SOLICITATION, OFFER, AND AWARD *(Construction, Alteration, or Repair)*	1. SOLICITATION NO. SGE50016R0160	2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION [ ] SEALED BID *(IFB)* [X] NEGOTIATED *(RFP)*	3. DATE ISSUED 09/07/2016	RATING

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

4. CONTRACT NO.	5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO.	6. PROJECT NO.

7. ISSUED BY CODE FRANK	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO
AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL FRANKFURT GIESSENER STRASSE 30 ATTN: RPSO FRANKFURT, 60435 GERMANY	AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL FRANKFURT GIESSENER STRASSE 30 ATTN: RPSO FRANKFURT, 60435 GERMANY

9. FOR INFORMATION EMAIL:	a. NAME	b. TELEPHONE NO. *(Include area code)(NO COLLECT CALLS)*	c. EMAIL
	Sara E. Collins	202-478-9537	collinsse@state.gov

SOLICITATION

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

10. THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRES PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THESE DOCUMENTS *(Title, identifying no., date)*

11. The Contractor shall begin performance within ___5___ calendar days and complete it within ___100___ calendar days after receiving

[ ] award, [X] notice to proceed. This performance period is [X] mandatory [ ] negotiable. (***(See __.)***

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
[ ] YES [X] NO	

13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

a. Sealed offers in original and __1__ copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in item 8 by __14:00:00__ ***(hour)*** local time __09/14/2016 __ (date). If this is a sealed bid solicitation, offers will be publicly opened at that time. Sealed envelopes containing offers shall be marked to show the offeror's name and address, the solicitation number, and the date and time offers are due.

b. An offer guarantee [ ] is, [X] is not required.

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

d. Offers providing less than __60__ calendar days for Government acceptance after the date offers are due will not be considered and will be rejected.

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

14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR *(Include ZIP Code)*	15. TELEPHONE NO. *(Include area code)*
CONTACT: DUNS:	16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS *(Include only if different than Item 14.)*
CODE FACILITY CODE	

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

AMOUNTS

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

19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS
(The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the solicitation -- give number and date of each)

AMENDMENT NO.										
DATE.										

20a. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER *(Type or print)*	20b. SIGNATURE	20c. OFFER DATE

AWARD ***(To be completed by Government)***

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED

22. AMOUNT	23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN *(4 copies unless otherwise specified)*	ITEM G.4.2	25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO ☐ 10 U.S.C. 2304(c) ( ) ☐ 41 U.S.C. 253(c) ( )
26. ADMINISTERED BY FRANK AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL FRANKFURT GIESSENER STRASSE 30 ATTN: RPSO FRANKFURT, 60435 GERMANY		27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY AMERICAN EMBASSY BERLIN CLAYALLEE 170 ATTN: FMC BERLIN, 14191 GERMANY

CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 28 OR 29 AS APPLICABLE

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

30b. SIGNATURE	30c. DATE	31b. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY	31c. DATE

Line Item Summary	Solicitation Number: SGE50016R0160	Contract Number:	Title: Garage Replacement Project at Limastr. 14		Date of Solicitation: 09/07/2016

Line Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Cost
001	Total Construction Cost for Replacement of Garage, Retaining Wall, and Stairs at Limastr. 14 Doc Ref No: **Delivery Date** **FOB:**	**0.00**	**JB**		
002	Value Added Tax (VAT) Rate (____%) Doc Ref No: **Delivery Date** **FOB:**	**0.00**	**LT**		
003	Defense Base Act (DBA) Insurance (if applicable) Doc Ref No: **Delivery Date** **FOB:**	**0.00**	**LT**		

Identifier	Title	Date	Number of Pages

Section B SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES / COSTS

B.1 SERVICES

The Contractor shall provide all materials, equipment, labor, and construction services for the replacement of a garage, retaining wall, and stairs at a U.S. Government-owned residence located at Limastr. 14, 14363 Berlin-Germany, in accordance with the Project Scope referenced in Section C and all other documents incorporated into this contract. The contractor is to perform the services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this solicitation, and in strict conformance with the contract clauses and any special conditions contained herein.

B.2 TYPE OF CONTRACT

This is a firm fixed-price construction contract payable entirely in the currency indicated by the Contractor in Sub-Section B.3. No additional sums will be payable on account of any escalation in the cost of materials, equipment or labor, or because of the Contractor's failure to properly estimate or accurately predict the cost or difficulty of achieving the results required by this contract. Nor will the contract price be adjusted on account of fluctuations in the currency exchange rates. Changes in the contract price or time to complete will be made only due to changes made by the Government in the work to be performed, or by delays caused by the Government (see Sub-Section F.11, Excusable Delays) as determined and approved by the Contracting Officer. The Government will make payments based on quantities and unit prices only to the extent specifically provided in the contract.

B.3 CONTRACT PRICE

The Contractor shall complete all work, including furnishing all labor, material, equipment and services, unless otherwise specified herein, required under this contract for the firm fixed-price indicated below and within the time specified herein. This price shall include all labor, materials, and profit. Any costs not priced will be considered to be included in the overhead and other indirect costs.

- If applicable, the contractor shall also include separate pricing information for Value Added Tax (VAT). This item shall be separate reimbursable item (See Section B.4).
- If applicable, the contractor shall also include separate pricing information for insurance required by FAR 52.228-4, Workers' Compensation and War-Hazard Insurance. This item shall be separate reimbursable item (See Section B.5).

Any costs not priced will be considered to be included in the overhead and other indirect costs.

B.3.1. BASIC REQUIREMENT - CONSTRUCTION COSTS

CLIN	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
001	**Total Construction Cost for the Replacement of Garage, Retaining Wall, and Stairs at Limastr. 14**	
002	**Value Added Tax (VAT)**	
003	**Defense Base Act (DBA) Insurance (if applicable)**	

TOTAL FIRM FIXED PRICE*: _____

The total firm-fixed price includes all labor, materials, equipment, services, overhead, other indirect costs, costs for insurance, and profit and DBA Insurance (if applicable).

B.3.2 STATE CURRENCY: _____

B.4 VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)

If applicable, the contractor shall be responsible for paying to the appropriate authority, the applicable rate of Value Added Tax. Offeror shall identify Value Added Tax (VAT) as a separate line item in Section B. The VAT shall also be reflected as a separate cost item on all invoices submitted under the resulting contract. The Contractor will be reimbursed for VAT only to the extent contractor provides documentary proof that VAT has been paid to the host government. Any refund of VAT to the contractor shall be paid over to the Government to the extent the Government reimbursed the contractor for the VAT payment.

B.5 DEFENSE BASE ACT (DBA) INSURANCE

The net prices in the contract shall include Defense Base Act (DBA) Insurance if applicable. New policies can be purchased directly from any Department of Labor (DOL) approved insurance carrier. A list of approved providers can be found at the Department of Labor website: http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/lscarrier.htm .

B.6 COST OF MATERIALS / EQUIPMENT

The cost of any materials or equipment required in conjunction with the services rendered herein shall be included in the proposed firm fixed-price.

B.7 BILL OF QUANTITIES

Bill of Quantities (BOQ's)/ Price Breakdown are provided for information purposes only in Attachment J.2 to this solicitation. The contract resulting from this solicitation shall be a Firm Fixed-Price contract and not a BOQ type contract providing for unit pricing of items and for payment based on quantity surveys. The total price will therefore not be adjusted upwards or downward to reflect work performed as determined by quantity surveys performed. It is a requirement for Offeror to provide a breakdown of proposal by completing the BOQ. The BOQ shall be adjusted as desired to correspond with the Offeror's Firm Fixed Price.

The Bill of Quantities provided is for reference purposes only. The contractor is required to verify the quantities and dimensions based on the drawings and specifications provided, and information acquired during the Site Visit. The contract price will not be adjusted due to increased quantities required during performance of the contract.

B.8 DEFINITION

In this contract, the terms Contractor, Design-Build Contractor, Architect, Architect/Engineer (A/E) or General Contractor are used interchangeably unless the context indicates otherwise. Each term shall mean the Contractor identified in Item 14 on page 1b of the Standard Form 1442 of this contract.

B.9 ABBREVIATIONS

BOQ	Bill of Quantities
CLIN	Contract Line Item Number
CO	Contracting Officer
COR	Contracting Officer's Representative
DOSAR	Department of State Acquisition Regulation
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation
LNTP	Limited Notice to Proceed
RFI	Request for Information
SOW	Statement of Work
QTY	Quantity
USG	United States Government

Section C DESCRIPTION / SPECIFICATIONS / STATEMENT OF WORK TABLE OF CONTENTS

C.1 INTRODUCTION

C.1.1 PROJECT TITLE

Replacement of a Garage, Retaining Wall, and Stairs at a U.S. Government-Owned Residence at Limastr. 14, 14363 Berlin-Zehlendorf, Germany.

C.1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE OF WORK

The following shall be replaced at the U.S. Government-owned residence at Limastr. 14 in Berlin-Zehlendorf: garage, retaining wall, and stairs.

The existing garage has become damaged by the trees in its near proximity. All outside walls are showing serious cracks. The garage door is no longer operating properly.

The contractor shall demolish the old garage and rebuild in the same location a garage of the same size, roof composition, and architectural qualities as the previous garage.

No building permits are required.

The structure of the new garage shall be made of reinforced concrete that will be able to accomodate future tensions. The foundation shall consist of a reinforced mat foundation type. the surface of the concrete must not be on the level of fair-faced concrete since the walls and pillars will be covered with stucco.

Two pine trees, which are currently standing next to the garage, must be felled, to ensure a safe working environment. The Contractor will not be responsible for the removal of the two trees.

The outer walls shall be plastered as far as they can be seen above grade. Afterwards, they shall be painted in the color of the house. Below grade, the outside walls shall be sealed with bituminous sealant.

The garage door shall be sectional and be controlled with a remote control. Included in the scope of this project is the delivery and installation of the garage door.

The space around the garage is fairly limited, but is different in height. Consquently, shoring becomes an issue.*

During construction, the Contractor shall be responsible for blocking the street in one direction at the length of approximately half of the property (up to the garden gate, which is approximately 15 meter). The Contractor will be required to apply for this and get the necessary permission. The street blockage shall be in effect until the construction work is completed.

The Contractor shall be responsible for verifying all measures stated in the drawings for accuracy.

The site is accessible and is even accessible by heavy duty trucks. Concrete may even be able to processed on-site without using a

pump. Water and electric power will be provided at no additional cost to the Contractor.

Construction material can be stored only on the street being blocked off by the constrution fence. Demolition material from the garage, retaining walls, and stairs will become the property of the Contractor. Material shall be disposed in accordance with regulations for the disposal of construction material in the state of Berlin.

The local accident prevention regulations are to be obeyed and instituted.

All materials used for this project shall be tested and approved by the (German) Federal Construction Authority.

*The Contractor shall state in its proposal whether the Contractor will perform professional shoring or install a slope. Any additional cost for shoring shall be factored in as a part of the overall price.

C.1.2.2 Reserved.

C.1.2 SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is located at the U.S. Government-owned residence at Limastr. 14, 14363 Berlin-Zehlendorf.

C.1.3 LIMIT OF CONSTRUCTION

The Contract includes all work within the established property line. The Contractor shall coordinate with USG and local authorities regarding all right-of-way improvements including work that could impact existing utilities.

C.1.4 RESERVED.

C.2 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

C.2.1 Reserved.

C.2.2 Reserved.

C.2.3 The Contractor is solely responsible for providing complete construction services, contract coordination and supervision necessary to meet the requirements of this contract within the established schedules.

C.2.4 Reserved.

C.2.5 Reserved.

C.2.2 The Contractor shall prepare monthly reports (meetings, inspections, site visits, construction schedule updates, updates to schedule of values), specifications, calculations, bill of materials, quality control plan, schedules, and verify construction costs.

C.2.3 The Contractor shall maintain continuous usage of existing systems during construction..

C.3 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

C.3.1 The Contractor shall NOT conduct any work that is beyond this Statement of Work unless directed in writing by the CO. Any work done by the Contractor beyond this SOW without direction from the CO will be at the Contractor’s own risk and at no cost to the Government. Restoration, if required as determined by the COR shall also be at the Contractor’s expense.

C.3.2 The Contracting Officer shall provide a Notice to Proceed (NTP) to the Contractor. No work shall be initiated until the CO issues the NTP.

C.3.3 The COR's review, approval, or acceptance of, nor payment for the services required under this contract shall be construed as a waiver of any rights under this contract for any course of action against the Contractor arising out of the performance of this contract.

C.4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR

C.4.1 The Contractor is solely responsible for providing complete construction services, contract coordination and supervision necessary to meet the requirements of this contract within the established schedules.

C.4.2 Reserved.

C.4.3 As the residences are occupied, the contractor shall coordinate the weekly work schedule through the COR in order to minimize disruption.

C4.4 The contractor shall manage noise and dirt/dust as required including the scheduling of particularly noisy work outside of normal business hours and/or the use of sound attenuation equipment as necessary.

C.5 CRITERIA

C.5.1 The Contractor shall perform the required work in conformance with the following criteria:

- DIN 18300 (Underground Work)
- DIN 18330 (Masonry)
- DIN 18331 (Concrete)
- DIN 18350 (Plaster)
- DIN 18363 (Painting)
- DIN 18352 (Metal)
- DIN 18338 (Roofing)
- Germany Construction Regulations (VOB) DIN 18299 (Warranty Period)

C.6 SPECIFICATIONS / STATEMENT OF WORK / DRAWINGS AND PLANS

C.6.1 Any inconsistency in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.215-8.

C.6.2 Reserved.

C.6.3 Reserved.

C.7 POST-CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

C.7.1 Reserved.

C.7.2 The U. S. Government may conduct a warranty compliance inspection 9 to 11 months after the final acceptance of the work. The contractor shall provide a technical representative for the inspection. The USG reserves its rights to make further warranty claims in accordance with the contract terms and conditions.

D.1 RESERVED.

Section E INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.1 Reserved.

E.2 SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

Definitions.

E.2.1 **"Substantial Completion"** means the stage in the progress of the work as determined and certified by the Contracting Officer or Contracting Officer's Representative in writing to the Contractor, on which the work or a portion thereof designated by the Government is sufficiently complete and satisfactory, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, that it may be occupied or utilized for the purpose for which it is intended, and only minor items such as touch-up, adjustments, and minor replacements or installations remain to be completed or corrected which (1) do not interfere with the intended occupancy or utilization of the work, and (2) can be completed or corrected within the time period required for final completion.

E.2.2 **"Date of Substantial Completion"** means the date determined by the Contracting Officer or Contracting Officer's Representative of which substantial completion of the work has been achieved.

E.2.3 Request for Substantial Completion Inspection

E.2.3.1 The Contractor shall give the COR at least 15 days advance written notice of the date the work will be substantially completed and ready for inspection and tests.

E2.2.2 The inspection and tests will be started not later than the date specified in the aforesaid notice unless the COR determines that the work is not ready for inspection and so informs the Contractor.

E.2.4 Use and Possession upon Substantial Completion

E.2.4.1 The Government shall have the right to take possession of and use the work upon substantial completion thereof. Upon notice by the Contractor that the work is substantially complete and verification thereof on the basis of an inspection by the COR and any required tests, the COR shall furnish the Contractor a Certificate of Substantial Completion, accompanied by the Schedule of Defects enumerating items of work remaining to be performed, completed or corrected before final completion and acceptance.

E.2.4.2 The failure of the COR to list any item of work shall not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for complying with the terms of the contract.

E.2.4.3 The Government's possession or use upon substantial completion shall not be deemed an acceptance of any work under the contract.

E.3 USE OF EQUIPMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT

E.3.1 **Right to Use.** The Government may take over and operate such equipment as is necessary for heating or cooling such areas of the building as require the service, and other equipment such as elevators, electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems, as soon as the installation is sufficiently complete to permit operation.

E.3.2 **Notice.** The COR will advise the Contractor in writing, prior to the use of the equipment, which items of equipment will be operated, and the date and time such operation shall begin.

E.3.3 **Effect on warranties.** Operation of equipment will not relieve the Contractor of any warranty or correction obligations elsewhere provided for in this contract. The applicable correction period, elsewhere provided for in this contract, for each piece of equipment shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of this contract.

E.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL

E.4.1 **Introduction.** A principal factor of performance on a project is the Contractor's control of the quality of workmanship. The Contractor shall establish and maintain a project-specific Quality Management Program (QMP) which defines and implements a quality system. The quality system is a documented organizational process which describes responsibilities, procedures, and resources for providing quality control and quality assurance on a project. Effectiveness of the QMP is achieved through adequate planning, forceful direction, and checking in the sense of measurement and evaluation. The QMP applies to the control of quality throughout all areas of contract performance.

E.4.2 **Quality Management Program (QPM)**: the Contractor's QMP shall be Facility Management Office (COR)-approved to provide employees, consultants, and/or joint-venture partners with established, uniform procedures for production of project data and documents throughout the construction process. Principal functions of the QMP are the following:

E.4.3 **Quality Control (QC):** Operational techniques and activities that are used to fulfill requirements for construction quality.

E.4.4 **Quality Assurance (QA):** Documentation of planned and systematic actions required to provide confidence that construction services provided are based on project requirements and satisfy stated requirements for quality.

E.4.5 Audits After award of the Contract, the Government may perform audits of the Contractor's QMP to periodically assess conformance with the QMP in accordance with the provisions of Section E of the contract. Disapproval of the program, or major portions, may be cause for a delay in progress of the project's development or, in some cases, withholding acceptance of the Contractor's performed services. The Government may examine the Contractor's existing quality system prior to award of this contract as part of a pre-contract assessment, in order to determine the ability of the Contractor to satisfy the "quality" requirements of this contract.

E.4.6 **Agreement on Quality Assurance** The Contractor shall develop a clear understanding with all his consultants on quality assurance matters for which the contractor are responsible, and the quality assurance program of the contractor shall be integrated with that of the Contractor of record.

E.4.7 **QMP Submittal Requirements** The QMP shall be structured and developed to include the following minimum requirements:

E.4.8 **Organizational Structure** The Contractor shall define and submit a QMP organizational structure within 15 days of contract award, including charts and a description of responsibilities of key persons who will perform the services. Persons responsible for interface with the Government, including the security manager and QMP Manager must be identified. A separate list should also include all team members, including consultants with telephone and email addresses.
NOTE: In addition to the submittal of a Quality Management Program within Fifteen (15) calendar days after contract award, the Offeror's shall have submitted a preliminary Quality Management Program (QMP) as part of their proposal (See L.5.5.3.(F)).

E.4.9 **Quality Policy** The Contractor shall have a stated corporate quality policy. This policy shall be consist-

ent with the Contractor's quality policy in the QMP. Necessary measures shall be taken by the Contractor to ensure that the corporate quality policy is understood, implemented, and maintained by all employees of the Contractor and the Contractor's subcontractors.

E.4.10 **Building Standards** Construction must comply with the building codes and standards as detailed within the project drawings and specifications in addition to conforming to each volume, as applicable, of the 2006 International Code Council body of codes. Inconsistencies among codes and standards shall be brought in writing to the attention of the COR. The COR will resolve any inconsistencies.

E.4.11 **Other Procedures** Other procedures shall address construction management, procurement activities, construction management, quality records, and audits.

E.4.12 **Security and Communications Interface** The Contractor's QMP shall provide for integration of security and communications requirements into the project.

E.4.13 **Checking, Coordinating, and Integrating Drawings** Quality control procedures shall be established to ensure individual drawings and other documentation have been checked and that all documentation, including that of the supporting disciplines (e.g., civil, structural, mechanical, electrical) have been coordinated and integrated. Deficiencies, ambiguities, conflicts, and inconsistencies shall be corrected prior to construction. Similar procedures shall be established to ensure that work in place complies with code requirements without the need for the USG to identify defects and initiate corrective action.

E.4.14 **Document Control** The QMP shall ensure that documents, including subsequent changes, will be reviewed for adequacy, approved for release by authorized personnel, and properly conveyed to the Government. Persons responsible for reviewing, approving, and releasing new and revised documents shall be identified.

E.4.15 **Corrective Action** The QMP shall clearly define responsibilities and procedures for corrective action in the event that deficiencies in D/B services or resulting deliverables are found to exist.

E.4.16 **QMP Reporting** The Contractor shall prepare a sample Quality Assurance (QA) Report to be submitted as part of the solicitation package this sample report shall be updated and submitted with 15 calendar days from contract award. This report shall identify the QMP procedures used to review drawings and data for these submissions identifying steps taken to coordinate all drawings and documents provided by the Government and shall show contractors coordination with the subcontractors. The report shall include: 1) QC Status of the project include evidence of QC effort by inclusion of notes, comments, dialogue and discussion among and between disciplines of QC input and adjudication; 2) Significant Program Problems and their solutions/corrective actions; 3) Organization and Key Personnel Changes to be submitted within 5 working days in advance of the proposed change; 4) Certification of completion of QMP procedures and submission completeness; 5) Construction Documents Compliance Letter for the construction works.

E.5 FINAL COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.5.1 Definitions

E.5.1.1 "Final completion and acceptance" means the stage in the progress of the work as determined by the COR and confirmed in writing to the Contractor, on which all work required under the contract has been completed in a satisfactory manner in accordance with the requirements thereof, subject to the discovery of defects after final completion, and except for items specifically excluded in the notice of final acceptance.

E.5.1.2 The "date of final completion and acceptance" means the date determined by the COR as of which final completion of the work has been achieved, as indicated by written notice to the Contractor.

E.5.2 Request for Final Inspection and Tests

The Contractor shall give the COR at least 15 days advance written notice of the date the work will be fully completed and ready for final inspection and tests. Final inspection and tests will be started not later than the date specified in the aforesaid notice unless the COR determines that the work is not ready for final inspection and so informs the Contractor.

E.5.3 Final Acceptance

Upon (a) satisfactory completion of all required tests, (b) verification by the COR on the basis of a final inspection that all items listed in the Schedule of Defects have been completed or corrected and that the work is finally complete, subject to the discovery of defects after final completion, and (c) submittal by the Contractor of all documents including contractor close-out documents, TSS Equipment Maintenance Plan and other items required upon completion of the work, including a final request for payment, and if the COR is satisfied that the work under the contract is complete and the contract has been fully performed, with the exception of continuing obligations there under, the COR shall issue to the Contractor a notice of final acceptance and process final payment as required by the contract.

52.246-12 Inspection of Construction (Aug 1996)

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

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

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

(1) Relieve the Contractor of responsibility for providing adequate quality control measures;

(2) Relieve the Contractor of responsibility for damage to or loss of the material before acceptance;

(3) Constitute or imply acceptance; or

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

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

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

(f) The Contractor shall, without charge, replace or correct work found by the Government not to conform to

contract requirements, unless in the public interest the Government consents to accept the work with an appropriate adjustment in contract price. The Contractor shall promptly segregate and remove rejected material from the premises.

(g) If the Contractor does not promptly replace or correct rejected work, the Government may-

(1) By contract or otherwise, replace or correct the work and charge the cost to the Contractor; or

(2) Terminate for default the Contractor's right to proceed.

(h) If, before acceptance of the entire work, the Government decides to examine already completed work by removing it or tearing it out, the Contractor, on request, shall promptly furnish all necessary facilities, labor, and material. If the work is found to be defective or nonconforming in any material respect due to the fault of the Contractor or its subcontractors, the Contractor shall defray the expenses of the examination and of satisfactory reconstruction. However, if the work is found to meet contract requirements, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment for the additional services involved in the examination and reconstruction, including, if completion of the work was thereby delayed, an extension of time.

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

(End of clause)

Section F DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

F.1 RESERVED.

F.2 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

F.2.2 ASSESSMENT AND APPORTIONMENT OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Liquidated damage will be assessed from the completion date indicated in the contract or extensions thereto to the date of substantial completion as actually achieved by the Contractor, as determined by the Contracting Officer.

F.3 CONTRACTOR'S SUBMISSION OF CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES

(a) The time for submission of the schedules referenced in Section I, 52.236-15, "Schedules for Construction Contracts", paragraph (a), is hereby modified to reflect that the submission shall be within 15 calendar days after contract award.

(b) The Contractor shall submit a schedule formulated in the Critical Path Method to the Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR). The schedule shall be in hard copy format and electronic format prepared using Microsoft Project software unless the COR authorizes another automated software program to be used. The construction schedule will be jointly reviewed by the consulting engineer and the COR and approved by the COR before construction starts. All schedule changes are to be approved in writing by the COR. The contractor will not be compensated for any unapproved changes in the schedule and will the performance period will be reduced by the time expended on the unapproved change.

(c) The contractor shall prepare weekly construction reports submitted to the COR conveying work accomplished for the week, according to the Project Schedule. All progress payment invoices shall be reflective (withholding considered) of the sum of the work completed in the weekly reports.

(d) The schedule shall include the time by which shop drawings, product data, samples and other submittals required by the contract shall be submitted for approval.

(e) The Contractor shall revise the schedule (1) to account for the actual progress of the work, (2) to reflect approved adjustments in the performance schedule, and (3) as required by the COR to achieve coordination with work by the Government and any separate contractors employed by the Government. The Contractor shall submit a schedule, which sequences work to minimize disruption at the job-site.

(f) All deliverables shall be in the English language, unless otherwise provided hereunder, and any system of dimensions (i.e., metric) shown shall be consistent with that used in the contract. No extension of time shall be allowed for delay by the Government in approving such deliverables if the Contractor has failed to act promptly and responsively in submitting its deliverables. Each deliverable shall be identified as required by the contract.

F.4 DELIVERABLES

Deliverable items called out in this contract shall be delivered in accordance with the following delivery schedule:

CO = Contracting Officer
COR = Contracting Officer's Representative
NTP = Notice to Proceed

Description	**Qty**	**Delivery Date**	**Deliver to:**
H.2.4 Insurance	1	Within 15 calendar days after contract award	CO&COR
H.12.1 Safety Plan	1	Within 15 calendar days after contract award	COR
F.3 Construction Schedule	1	Within 15 calendar days after contract award	COR
H.15.1 Submittal Register	1	Within 15 calendar days after contract award	COR
H.14.4 Bios on Personnel	1	Within 15 calendar days after contract award	COR
E.2 Quality Control Plan	1	10 calendar days after Construction NTP	COR
G.4 Payment Request	1	monthly after NTP	CO&COR
F.8 Monthly Progress Report	1	monthly after NTP	COR
I.1 Updates to Construction Schedule (52.236-15) and Schedule of Values	1	Last calendar day of each month	COR
E.2 Request for Substantial Completion Inspection	1	15 workdays before inspection	COR
E.4 Request for Final Completion Inspection	1	15 workdays before inspection	COR
E.4.3 Final Payment Release Statement and Contract Close-out Documents	1	with final invoice	CO&COR

NOTE: Any and all costs for the preparation, handling and submission of weekly and monthly reports shall be

included in the total price of the contract.

F.5 ACCEPTANCE OF SCHEDULE

When the Government has accepted any time schedule, it shall be binding upon the Contractor. The completion date is fixed and may be extended only by a written contract modification signed by the Contracting Officer. Acceptance or approval of any schedule or revision thereof by the Government shall not (1) extend the completion date or obligate the Government to do so, (2) constitute acceptance or approval of any delay, nor (3) excuse the Contractor from or relieve the Contractor of its obligation to maintain the progress of the work and achieve final completion by the established completion date.

F.6 NOTICE TO PROCEED

(a) Upon award of the contract, the Contracting Officer may provide to the Contractor a Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) which shall allow the contractor to commence with planning, initiate limited mobilization work activities, including submissions, establishment of site offices and lay-down areas.

(b) After the contractor personnel have passed the security screening, the Contracting Officer will issue the Contractor a Notice to Proceed. The Contractor shall then prosecute the work commencing and completing performance not later than the time period established in the contract.

(c) Reserved.

F.7 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Monthly progress reports shall be submitted by the last calendar day of each month during this contract attached to the monthly Progress Payment Request and the Schedule of Values. Reports shall be in letter format and contain information relevant to this project, including, but not limited to, accomplishments during the previous month, anticipated accomplishments for the next month, arising or occurring problems and possible or proposed solutions, questions that require answers or directions from the Post, any pending Government review comments regarding the Contractor’s submittals, any proposed change orders that have not been executed, and any other pertinent information required to report the progress of performance under this contract.

F.8 RESERVED.

F.9 NOTICE OF DELAY

In the event the Contractor receives a notice of any change in the work, or if any other conditions arise which are likely to cause or are actually causing delays which the Contractor believes may result in completion of the project after the completion date, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer of the effect, if any, of such change or other conditions upon the approved schedule, and shall state in what respects, if any, the relevant schedule or the completion date should be revised. Such notice shall be given promptly and not more than ten (10) days following the first occurrence of event giving rise to the delay or prospective delay. Revisions to the approved time schedule shall only be made with the approval of the Contracting Officer.

F.10 WORKING HOURS

All work shall be performed between 08:00 and 17:00, Monday through Friday except on U.S. Federal Government and American Embassy Berlin holidays. Other hours, if requested by the Contractor, may be approved by the Contracting Officer's Representative. The Contractor shall give 24 hours advance notice to COR who will consider any deviation from the hours identified above. Changes in work hours will not be a cause for a price increase.

(b) Reserved.

F.11 EXCUSABLE DELAYS

The Contractor will be allowed time, not money, for excusable delays. The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor the Contractor charged with damages in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.249-10.

F.12 PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

A pre-construction conferences may be held after contract award or upon submittal of the first deliverables to the COR, to discuss the design planning, schedule, submittals, notice to proceed, mobilization and other important issues that affect construction progress.

52.211-10 Commencement, Prosecution, and Completion of Work (Apr 1984)

The Contractor shall be required to (a) commence work under this contract within five (5) 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 one hundred (100).* The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.

(End of clause)

* The Contracting Officer shall specify either a number of days after the date the contractor receives the notice to proceed, or a calendar date.

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 EUR100 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)

52.242-14 Suspension of Work (Apr 1984)

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

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

(c) A claim under this clause shall not be allowed-

(1) For any costs incurred more than 20 days before the Contractor shall have notified the Contracting Officer in writing of the act or failure to act involved (but this requirement shall not apply as to a claim resulting from a suspension order); and

(2) Unless the claim, in an amount stated, is asserted in writing as soon as practicable after the termination of the suspension, delay, or interruption, but not later than the date of final payment under the contract.

(End of clause)

52.249-10 Default (Fixed-Price Construction) (Apr 1984)

(a) If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will insure its completion within the time specified in this contract including any extension, or fails to complete the work within this time, the Government may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the right to proceed with the work (or the separable part of the work) that has been delayed. In this event, the Government may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the Government resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within the specified time, whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the Government in completing the work.

(b) The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor the Contractor charged with damages under this clause, if--

(1) The delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include--

(i) Acts of God or of the public enemy,

(ii) Acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity,

(iii) Acts of another Contractor in the performance of a contract with the Government,

(iv) Fires,

(v) Floods,

(vi) Epidemics,

(vii) Quarantine restrictions,

(viii) Strikes,

(ix) Freight embargoes,

(x) Unusually severe weather, or

(xi) Delays of subcontractors or suppliers at any tier arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and

without the fault or negligence of both the Contractor and the subcontractors or suppliers; and

(2) The Contractor, within 10 days from the beginning of any delay (unless extended by the Contracting Officer), notifies the Contracting Officer in writing of the causes of delay. The Contracting Officer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of delay. If, in the judgment of the Contracting Officer, the findings of fact warrant such action, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The findings of the Contracting Officer shall be final and conclusive on the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clause.

(c) If, after termination of the Contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Government.

(d) The rights and remedies of the Government in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

(End of clause)

Section G CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G.1 AUTHORITY OF CONTRACTING OFFICER

All work shall be performed under the general direction of the Contracting Officer, who alone shall have the power to bind the Government and to exercise the rights, responsibilities, authorities and functions vested by the contract, except that the Contracting Officer and the Procurement Executive shall have the right to designate authorized representatives to act for the Contracting Officer, as specifically provided in the designation of that individual.

G.1.1 Contract Administration Data (07/01)

Contracting Officer: Sara E. Collins, CollinsSE@state.gov

US First Class Mailing: U.S. Department of State
Regional Procurement Support Office – Frankfurt
Unit 7900, Box 6000
DPO AE 09213

International mail: American Consulate General Frankfurt
(or courier / hand delivery) Regional Procurement Support Office (RPSO)
Giessener Strasse 30
D-60435 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Contracting Officer Representative: To be specified at contract award
Telephone Number:
Facsimile Number:

G.2 Reserved.

G.3 Reserved.

G.4 PAYMENT CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

G.4.1 General

The Contractor's attention is directed to Section I, 52.232-5, "Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts". The following subsections elaborate upon the information contained therein.

G.4.2 Detail of Payment Requests

Each request for payment, which shall be made no more frequently than monthly, unless otherwise provided herein, shall cover the value of labor and materials completed and in place, including a pro-rated portion of overhead and profit. Payment requests shall be supported with an updated Schedule of Values and invoices. The Contractor shall submit invoices to:

ORIGINAL INVOICE TO	COPY OF INVOICE TO
American Embassy Berlin Clayalle 170 ATTN: FMC RE: SGE50016C_____ 14191 Berlin, Germany	American Consulate General Frankfurt Regional Procurement Support Office ATTN: SGE50016C_____ (Contract Number) Giessener Strasse 30 D-60435 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Copies of all invoices shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer e-mail to CollinsSE@state.gov.

G.4.3 Payments to Subcontractors

The Contractor shall make timely payment from the proceeds of the progress or final payment for which request is being made, to his subcontractors and suppliers in accordance with the Contractor's contractual arrangements with them.

Requests for progress payments will be in accordance with the schedule of values based on total percent complete, progress against the construction schedule. Along with each request for progress payments, the Contractor shall furnish the following certification, or payment shall not be made: (However, the Contractor may elect to delete paragraph (c) (4) from the certification.)

"I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that --
(1) The amounts requested are only for performance in accordance with the specifications, terms, and conditions of the contract;
(2) Payments to subcontractors and suppliers have been made from previous payments received under the contract, and timely payments will be made from the proceeds of the payment covered by this certification, in accordance with subcontract agreements and the requirements of chapter 39 of Title 31, United States Code;
(3) This request for progress payments does not include any amounts which the prime contractor intends to withhold or retain from a subcontractor or supplier in accordance with the terms and conditions of the subcontract; and
(4) This certification is not to be construed as final acceptance of a subcontractor's performance.

_____
(Name)

_____
(Title)

_____
(Date)"

G.4.4 Evaluation

Following receipt of the Contractor's request for payment, in accordance with the schedule of values and on the basis of an inspection of the work, the COR shall make a determination as to the amount which, in his/her opinion, is then due. In the event the COR does not approve payment of the full amount applied for, less the retainage addressed in FAR 52.232-5, the COR shall advise the Contractor of the reasons therefore.

G.4.5 Additional Withholding
Independently of monies retained by the Government under FAR 52.232-5, or otherwise as permitted to be retained under this contract, the Government may withhold from payments due the Contractor any amounts considered necessary to cover:

(a) Wages or other amounts due the Contractor's employees on this project;
(b) Wages or other amounts due employees of subcontractors on this project;
(c) Amounts due suppliers of materials or equipment for this project; and
(d) Any other amounts for which the Contractor may be held liable under this contract, including but not limited to the actual or prospective costs of correction of defective work and prospective liquidated damages when the Contractor has failed to make adequate progress.

G.4.6 Payment
In accordance with FAR 52.232-27(a) the 14-day period identified in FAR 52.232-27(a) (1) (i) (A) is hereby changed to 30 days.

G.5. ADVANCE PAYMENT

Advance Payments shall not be authorized during the performance of this contract.

52.236-6 Superintendence by the Contractor (Apr 1984)

At all times during performance of this contract and until the work is completed and accepted, the Contractor shall directly superintend the work or assign and have on the worksite a competent superintendent who is satisfactory to the Contracting Officer and has authority to act for the Contractor.

(End of clause)

652.242-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) (AUG 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer may designate in writing one or more Government employees, by name and position title, to take action for the Contracting Officer under this contract. Each designee shall be identified as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Such designation(s) shall specify the scope and limitations of the authority so delegated; provided, that the designee shall not change the terms or conditions of the contract, unless the COR is a warranted Contracting Officer and this authority is delegated in the designation.
(b) The COR is [insert job title of COR] .
(End of clause)

Section H SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1 Reserved.

H.1.1 Reserved.

H.1.2 Reserved.

H.1.3 Reserved.

H.1.4 Reserved.

H.1.5 Reserved.

H.2 INSURANCE

H.2.1 Amount of Insurance

The Contractor is required by FAR 52.228-5 to provide whatever insurance is legally necessary. The Contractor, shall, at its own expense, provide and maintain during the entire performance period the following insurance amounts:

General Liability (includes premises/operations, collapse hazard, products, completed operations, contractual, independent contractors, broad form property damage, personal injury)

General Liability:	
(1) Bodily injury on or off site stated in U.S. dollars:	
Per Occurrence	**$250,000.00**
Cumulative	**$500,000.00**
(2) Property damage on or off site in U.S. dollars:	
Per Occurrence	**$250,000.00**
Cumulative	**$500,000.00**

The foregoing types and amounts of insurance are the minimums required. The Contractor shall obtain any other types of insurance required by local law or that are ordinarily or customarily obtained in the location of the work. The limit of such insurance shall be as provided by law or sufficient to meet normal and customary claims.

The Contractor agrees that the Government shall not be responsible for personal injuries or for damages to any property of the Contractor, its officers, agents, servants, and employees, or any other person, arising from and incident to the Contractor's performance of this contract. The Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the Government from any and all claims arising there from, except in the instance of gross negligence on the part of the Government.

The Contractor shall obtain adequate insurance for damage to, or theft of, materials and equipment in insurance coverage for loose transit to the site or in storage on or off the site.

H.2.2 Government as Additional-Insured

The general liability policy required of the Contractor shall name "the United States of America", as an additional-insured with respect to operations performed under this contract.

H.2.3 Insurance-Related Disputes

Failure to agree to any adjustment contemplated under this contract regarding insurance shall be a dispute within the meaning of the clause in Section I, 52.233-1 "Disputes". However, nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the work, including the repair and/or replacement as herein above provided.

H.2.4 Time for Submission of Evidence of Insurance

The Contractor shall provide evidence of the insurance required under this contract within 15 calendar days after contract award. Failure to timely submit this evidence, in a form acceptable to the Contracting Officer, may result in rescinding or termination of the contract by the Government.

H.3 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the definitions provided in Section I, FAR 52.202-1 the following definitions shall apply when

used in connection with this contract:
(a) **Contract Drawings** or **Drawings,** where indicated by the context, means those drawings specifically listed in the executed construction contract or as later incorporated into the contract by contract modification or change order.
(b) **Day** means a calendar day unless otherwise specifically indicated.
(c) **Host Country** means the country in which the project is located.
(d) **Government-Furnished Property** means property in the possession of, or directly acquired by the Government and subsequently made available to the Contractor. Government-Furnished Property includes Government-Furnished materials and Government-Furnished Equipment.
(e) **Material** means all materials, fixtures and other articles incorporated in, or which are intended to remain with the project.
(f) **Notice to Proceed** means a written notice to the Contractor from the Contracting Officer authorizing the Contractor to incur obligations and proceed with the work required by the type of Notice to Proceed issued, either "Design" or "Construction," and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract as of a date set forth in the Notice.
(g) **Other Submittals** includes progress schedules, setting drawings, testing and inspection reports, and other information required by the contract to be submitted by the Contractor for information or approval by the Government.
(h) **Project Data** includes standard 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.
(i) **Samples** are physical examples, which illustrate materials, equipment or workmanship and establish standards by which the work will be judged.
(j) **Schedule of Defects** means the list of items, prepared in connection with substantial completion of the work or early occupancy or utilization of a portion thereof, which the COR has designated as remaining to be performed, completed or corrected before the work will be accepted by the Government.
(k) **Separate Contractor** means a contractor, other than the Contractor or any of its subcontractors, to whom the Government has awarded a contract for construction of a portion of the project.
(l) **Work** means any and all permanent construction, which is intended to be incorporated into the finished project and required to be performed or otherwise provided by the Contractor under this contract, unless otherwise indicated by the context.
(m) **Bill of Quantities** means that document that sets forth the quantities of work and which is provided to assist offerors in compiling their bids. Rates submitted in the Bills of Quantities shall be used in the calculation of cost for any Change Orders issued during performance of the contract.

H.4 OWNERSHIP AND USE OF DOCUMENTS

H.4.1 Ownership and Use of Drawings, Specifications and Models

(a) All designs, drawings, specifications, models, notes and other works developed in the performance of this contract shall become the sole property of the US Government and may be used on any other design construction without additional compensation to the Contractor. The US Government shall be considered "person from whom the work was prepared" for the purpose of authorship in any copyrightable work under Section 201(B) of Title 17, United States Code. The Contractor agrees not to assert or authorize others to assert any rights nor establish any claim under the design patent or copyright laws. The Contractor, for a period of three years after completion of the project, agrees to furnish all retained works at the request of the US Government. Unless otherwise provided in this contract, the Contractor shall have the right to retain copies of all works beyond such period, except in the case of classified designs, drawings, specification, and any other documents.
(b) **Use and Return.** Unless otherwise provided in the contract, the documents described in (a) above are not to be used by other than the Contractor or by the Contractor on other work and, with the exception of the signed Contractor set, additional copies thereof provided to or made by the Contractor shall be returned or suitably accounted for by the Contractor upon final completion of the work.

H.4.2 Supplemental Documents

The Contracting Officer or COR may furnish from time to time such detailed drawings and other information as is considered necessary, in the opinion of the Contracting Officer, to interpret, clarify, supplement, or correct inconsistencies, errors or omissions in the contract documents, or to describe minor changes in the work not involving an increase in the contract price or extension of the contract time. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the supplemental documents, and unless the Contractor makes objection within twenty (20) days, their issuance shall not provide for any claim for an increase in the contract price or an extension of contract time.

H.4.3 Reserved.

H.4.4 Reserved.

H.5 Reserved.

H.6 GOVERNING LAW

This contract and the interpretation thereof shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America.

H.7 LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

The manager assigned by the contractor to superintend the work on-site, as required by Section I, 52.236-6, "Superintendence by the Contractor", shall be fluent in written and spoken English.

H.8 LAWS AND REGULATIONS

H.8.1 Compliance Required

The Contractor shall, without additional expense to the Government, be responsible for complying with all laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations applicable to the performance of the work, including those of the host country, and with the lawful orders of any governmental authority having jurisdiction. Host country authorities may not enter the construction site without the permission of the US Government. Unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall comply with the more stringent of the requirements of such laws, regulations and orders and of the contract. In case of a conflict between the contract and such laws, regulations and orders, the Contractor shall promptly advise the Contracting Officer of the conflict and of the Contractor's proposed course of action for resolution by the Contracting Officer.

H.8.2 Labor, Health and Safety Laws and Customs

The Contractor shall comply with all local labor laws, regulations, customs and practices pertaining to labor, safety, and similar matters, to the extent that such compliance is not inconsistent with the requirements of this contract.

H.8.3 Subcontractors

The Contractor shall give written assurance to the Contracting Officer that all subcontractors and others performing work on or for the project have obtained all requisite licenses and permits.

H.8.4 Evidence of Compliance

Proper documentation and evidence satisfactory to the Contracting Officer of compliance with this clause shall be submitted by the Contractor at such times as directed by the Contracting Officer.

H.9 RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTOR

H.9.1 Damage to Persons or Property

The Contractor shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property that occur as a result of the Contractor's fault or negligence, and shall take proper safety and health precautions to protect the work, the workers, the public, and the property of others.

H.9.2 Responsibility for Work Performed

The Contractor shall be responsible for all materials delivered and work performed until final completion and acceptance of the entire work, except for any completed unit of work, which may have been accepted in writing under the contract.

H.9.3 Utilities and Facilities

The Contractor will be provided with a storage and staging area as determined by the COR. The Contractor shall be responsible for restoring the area to its original condition at the completion of the work. The Contractor shall be responsible for repair of any damage incurred to buildings or pavement as a result of storage activities. The Contractor is responsible for obtaining any additional off compound storage areas as required.

The Contractor shall at all times keep the work area free from accumulation of waste materials. Upon completing construction, the Contractor shall remove all temporary facilities and leave the project site in a clean and orderly condition acceptable to the COR.

H.10 CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

H.10.1 Operations and Storage Areas

(a) **Confinement to Authorized Areas -** The Contractor shall confine all operations (including storage of materials) on Government premises to areas authorized or approved by the COR.
(b) **Vehicular Access -** The Contractor shall and in accordance with any regulations prescribed by the Contracting Officer, use only established site entrances and roadways.

H.10.2 Use of Premises

(a) **Occupied Premises:** The Contractor, its subcontractors, and their employees shall comply with the regulations promulgated by the Government governing access to, operation of, and conduct while in or on the premises and shall perform the work required under this contract in such a manner as not to unreasonably interrupt or interfere with the conduct of Government business.

(b) **Requests from Occupants:** Any request received by the Contractor from occupants of existing residences to change the sequence of work shall be referred to the COR for determination.

(c) **Access limited:** The Contractor shall provide their employees and subcontractors with working badges to facilitate access to the construction site. Contractor personnel shall not have access to or be admitted into any building or portion of the site outside the areas designated in this contract except with the permission of the Government.

(d) **Daily Cleanup/Housekeeping:** As the residence is currently occupied; the Contractor shall ensure the site is thoroughly cleaned after each day of operation.

H.10.3 Noise and Dust Management

(a) The contractor will be held responsible for ensuring that all plant and equipment, including any which may be on hire, is well maintained, properly silenced and used in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.

(b) The contractor should ensure that measures are taken to: (1) Protect residents, users of buildings close by and passers by from nuisance or harm and(2) Protect buildings from physical damage caused by vibration.

(c) Noisy equipment shall be situated as far as possible from noise sensitive buildings. Barriers (e.g. site huts,

acoustic sheds or partitions) to reduce noise reaching noise sensitive buildings shall be employed where practicable.

(d) Compressors should be fitted with properly lined and sealed acoustic covers which should be kept closed whenever in use. Pneumatic percussive tools should be fitted with mufflers or silencers of the type recommended by the manufacturers.

(e) Equipment which breaks concrete, brickwork or masonry by bending or bursting or "nibbling" shall be used in preference to percussive tools where practicable. Avoid the use of impact tools where the site is close to occupied premises.

(f) Where practicable, equipment powered by mains electricity shall be used in preference to equipment powered by internal combustion engine or locally generated electricity.

(g) Burning of materials on site shall not be permitted.

(h) Dust pollution shall be minimized during demolition by the complete screening, if practicable, of the building or structure likely to be affected by debris screens.

(i) The watering down of the area should be carried out where necessary to minimize dust transfer into neighboring premises.

H.11 TEMPORARY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

The Contractor may erect temporary buildings (such as, storage sheds, shops, offices) and utilities only with the approval of the Contracting Officer's Representative. The cost of these temporary buildings is included in the contract fixed price. The temporary buildings and utilities shall remain the property of the Contractor and shall be removed by the Contractor at its expense upon completion of the work. With the written consent of the Contracting Officer Representative, the buildings and utilities may be abandoned and need not be removed.

H.12 Reserved.

H.13 SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

H.13.1 Claims and Encumbrances

The Contractor shall satisfy as due all lawful claims of any persons or entities employed by the Contractor, including subcontractors, material men and laborers, for all labor performed and materials furnished under this contract, including the applicable warranty or correction period, unless the Government shall be directly liable therefore by the contract. The Contractor shall not at any time permit any lien, attachment, or other encumbrance to be entered against or to remain on the building(s), or the premises, whether public or private, or any portion thereof, as a result of nonperformance of any part of this contract.

H.13.2 Approval of Subcontractors

(a) **Review and approval** The Government reserves the right to review proposed subcontractors for a period of five (5) calendar days before providing notice of approval or rejection of any or all subcontractors.

(b) **Rejection of subcontractors:** The Government reserves the right to reject any or all subcontractors proposed if their participation in the project, as determined by the Contracting Officer, may cause damage to the national security interests of the United States. The Contractor agrees to promptly replace any subcontractor rejected by the Government under this clause.

H.14 CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL

H.14.1 Key Personnel

a) The Contractor shall assign to this contract the following key personnel to the identified position/function:

Position/Function	**Name**
Safety Manager	
Site Superintendent	

The offeror shall provide a detailed resume and the experience of these individuals. If these individuals are not current employees provide a letter of intent. All off the above are considered to be Key personnel and are required to be able to read, write, speak and understand English, the contractor shall provide proof with their submittal.
To be submitted with original offer. See section L.5.3.3 Volume 2 (1) Key personnel.
b) During the entire performance period of this contract, the Contractor shall make no substitutions of key personnel unless the substitution is necessitated by illness, death, or termination of employment. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer within 15 calendar days after the occurrence of any of these events and provide the information required by paragraph H.14.4 to the Contracting Officer at least 15 days prior to making any permanent substitutions. The Contractor shall provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitution, complete resume for the proposed substitute, and any additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. The proposed substitute shall possess qualifications comparable to the original key person, as well as satisfying any minimum standards set forth elsewhere in the solicitation/contract. The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor within 15 calendar days after receipt of all required information of the decision on the substitution. This clause will be modified to reflect any changes in key personnel.

H.14.2 Removal of Personnel
The Contractor shall maintain discipline at the site and at all times take all reasonable precautions to prevent any unlawful, riotous or disorderly conduct by or amongst those employed at the site and for the preservation of peace and protection of persons and property in the neighborhood of the project against the same. The COR may require, in writing, that the Contractor remove from the work any employee that the COR deems incompetent, careless, insubordinate or otherwise objectionable, or whose continued employment on the project is deemed by the COR to be contrary to the Government's interests.

H.14.3 Notice to the Government of Labor Disputes
If the Contractor has knowledge that any actual or potential labor dispute is delaying or threatening to delay the timely performance of this contract, the Contractor shall immediately give notice, including all relevant information, to the Contracting Officer.

H.14.4 Construction Personnel Security
(a) For any contractor personnel having a need to access the work site during the design phase, the Contractor shall submit 10 days after contract award a list of personnel (Bio List) assigned to this project for the Local Government to conduct all necessary security checks. For each individual the list shall include their full name, address, date of birth, place of birth (district and city), copy of passport or national identity card, work and residence permits, father’s name, and spouse’s name.

(b) A list of all contractor construction personnel (workers and supervisors) assigned to work at this project during the construction phase shall be submitted to the COR together within 14 calendar days of submitting the Final Construction Documents. For each individual the list shall include the same information and documentation as specified in paragraph (a) above.

(c) Failure to provide any of the above information may be considered grounds for rejection and/or re-submittal of the application. Upon completion of the security screening and following approval by the Local Government, the applicants will be authorized access to the site. The Contractor shall supply all employees with appropriate identification, employment cards, and badges to facilitate entry to the site.

(d) The contractor shall submit weekly an access list of personnel that will be engaged in work on the site during that week. The contractor shall also submit a weekly list of vehicles that require access to the facility and shall include the type of vehicle, license plate number, and driver identification.

(e) Access to the site may be revoked at any time due to falsification of data or misconduct on site. The COR reserves the right to deny access to any person or vehicle deemed to be a security risk. The Contractor shall promptly replace any personnel whose right to work on site is revoked by the Local Government.

Note: Local Government security checks may take two to three weeks. Delays caused by late submission of the required information shall not be considered as "excusable delays" as described elsewhere in the contract.

H.15 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

H.15.1 Selection and Approval of Materials

(a) **Standard of quality:** All materials and equipment incorporated into the work shall be new and for the purpose intended, unless otherwise specified. All workmanship shall be of good quality and performed in a skillful manner that will withstand inspection.

(b) **Selection by Contractor -** Where the contract permits the Contractor to select products, materials or equipment (TSS Equipment excepted – any deviations must be approved by the RSO)- to be incorporated in the work, or where specific approval is otherwise required by the contract, the Contractor shall furnish to the COR, for approval, the names of the manufacturer, model number, and source of procurement of each such product, material or equipment, together with other pertinent information concerning the nature, appearance, dimensions, performance, capacity, and rating thereof, unless otherwise required by the COR. The Contractor shall provide such information in a sufficiently timely manner to permit evaluation against the requirements of the contract. In order to ensure a timely review the Contractor shall provide a submittal register within 15 calendar days of contract award showing when shop drawings, samples, or submittals shall be made. When directed to do so, the Contractor shall submit samples for approval at the Contractor's expense, with all shipping charges prepaid. Installation or use of any products, materials or equipment without the required approval shall be at the risk of subsequent rejection.

H.15.2 Custody of Materials

The Contractor shall be responsible for the custody of all materials received for incorporation into the project, including Government furnished materials, upon delivery to the Contractor or to any person for whom it is responsible, including subcontractors. The Contractor shall deliver all such items to the site as soon as practicable. If required by the COR, the Contractor shall clearly mark in a manner directed by the COR all items of which the Contractor has custody but which have not been delivered or secured at the site, clearly indicating the use of such items for this US Government project.

H.15.3 Basis of Contract Price

The contract price is based on the use of materials, products and equipment specified in the contract, except for substitutions or "Or-Equal" items proposed by the Contractor, which have been specifically approved by the Government at the time of execution of the contract. Any substitution approved by the Government after execution of the contract shall be subject to an appropriate adjustment of the contract price.

H.15.4 Substitutions

(a) **Prior approval required** before substitutions (1) proposed by the Contractor but not yet approved at the time of execution of the contract, or (2) proposed by the Contractor after execution of the contract may be used in the project, the Contractor must receive approval in writing from the COR. Any substitution request shall be accompanied by sufficient information to permit evaluation by the Government, including but not limited to the reasons for the proposed substitution and data concerning the design, appearance, performance, composition,

and relative cost of the proposed substitute. Requests for substitutions shall be made in a timely manner to permit adequate evaluation by the Government. If, in the COR's opinion, the use of such substitute items is not in the best interests of the Government, the Contractor shall obtain the items originally specified with no adjustment in the contract price or completion date.

(b) **Approval through shop drawings:** The Contractor may propose substitutions of materials in the submittal of shop drawings, provided such substitution is specifically requested in writing in the transmittal of the shop drawings to the COR. Such substitution requests shall be submitted in a timely manner and shall be supported by the required information.

(c) **Final approval on delivery:** Acceptance or approval of proposed substitutions under the contract is conditioned upon approval of items delivered at the site or approval by sample. Approval by sample shall not limit the Government's right to reject material after delivery to the site if the material does not conform to the approved sample in all material respects.

H.15.5 "Or-Equal Clause"
References in the specifications/Statement of Work and drawings, to materials, products or equipment by trade name, make, or catalog number, or to specific processes, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. The Contractor may propose for approval or rejection by the COR the substitution of any material, product, equipment or process that the Contractor believes to be equal to or better than that named in the specifications and drawings, unless otherwise specifically provided in this contract.

H.15.6 Use and Testing of Samples
(a) **Use:** Approved samples not destroyed in testing will be sent to the COR. Those in good condition will be marked for identification and may be used in the work. Materials and equipment incorporated in the work shall match the approved samples within any specified tolerances. Other samples not destroyed in testing or not approved will be returned to the Contractor at its expense if so requested.

(b) **Failure of Samples:** Failure of any material to pass the specified tests will be sufficient cause for refusal to consider, under this contract, any further samples of the same brand or make of that material or equipment which previously has proved unsatisfactory in service.

(c) **Taking and testing of Samples** of various materials or equipment delivered on the site or in place may be taken by the COR for additional testing by the Government outside of those required by the Contract documents. Samples failing to meet contract requirements will automatically void previous approvals of the items tested. The Contractor shall replace such materials or equipment found not to have met contract requirements, unless the Contracting Officer determines it to be in the Government's interest to accept the nonconforming materials or equipment with an appropriate adjustment of the Contract price as determined by the Contracting Officer.

(d) **Cost of additional testing by the Government:** Unless otherwise specified, when additional tests are made, only one test of each sample proposed for use will be made at the expense of the Government. Samples that do not meet contract requirements will be rejected. Further testing of additional samples, if required, will be made at the expense of the Contractor.

H.16 IMPORTED MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONNEL

H.16.1 Shipment and Customs Clearance
(a) **Costs to be borne solely by Contractor** The Contractor is solely responsible without right of reimbursement from the Government for paying all charges, whatsoever, except customs duties as provided herein, incurred in obtaining materials that must be imported for the project and in transporting the materials from their

place of origin to the construction site. Moving costs shall include, but not necessarily be limited to packing, handling, cartage, overland freight, ocean freight, transshipment, port, unloading, customs clearance and duties (other than customs duties as provided herein), unpacking, storage, and all other charges including administrative costs in connection with obtaining and transporting the materials from their source to the project site.
(b) **Reserved.**
(c) **Reserved.**

H.16.2 Surplus Materials
Unless otherwise specified, any surplus materials, fixtures, articles or equipment remaining at the completion of the project shall become the property of the Contractor, except those items furnished by the Government, the cost of which is not included in the contract price.

H.17 SPECIAL WARRANTIES

H.17.1 Special Warranty Obligations
Any special warranties that may be required under the contract shall be subject to the stipulations set forth in Section I, 52.246-21, "Warranty of Construction" insofar as they do not conflict with the provisions of such special warranties.

H.17.2 Warranty Information
The Contractor shall obtain and furnish to the Government all information that is required in order to make any subcontractor, manufacturer, or supplier's guaranty or warranty legally binding and effective, and shall submit both the information and the guaranty or warranty to the Government in sufficient time to permit the Government to meet any time limit requirements specified in the guaranty or warranty, but not later than completion and acceptance of all work under this contract.

H.18 EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENTS

H.18.1 Basis for Equitable Adjustments
Any circumstance for which the contract provides an equitable adjustment, that causes a change within the meaning of paragraph (a) of the “Changes” clause shall be treated as a change under that clause; provided, that the Contractor gives the Contracting Officer prompt written notice within a limit of 20 days stating:
(a) The date, circumstances, and applicable contract clause authorizing an equitable adjustment and
(b) That the Contractor regards the event as a changed condition for which an equitable adjustment is allowed under the contract.

H.18.2 Differing Site Condition Notice
The Contractor shall provide written notice of a differing site condition within ten (10) calendar days of occurrence in accordance with additional information provided in FAR 52.236-2, Differing Site Condition.

H.18.3 Documentation of Proposals for Equitable Adjustments
(a) **Itemization of proposals and requests** Any request for equitable adjustment in the contract price, including any change proposal submitted in accordance with the "Changes" clause, shall be submitted in the form of a lump sum proposal supported with an itemized breakdown of all increases and decreases in the contract price in at least the detail required by the Contracting Officer, and
shall include all costs and delays related to or arising out of the change or event giving rise to the proposed adjustment, including any delay damages and additional overhead costs.
(b) **Proposed time adjustments** The Contractor shall submit with any request for an equitable adjustment or change proposal a proposed time extension (if applicable) and shall include sufficient information to demonstrate whether and to what extent the change will delay the contract in its entirety.
(c) **Release by Contractor** The price and time adjustment made in any contract modification issued as a result of a change proposal or request for an equitable adjustment shall be considered to account for all items affected by the change or other circumstances giving rise to an equitable adjustment. Upon the issuance of such

contract modification, the Government shall be released from any and all liability under this contract for further equitable adjustments attributable to the facts and circumstances giving rise to the change proposal or request for equitable adjustment.

H.19 NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

In the event the Contractor, after receiving written notice from the Contracting Officer of noncompliance with any requirement of this contract, fails to initiate promptly such action as may be appropriate to comply with the specified requirement within a reasonable period of time, the Contracting Officer shall have the right to order the Contractor to suspend any or all work under the contract until the Contractor has complied or has initiated such action as may be appropriate to comply within a reasonable period of time. The Contractor will not be entitled to any extension of contract time or payment for any costs incurred as a result of being ordered to stop work for such a cause.

H.20 ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor shall not assign the contract or any part thereof without the written consent of the Contracting Officer, nor shall the Contractor assign any moneys or other benefits due or to become due to him hereunder, without the prior written consent of the Contracting Officer.

H.21 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The Government's obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer and until the Contractor receives written notice from the Contracting Officer confirming such availability.

H.22 ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS RESTRICTION

Asbestos-free materials shall be used. The Government reserves the right at no additional cost to the Government to disapprove and to disallow the installation of any item containing asbestos.

H.23 Reserved.

(See Full Text at End of Section)

52.236-1 Performance of Work by the Contractor (Apr 1984)

The Contractor shall perform on the site, and with its own organization, work equivalent to at least [insert the appropriate number in words followed by numerals in parentheses] percent of the total amount of work to be performed under the contract. This percentage may be reduced by a supplemental agreement to this contract if, during performing the work, the Contractor requests a reduction and the Contracting Officer determines that the reduction would be to the advantage of the Government.

(End of clause)

52.202-1 Definitions (Nov 2013)

When a solicitation provision or contract clause uses a word or term that is defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), the word or term has the same meaning as the definition in FAR 2.101 in effect at the time

the solicitation was issued, unless--

(a) The solicitation, or amended solicitation, provides a different definition;

(b) The contracting parties agree to a different definition;

(c) The part, subpart, or section of the FAR where the provision or clause is prescribed provides a different meaning; or

(d) The word or term is defined in FAR Part 31, for use in the cost principles and procedures.

(End of clause)

52.203-3 Gratuities (Apr 1984)

(a) The right of the Contractor to proceed may be terminated by written notice if, after notice and hearing, the agency head or a designee determines that the Contractor, its agent, or another representative-

(1) Offered or gave a gratuity (*e.g.*, an entertainment or gift) to an officer, official, or employee of the Government; and

(2) Intended, by the gratuity, to obtain a contract or favorable treatment under a contract.

(b) The facts supporting this determination may be reviewed by any court having lawful jurisdiction.

(c) If this contract is terminated under paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government is entitled-

(1) To pursue the same remedies as in a breach of the contract; and

(2) In addition to any other damages provided by law, to exemplary damages of not less than 3 nor more than 10 times the cost incurred by the Contractor in giving gratuities to the person concerned, as determined by the agency head or a designee. (This paragraph (c)(2) is applicable only if this contract uses money appropriated to the Department of Defense.)

(d) The rights and remedies of the Government provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

(End of clause)

52.203-5 Covenant Against Contingent Fees (May 2014)

(a) The Contractor warrants that no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or obtain this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a contingent fee, except a bona fide employee or agency. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Government shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or, to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of the contingent fee.

(b) "Bona fide agency," as used in this clause, means an established commercial or selling agency, maintained by a contractor for the purpose of securing business, that neither exerts nor proposes to exert improper influence

to solicit or obtain Government contracts nor holds itself out as being able to obtain any Government contract or contracts through improper influence.

"Bona fide employee," as used in this clause, means a person, employed by a contractor and subject to the contractor's supervision and control as to time, place, and manner of performance, who neither exerts nor proposes to exert improper influence to solicit or obtain Government contracts nor holds out as being able to obtain any Government contract or contracts through improper influence.

"Contingent fee," as used in this clause, means any commission, percentage, brokerage, or other fee that is contingent upon the success that a person or concern has in securing a Government contract.

"Improper influence," as used in this clause, means any influence that induces or tends to induce a Government employee or officer to give consideration or to act regarding a Government contract on any basis other than the merits of the matter.

(End of clause)

52.203-7 Anti-Kickback Procedures (May 2014)

(a) *Definitions.*

"Kickback," as used in this clause, means any money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, thing of value, or compensation of any kind which is provided to any prime Contractor, prime Contractor employee, subcontractor, or subcontractor employee for the purpose of improperly obtaining or rewarding favorable treatment in connection with a prime contract or in connection with a subcontract relating to a prime contract.

"Person," as used in this clause, means a corporation, partnership, business association of any kind, trust, joint-stock company, or individual.

"Prime contract," as used in this clause, means a contract or contractual action entered into by the United States for the purpose of obtaining supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind.

"Prime Contractor" as used in this clause, means a person who has entered into a prime contract with the United States.

"Prime Contractor employee," as used in this clause, means any officer, partner, employee, or agent of a prime Contractor.

"Subcontract," as used in this clause, means a contract or contractual action entered into by a prime Contractor or subcontractor for the purpose of obtaining supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind under a prime contract.

"Subcontractor," as used in this clause, (1) means any person, other than the prime Contractor, who offers to furnish or furnishes any supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind under a prime contract or a subcontract entered into in connection with such prime contract, and (2) includes any person who offers to furnish or furnishes general supplies to the prime Contractor or a higher tier subcontractor.

"Subcontractor employee," as used in this clause, means any officer, partner, employee, or agent of a subcontractor.

(b) 41 U.S.C. chapter 87, Kickbacks, prohibits any person from -

(1) Providing or attempting to provide or offering to provide any kickback;

(2) Soliciting, accepting, or attempting to accept any kickback; or

(3) Including, directly or indirectly, the amount of any kickback in the contract price charged by a prime Contractor to the United States or in the contract price charged by a subcontractor to a prime Contractor or higher tier subcontractor.

(c)(1) The Contractor shall have in place and follow reasonable procedures designed to prevent and detect possible violations described in paragraph (b) of this clause in its own operations and direct business relationships.

(2) When the Contractor has reasonable grounds to believe that a violation described in paragraph (b) of this clause may have occurred, the Contractor shall promptly report in writing the possible violation. Such reports shall be made to the inspector general of the contracting agency, the head of the contracting agency if the agency does not have an inspector general, or the Attorney General.

(3) The Contractor shall cooperate fully with any Federal agency investigating a possible violation described in paragraph (b) of this clause.

(4) The Contracting Officer may (i) offset the amount of the kickback against any monies owed by the United States under the prime contract and/or (ii) direct that the Prime Contractor withhold from sums owed a subcontractor under the prime contract the amount of the kickback. The Contracting Officer may order that monies withheld under subdivision (c)(4)(ii) of this clause be paid over to the Government unless the Government has already offset those monies under subdivision (c)(4)(i) of this clause. In either case, the Prime Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer when the monies are withheld.

(5) The Contractor agrees to incorporate the substance of this clause, including paragraph (c)(5) but excepting paragraph (c)(1), in all subcontracts under this contract which exceed $150,000.

(End of clause)

52.203-8 Cancellation, Rescission, and Recovery of Funds for Illegal or Improper Activity (May 2014)

(a) If the Government receives information that a contractor or a person has violated 41 U.S.C. 2102-2104, Restrictions on Obtaining and Disclosing Certain Information, the Government may -

(1) Cancel the solicitation, if the contract has not yet been awarded or issued; or

(2) Rescind the contract with respect to which--

(i) The Contractor or someone acting for the Contractor has been convicted for an offense where the conduct violates 41 U.S.C. 2102 for the purpose of either -

(A) Exchanging the information covered by such subsections for anything of value; or

(B) Obtaining or giving anyone a competitive advantage in the award of a Federal agency procurement contract; or

(ii) The head of the contracting activity has determined, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, that the Contractor or someone acting for the Contractor has engaged in conduct punishable under 41 U.S.C. 2105(a).

(b) If the Government rescinds the contract under paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government is entitled to recover, in addition to any penalty prescribed by law, the amount expended under the contract.

(c) The rights and remedies of the Government specified herein are not exclusive, and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law, regulation, or under this contract.

(End of clause)

52.203-10 Price or Fee Adjustment for Illegal or Improper Activity (May 2014)

(a) The Government, at its election, may reduce the price of a fixed-price type contract and the total cost and fee under a cost-type contract by the amount of profit or fee determined as set forth in paragraph (b) of this clause if the head of the contracting activity or designee determines that there was a violation of 41 U.S.C. 2102 or 2103, as implemented in section 3.104 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(b) The price or fee reduction referred to in paragraph (a) of this clause shall be-

(1) For cost-plus-fixed-fee contracts, the amount of the fee specified in the contract at the time of award;

(2) For cost-plus-incentive-fee contracts, the target fee specified in the contract at the time of award, notwithstanding any minimum fee or "fee floor" specified in the contract;

(3) For cost-plus-award-fee contracts-

(i) The base fee established in the contract at the time of contract award;

(ii) If no base fee is specified in the contract, 30 percent of the amount of each award fee otherwise payable to the Contractor for each award fee evaluation period or at each award fee determination point.

(4) For fixed-price-incentive contracts, the Government may-

(i) Reduce the contract target price and contract target profit both by an amount equal to the initial target profit specified in the contract at the time of contract award; or

(ii) If an immediate adjustment to the contract target price and contract target profit would have a significant adverse impact on the incentive price revision relationship under the contract, or adversely affect the contract financing provisions, the Contracting Officer may defer such adjustment until establishment of the total final price of the contract. The total final price established in accordance with the incentive price revision provisions of the contract shall be reduced by an amount equal to the initial target profit specified in the contract at the time of contract award and such reduced price shall be the total final contract price.

(5) For firm-fixed-price contracts, by 10 percent of the initial contract price or a profit amount determined by the Contracting Officer from records or documents in existence prior to the date of the contract award.

(c) The Government may, at its election, reduce a prime contractor's price or fee in accordance with the procedures of paragraph (b) of this clause for violations of the statute by its subcontractors by an amount not to exceed the amount of profit or fee reflected in the subcontract at the time the subcontract was first definitively priced.

(d) In addition to the remedies in paragraphs (a) and (c) of this clause, the Government may terminate this contract for default. The rights and remedies of the Government specified herein are not exclusive, and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

(End of clause)

52.203-12 Limitation On Payments To Influence Certain Federal Transactions (Oct 2010)

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

"Agency" means "executive agency" as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101.

"Covered Federal action" means any of the following actions:

(1) Awarding any Federal contract.

(2) Making any Federal grant.

(3) Making any Federal loan.

(4) Entering into any cooperative agreement.

(5) Extending, continuing, renewing, amending, or modifying any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

"Indian tribe" and "tribal organization" have the meaning provided in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b) and include Alaskan Natives.

"Influencing or attempting to influence" means making, with the intent to influence, any communication to or appearance before an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any covered Federal action.

"Local government" means a unit of government in a State and, if chartered, established, or otherwise recognized by a State for the performance of a governmental duty, including a local public authority, a special district, an intrastate district, a council of governments, a sponsor group representative organization, and any other instrumentality of a local government.

"Officer or employee of an agency" includes the following individuals who are employed by an agency:

(1) An individual who is appointed to a position in the Government under Title 5, United States Code, including a position under a temporary appointment.

(2) A member of the uniformed services, as defined in subsection 101(3), Title 37, United States Code.

(3) A special Government employee, as defined in section 202, Title 18, United States Code.

(4) An individual who is a member of a Federal advisory committee, as defined by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Title 5, United States Code, appendix 2.

"Person" means an individual, corporation, company, association, authority, firm, partnership, society, State, and local government, regardless of whether such entity is operated for profit, or not for profit. This term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or any other Indian organization eligible to receive Federal contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or loans from an agency, but only with respect to expenditures by such tribe or organization that are made for purposes specified in paragraph (b) of this clause and are permitted by other Federal law.

"Reasonable compensation" means, with respect to a regularly employed officer or employee of any person, compensation that is consistent with the normal compensation for such officer or employee for work that is not furnished to, not funded by, or not furnished in cooperation with the Federal Government.

"Reasonable payment" means, with respect to professional and other technical services, a payment in an amount that is consistent with the amount normally paid for such services in the private sector.

"Recipient" includes the Contractor and all subcontractors. This term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or any other Indian organization eligible to receive Federal contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or loans from an agency, but only with respect to expenditures by such tribe or organization that are made for purposes specified in paragraph (b) of this clause and are permitted by other Federal law.

"Regularly employed" means, with respect to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a Federal contract, an officer or employee who is employed by such person for at least 130 working days within 1 year immediately preceding the date of the submission that initiates agency consideration of such person for receipt of such contract. An officer or employee who is employed by such person for less than 130 working days within 1 year immediately preceding the date of the submission that initiates agency consideration of such person shall be considered to be regularly employed as soon as he or she is employed by such person for 130 working days.

"State" means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, or an outlying area of the United States, an agency or instrumentality of a State, and multi-State, regional, or interstate entity having governmental duties and powers.

(b) *Prohibition*. 31 U.S.C. 1352 prohibits a recipient of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement from using appropriated funds to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any covered Federal actions. In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 1352 the Contractor shall not use appropriated funds to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the award of this contractor the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of this contract.

(1) The term appropriated funds does not include profit or fee from a covered Federal action.

(2) To the extent the Contractor can demonstrate that the Contractor has sufficient monies, other than Federal appropriated funds, the Government will assume that these other monies were spent for any influencing activities that would be unallowable if paid for with Federal appropriated funds.

(c) *Exceptions*. The prohibition in paragraph (b) of this clause does not apply under the following conditions:

(1) Agency and legislative liaison by Contractor employees. (i) Payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of the Contractor if the payment is for agency and legislative liaison activities not directly related to this contract. For purposes of this paragraph, providing any information specifically requested

by an agency or Congress is permitted at any time.

(ii) Participating with an agency in discussions that are not related to a specific solicitation for any covered Federal action, but that concern--

(A) The qualities and characteristics (including individual demonstrations) of the person's products or services, conditions or terms of sale, and service capabilities; or

(B) The application or adaptation of the person's products or services for an agency's use.

(iii) Providing prior to formal solicitation of any covered Federal action any information not specifically requested but necessary for an agency to make an informed decision about initiation of a covered Federal action;

(iv) Participating in technical discussions regarding the preparation of an unsolicited proposal prior to its official submission; and

(v) Making capability presentations prior to formal solicitation of any covered Federal action by persons seeking awards from an agency pursuant to the provisions of the Small Business Act, as amended by Pub. L. 95-507, and subsequent amendments.

(2) Professional and technical services. (i) A payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action, if payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action.

(ii) Any reasonable payment to a person, other than an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action if the payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action. Persons other than officers or employees of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action include consultants and trade associations.

(iii) As used in paragraph (c)(2) of this clause, "professional and technical services" are limited to advice and analysis directly applying any professional or technical discipline (for examples, see FAR 3.803(a)(2)(iii)).

(iv) Requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving a covered Federal award include those required by law or regulation and any other requirements in the actual award documents.

(3) Only those communications and services expressly authorized by paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this clause are permitted.

(d) *Disclosure*. (1) If the Contractor did not submit OMB Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, with its offer, but registrants under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 have subsequently made a lobbying contact on behalf of the Contractor with respect to this contract, the Contractor shall complete and submit OMB Standard Form LLL to provide the name of the lobbying registrants, including the individuals performing the services.

(2) If the Contractor did submit OMB Standard Form LLL disclosure pursuant to paragraph (d) of the provision at FAR 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions,

and a change occurs that affects Block 10 of the OMB Standard Form LLL (name and address of lobbying registrant or individuals performing services), the Contractor shall, at the end of the calendar quarter in which the change occurs, submit to the Contracting Officer within 30 days an updated disclosure using OMB Standard Form LLL.

(e) *Penalties*. (1) Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under paragraph (b) of this clause or who fails to file or amend the disclosure to be filed or amended by paragraph (d) of this clause shall be subject to civil penalties as provided for by 31 U.S.C. 1352. An imposition of a civil penalty does not prevent the Government from seeking any other remedy that may be applicable.

(2) Contractors may rely without liability on the representation made by their subcontractors in the certification and disclosure form.

(f) *Cost allowability*. Nothing in this clause makes allowable or reasonable any costs which would otherwise be unallowable or unreasonable. Conversely, costs made specifically unallowable by the requirements in this clause will not be made allowable under any other provision.

(g) *Subcontracts*. (1) The Contractor shall obtain a declaration, including the certification and disclosure in paragraphs (c) and (d) of the provision at FAR 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions, from each person requesting or receiving a subcontract exceeding $150,000 under this contract. The Contractor or subcontractor that awards the subcontract shall retain the declaration.

(2) A copy of each subcontractor disclosure form (but not certifications) shall be forwarded from tier to tier until received by the prime Contractor. The prime Contractor shall, at the end of the calendar quarter in which the disclosure form is submitted by the subcontractor, submit to the Contracting Officer within 30 days a copy of all disclosures. Each subcontractor certification shall be retained in the subcontract file of the awarding Contractor.

(3) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (g), in any subcontract exceeding $150,000.

(End of clause)

52.204-4 Printed or Copied Double-Sided on Postconsumer Fiber Content Paper (May 2011)

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

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

(2) All paper, paperboard, and fibrous materials that enter and are collected from municipal solid waste; but not

(3) Fiber derived from printers’ over-runs, converters’ scrap, and over-issue publications.

(b) The Contractor is required to submit paper documents, such as offers, letters, or reports that are printed or copied double-sided on paper containing at least 30 percent postconsumer fiber, whenever practicable, when not using electronic commerce methods to submit information or data to the Government.

(End of clause)

52.204-9 Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel (Jan 2011)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with agency personal identity verification procedures identified in the contract that implement Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance M-05-24 and Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) Number 201.

(b) The Contractor shall account for all forms of Government-provided identification issued to the Contractor employees in connection with performance under this contract. The Contractor shall return such identification to the issuing agency at the earliest of any of the following, unless otherwise determined by the Government:

(1) When no longer needed for contract performance.

(2) Upon completion of the Contractor employee's employment.

(3) Upon contract completion or termination.

(c) The Contracting Officer may delay final payment under a contract if the Contractor fails to comply with these requirements.

(d) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in all subcontracts when the subcontractor‘s employees are required to have routine physical access to a Federally-controlled facility and/or routine access to a Federally-controlled information system. It shall be the responsibility of the prime Contractor to return such identification to the issuing agency in accordance with the terms set forth in paragraph (b) of this section, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

52.204-10 Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Oct 2015)

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

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

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

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

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

(1) *Salary and bonus.*

(2) *Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights.* Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification (FASB ASC) 718, Compensation-Stock Compensation.

(3) *Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans.* This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.

(4) *Change in pension value.* This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.

(5) *Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.*

(6) Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (*e.g.*, severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds $10,000.

(b) Section 2(d)(2) of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282), as amended by section 6202 of the Government Funding Transparency Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-252), requires the Contractor to report information on subcontract awards. The law requires all reported information be made public, therefore, the Contractor is responsible for notifying its subcontractors that the required information will be made public.

(c) Nothing in this clause requires the disclosure of classified information

(d)(1) *Executive compensation of the prime contractor.* As a part of its annual registration requirement in the System for Award Management (SAM) database (FAR provision 52.204-7), the Contractor shall report the names and total compensation of each of the five most highly compensated executives for its preceding completed fiscal year, if--

(i) In the Contractor's preceding fiscal year, the Contractor received--

(A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants), cooperative agreements, and other forms of Federal financial assistance; and

(B) $25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants), cooperative agreements, and other forms of Federal financial assistance; and

(ii) The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at *http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm*.)

(2) *First-tier subcontract information.* Unless otherwise directed by the contracting officer, or as provided in paragraph (h) of this clause, by the end of the month following the month of award of a first-tier subcontract with a value of $30,000 or more, the Contractor shall report the following information at *http://www.fsrs.gov* for that first-tier subcontract. (The Contractor shall follow the instructions at *http://www.fsrs.gov* to report the data.)

(i) Unique identifier (DUNS Number) for the subcontractor receiving the award and for the subcontractor's parent company, if the subcontractor has a parent company.

(ii) Name of the subcontractor.

(iii) Amount of the subcontract award.

(iv) Date of the subcontract award.

(v) A description of the products or services (including construction) being provided under the subcontract, including the overall purpose and expected outcomes or results of the subcontract.

(vi) Subcontract number (the subcontract number assigned by the Contractor).

(vii) Subcontractor's physical address including street address, city, state, and country. Also include the nine-digit zip code and congressional district.

(viii) Subcontractor's primary performance location including street address, city, state, and country. Also include the nine-digit zip code and congressional district.

(ix) The prime contract number, and order number if applicable.

(x) Awarding agency name and code.

(xi) Funding agency name and code.

(xii) Government contracting office code.

(xiii) Treasury account symbol (TAS) as reported in FPDS.

(xiv) The applicable North American Industry Classification System code (NAICS).

(3) *Executive compensation of the first-tier subcontractor*. Unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, by the end of the month following the month of award of a first-tier subcontract with a value of $30,000 or more, and annually thereafter (calculated from the prime contract award date), the Contractor shall report the names and total compensation of each of the five most highly compensated executives for that first-tier subcontractor for the first-tier subcontractor's preceding completed fiscal year at *http://www.fsrs.gov* , if--

(i) In the subcontractor's preceding fiscal year, the subcontractor received--

(A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants), cooperative agreements, and other forms of Federal financial assistance; and

(B) $25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants), cooperative agreements, and other forms of Federal financial assistance; and

(ii) The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at *http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm*.)

(e) The Contractor shall not split or break down first-tier subcontract awards to a value less than $30,000 to avoid the reporting requirements in paragraph (d) of this clause.

(f) The Contractor is required to report information on a first-tier subcontract covered by paragraph (d) when the subcontract is awarded. Continued reporting on the same subcontract is not required unless one of the reported data elements changes during the performance of the subcontract. The Contractor is not required to make

further reports after the first-tier subcontract expires.

(g)(1) If the Contractor in the previous tax year had gross income, from all sources, under $300,000, the Contractor is exempt from the requirement to report subcontractor awards.

(2) If a subcontractor in the previous tax year had gross income from all sources under $300,000, the Contractor does not need to report awards for that subcontractor.

(h) The FSRS database at *http://www.fsrs.gov* will be prepopulated with some information from SAM and FPDS databases. If FPDS information is incorrect, the contractor should notify the contracting officer. If the SAM database information is incorrect, the contractor is responsible for correcting this information.

(End of clause)

52.209-6 Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (Oct 2015)

(a) *Definition.* "Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS)" item, as used in this clause--

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

(i) A commercial item (as defined in paragraph (1) of the definition in 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.

(b) The Government suspends or debars Contractors to protect the Government's interests. Other than a subcontract for a commercially available off-the-shelf item, the Contractor shall not enter into any subcontract, in excess of $35,000 with a Contractor that is debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by any executive agency unless there is a compelling reason to do so.

(c) The Contractor shall require each proposed subcontractor whose subcontract will exceed $35,000, other than a subcontractor providing a commercially available off-the-shelf item, to disclose to the Contractor, in writing, whether as of the time of award of the subcontract, the subcontractor, or its principals, is or is not debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by the Federal Government.

(d) A corporate officer or a designee of the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer, in writing, before entering into a subcontract with a party (other than a subcontractor providing a commercially available off-the-shelf item) that is debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment (see FAR 9.404 for information on the System for Award Management (SAM) Exclusions). The notice must include the following:

(1) The name of the subcontractor.

(2) The Contractor’s knowledge of the reasons for the subcontractor being listed with an exclusion in SAM.

(3) The compelling reason(s) for doing business with the subcontractor notwithstanding its being listed with an exclusion in SAM.

(4) The systems and procedures the Contractor has established to ensure that it is fully protecting the Government's interests when dealing with such subcontractor in view of the specific basis for the party's debarment, suspension, or proposed debarment.

(e) *Subcontracts.* Unless this is a contract for the acquisition of commercial items, the Contractor shall include the requirements of this clause, including this paragraph (e) (appropriately modified for the identification of the parties), in each subcontract that--

(1) Exceeds $35,000 in value; and

(2) Is not a subcontract for commercially available off-the-shelf items.

(End of clause)

52.209-9 Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Jul 2013)

(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 database via *https://www.acquisition.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 FAPIIS is automatically transferred after a waiting period of 14 calendar days, except for -

(i) Past performance reviews required by subpart 42.15;

(ii) Information that was entered prior to April 15, 2011; or

(iii) Information that is withdrawn during the 14-calendar-day waiting period by the Government official who posted it in accordance with paragraph (c)(1) of this clause.

(c) The Contractor will receive notification when the Government posts new information to the Contractor's record.

(1) If the Contractor asserts in writing within 7 calendar days, to the Government official who posted the information, that some of the information posted to the non-public segment of FAPIIS is covered by a disclosure exemption under the Freedom of Information Act, the Government official who posted the information must

within 7 calendar days remove the posting from FAPIIS and resolve the issue in accordance with agency Freedom of Information procedures, prior to reposting the releasable information. The contractor must cite 52.209-9 and request removal within 7 calendar days of the posting to FAPIIS.

(2) The Contractor will also have an opportunity to post comments regarding information that has been posted by the Government. The comments will be retained as long as the associated information is retained, i.e., for a total period of 6 years. Contractor comments will remain a part of the record unless the Contractor revises them.

(3) As required by section 3010 of Pub. L. 111-212, all information posted in FAPIIS on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews, will be publicly available.

(d) Public requests for system information posted prior to April 15, 2011, will be handled under Freedom of Information Act procedures, including, where appropriate, procedures promulgated under E.O. 12600.

(End of clause)

52.215-2 Audit and Records - Negotiation (Oct 2010)

(a) As used in this clause, "records" includes books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of whether such items are in written form, in the form of computer data, or in any other form.

(b) *Examination of costs*. If this is a cost-reimbursement, incentive, time-and-materials, labor-hour, or price redeterminable contract, or any combination of these, the Contractor shall maintain and the Contracting Officer, or an authorized representative of the Contracting Officer, shall have the right to examine and audit all records and other evidence sufficient to reflect properly all costs claimed to have been incurred or anticipated to be incurred directly or indirectly in performance of this contract. This right of examination shall include inspection at all reasonable times of the Contractor's plants, or parts of them, engaged in performing the contract.

(c) *Certified cost or pricing data*. If the Contractor has been required to submit certified cost or pricing data in connection with any pricing action relating to this contract, the Contracting Officer, or an authorized representative of the Contracting Officer, in order to evaluate the accuracy, completeness, and currency of the certified cost or pricing data, shall have the right to examine and audit all of the Contractor's records, including computations and projections, related to--

(1) The proposal for the contract, subcontract, or modification;

(2) The discussions conducted on the proposal(s), including those related to negotiating;

(3) Pricing of the contract, subcontract, or modification; or

(4) Performance of the contract, subcontract or modification.

(d) *Comptroller General*.-- (1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative, shall have access to and the right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract or a subcontract hereunder and to interview any current employee regarding such transactions.

(2) This paragraph may not be construed to require the Contractor or subcontractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor or subcontractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a

provision of law.

(e) *Reports*. If the Contractor is required to furnish cost, funding, or performance reports, the Contracting Officer or an authorized representative of the Contracting Officer shall have the right to examine and audit the supporting records and materials, for the purpose of evaluating--

(1) The effectiveness of the Contractor's policies and procedures to produce data compatible with the objectives of these reports; and

(2) The data reported.

(f) *Availability*. The Contractor shall make available at its office at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence described in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this clause, for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), or for any longer period required by statute or by other clauses of this contract. In addition--

(1) If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the Contractor shall make available the records relating to the work terminated until 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement; and

(2) The Contractor shall make available records relating to appeals under the Disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(g) The Contractor shall insert a clause containing all the terms of this clause, including this paragraph (g), in all subcontracts under this contract that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, and--

(1) That are cost-reimbursement, incentive, time-and-materials, labor-hour, or price-redeterminable type or any combination of these;

(2) For which certified cost or pricing data are required; or

(3) That require the subcontractor to furnish reports as discussed in paragraph (e) of this clause.

The clause may be altered only as necessary to identify properly the contracting parties and the Contracting Officer under the Government prime contract.

(End of clause)

52.216-7 Allowable Cost and Payment (Jun 2013)

(a) *Invoicing*.

(1) The Government will make payments to the Contractor when requested as work progresses, but (except for small business concerns) not more often than once every 2 weeks, in amounts determined to be allowable by the Contracting Officer in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 31.2 in effect on the date of this contract and the terms of this contract. The Contractor may submit to an authorized representative of the Contracting Officer, in such form and reasonable detail as the representative may require, an invoice or voucher supported by a statement of the claimed allowable cost for performing this contract.

(2) Contract financing payments are not subject to the interest penalty provisions of the Prompt Payment Act. Interim payments made prior to the final payment under the contract are contract financing payments, except interim payments if this contract contains Alternate I to the clause at 52.232-25.

(3) The designated payment office will make interim payments for contract financing on the _____??day after the designated billing office receives a proper payment request. In the event that the Government requires an audit or other review of a specific payment request to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, the designated payment office is not compelled to make payment by the specified due date.

(b) *Reimbursing costs*.

(1) For the purpose of reimbursing allowable costs (except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this clause, with respect to pension, deferred profit sharing, and employee stock ownership plan contributions), the term "costs" includes only??

(i) Those recorded costs that, at the time of the request for reimbursement, the Contractor has paid by cash, check, or other form of actual payment for items or services purchased directly for the contract;

(ii) When the Contractor is not delinquent in paying costs of contract performance in the ordinary course of business, costs incurred, but not necessarily paid, for--

(A) Supplies and services purchased directly for the contract and associated financing payments to subcontractors, provided payments determined due will be made--

(1) In accordance with the terms and conditions of a subcontract or invoice; and

(2) Ordinarily within 30 days of the submission of the Contractor's payment request to the Government;

(B) Materials issued from the Contractor's inventory and placed in the production process for use on the contract;

(C) Direct labor;

(D) Direct travel;

(E) Other direct in-house costs; and

(F) Properly allocable and allowable indirect costs, as shown in the records maintained by the Contractor for purposes of obtaining reimbursement under Government contracts; and

(iii) The amount of financing payments that have been paid by cash, check, or other forms of payment to subcontractors.

(2) Accrued costs of Contractor contributions under employee pension plans shall be excluded until actually paid unless??

(i) The Contractor's practice is to make contributions to the retirement fund quarterly or more frequently; and

(ii) The contribution does not remain unpaid 30 days after the end of the applicable quarter or shorter payment period (any contribution remaining unpaid shall be excluded from the Contractor's indirect costs for payment purposes).

(3) Notwithstanding the audit and adjustment of invoices or vouchers under paragraph (g) of this clause, allowable indirect costs under this contract shall be obtained by applying indirect cost rates established in accordance with paragraph (d) of this clause.

(4) Any statements in specifications or other documents incorporated in this contract by reference designating performance of services or furnishing of materials at the Contractor's expense or at no cost to the Government shall be disregarded for purposes of cost-reimbursement under this clause.

(c) *Small business concerns*. A small business concern may receive more frequent payments than every 2 weeks.

(d) *Final indirect cost rates*.

(1) Final annual indirect cost rates and the appropriate bases shall be established in accordance with Subpart 42.7 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) in effect for the period covered by the indirect cost rate proposal.

(2)(i) The Contractor shall submit an adequate final indirect cost rate proposal to the Contracting Officer (or cognizant Federal agency official) and auditor within the 6-month period following the expiration of each of its fiscal years. Reasonable extensions, for exceptional circumstances only, may be requested in writing by the Contractor and granted in writing by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall support its proposal with adequate supporting data.

(ii) The proposed rates shall be based on the Contractor's actual cost experience for that period. The appropriate Government representative and the Contractor shall establish the final indirect cost rates as promptly as practical after receipt of the Contractor's proposal.

(iii) An adequate indirect cost rate proposal shall include the following data unless otherwise specified by the cognizant Federal agency official:

(A) Summary of all claimed indirect expense rates, including pool, base, and calculated indirect rate.

(B) General and Administrative expenses (final indirect cost pool). Schedule of claimed expenses by element of cost as identified in accounting records (Chart of Accounts).

(C) Overhead expenses (final indirect cost pool). Schedule of claimed expenses by element of cost as identified in accounting records (Chart of Accounts) for each final indirect cost pool.

(D) Occupancy expenses (intermediate indirect cost pool). Schedule of claimed expenses by element of cost as identified in accounting records (Chart of Accounts) and expense reallocation to final indirect cost pools.

(E) Claimed allocation bases, by element of cost, used to distribute indirect costs.

(F) Facilities capital cost of money factors computation.

(G) Reconciliation of books of account (i.e., General Ledger) and claimed direct costs by major cost element.

(H) Schedule of direct costs by contract and subcontract and indirect expense applied at claimed rates, as well as a subsidiary schedule of Government participation percentages in each of the allocation base amounts.

(I) Schedule of cumulative direct and indirect costs claimed and billed by contract and subcontract.

(J) Subcontract information. Listing of subcontracts awarded to companies for which the contractor is the prime or uppertier contractor (include prime and subcontract numbers; subcontract value and award type; amount claimed during the fiscal year; and the subcontractor name, address, and point of contact information).

(K) Summary of each time-and-materials and labor-hour contract information, including labor categories, labor rates, hours, and amounts; direct materials; other direct costs; and, indirect expense applied at claimed rates.

(L) Reconciliation of total payroll per IRS form 941 to total labor costs distribution.

(M) Listing of decisions/agreements/approvals and description of accounting/organizational changes.

(N) Certificate of final indirect costs (see 52.242-4, Certification of Final Indirect Costs).

(O) Contract closing information for contracts physically completed in this fiscal year (include contract number, period of performance, contract ceiling amounts, contract fee computations, level of effort, and indicate if the contract is ready to close).

(iv) The following supplemental information is not required to determine if a proposal is adequate, but may be required during the audit process:

(A) Comparative analysis of indirect expense pools detailed by account to prior fiscal year and budgetary data.

(B) General organizational information and limitation on allowability of compensation for certain contractor personnel. See 31.2056(p). Additional salary reference information is available at *http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement_index_exec_comp/*.

(C) Identification of prime contracts under which the contractor performs as a subcontractor.

(D) Description of accounting system (excludes contractors required to submit a CAS Disclosure Statement or contractors where the description of the accounting system has not changed from the previous years submission).

(E) Procedures for identifying and excluding unallowable costs from the costs claimed and billed (excludes contractors where the procedures have not changed from the previous years submission).

(F) Certified financial statements and other financial data (*e.g.*, trial balance, compilation, review, etc.).

(G) Management letter from outside CPAs concerning any internal control weaknesses.

(H) Actions that have been and/or will be implemented to correct the weaknesses described in the management letter from subparagraph (G) of this section.

(I) List of all internal audit reports issued since the last disclosure of internal audit reports to the Government.

(J) Annual internal audit plan of scheduled audits to be performed in the fiscal year when the final indirect cost rate submission is made.

(K) Federal and State income tax returns.

(L) Securities and Exchange Commission 10-K annual report.

(M) Minutes from board of directors meetings.

(N) Listing of delay claims and termination claims submitted which contain costs relating to the subject fiscal year.

(O) Contract briefings, which generally include a synopsis of all pertinent contract provisions, such as: Contract type, contract amount, product or service(s) to be provided, contract performance period, rate ceilings, advance approval requirements, pre-contract cost allowability limitations, and billing limitations.

(v) The Contractor shall update the billings on all contracts to reflect the final settled rates and update the schedule of cumulative direct and indirect costs claimed and billed, as required in paragraph (d)(2)(iii)(I) of this section, within 60 days after settlement of final indirect cost rates.

(3) The Contractor and the appropriate Government representative shall execute a written understanding setting forth the final indirect cost rates. The understanding shall specify (i) the agreed-upon final annual indirect cost rates, (ii) the bases to which the rates apply, (iii) the periods for which the rates apply, (iv) any specific indirect cost items treated as direct costs in the settlement, and (v) the affected contract and/or subcontract, identifying any with advance agreements or special terms and the applicable rates. The understanding shall not change any monetary ceiling, contract obligation, or specific cost allowance or disallowance provided for in this contract. The understanding is incorporated into this contract upon execution.

(4) Failure by the parties to agree on a final annual indirect cost rate shall be a dispute within the meaning of the Disputes clause.

(5) Within 120 days (or longer period if approved in writing by the Contracting Officer) after settlement of the final annual indirect cost rates for all years of a physically complete contract, the Contractor shall submit a completion invoice or voucher to reflect the settled amounts and rates. The completion invoice or voucher shall include settled subcontract amounts and rates. The prime contractor is responsible for settling subcontractor amounts and rates included in the completion invoice or voucher and providing status of subcontractor audits to the contracting officer upon request.

(6)(i) If the Contractor fails to submit a completion invoice or voucher within the time specified in paragraph (d)(5) of this clause, the Contracting Officer may--

(A) Determine the amounts due to the Contractor under the contract; and

(B) Record this determination in a unilateral modification to the contract.

(ii) This determination constitutes the final decision of the Contracting Officer in accordance with the Disputes clause.

(e) *Billing rates*. Until final annual indirect cost rates are established for any period, the Government shall reimburse the Contractor at billing rates established by the Contracting Officer or by an authorized representative (the cognizant auditor), subject to adjustment when the final rates are established. These billing rates--

(1) Shall be the anticipated final rates; and

(2) May be prospectively or retroactively revised by mutual agreement, at either party's request, to prevent substantial overpayment or underpayment.

(f) *Quick-closeout procedures*. Quick-closeout procedures are applicable when the conditions in FAR 42.708(a) are satisfied.

(g) *Audit*. At any time or times before final payment, the Contracting Officer may have the Contractor's invoices or vouchers and statements of cost audited. Any payment may be--

(1) Reduced by amounts found by the Contracting Officer not to constitute allowable costs; or

(2) Adjusted for prior overpayments or underpayments.

(h) *Final payment*.

(1) Upon approval of a completion invoice or voucher submitted by the Contractor in accordance with paragraph (d)(5) of this clause, and upon the Contractor's compliance with all terms of this contract, the Government shall promptly pay any balance of allowable costs and that part of the fee (if any) not previously paid.

(2) The Contractor shall pay to the Government any refunds, rebates, credits, or other amounts (including interest, if any) accruing to or received by the Contractor or any assignee under this contract, to the extent that those amounts are properly allocable to costs for which the Contractor has been reimbursed by the Government. Reasonable expenses incurred by the Contractor for securing refunds, rebates, credits, or other amounts shall be allowable costs if approved by the Contracting Officer. Before final payment under this contract, the Contractor and each assignee whose assignment is in effect at the time of final payment shall execute and deliver--

(i) An assignment to the Government, in form and substance satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, of refunds, rebates, credits, or other amounts (including interest, if any) properly allocable to costs for which the Contractor has been reimbursed by the Government under this contract; and

(ii) A release discharging the Government, its officers, agents, and employees from all liabilities, obligations, and claims arising out of or under this contract, except--

(A) Specified claims stated in exact amounts, or in estimated amounts when the exact amounts are not known;

(B) Claims (including reasonable incidental expenses) based upon liabilities of the Contractor to third parties arising out of the performance of this contract; provided, that the claims are not known to the Contractor on the date of the execution of the release, and that the Contractor gives notice of the claims in writing to the Contracting Officer within 6 years following the release date or notice of final payment date, whichever is earlier; and

(C) Claims for reimbursement of costs, including reasonable incidental expenses, incurred by the Contractor under the patent clauses of this contract, excluding, however, any expenses arising from the Contractor's indemnification of the Government against patent liability.

(End of clause)

52.222-1 Notice to the Government of Labor Disputes (Feb 1997)

If the Contractor has knowledge that any actual or potential labor dispute is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this contract, the Contractor shall immediately give notice, including all relevant information, to the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

52.222-19 Child Labor--Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Feb 2016)

(a) *Applicability*. This clause does not apply to the extent that the Contractor is supplying end products mined, produced, or manufactured in--

(1) Canada, and the anticipated value of the acquisition is $25,000 or more;

(2) Israel, and the anticipated value of the acquisition is $50,000 or more;

(3) Mexico, and the anticipated value of the acquisition is $77,533 or more; or

(4) Armenia, Aruba, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, or the United Kingdom and the anticipated value of the acquisition is $191,000 or more.

(b) *Cooperation with Authorities.* To enforce the laws prohibiting the manufacture or importation of products mined, produced, or manufactured by forced or indentured child labor, authorized officials may need to conduct investigations to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any product furnished under this contract. If the solicitation includes the provision 52.222-18, Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products, or the equivalent at 52.212-3(i), the Contractor agrees to cooperate fully with authorized officials of the contracting agency, the Department of the Treasury, or the Department of Justice by providing reasonable access to records, documents, persons, or premises upon reasonable request by the authorized officials.

(c) *Violations.* The Government may impose remedies set forth in paragraph (d) for the following violations:

(1) The Contractor has submitted a false certification regarding knowledge of the use of forced or indentured child labor for listed end products.

(2) The Contractor has failed to cooperate, if required, in accordance with paragraph (b) of this clause, with an investigation of the use of forced or indentured child labor by an Inspector General, Attorney General, or the Secretary of the Treasury.

(3) The Contractor uses forced or indentured child labor in its mining, production, or manufacturing processes.

(4) The Contractor has furnished under the contract end products or components that have been mined, produced, or manufactured wholly or in part by forced or indentured child labor. (The Government will not pursue remedies at paragraph (d)(2) or paragraph (d)(3) of this clause unless sufficient evidence indicates that the Contractor knew of the violation.)

(d) *Remedies*.

(1) The Contracting Officer may terminate the contract.

(2) The suspending official may suspend the Contractor in accordance with procedures in FAR Subpart 9.4.

(3) The debarring official may debar the Contractor for a period not to exceed 3 years in accordance with the procedures in FAR Subpart 9.4.

(End of clause)

52.223-18 Encouraging Contractor Policies To Ban Text Messaging While Driving (Aug 2011)

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

"Driving"– (1) Means operating a motor vehicle on an active roadway with the motor running, including while temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic light, stop sign, or otherwise.

(2) Does not include operating a motor vehicle with or without the motor running when one has pulled over to the side of, or off, an active roadway and has halted in a location where one can safely remain stationary.

"Text messaging" means reading from or entering data into any handheld or other electronic device, including for the purpose of short message service texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, obtaining navigational information, or engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication. The term does not include glancing at or listening to a navigational device that is secured in a commercially designed holder affixed to the vehicle, provided that the destination and route are programmed into the device either before driving or while stopped in a location off the roadway where it is safe and legal to park.

(b) This clause implements Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, dated October 1, 2009.

(c) The Contractor is encouraged to--

(1) Adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving--

(i) Company-owned or -rented vehicles or Government- owned vehicles; or

(ii) Privately-owned vehicles when on official Government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Government.

(2) Conduct initiatives in a manner commensurate with the size of the business, such as--

(i) Establishment of new rules and programs or re-evaluation of existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving; and

(ii) Education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.

(d) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in all subcontracts that exceed the micro-purchase threshold.

(End of clause)

52.225-13 Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (June 2008)

(a) Except as authorized by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) in the Department of the Treasury, the Contractor shall not acquire, for use in the performance of this contract, any supplies or services if any proclamation, Executive order, or statute administered by OFAC, or if OFAC's implementing regulations at 31 CFR Chapter V, would prohibit such a transaction by a person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(b) Except as authorized by OFAC, most transactions involving Cuba, Iran, and Sudan are prohibited, as are most imports from Burma or North Korea, into the United States or its outlying areas. Lists of entities and individuals subject to economic sanctions are included in OFAC 's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons at http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sdn. More information about these restrictions, as well as updates, is available in the OFAC' s regulations at 31 CFR Chapter V and/or on OFAC' s website at http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac.

(c) The Contractor shall insert this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts.

(End of clause)

52.225-14 Inconsistency Between English Version and Translation of Contract (Feb 2000)

In the event of inconsistency between any terms of this contract and any translation into another language, the English language meaning shall control.

(End of clause)

52.228-3 Workers' Compensation Insurance (Defense Base Act) (July 2014)

(a) The Contractor shall--

(1) Before commencing performance under this contract, establish provisions to provide for the payment of disability compensation and medical benefits to covered employees and death benefits to their eligible survivors, by purchasing workers' compensation insurance or qualifying as a self-insurer under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 932) as extended by the Defense Base Act (42 U.S.C. 1651, et seq.), and continue to maintain provisions to provide such Defense Base Act benefits until contract performance is completed;

(2) Within ten days of an employee's injury or death or from the date the Contractor has knowledge of the injury or death, submit Form LS-202 (Employee's First Report of Injury or Occupational Illness) to the Department of Labor in accordance with the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 930(a), 20 CFR 702.201 to 702.203);

(3) Pay all compensation due for disability or death within the time frames required by the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 914, 20 CFR 702.231 and 703.232);

(4) Provide for medical care as required by the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 907, 20 CFR 702.402 and 702.419);

(5) If controverting the right to compensation, submit Form LS-207 (Notice of Controversion of Right to Compensation) to the Department of Labor in accordance with the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 914(d), 20 CFR 702.251);

(6) Immediately upon making the first payment of compensation in any case, submit Form LS-206 (Payment Of Compensation Without Award) to the Department of Labor in accordance with the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 914(c), 20 CFR 702.234);

(7) When payments are suspended or when making the final payment, submit Form LS-208 (Notice of Final Payment or Suspension of Compensation Payments) to the Department of Labor in accordance with the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 914(c) and (g), 20 CFR 702.234 and 702.235); and

(8) Adhere to all other provisions of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act as extended by the Defense Base Act, and Department of Labor regulations at 20 CFR Parts 701 to 704.

(b) For additional information on the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act requirements see *http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/lsdba.htm.*

(c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts to which the Defense Base Act applies.

(End of clause)

52.228-4 Workers' Compensation and War-Hazard Insurance Overseas (Apr 1984)

(a) This paragraph applies if the Contractor employs any person who, but for a waiver granted by the Secretary of Labor, would be subject to workers' compensation insurance under the Defense Base Act (42 U.S.C. 1651, *et seq*.). On behalf of employees for whom the applicability of the Defense Base Act has been waived, the Contractor shall (1) provide, before commencing performance under this contract, at least that workers' compensation insurance or the equivalent as the laws of the country of which these employees are nationals may require, and (2) continue to maintain it until performance is completed. The Contractor shall insert, in all subcontracts under this contract to which the Defense Base Act would apply but for the waiver, a clause similar to this paragraph (a) (including this sentence) imposing upon those subcontractors this requirement to provide such workers compensation insurance coverage.

(b) This paragraph applies if the Contractor or any subcontractor under this contract employs any person who, but for a waiver granted by the Secretary of Labor, would be subject to the War Hazards Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq*.). On behalf of employees for whom the applicability of the Defense Base Act (and hence that of the War Hazards Compensation Act) has been waived, the Contractor shall, subject to reimbursement as provided elsewhere in this contract, afford the same protection as that provided in the War Hazards Compensation Act, except that the level of benefits shall conform to any law or international agreement controlling the benefits to which the employees may be entitled. In all other respects, the standards of the War Hazards Compensation Act shall apply; *e.g*., the definition of war-hazard risks (injury, death, capture, or detention as the result of a war hazard as defined in the Act), proof of loss, and exclusion of benefits otherwise covered by workers' compensation insurance or the equivalent. Unless the Contractor elects to assume directly the liability to subcontractor employees created by this clause, the Contractor shall insert, in all subcontracts under this contract to which the War Hazards Compensation Act would apply but for the waiver, a clause similar to this paragraph (b) (including this sentence) imposing upon those subcontractors this requirement to provide war-hazard benefits.

(End of clause)

52.228-5 Insurance - Work on a Government Installation (Jan 1997)

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

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

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

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

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

(End of clause)

52.229-6 Taxes - Foreign Fixed-Price Contracts (Feb 2013)

(a) To the extent that this contract provides for furnishing supplies or performing services outside the United States and its outlying areas, this clause applies in lieu of any Federal, State, and local taxes clause of the contract.

(b) *Definitions*. As used in this clause-

"Contract date" means the date set for bid opening or, if this is a negotiated contract or a modification, the effective date of this contract or modification.

"Country concerned" means any country, other than the United States and its outlying areas, in which expenditures under this contract are made.

"Tax" and "taxes" include fees and charges for doing business that are levied by the government of the country concerned or by its political subdivisions.

"All applicable taxes and duties" means all taxes and duties, in effect on the contract date, that the taxing authority is imposing and collecting on the transactions or property covered by this contract, pursuant to written ruling or regulation in effect on the contract date.

"After-imposed tax" means any new or increased tax or duty, or tax that was exempted or excluded on the contract date but whose exemption was later revoked or reduced during the contract period, other than excepted tax, on the transactions or property covered by this contract that the Contractor is required to pay or bear as the result of legislative, judicial, or administrative action taking effect after the contract date.

"After-relieved tax" means any amount of tax or duty, other than an excepted tax, that would otherwise have been payable on the transactions or property covered by this contract, but which the Contractor is not required to pay or bear, or for which the Contractor obtains a refund, as the result of legislative, judicial, or administrative action taking effect after the contract date.

"Excepted tax" means social security or other employment taxes, net income and franchise taxes, excess profits taxes, capital stock taxes, transportation taxes, unemployment compensation taxes, and property taxes. Excepted tax does not include gross income taxes levied on or measured by sales or receipts from sales, property taxes assessed on completed supplies covered by this contract, or any tax assessed on the Contractor's possession of, interest in, or use of property, title to which is in the U.S. Government.

(c)(1) Unless otherwise provided in this contract, the contract price includes all applicable taxes and duties, except taxes and duties that the Government of the United States and the government of the country concerned have agreed shall not be applicable to expenditures in such country by or on behalf of the United States, except as provided in subparagraph (c)(2) of this clause.

(2) Taxes imposed under 26 U.S.C. 5000C may not be --

(i) Included in the contract price; nor

(ii) Reimbursed.

(d)(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (d)(2) of this clause, the contract price shall be increased by the amount of any after-imposed tax or of any tax or duty specifically excluded from the contract price by a provision of this contract that the Contractor is required to pay or bear, including any interest or penalty, if the Contractor states in writing that the contract price does not include any contingency for such tax and if liability for

such tax, interest, or penalty was not incurred through the Contractor's fault, negligence, or failure to follow instructions of the Contracting Officer or to comply with the provisions of paragraph (i) of this clause.

(2) The contract price may not be increased to offset taxes imposed under 26 U.S.C. 5000C.

(e) The contract price shall be decreased by the amount of any after-relieved tax, including any interest or penalty. The Government of the United States shall be entitled to interest received by the Contractor incident to a refund of taxes to the extent that such interest was earned after the Contractor was paid by the Government of the United States for such taxes. The Government of the United States shall be entitled to repayment of any penalty refunded to the Contractor to the extent that the penalty was paid by the Government.

(f) The contract price shall be decreased by the amount of any tax or duty, other than an excepted tax, that was included in the contract and that the Contractor is required to pay or bear, or does not obtain a refund of, through the Contractor's fault, negligence, or failure to follow instructions of the Contracting Officer or to comply with the provisions of paragraph (i) of this clause.

(g) No adjustment shall be made in the contract price under this clause unless the amount of the adjustment exceeds $250.

(h) If the Contractor obtains a reduction in tax liability under the United States Internal Revenue Code (Title 26, U.S. Code) because of the payment of any tax or duty that either was included in the contract price or was the basis of an increase in the contract price, the amount of the reduction shall be paid or credited to the Government of the United States as the Contracting Officer directs.

(i) The Contractor shall take all reasonable action to obtain exemption from or refund of any taxes or duties, including interest or penalty, from which the United States Government, the Contractor, any subcontractor, or the transactions or property covered by this contract are exempt under the laws of the country concerned or its political subdivisions or which the governments of the United States and of the country concerned have agreed shall not be applicable to expenditures in such country by or on behalf of the United States.

(j) The Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer of all matters relating to taxes or duties that reasonably may be expected to result in either an increase or decrease in the contract price and shall take appropriate action as the Contracting Officer directs. The contract price shall be equitably adjusted to cover the costs of action taken by the Contractor at the direction of the Contracting Officer, including any interest, penalty, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

(End of clause)

52.232-5 Payments under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts (May 2014)

(a) *Payment of price*. The Government shall pay the Contractor the contract price as provided in this contract.

(b) *Progress payments*. The Government shall make progress payments monthly as the work proceeds, or at more frequent intervals as determined by the Contracting Officer, on estimates of work accomplished which meets the standards of quality established under the contract, as approved by the Contracting Officer.

(1) The Contractor's request for progress payments shall include the following substantiation:

(i) An itemization of the amounts requested, related to the various elements of work required by the contract covered by the payment requested.

(ii) A listing of the amount included for work performed by each subcontractor under the contract.

(iii) A listing of the total amount of each subcontract under the contract.

(iv) A listing of the amounts previously paid to each such subcontractor under the contract.

(v) Additional supporting data in a form and detail required by the Contracting Officer.

(2) In the preparation of estimates, the Contracting Officer may authorize material delivered on the site and preparatory work done to be taken into consideration. Material delivered to the Contractor at locations other than the site also may be taken into consideration if--

(i) Consideration is specifically authorized by this contract; and

(ii) The Contractor furnishes satisfactory evidence that it has acquired title to such material and that the material will be used to perform this contract.

(c) *Contractor certification*. Along with each request for progress payments, the Contractor shall furnish the following certification, or payment shall not be made: (However, if the Contractor elects to delete paragraph (c)(4) from the certification, the certification is still acceptable.)

I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that--

(1) The amounts requested are only for performance in accordance with the specifications, terms, and conditions of the contract;

(2) All payments due to subcontractors and suppliers from previous payments received under the contract have been made, and timely payments will be made from the proceeds of the payment covered by this certification, in accordance with subcontract agreements and the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 31, United States Code;

(3) This request for progress payments does not include any amounts which the prime contractor intends to withhold or retain from a subcontractor or supplier in accordance with the terms and conditions of the subcontract; and

(4) This certification is not to be construed as final acceptance of a subcontractor's performance.

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(Name)

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(Title)

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(Date)

(d) *Refund of unearned amounts.* If the Contractor, after making a certified request for progress payments, discovers that a portion or all of such request constitutes a payment for performance by the Contractor that fails to conform to the specifications, terms, and conditions of this contract (hereinafter referred to as the "unearned amount"), the Contractor shall--

(1) Notify the Contracting Officer of such performance deficiency; and

(2) Be obligated to pay the Government an amount (computed by the Contracting Officer in the manner provided in paragraph (j) of this clause) equal to interest on the unearned amount from the 8th day after the date of receipt of the unearned amount until--

(i) The date the Contractor notifies the Contracting Officer that the performance deficiency has been corrected; or

(ii) The date the Contractor reduces the amount of any subsequent certified request for progress payments by an amount equal to the unearned amount.

(e) *Retainage*. If the Contracting Officer finds that satisfactory progress was achieved during any period for which a progress payment is to be made, the Contracting Officer shall authorize payment to be made in full. However, if satisfactory progress has not been made, the Contracting Officer may retain a maximum of 10 percent of the amount of the payment until satisfactory progress is achieved. When the work is substantially complete, the Contracting Officer may retain from previously withheld funds and future progress payments that amount the Contracting Officer considers adequate for protection of the Government and shall release to the Contractor all the remaining withheld funds. Also, on completion and acceptance of each separate building, public work, or other division of the con-

tract, for which the price is stated separately in the contract, payment shall be made for the completed work without retention of a percentage.

(f) *Title, liability, and reservation of rights*. All material and work covered by progress payments made shall, at the time of payment, become the sole property of the Government, but this shall not be construed as--

(1) Relieving the Contractor from the sole responsibility for all material and work upon which payments have been made or the restoration of any damaged work; or

(2) Waiving the right of the Government to require the fulfillment of all of the terms of the contract.

(g) *Reimbursement for bond premiums.* In making these progress payments, the Government shall, upon request, reimburse the Contractor for the amount of premiums paid for performance and payment bonds (including coinsurance and reinsurance agreements, when applicable) after the Contractor has furnished evidence of full payment to the surety. The retainage provisions in paragraph (e) of this clause shall not apply to that portion of progress payments attributable to bond premiums.

(h) *Final payment.* The Government shall pay the amount due the Contractor under this contract after--

(1) Completion and acceptance of all work;

(2) Presentation of a properly executed voucher; and

(3) Presentation of release of all claims against the Government arising by virtue of this contract, other than claims, in stated amounts, that the Contractor has specifically excepted from the operation of the release. A release may also be required of the assignee if the Contractor's claim to amounts payable under this contract has been assigned under the Assignment of Claims Act of 1940 (31 U.S.C. 3727 and 41 U.S.C. 6305).

(i) *Limitation because of undefinitized work*. Notwithstanding any provision of this contract, progress payments shall not exceed 80 percent on work accomplished on undefinitized contract actions. A contract action is any action resulting in a contract, as defined in FAR Subpart 2.1, including contract modifications for additional supplies or services, but not including contract modifications that are within the scope and under the terms of the contract, such as contract modifications issued pursuant to the Changes clause, or funding and other administrative changes.

(j) *Interest computation on unearned amounts*. In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3903(c)(1), the amount payable under paragraph (d)(2) of this clause shall be--

(1) Computed at the rate of average bond equivalent rates of 91-day Treasury bills auctioned at the most recent auction of such bills prior to the date the Contractor receives the unearned amount; and

(2) Deducted from the next available payment to the Contractor.

(End of clause)

52.232-17 Interest (May 2014)

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this contract under a Price Reduction for Defective Certified Cost or Pricing Data clause or a Cost Accounting Standards clause, all amounts that become payable by the Contractor to the Government under this contract shall bear simple interest from the date due until paid unless paid within 30 days of becoming due. The interest rate shall be the interest rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in 41 U.S.C. 7109, which is applicable to the period in which the amount becomes due, as provided in paragraph (e) of this clause, and then at the rate applicable for each six-month period as fixed by the Secretary until the amount is paid.

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

(c) Final Decisions. The Contracting Officer will issue a final decision as required by 33.211 if--

(1) The Contracting Officer and the Contractor are unable to reach agreement on the existence or amount of a debt in a timely manner;

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

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

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

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

(1) The date fixed under this contract.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of clause)

52.232-24 Prohibition of Assignment of Claims (May 2014)

The assignment of claims under the Assignment of Claims Act of 1940 ‘‘(31 U.S.C. 3727, 41 U.S.C. 6305)’’ is prohibited for this contract.

(End of clause)

52.232-27 Prompt Payment for Construction Contracts (May 2014)

Notwithstanding any other payment terms in this contract, the Government will make invoice payments under the terms and conditions specified in this clause. The Government considers payment as being made on the day a check is dated or the date of an electronic funds transfer. Definitions of pertinent terms are set forth in sections

2.101, 32.001, and 32.902 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. All days referred to in this clause are calendar days, unless otherwise specified. (However, see paragraph (a)(3) concerning payments due on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.)

(a) *Invoice payments*--

(1) *Types of invoice payments*. For purposes of this clause, there are several types of invoice payments that may occur under this contract, as follows:

(i) Progress payments, if provided for elsewhere in this contract, based on Contracting Officer approval of the estimated amount and value of work or services performed, including payments for reaching milestones in any project.

(A) The due date for making such payments is 14 days after the designated billing office receives a proper payment request. If the designated billing office fails to annotate the payment request with the actual date of receipt at the time of receipt, the payment due date is the 14th day after the date of the Contractor's payment request, provided the designated billing office receives a proper payment request and there is no disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with contract requirements.

(B) The due date for payment of any amounts retained by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the clause at 52.232-5, Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts, is as specified in the contract or, if not specified, 30 days after approval by the Contracting Officer for release to the Contractor.

(ii) Final payments based on completion and acceptance of all work and presentation of release of all claims against the Government arising by virtue of the contract, and payments for partial deliveries that have been accepted by the Government (*e.g.*, each separate building, public work, or other division of the contract for which the price is stated separately in the contract).

(A) The due date for making such payments is the later of the following two events:

(1) The 30th day after the designated billing office receives a proper invoice from the Contractor.

(2) The 30th day after Government acceptance of the work or services completed by the Contractor. For a final invoice when the payment amount is subject to contract settlement actions (*e.g.*, release of claims), acceptance is deemed to occur on the effective date of the contract settlement.

(B) If the designated billing office fails to annotate the invoice with the date of actual receipt at the time of receipt, the invoice payment due date is the 30th day after the date of the Contractor's invoice, provided the designated billing office receives a proper invoice and there is no disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with contract requirements.

(2) *Contractor's invoice*. The Contractor shall prepare and submit invoices to the designated billing office specified in the contract. A proper invoice must include the items listed in paragraphs (a)(2)(i) through (a)(2)(xi) of this clause. If the invoice does not comply with these requirements, the designated billing office must return it within 7 days after receipt, with the reasons why it is not a proper invoice. When computing any interest penalty owed the Contractor, the Government will take into account if the Government notifies the Contractor of an improper invoice in an untimely manner.

(i) Name and address of the Contractor.

(ii) Invoice date and invoice number. (The Contractor should date invoices as close as possible to the date of

mailing or transmission.)

(iii) Contract number or other authorization for work or services performed (including order number and contract line item number).

(iv) Description of work or services performed.

(v) Delivery and payment terms (*e.g.*, discount for prompt payment terms).

(vi) Name and address of Contractor official to whom payment is to be sent (must be the same as that in the contract or in a proper notice of assignment).

(vii) Name (where practicable), title, phone number, and mailing address of person to notify in the event of a defective invoice.

(viii) For payments described in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this clause, substantiation of the amounts requested and certification in accordance with the requirements of the clause at 52.232-5, Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts.

(ix) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The Contractor shall include its TIN on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

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

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

(B) If EFT banking information is not required to be on the invoice, in order for the invoice to be a proper invoice, the Contractor shall have submitted correct EFT banking information in accordance with the applicable solicitation provision (*e.g.*, 52.232-38, Submission of Electronic Funds Transfer Information with Offer), contract clause (*e.g.*, 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--System for Award Management, or 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Other Than System for Award Management), or applicable agency procedures.

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

(xi) Any other information or documentation required by the contract.

(3) *Interest penalty*. The designated payment office will pay an interest penalty automatically, without request from the Contractor, if payment is not made by the due date and the conditions listed in paragraphs (a)(3)(i) through (a)(3)(iii) of this clause are met, if applicable. However, when the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the designated payment office may make payment on the following working day without incurring a late payment interest penalty.

(i) The designated billing office received a proper invoice.

(ii) The Government processed a receiving report or other Government documentation authorizing payment and there was no disagreement over quantity, quality, Contractor compliance with any contract term or condition, or requested progress payment amount.

(iii) In the case of a final invoice for any balance of funds due the Contractor for work or services performed,

the amount was not subject to further contract settlement actions between the Government and the Contractor.

(4) *Computing penalty amount*. The Government will compute the interest penalty in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR Part 1315.

(i) For the sole purpose of computing an interest penalty that might be due the Contractor for payments described in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this clause, Government acceptance or approval is deemed to occur constructively on the 7th day after the Contractor has completed the work or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract. If actual acceptance or approval occurs within the constructive acceptance or approval period, the Government will base the determination of an interest penalty on the actual date of acceptance or approval. Constructive acceptance or constructive approval requirements do not apply if there is a disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with a contract provision. These requirements also do not compel Government officials to accept work or services, approve Contractor estimates, perform contract administration functions, or make payment prior to fulfilling their responsibilities.

(ii) The prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR 1315.10(c) do not require the Government to pay interest penalties if payment delays are due to disagreement between the Government and the Contractor over the payment amount or other issues involving contract compliance, or on amounts temporarily withheld or retained in accordance with the terms of the contract. The Government and the Contractor shall resolve claims involving disputes, and any interest that may be payable in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.233-1, Disputes.

(5) *Discounts for prompt payment*. The designated payment office will pay an interest penalty automatically, without request from the Contractor, if the Government takes a discount for prompt payment improperly. The Government will calculate the interest penalty in accordance with the prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR Part 1315.

(6) *Additional interest penalty*.

(i) The designated payment office will pay a penalty amount, calculated in accordance with the prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR Part 1315 in addition to the interest penalty amount only if--

(A) The Government owes an interest penalty of $1 or more;

(B) The designated payment office does not pay the interest penalty within 10 days after the date the invoice amount is paid; and

(C) The Contractor makes a written demand to the designated payment office for additional penalty payment, in accordance with paragraph (a)(6)(ii) of this clause, postmarked not later than 40 days after the date the invoice amount is paid.

(ii)(A) The Contractor shall support written demands for additional penalty payments with the following data. The Government will not request any additional data. The Contractor shall--

(1) Specifically assert that late payment interest is due under a specific invoice, and request payment of all overdue late payment interest penalty and such additional penalty as may be required;

(2) Attach a copy of the invoice on which the unpaid late payment interest was due; and

(3) State that payment of the principal has been received, including the date of receipt.

(B) If there is no postmark or the postmark is illegible--

(1) The designated payment office that receives the demand will annotate it with the date of receipt provided the demand is received on or before the 40th day after payment was made; or

(2) If the designated payment office fails to make the required annotation, the Government will determine the demand's validity based on the date the Contractor has placed on the demand, provided such date is no later than the 40th day after payment was made.

(b) *Contract financing payments*. If this contract provides for contract financing, the Government will make contract financing payments in accordance with the applicable contract financing clause.

(c) *Subcontract clause requirements*. The Contractor shall include in each subcontract for property or services (including a material supplier) for the purpose of performing this contract the following:

(1) *Prompt payment for subcontractors*. A payment clause that obligates the Contractor to pay the subcontractor for satisfactory performance under its subcontract not later than 7 days from receipt of payment out of such amounts as are paid to the Contractor under this contract.

(2) *Interest for subcontractors*. An interest penalty clause that obligates the Contractor to pay to the subcontractor an interest penalty for each payment not made in accordance with the payment clause--

(i) For the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment of the amount due is made; and

(ii) Computed at the rate of interest established by the Secretary of the Treasury, and published in the *Federal Register*, for interest payments under 41 U.S.C. 7109 in effect at the time the Contractor accrues the obligation to pay an interest penalty.

(3) *Subcontractor clause flowdown*. A clause requiring each subcontractor to--

(i) Include a payment clause and an interest penalty clause conforming to the standards set forth in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this clause in each of its subcontracts; and

(ii) Require each of its subcontractors to include such clauses in their subcontracts with each lower-tier subcontractor or supplier.

(d) *Subcontract clause interpretation*. The clauses required by paragraph (c) of this clause shall not be construed to impair the right of the Contractor or a subcontractor at any tier to negotiate, and to include in their subcontract, provisions that--

(1) *Retainage permitted*. Permit the Contractor or a subcontractor to retain (without cause) a specified percentage of each progress payment otherwise due to a subcontractor for satisfactory performance under the subcontract without incurring any obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty, in accordance with terms and conditions agreed to by the parties to the subcontract, giving such recognition as the parties deem appropriate to the ability of a subcontractor to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond;

(2) *Withholding permitted*. Permit the Contractor or subcontractor to make a determination that part or all of the subcontractor's request for payment may be withheld in accordance with the subcontract agreement; and

(3) *Withholding requirements*. Permit such withholding without incurring any obligation to pay a late payment penalty if--

(i) A notice conforming to the standards of paragraph (g) of this clause previously has been furnished to the subcontractor; and

(ii) The Contractor furnishes to the Contracting Officer a copy of any notice issued by a Contractor pursuant to paragraph (d)(3)(i) of this clause.

(e) *Subcontractor withholding procedures*. If a Contractor, after making a request for payment to the Government but before making a payment to a subcontractor for the subcontractor's performance covered by the payment request, discovers that all or a portion of the payment otherwise due such subcontractor is subject to withholding from the subcontractor in accordance with the subcontract agreement, then the Contractor shall--

(1) *Subcontractor notice*. Furnish to the subcontractor a notice conforming to the standards of paragraph (g) of this clause as soon as practicable upon ascertaining the cause giving rise to a withholding, but prior to the due date for subcontractor payment;

(2) *Contracting Officer notice*. Furnish to the Contracting Officer, as soon as practicable, a copy of the notice furnished to the subcontractor pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this clause;

(3) *Subcontractor progress payment reduction*. Reduce the subcontractor's progress payment by an amount not to exceed the amount specified in the notice of withholding furnished under paragraph (e)(1) of this clause;

(4) *Subsequent subcontractor payment*. Pay the subcontractor as soon as practicable after the correction of the identified subcontract performance deficiency, and--

(i) Make such payment within--

(A) Seven days after correction of the identified subcontract performance deficiency (unless the funds therefore must be recovered from the Government because of a reduction under paragraph (e)(5)(i)) of this clause; or

(B) Seven days after the Contractor recovers such funds from the Government; or

(ii) Incur an obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty computed at the rate of interest established by the Secretary of the Treasury, and published in the *Federal Register*, for interest payments under 41 U.S.C. 7109 in effect at the time the Contractor accrues the obligation to pay an interest penalty;

(5) *Notice to Contracting Officer*. Notify the Contracting Officer upon--

(i) Reduction of the amount of any subsequent certified application for payment; or

(ii) Payment to the subcontractor of any withheld amounts of a progress payment, specifying--

(A) The amounts withheld under paragraph (e)(1) of this clause; and

(B) The dates that such withholding began and ended; and

(6) *Interest to Government*. Be obligated to pay to the Government an amount equal to interest on the withheld payments (computed in the manner provided in 31 U.S.C. 3903(c)(1)), from the 8th day after receipt of the withheld amounts from the Government until--

(i) The day the identified subcontractor performance deficiency is corrected; or

(ii) The date that any subsequent payment is reduced under paragraph (e)(5)(i) of this clause.

(f) *Third-party deficiency reports*--

(1) *Withholding from subcontractor*. If a Contractor, after making payment to a first-tier subcontractor, receives from a supplier or subcontractor of the first-tier subcontractor (hereafter referred to as a "second-tier subcontractor") a written notice in accordance with 40 U.S.C. 3133, asserting a deficiency in such first-tier subcontractor's performance under the contract for which the Contractor may be ultimately liable, and the Contractor determines that all or a portion of future payments otherwise due such first-tier subcontractor is subject to withholding in accordance with the subcontract agreement, the Contractor may, without incurring an obligation to pay an interest penalty under paragraph (e)(6) of this clause--

(i) Furnish to the first-tier subcontractor a notice conforming to the standards of paragraph (g) of this clause as soon as practicable upon making such determination; and

(ii) Withhold from the first-tier subcontractor's next available progress payment or payments an amount not to exceed the amount specified in the notice of withholding furnished under paragraph (f)(1)(i) of this clause.

(2) *Subsequent payment or interest charge*. As soon as practicable, but not later than 7 days after receipt of satisfactory written notification that the identified subcontract performance deficiency has been corrected, the Contractor shall--

(i) Pay the amount withheld under paragraph (f)(1)(ii) of this clause to such first-tier subcontractor; or

(ii) Incur an obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty to such first-tier subcontractor computed at the rate of interest established by the Secretary of the Treasury, and published in the *Federal Register*, for interest payments under 41 U.S.C. 7109 in effect at the time the Contractor accrues the obligation to pay an interest penalty.

(g) *Written notice of subcontractor withholding*. The Contractor shall issue a written notice of any withholding to a subcontractor (with a copy furnished to the Contracting Officer), specifying--

(1) The amount to be withheld;

(2) The specific causes for the withholding under the terms of the subcontract; and

(3) The remedial actions to be taken by the subcontractor in order to receive payment of the amounts withheld.

(h) *Subcontractor payment entitlement*. The Contractor may not request payment from the Government of any amount withheld or retained in accordance with paragraph (d) of this clause until such time as the Contractor has determined and certified to the Contracting Officer that the subcontractor is entitled to the payment of such amount.

(i) *Prime-subcontractor disputes*. A dispute between the Contractor and subcontractor relating to the amount or entitlement of a subcontractor to a payment or a late payment interest penalty under a clause included in the subcontract pursuant to paragraph (c) of this clause does not constitute a dispute to which the Government is a party. The Government may not be interpleaded in any judicial or administrative proceeding involving such a dispute.

(j) *Preservation of prime-subcontractor rights*. Except as provided in paragraph (i) of this clause, this clause shall not limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies otherwise available to the Con-

tractor or a subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the Contractor or deficient subcontract performance or nonperformance by a subcontractor.

(k) *Non-recourse for prime contractor interest penalty*. The Contractor's obligation to pay an interest penalty to a subcontractor pursuant to the clauses included in a subcontract under paragraph (c) of this clause shall not be construed to be an obligation of the Government for such interest penalty. A cost-reimbursement claim may not include any amount for reimbursement of such interest penalty.

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

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

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

(ii) Affected contract number and delivery order number if applicable;

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

(iv) Contractor point of contact.

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

(End of clause)

52.232-32 Performance-Based Payments (Apr 2012)

(a) *Amount of payments and limitations on payments*. Subject to such other limitations and conditions as are specified in this contract and this clause, the amount of payments and limitations on payments shall be specified in the contract's description of the basis for payment.

(b) *Contractor request for performance-based payment*. The Contractor may submit requests for payment of performance-based payments not more frequently than monthly, in a form and manner acceptable to the Contracting Officer. Unless otherwise authorized by the Contracting Officer, all performance-based payments in any period for which payment is being requested shall be included in a single request, appropriately itemized and totaled. The Contractor's request shall contain the information and certification detailed in paragraphs (l) and (m) of this clause.

(c) *Approval and payment of requests*.

(1) The Contractor shall not be entitled to payment of a request for performance-based payment prior to successful accomplishment of the event or performance criterion for which payment is requested. The Contracting Officer shall determine whether the event or performance criterion for which payment is requested has been successfully accomplished in accordance with the terms of the contract. The Contracting Officer may, at any time, require the Contractor to substantiate the successful performance of any event or performance criterion which has been or is represented as being payable.

(2) A payment under this performance-based payment clause is a contract financing payment under the Prompt Payment clause of this contract and not subject to the interest penalty provisions of the Prompt Payment Act. The designated payment office will pay approved requests on the __ day after receipt of the request for performance-based payment by the designated payment office. However, the designated payment office is not required to provide payment if the Contracting Officer requires substantiation as provided in paragraph (c)(1) of this clause, or inquires into the status of an event or performance criterion, or into any of the conditions listed in paragraph (e) of this clause, or into the Contractor certification. The payment period will not begin until the Contracting Officer approves the request.

(3) The approval by the Contracting Officer of a request for performance-based payment does not constitute an acceptance by the Government and does not excuse the Contractor from performance of obligations under this contract.

(d) *Liquidation of performance-based payments*.

(1) Performance-based finance amounts paid prior to payment for delivery of an item shall be liquidated by deducting a percentage or a designated dollar amount from the delivery payment. If the performance-based finance payments are on a delivery item basis, the liquidation amount for each such line item shall be the percent of that delivery item price that was previously paid under performance-based finance payments or the designated dollar amount. If the performance-based finance payments are on a whole contract basis, liquidation shall be by either predesignated liquidation amounts or a liquidation percentage.

(2) If at any time the amount of payments under this contract exceeds any limitation in this contract, the Contractor shall repay to the Government the excess. Unless otherwise determined by the Contracting Officer, such excess shall be credited as a reduction in the unliquidated performance-based payment balance(s), after adjustment of invoice payments and balances for any retroactive price adjustments.

(e) *Reduction or suspension of performance-based payments*. The Contracting Officer may reduce or suspend performance-based payments, liquidate performance-based payments by deduction from any payment under the contract, or take a combination of these actions after finding upon substantial evidence any of the following conditions:

(1) The Contractor failed to comply with any material requirement of this contract (which includes paragraphs (h) and (i) of this clause).

(2) Performance of this contract is endangered by the Contractor's--

(i) Failure to make progress; or

(ii) Unsatisfactory financial condition.

(3) The Contractor is delinquent in payment of any subcontractor or supplier under this contract in the ordinary course of business.

(f) *Title*.

(1) Title to the property described in this paragraph (f) shall vest in the Government. Vestiture shall be immediately upon the date of the first performance-based payment under this contract, for property acquired or produced before that date. Otherwise, vestiture shall occur when the property is or should have been allocable or properly chargeable to this contract.

(2) "Property," as used in this clause, includes all of the following described items acquired or produced by the Contractor that are or should be allocable or properly chargeable to this contract under sound and generally accepted accounting principles and practices:

(i) Parts, materials, inventories, and work in process;

(ii) Special tooling and special test equipment to which the Government is to acquire title;

(iii) Nondurable (*i.e.*, noncapital) tools, jigs, dies, fixtures, molds, patterns, taps, gauges, test equipment and other similar manufacturing aids, title to which would not be obtained as special tooling under paragraph (f)(2)(ii) of this clause; and

(iv) Drawings and technical data, to the extent the Contractor or subcontractors are required to deliver them to the Government by other clauses of this contract.

(3) Although title to property is in the Government under this clause, other applicable clauses of this contract (*e.g.*, the termination clauses) shall determine the handling and disposition of the property.

(4) The Contractor may sell any scrap resulting from production under this contract, without requesting the Contracting Officer's approval, provided that any significant reduction in the value of the property to which the Government has title under this clause is reported in writing to the Contracting Officer.

(5) In order to acquire for its own use or dispose of property to which title is vested in the Government under this clause, the Contractor shall obtain the Contracting Officer's advance approval of the action and the terms. If approved, the basis for payment (the events or performance criteria) to which the property is related shall be deemed to be not in compliance with the terms of the contract and not payable (if the property is part of or needed for performance), and the Contractor shall refund the related performance-based payments

in accordance with paragraph (d) of this clause.

(6) When the Contractor completes all of the obligations under this contract, including liquidation of all performance-based payments, title shall vest in the Contractor for all property (or the proceeds thereof) not--

(i) Delivered to, and accepted by, the Government under this contract; or

(ii) Incorporated in supplies delivered to, and accepted by, the Government under this contract and to which title is vested in the Government under this clause.

(7) The terms of this contract concerning liability for Government-furnished property shall not apply to property to which the Government acquired title solely under this clause.

(g) *Risk of loss*. Before delivery to and acceptance by the Government, the Contractor shall bear the risk of loss for property, the title to which vests in the Government under this clause, except to the extent the Government expressly assumes the risk. If any property is lost (see 45.101), the basis of payment (the events or performance criteria) to which the property is related shall be deemed to be not in compliance with the terms of the contract and not payable (if the property is part of or needed for performance), and the Contractor shall refund the related performance-based payments in accordance with paragraph (d) of this clause.

(h) *Records and controls*. The Contractor shall maintain records and controls adequate for administration of this clause. The Contractor shall have no entitlement to performance-based payments during any time the Contractor's records or controls are determined by the Contracting Officer to be inadequate for administration of this clause.

(i) *Reports and Government access.* The Contractor shall promptly furnish reports, certificates, financial statements, and other pertinent information requested by the Contracting Officer for the administration of this clause and to determine that an event or other criterion prompting a financing payment has been successfully accomplished. The Contractor shall give the Government reasonable opportunity to examine and verify the Contractor's records and to examine and verify the Contractor's performance of this contract for administration of this clause.

(j) *Special terms regarding default*. If this contract is terminated under the Default clause, (1) the Contractor shall, on demand, repay to the Government the amount of unliquidated performance-based payments, and (2) title shall vest in the Contractor, on full liquidation of all performance-based payments, for all property for which the Government elects not to require delivery under the Default clause of this contract. The Government shall be liable for no payment except as provided by the Default clause.

(k) *Reservation of rights*. (1) No payment or vesting of title under this clause shall--

(i) Excuse the Contractor from performance of obligations under this contract; or

(ii) Constitute a waiver of any of the rights or remedies of the parties under the contract.

(2) The Government's rights and remedies under this clause--

(i) Shall not be exclusive, but rather shall be in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this contract; and

(ii) Shall not be affected by delayed, partial, or omitted exercise of any right, remedy, power, or privilege, nor shall such exercise or any single exercise preclude or impair any further exercise under this clause or the exercise of any other right, power, or privilege of the Government.

(l) *Content of Contractor's request for performance-based payment*. The Contractor's request for performance-based payment shall contain the following:

(1) The name and address of the Contractor;

(2) The date of the request for performance-based payment;

(3) The contract number and/or other identifier of the contract or order under which the request is made;

(4) Such information and documentation as is required by the contract's description of the basis for payment; and

(5) A certification by a Contractor official authorized to bind the Contractor, as specified in paragraph (m) of this clause.

(m) *Content of Contractor's certification*. As required in paragraph (l)(5) of this clause, the Contractor shall make the following certi-

fication in each request for performance-based payment:

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

(1) This request for performance-based payment is true and correct; this request (and attachments) has been prepared from the books and records of the Contractor, in accordance with the contract and the instructions of the Contracting Officer;

(2) (Except as reported in writing on _____), all payments to subcontractors and suppliers under this contract have been paid, or will be paid, currently, when due in the ordinary course of business;

(3) There are no encumbrances (except as reported in writing on _____) against the property acquired or produced for, and allocated or properly chargeable to, the contract which would affect or impair the Government's title;

(4) There has been no materially adverse change in the financial condition of the Contractor since the submission by the Contractor to the Government of the most recent written information dated _____; and

(5) After the making of this requested performance-based payment, the amount of all payments for each deliverable item for which performance-based payments have been requested will not exceed any limitation in the contract, and the amount of all payments under the contract will not exceed any limitation in the contract.

(End of clause)

52.232-33 Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer - System for Award Management (Jul 2013)

(a) *Method of payment*.

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

(2) In the event the Government is unable to release one or more payments by EFT, the Contractor agrees to either--

(i) Accept payment by check or some other mutually agreeable method of payment; or

(ii) Request the Government to extend the payment due date until such time as the Government can make payment by EFT (but see paragraph (d) of this clause).

(b) *Contractor's EFT information*. The Government shall make payment to the Contractor using the EFT information contained in the System for Award Management (SAM) database. In the event that the EFT information changes, the Contractor shall be responsible for providing the updated information to the SAM database.

(c) *Mechanisms for EFT payment*. The Government may make payment by EFT through either the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network, subject to the rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association, or the Fedwire Transfer System. The rules governing Federal payments through the ACH are contained in 31 CFR Part 210.

(d) *Suspension of payment*. If the Contractor's EFT information in the SAM database is incorrect, then the Government need not make payment to the Contractor under this contract until correct EFT information is entered into the SAM database; and any invoice or contract financing request shall be deemed not to be a proper invoice for the purpose of prompt payment under this contract. The prompt payment terms of the contract regarding notice of an improper invoice and delays in accrual of interest penalties apply.

(e) *Liability for uncompleted or erroneous transfers*.

(1) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Government used the Contractor's EFT information incorrectly, the Government remains responsible for--

(i) Making a correct payment;

(ii) Paying any prompt payment penalty due; and

(iii) Recovering any erroneously directed funds.

(2) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Contractor's EFT information was incorrect, or was revised within 30 days of Government release of the EFT payment transaction instruction to the Federal Reserve System, and-

(i) If the funds are no longer under the control of the payment office, the Government is deemed to have made payment and the Contractor is responsible for recovery of any erroneously directed funds; or

(ii) If the funds remain under the control of the payment office, the Government shall not make payment, and the provisions of paragraph (d) of this clause shall apply.

(f) *EFT and prompt payment*. A payment shall be deemed to have been made in a timely manner in accordance with the prompt payment terms of this contract if, in the EFT payment transaction instruction released to the Federal Reserve System, the date specified for settlement of the payment is on or before the prompt payment due date, provided the specified payment date is a valid date under the rules of the Federal Reserve System.

(g) *EFT and assignment of claims*. If the Contractor assigns the proceeds of this contract as provided for in the assignment of claims terms of this contract, the Contractor shall require as a condition of any such assignment, that the assignee shall register separately in the SAM database and shall be paid by EFT in accordance with the terms of this clause. Notwithstanding any other requirement of this contract, payment to an ultimate recipient other than the Contractor, or a financial institution properly recognized under an assignment of claims pursuant to Subpart 32.8, is not permitted. In all respects, the requirements of this clause shall apply to the assignee as if it were the Contractor. EFT information that shows the ultimate recipient of the transfer to be other than the Contractor, in the absence of a proper assignment of claims acceptable to the Government, is incorrect EFT information within the meaning of paragraph (d) of this clause.

(h) *Liability for change of EFT information by financial agent*. The Government is not liable for errors resulting from changes to EFT information made by the Contractor's financial agent.

(i) *Payment information*. The payment or disbursing office shall forward to the Contractor available payment information that is suitable for transmission as of the date of release of the EFT instruction to the Federal Reserve System. The Government may request the Contractor to designate a desired format and method(s) for delivery of payment information from a list of formats and methods the payment office is capable of executing. However, the Government does not guarantee that any particular format or method of delivery is available at any particular payment office and retains the latitude to use the format and delivery method most convenient to the Government. If the Government makes payment by check in accordance with paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government shall mail the payment information to the remittance address contained in the SAM database.

(End of clause)

52.232-39 Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations (Jun 2013)

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

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

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

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

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

(End of clause)

52.233-1 Disputes (May 2014)

(a) This contract is subject to 41 U.S.C. chapter 71, Contract Disputes.

(b) Except as provided in 41 U.S.C. chapter 71, all disputes arising under or relating to this contract shall be resolved under this clause.

(c) "Claim," as used in this clause, means a written demand or written assertion by one of the contracting parties seeking, as a matter of right, the payment of money in a sum certain, the adjustment or interpretation of contract terms, or other relief arising under or relating to this contract. However, a written demand or written assertion by the Contractor seeking the payment of money exceeding $100,000 is not a claim under 41 U.S.C. chapter 71 until certified. A voucher, invoice, or other routine request for payment that is not in dispute when submitted is not a claim under 41 U.S.C. chapter 71. The submission may be converted to a claim under 41 U.S.C. chapter 71, by complying with the submission and certification requirements of this clause, if it is disputed either as to liability or amount or is not acted upon in a reasonable time.

(d)(1) A claim by the Contractor shall be made in writing and, unless otherwise stated in this contract, submitted within 6 years after accrual of the claim to the Contracting Officer for a written decision. A claim by the Government against the Contractor shall be subject to a written decision by the Contracting Officer.

(2)(i) The Contractor shall provide the certification specified in paragraph (d)(2)(iii) of this clause when submitting any claim- exceeding $100,000.

(ii) The certification requirement does not apply to issues in controversy that have not been submitted as all or part of a claim.

(iii) The certification shall state as follows: "I certify that the claim is made in good faith; that the supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief; that the amount requested accurately reflects the contract adjustment for which the Contractor believes the Government is liable; and that I am author-

ized to certify the claim on behalf of the Contractor."

(3) The certification may be executed by any person authorized to bind the Contractor with respect to the claim.

(e) For Contractor claims of $100,000 or less, the Contracting Officer must, if requested in writing by the Contractor, render a decision within 60 days of the request. For Contractor-certified claims over $100,000, the Contracting Officer must, within 60 days, decide the claim or notify the Contractor of the date by which the decision will be made.

(f) The Contracting Officer's decision shall be final unless the Contractor appeals or files a suit as provided in 41 U.S.C. chapter 71.

(g) If the claim by the Contractor is submitted to the Contracting Officer or a claim by the Government is presented to the Contractor, the parties, by mutual consent, may agree to use alternative dispute resolution (ADR). If the Contractor refuses an offer for ADR, the Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer, in writing, of the Contractor's specific reasons for rejecting the offer.

(h) The Government shall pay interest on the amount found due and unpaid from (1) the date that the Contracting Officer receives the claim (certified, if required); or (2) the date that payment otherwise would be due, if that date is later, until the date of payment. With regard to claims having defective certifications, as defined in FAR 33.201, interest shall be paid from the date that the Contracting Officer initially receives the claim. Simple interest on claims shall be paid at the rate, fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in the Act, which is applicable to the period during which the Contracting Officer receives the claim and then at the rate applicable for each 6-month period as fixed by the Treasury Secretary during the pendency of the claim.

(i) The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal, or action arising under the contract, and comply with any decision of the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

52.233-3 Protest after Award (Aug 1996)

(a) Upon receipt of a notice of protest (as defined in FAR 33.101) or a determination that a protest is likely (see FAR 33.102(d)), the Contracting Officer may, by written order to the Contractor, direct the Contractor to stop performance of the work called for by this contract. The order shall be specifically identified as a stop-work order issued under this clause. Upon receipt of the order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stop-page. Upon receipt of the final decision in the protest, the Contracting Officer shall either--

(1) Cancel the stop-work order; or

(2) Terminate the work covered by the order as provided in the Default, or the Termination for Convenience of the Government, clause of this contract.

(b) If a stop-work order issued under this clause is canceled either before or after a final decision in the protest, the Contractor shall resume work. The Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule or contract price, or both, and the contract shall be modified, in writing, accordingly, if--

(1) The stop-work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in the Contractor's cost properly alloc-

able to, the performance of any part of this contract; and

(2) The Contractor asserts its right to an adjustment within 30 days after the end of the period of work stoppage; *provided*, that if the Contracting Officer decides the facts justify the action, the Contracting Officer may receive and act upon a proposal at any time before final payment under this contract.

(c) If a stop-work order is not canceled and the work covered by the order is terminated for the convenience of the Government, the Contracting Officer shall allow reasonable costs resulting from the stop-work order in arriving at the termination settlement.

(d) If a stop-work order is not canceled and the work covered by the order is terminated for default, the Contracting Officer shall allow, by equitable adjustment or otherwise, reasonable costs resulting from the stop-work order.

(e) The Government's rights to terminate this contract at any time are not affected by action taken under this clause.

(f) If, as the result of the Contractor's intentional or negligent misstatement, misrepresentation, or miscertification, a protest related to this contract is sustained, and the Government pays costs, as provided in FAR 33.102(b)(2) or 33.104(h)(1), the Government may require the Contractor to reimburse the Government the amount of such costs. In addition to any other remedy available, and pursuant to the requirements of Subpart 32.6, the Government may collect this debt by offsetting the amount against any payment due the Contractor under any contract between the Contractor and the Government.

(End of clause)

52.233-4 Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Oct 2004)

United States law will apply to resolve any claim of breach of this contract.

(End of clause)

52.236-2 Differing Site Conditions (Apr 1984)

(a) The Contractor shall promptly, and before the conditions are disturbed, give a written notice to the Contracting Officer of-

(1) Subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site which differ materially from those indicated in this contract; or

(2) Unknown physical conditions at the site, of an unusual nature, which differ materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inhering in work of the character provided for in the contract.

(b) The Contracting Officer shall investigate the site conditions promptly after receiving the notice. If the conditions do materially so differ and cause an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performing any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed as a result of the conditions, an equitable adjustment shall be made under this clause and the contract modified in writing accordingly.

(c) No request by the Contractor for an equitable adjustment to the contract under this clause shall be allowed, unless the Contractor has given the written notice required; *provided*, that the time prescribed in paragraph (a) of this clause for giving written notice may be extended by the Contracting Officer.

(d) No request by the Contractor for an equitable adjustment to the contract for differing site conditions shall be allowed if made after final payment under this contract.

(End of clause)

52.236-3 Site Investigation and Conditions Affecting the Work (Apr 1984)

(a) The Contractor acknowledges that it has taken steps reasonably necessary to ascertain the nature and location of the work, and that it has investigated and satisfied itself as to the general and local conditions which can affect the work or its cost, including but not limited to (1) conditions bearing upon transportation, disposal, handling, and storage of materials; (2) the availability of labor, water, electric power, and roads; (3) uncertainties of weather, river stages, tides, or similar physical conditions at the site; (4) the conformation and conditions of the ground; and (5) the character of equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during work performance. The Contractor also acknowledges that it has satisfied itself as to the character, quality, and quantity of surface and subsurface materials or obstacles to be encountered insofar as this information is reasonably ascertainable from an inspection of the site, including all exploratory work done by the Government, as well as from the drawings and specifications made a part of this contract. Any failure of the Contractor to take the actions described and acknowledged in this paragraph will not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for estimating properly the difficulty and cost of successfully performing the work, or for proceeding to successfully perform the work without additional expense to the Government.

(b) The Government assumes no responsibility for any conclusions or interpretations made by the Contractor based on the information made available by the Government. Nor does the Government assume responsibility for any understanding reached or representation made concerning conditions which can affect the work by any of its officers or agents before the execution of this contract, unless that understanding or representation is expressly stated in this contract.

(End of clause)

52.236-5 Material and Workmanship (Apr 1984)

(a) All equipment, material, and articles incorporated into the work covered by this contract shall be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended, unless otherwise specifically provided in this contract. References in the specifications to equipment, material, articles, or patented processes by trade name, make, or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. The Contractor may, at its option, use any equipment, material, article, or process that, in the judgment of the Contracting Officer, is equal to that named in the specifications, unless otherwise specifically provided in this contract.

(b) The Contractor shall obtain the Contracting Officer's approval of the machinery and mechanical and other equipment to be incorporated into the work. When requesting approval, the Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer the name of the manufacturer, the model number, and other information concerning the performance, capacity, nature, and rating of the machinery and mechanical and other equipment. When required by this contract or by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall also obtain the Contracting Officer's approval of the material or articles which the Contractor contemplates incorporating into the work. When requesting approval, the Contractor shall provide full information concerning the material or articles. When directed to do so, the Contractor shall submit samples for approval at the Contractor's expense, with all shipping charges prepaid. Machinery, equipment, material, and articles that do not have the required approval shall be installed or used at the risk of subsequent rejection.

(c) All work under this contract shall be performed in a skillful and workmanlike manner. The Contracting Officer may require, in writing, that the Contractor remove from the work any employee the Contracting Officer deems incompetent, careless, or otherwise objectionable.

(End of clause)

52.236-7 Permits and Responsibilities (Nov 1991)

The Contractor shall, without additional expense to the Government, be responsible for obtaining any necessary licenses and permits, and for complying with any Federal, State, and municipal laws, codes, and regulations applicable to the performance of the work. The Contractor shall also be responsible for all damages to persons or property that occur as a result of the Contractor's fault or negligence. The Contractor shall also be responsible for all materials delivered and work performed until completion and acceptance of the entire work, except for any completed unit of work which may have been accepted under the contract.

(End of clause)

52.236-8 Other Contracts (Apr 1984)

The Government may undertake or award other contracts for additional work at or near the site of the work under this contract. The Contractor shall fully cooperate with the other contractors and with Government employees and shall carefully adapt scheduling and performing the work under this contract to accommodate the additional work, heeding any direction that may be provided by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act that will interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor or by Government employees.

(End of clause)

52.236-9 Protection of Existing Vegetation, Structures, Equipment, Utilities, and Improvements (Apr 1984)

(a) The Contractor shall preserve and protect all structures, equipment, and vegetation (such as trees, shrubs, and grass) on or adjacent to the work site, which are not to be removed and which do not unreasonably interfere with the work required under this contract. The Contractor shall only remove trees when specifically authorized to do so, and shall avoid damaging vegetation that will remain in place. If any limbs or branches of trees are broken during contract performance, or by the careless operation of equipment, or by workmen, the Contractor shall trim those limbs or branches with a clean cut and paint the cut with a tree-pruning compound as directed by the Contracting Officer.

(b) The Contractor shall protect from damage all existing improvements and utilities (1) at or near the work site, and (2) on adjacent property of a third party, the locations of which are made known to or should be known by the Contractor. The Contractor shall repair any damage to those facilities, including those that are the property of a third party, resulting from failure to comply with the requirements of this contract or failure to exercise reasonable care in performing the work. If the Contractor fails or refuses to repair the damage promptly, the Contracting Officer may have the necessary work performed and charge the cost to the Contractor.

(End of clause)

52.236-10 Operations and Storage Areas (Apr 1984)

(a) The Contractor shall confine all operations (including storage of materials) on Government premises to areas authorized or approved by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall hold and save the Government, its officers and agents, free and harmless from liability of any nature occasioned by the Contractor's performance.

(b) Temporary buildings (*e.g.*, storage sheds, shops, offices) and utilities may be erected by the Contractor only with the approval of the Contracting Officer and shall be built with labor and materials furnished by the Contractor without expense to the Government. The temporary buildings and utilities shall remain the property of the Contractor and shall be removed by the Contractor at its expense upon completion of the work. With the written consent of the Contracting Officer, the buildings and utilities may be abandoned and need not be removed.

(c) The Contractor shall, under regulations prescribed by the Contracting Officer, use only established roadways, or use temporary roadways constructed by the Contractor when and as authorized by the Contracting Officer. When materials are transported in prosecuting the work, vehicles shall not be loaded beyond the loading capacity recommended by the manufacturer of the vehicle or prescribed by any Federal, State, or local law or regulation. When it is necessary to cross curbs or sidewalks, the Contractor shall protect them from damage. The Contractor shall repair or pay for the repair of any damaged curbs, sidewalks, or roads.

(End of clause)

52.236-11 Use and Possession Prior to Completion (Apr 1984)

(a) The Government shall have the right to take possession of or use any completed or partially completed part of the work. Before taking possession of or using any work, the Contracting Officer shall furnish the Contractor a list of items of work remaining to be performed or corrected on those portions of the work that the Government intends to take possession of or use. However, failure of the Contracting Officer to list any item of work shall not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for complying with the terms of the contract. The Government's possession or use shall not be deemed an acceptance of any work under the contract.

(b) While the Government has such possession or use, the Contractor shall be relieved of the responsibility for the loss of or damage to the work resulting from the Government's possession or use, notwithstanding the terms of the clause in this contract entitled "Permits and Responsibilities". If prior possession or use by the Government delays the progress of the work or causes additional expense to the Contractor, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the contract price or the time of completion, and the contract shall be modified in writing accordingly.

(End of clause)

52.236-12 Cleaning Up (Apr 1984)

The Contractor shall at all times keep the work area, including storage areas, free from accumulations of waste materials. Before completing the work, the Contractor shall remove from the work and premises any rubbish, tools, scaffolding, equipment, and materials that are not the property of the Government. Upon completing the work, the Contractor shall leave the work area in a clean, neat, and orderly condition satisfactory to the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

52.236-14 Availability and Use of Utility Services (Apr 1984)

(a) The Government shall make all reasonably required amounts of utilities available to the Contractor from existing outlets and supplies, as specified in the contract. Unless otherwise provided in the contract, the amount of each utility service consumed shall be charged to or paid for by the Contractor at prevailing rates charged to the Government or, where the utility is produced by the Government, at reasonable rates determined by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall carefully conserve any utilities furnished without charge.

(b) The Contractor, at its expense and in a workmanlike manner satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, shall install and maintain all necessary temporary connections and distribution lines, and all meters required to measure the amount of each utility used for the purpose of determining charges. Before final acceptance of the work by the Government, the Contractor shall remove all the temporary connections, distribution lines, meters, and associated paraphernalia.

(End of clause)

52.236-21 Specifications and Drawings for Construction (Feb 1997)

(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 the 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.*, fit, and attachment details) of materials or 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) of this clause.

(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.

(End of clause)

52.236-26 Preconstruction Conference (Feb 1995)

If the Contracting Officer decides to conduct a preconstruction conference, the successful offeror will be notified and will be required to attend. The Contracting Officer's notification will include specific details regarding the date, time, and location of the conference, any need for attendance by subcontractors, and information regarding the items to be discussed.

(End of clause)

52.242-13 Bankruptcy (July 1995)

In the event the contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the contractor agrees to furnish, by certified mail or electronic commerce method authorized by the contract, written notification of the bankruptcy to the contracting officer responsible for administering the contract. This notification shall be furnished within five days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and a listing of government contract numbers and contracting offices for all government contracts against which final payment has not been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this contract.

(End of clause)

52.243-4 Changes (June 2007)

(a) The Contracting Officer may, at any time, without notice to the sureties, if any, by written order designated or indicated to be a change order, make changes in the work within the general scope of the contract, including changes--

(1) In the specifications (including drawings and designs);

(2) In the method or manner of performance of the work;

(3) In the Government-furnished property or services; or

(4) Directing acceleration in the performance of the work.

(b) Any other written or oral order (which, as used in this paragraph (b), includes direction, instruction, interpretation, or determination) from the Contracting Officer that causes a change shall be treated as a change order under this clause; Provided, that the Contractor gives the Contracting Officer written notice stating--

(1) The date, circumstances, and source of the order; and

(2) That the Contractor regards the order as a change order.

(c) Except as provided in this clause, no order, statement, or conduct of the Contracting Officer shall be treated as a change under this clause or entitle the Contractor to an equitable adjustment.

(d) If any change under this clause causes an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by any such order, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment and modify the contract in writing. However, except for an adjustment based on defective specifications, no adjustment for any change under paragraph (b) of this clause shall be made for any costs incurred more than 20 days before the Contractor gives written notice as required. In the case of defective specifications for which the Government is responsible, the equitable adjustment shall include any increased cost reasonably incurred by the Contractor in attempting to comply with the defective specifications.

(e) The Contractor must assert its right to an adjustment under this clause within 30 days after (1) receipt of a written change order under paragraph (a) of this clause or (2) the furnishing of a written notice under paragraph (b) of this clause, by submitting to the Contracting Officer a written statement describing the general nature and amount of the proposal, unless this period is extended by the Government. The statement of proposal for adjustment may be included in the notice under paragraph (b) of this clause.

(f) No proposal by the Contractor for an equitable adjustment shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this contract.

(End of clause)

52.243-5 Changes and Changed Conditions (Apr 1984)

(a) The Contracting Officer may, in writing, order changes in the drawings and specifications within the general scope of the contract.

(b) The Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer, in writing, of subsurface or latent physical conditions differing materially from those indicated in this contract or unknown unusual physical conditions at the site before proceeding with the work.

(c) If changes under paragraph (a) or conditions under paragraph (b) increase or decrease the cost of, or time required for performing the work, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment (see paragraph (d)) upon submittal of a "proposal for adjustment" (hereafter referred to as proposal) by the Contractor before final

payment under the contract.

(d) The Contracting Officer shall not make an equitable adjustment under paragraph (b) unless-

(1) The Contractor has submitted and the Contracting Officer has received the required written notice; or

(2) The Contracting Officer waives the requirement for the written notice.

(e) Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause.

(End of clause)

52.246-21 Warranty of Construction (Mar 1994)

(a) In addition to any other warranties in this contract, the Contractor warrants, except as provided in paragraph (i) of this clause, that work performed under this contract conforms to the contract requirements and is free of any defect in equipment, material, or design furnished, or workmanship performed by the Contractor or any subcontractor or supplier at any tier.

(b) This warranty shall continue for a period of five (5) years from the date of final acceptance of the work. If the Government takes possession of any part of the work before final acceptance, this warranty shall continue for a period of five (5) year from the date the Government takes possession.

(c) The Contractor shall remedy at the Contractor's expense any failure to conform, or any defect. In addition, the Contractor shall remedy at the Contractor's expense any damage to Government-owned or controlled real or personal property, when that damage is the result of--

(1) The Contractor's failure to conform to contract requirements; or

(2) Any defect of equipment, material, workmanship, or design furnished.

(d) The Contractor shall restore any work damaged in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this clause. The Contractor's warranty with respect to work repaired or replaced will run for 1 year from the date of repair or replacement.

(e) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor, in writing, within a reasonable time after the discovery of any failure, defect, or damage.

(f) If the Contractor fails to remedy any failure, defect, or damage within a reasonable time after receipt of notice, the Government shall have the right to replace, repair, or otherwise remedy the failure, defect, or damage at the Contractor's expense.

(g) With respect to all warranties, express or implied, from subcontractors, manufacturers, or suppliers for work performed and materials furnished under this contract, the Contractor shall-

(1) Obtain all warranties that would be given in normal commercial practice;

(2) Require all warranties to be executed, in writing, for the benefit of the Government, if directed by the Contracting Officer; and

(3) Enforce all warranties for the benefit of the Government, if directed by the Contracting Officer.

(h) In the event the Contractor's warranty under paragraph (b) of this clause has expired, the Government may bring suit at its expense to enforce a subcontractor's, manufacturer's, or supplier's warranty.

(i) Unless a defect is caused by the negligence of the Contractor or subcontractor or supplier at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for the repair of any defects of material or design furnished by the Government nor for the repair of any damage that results from any defect in Government-furnished material or design.

(j) This warranty shall not limit the Government's rights under the Inspection and Acceptance clause of this contract with respect to latent defects, gross mistakes, or fraud.

(End of clause)

52.248-3 Value Engineering--Construction (Oct 2015)

(a) *General*. The Contractor is encouraged to develop, prepare, and submit value engineering change proposals (VECP's) voluntarily. The Contractor shall share in any instant contract savings realized from accepted VECP's, in accordance with paragraph (f) of this clause.

(b) *Definitions*. "Collateral costs," as used in this clause, means agency costs of operation, maintenance, logistic support, or Government-furnished property.

"Collateral savings," as used in this clause, means those measurable net reductions resulting from a VECP in the agency's overall projected collateral costs, exclusive of acquisition savings, whether or not the acquisition cost changes.

"Contractor's development and implementation costs," as used in this clause, means those costs the Contractor incurs on a VECP specifically in developing, testing, preparing, and submitting the VECP, as well as those costs the Contractor incurs to make the contractual changes required by Government acceptance of a VECP.

"Government costs," as used in this clause, means those agency costs that result directly from developing and implementing the VECP, such as any net increases in the cost of testing, operations, maintenance, and logistic support. The term does not include the normal administrative costs of processing the VECP.

"Instant contract savings," as used in this clause, means the estimated reduction in Contractor cost of performance resulting from acceptance of the VECP, minus allowable Contractor's development and implementation costs, including subcontractors' development and implementation costs (see paragraph (h) of this clause).

"Value engineering change proposal (VECP)" means a proposal that--

(1) Requires a change to this, the instant contract, to implement; and

(2) Results in reducing the contract price or estimated cost without impairing essential functions or characteristics; provided, that it does not involve a change--

(i) In deliverable end item quantities only; or

(ii) To the contract type only.

(c) *VECP preparation*. As a minimum, the Contractor shall include in each VECP the information described in

paragraphs (c)(1) through (7) of this clause. If the proposed change is affected by contractually required configuration management or similar procedures, the instructions in those procedures relating to format, identification, and priority assignment shall govern VECP preparation. The VECP shall include the following:

(1) A description of the difference between the existing contract requirement and that proposed, the comparative advantages and disadvantages of each, a justification when an item's function or characteristics are being altered, and the effect of the change on the end item's performance.

(2) A list and analysis of the contract requirements that must be changed if the VECP is accepted, including any suggested specification revisions.

(3) A separate, detailed cost estimate for (i) the affected portions of the existing contract requirement and (ii) the VECP. The cost reduction associated with the VECP shall take into account the Contractor's allowable development and implementation costs, including any amount attributable to subcontracts under paragraph (h) of this clause.

(4) A description and estimate of costs the Government may incur in implementing the VECP, such as test and evaluation and operating and support costs.

(5) A prediction of any effects the proposed change would have on collateral costs to the agency.

(6) A statement of the time by which a contract modification accepting the VECP must be issued in order to achieve the maximum cost reduction, noting any effect on the contract completion time or delivery schedule.

(7) Identification of any previous submissions of the VECP, including the dates submitted, the agencies and contract numbers involved, and previous Government actions, if known.

(d) *Submission*. The Contractor shall submit VECP's to the Resident Engineer at the worksite, with a copy to the Contracting Officer.

(e) *Government action.*

(1) The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of the status of the VECP within 45 calendar days after the contracting office receives it. If additional time is required, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor within the 45-day period and provide the reason for the delay and the expected date of the decision. The Government will process VECP's expeditiously; however, it will not be liable for any delay in acting upon a VECP.

(2) If the VECP is not accepted, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor in writing, explaining the reasons for rejection. The Contractor may withdraw any VECP, in whole or in part, at any time before it is accepted by the Government. The Contracting Officer may require that the Contractor provide written notification before undertaking significant expenditures for VECP effort.

(3) Any VECP may be accepted, in whole or in part, by the Contracting Officer's award of a modification to this contract citing this clause. The Contracting Officer may accept the VECP, even though an agreement on price reduction has not been reached, by issuing the Contractor a notice to proceed with the change. Until a notice to proceed is issued or a contract modification applies a VECP to this contract, the Contractor shall perform in accordance with the existing contract. The decision to accept or reject all or part of any VECP is a unilateral decision made solely at the discretion of the Contracting Officer.

(f) *Sharing*--

(1) *Rates*. The Government's share of savings is determined by subtracting Government costs from instant contract savings and multiplying the result by--

(i) 45 percent for fixed-price contracts; or

(ii) 75 percent for cost-reimbursement contracts.

(2) *Payment*. Payment of any share due the Contractor for use of a VECP on this contract shall be authorized by a modification to this contract to--

(i) Accept the VECP;

(ii) Reduce the contract price or estimated cost by the amount of instant contract savings; and

(iii) Provide the Contractor's share of savings by adding the amount calculated to the contract price or fee.

(g) *Collateral savings*. If a VECP is accepted, the Contracting Officer will increase the instant contract amount by 20 percent of any projected collateral savings determined to be realized in a typical year of use after subtracting any Government costs not previously offset. However, the Contractor's share of collateral savings will not exceed the contract's firm-fixed-price or estimated cost, at the time the VECP is accepted, or $100,000, whichever is greater. The Contracting Officer is the sole determiner of the amount of collateral savings.

(h) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall include an appropriate value engineering clause in any subcontract of $70,000 or more and may include one in subcontracts of lesser value. In computing any adjustment in this contract's price under paragraph (f) of this clause, the Contractor's allowable development and implementation costs shall include any subcontractor's allowable development and implementation costs clearly resulting from a VECP accepted by the Government under this contract, but shall exclude any value engineering incentive payments to a subcontractor. The Contractor may choose any arrangement for subcontractor value engineering incentive payments; *provided*, that these payments shall not reduce the Government's share of the savings resulting from the VECP.

(i) *Data*. The Contractor may restrict the Government's right to use any part of a VECP or the supporting data by marking the following legend on the affected parts:

These data, furnished under the Value Engineering--Construction clause of contract _____, shall not be disclosed outside the Government or duplicated, used, or disclosed, in whole or in part, for any purpose other than to evaluate a value engineering change proposal submitted under the clause. This restriction does not limit the Government's right to use information contained in these data if it has been obtained or is otherwise available from the Contractor or from another source without limitations.

If a VECP is accepted, the Contractor hereby grants the Government unlimited rights in the VECP and supporting data, except that, with respect to data qualifying and submitted as limited rights technical data, the Government shall have the rights specified in the contract modification implementing the VECP and shall appropriately mark the data. (The terms "unlimited rights" and "limited rights" are defined in Part 27 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.)

(End of clause)

(a) The Government may terminate performance of work under this contract in whole or, from time to time, in part if the Contracting Officer determines that a termination is in the Government's interest. The Contracting Officer shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the extent of termination and the effective date.

(b) After receipt of a Notice of Termination, and except as directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall immediately proceed with the following obligations, regardless of any delay in determining or adjusting any amounts due under this clause:

(1) Stop work as specified in the notice.

(2) Place no further subcontracts or orders (referred to as subcontracts in this clause) for materials, services, or facilities, except as necessary to complete the continued portion of the contract.

(3) Terminate all subcontracts to the extent they relate to the work terminated.

(4) Assign to the Government, as directed by the Contracting Officer, all right, title, and interest of the Contractor under the subcontracts terminated, in which case the Government shall have the right to settle or to pay any termination settlement proposal arising out of those terminations.

(5) With approval or ratification to the extent required by the Contracting Officer, settle all outstanding liabilities and termination settlement proposals arising from the termination of subcontracts; the approval or ratification will be final for purposes of this clause.

(6) As directed by the Contracting Officer, transfer title and deliver to the Government--

(i) The fabricated or unfabricated parts, work in process, completed work, supplies, and other material produced or acquired for the work terminated; and

(ii) The completed or partially completed plans, drawings, information, and other property that, if the contract had been completed, would be required to be furnished to the Government.

(7) Complete performance of the work not terminated.

(8) Take any action that may be necessary, or that the Contracting Officer may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to this contract that is in the possession of the Contractor and in which the Government has or may acquire an interest.

(9) Use its best efforts to sell, as directed or authorized by the Contracting Officer, any property of the types referred to in paragraph (b)(6) of this clause; *provided*, however, that the Contractor (i) is not required to extend credit to any purchaser and (ii) may acquire the property under the conditions prescribed by, and at prices approved by, the Contracting Officer. The proceeds of any transfer or disposition will be applied to reduce any payments to be made by the Government under this contract, credited to the price or cost of the work, or paid in any other manner directed by the Contracting Officer.

(c) The Contractor shall submit complete termination inventory schedules no later than 120 days from the effective date of termination, unless extended in writing by the Contracting Officer upon written request of the Contractor within this 120-day period.

(d) After expiration of the plant clearance period as defined in Subpart 49.001 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, the Contractor may submit to the Contracting Officer a list, certified as to quantity and quality, of termination inventory not previously disposed of, excluding items authorized for disposition by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor may request the Government to remove those items or enter into an agreement for their storage. Within 15 days, the Government will accept title to those items and remove them or enter into a storage agreement. The Contracting Officer may verify the list upon removal of the items, or if stored, within 45 days from submission of the list, and shall correct the list, as necessary, before final settlement.

(e) After termination, the Contractor shall submit a final termination settlement proposal to the Contracting Officer in the form and with the certification prescribed by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall submit the proposal promptly, but no later than 1 year from the effective date of termination, unless extended in writing by the Contracting Officer upon written request of the Contractor within this 1-year period. However, if the Contracting Officer determines that the facts justify it, a termination settlement proposal may be received and acted on after 1 year or any extension. If the Contractor fails to submit the proposal within the time allowed, the Contracting Officer may determine, on the basis of information available, the amount, if any, due the Contractor because of the termination and shall pay the amount determined.

(f) Subject to paragraph (e) of this clause, the Contractor and the Contracting Officer may agree upon the whole or any part of the amount to be paid or remaining to be paid because of the termination. The amount may include a reasonable allowance for profit on work done. However, the agreed amount, whether under this paragraph (f) or paragraph (g) of this clause, exclusive of costs shown in paragraph (g)(3) of this clause, may not exceed the total contract price as reduced by (1) the amount of payments previously made and

(2) the contract price of work not terminated. The contract shall be modified, and the Contractor paid the agreed amount. Paragraph (g) of this clause shall not limit, restrict, or affect the amount that may be agreed upon to be paid under this paragraph.

(g) If the Contractor and the Contracting Officer fail to agree on the whole amount to be paid because of the termination of work, the Contracting Officer shall pay the Contractor the amounts determined by the Contracting Officer as follows, but without duplication of any amounts agreed on under paragraph (f) of this clause:

(1) The contract price for completed supplies or services accepted by the Government (or sold or acquired under paragraph (b)(9) of this clause) not previously paid for, adjusted for any saving of freight and other charges.

(2) The total of--

(i) The costs incurred in the performance of the work terminated, including initial costs and preparatory expense allocable thereto, but excluding any costs attributable to supplies or services paid or to be paid under paragraph (g)(1) of this clause;

(ii) The cost of settling and paying termination settlement proposals under terminated subcontracts that are properly chargeable to the terminated portion of the contract if not included in subdivision (g)(2)(i) of this clause; and

(iii) A sum, as profit on subdivision (g)(2)(i) of this clause, determined by the Contracting Officer under 49.202 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, in effect on the date of this contract, to be fair and reasonable; however, if it appears that the Contractor would have sustained a loss on the entire contract had it been completed, the Contracting Officer shall allow no profit under this subdivision (g)(2)(iii) and shall reduce the settlement to reflect the indicated rate of loss.

(3) The reasonable costs of settlement of the work terminated, including--

(i) Accounting, legal, clerical, and other expenses reasonably necessary for the preparation of termination settlement proposals and supporting data;

(ii) The termination and settlement of subcontracts (excluding the amounts of such settlements); and

(iii) Storage, transportation, and other costs incurred, reasonably necessary for the preservation, protection, or disposition of the termination inventory.

(h) Except for normal spoilage, and except to the extent that the Government expressly assumed the risk of loss, the Contracting Officer shall exclude from the amounts payable to the Contractor under paragraph (g) of this clause, the fair value as determined by the Contracting Officer, for the loss of the Government property.

(i) The cost principles and procedures of Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, in effect on the date of this contract, shall govern all costs claimed, agreed to, or determined under this clause.

(j) The Contractor shall have the right of appeal, under the Disputes clause, from any determination made by the Contracting Officer under paragraph (e), (g), or (l) of this clause, except that if the Contractor failed to submit the termination settlement proposal or request for equitable adjustment within the time provided in paragraph (e) or (l), respectively, and failed to request a time extension, there is no right of appeal.

(k) In arriving at the amount due the Contractor under this clause, there shall be deducted--

(1) All unliquidated advance or other payments to the Contractor under the terminated portion of this contract;

(2) Any claim which the Government has against the Contractor under this contract; and

(3) The agreed price for, or the proceeds of sale of, materials, supplies, or other things acquired by the Contractor or sold under the provisions of this clause and not recovered by or credited to the Government.

(l) If the termination is partial, the Contractor may file a proposal with the Contracting Officer for an equitable adjustment of the price(s) of the continued portion of the contract. The Contracting Officer shall make any equitable adjustment agreed upon. Any proposal by the Contractor for an equitable adjustment under this clause shall be requested within 90 days from the effective date of termination unless extended in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(m)(1) The Government may, under the terms and conditions it prescribes, make partial payments and payments against costs incurred by the Contractor for the terminated portion of the contract, if the Contracting Officer believes the total of these payments will not exceed the amount to which the Contractor will be entitled.

(2) If the total payments exceed the amount finally determined to be due, the Contractor shall repay the excess to the Government upon demand, together with interest computed at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury under 50 U.S.C. App. 1215(b)(2). Interest shall be computed for the period from the date the excess payment is received by the Contractor to the date the excess is repaid. Interest shall not be charged on any excess payment due to a reduction in the Contractor's termination settlement proposal because of retention or other disposition of termination inventory until 10 days after the date of the retention or disposition, or a later date determined by the Contracting Officer because of the circumstances.

(n) Unless otherwise provided in this contract or by statute, the Contractor shall maintain all records and documents relating to the terminated portion of this contract for 3 years after final settlement. This includes all books and other evidence bearing on the Contractor's costs and expenses under this contract. The Contractor shall make these records and documents available to the Government, at the Contractor's office, at all reasonable times, without any direct charge. If approved by the Contracting Officer, photographs, microphotographs, or other authentic reproductions may be maintained instead of original records and documents.

(End of clause)

52.249-7 Termination (Fixed-Price Architect-Engineer) (Apr 1984)

(a) The Government may terminate this contract in whole or, from time to time, in part, for the Government's convenience or because of the failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations. The Contracting Officer shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of the notice, the Contractor shall--

(1) Immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise); and

(2) Deliver to the Contracting Officer all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process.

(b) If the termination is for the convenience of the Government, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed services.

(c) If the termination is for failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations, the Government may complete the work by contract or otherwise and the Contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the Government.

(d) If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor had not failed, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Government.

(e) The rights and remedies of the Government provided in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

(End of clause)

52.249-14 Excusable Delays (Apr 1984)

(a) Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be in default because of any failure to perform this contract under its terms if the failure arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of these causes are (1) acts of God or of the public enemy, (2) acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) quarantine restrictions, (7) strikes, (8) freight embargoes, and (9) unusually severe weather. In each instance, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. "Default" includes

failure to make progress in the work so as to endanger performance.

(b) If the failure to perform is caused by the failure of a subcontractor at any tier to perform or make progress, and if the cause of the failure was beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be deemed to be in default, unless--

(1) The subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources;

(2) The Contracting Officer ordered the Contractor in writing to purchase these supplies or services from the other source; and

(3) The Contractor failed to comply reasonably with this order.

(c) Upon request of the Contractor, the Contracting Officer shall ascertain the facts and extent of the failure. If the Contracting Officer determines that any failure to perform results from one or more of the causes above, the delivery schedule shall be revised, subject to the rights of the Government under the termination clause of this contract.

(End of clause)

52.215-8 Order of Precedence - Uniform Contract Format (Oct 1997)

Any inconsistency in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

(a) The Schedule (excluding the specifications).

(b) Representations and other instructions.

(c) Contract clauses.

(d) Other documents, exhibits, and attachments.

(e) The specifications.

(End of clause)

652.236-70 ACCIDENT PREVENTION (APR 2004)

(a) General.
The contractor shall provide and maintain work environments and procedures which will safeguard the public and Government personnel, property, materials, supplies, and equipment exposed to contractor operations and activities; avoid interruptions of Government operations and delays in project completion dates; and, control costs in the performance of this contract. For these purposes, the contractor shall:
(1) Provide appropriate safety barricades, signs and signal lights;
(2) Comply with the standards issued by any local government authority having jurisdiction over occupational health and safety issues; and,
(3) Ensure that any additional measures the contracting officer determines to be reasonably necessary for this purpose are taken.
(4) For overseas construction projects, the contracting officer shall specify in writing additional requirements regarding safety if the work involves:
(i) Scaffolding;
(ii) Work at heights above two (2) meters;

(iii) Trenching or other excavation greater than one (1) meter in depth;
(iv) Earth moving equipment;
(v) Temporary wiring, use of portable electric tools, or other recognized electrical hazards. Temporary wiring and portable electric tools require the use of a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) in the affected circuits; other electrical hazards may also require the use of a GFCI;
(vi) Work in confined spaces (limited exits, potential for oxygen less that 19.5 percent or combustible atmosphere, potential for solid or liquid engulfment, or other hazards considered to be immediately dangerous to life or health such as water tanks, transformer vaults, sewers, cisterns, etc.);
(vii) Hazardous materials: a material with a physical or health hazard including but not limited to, flammable, explosive, corrosive, toxic, reactive or unstable, or any operations which creates any kind of contamination inside an occupied building such as dust from demolition activities, paints, solvents, etc.; or
(viii) Hazardous noise levels.
(b) Records.
The contractor shall maintain an accurate record of exposure data on all accidents incident to work performed under this contract resulting in death, traumatic injury, occupational disease, or damage to or theft of property, materials, supplies, or equipment. The contractor shall report this data in the manner prescribed by the contracting officer.
(c) Subcontracts.
The contractor shall be responsible for its subcontractors' compliance with this clause.
(d) Written program.
Before commencing work, the contractor shall:
(1) Submit a written plan to the contracting officer for implementing this clause. The plan shall include specific management or technical procedures for effectively controlling hazards associated with the project; and,
(2) Meet with the contracting officer to discuss and develop a mutual understanding relative to administration of the overall safety program.
(e) Notification.
The contracting officer shall notify the contractor of any non-compliance with these requirements and the corrective actions required. This notice, when delivered to the contractor or the contractor's representative on site, shall be deemed sufficient notice of the non-compliance and corrective action required. After receiving the notice, the contractor shall immediately take corrective action. If the contractor fails or refuses to promptly take corrective action, the contracting officer may issue an order suspending all or part of the work until satisfactory corrective action has been taken. The contractor shall not be entitled to any equitable adjustment of the contract price or extension of the performance schedule on any suspension of work order issued under this clause.
(End of clause)

Section J LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment J.1. **<u>Supplement to Section C</u>**

Attachment J.2 **Bill of Quantities (BOQ) Worksheet**

Section K REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS OR RESPONDENTS

K.1 RESERVED.

K.2 RESERVED.

K.3 RESERVED.

K.4 RESERVED.

K.5 RESERVED.

K.6 AUTHORIZED CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

If the Offeror does not fill-in the blanks below, the official who signed the offer will be deemed to be the Offeror' s representative for contract administration, which includes all matters pertaining to payments.

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
E-mail address:	

K.7 RESERVED.

K.8 RESERVED.

K.9 RESERVED.

K.10 RESERVED.

K.11 RESERVED.

K.12 CONTRACTOR RECRUITMENT OF THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS (TCNs)

If Offeror has entered a number for "Third Country Nationals" under category 4 in Section K.5 (a), the Contractor certifies that:

(i) [ ] The listed Third Country Nationals (TCNs) are non-professionals and the Contractor will provide accommodation.
(ii) [ ] The listed Third Country Nationals (TCNs) are non-professionals and the Contractor will **not** provide accommodation.
(iii) [ ] Some of the listed Third Country Nationals (TCNs) are professionals; there are _____ TCN professionals in total.
(iv) [ ] All of the listed Third Country Nationals (TCNs) are professionals.

K.13 SUBMITTAL OF ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS

Electronic offers shall be submitted directly to the e-mail address(s) in a format readable by Microsoft (MS) word 2007, MS Excel 2007 or Adobe PDF as applicable. **Use of electronic depositories is not permitted**. **Offeror shall provide the same information electronically as in the original proposal.**

You shall e-mail a copy of your proposal to the email addresses stated below.

(a) *Definition*. "Electronic proposal," as used in this provision, means a proposal, revision or modification of a proposal, or withdrawal of a proposal that is transmitted to and received by the Government via electronic means.
(b) Offeror may submit electronic proposals as responses to this solicitation. Electronic proposals are subject to the same rules as paper proposals.
(c) The electronic address for receiving the proposal is: CollinsSE@state.gov.

(d) If any portion of an electronic proposal received by the Contracting Officer is unreadable to the degree that conformance to the essential requirements of the solicitation cannot be ascertained from the document—
(1) The Contracting Officer immediately shall notify the Offeror and permit the Offeror to resubmit the proposal;
(2) The method and time for resubmission shall be prescribed by the Contracting Officer after consultation with the Offeror; and
(3) The resubmission shall be considered as if it were received at the date and time of the original unreadable submission for the purpose of determining timeliness, provided the Offeror complies with the time and format requirements for resubmission prescribed by the Contracting Officer.
(e) The Government reserves the right to make award solely on the electronic proposal. However, if requested to do so by the Contracting Officer, the apparently successful Offeror promptly shall submit the complete original signed proposal.

K.14 CERTIFICATION (05/95)

I hereby certify that the responses to the above representations, certifications, and other statements are accurate and complete.

Signature: _____

Typed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

52.203-2 Certificate Of Independent Price Determination (Apr 1985)

(a) The offeror certifies that--

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to--

(i) Those prices;

(ii) The intention to submit an offer; or

(iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.

(2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory--

(1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision; or

(2)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision ;

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this provision have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision.

(c) If the offeror deletes or modifies paragraph (a)(2) of this provision, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

(End of provision)

52.204-3 Taxpayer Identification (Oct 1998)

(a) *Definitions*.

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

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

(b) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (d) through (f) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the IRS. If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 4.904, the failure or refusal by the offeror to furnish the information may result in a 31 percent reduction of payments otherwise due under the contract.

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

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

_____TIN: _____.

_____TIN has been applied for.

_____TIN is not required because:

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

_____Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

_____Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(e) *Type of organization*.

_____Sole proprietorship;

_____Partnership;

_____Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

_____Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

_____Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

_____Foreign government;

_____International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;

_____Other _____.

(f) *Common parent*.

_____Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (a) of this provision.

_____Name and TIN of common parent:

Name _____.

TIN _____.

(End of provision)

52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications (Apr 2016)

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

(2) The small business size standard is USD$36.5M.

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

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

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

__ (i) Paragraph (d) applies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iv) 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.

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

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

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

(viii) 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(xiii) 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(xxi) 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.

(xxii) 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.

(2) The following representations or certifications are applicable as indicated by the Contracting Officer: [*Contracting Officer check as appropriate.*]

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

__ (ii) 52.204-20, Predecessor of Offeror.

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

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

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

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

__ (vii) 52.227-6, Royalty Information.

__ (A) Basic.

__(B) Alternate I.

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

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

FAR Clause #	Title	Date	Change
_____	_____ _____	_____	_____ ___
_____	_____ _____	_____	_____ ___
_____	_____ _____	_____	_____ ___

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

(End of provision)

52.209-2 Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations--Representation (Nov 2015)

(a) *Definitions.*" Inverted domestic corporation" and "subsidiary" have the meaning given in the clause of this contract entitled Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (52.209-10).

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

(c) *Representation.* The Offeror represents that--

(1) It __ is, __ is not an inverted domestic corporation; and

(2) It __ is, __ is not a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation.

(End of provision)

52.209-5 Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters (Oct 2015)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Examples.

(i) The taxpayer has received a statutory notice of deficiency, under I.R.C. § 6212, which entitles the taxpayer to seek Tax Court review of a proposed tax deficiency. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax

liability. Should the taxpayer seek Tax Court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

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

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

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

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

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

This Certification Concerns a Matter Within the Jurisdiction of an Agency of the United States and the Making of a False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Certification May Render the Maker Subject to Prosecution Under Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code.

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

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

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

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

(End of provision)

52.209-7 Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Jul 2013)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision --

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

“Federal contracts and grants with total value greater than $10,000,000” means--

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) In a criminal proceeding, a conviction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of provision)

52.225-20 Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan - Certification (Aug 2009)

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

"Business operations" means engaging in commerce in any form, including by acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or any other apparatus of business or commerce.

"Marginalized populations of Sudan" means--

(1) Adversely affected groups in regions authorized to receive assistance under section 8(c) of the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act (Pub. L. 109-344) (50 U.S.C. 1701 note); and

(2) Marginalized areas in Northern Sudan described in section 4(9) of such Act.

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

(1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;

(2) Are conducted pursuant to specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;

(3) Consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;

(4) Consist of providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;

(5) Consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education; or

(6) Have been voluntarily suspended.

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

(End of provision)

52.236-28 Preparation of Proposals - Construction (Oct 1997)

(a) Proposals must be (1) submitted on the forms furnished by the Government or on copies of those forms; and (2) manually signed. The person signing a proposal must initial each erasure or change appearing on any proposal form.

(b) The proposal form may require offerors to submit proposed prices for one or more items on various bases, including--

(1) Lump sum price;

(2) Alternate prices;

(3) Units of construction; or

(4) Any combination of paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(3) of this provision.

(c) If the solicitation requires submission of a proposal on all items, failure to do so may result in the proposal being rejected without further consideration. If a proposal on all items is not required, offerors should insert the words "no proposal" in the space provided for any item on which no price is submitted.

(d) Alternate proposals will not be considered unless this solicitation authorizes their submission.

(End of provision)

652.225-70 ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL (AUG 1999)

(a) Definitions.
As used in this provision:
'Foreign person' means any person other than a United States person as defined below.
'United States person' means any United States resident or national (other than an individual resident outside the United States and employed by other than a United States person), any domestic concern (including any permanent domestic establishment of any foreign concern), and any foreign subsidiary or affiliate (including any permanent foreign establishment) of any domestic concern which is controlled in fact by such domestic concern, as provided under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended.
(b) Certification.
By submitting this offer, the offeror certifies that it is not:
(1) Taking or knowingly agreeing to take any action, with respect to the boycott of Israel by Arab League countries, which Section 8(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)) prohibits a United States person from taking; or,
(2) Discriminating in the award of subcontracts on the basis of religion.
(End of provision)

652.228-70 DEFENSE BASE ACT - COVERED CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES (FEB 2015)

(a) Bidders/offerors shall indicate below whether or not any of the following categories of employees will be employed on the resultant contract, and, if so, the number of such employees:

Category	**Yes/No**	**Number**
(1) United States citizens or residents		
(2) Individuals hired in the United States, regardless of citizenship		
(3) Local nationals or third country nationals where contract performance takes place in a country where there are no local worker's compensation laws		Local Nationals: Third Country Nationals:

(4) Local nationals or third country nationals where performance takes place in a country where there are local worker's compensation laws		Local Nationals: Third Country Nationals:

(b) The contracting officer has determined that for performance in the country of [contracting officer insert country of performance and check the appropriate block below] -

____ Worker's compensation laws exist that will cover local nationals and third country nationals.

____ Worker's compensation laws do not exist that will cover local nationals and third country nationals.

(c) If the bidder/offeror has indicated "yes" in block (a)(4) of this provision, the bidder/offeror shall not purchase Defense Base Act insurance for those employees. However, the bidder/offeror shall assume liability toward the employees and their beneficiaries for war-hazard injury, death, capture, or detention, in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.228-4.

(End of provision)

Section L INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS OR RESPONDENTS

L.1 Reserved.

L.2 Reserved.

L.3 MAGNITUDE OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

It is anticipated that the magnitude of this contract will be between:
( ) (a) Less than $25,000.
(X) (b) Between $25,000 and $100,000.
( ) (c) Between $100,000 and $250,000.
( ) (d) Between $250,000 and $500,000.
( ) (e) Between $500,000 and $1,000,000.
( ) (f) Between $1,000,000 and $5,000,000.
( ) (g) Between $5,000,000 and $10,000,000.
( ) (h) More than $10,000,000.

L.4 REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

Each Offeror is responsible for:
(1) Obtaining a complete set of solicitation documents;
(2) Thoroughly reviewing such documents and understanding their requirements;
(3) Visiting the project site and becoming familiar with all working conditions, local laws and regulations; and
(4) Determining that all materials, equipment and labor required for the work are available.
(5) Furnishing complete information to subcontractors and suppliers, to include details of specifications and quantities.

Any ambiguity in the solicitation, including specifications and contract drawings, shall be reported immediately to the point of contact (POC) listed in block 9 of the Standard Form 1442. Any prospective Offeror who re-

quires a clarification, explanation or interpretation of the contract requirements must make a request to the POC listed in block 9 of the Standard Form 1442 not less than ten working days before the closing date of the solicitation. Offeror may rely ONLY upon written interpretations by the Contracting Officer.

L.5 SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

L.5.1 GENERAL

This solicitation is for the performance of design and construction services described in Section C - **DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT**, and the Attachments which are a part of this solicitation.

L.5.2 QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFERORS

Offeror must be technically qualified and financially responsible to perform the work described in this solicitation. At a minimum, each Offeror must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be able to understand written and spoken English.
(2) Have an established business with a permanent address and telephone listing;
(3) Be able to demonstrate prior experience with suitable references for company and project manager;
(4) Must be or use a qualified Technical Security Systems Service Provider for the required security equipment and systems;
(5) Have the necessary personnel, equipment and financial resources available to perform the work;
(6) Have all licenses and permits required by local law;
(7) Meet all local insurance requirements;
(8) Reserved;
(9) Have no adverse criminal record; and
(10) Have no political or business affiliation which could be considered contrary to the interests of the United States.

L.5.3 JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENTS:

Joint Venture Offerors shall furnish with their proposal a notarized legal document that establishes the Joint Venture. The Joint Venture Agreement shall take effect upon the submission of the proposal and remain irrevocable until one (1) year after the work has been finally inspected and accepted by the Government. The Joint Venture Agreement shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Name of firms that form the Joint Venture and the name of the Joint Venture
(2) Name and title of the corporate officials signing on behalf of each party
(3) Solicitation number
(4) Description of the responsibilities in terms of work category for each partner (for example Firm A performing Final of C-2-d) that sufficiently demonstrates how the joint venture meets the work requirements of this solicitation
(5) The statement “The composition and structure of the Joint Venture will remain unchanged from award to one (1) year after the work has been finally inspected and accepted by the Government.”
(6) Date of issuance of the agreement and notarized signature of the corporate officials on behalf of each party.

The U.S. Government reserves the right to review the actual Joint Venture agreement to determine its basis and compliance with the applicable laws. Any internal agreement affecting the internal composition of the existing Joint Venture and its potential liabilities in relation to the contract (Letter of Credits, bank guarantees, insurance, etc.) will be sent to the Contracting Officer to provide notice of the same. Any change in the composition of the Joint Venture will require the Joint Venture to formally request a Novation Agreement in accordance with FAR Part 42 which will be approved/disapproved at the discretion of the Contracting Officer.

The Joint Venture shall include the warrant required in accordance with DOSAR 652.242-73, Authorization and Performance.

L.5.4 SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS

(a) Each offer shall consist of the following physically separate volumes:

Volume	**Title**	**No. of Copies** *
1	Price Proposal, to include: • SECTION A - Executed Standard Form 1442, SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD (Construction, Alteration, or Repair);	1 original
	• SECTION B – SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/ COSTS: Price Proposal and completed Sub-Section B.3, CONTRACT PRICE.	
	• BREAKDOWN OF PROPOSAL PRICE: Attachment J.2.	
	• Completed SECTION K - REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS. PROVIDE PROOF OF SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT REGISTRATION (SAM) SEE SECTION L.10 AND PROVIDE ACTUAL DUN'S NUMBER SEE SECTION K	
2	Technical Proposal, to include all elements specified under Subsection L.5.5.3	1 original

(b) The complete offer shall be addressed as follows:

American Consulate General
Regional Procurement Support Office (RPSO)
ATTN: RFP No. SGE500-16-R-0060 (Sara E Collins)
Giessener Str. 30
D-60435 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Tel: ++49-69-7535-3338

The complete offer shall be e-mailed to CollinsSE@state.gov. The e-mail subject line shall read, "RFP No. SGE500-16-R-0060."

(c) Any deviations, exceptions, or conditional assumptions taken with respect to any of the instructions or requirements of this solicitation shall be identified and explained/justified in the appropriate volume of the offer.

L.5.5 DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

L.5.5.1 Proposals that are missing a significant amount of the required information may be eliminated from consideration at the government's discretion.

L.5.5.2 Volume 1:

(a) **Standard Form 1442 -** Complete blocks 14 through 20C
(b) **Section B -** Complete Sub-Section B.3
(c) **Breakdown of Proposal Price** – Provide a comprehensive breakdown of the price proposal (BOQ) (Section J) the total of which shall match that of the firm fixed-price inserted in Sub-Section B.3. See also Section B.7.
(d) **Section K**, a completed Representations, Certifications and other Statements of Offerors or Respondents.
(e) Provide proof of **System for Award Management Registration (SAM)**; see section L.10 and proof of **DUN'S number Registration**.

NOTE: If applicable, the Value Added Tax (VAT) shall be identified as a separate line item in Sub-section B-3.

L.5.5.3 Volume 2: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.

(A) **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE AND PERFORMANCE NARRATIVE.** The performance schedule shall be presented in the form of a time scaled Network Diagram, Critical Path Method (CPM) Schedule clearly showing the critical path, indicating commencement and completion of the entire project within the required contract completion schedule. The schedule shall be in sufficient detail to clearly show each portion of work and its planned commencement and completion date.

The Offeror shall provide a narrative describing how it is planned to accomplish the project and manage their resources effectively by the required due date in sufficient detail that allows the Government to evaluate the offeror's understanding of the project. The Offeror must identify any potential risks to the specific project/ location and plans to mitigate those risks. The time and process requirements for security screening should not be underestimated (3 – 6 weeks) by the contractor which must be accounted for in the schedule of completion and shall not be cause for delay.

(B) **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT.** The Offeror must describe how he plans to accomplish the project by the required due date in sufficient detail that allows the Government to evaluate the Offeror's understanding of the project. The Offeror must identify any potential risks to the specific project/location and how he plans to mitigate those risks.

The Offeror must identify all options or choices he believes is offered by the statement of work and other specifications and state which method he has priced into his fixed price offer. For example: The Offeror believes he is being given the choice of using pre-cast concrete or poured concrete, he must specify which method he has priced into his fixed price. Another example: The Offeror believes he is being given the choice of building a

new wall or remodeling the old one, he must specify which method was included in his fixed price.

(C) **KEY PERSONNEL**: The Government considers the Offeror' s Safety Manager and Site Superintendent for Construction to be key personnel under any contract resulting from this solicitation. The Offeror shall provide a detailed resume and the experience of these individuals. If these individuals are not current employees provide a letter of intent.

The Contractor shall provide all of the following required information for all key personnel:

1. Name of Individual, Date of Birth, Nationality;
2. Language proficiency;
3. Role on this specific construction project (for example Safety Manager, Site Superintendent). The Contractor shall also indicate which of the Key Personnel are to have after-hours escort privileges. (Suggest Offeror consider using personnel with US Citizenship, if available, for these two positions).
4. Describe the Individuals experience in the location where the work is to be performed.
5. List experience relevant to the type of work required by this contract in chronological order, listing most recent experience first. Include following information with each experience listed:
   i. Employing Construction Firm
   ii. Project Title and description, highlighting similarities to work required by this contract
   iii. Value of the project (US Dollars)
   iv. Start and end date (month/year) of this individual's involvement on the project
   v. Individual's responsibilities on the project
   Vi. Customer point of contract

D) **MANAGEMENT INFORMATION:** – Provide the following:

1. Company profile including a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of the owners, partners, and principal officers of the Offeror;
2. A list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all subcontractors and all principal materials suppliers to be used on the project, clearly indicating what portions of the work will be performed by them. This list shall be presented in sufficient detail to indicate which work will be performed by the Contractor work force and equipment, and the work which will be performed by subcontractor work force and equipment. For the subcontractors identified, provide documentation that demonstrates their experience relevant to the works planned to be assigned to them under the respective subcontracts.
3. A comprehensive list of equipment owned, equipment available, and equipment projected to be assigned to the work described in the solicitation. This shall also include a separate listing of subcontractor equipment assigned to the project;
4. A listing of the number of personnel - broken down into discipline/craft - that will be assigned to this project. This shall include both the Contractor work force and that of any proposed subcontractor;
5. In accordance with DOSAR 652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999) provide written certification that authorization to operate and do business in the country in which this contract will be performed, has been obtained.

(E) **PAST PERFORMANCE AND CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE:** - Submit a list of three relevant contracts that clearly demonstrate prior experience in construction projects, that were;

1. Physically completed within the past five years.
2. Similar in magnitude (US$ amount).
3. Similar in construction features.
4. Similar in other contract features such as, but not limited to, design build, construction as described in this solicitation complete and ready for use.

Provide the following information for each contract or project and describe:

1. Customer's name, address, and telephone numbers of customer's lead contract and technical personnel;
2. Contract value, number and type;
3. Date of the contract award place(s) of performance, and completion dates;
4. the contractors ability to perform all design, architectural, engineering and construction services for the development of construction documents and completion of mechanical construction; - Resolve difficult mechanical engineering problems;
5. the contractors ability to perform mechanical systems site surveys;
6. the contractors ability to produce mechanical designs for construction, additions, upgrades, and demolition; and
7. the contractors ability to perform engineering modifications to existing systems and other technical work.
8. Brief description of the work, including responsibilities;
9. Comparability to the work under this solicitation;
10. Brief discussion of any major technical problems and their resolution;
11. Method of acquisition (fully competitive, partially competitive, or noncompetitive), and the basis for award (cost/price, technical merit, etc.);
12. Any terminations (partial or complete) and the reason (convenience or default).
13. If any problems were encountered during the project, the offeror shall provide an explanation of problems and the corrective action taken.
14. For any of the projects submitted, provide a written performance evaluation executed at the completion of the project, if available. If not in English, please provide a courtesy translation in English.

If more than three (3) projects are submitted, only the three (3) most recent will be evaluated. The projects may be contracts for the U.S. Government or other clients.

No more than 2, one sided, A4 pages of written material shall be submitted for each project. In additional photographs may be provided, and shall be limited to four A4 size sheets per project.

Joint venture offerors SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE CONTRACT FOR EACH PARTNER, where each partner performed by itself or part of a joint group, however the total number of contracts submitted shall not exceed three.

(F) **PRELIMINARY QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**. In accordance with section E.4. of the solicitation the contractor shall provide with their offer a Quality Management Program (QMP) organizational structure for the contract. These programs shall be in sufficient detail and shall include charts, description of key personnel and service be performed. The QMP shall be in sufficient detail to clearly demonstrate to the Government’s evaluation team that the contractor has a clear understanding of the project. This program shall include as a minimum the following information:

(i) Proposed lines of responsibility, authority, and communication within the offeror’s firm through which the construction will be managed. Describe how this organization will ensure quality buildings being built on schedule.

(ii) Description of how the offeror will identify construction issues and what actions they will take to resolve them before they halt or delay the construction project.

(iii) Description of how the contractor plans to get a project back on schedule if it begins to fall behind the agreed upon time line.

(iv) Describe your approach to maintaining effective communication with the Government and maintain a business-like concern for the Government’s interests.

(v) Describe how you select your subcontractors and ensure they are performing to the standards of this con-

tract.

(G) **PERFORMANCE OF WORK BY CONTRACTOR**. Identify the work, by percentage that will be performed by the contractor with its own work force on site. Identify sub-contractors that will perform more than 10 percent of the work. For the sub-contractors identified, list the percentage of work they will perform, and provide documentation that demonstrates their experience relevant to the works planned to be assigned to them under the respective subcontracts.

L.5.5.4 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INSTRUCTIONS AND EVALUATION

Your attention is directed to the functional relationship between Sections L and M of this solicitation. Section L provides information for the purpose of organizing the proposal and is not intended to be all-inclusive. Section M describes evaluation factors for award. Since the Government evaluation of proposals will cover areas identified in Section M, proposals should address all such areas of evaluation.

L.6 Reserved.

L.7 Reserved.

L.8 PROPOSAL DUE DATE

The proposals shall be e-mailed to CollinsSE@state.gov with "RFP No. SGE500-16-R-0060" in the subject line no later than two (2) p.m. (14:00) local (Berlin) time on 14 September 2016.

NOTE: No proposals will be accepted after the time and date specified above.

L.9 Reserved.

L.10 Reserved.

52.204-6 Data Universal Numbering System Number (Jul 2013)

(a) *Definition*. "Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number", as used in this provision, means the 9-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to identify unique business entities, which is used as the identification number for Federal Contractors.

(b) The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation DUNS or DUNS+4 followed by the DUNS number or DUNS+4 that identifies the offeror's name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The DUNS number is a nine-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. The DUNS+4 is the DUNS number plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned at the discretion of the offeror to establish additional System for Award Management records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see Subpart 32.11) for the same concern.

(c) If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one.

(1) An offeror may obtain a DUNS number--

(i) Via the Internet at *http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform* or if the offeror does not have internet access, it may call Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711 if located within the United States; or

(ii) If located outside the United States, by contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office. The offeror should

indicate that it is an offeror for a U.S. Government contract when contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

(2) The offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:

(i) Company legal business name.

(ii) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.

(iii) Company physical street address, city, state and ZIP Code.

(iv) Company mailing address, city, state and ZIP Code (if separate from physical).

(v) Company telephone number.

(vi) Date the company was started.

(vii) Number of employees at your location.

(viii) Chief executive officer/key manager.

(ix) Line of business (industry).

(x) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).

(End of provision)

52.204-7 System for Award Management (Jul 2013)

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

"Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number" means the 9-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to identify unique business entities.

"Data Universal Numbering System +4 (DUNS+4) number" means the DUNS number assigned by D&B plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned by a business concern. (D&B has no affiliation with this 4-character suffix.) This 4-character suffix may be assigned at the discretion of the business concern to establish additional System for Award Management records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see the FAR at Subpart 32.11) for the same concern.

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

(1) The offeror has entered all mandatory information, including the DUNS number or the DUNS+4 number, the Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) code, as well as data required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (see Subpart 4.14) into the SAM database;

(2) The offeror has completed the Core, Assertions, and Representations and Certifications, and Points of Contact sections of the registration in the SAM database;

(3) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification

Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The offeror will be required to provide consent for TIN validation to the Government as a part of the SAM registration process; and

(4) The Government has marked the record "Active".

(b)(1) By submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the SAM database prior to award, during performance, and through final payment of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchasing agreement resulting from this solicitation.

(2) The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "DUNS" or "DUNS +4" followed by the DUNS or DUNS +4 number that identifies the offeror's name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The DUNS number will be used by the Contracting Officer to verify that the offeror is registered in the SAM database.

(c) If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one.

(1) An offeror may obtain a DUNS number--

(i) Via the Internet at *http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform* or if the offeror does not have internet access, it may call Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711 if located within the United States; or

(ii) If located outside the United States, by contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office. The offeror should indicate that it is an offeror for a U.S. Government contract when contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

(2) The offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:

(i) Company legal business.

(ii) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.

(iii) Company Physical Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code.

(iv) Company Mailing Address, City, State and ZIP Code (if separate from physical).

(v) Company Telephone Number.

(vi) Date the company was started.

(vii) Number of employees at your location.

(viii) Chief executive officer/key manager.

(ix) Line of business (industry).

(x) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).

(d) If the Offeror does not become registered in the SAM database in the time prescribed by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered Offeror.

(e) Processing time, which normally takes 48 hours, should be taken into consideration when registering. Offer-

ors who are not registered should consider applying for registration immediately upon receipt of this solicitation.

(f) Offerors may obtain information on registration at *https://www.acquisition.gov*.

(End of clause)

52.216-1 Type of Contract (Apr 1984)

The Government contemplates award of a firm fixed price construction contract resulting from this solicitation.

(End of provision)

52.233-2 Service of Protest (Sept 2006)

(a) 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 [Contracting Officer designate the official or location where a protest may be served on the Contracting Officer.] .

(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)

52.236-27 Site Visit (Construction) (Feb 1995)

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

(b) U.S. Government will host a site visit at the following address:

U.S. Embassy Berlin
Clayalle 170
14191 Berlin
Germany

8 September 2016

beginning at 09:00 local (Berlin) time.

(c) Companies interested in participating in the site visit shall e-mail Sara E. Collins via CollinsSE@state.gov with the following information for each individual attending no later than 7 September 2016:

- Name
- National ID Number and/or Passport Number

The information shall be received no later than 15:00 (3:00 p.m.) local (Berlin) time.

Each company is limited to two (2) representatives.

(End of provision)

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):

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR): http://farsite.hill.af.mil/
Department of State Regulations (DOSAR): http://farsite.hill.af.mil/vfdosara.htm
[Insert one or more internet addresses]

(End of provision)

652.206-70 ADVOCATE FOR COMPETITION/OMBUDSMAN (FEB 2015)

(a) The Department of State's Advocate for Competition is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged first to contact the contracting office for the solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact:

(1) For solicitations issued by the Office of Acquisition Management (A/LM/AQM) or a Regional Procurement Support Office, the A/LM/AQM Advocate for Competition, at AQMCompetitionAdvocate@state.gov.

(2) For all others, the Department of State Advocate for Competition at cat@state.gov.

(b) The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and post-award phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman, Raymond Bouford, at 703-875-5429 or fax 703-875-6155. For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1696 or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 1060, SA-15, Washington, DC 20520.

(End of provision)

Section M EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

M.1 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

M.1.1 GENERAL

To be acceptable and eligible for evaluation, proposals shall be prepared in accordance with Section L - **INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO OFFERS OR RESPONDENTS**, and shall meet all the requirements set forth in the other sections of this solicitation.

M.1.2 BASIS FOR AWARD

The Government intends to award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the technically acceptable, responsible offeror with the lowest evaluated priced who is determined to be a responsible contractor within the meaning of FAR Part 9, paragraph 9.104. Evaluations will be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth below:

(A) Initial Evaluation - All proposals received will be evaluated to ensure that each proposal is complete in terms of submission of each required volume, as specified in Sub-Section L.5, **SUBMISSION OF OFFERS.** Proposals that are missing a significant amount of the required information may be eliminated from consideration at the Government's discretion.

(B) Technical Evaluation - Those proposals remaining after the initial evaluation will be thoroughly reviewed to determine technical acceptability. Technical Acceptability will include a review of each element of the Technical Proposal identified in Section L.5.5.3.

(A) Performance Schedule
(B) Key Personnel
(C) Management Information
(D) Construction Experience
(E) Preliminary Quality Management Program.
(F) Performance of Work by Contractor

1. The Government will evaluate the performance schedule, to review the sequence of work and to ensure that performance will be completed on time in accordance with the contract period of performance and that the contractor has demonstrated a clear understanding of the project. The end result of this review will be a determination of technical acceptability or unacceptability.
2. The Government will evaluate the key personnel. The review will include a review of the qualifications of the proposed staff and their range of experience and knowledge.
3. The Government will evaluate the construction projects or contracts provided to evaluate both experience and past performance. Experience pertains to the types of work and volume of work previously or currently being performed by the contractor that are comparable to the types of work envisioned by this requirement in terms of size, scope and complexity. Past performance relates to how well a contractor has performed. The Government may contact references to verify experience and past performance. If the Government is aware of contracts that meet the requirements of this solicitation but have not been included in the 3 contracts submitted, it may evaluate those contracts in addition to those submitted.
4. The Government will evaluate the amount of work to be performed by the contractor on site and the amount of work to be performed by sub-contractors. The Government will review the experience of the proposed subcontractors relevant to the works planned to be assigned to them under this contract.
5. The Government will evaluate the offeror’s proposed principal material suppliers to determine their acceptability to the Government.
6. The government will evaluate the list of equipment owned, equipment available, and equipment projected

to be assigned to the work to determine that is conducive with that for achieving the results required in the solicitation document. The review shall also consider the listing of subcontractor equipment assigned to the project.

7. The Government will evaluate that the offeror's has demonstrated that its workforce is sufficient in number to perform the work, or that the offeror has demonstrated the ability to obtain at short notice the number of workers required to undertake the project.
8. The Government will evaluate the offeror's proposal to verify that the offeror is in possession of authorization to operate and do business in the country in which this contract will be performed in accordance with DOSAR 652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)
9. The Government will evaluate the offeror's proposal to verify that the offeror has provided an acceptable letter or similar documentation from a financial institution confirming that in the event of contract award, the required Letter of Credits will be provided punctually, and in accordance with the contract requirements at Section H.1.
10. The Government will evaluate the Quality Management Program (QMP) to insure that the contractor has demonstrated a clear understanding of the project. The Government reserves the right to consider information independently obtained in the evaluation of past performance. The end result of this review will be a determination of technical acceptability or unacceptability.

(C) Responsibility will be determined by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:

(1) Adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;
(2) Ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
(3) Satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
(4) Necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them;
(5) Necessary equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them; and
(6) Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

(D) Price Evaluation

The Government will also perform a limited price realism analysis, and may reject an offer if such analysis demonstrates that the total price offered is so low as to present an unacceptable risk of failure to perform. In establishing whether or not a price proposed has been understated, a comparison may be made between the proposed price and that of (1) the independent government estimate; (2) to current price information from manufactures and independently obtained cost and price data; (3) fabrication, transportation, and installation costs, and (4) current labor rates.

M.1.3 AWARD SELECTION

The prices of all technically acceptable firms will then be reviewed and the award selection will go to the lowest evaluated priced, technically acceptable, responsible Offeror. Unsuccessful Offeror's will be notified in accordance with part FAR 15.

M.2 AWARD WITHOUT DISCUSSIONS

In accordance with FAR Provision 52.215-1 (incorporated by reference in Section L of this RFP), Offeror' s are reminded that the Government may award this contract based on initial proposals and without holding discussions, pursuant to FAR 15.306(a)(3).

If the Government receives offers in more than one currency, the Government will evaluate offers by converting the foreign currency to United States currency using the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System's website at https://www.federalreserve.gov/default.htm in effect as follows:

(a) For acquisitions conducted using sealed bidding procedures, on the date of bid opening.

(b) For acquisitions conducted using negotiation procedures--

(1) On the date specified for receipt of offers, if award is based on initial offers; otherwise

(2) On the date specified for receipt of proposal revisions.

(End of provision)