similarly situated certified SDVOSB/VOSB subcontractor further subcontracts will count towards the 50% subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. Other direct costs may be excluded to the extent they are not the principal purpose of the acquisition and small business concerns do not provide the service as set forth in 13 CFR 125.6.

 (ii) [] *General construction*. In the case of a contract for general construction, the contractor will not pay more than 85% of the amount paid by the government to it to firms that are not certified SDVOSBs listed in the SBA certification database as set forth in 852.219–73 or certified VOSBs listed in the SBA certification database as set forth in 852.219–74. Any work that a similarly situated certified SDVOSB/VOSB subcontractor further subcontracts will count towards the 85% subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. Cost of materials are excluded and not considered to be subcontracted.

 (iii) [] *Special trade construction contractors*. In the case of a contract for special trade contractors, the contractor will not pay more than 75% of the amount paid by the government to it to firms that are not certified SDVOSBs listed in the SBA certification database as set forth in 852.219–73 or certified VOSBs listed in the SBA certification database as set forth in 852.219–74. Any work that a similarly situated certified SDVOSB/VOSB subcontractor further subcontracts will count towards the 75% subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. Cost of materials are excluded and not considered to be subcontracted.

 (2) The offeror acknowledges that this certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an Agency of the United States. The offeror further acknowledges that this certification is subject to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, and, as such, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the offeror subject to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties, including prosecution.

 (3) If VA determines that an SDVOSB/ VOSB awarded a contract pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8127 did not act in good faith, such SDVOSB/VOSB shall be subject to any or all of the following:

 (i) Referral to the VA Suspension and Debarment Committee;

 (ii) A fine under section 16(g)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 645(g)(1)); and

 (iii) Prosecution for violating 18 U.S.C. 1001.

 (b) The offeror represents and understands that by submission of its offer and award of a contract it may be required to provide copies of documents or records to VA that VA may review to determine whether the offeror complied with the limitations on subcontracting requirement specified in the contract. Contracting officers may, at their discretion, require the contractor to demonstrate its compliance with the limitations on subcontracting at any time during performance and upon completion of a contract if the information regarding such compliance is not already available to the contracting officer. Evidence of compliance includes, but is not limited to, invoices, copies of subcontracts, or a list of the value of tasks performed.

 (c) The offeror further agrees to cooperate fully and make available any documents or records as may be required to enable VA to determine compliance with the limitations on subcontracting requirement. The offeror understands that failure to provide documents as requested by VA may result in remedial action as the Government deems appropriate.

 (d) Offeror completed certification/fill-in required. The formal certification must be completed, signed and returned with the offeror’s bid, quotation, or proposal. The Government will not consider offers for award from offerors that do not provide the certification, and all such responses will be deemed ineligible for evaluation and award.

Certification

I hereby certify that if awarded the contract, [insert name of offeror] will comply with the limitations on subcontracting specified in this clause and in the resultant contract. I further certify that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of [insert name of offeror].

Printed Name of Signee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Title of Signee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Company Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(End of Clause)

**852.228-70  Bond premium adjustment.**  (JAN 2008)

When net changes in original contract price affect the premium of a Corporate Surety Bond by $5 or more, the Government, in determining the basis for final settlement, will provide for bond premium adjustment computed at the rate shown in the bond.

(End of clause)

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

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

(End of Clause)

**852.232-70 Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts (Without NAS-CPM) (NOV 2018)**

The clause FAR 52.232-5, Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts, is implemented as follows:

(a) Retainage.

(1) The Contracting Officer may retain funds—

(i) Where performance under the contract has been determined to be deficient or the Contractor has performed in an unsatisfactory manner in the past; or

(ii) As the contract nears completion, to ensure that deficiencies will be corrected and that completion is timely.

(2) Examples of deficient performance justifying a retention of funds include, but are not restricted to, the following—

(i) Unsatisfactory progress as determined by the Contracting Officer;

(ii) Failure to meet schedule in Schedule of Work Progress;

(iii) Failure to present submittals in a timely manner; or

(iv) Failure to comply in good faith with approved subcontracting plans, certifications, or contract requirements.

(3) Any level of retention shall not exceed 10 percent either where there is determined to be unsatisfactory performance, or when the retainage is to ensure satisfactory completion. Retained amounts shall be paid promptly upon completion of all contract requirements, but nothing contained in this paragraph (a)(3) shall be construed as limiting the Contracting Officer’s right to withhold funds under other provisions of the contract or in accordance with the general law and regulations regarding the administration of Government contracts.

(b) The Contractor shall submit a schedule of cost to the Contracting Officer for approval within 30 calendar days after date of receipt of notice to proceed. Such schedule will be signed and submitted in triplicate. The approved cost schedule will be one of the bases for determining progress payments to the Contractor for work completed. This schedule shall show cost by the work activity/event for each building or unit of the contract, as instructed by the resident engineer.

(1) The work activities/events shall be subdivided into as many sub-activities/events as are necessary to cover all component parts of the contract work.

(2) Costs as shown on this schedule must be true costs and the resident engineer may require the Contractor to submit the original estimate sheets or other information to substantiate the detailed makeup of the schedule.

(3) The sums of the sub-activities/events, as applied to each work activity/event, shall equal the total cost of such work activity/event. The total cost of all work activities/events shall equal the contract price.

(4) Insurance and similar items shall be prorated and included in the cost of each branch of the work.

(5) The cost schedule shall include separate cost information for the systems listed in the table in this paragraph (b)(5). The percentages listed in the following table are proportions of the cost listed in the Contractor’s cost schedule and identify, for payment purposes, the value of the work to adjust, correct and test systems after the material has been installed. Payment of the listed percentages will be made only after the Contractor has demonstrated that each of the systems is substantially complete and operates as required by the contract.

VALUE OF ADJUSTING, CORRECTING, AND TESTING SYSTEM

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| --- | --- |
| System | Percent |
| Pneumatic tube system | 10 |
| Incinerators (medical waste and trash) | 5 |
| Sewage treatment plant equipment | 5 |
| Water treatment plant equipment | 5 |
| Washers (dish, cage, glass, etc.) | 5 |
| Sterilizing equipment | 5 |
| Water distilling equipment | 5 |
| Prefab temperature rooms (cold, constant temperature) | 5 |
| Entire air-conditioning system (Specified under 600 Sections) | 5 |
| Entire boiler plant system (Specified under 700 Sections) | 5 |
| General supply conveyors | 10 |
| Food service conveyors | 10 |
| Pneumatic soiled linen and trash system | 10 |
| Elevators and dumbwaiters | 10 |
| Materials transport system | 10 |
| Engine-generator system | 5 |
| Primary switchgear | 5 |
| Secondary switchgear | 5 |
| Fire alarm system | 5 |
| Nurse call system | 5 |
| Intercom system | 5 |
| Radio system | 5 |
| TV (entertainment) system | 5 |

(c) In addition to this cost schedule, the Contractor shall submit such unit costs as may be specifically requested. The unit costs shall be those used by the Contractor in preparing its bid and will not be binding as pertaining to any contract changes.

(d) The Contracting Officer will consider for monthly progress payments material and/or equipment procured by the Contractor and stored on the construction site, as space is available, or at a local approved location off the site, under such terms and conditions as the Contracting Officer approves, including but not limited to the following—

(1) The materials or equipment are in accordance with the contract requirements and/or approved samples and shop drawings;

(2) The materials and/or equipment are approved by the resident engineer;

(3) The materials and/or equipment are stored separately and are readily available for inspection and inventory by the resident engineer;

(4) The materials and/or equipment are protected against weather, theft and other hazards and are not subjected to deterioration; and

(5) The Contractor obtains the concurrence of its surety for off-site storage.

(e) The Government reserves the right to withhold payment until samples, shop drawings, engineer’s certificates, additional bonds, payrolls, weekly statements of compliance, proof of title, nondiscrimination compliance reports, or any other requirements of this contract, have been submitted to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer.

(f) The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor in writing within 10 calendar-days of exercising retainage against any payment in accordance with FAR clause 52.232-5(e). The notice shall disclose the amount of the retainage in value and percent retained from the payment and provide explanation for the retainage.

(End of clause)

## 4.20 VAAR 852.232-72 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PAYMENT REQUESTS (NOV 2018)

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

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

 (2) *Designated agency* office means the office designated by the purchase order, agreement, or contract to first receive and review invoices. This office can be contractually designated as the receiving entity. This office may be different from the office issuing the payment;

 (3) *Electronic form* means an automated system transmitting information electronically according to the accepted electronic data transmission methods and formats identified in paragraph (c) of this clause. Facsimile, email, and scanned documents are not acceptable electronic forms for submission of payment requests;

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

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

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

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

 (1) VA’s Electronic Invoice Presentment and Payment System at the current website address provided in the contract.

 (2) Any system that conforms to the X12 electronic data interchange (EDI) formats established by the Accredited Standards Center (ASC) and chartered by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

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

 (e) *Exceptions*. If, based on one of the circumstances in this paragraph (e), the Contracting Officer directs that payment requests be made by mail, the Contractor shall submit payment requests by mail through the United States Postal Service to the designated agency office. Submission of payment requests by mail may be required for—

 (1) Awards made to foreign vendors for work performed outside the United States;

 (2) Classified contracts or purchases when electronic submission and processing of payment requests could compromise the safeguarding of classified or privacy information;

 (3) Contracts awarded by contracting officers in the conduct of emergency operations, such as responses to national emergencies;

 (4) Solicitations or contracts in which the designated agency office is a VA entity other than the VA Financial Services Center in Austin, Texas; or

 (5) Solicitations or contracts in which the VA designated agency office does not have electronic invoicing capability as described above.

(End of Clause)

## 4.21 VAAR 852.236-71 SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION (APR 2019)

 The clause entitled ‘‘Specifications and Drawings for Construction’’ in FAR 52.236– 21 is supplemented as follows:

 (a) The Contracting Officer’s interpretation of the drawings and specifications will be final, subject to the Disputes clause.

 (b) The Contractor shall—

 (1) Check all drawings and specifications furnished immediately upon receipt;

 (2) Compare all drawings and the specifications, and verify the figures before laying out the work;

 (3) Promptly notify the Contracting Officer of any discrepancies;

 (4) Be responsible for any errors that might have been avoided by complying with this paragraph (b); and

 (5) Reproduce and print contract drawings and specifications as needed.

 (c) In general—

 (1) Drawings of greater detail shall govern over drawings of lesser detail unless specifically noted otherwise; and

 (2) Figures and numerical quantities noted on drawings govern over scale measurements.

 (d) Omissions from the drawings or specifications or the misdescription of details of work that are manifestly necessary to carry out the intent of the drawings and specifications, or that are customarily performed, shall not relieve the Contractor from performing such omitted or misdescribed details of the work. The Contractor shall perform such details as if fully and correctly set forth and described in the drawings and specifications.

 (e) The work shall conform to the specifications and the contract drawings identified on the following index of drawings:

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| Title | File | Drawing No. |
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(End of Clause)

## 4.22 VAAR 852.236-72 PERFORMANCE OF WORK BY THE CONTRACTOR (APR 2019)

 (a) In accordance with FAR 52.236–1, the contract work accomplished on the site by laborers, mechanics, and foreman/superintendent on the Contractor’s payroll and under their direct supervision shall be used in establishing the percent of work to be performed by the Contractor. Cost of material and equipment installed by such labor may be included. The work by the Contractor’s executive, administrative and clerical forces shall be excluded in establishing compliance with the requirements of this clause.

 (b) The Contractor shall submit, simultaneously with the schedule of costs required by the Payments under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts clause of the contract, a statement designating the portions of contract work to be performed with the Contractor’s own forces. The approved schedule of costs will be used in determining the value of a work activity/event, or portions thereof, of the work for the purpose of this article.

 (c) Changes to established activity/event identifiers or responsibility codes for Contractor activities shall not be made without approval from the Contracting Officer.

 (d) In the event the Contractor fails to comply with FAR 52.236–1, Performance of Work by the Contractor, the Contracting Officer will withhold retention in the amount of 15% of the value of any work activity/element being invoiced that was not authorized by the Contracting Officer to be performed by someone other than the prime Contractor’s own workforce.

(End of Clause)

## 4.23 VAAR 852.236-79 CONTRACTOR PRODUCTION REPORT (APR 2019)

 (a) The Contractor shall furnish to the resident engineer, for each workday, a consolidated report for the preceding workday. Reporting shall begin from date of mobilization until the date of final acceptance except for authorized holidays. VA Form 10101, Contractor Production Report, or a Contractor generated form containing the same type of information shall be signed, dated and submitted by the Contractor superintendent.

 (b) Each report shall include and specifically identify at least one safety topic germane to the jobsite that day.

(End of Clause)

## 4.24 VAAR 852.236-80 SUBCONTRACTS AND WORK COORDINATION (APR 2019)

 (a) Nothing contained in this contract shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the Government. Divisions or sections of specifications are not intended to control the Contractor in dividing work among subcontractors, or to limit work performed by any trade.

 (b) The Contractor shall be responsible to the Government for acts and omissions of his/her own employees, and of the subcontractors and their employees. The Contractor shall also be responsible for coordination of the work of the trades, subcontractors, and material suppliers.

 (c) The Government or its representatives will not undertake to settle any differences between the Contractor and subcontractors or between subcontractors.

 (d) The Government reserves the right to refuse to permit employment on the work, or require dismissal from the work, of any subcontractor or subcontractor employee who, by reason of previous unsatisfactory work on Department of Veterans Affairs projects or for any other reason, is considered by the Contracting Officer to be incompetent, careless, or otherwise objectionable.

(End of Clause)

## 4.25 VAAR 852.242-70 GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION (OCT 2020)

 (a) Contract administration functions set forth in FAR 42.302 are hereby delegated to:

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 (b) The following functions will be retained by the Contracting Officer or Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) and are not redelegable to Resident Engineers:

 (1) Award of contract modifications either through supplemental agreements or change orders that exceed the ACO’s appointed warrant limitations.

 (2) Issuance of default letters.

 (3) Issuance of Cure or Show-Cause Notices.

 (4) Suspension of work letters and/or modifications.

 (5) Issuance of Contracting Officer final determination letters.

 (6) Issuance of termination notices.

 (7) Authorization of final payment.

 (c) The work will be under the direction of a Department of Veterans Affairs Contracting Officer, who may designate another VA employee to act as resident engineer at the construction site who possesses limited warranted authority.

 (d) Except as provided below, the resident engineer’s directions will not conflict with or change contract requirements. Within the limits of any specific authority delegated by the Contracting Officer, the resident engineer may, by written direction, make changes in the work. The Contractor shall be advised of the extent of such authority prior to execution of any work under the contract.

 (e) The Contracting Officer or an Administrative Contracting Officer identified in paragraph (a) may further delegate limited authority and specialized support services responsibilities below to the following warranted Resident Engineer personnel on site, not to exceed the dollar value and threshold of their warrant:

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 (1) Conduct post-award orientation conferences.

 (2) Issue administrative changes (see FAR 43.101) correcting errors or omissions, contractor address, facility or activity code, remittance address, computations which do not required additional contract funds, and other such changes.

 (3) For actions not to exceed negotiate and execute supplemental agreements resulting from change orders issued under the Changes clause.

 (4) Negotiate and execute supplemental agreements changing contract delivery schedules where the time extension does not exceed calendar days.

(End of Clause)

## 4.26 VAAR 852.242-71 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTING OFFICER (OCT 2020)

 The Contracting Officer reserves the right to designate an Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) for the purpose of performing certain tasks/duties in the administration of the contract. Such designation will be in writing through an ACO Letter of Delegation and will identify the responsibilities and limitations of the ACO. A copy of the ACO Letter of Delegation will be furnished to the Contractor.

(End of Clause)

## 4.27 VAAR 852.243-70 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CHANGES—SUPPLEMENT (SEP 2019)

 The FAR clauses 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions; 52.243-4, Changes; and 52.243-5, Changes and Changed Conditions, are supplemented as follows:

 (a) Submission of request for equitable adjustment proposals. When directed by the Contracting Officer or requested by the Contractor, the Contractor shall, in accordance with FAR 15.403-5, submit proposals for changes in the work exceeding $500,000 in writing to the Contracting Officer or Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO), and to the resident engineer.

 (1) The Contractor must provide an itemized breakdown for changes exceeding the micro-purchase threshold (see FAR 2.101).

 (2) The itemized breakdown shall include materials, quantities, unit prices, labor costs (separated into trades), construction equipment, etc. Labor costs shall be identified with specific material placed or operation performed.

 (3) Proposals shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer or ACO and the resident engineer as expeditiously as possible, but not later than calendar days, after receipt of a written change order by the Contracting Officer.

 (4) Proposals shall be signed by each subcontractor participating in the change.

 (5) The Contracting Officer will consider issuing a settlement by determination to the contract if the Contractor's proposal required by paragraph (a)(3) of this clause is not received within the time period specified in paragraph (a)(3), or if agreement has not been reached.

 (b) Paragraphs (a)(1) through (5) of this clause and the following paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) apply to proposals for changes in the work $500,000 or less:

 (1) As a basis for negotiation, allowances not to exceed 10 percent each for overhead and profit for the party performing the work will be based on the value of labor, material, and equipment required to accomplish the change. As the value of the change increases, a declining scale will be used in negotiating the percentage of overhead and profit. This declining scale will also be used to negotiate the prime Contractor's or upper-tier subcontractor's fee when work is performed by lower-tier subcontractors (to a maximum of three tiers) and will be based on the net increased cost to the prime or upper-tier subcontractor, as applicable. Profit (fee) shall be computed by multiplying the profit percentage by the sum of the direct costs and computed overhead costs. Allowable percentages on changes will not exceed the following:

 (i) 10 percent overhead and/or 10 percent profit (fee) on the first $20,000.

 (ii) 7.5 percent overhead and/or 7.5 percent profit (fee) on the next $30,000.

 (iii) 5 percent overhead and/or 5 percent profit (fee) on a balance over $50,000.

 (2) The Contracting Officer will consider issuing a settlement by determination to the contract if the Contractor's proposal required by paragraph (3) is not received within 30 calendar days, or if agreement has not been reached.

 (c)(1) Overhead and Contractor's fee percentages shall be considered to include insurance other than mentioned herein, field and office supervisors and assistants, security police, use of small tools, incidental job burdens, and general home office expenses and no separate allowance will be made. Assistants to office supervisors include all clerical, stenographic and general office help. Incidental job burdens include, but are not necessarily limited to, office equipment and supplies, temporary toilets, telephone and conformance to OSHA requirements. Items such as, but not necessarily limited to, review and coordination, estimating and expediting relative to contract changes are associated with field and office supervision and are considered to be included in the Contractor's overhead and/or fee percentage.

 (2) Where the Contractor's or subcontractor's portion of a change involves credit items, such items must be deducted prior to adding overhead and profit for the party performing the work. The Contractor's fee is limited to the net increase to Contractor or subcontractors' portions of cost computed in accordance with this clause.

 (3) Where a change involves credit items only, a proper measure of the amount of downward adjustment in the contract price is the reasonable cost to the Contractor if it had performed the deleted work. A reasonable allowance for overhead and profit are properly includable as part of the downward adjustment for a deductive change. The amount of such allowance is subject to negotiation.

(End of Clause)

# DESIGN BUILD SPECIFICATIONS

## 4.28 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR DESIGN SERVICES

 Final Payment: Upon completion of the final inspection and acceptance of the project by the Government, delivery to the Government of the final record drawings and specifications, design details, calculations, shop drawings and executed Release of Claims (attachment I),the Contractor shall be paid the unpaid balance due for all phases of design work under this contract. An amount equal to five (5) percent of the design services cost shown on the schedule of payments shall be retained until VA acceptance of the record drawings.

## 4.29 OWNERSHIP OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

 All designs, drawings, specifications, notes, and other work developed in the performance of this contract shall be and remain the sole property of the Government and may be used on any other work without additional compensation to the Contractor. With respect thereto, the Contractor agrees not to asset any rights and to establish any claim under the design patent or copyright laws. The Contractor, for a period of 3 years after completion of the project, agrees to furnish and provide access to all retained materials on the request of the Contracting Officer. Unless otherwise provided in this contract, the Contractor shall have the right to retain copies of all such materials beyond such period.

## 4.30 RETENTION OF REVIEW DOCUMENTS

 The Contractor shall keep one copy of all review documents containing VA remarks until final completion of the construction contract and a release of claims is signed unless, before that time, the VA directs the Contractor to forward certain documents to the Government. The VA will notify the Contractor in writing after the release of claims is finalized after which time the Contractor may dispose of such documents that remain in its possession.

## 4.31 CONTRACT DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS GOVERNMENT FURNISHED PLANNING INFORMATION

 (a) Master Plan Requirements: The requirements of the master plan for the project as depicted by the preliminary drawings shall be followed in the development and preparation of the Contract Drawings and Specification. Deviations may be made in functional relationship and general size or configuration of the building and rooms as established by the preliminary plans only upon written approval of the Contracting Officer. The architectural preliminary drawings are dimensioned to establish the building size and gross area, including the exterior walls, or the medical facility.

 (b) Standards: The Contractor shall follow specifications included in the RFP (Request for Proposal) in preparing the Contract Drawings and Specifications for the project. However, should the Contractor determine that a deviation from such standards and specifications is necessary or beneficial to the Government, he shall submit a request in writing to the Contracting Officer for permission to make the deviation. The request shall include an explanation of the specific reasons for the desired change and benefits expected.

 (c) Verify Accuracy of Planning Information: The Contractor shall visit the project site of verify the information shown on the Government-Furnished preliminary drawings and other planning documents which are part of this contract. This information is the best available but the Government does not guarantee its accuracy or completeness.

 (d) Discrepancies in Planning Information: The Contractor shall promptly report to the Contracting Officer in writing any discrepancy between this contract and the planning information provided by the Government. The Contractor shall make no adjustments to his work due to the discrepancy before the Contracting Officer has reviewed the matter and forwarded this determination to the Contractor. The Contractor’s failure to report any such discrepancy or to wait for the Contracting Officer’s determination shall be at his risk and expense.

## 4.32 COORDINATION WITH MEDICAL CENTER

 Before starting any work on the Veterans Administration Medical Center, the Contractor shall consult with the Resident Engineer and secure his permission to start the work. The Contractor shall perform the work within the parameters established by the Resident Engineer Contractor shall not interfere with the normal functioning of the Medical Center.

## 4.33 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTOR

 (a) The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and the coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, and other services furnished by the Contractor under this contract. The Contractor shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in its designs, drawings, specifications, and other services.

 (b) Neither the Government’s review, approval or acceptance of, nor payment for, the services required under this contract shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this contract or of any cause of action arising our of the performance of this contract, and the Contractor shall be and remain liable to the Government in accordance with applicable law for all damages to the Government caused by the Contractor’s negligent performance of any of the services furnished under this contract.

 (c) The right and remedies of the Government provided for under this contract are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

 (d) If the Contractor is comprised of more than one legal entity, each such entity shall be jointly and severally liable hereunder.

# ATTACHMENTS

## ATTACHMENT 1 - RELEASE OF CLAIMS

 For and in consideration of the payments heretofore made, and payment of final installment now due by reason of performance of Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned Architect-Engineer hereby releases and discharges the United States of America from any and all claims arising under or by virtue of said contract, except as follows: (In this space describe and list in stated amounts excepted claims, if any; otherwise this release will be considered as free of all claims. If no claims reserved, insert None.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, This release has been duly executed this

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Architect-Engineer

BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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See attached document: S02 SOW - Replace Flagpole Bldg 1 .

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