

SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, & 30				1. REQUISITION NUMBER 1177495		PAGE OF 1 12		
2. CONTRACT NO.		3. AWARD/ EFFECTIVE DATE	4. ORDER NUMBER		5. SOLICITATION NUMBER 1284LM27Q0005		6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE 10/09/2026	
7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL:		a. NAME BUFFY KITTLESON			b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No collect calls) 218-606-0463		8. OFFER DUE DATE/LOCAL TIME 10/23/2026 1700 MT	
9. ISSUED BY USDA-FS CSA INTERMOUNTAIN 2 324 25TH ST OGDEN UT 84401-2310				CODE 84LM	10. THIS ACQUISITION IS ☒ UNRESTRICTED OR ☐ SET ASIDE: % FOR: ☐ SMALL BUSINESS ☐ HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS ☐ SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (SDVOSB) ☐ WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (WOSB) ☐ ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (EDWOSB) ☐ 8(A) NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION STANDARD (NAICS): 331315 SIZE STANDARD: 1400			
11. DELIVERY FOR FREE ON BOARD (FOB) DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED ☒ SEE SCHEDULE		12. DISCOUNT TERMS		13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ☐ ORDER UNDER THE DEFENSE PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATIONS SYSTEM - DPAS (15 CFR 700)		13b. RATING 14. METHOD OF SOLICITATION ☒ REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ) ☐ INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) ☐ REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)		
15. DELIVER TO USDA FOREST SERVICE REGION 4 UTAH ACQ SUPPORT CTR 1749 W 500 S SALT LAKE CITY UT 84104				CODE 84N8	16. ADMINISTERED BY USDA-FS CSA INTERMOUNTAIN 2 324 25TH ST OGDEN UT 84401-2310			
17a. CONTRACTOR/ OFFEROR		CODE	FACILITY CODE	18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY				CODE 84LM
TELEPHONE NO.				☐ 17b. CHECK IF REMITTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND PUT SUCH ADDRESS IN OFFER				18b. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK 18a UNLESS BLOCK BELOW IS CHECKED ☐ SEE ADDENDUM
19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES			21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT	
	Delivery: 30 Days After Award							
0001	Six (6) foot aluminum delineator post with point and tabs, and holes for sign attachment			1500	EA			
0002	FOB Destination			1	LS			
(Use Reverse and/or Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary)								
25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA						26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Government Use Only)		
☐ 27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE (FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION) FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA ☐ ARE ☐ ARE NOT ATTACHED.								
☐ 27b. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-5 IS ATTACHED. ADDENDA ☐ ARE ☐ ARE NOT ATTACHED.								
☐ 28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN _____ COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED.					☐ 29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REFERENCE _____ OFFER DATED _____. YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN, IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS:			
30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR				31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER)				
30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)			30c. DATE SIGNED	31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) CHAD B. SANTONE			31c. DATE SIGNED	

19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT

32a. QUANTITY IN COLUMN 21 HAS BEEN

☐ RECEIVED ☐ INSPECTED ☐ ACCEPTED, AND CONFORMS TO THE CONTRACT, EXCEPT AS NOTED: _____

32b. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE		32c. DATE	32d. PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	
32e. MAILING ADDRESS OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE			32f. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	
			32g. E-MAIL OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	
33. SHIP NUMBER	34. VOUCHER NUMBER	35. AMOUNT VERIFIED CORRECT FOR	36. PAYMENT	37. CHECK NUMBER
☐ PARTIAL ☐ FINAL			☐ COMPLETE ☐ PARTIAL ☐ FINAL	
38. S/R ACCOUNT NUMBER	39. S/R VOUCHER NUMBER	40. PAID BY		
41a. I CERTIFY THIS ACCOUNT IS CORRECT AND PROPER FOR PAYMENT			42a. RECEIVED BY (<i>Print</i>)	
41b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER		41c. DATE	42b. RECEIVED AT (<i>Location</i>)	
			42c. DATE REC'D (YY/MM/DD)	42d. TOTAL CONTAINERS

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Statement of Requirement

USDA Forest Service would like to purchase aluminum delineator posts for use as boundary markers. See Attachment 1 – C04b_Attachment 1 – Post Image_1284LM27Q0005 for example of product.

Technical Data –

C04b_Attachment 1 – Post Image_1284LM27Q0005

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and United States Department of Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Clauses and Provisions

The clauses and provisions contained herein are applicable to any order awarded as a result of this solicitation. The terms and conditions set forth herein supersede all other terms and conditions. Acceptance of the order in accordance with (IAW) FAR 12.201-1(b)(2) constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions contained herein.

As part of the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO), system updates may lag policy updates. The System for Award Management (SAM) may continue to require entities to complete representations based on provisions that are not included in this solicitation. Contracting officers will rely on representations from offers based on provisions in the solicitation. Entities are not required to, nor are they able to, update their entity registration to remove these representations in SAM.

52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference

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This solicitation incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also the full text of the clause may be accessed electronically at Internet address <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-52>

- 52.212-4 Terms and Conditions—Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Nov 2025)
 - ☐ Alternate I (Nov 2025) of 52.212-4
- 52.203-17 Contractor Employee Whistleblower Rights (Nov 2023)
- 52.203-19 Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017)
- 52.222-50 Combating Trafficking in Persons (Nov 2025)
 - ☐ Alternate I (Nov 2025) of 52.222-50
- 52.226-8 Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (May 2024)
- 52.232-39 Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations (Jun 2013)
- 52.232-40 Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (Mar 2023)
- 52.233-3 Protest After Award (Sep 2025)
- 52.233-4 Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Sep 2025)
- 52.240-91 Security Prohibitions and Exclusions (Nov 2025)
 - ☐ Alternate I (Nov 2025) of 52.240-91
- 52.244-6 Subcontracts for Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Nov 2025)

The following clauses are applicable if checked:

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- ☐ 52.203-6 Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Jun 2020) with Alternate I (Nov 2021) of 52.203-6
- ☐ 52.203-13 Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Nov 2021)
- ☐ 52.204-9 Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel Jan 2011
- ☒ 52.204-13 System for Award Management—Maintenance (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.204-91 Contractor identification (Nov 2025)
- ☒ 52.209-6 Protecting the Government’s Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (Sep 2025)
- ☐ 52.209-9 Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Sep 2025)
- ☒ 52.209-10 Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (Sep 2025)
- ☐ 52.219-4 Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (Nov 2025)
- ☒ 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Aside (Nov 2025)
 - ☐ Alternate I (Mar 2020).
- ☐ 52.219-8 Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Nov 2025)
 - ☐ Alternate III (Nov 2025) of 52.219-9.
 - ☐ Alternate IV (Nov 2025) of 52.219-9
- ☐ 52.219-14 Limitations on Subcontracting (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.219-16 Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.219-33 Nonmanufacturer Rule (Nov 2025)
- ☒ 52.222-3 Convict Labor (June 2003)
- ☒ 52.222-19 Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.222-35 Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Nov 2025)
 - ☐ Alternate I (Jul 2014) of 52.222-35
- ☒ 52.222-36 Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Nov 2025)
 - ☐ Alternate I (Jul 2014) of 52.222-36
- ☐ 52.222-37 Employment Reports on Veterans (Nov 2025)
- ☒ 52.222-40 Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010)
- ☐ 52.222-41 Service Contract Labor Standards (Aug 2018)
- ☐ 52.222-42 Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 2014)
- ☐ 52.222-43 Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards -- Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (Aug 2018)
- ☐ 52.222-44 Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards -- Price Adjustment (May 2014)
- ☐ 52.222-51 Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014)
- ☐ 52.222-53 Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (Nov 2025)
- ☒ 52.222-54 Employment Eligibility Verification (Nov 2025)

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- ☐ 52.222-62 Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (Jan 2022)
- ☒ 52.222-90 Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors (Apr 2026)
- ☐ 52.223-2 Reporting of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.223-9 Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items (May 2008)
 - ☐ Alternate I (May 2008) of 52.223-9
- ☐ 52.223-11 Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.223-12 Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (Nov 2025)
- ☒ 52.223-23 Sustainable Products and Services (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.224-3 Privacy Training (Jan 2017)
 - ☐ Alternate I (Jan 2017) of 52.224-3
- ☐ 52.225-1 Buy American-Supplies (Nov 2025)
 - ☐ Alternate I (Oct 2022) of 52.225-1
- ☒ 52.225-3 Buy American--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act (Nov 2025)
 - ☐ Alternate II (Nov 2025) of 52.225-3.
 - ☐ Alternate III (Nov 2025) of 52.225-3.
 - ☐ Alternate IV (Oct 2022) of 52.225-3
- ☐ 52.225-5 Trade Agreements (Nov 2023)
- ☐ 52.225-19 Contractor Personnel in a Designated Operational Area or Supporting a Diplomatic or Consular Mission outside the United States (May 2020)
- ☐ 52.225-26 Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016)
- ☐ 52.226-4 Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007)
- ☐ 52.226-5 Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Aug 2025)
- ☐ 52.229-12 Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements
- ☐ 52.232-29 Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Nov 2021)
- ☐ 52.232-30 Installment Payments for Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Nov 2021)
- ☒ 52.232-33 Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer— System for Award Management (Oct 2018)
- ☐ 52.232-34 Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other Than System for Award Management (Jul 2013)
- ☐ 52.232-36 Payment by Third Party (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.237-2 Protection of Government Buildings, Equipment, and Vegetation (Apr 1984)
- ☐ 52.237-3 Continuity of Services (Jan 1991)
- ☐ 52.240-92 Security Requirements (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.240-93 Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems (No 2025)
- ☐ 52.247-64 Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Nov 2025)
 - ☐ Alternate I (Apr 2023) of 52.247-64.

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☐ Alternate II (Nov 2021) of 52.247-64

AGAR Clauses

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AGAR 452.203-70 Unenforceable Supplier Terms (MAY 2026)

AGAR 452.204-70 Modification for Contract Closeout (Apr 2026)

AGAR 452.236-70 Electronic Submission of Payment Requests (Sep 2026)

Solicitation Information

Award Type

It is anticipated that a firm-fixed price requirements contract will be awarded as a result of this synopsis/solicitation.

The Government intends to make one award from this solicitation. Therefore, to be considered responsive, contractors must submit pricing for all items.

Evaluation and Basis for Award

The provision at FAR 52.212-2, Evaluation—Commercial Products and Commercial Services is not applicable to this solicitation. In lieu of this provision, quotes will be evaluated in accordance with FAR 12.203 based on the criteria listed below. Award will be made to the offeror representing the best value to the Government.

Technical Approach:

Technical Acceptability will be evaluated to receive an overall rating of "acceptable" or "unacceptable." This will be based on the offeror's ability to provide a sound and compliant approach that meets all requirements and shows a thorough understanding of them. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure their quotation clearly demonstrates their capability to meet these requirements. All offerors must provide the following minimum information and documentation with their quotations to be considered responsive and have their offers evaluated:

- Detailed explanation of the offeror's ability to deliver delineator posts. Must provide an image of post with quote.

Price:

The offeror shall provide pricing as requested on the SF1449 on page 1 of this Request for Quote. Failure to propose pricing for all individual line items may result in a quotation being excluded from

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further consideration. The offeror's quotation will be evaluated in accordance with FAR 12.204, to determine if it is fair and reasonable.

Past Performance:

The Government may utilize any references provided by the Contractor, along with information available from past contracts/orders with the USDA and any information found using sources such as Federal Government sources or the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) to determine if the Contractor has acceptable or neutral Past Performance. Past Performance will be evaluated using the following rating system:

- Acceptable: The contractor shows a demonstrated ability to meet contract requirements in prior or current contracts, including quality of work, timeliness, cost control, business relations, and adherence to contract terms.
- Neutral: Offeror does not have a past performance record.
- Unacceptable: The contractor has a documented history of failing to meet contract requirements, including poor quality, missed deadlines, cost overruns, lack of responsiveness, or unethical behavior.

Evaluation Method:

The Government will evaluate quotations based on the lowest price technically acceptable criteria. Only the lowest priced offer will be evaluated for Technical Acceptability. Should the lowest priced offer not receive an acceptable technical or past performance rating, the process will continue in order of lowest priced offer until the lowest price, technically acceptable offer with acceptable or neutral past performance is identified.

Delivery Information

F.o.b. destination, is requested as the F.O.B. point for all deliverables.

All offers will be considered F.O.B. Destination unless F.O.B. origin is specified AND estimated shipping costs are included.

The USDA requires delivery of all items by within 60 days of Date of Award. Early deliveries will be accepted.

Shipping Instructions:

Items shall be shipped to the following address:

USDA Forest Service
1749 W 500 S
Salt Lake City, UT 84104

52.252-1 Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference

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be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-52>

52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors - Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Nov 2025)

FAR 52.212-1 is amended as follows:

For simplified acquisitions, the word quote or quoter is substituted in provision FAR 52.212-1 for the word offer or offeror.

a) Submission of quotes. Submit signed and dated quotes to the office specified in this solicitation at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. As a minimum, quotes shall include-

- (1) The solicitation number;
- (2) The name, address, telephone number of the Quoter;
- (3) The Quoter's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI);
- (4) Information necessary to evaluate the factors described in the solicitation;
- (5) Responses to provisions that require Quoter completion of information, representations, and certifications (other than those collected via the System for Award Management (SAM));
- (6) A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and any solicitation amendments.

Addenda to FAR 52.212-1(a):

(7) Quoters must have an active entity registration in the System for Award Management to submit a quote. <https://sam.gov/entity-registration>

(8) Submit quote by email to buffy.kittleeson@usda.gov so that it is delivered by the due date and time. Emails should contain separate attachments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF format. Be aware that large attachments may increase the time required to deliver an email. It is the quoter's responsibility to confirm receipt of the quote.

(b) *Period for acceptance of quotes.* The Quoter agrees to hold the prices in its quote firm for **60 calendar days** from the date specified for receipt of quotes.

(c) *Late submissions, modifications, revisions, and withdrawals of quotes.*

(1) Quoters are responsible for submitting quotes and any modifications or revisions to the Government email designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation.

(2) Any quote, modification, or revision received after the time specified for receipt of quotes is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late quote would not unduly delay the

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

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

(4) Quoters may withdraw their quotes by written notice to the Government received at any time before award.

(d) *Contract award (not applicable to Invitation for Bids)*. The Government intends to evaluate quotes and award a contract without discussions. Therefore, the Quoter's initial quote should contain the Quoter's best terms. However, the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions, if necessary. The Government may reject any or all quotes if such action is in the public interest, accept other than the lowest quote, and waive informalities and minor irregularities in quotes received.

(e) *Debriefings*. If a post award debriefing is given to requesting Quoter, the Government will disclose the following information, if applicable:

(1) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed Quoter's offer.

(2) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful Quoter and the debriefed Quoter and past performance information on the debriefed Quoter.

(3) The overall ranking of all Quoters when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.

(4) A summary of the rationale for award.

(5) For acquisitions of commercial products, the make and model of the product to be delivered by the successful Quoter.

(6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed Quoter as to whether the agency followed source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities.

Questions

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Questions shall be submitted via email to buffy.kittleon@usda.gov and are due no later than 10/19/2026, 1700 MT. This will ensure enough time to respond before the solicitation period ends. Please include the solicitation name and number as the subject line of the email.

- 52.203-18 Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements-Representation (Jan 2017)
- 52.209-2 Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations - Representation (Sep 2025)
- 52.209-11 Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law (Sep 2025)
- 52.240-90 Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications (Nov 2025)

The following provisions are applicable if checked:

- ☐ 52.203-11 Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (Sep 2024)
- ☒ 52.204-7 System for Award Management—Registration (Nov 2025)
 - ☐ Alternate I (Nov 2025) to 52.204-7
- ☐ 52.204-90 Offeror Identification (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.207-6 Solicitation of Offers from Small Business Concerns and Small Business Teaming Arrangements or Joint Ventures (Multiple-Award Contracts) (Aug 2024)
- ☐ 52.209-12 Certification Regarding Tax Matters (Oct 2025)
- ☐ 52.219-2 Equal Low Bids (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.222-18 Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Feb 2021)
- ☐ 52.222-48 Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment—Certification (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.222-52 Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards for Certain Services-Certification (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.222-56 Certification Regarding Trafficking in Persons Compliance Plan (Oct 2020)
- ☐ 52.223-4 Recovered Material Certification (May 2008)
- ☐ 52.225-2 Buy American Certificate (Oct 2022)
- ☒ 52.225-4 Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.225-6 Trade Agreements-Certificate (Feb 2021)
- ☐ 52.226-3 Disaster or Emergency Area Representation (Nov 2007)
- ☐ 52.229-11 Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements—Notice and Representation (Jul 2025)

NOTICE FOR FILING AGENCY PROTESTS

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Protest Procedures

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is committed to fair, transparent, and efficient acquisitions. Interested parties with concerns about this solicitation are encouraged to seek resolution through the following USDA procedures.

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Tier 1: Contracting Officer Concern Resolution

Submission: Interested parties with concerns about either the solicitation or subsequent award should first submit their concern directly to the Contracting Officer, providing sufficient detail to allow the Contracting Officer to understand and assess the issue.

Process: The Contracting Officer will review the concern, seek clarification as needed, and engage with the interested party to attempt prompt resolution.

Review Timeline: The Contracting Officer will make every effort to provide a response or resolution within 10 business days of receiving the concern.

Effect on Award or Performance: Tier 1 engagement is not considered an official notification of filing an agency protest and does not pause solicitation deadlines, delay award decisions, or suspend contract performance.

Next Steps: If the matter cannot be resolved at Tier 1, the interested party may file a written agency protest under Tier 2.

USDA encourages all parties to seek resolution with the Contracting Officer before filing an agency protest.

Tier 2: Agency Protest

If concerns cannot be resolved at Tier 1, an interested party may file a written agency protest with either the Contracting Officer or the USDA Independent Review Authority. The decision by the USDA Independent Review Authority is an alternative to a decision by the Contracting Officer. The USDA Independent Review Authority will not consider an appeal of the Contracting Officer's decision on an agency protest.

The protest must state whether the protester elects review by the Contracting Officer, by the USDA Independent Review Authority. If no election is stated, the Contracting Officer will decide the protest.

Required Information: Protests shall include the information set forth in FAR 33.104-4 (a)(3). Failure to submit the required information may result in a delay or dismissal of the protest.

Submission: Agency protests should be submitted electronically to SPE.inquiry@usda.gov and the Contracting Officer.

Timeliness: Protests must be filed within the timeframes specified in FAR 33.104.

Effect on Award or Performance: Contract awards or performance will be suspended during the protest period unless justified in writing for urgent and compelling reasons or determined to be in the best interest of the Government.

Review Timeline: USDA strives to resolve agency-level protests within 35 business days of receipt.

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Election of Forum: By filing a protest with USDA, the protesters agree not to file a protest on the same matter with the Government Accountability Office (GAO) or any other external forum while the agency protest is pending. If such a protest is filed externally, the USDA agency protest will be dismissed.

Questions: Questions regarding this notice or protest procedures should be directed to the Contracting Officer identified in this solicitation.