

SOLICITATION, OFFER, AND AWARD <i>(Construction, Alteration, or Repair)</i>	1. SOLICITATION NO. 140P4226R0026	2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION ☐ SEALED BID (IFB) INVITATION FOR BID ☒ NEGOTIATED (RFP) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL	3. DATE ISSUED 08/21/2026	PAGE 1	OF 79	PAGES
	IMPORTANT - The "offer" section on the reverse must be fully completed by offeror.					

4. CONTRACT NO.		5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO. 0044037723		6. PROJECT NO.		
7. ISSUED BY DOI, NPS, NERO & NER SOUTH MABO National Park Service Northeast Regional Contracting South/Philadelphia MABO 1234 Market Street, 20th Floor Philadelphia PA 19107		CODE PNC	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO			
9. FOR INFORMATION CALL		a. NAME Brian McCabe		b. TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS) 2023397772		

SOLICITATION

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

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

Section C - Scope of Work

Attachment 1 - ALPO-Staple Bend Tunnel-Specs-Final - 7.12.2026
 Attachment 2 - ALPO-Staple Bend Tunnel-Drawings - 7.31.2025
 Attachment 3 - ALPO-Staple Bend Tunnel-Technical Reports
 Attachment 4 - Location Maps-Lap Testing Report-Photos
 Attachment 5 - 146798-ALPO-423-41023-Topo
 Attachment 6 - ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel Preservation-1999 CDs
 Attachment 7 - ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel - Submittal List
 Attachment 8 - CON WD - Heavy and Highway - PA20260002 - 7.30.2026
 Attachment 9 - Limitation on Subcontracting Compliance Worksheet
 Sections D-1 - Terms and Conditions

Solicitation Only
 Section K-M

11. The contractor shall begin performance within <u>10</u> calendar days and complete it within <u>190</u> calendar days after receiving ☐ award, ☒ notice to proceed. This performance period is ☐ mandatory ☒ negotiable. (See <u>Section C.4</u>).	
12a. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH ANY REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS? <i>(If "YES", indicate within how many calendar days after award in Item 12b.)</i> ☒ YES ☐ NO	12b. CALENDAR DAYS 10

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 1600 (hour) local time 09/21/2026 (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, ☐ 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 30 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)
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 NUMBER										
DATE.										

20a. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print)	20b. SIGNATURE	20c. OFFER DATE
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AWARD (To be completed by Government)

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

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22. AMOUNT	23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA
24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN (4 copies unless otherwise specified)	25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO THE UNITED STATES CODE AT ☐ 10 U.S.C. 3204(a) () ☐ 41 U.S.C. 3304(a) ()
26. ADMINISTERED BY PNC DOI, NPS, NERO & NER SOUTH MABO National Park Service Northeast Regional Contracting South/Philadelphia MABO 1234 Market Street, 20th Floor Philadelphia PA 19107	27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY

CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 28 OR 29 AS APPLICABLE

☐ 28. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT (Contractor is required to sign this document and return <u>1</u> 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 further 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) Brian McCabe
30b. SIGNATURE	31b. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY
30c. DATE	31c. DATE

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ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
	Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historical Site (ALPO) - Tunnel Stabilization of Staple Bend Tunnel 100% Small Business Set-Aside - Firm-Fixed Price Delivery: 190 Days After Notice to Proceed Delivery Location Code: 0011281450 DOI, NPS ALPO 110 Federal Park Rd Gallitzin PA 16641-2000 US Period of Performance: 10/01/2026 to 12/31/2027				
00010	Stabilization Maintenance Plan Product/Service Code: Z1QA Product/Service Description: MAINTENANCE OF RESTORATION OF REAL PROPERTY (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE) Period of Performance: 09/30/2026 to 12/31/2027				
00020	Scaling Product/Service Code: Z1QA Product/Service Description: MAINTENANCE OF RESTORATION OF REAL PROPERTY (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE) Period of Performance: 09/30/2026 to 12/31/2027	3528	SF		
00030	Fossil Inventory Product/Service Code: Z1QA Product/Service Description: MAINTENANCE OF RESTORATION OF REAL PROPERTY (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE) Period of Performance: 09/30/2026 to 12/31/2027	80	HR		
00040	Rock Bolt Anchors Product/Service Code: Z1QA Product/Service Description: MAINTENANCE OF RESTORATION OF REAL PROPERTY (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE) Continued...	14	EA		

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00050	Void Fill Concrete Product/Service Code: Z1QA Product/Service Description: MAINTENANCE OF RESTORATION OF REAL PROPERTY (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE)	180	CD		
00060	Guniting Product/Service Code: Z1QA Product/Service Description: MAINTENANCE OF RESTORATION OF REAL PROPERTY (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE)	2310	SF		
00070	Drainage Product/Service Code: Z1QA Product/Service Description: MAINTENANCE OF RESTORATION OF REAL PROPERTY (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE)	2500	LF		
00080	Signposts Product/Service Code: Z1QA Product/Service Description: MAINTENANCE OF RESTORATION OF REAL PROPERTY (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE)				
00090	Mobilization Product/Service Code: Z1QA Product/Service Description: MAINTENANCE OF RESTORATION OF REAL PROPERTY (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE)				
00100	Access / Site Set Up / Safety Product/Service Code: Z1QA Product/Service Description: MAINTENANCE OF RESTORATION OF REAL PROPERTY (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE)				
00110	Optional Item 1- 3D Scan (Subject to Availability of Funding) (Option Line Item) Anticipated Exercise Date 30 Product/Service Code: Z1QA Product/Service Description: MAINTENANCE OF RESTORATION OF REAL PROPERTY (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE) Period of Performance: 09/30/2026 to 12/31/2027				
00120	Optional Item 2 - Bat houses (Subject to the Continued...				

ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
	Availability of Funding) (Option Line Item) Anticipated Exercise Date 30 Product/Service Code: Z1QA Product/Service Description: MAINTENANCE OF RESTORATION OF REAL PROPERTY (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE) Period of Performance: 09/30/2026 to 12/31/2027				

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SECTION B – BID SCHEDULE

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measurement	Unit Price	Total Price
<u>BASE ITEMS</u>					
00010	Stabilization Maintenance Plan	1	Lump Sum	\$ _____	\$ _____
00020	Scaling	3528	Square Feet (SF)	\$ _____	\$ _____
00030	Fossil Inventory	80	Hours	\$ _____	\$ _____
00040	Rock Bolt Anchors	14	Each (EA)	\$ _____	\$ _____
00050	Void Fill Concrete	180	Cubic Yards (CY)	\$ _____	\$ _____
00060	Gunite	2310	Square Feet (SF)	\$ _____	\$ _____
00070	Drainage	2500	Linear Feet (LF)	\$ _____	\$ _____
00080	Signposts	1	Each (EA)	\$ _____	\$ _____
00090	Mobilization	1	Lump Sum	\$ _____	\$ _____
00010	Access / Site Set Up / Safety	1	Lump Sum	\$ _____	\$ _____
<u>OPTIONAL ITEMS (SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING)</u>					
00110	Optional Item 1 - 3D Scan	60	Hours	\$ _____	\$ _____
00120	Optional Item 2 – Bat Houses	1	Each (EA)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Base Price					\$ _____
Total Optional Items Price					\$ _____
Total Base & Optional Items Price					\$ _____

Notice – Offerors are required to submit, at minimum, an offer that conforms to the solicitation documents with pricing for all Base Items. Failure to do so may render the proposal unacceptable. On lump-sum line items, provide the total price only. For all unit-priced line items, provide the unit price and the extended total price. If no specific line item exists for a portion of the work, include the costs in related item. In case of error in calculation of extended prices, the unit price governs. In case of error in summation, the total of the corrected amounts governs. Round total and extended prices to whole dollars.

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Note - the Requirement is being solicited under the Revolutionary FAR Updates (RFO) - Simplified Acquisition Procedures under RFO FAR 12 – Acquisition of Commercial Products and Commercial Services, which now includes Construction, as authorized by RFO FAR 12.200 (b). The requirement also includes original Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) that have not been implemented by the DOI under the RFO.

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SECTION C – SPECIFICATIONS/DRAWINGS

C.0 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service (NPS) is a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) that has been entrusted with the care of our national parks since 1916. The National Park System currently has 433 units (often referred to as parks), covering more than 85 million acres in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and US territories.

The NPS also has more than 150 related areas that are linked in importance and purpose to places managed directly by the National Park Service by preserving important segments of the nation's natural and cultural heritage. They are designated by acts of Congress or by the Secretary of the Interior (affiliated areas). The majority of related areas are not units of the National Park Service and are managed by other government agencies or non-government organizations and landowners. The National Park Service is involved in related areas by directly managing the entire or sections of a related area, or by providing technical or financial assistance.

The NPS preserves unimpaired natural and cultural resources, and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The NPS cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

C.1 ALLEGHENY PORTAGE RAILROAD NATIONAL HISTORICAL SITE (ALPO)

Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site (ALPO) is an NPS site that covers approximately 1,249 acres and is located in southwestern Pennsylvania, approximately 12 miles west of Altoona, PA. ALPO preserves the first railroad to cross the Allegheny Mountains, the Allegheny Portage Railroad, which was the final piece of the Pennsylvania Main Line Canal that opened in 1834.

The Allegheny Portage Railroad opened the first direct route between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, PA. When it was completed, the Allegheny Portage Railroad scaled 1,400-foot of elevation through the Allegheny Mountains, and include four (4) massive stone viaducts, over 72 stone culverts, the first railroad tunnel in the country, 10 inclined planes, 10 stationary steam powered engine houses and 36.65 miles of railway.

At ALPO you can visit the remains of Engine House No.6 and the Skew Arch Bridge. You can also visit the Lemon House, acquired by the NPS in 1966. Built by Samuel Lemon in the early 1830's as a family home, The Lemons also operated a tavern for the travelers on the newly built "Allegheny Portage Railroad" and the "Northern Turnpike" on the first floor. Lastly you visit the Staple Bend Tunnel, which became part of the NPS in 2001, the 1st railroad tunnel built in the US, and the 3rd tunnel of any kind built in the US, the first tunnels were for other canals in PA.

For more information, please visit ALPO's website at: [Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

C.2 PURPOSE

The Department of the Interior (DOI) on behalf of the National Park Service – Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site (ALPO) is seeking one (1) contractor with tunnel stabilization experience to provide all labor, supervision, materials, tools, supplies, transportation, personal protection equipment, and support equipment incidental for the stabilization of the Staple Bend Tunnel located at ALPO.

A. Base item work consists of:

1. Stabilization Maintenance Plan - This item consists of a rock bolting crew and a man lift to access existing rock bolts. The crew shall inspect the tunnel walls and rock bolts on the walls by foot, and use the man lift to inspect the crown and rock bolts on the crown. Documentation shall include an action plan for areas of concern, and surveyed dimensions of the tunnel.

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2. Scaling - This item consists of a scaling crew and a man lift to access the tunnel crown and walls. The scaling crew shall inspect and remove excess, loose, or unstable rock that poses a hazard of falling, excluding removal of keystone blocks or material whose removal could result in loss of supporting rock behind.
3. Fossil Inventory - This item consists of a fossil identification crew including a paleontologist and an operator with a man lift. A paleontologist, meeting the professional standards set forth in Paleontological Resources Preservation Act of 2009 (PRPA) (16 U.S.C. § 470aaa 1-11), shall inspect the tunnel for fossils for preservation with help of a man lift and operator to access the crown.
4. Rock Bolt Anchors - This item consists of a rock bolting crew, rock bolting equipment, and materials to manufacture rock bolts (threaded rebar, bearing plate, nuts, washers, and grout). Rock bolting crew shall cut and assemble metal to designed rock bolt specifications and install them with equipment and grout.
5. Void Fill Concrete - This item consists of a concrete crew and equipment, concrete, and concrete forms. Concrete crew shall install forms along voids and inject concrete between the rock and form according to design plans.
6. Guniting - This item consists of a mesh installation crew, Guniting installation crew, man lift, wire mesh, and associated anchoring/bolting and shotcrete equipment. Crews shall install wire mesh using a man lift and anchoring/bolting equipment to attach the mesh to the tunnel crown or wall.
7. Drainage - This item consists of a drainage crew, French drainpipe, strip drains and equipment. Crew shall excavate and install a French drain on the floor of the tunnel near each wall along with installing strip drains in the crown and walls.
8. Signposts - This item consists of a construction crew and materials for signage. Crew shall construct or purchase signs to be installed

B. Optional/Additive Items work consists of (Subject to Availability of Funding):

1. Optional Item 1: 3D Scan - This item consists of a licensed surveying crew with an equipment rental and report submittal. Surveying crew shall use equipment to make a 3D scan of the tunnel and develop a report.
2. Optional Item 2: Bat Houses - This item consists of a pre-built house installed for bats that may occupy the tunnel.

C. Reference Section C.3 – Special Project Specification below and the Section J – Attachment for specific Project Requirements, in addition to what is included in Section C of this Document.

C.3 SPECIAL PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

All work shall be performed in accordance with the special project specifications and this Section C.

Attachment 1 – ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel-Specs – Final 7.12.2026

Attachment 2 – ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel-Drawings – 7.31.2025

Attachment 3 – ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel-Technical Reports

Attachment 4 – Location Maps-Lab Testing Report-Photos

Attachment 5 – 146798-ALPO-423-41023-Topo

Attachment 6 – ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel Preservation-1999-CDs

Attachment 7 – ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel Submittal List

C.4 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance is 190 days after issuance of full Not-to-Proceed (NTP). The full NTP start date is based on actual mobilization date which will be established after submittals are approved. A partial NTP may be issued at the request of the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) and/or Point-of-Contact (POC) and/or Contractor for the submittal process after award but will not count towards the 190 days for the full NTP. If Partial NTP is not requested, contractor shall assume submittal process begins immediately after award.

C.5 PLACE OF PERFORMANCE AND HOURS OF OPERATION

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Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historical Site (ALPO)
110 Federal Park Road
Gallitzin, PA 16641

Staple Bend Tunnel (Project location)

Trailhead Parking Lot

1258 Beech Hill Road
Johnstown, PA 15942

Specific directions:

Located near the town of Mineral Point (Cambria County), 4-5 miles from Johnstown, PA

Direction - Take US Route 22 to the Mundy's Corner/Nanty Glo exit. Turn right onto PA Route 271 South. Continue on Route 271 South approximately 5 miles until a (marked) left turn onto Mineral Point Road (PA 3030). After approximately 2 miles make a (marked) right turn onto Beech Hill Road and proceed over the bridge. Go through the railroad underpass and the paved parking lot for Staple Bend Tunnel will be located on the right. Please use the parking lot and do not block the emergency access road. This same parking area is used for the Path of the Flood Trail. See Map for more detailed information - [Maps - Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

Hours of Operation: Work shall be performed between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, federal holidays excluded, unless authorized by the COR in writing as stated below. Specific hours may be determined at award. If the NPS determines that the safety of visitors is threatened by the Contractor's operations, all or part of the Contractor's operations may be suspended until agreement is reached on additional safety measures and precautions. The Contractor must at all times maintain an adequate workforce for the uninterrupted performance of all tasks defined within this PWS when the Government facility is not closed for the above reasons. When hiring personnel, the Contractor shall keep in mind that the stability and continuity of the workforce are essential.

Additional requirements applicable to both locations

- A. Do not execute operations during:
 - 1) Federal holidays, unless otherwise agreed to in advance by Park.
 - 2) Weekends, unless otherwise authorized by Park.
 - 3) Official ceremonies as notified by Park.
- B. Weekend Hours: Do not perform Work, unless authorized by Government.
 - 1) Request authorization at least five (5) business days in advance, minimum, in writing.
- C. Holiday Hours: Do not perform Work, unless authorized by Government.
 - 1) Request authorization at least five (5) business days in advance, minimum, in writing.

These are the following observed Federal Holidays:

New Year's Day – January 1st
 Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday – Third Monday in January
 President's Day – Third Monday in February
 Memorial Day – Last Monday in May
 Juneteenth – June 19th
 Independence Day – July 4th
 Labor Day – First Monday in September
 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day – Second Monday in October
 Veteran's Day – November 11th

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Thanksgiving Day – Fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day – December 25th

Note - if any of the holidays stated above fall on a Saturday, the Friday *before* the actual day is the official day the Government takes for the holiday. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the Monday after the actual day is the official day the Government takes for the holiday. These dates do not account for any other days or shorten days that may be added prior to any of the holidays mentioned above that may be added at the discretion of any Presidential Administration and implemented by the DOI.

C.6 SAFETY

1. Conduct all operations and procedures in a manner to ensure the safety for all and to minimize inconveniences.
 - a. Methods shall be compliant with OSHA and other applicable regulations, including State and local bodies having jurisdiction.
 - b. Deliver to Government:
 - i. Schedule for safety meetings.
 - ii. Project specific emergency response plan, that also includes the requirements under 29 CFR 1926 – Subpart S – 1926.800.
 - iii. Project specific accident prevention plan.
 - iv. Possess first aid equipment on site, and other areas as required.
 - v. Provide necessary safety equipment on site to perform the construction activities as required by regulation.
2. Safety Meetings: Contractor shall conduct documented daily safety meetings.
3. Additional requirements if not stated elsewhere, during the execution of this contract, the Contractor must conform to the rules and regulations, as amended and as set forth by:
 - 29 CFR 1926 – OSHA Safety and Health Regulations Construction (applicable parts), specifically, but not limited to the following:
 - Subpart J – Welding and Cutting - [eCFR :: 29 CFR Part 1926 Subpart J -- Welding and Cutting](#)
 - Subpart S – Underground Construction, Caissons, Cofferdams and Compressed Air
 - 1926.800 – Underground Construction - [eCFR :: 29 CFR 1926.800 -- Underground construction.](#)
 - National Park Service Occupational Safety and Health Program – Reference Manual 50B - [Reference Manual 50B: NPS Occupational Safety and Health Program](#)
 - Most Recent Superintendents Compendiums as amended:
 - ALPO - [Superintendent's Compendium - Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)
 - All Contractor or employee conduct is subject to park rules and regulations concerning: littering, wildlife harassment, collecting, resource damage and other topics as specified for the NPS in the Code of Federal Regulations title 36 ([eCFR :: 36 CFR Part 2 -- Resource Protection, Public Use and Recreation](#)).
 - Directors Orders - [Director's Orders and Related Documents/NPS Office of Policy](#) – which can have an impact on work performed.
 - Use of barricades, ropes, signs, or audible signals is required, and the contractor must take all necessary precautions for the protection of the work, property, and safety of the public.
 - A temporary securityfence (on footers) may be installed to prevent access to excavated areas, construction areas, and/or storage area only after written approval of COR/POC.
 - **Reference Attachment 1 – ALPO-Staple Bend-Tunnel-Spec-Final 7.12.2026 for additional requirements to what is stated herein, specifically Section 01 35 23 – Safety Requirements**

C.7 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

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- Any accidental fire starts shall be reported immediately to COR and/or ALPO Fire Management. Should the fire exceed the size of a campfire and threaten workers safety, the contractor should depart the area and call 911 or ALPO Fire Management immediately.
- Hazard Control: Take all necessary precautions to prevent fire during construction. Keep flammable substances or materials at a safe distance from use of volatile or noxious substances.
- Smoking is prohibited in the work areas in sites designated for the contractor's use. Designate a space away from the work area be used for smoking. Cigarette butts must be disposed of properly.
- Protection Equipment Required: Furnish a minimum of one extinguisher for each 1,500 square feet of area or major fraction thereof and a sufficient number to meet the requirement that a travel distance from any workstation to the nearest extinguisher shall not exceed 75 feet. Fire extinguisher shall be of type and size appropriate for the work but no less than 10lb.
- Compliance with 29 CFR 1926 – Subpart S – 1926.800 (m) – Fire prevention and control.
- Compliance with Section 01 50 00 (3.4)(G) – Temporary Fire Protection (Attachment 1 – ALPO-Staple Bend Tunnel-Spec-Final 7.12.2026)

C.8 HOT WORK REQUIREMENTS

- A. NPS Hot Work Permit – A permit is required for any operation involving open flame or producing heat and/or sparks, such as welding, brazing, cutting, and soldering. Coordinate permitting procedures with COR/POC. Here are the minimum elements regarding the permit:
- **Designated Areas:** Hot work must be performed in designated or permit-required areas, which are approved by the Park Structural Fire Coordinator.
 - **Precautions:** Before starting, ensure all necessary precautions are taken, including isolating flammable materials and establishing a fire watch.
 - **Permit Requirements:** A signed Hot Work Permit on Form HW-1 must be issued by the designated authority before any hot work operations begin.
 - **Safety Measures:** Conduct thorough inspections, ensure proper isolation of the work area, and provide appropriate personal protective equipment.
- B. Hot Work Plan - The Contractor shall prepare a compliant plan and submit it for review 14 days prior to the request to perform hot work. Perform and safeguard hot work operations in accordance with NFPA 51B and NFPA 241 as applicable. The Plan shall be prepared and submitted in conjunction with the Hot Work Permit to the COR/POC.
- C. Compliance with OSHA 29 CFR 1926
- Subpart J – Welding and Cutting
 - Subpart S – 1926.800 (n) Welding, cutting, and other hot work.

C.9 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- A. All equipment/tools shall only be used within the limits of the manufacture's recommendations.
- B. Contractor may use heavy equipment, cranes, aerial lifts, ladders, and other typical standard industry equipment, as applicable, for the tasks being performed.
1. Proper ground protection, such as plywood or other industry approved matting must be used to protect the grounds from damage (rutting, damage to concrete, etc.).
- C. All tools/machinery/equipment/vehicles shall be safeguarded from the public.
Tools/machinery/equipment/vehicles shall not be left unattended. All tools/equipment shall not be allowed to lie around except in the immediate work area.
- D. Any tools not in immediate use shall be staged or stowed in such manner so as not to create a hazard. The government and contractor will agree on delineating the work area around the project.
- E. Any damaged caused to NPS property through equipment use shall be restored and/or repair to original conditions at contractor expense.

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C.10 EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

- A. All equipment must meet all federal OSHA, state and local safety requirements and must be properly licensed.
- B. The name or logo of the contractor must be clearly displayed on all trucks used on the job.
- D. The public road leading to the site has a single lane underpass, but contractors shall verify height and width limitations with VDOT.
- E. The maximum height allowed inside the Staple Bend Tunnel is 18'

C.11 SAFETY PLAN

The Contractor shall draft and provide a safety plan specific for each location identified above in C.2. The Safety Plan shall be available to all employees and subcontractors working on the contract and subsequent task orders. The Safety Plan should cover at a minimum:

- a. What is required in Attachment 1 – ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel-Specs-Final 7.12.2026 – Section 01 35 23 – Part 2 – Products (2.1) Accident Prevention Plan (AAP)
- b. Personal Protective Equipment required for the work Attachment 1 – ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel-Specs-Final 7.12.2026 - Section 01 35 23
- c. Accident Reporting per Attachment 1 – ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel-Specs-Final 7.12.2026 - Section 01 35 23
- d. Fire Prevention and Protection (see C.7 above)
- e. Hot Work (see C.8 above)
- f. Equipment use (see C.9 and C.10 above)

C.12 DRONES/UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (UAV) USAGE

The use of drones and/or UAVs are not authorized at ALPO during performance of this contract, unless approved in writing by the Superintendent.

C.13 PROHIBITION OF WEAPONS/FIREARMS

18 USC 930 is Federal law that supersedes Section 512 of Public Law 111-24 and prohibits the possession of a firearm or other dangerous weapon in a Federal facility. Federal facilities are buildings or parts thereof owned or leased by the Federal Government, where Federal employees are regularly present for the purpose of performing official duties. No weapon or firearms are authorized within ALPO at any time.

C.14 TEMPORARY FACILITIES/WORK AREA

1. **ACCESS:** Vehicles shall be limited to those needed at the site plus a single crew transportation vehicle can be driven on the trail to the site. The contractor is responsible for are traffic control and safety to public that may be present on the trail. The contractor shall be responsible for any damage to the trail and shall provide restoration to any trail damage that may have resulted from vehicle damage when accessing the site.
2. **PARKING:** Per Attachment 1 – ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel-Specs-Final 7.12.2026 - Section 01 11 00 (1.3)(A)(1) - Limits: Confine constructions operations to any area within the tunnel. Equipment over 18 feet tall will not fit on site.
3. **STORAGE:** Confine storage to grass areas near tunnel portals as needed with coordination with COR/POC.
4. **CONDUCT:** Contractor shall at all times conduct operations to ensure the least inconvenience to occupants and

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visitors.

- Contractor shall clean site of all construction debris and leave site in a neat and orderly appearance with walkways clean and clear at the end of each workday.
- Loud noise must be kept at a minimum.

5. **RESTROOMS:** No private restroom facility is available onsite for the contractor's use. The contractor will have to provide Port-a-Potties as needed. If contractor elects to bring in portable toilets, this shall be approved in advance by COR/POC. Additionally:

- Location and placement shall be coordinated by COR/POC and shall be secured when not in use to prevent tipping due to weather and non-weather-related events.
- If the contractor elects to allow public use of portable toilets, excess cleaning, etc. shall be the responsibility of the contractor.
- If the contractor does not want public use, they shall secure the portable toilets when not in use, especially after hours or when not on site for extended period.
- The contractor is responsible for any cleaning up for improperly secured portable toilet, spillage during servicing, etc.

6. **TELEPHONE:** No telephone service is available on site for the contractor's use.

7. **ELECTRIC:** Government will not provide connections to existing electrical facilities. Contractor shall provide proper power as considered necessary in performance of the contract. COR/POC may review and approve all electric connections prior to any electric hookups.

8. **WATER:** Water is not available during performance of this contract the contractor shall provide all necessary potable/non-potable water that is necessary in performance of this contract.

C.15 INTERRUPTION OF WORK

ENVIRONMENTAL - The Contracting Officer, by issuance of a stop work order, may direct the Contractor to shut down any work that may be subject to damage due to weather conditions or fire danger. The Contractor shall be given a resume work order, which shall document the date the stop work order ended. An allowance has been included in the contract time for short-term environmental delays up to one day at a time. The count of contract time shall therefore continue during stop work of one day or less, but the count of contract time shall stop during stop work orders in excess of one day at a time. All periods of stop work by the Government shall be documented. Actions taken under this paragraph shall be subject to FAR 52.242-14 - Suspension of Work. (APR 1984).

SPECIAL EVENTS - The Government through the COR/POC may direct the Contractor to stop work and all operations in the event of scheduled or unscheduled events at INDE, which may include official ceremonies. The work may also just be restricted to certain locations at the discretion of the COR/POC.

HISTORICA/ARCHEOLOGICAL/CULTURE RESOURCES – see C.16 below.

C.16 PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL/ARCHEOLOGICAL/CULTURAL RESOURCES

- A. Public Law 93-291, May 24, 1974, provides for the preservation of scientific, prehistorical, and archeological data (including relics and specimens) which might otherwise be lost due to alteration of terrain because of any Federal construction project.
- B. The Contractor agrees that should any contractor employee, in the performance of this contract, discover evidence of possible scientific, prehistorical, historical, cultural, or archeological data the contractor must notify the CO and COR in writing within 24 hours of first discovery. The notification must indicate time of discovery, the nature of the findings and location.

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- C. Immediately stop working if paleontological, archaeological, or historical remains (including burials or skeletal material) are encountered, until work is permitted to resume by written order from the CO. the contractor must notify the CO and COR in writing within 24 hours of first discovery. The notification must indicate time of discovery, the nature of the findings and location. The CO and/or COR will notify the Regional Archaeologist, so the provisions of 36 CFR 800.7 (Resources Discovered During Construction) and other relevant laws are followed. Work in other areas may proceed as approved by the CO.
- D. Where appropriate by reason of discovery, the CO may order delays in the time of performance and/or changes in the work. If such delays and/or changes are ordered, the time of performance and contract price shall be adjusted in accordance with the applicable clauses in the Contract Clauses Section of this contract which are incorporated by reference.
- E. The Contractor must insert this requirement in all subcontracts which involve the performance of work on the terrain of the site.
- F. **In addition to what is stated above, the Contractor shall also adhere to requirements included in Attachment 1 – ALPO-Staple Bend Tunnel-Specs – Final 7.12.2026, specifically, but not limited to Section 01 35 13.22 – Archeological Protection and Section 01 35 91 – Historic Preservation Treatment Procedures.**

C.17 PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES

Submit copies of all permits and certificates as required by the *contract*. All permit costs shall be incorporated into Contractors' proposal cost, which may or may not be a separately priced line item.

Reference Attachment 1 – ALPO-Staple Bend Tunnel-Specs – Final 7.12.2026 for more information.

C.18 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

Contractor shall adhere to the requirements stated in Attachment 1 – ALPO-Staple Bend Tunnel-Specs – Final 7.12.2026, specifically Section 01 33 23 – Submittal Procedure.

See Attachment 7 – ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel _ Submittal List for required submittals.

C.19 CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL PLAN

Contractor shall adhere to the requirements stated in Attachment 1 – ALPO-Staple Bend Tunnel-Specs – Final 7.12.2026, specifically Section 01 40 00 – Quality Requirements.

C.20 ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

All waste materials generated by any work under the contract performed on a Government installation shall at all times be handled, transported, stored, and disposed of by the contractor and by their subcontractors in accordance with all applicable Federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, court orders, and other types of rulings having the effect of the law, including, but not limited to:

- Executive Order 12088, 13 October 1978, Federal Compliance with Pollution Control Standards;
- Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 ET SEQ);
- Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. Sec 7401 ET SEQ);
- Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. Sec 1531 ET SEQ);
- Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. Sec 2601, ET SEQ);
- National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. Sec 470, ET SEQ);
- Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6901 ET SEQ);
- Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. Sec 469, ET SEQ).

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Should the United States Government be held liable for any neglect or improper actions by the contractor or any subcontractor regarding removal or disposal of any hazardous waste, the contractor shall reimburse the Government for all such liability.

C.21 MATERIAL & EQUIPMENT TRANSPORTATION, HANDLING AND STORAGE

- A. Contractor shall have a representative on site to receive material deliveries, and the contractor shall remain responsible for all material deliveries whether their representative is on site at the time of delivery or not.
- B. Government-owned equipment is not available for Contractor's use to accomplish any Work, and Government buildings and other facilities are not available for storage of Contractor's materials, equipment, and tools.
- C. Transport, handle, and store materials and equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's written instructions, and in a secure manner.
- D. Store products that are subject to damage by the elements, under cover in a weathertight enclosure above ground, with ventilation adequate to prevent condensation. Protect liquids from freezing.
- E. Promptly remove from the project site any materials or equipment that are damaged or are otherwise unsuitable.
- F. Additional Permitting, fees, and coordination may be required working within the limits of Johnstown, PA.
- G. Additional restrictions may be imposed due to unforeseen events or security threats at either location.

C.22 CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

The Contractor shall provide a contract representative for the performance of the work. The name of this person and an alternate(s) who act for the contractor when the Contractor is absent shall be designated in writing to the CO. The Contractor representative or alternate shall have full authority to act for the Contractor on all contract matters relating to daily operation of this contract. The Contractor representative and alternate(s) must be able to read, write, speak, and understand English without use of a translator. Under no circumstances shall any documents, Task Orders Statement of Work, Work Schedules, Contractor submittals, Contractor plans, etc., be translated. All documentation shall be submitted in the English language.

C.23 OTHER POSTION/STAFFING MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

A. PALEONTOLOGIST

The contractor shall provide a Paleontologist that meets the professional standards set forth in Paleontological Resources Preservation Act of 2009 (PRPA) and 43 CFR Part 49 to inspect and document locations inside the tunnel for known and unknown fossils.

1. General Requirements:

- Paleontologist must have knowledge and experience with:
 - 43 CFR 49 – Paleontological Resources Preservation - [eCFR :: 43 CFR Part 49 -- Paleontological Resources Preservation](#)
 - Paleontological Resources Preservation Act (16 USC 470aaa through 16 USC 470aaa-11)

2. Skills and Knowledge

- Strong understanding of geology, stratigraphy, sedimentology, and fossil preservation.
- Familiarity with fieldwork, lab techniques, and data analysis.
- Communication skills for writing, presenting, and collaborating with other scientists

3. Minimum Qualifications/Experience:

- a. A degree from an accredited institution in a field of study relevant to paleontology, geology, or related sciences, or demonstration of progress toward an advanced degree from an accredited institution in a

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field of study relevant to paleontology, or demonstrated training and experience commensurate to the nature and scope of this requirement.

- b. At least five (5) years' experience in collecting, analyzing, summarizing, and reporting paleontological data, and preparing collections for long-term care.
- c. At least five (5) years' experience in equipping, staffing, organizing, conducting, and supervising fieldwork similar to the type, nature, and scope of the project proposed in this requirement.

B. TEAM LEADER (i.e. Foreman/Superintendent) - Per 23 CFR 650.509 – One person must meet the following:

1. Must meet at least one (1) of the following:
 - a. Be a registered professional engineer and have six months of tunnel or bridge inspection experience.
 - b. Have 5 years of tunnel or bridge inspection experience.
 - c. Have all of the following:
 - i. A bachelor's degree in engineering or engineering technology from a college or university accredited or determined as substantially equivalent by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.
 - ii. Successfully passed the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying Fundamentals of Engineering examination.
 - iii. Two (2) years of tunnel or bridge inspection experience.
 - d. Have all of the following:
 - i. An associate's degree in engineering or engineering technology from a college or university accredited or determined as substantially equivalent by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.
 - ii. Four years of tunnel or bridge inspection experience.
2. Be a nationally certified tunnel inspector.

C.24 UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

This contract involves the employment of unskilled labor working under arduous field conditions. Such employment may be attractive to persons coming from foreign countries, sometimes illegally. Offerors are reminded that it is a crime to bring into the United States, transport within the United States, and to harbor aliens who do not have a proper visa for entry and working in this country (8 U.S.C. § 1323-1325). If violations are suspected by the COR during the performance of work on this (these) project(s) they shall be reported to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service for investigation and appropriate action. Conviction of the Contractor for commission of a criminal offense referred to herein shall be deemed sufficient cause for default and the initiation of debarment or suspension proceedings to prevent the Contractor from receiving future Government contracts.

C.25 CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE CONDUCT

- The Contractor's employees shall, always, while on the job site, whether on or off duty, conduct themselves in a professional, orderly, and safe manner.
- Rudeness, fighting, being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs or bringing and/or consuming alcohol and/or drugs, gambling, soliciting, stealing, and any immoral or otherwise undesirable conduct shall not be permitted on the job site. Any employee engaging in such conduct shall immediately and permanently be removed from the job site.
- All contract employees shall display professionalism in all interactions with one another, the public and Government employees. The Contracting Officer may require the Contractor to remove any employee working under this requirement for reasons of misconduct and security, or if found to be (or suspected to be) under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other incapacitating agent(s).
- A Contractor's employee may be subject to removal from the premises upon determination by the Contracting Officer that such action is in the best interests of the Government. Such removal from the job site or dismissal from the premises shall not relieve the Contractor of the requirement to provide sufficient personnel to perform the service as specified.

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- Contractor employees shall not loiter in any working or patron area. Upon completion of their assigned work, employees shall promptly depart from the public areas.

C.26 BIOBASED AND SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS

The Federal Acquisition Regulation; Executive Order (EO) 13514, “*Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance*,” dated October 5, 2009; EO 13423, “*Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management*,” dated January 24, 2007; and Presidential Memorandum, “*Driving Innovation and Creating Jobs in Rural America through Biobased and Sustainable Product Procurement*,” dated February, 2012 to provide biobased products.

All supplies and materials shall be of a type and quantity that conform to applicable Federal specifications and standards, and to the extent feasible and reasonable; include the exclusive use of biobased and recycled products.

The following is a list of categories for biopreferred products that may be required in performance of this construction contract:

- **2-Cycle Engine Oils – 34% Minimum Biobased Content**
- **Adhesives – 24% Minimum Biobased Content**
- **Cleaning Tools - 22% Minimum Biobased Content**
- **Clothing – Utility Gloves – 25% Minimum Biobased Content**
- **Concrete Curing Agents – 59% Minimum Biobased Content**
- **Dust Suppressants – 85% Minimum Biobased Content**
- **Epoxy Systems – 23% Minimum Biobased Content**
- **Erosion Control Materials – 77% Minimum Biobased Content**
- **Pneumatic Equipment Lubricants – 67% Minimum Biobased Content**
- **Safety Equipment – 25% Minimum Biobased Content**

C.27 DEFINITIONS (Not included in Federal Acquisition Regulations)

Wherever in these provisions, or in other contract documents, the following terms, or pronouns in place of them, are used, the intent and meaning shall be interpreted as follows:

2-Cycle Engine Oils - Lubricants designed for use in 2-cycle engines to provide lubrication, decreased spark plug fouling, reduced deposit formation, and/or reduced engine wear.

Adhesives – Compounds that temporarily or permanently bind two item surfaces together. These products include glues and sticky tapes used in construction, household, flooring, and industrial settings. This category excludes epoxy systems.

Calendar Days - Every day shown on the calendar, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays included.

Cleaning Tools – Objects that are used to clean a variety of surfaces or items and can be used multiple times. This category includes tools such as brushes, scrapers, abrasive pads, and gloves that are used for cleaning. The expendable materials used in cleaning, such as glass cleaners, single use wipes, ad all-purpose cleaners, are excluded from this category as these materials better fit in other categories.

Change Order - An order issued to the Contractor by the Contracting Officer, pursuant to the “change” clause included in Section I of this contract, requiring work to be performed, within the general scope of the contract.

Clothing – Utility Gloves – A fitted hand garment used to protect hands in industrial and construction work.

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Clearing Limits - The limits of clearing as designated on the ground, shown on the drawing or designated in the Special Project Specifications.

Concrete Curing Agents – Products that are designed to enhance and control the curing process of concrete.

Contract Pay Item - A pay item designated on the bid schedule and described by a specification.

Contractor - The individual, partnership, joint venture, or corporation undertaking the execution of work under the terms of the contract and acting directly or through their agent, employees, or subcontractors.

Drawings - The approved documents and reproductions of these documents, including plan and profile sheets, cross sections, site plants, diagrams, layouts, schematics, descriptive literature, illustrations, schedules, and similar documents showing details for construction of a facility.

Dust Suppressants – Products formulated to reduce or eliminate the spread of dust associated with gravel roads, dirt parking lots, or similar sources of dust, including products used in equivalent indoor applications.

Epoxy Systems – Epoxy-based systems that are used as coatings, adhesives, surface fillers, and composite matrices.

Erosion Control Materials – Woven or non-woven fiber materials manufactured for the use on construction, demolition, or other sites to prevent wind or water erosion of loose earth surfaces, which may be combined with seed and/or fertilizer to promote growth.

Equipment - All machinery and equipment, together with the necessary supplies for upkeep and maintenance, including tools and apparatus necessary for the proper construction and acceptable completion of the work.

Fossil/Paleontological Resource – means any fossilized remains, traces, or imprints of organisms preserved in or on the Earth's crust, except for:

1. Those that are found in an archaeological context and are an archaeological resource as defined in section 3(1) of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 ([16 U.S.C. 470bb\(1\)](#)); or
2. “Cultural items,” as defined in section 2 of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act ([25 U.S.C. 3001](#)); or
3. Resources determined in writing by the Federal land manager to lack paleontological interest or not provide information about the history of life on earth, based on scientific and other management considerations.

Fossilized - means evidence or remains of once-living organisms preserved by natural processes, such as burial in accumulated sediments, preserved in ice or amber, permineralized, or replaced by minerals, which may or may not alter the original organic content.

Labor Standards Provisions - Those statutory and regulatory requirements pertaining to the Contractor's employees and employment practices.

Masonry and Paving Systems – Masonry and paving products used during construction. Such products include masonry blocks, paving blocks, and insulating wall forms.

Materials - Any substances for use in the construction of the project and its appurtenances.

Notice of Noncompliance - A written notice from the Contracting Officer's representative or inspector which documents, for the Contractor's attention, specific performance deficiencies.

Pneumatic Equipment Lubricants – Lubricants designed specifically for pneumatic equipment, including air compressors, vacuum pumps, in-line lubricators, rock drills, jackhammers, etc.

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Right of Way - A general term denoting land, property, or interest therein acquired for or devoted to a road or a construction site.

Safety Equipment – Equipment used by workers that protects against worksite accidents, such as goggles, ear plugs, face shields and gloves.

Schedule of Items - Schedule in the contract which contains a listing and description of construction items, quantities, units of measure, method of measurement, unit price and amount.

Special Project Specifications - Specifications which detail the conditions and requirements peculiar to the individual project, including but not limited to CSI format specifications and additions and revisions to Standard Specifications.

Specifications - A general term applied to all written directions and requirements pertaining to performance of work.

Standard Specifications - Specifications established for Region wide use for construction of facilities which cover most items of work likely to be performed; such as Earthwork, Base Courses, Pavement, Concrete, etc.

Utility Services - Are services such as electricity, gas, steam, water and sewage.

C.28 THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

- A. Contracting Officer: The Contracting Officer (CO) has the overall responsibility for the administration of this contract. The CO alone, without delegation, is authorized to amend, modify, or deviate from the contract. Other responsibilities may be delegated to authorized representatives.
- B. Contracting Officer's Representative (COR): The COR shall be designated in writing at the time of award to assist the CO in the day-to-day on-site administration of the contract requirements for each location. The responsibilities of the COR include, but are not limited to;
 - (1) Determining the compliance and adequacy of performance by the Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract;
 - (2) Requesting removal of unsuitable contractor employees;
 - (3) Ensuring adequacy of schedule and Quality Control Plan, including changes;
 - (4) Ordering re-performance of unacceptable work or performance by other mean, etc.
- C. Point-of-Contact (POC): The POC shall be used if an official certified COR cannot be designated at the time of award. The POC shall not be designated in writing and shall assist the CO in the day-to-day on-site administration of the contract requirements.

C.29 TRAVEL

The contractor shall be responsible for all travel necessary to complete the work described in the Scope of Work.

C.30 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Any material suspected of being hazardous that is encountered during performance of a project shall immediately be brought to the attention of the Contracting Officer, at which time a determination will be made as to whether hazardous material testing shall be performed.

If the Contracting Officer directs the contractor to perform tests, and/or the material is found to be of a hazardous nature requiring additional protective measures, a contract modification may be required, subject to equitable adjustment under the terms of the contract.

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C.31 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION

Submit Safety Data Sheet (SDS)'s as required per 29 CFR 1926.59 as amended. The contractor must provide one digital copy of each SDS for applicable hazardous chemicals used and/or provided in performance of any work under this contract.

C.32 WORK BY THE GOVERNMENT

The Government reserves the right to undertake performance by Government forces or other Contractors, the same type of similar work as contracted for herein, as the Government deems necessary or desirable, and to do so will not breach or otherwise violate this contract.

C.33 OTHER CONTRACTS

The Government may undertake work with its own forces or award other contracts for additional work, and the Contractor shall fully cooperate with such other Contractors and Government employees and carefully fit its own work to such additional work as may be directed by the CO. The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act, which shall interfere with the performance of work by any other Contractor or by Government employees.

C.34 EXTENT OF OBLIGATION

The Government obligation for performance of this contract beyond the award price is contingent upon the availability of funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond the amount that has been authorized through the issuance of a contract modification or change order by the CO.

C.35 POST AWARD CONFERENCE/PERIODIC PROGRESS MEETINGS

The Contractor agrees to attend any post award conference convened by the contracting activity or contract administration office in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 42.5. The contracting officer, Contracting Officers Representative (COR), and other Government personnel, as appropriate, may meet periodically with the contractor to review the contractor's performance. At these meetings the contracting officer will apprise the contractor of how the government views the contractor's performance and the contractor will apprise the Government of problems, if any, being experienced. Appropriate action shall be taken to resolve outstanding issues. These meetings shall be at no additional cost to the government.

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SECTION D—PACKAGING AND MARKING

{For this Contract, there are NO clauses in this Section}

SECTION E—INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

FAR 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

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

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FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) CLAUSES

52.246-12 Inspection of Construction. (APR 1996)
52.246-13 Inspection – Dismantling, Demolition, or Removal of Improvements (AUG 1996)

FULL-TEXT CLAUSES

Not Applicable

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SECTION F—DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

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FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) CLAUSES

52.242-14 Suspension of Work. (APR 1984)

RFO FAR - 52.236-15 - SCHEDULES FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (DEVIATION JAN 2026)

- (a) (1) Within five days after the work commences on the contract or another period of time determined by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall prepare and submit to the Contracting Officer for approval a practicable schedule showing the order in which the Contractor proposes to perform the work, and the dates on which the Contractor contemplates starting and completing the work (including acquiring materials, plant, and equipment).
- (2) The schedule shall be in the form of a progress chart of suitable scale to indicate appropriately the percentage of work scheduled for completion by any given date during the period.
- (3) If the Contractor fails to submit a schedule within the time prescribed, the Contracting Officer may withhold approval of progress payments until the Contractor submits the required schedule.
- (b) The Contractor shall continually update the actual progress in the schedule and shall submit it to the Contracting Officer by the means prescribed in the contract for transmittals or as directed by the Contracting Officer.
- (c) (1) If the Contractor falls behind the approved schedule, the Contractor shall take steps necessary to recover lost time and execute in accordance with the approved schedule, without additional cost to the Government.
- (2) Such steps may include increasing the number of shifts, overtime operations, days of work, and/or the amount of construction plant.
- (3) The Contractor shall submit, for approval, supplementary schedule(s) that demonstrate how the lost time will be recovered.
- (d) If the Contractor does not recover the lost time, the Contracting Officer may determine that the Contractor is not prosecuting the work with sufficient diligence to ensure completion within the time specified in the contract. Upon making this determination, the Contracting Officer may terminate the Contractor's right to proceed with the work, or any separable part of it, in accordance with the default terms of this contract.

(End of clause)

SECTION G—CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G.1 POST AWARD CONFERENCE

Prior to commencement of work, the CO, CS or COR and/or POC will arrange a meeting with the contractor to discuss the contract terms and work performance requirements. A work progress schedule will be proposed by the contractor at this meeting complete with a schedule of values. It will be scheduled as soon as possible after the date of the contract award. It is anticipated that this meeting will take place All dates and locations of the conference will be mutually agreed upon and may be held via Microsoft Teams, onsite, or a combination of both.

G.2 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED PROPERTY

The Government may provide Government Property to the Contractor for use as stated below. If Government Property is provided the property shall be used and maintained by the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of the “Government Property” FAR clause contained elsewhere in the contract and as stated at the Task Order Level.

Item No.	Property Description	Qty	Location	Date Available or Delivery Date
1	N/A			

G.3 DESIGNATION OF CONTRACTING OFFICERS REPRESENTATIVE (COR) AND/OR POINT-OF-CONTACT (POC)

- A. The Contracting Officer will designate an individual as Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) at time of award of the contract in accordance with DIAR 1452.201-70 Authorities and Delegations (SEP 2011). The name will be designated on a letter or form.
- B. The COR is responsible for administering the performance of work under this contract. In no event, however, will any understanding, agreement, modification, change order, or other matter deviating from the terms of this contract be effective or binding upon the Government unless formalized by a proper contractual documents executed by the Contracting Officer prior to completion of the contract.
- C. The Contracting Officer should be informed as soon as possible of any actions or inactions by the Contractor or the Government which will change the required delivery or completion times stated in the contract, and the contract will be modified accordingly. (This does not apply to individual assignments which were issued by the Contracting Officer's Representative provided they do not affect the delivery schedule or performance period stated in the contract.)
- D. On all matters that pertain to the contract terms the Contractor must communicate with the Contracting Officer. Whenever, in the opinion of the Contractor, the COR's requests effort outside the scope of the contract, the Contractor should so advise the Contracting Officer's Representative. If the COR persists and there still exists a disagreement as to proper contractual coverage, the CO should be notified immediately, preferably in writing if time permits. Proceeding with work without proper contractual coverage could result in nonpayment or necessitate submittal of a contract claim.
- E. The COR's major duties and responsibilities are contained in Contracting Officer Representative Letter. The COR is delegated full authority under this contract except for the following actions which are reserved for the Contracting Officer:
1. Approve Change Orders and Modifications
 2. Take action to terminate the contract for default or Government convenience.

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3. Make contract adjustments under the Differing Site Conditions clause.
4. Grant extensions of contract time.
5. Approve assignment of claims.
6. Make final decisions under the Disputes clause.
7. Make final acceptance under the contract.
8. Make final decisions under the Suspension of Work clause.
9. Make equitable adjustments.
10. Authorize change in amount of Payment Retention.
11. Approve subcontractors.
12. Approve payments with deductions or final payment.
13. Approve use and possession prior to completion.
14. Enforce the warranty provisions.
15. Issue any direction that would result in a possible change to contract requirements.

F. The POC will be used if an official certified COR cannot be designated at the time of award. The POC will not be designated in writing and will assist the CO in the day-to-day on-site administration of the contract requirements and/or performance.

- The POC is responsible for administering the performance of work under this contract. In no event, however, will any understanding, agreement, modification, change order, or other matter deviating from the terms of this contract be effective or binding upon the Government unless formalized by a proper contractual document executed by the CO prior to completion of the contract.
- The CO should be informed as soon as possible of any actions or inactions by the Contractor or the Government which will change the required delivery or completion times stated in the contract, and the contract will be modified accordingly. (This does not apply to individual assignments which were issued by the OCO provided they do not affect the delivery schedule or performance period stated in the contract.)
- On all matters that pertain to the contract terms the Contractor must communicate with the CO. Whenever, in the opinion of the Contractor, the POC requests effort outside the scope of the contract, the Contractor should so advise the CO. If the POC persists and there still exists a disagreement as to proper contractual coverage, the CO should be notified immediately, preferably in writing if time permits. Proceeding with work without proper contractual coverage could result in nonpayment or necessitate submittal of a contract claim.

G.4 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTING OFFICE

(a) Contact Information:

Brian McCabe
Contracting Officer
National Park Service
Telephone No. 202-339-7772
Email: brian_mccabe@ios.doi.gov

(b) The Contracting Officer (CO) is the only person authorized to approve changes or modify any of the requirements under this contract and notwithstanding any provisions contained elsewhere in this contract, the said authority remains solely with the CO. In the event the contractor effects any such change at the direction of any person other than the CO, the change will be considered made without authority and no adjustment will be made in the contract price to cover increase in costs incurred as a result thereof.

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(c) Contractual problems, of any nature, which might occur during the life of the contract, must be handled in conformance with very specific public laws and regulations (e.g., Federal Acquisition Regulation), and must be referred to the CO for resolution. Only the CO is authorized to formally resolve such problems. Therefore, the contractor is hereby directed to bring all such contractual problems to the immediate attention of the CO.

Any request for contract changes/modifications shall be submitted to the CO.

(e) The contractor and the Government may agree to perform a no-cost field change. Field changes are made when the change appears to be mutually beneficial to all parties and would not require changing the negotiated line items. All field changes must be approved by the CO prior to execution.

(f) All correspondence concerning this contract, such as requests for information (RFI), explanation of terms, and contract interpretation, shall be submitted to the CO.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment will be made only after receipt of all payrolls to include subcontractors, SF 1413 Statement of Acknowledgement for each subcontractor, warranty of construction, release of claims and any other documents requested by the contracting office as applicable. Contractor must provide a signed copy of the 'Release of Claims' to the Contract Administrator upon submittal of final invoice.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (OSHA) INSPECTIONS

The contractor shall be subject to inspections under the OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (OSHA) program by inspectors of the Department of Labor.

INTERIM AND FINAL INSPECTIONS

1. Prior to covering, enclosing, or hiding any of type work, the Contractor must contact the Government representative to perform an interim inspection. Failure to contact the Government representative perform an interim inspection prior to concealment may result in the Contractor being required to uncover performed work sufficiently to allow for proper inspection.

2. When ready for final inspection, the Contractor shall notify the CO and COR, requesting a final inspection in writing to the CO. The final inspection shall normally be requested a minimum of three (3) calendar days before the desired date or as otherwise negotiated with the Contracting Officer.

3. The final inspection will be onsite with the Contractor, the Contracting Officer's Representative, and Contract Specialist/Contracting Officer (when possible).

INVOICING SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

The contractor is required to submit to the CO/COR via email, a pencil copy of all pay applications prior to submission in Department of Treasury's Invoice Processing Platform (IPP www.ipp.gov) The pencil copy includes the items identified in G.6 below.

Once reviewed by the COR and considered correct, the COR shall provide the contractor a written recommendation that the contractor submit the application for payment in IPP. The reviewed and recommended documents that were part of the pencil copy may be uploaded to IPP with the application for payment.

Failure by the contractor to properly submit an application for payment in IPP releases the Government from any obligation to pay for services claimed; the pay application will be promptly rejected. Incomplete work or work that is

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indicated as being below standard may result in nonpayment, performance, and/or reperformance to the satisfactory of the COR.

G.5 SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM)

The General Service Administration (GSA) Office of Governmentwide Policy is consolidating the governmentwide acquisition and award support systems into one new system – the System for Award Management (SAM). SAM is streamlining processes, eliminating the need to enter the same data multiple times, and consolidating hosting to make the process of doing business with the government more efficient.

The Entity Management functional area of SAM, formerly Central Contractor Registration (CCR), Online Representations and Certifications (ORCA), and Federal Agency Registration (FedReg), is the primary database for the U.S. Federal Government to manage information on potential government business partners or federal financial assistance recipients.

If you have previously registered your entity in CCR, ORCA, or FedReg all of your entity's information has been brought into SAM. You just need to set up a SAM account, migrate your roles and update/renew your entity record in SAM as needed. See the following website [SAM.gov | Home](https://sam.gov). for more information and assistance on registering your entity in SAM. In order to be eligible for an award, potential contractors must comply with all requirements of FAR Clause 52.204-7, System for Award Management.

G.6 Electronic Invoicing and Payment Requirements - Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) (February 2021)

Payment requests must be submitted electronically through the U. S. Department of the Treasury's Invoice Processing Platform System (IPP).

"Payment request" means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment by the Contractor. To constitute a proper invoice, the payment request must comply with the requirements identified in the applicable Prompt Payment clause included in the contract, or the clause 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions - Commercial Items included in commercial item contracts. The IPP website address is: <https://www.ipp.gov>.

Under this contract, the following documents are required to be submitted as an attachment to the IPP invoice:

Contractor Invoice which must include:

- Contract Number
- Project Name
- Description of work performed
- Date(s) of work performance
- Payrolls
- Daily Diaries
- Reports/Records of Approved submittals

The Contractor must use the IPP website to register access and use IPP for submitting requests for payment. The Contractor Government Business Point of Contact (as listed in SAM) will receive enrollment instructions via email from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (FRBSTL) within 3 - 5 business days of the contract award date. Contractor assistance with enrollment can be obtained by contacting the IPP Production Helpdesk via email IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov or phone (866) 973-3131.

If the Contractor is unable to comply with the requirement to use IPP for submitting invoices for payment, the Contractor must submit a waiver request in writing to the Contracting Officer with its proposal or quotation.

(End of Local Clause)

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G.7 NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR - CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORTING SYSTEM (CPARS) (December 2015)

1) FAR 42.1502 directs all Federal agencies to collect past performance information on contracts. The Department of the Interior (DOI) has implemented the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) to comply with this regulation. One or more past performance evaluations will be conducted in order to record your contract performance as required by FAR 42.15.

2) The past performance evaluation process is a totally paperless process using CPARS. CPARS is a web-based system that allows for electronic processing of the performance evaluation report. Once the report is processed, it is available in the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) for Government use in evaluating past performance as part of a source selection action.

3) We request that you furnish the Contracting Officer (CO) with the name, position title, phone number, and email address for each person designated to have access to your firm's past performance evaluation(s) for the contract no later than 30 days after award. Each person granted access will have the ability to provide comments in the Contractor portion of the report and state whether or not the Contractor agrees with the evaluation, before returning the report to the Assessing Official (AO). Information in the report must be protected as source selection sensitive information not releasable to the public.

4) When your Contractor Representative(s) are registered in CPARS, they will receive an automatically generated email with detailed login instructions. Further details, systems requirements, and training information for CPARS is available at <https://www.cpars.gov/>.

5) Within 60 days after the end of a performance period, the AO will complete an interim or final past performance evaluation, and the report will be accessible at <https://www.cpars.gov/>.

- a) Contractor Representatives may then provide comments in response to the evaluation or return the evaluation without comment.
 - b) Your comments should focus on objective facts in the AO's narrative and should provide your views on the causes and ramifications of the assessed performance.
 - c) All information provided should be reviewed for accuracy prior to submission.
 - d) If you elect not to provide comments, please acknowledge receipt of the evaluation by indicating "No comment" in the space provided, and then selecting "Accept the Ratings and Close the Evaluation".
 - e) Your response is due within 60 calendar days after receipt of the CPAR. On day 15, the evaluation will become available in PPIRS-RC marked as "Pending" with or without comments and whether or not it has been closed.
 - f) If you do not sign and submit the CPAR within 60 days, it will automatically be returned to the Government and will be annotated: "The report was delivered/received by the contractor on (date). The contractor neither signed nor offered comment in response to this assessment."
- 6) The following guidelines apply concerning your use of the past performance evaluation:
- a) Protect the evaluation as source selection information. After review, transmit the evaluation by completing and submitting the form through CPARS. If for some reason you are unable to view and/or submit the form through CPARS, contact the CO for instructions.
 - b) Strictly control access to the evaluation within your organization. Ensure the evaluation is never released to persons or entities outside of your control.
 - c) Prohibit the use of or reference to evaluation data for advertising, promotional material, pre-award surveys, responsibility determinations, production readiness reviews, or other similar purposes.

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7) If you wish to discuss a past performance evaluation, you should request a meeting in writing to the CO no later than seven days following your receipt of the evaluation. The meeting will be held in person or via telephone or other means during your 60-day review period.

8) A copy of the completed past performance evaluation will be available in CPARS for your viewing and for Government use supporting source selection actions after it has been finalized.

G.8 BIOBASED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Prime contractors are required to report the category of product, type of product, and dollar value of all USDA designated biobased products that were purchased in the performance of federal contracts. Federal contractors are required to report annual biobased product purchases made under their service and construction contracts. Based on the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) Clause 52.223-2 - Reporting of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts, reporting of biobased product purchases is completed through a portal in the System for Award Management (SAM) at SAM.gov | [Home](#).

If a contract contains RFO Clause 52.223-2, the contractor must report all biobased purchases through SAM.

The Reporting Requirement(s):

- The reporting requirement became effective September 3, 2013;
- It applies to services and construction contractors where contracts have a RFO Clause 52.223-2 - Reporting of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts, requiring the reporting of biobased product purchases;
- Contractors must report their purchases of biobased products to a reporting portal within SAM;
- Contractors must report the category, product type and dollar value of any USDA designated biobased products purchased by the Contractor; and
- Reporting must be completed by October 31st for the previous entire fiscal year (October 1 - September 30).

To Meet the Requirement(s) Contractors must:

- Access SAM.gov | [Home](#);
- Complete the required information within the portal and provide documentation to the Contracting Officer;
- If the applicable contract is not accessible in SAM, the contractor should contact their Contracting Officer.

Actions that may be taken to Meet Reporting Requirement(s) by Contracting Officer:

- Require a copy of the reporting data from the Contractor as required in RFO Clause 52.223-2;
- Remind the contractor, as necessary, of the requirement to report BioPreferred product types and dollar value, if any, into SAM at <http://www.sam.gov>. This includes any BioPreferred products used in performing contract-related services or in delivering contract-related products;
- Cure Notice may be issued by Contracting Officer as required by termination clauses.
- Upon failure to correct deficiency issued through Cure Notice contract may be terminated for Cause (RFO 52.212-4) of Terminated for Default under FAR Part 49.

G.9 NOTIFICATION OF SUBCONTRACTING

The contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer upon entering into any subcontract arrangement. The subcontractor shall have the experience and be equipped for such work. The written notification shall be provided on Standard Form 1413 and must include as a minimum:

- A. Prime Contract Number and Subcontract Number (if applicable)
- B. The name and address of the Prime Contractor.

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- C. The name and address of the subcontractor.
- D. The date upon which the subcontract was entered into and its duration.
- E. A detailed description of the work being subcontracted.
- F. Project Name and Location of Work.
- G. Identify the names of any intermediate subcontractors (if applicable)
- H. Must be signed by both Prime Contractor and Subcontractor

Subcontracting any portion of the contract shall not relieve the Prime Contractor of any responsibility under this contract. Any subcontract agreement shall contain all terms and conditions of the prime contract, including any included through contract modification, if applicable.

G.10 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

Construction Contract Administration Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 36.211(b) requires agencies provide description of policies and procedures that apply to definitization of equitable adjustments for change orders under construction contracts and data on the time required to definitize equitable adjustments for change orders under construction contracts. This information can be found at:

<https://www.doi.gov/pam/acquisition/policy/constructioncontract>

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SECTION H—SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

SPECIAL CLAUSE 1 - RESTRICTIONS AGAINST DISCLOSURE

(a) The Contractor agrees, in the performance of this contract, to keep all information contained in source documents or other media furnished by the Government in the strictest confidence. The Contractor also agrees not to publish or otherwise divulge such information in whole or in part in any manner or form, or to authorize or permit others to do so, taking such reasonable measures as are necessary to restrict access to such information while in the Contractor's possession, to those employees needing such information to perform the work provided herein, i.e., on a "need to know" basis. The Contractor agrees to immediately notify in writing, the Contracting Officer, named herein, in the event that the Contractor determines or has reason to suspect a breach of this requirement.

(b) The Contractor agrees not to disclose any information concerning the work under this contract to any persons or individual unless prior written approval is obtained from the Contracting Officer. The Contractor agrees to insert the substance of this clause in any consultant agreement or subcontract hereunder.

(End of Clause)

SPECIAL CLAUSE 2 - INDEMNIFICATION

The contractor is an 'independent contractor' and shall obtain all necessary insurance to protect themselves from liability arising out of this contract. The contractor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the Government harmless in connection with, any loss or liability from damage to or destruction of property or from injuries to or death of persons (including the agents and employees of both parties) if such damage, destruction, injury or death arises out of, or is caused by performance of work under this contract, unless such damage, destruction, injury or death is caused solely by the negligence of the Government, its agents or employees. The contractor agrees to include this clause, appropriately modified, in all subcontracts to be performed under this contract.

(End of Clause)

SPECIAL CLAUSE 3: STOP WORK

(a) The Contracting Officer may, at any time, by written order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all, or any part, of the work called for by this contract for a period of 30 days (unless otherwise stated) after the order is delivered to the Contractor, and for any further period to which the parties may agree. 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 stoppage. Within a period of 30 days (unless otherwise stated) after a stop-work is delivered to the Contractor, or within any extension of that period to which the parties shall have agreed, the Contracting Officer shall either-

- (1) Cancel the stop-work order; or
- (2) Terminate the work covered by the order as provided in RFO FAR 52.212-4.

(b) If a stop-work order issued under this clause is canceled or the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, 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 allocable to, the performance of any part of this contract; and

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(2) The Contractor asserts its right to the 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 the claim submitted 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.

(End of clause)

SPECIAL CLAUSE 4 - OPTIONAL ITEMS

The Government may require the delivery of the numbered line item(s), identified in the Bid Schedule as optional items, in the quantity and at the price stated in the Schedule. The Contracting Officer may exercise the optional item(s) at the time of initial award or by unilateral written notification and Modification at any time after award. The addition of optional item(s) included at award shall not have any impact on the final overall schedule. Optional Items exercised after initial award should not have any impact on the final overall schedule, unless otherwise addressed in writing to the Contracting Officer within thirty (30) days after Modification. The written notification of scheduling impacts only applies to an optional item(s) that were NOT included in the initial award. The award of the optional item(s) is subject to the availability of funding. The optional item(s) may not be awarded at all, or in any combination that will include at least one, some of them, or all of them in no order.

SPECIAL CLAUSE 5: KEY PERSONNEL

(a) The Contractor shall assign to this contract the following key personnel: *Paleontologist, Team Lead, Environmental Manage and Safety Officer*

(b) During the first 30 days of performance, 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 (c) below. After the initial 30-day period, the Contractor shall submit the information required by paragraph (c) to the Contracting Officer at least 7 calendar days prior to making any permanent substitutions.

(c) The Contractor shall provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions, complete resumes for the proposed substitutes, and any additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. Proposed substitutes should have comparable qualifications to those of the persons being replaced. The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor within 7 calendar days after receipt of all required information of the decision on substitutions.

(End of clause)

DIAR 1452-201-70 - AUTHORITIES AND DELEGATIONS (SEPT 2011)

(a) The Contracting Officer is the only individual authorized to enter into or terminate this contract, modify any term or condition of this contract, waive any requirement of this contract, or accept nonconforming work.

(b) The Contracting Officer will designate a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) at time of award. The COR will be responsible for technical monitoring of the contractor's performance and deliveries. The COR will be appointed in writing, and a copy of the appointment will be furnished to the Contractor. Changes to this delegation will be made by written changes to the existing appointment or by issuance of a new appointment.

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(c) The COR is not authorized to perform, formally or informally, any of the following actions:

- (1) Promise, award, agree to award, or execute any contract, contract modification, or notice of intent that changes or may change this contract;
- (2) Waive or agree to modification of the delivery schedule;
- (3) Make any final decision on any contract matter subject to the Disputes Clause;
- (4) Terminate, for any reason, the Contractor's right to proceed;
- (5) Obligate in any way, the payment of money by the Government

(d) The Contractor shall comply with the written or oral direction of the Contracting Officer or authorized representative(s) acting within the scope and authority of the appointment memorandum.

The Contractor need not proceed with direction that it considers to have been issued without proper authority. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing, with as much detail as possible, when the COR has taken an action or has issued direction (written or oral) that the Contractor considers to exceed the COR's appointment, within 3 days of the occurrence. Unless otherwise provided in this contract, the Contractor assumes all costs, risks, liabilities, and consequences of performing any work it is directed to perform that falls within any of the categories defined in paragraph. (c) prior to receipt of the Contracting Officer's response issued under paragraph (e) of this clause.

(e) The Contracting Officer shall respond in writing within 30 days to any notice made under paragraph (d) of this clause. A failure of the parties to agree upon the nature of a direction, or upon the contract action to be taken with respect thereto, shall be subject to the provisions of the Disputes clause of this contract.

(f) The Contractor shall provide copies of all correspondence to the Contracting Officer and the COR.

(g) Any action(s) taken by the Contractor, in response to any direction given by any person acting on behalf of the Government or any Government official other than the Contracting Officer or the COR acting within his or her appointment, shall be at the Contractor's risk.

(End of clause)

DIAR 1452.203-70 - Restrictions on Endorsements (JUL 1996)

The Contractor shall not refer to contracts awarded by the Department of the Interior in commercial advertising, as defined in FAR 31.205-1, in a manner which states or implies that the product or service provided is approved or endorsed by the Government, or is considered by the Government to be superior to other products or services. This restriction is intended to avoid the appearance of preference by the Government toward any product or service. The Contractor may request the Contracting Officer to make a determination as to the propriety of promotional material.

(End of clause)

DIAR 1452.204-70 RELEASE OF CLAIMS (JUL 1996)

After completion of work and prior to final payment, the Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer with a release of claims against the United States relating to this contract. The Release of Claims form (DI-137) shall be used for this purpose. The form provides for exception of specified claims from operation of the release.

(End of clause)

DIAR 1452.228-70 LIABILITY INSURANCE (JUL 1996)

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(a) The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the term of this contract and any extension thereof liability insurance in form satisfactory to the Contracting Officer by an insurance company which is acceptable to the Contracting Officer. The named insured parties under the policy shall be the Contractor and the United States of America. The amounts of the insurance shall be not less than as follows:

\$200,000.00 each person*
\$500,000.00 each occurrence*
\$20,000.00 property damage*

(b) Each policy shall have a certificate evidencing the insurance coverage. The insurance company shall provide an endorsement to notify the Contracting Officer 30 days prior to the effective date of cancellation or termination of the policy or certificate; or modification of the policy or certificate which may adversely affect the interest of the Government in such insurance. The certificate shall identify the contract number, the name and address of the Contracting Officer, as well as the insured, the policy number and a brief description of contract services to be performed. The contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer with a copy of an acceptable insurance certificate prior to beginning the work.

(End of clause)

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PART II--CONTRACT CLAUSES

SECTION I--CONTRACT CLAUSES

FAR 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

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

FAR - [Acquisition.GOV](https://www.acquisition.gov) | www.acquisition.gov
(Deviation) - RFO FAR - [Revolutionary FAR Overhaul](#) | [Acquisition.GOV](https://www.acquisition.gov)

Table 12-3 – Clauses to include as Prescribed

52.203-6	Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government.	JUN 2020
52.203-17	Contractor Employee Whistleblower Rights	NOV 2023
52.203-19	Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements	JAN 2017
52.204-10	Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.204-13	System for Award Management – Maintenance (Deviation)	MAR 2026
52.204-14	Service Contract Reporting Requirements (Deviation)	MAR 2026
52.209-6	Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting With Contractors Debarred, Suspended, Proposed for Debarment, or Voluntarily Excluded (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.209-9	Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Deviation) <i>(will be removed if awarded value is less than \$750k)</i>	MAY 2026
52.209-10	Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.219-6	Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.219-8	Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.219-28	Postaward Small Business Program Rerepresentation (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.222-3	Convict Labor (deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-4	Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards - Overtime Compensation (deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-6	Construction Wage Rate Requirements (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-7	Withholding of Funds (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-8	Payrolls and Basic Records (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-9	Apprentices and Trainees (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-10	Compliance with Copeland Act Requirements (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-11	Subcontracts (Labor Standards) (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-12	Contract Termination – Debarment	MAY 2014
52.222-13	Compliance with Construction Wage Rate Requirements and Related Regulations	MAY 2014
52.222-14	Disputes Concerning Labor Standards (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-15	Certification of Eligibility	MAY 2014
52.222-35	Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-36	Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-37	Employment Reports on Veterans (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-40	Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-50	Combating Trafficking in Persons (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-54	Employment Eligibility Verification (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-55	Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-62	Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.222-90	Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors (Deviation)	MAY 2026

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52.223-2	Reporting of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.223-3	Hazardous Material Identification and Material Safety Data (Deviation)	MAY 2026
	Alternate I (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.223-5	Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information	MAY 2024
52.223-23	Sustainable Products (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.225-9	Buy American – Construction Materials	OCT 2022
52.226-8	Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving	MAY 2024
52.227-4	Patent Indemnity-Construction Contracts	DEC 2007
52.228-14	Irrevocable Letter of Credit	NOV 2014
52.229-12	Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements (Deviation)	SEP 2025
52.232-33	Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer - System for Award Management	OCT 2018
52.232-40	Providing Accelerated Payment to Small Business Subcontractors	MAR 2023
52.233-3	Protest after Award	AUG 1996
52.233-4	Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim	OCT 2004
52.236-2	Differing Site Conditions (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.236-3	Site Investigation and Conditions Affecting the Work (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.236-5	Material and Workmanship (Deviation)	JAN 2026
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52.236-7	Permits and Responsibilities (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.236-8	Other Contracts (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.236-9	Protection of Existing Vegetation, Structures, Equipment, Utilities, and Improvements (Deviation)	JAN 2026
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52.236-11	Use and Possession Prior to Completion (Deviation)	JAN 2026
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52.236-13	Accident Prevention (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.236-14	Availability and Use of Utility Services (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.236-15	Schedule for Construction Contracts (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.236-16	Quantity Surveys (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.236-17	Layout of Work (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.236-21	Specifications and Drawing for Construction (Deviation)	JAN 2026
52.245-1	Government Property (remove if no Government Property)	SEP 2021

RFO FAR - 52.212-4 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS—COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (DEVIATION MAR 2026)(TAILORED)

- (a) *Definitions.* The clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.202-1, Definitions, is incorporated by reference.
- (b) *Inspection/Acceptance.* Tailored to include FAR 52.246-12 – Inspection of Construction (AUG 1996) and FAR 52.246-13 – Inspection – Dismantling, Demolition, or Removal of Improvements in Section H by reference.
- (c) *Assignment.* The Contractor or its assignee may assign its rights to receive payment due as a result of performance of this contract to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution, including any Federal lending agency in accordance with the Assignment of Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3727). However, when a third party makes payment (e.g., use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card), the Contractor may not assign its rights to receive payment under this contract.
- (d) *Changes.* Tailored to include RFO FAR 52.243-4 – Changes (Deviation Oct 2025)
- (a)
- (1) At any time, the Contracting Officer may issue a written order, identified as a change order, to make changes in the work within the scope of the contract, including changes—
- (i) In the specifications (including drawings and designs);

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- (ii) In the method or manner of performance of the work;
- (iii) In the Government-furnished property or services; or
- (iv) Directing acceleration in the performance of the work.
- (2) If there are any sureties, the Contracting Officer does not need to notify them of a written order.

(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)

(1) The Contractor must assert its right to an adjustment under this clause, by submitting to the Contracting Officer a written statement describing the general nature and amount of proposal within 30 days, unless this period is extended by the Government, after—

- (i) Receipt of a written change order under paragraph (a) of this clause; or
- (ii) The furnishing of a written notice under paragraph (b) of this clause.
- (2) 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.

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

(f) *Excusable delays.* The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence. Examples of occurrences include acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. When an excusable delay occurs, the Contractor shall—

- (1) Notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as possible;
- (2) Remedy the delay as quickly as possible; and
- (3) Notify the Contracting Officer when the occurrence is over.

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- (g) *Invoice.* The Government will handle invoices according to the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and 5 CFR part 1315. The Contractor shall submit invoices to the address designated in the contract to receive invoices. An invoice must include the information required by 5 CFR part 1315.9(b).
- (h) *Patent indemnity.* The Contractor shall indemnify the Government and its officers, employees, and agents against liability, including costs, for actual or alleged direct or contributory infringement of, or inducement to infringe, any United States or foreign patent, trademark, or copyright, arising out of the performance of this contract, provided the Contractor is reasonably notified of such claims and proceedings.
- (i) *Payment—*
- (1) *Items accepted.* Payment shall be made for items accepted by the Government that have been delivered to the delivery destinations set forth in this contract.
 - (2) *Prompt payment.* The Government will make payment in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act ([31 U.S.C. 3903](#)) and prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.
 - (3) *Discount.* In connection with any discount offered for early payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date that appears on the payment check or the specified payment date if an electronic funds transfer payment is made.
 - (4) *Overpayments.* If the Contractor becomes aware of a duplicate contract financing or invoice payment or that the Government has otherwise overpaid on a contract financing or invoice payment, the Contractor shall—
 - (i) Remit the overpayment amount to the payment office cited in the contract along with a description of the overpayment including the—
 - (A) Circumstances of the overpayment (*e.g.*, duplicate payment, erroneous payment, liquidation errors, date(s) of overpayment);
 - (B) Affected contract number and delivery order number, if applicable;
 - (C) Affected line item or subline item, if applicable;
 - (D) Contractor point of contact; and
 - (ii) Provide a copy of the remittance and supporting documentation to the Contracting Officer.
- (5) *Interest.*
- (i) All amounts that become payable by the Contractor to the Government under this contract shall bear simple interest from the date due until paid unless paid within 30 days of becoming due. The interest rate shall be the interest rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in 41 U.S.C. 7109, which is applicable to the period in which the amount becomes due, as provided in (i)(6)(v) of this clause, and then at the rate applicable for each six-month period as fixed by the Secretary until the amount is paid.
 - (ii) The Government may issue a demand for payment to the Contractor upon finding a debt is due under the contract.
 - (iii) *Final decisions.* The Contracting Officer will issue a final decision as required by FAR part 33 if—
 - (A) The Contracting Officer and the Contractor are unable to reach agreement on the existence or amount of a debt within 30 days;
 - (B) The Contractor fails to liquidate a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer within the timeline specified in the demand for payment unless the amounts were not repaid because the Contractor has requested an installment payment agreement; or
 - (C) The Contractor requests a deferment of collection on a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer (see FAR part 32).
 - (iv) If a demand for payment was previously issued for the debt, the demand for payment included in the final decision shall identify the same due date as the original demand for payment.
 - (v) Amounts shall be due at the earliest of the following dates:
 - (A) The date fixed under this contract.
 - (B) The date of the first written demand for payment, including any demand for payment resulting from a termination for cause.
 - (vi) The interest charge shall be computed for the actual number of calendar days involved beginning on the due date and ending on—

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- (A) The date on which the designated office receives payment from the Contractor;
- (B) The date of issuance of a Government check to the Contractor from which an amount otherwise payable has been withheld as a credit against the contract debt; or
- (C) The date on which an amount withheld and applied to the contract debt would otherwise have become payable to the Contractor.
- (vii) The interest charge made under this clause may be reduced under the procedures for interest credits prescribed in FAR part 32 in effect on the date of this contract.
- (j) *Risk of loss.* Unless the contract specifically provides otherwise, risk of loss or damage to the supplies provided under this contract shall remain with the Contractor until, and shall pass to the Government upon—
 - (1) Delivery of the supplies to a carrier, if transportation is f.o.b. origin; or
 - (2) Delivery of the supplies to the Government at the destination specified in the contract, if transportation is f.o.b. destination.
- (k) *Taxes.* The contract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes and duties.
- (l) *Termination for the Government's convenience.* The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.
- (m) *Termination for cause.* The Government may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the Government, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. The Government will send a cure notice to the Contractor, unless the reason for the termination is late delivery. In the event of termination for cause, the Government shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the Government improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.
- (n) *Title.* Unless specified elsewhere in this contract, title to items furnished under this contract shall pass to the Government upon acceptance, regardless of when or where the Government takes physical possession.
- (o) *Warranty.* – Tailored - In addition to any other warranties in this contract, the Contractor warrants, except as provided in paragraph (8) below, 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.
 - (1) This warranty shall continue for a period of 1 year 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 1 year from the date the Government takes possession.
 - (2) 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-
 - (a) The Contractor's failure to conform to contract requirements; or
 - (b) Any defect of equipment, material, workmanship, or design furnished.

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(3) 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. (4) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor, in writing, within a reasonable time after the discovery of any failure, defect, or damage. (5) 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. (6) 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- (a) Obtain all warranties that would be given in normal commercial practice; (b) Require all warranties to be executed, in writing, for the benefit of the Government, if directed by the Contracting Officer; and (c) Enforce all warranties for the benefit of the Government, if directed by the Contracting Officer. (7) 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. (8) 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. (9) 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. (p) <i>Limitation of liability.</i> Except as otherwise provided by an express warranty, the Contractor will not be liable to the Government for consequential damages resulting from any defect or deficiencies in accepted items. (q) <i>Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts.</i> The Contractor agrees to comply with 31 U.S.C. 1352 relating to limitations on the use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracts; 40 U.S.C. chapter 37, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards; 41 U.S.C. chapter 87, Kickbacks; 49 U.S.C. 40118, Government-financed air transportation; and 41 U.S.C. chapter 21 relating to procurement integrity. (r) <i>Order of precedence.</i> Any inconsistencies in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (1) The schedule of supplies/services; (2) The Disputes, Payments, Invoice, Compliance with Laws Unique to Government Contracts, and Unauthorized Obligations paragraphs of this clause; (3) Other contract clauses incorporated in the solicitation or contract; (4) Addenda to this solicitation or contract; (5) Solicitation provisions incorporated in the solicitation; (6) Other paragraphs of this clause; (7) Other documents, exhibits, and attachments; and (8) The specification. (s) <i>Unauthorized obligations.</i> (1) Except as stated in paragraph (s)(2) of this clause, when any supply or service acquired under this contract is subject to any End User License Agreement (EULA), Terms of Service (TOS), or similar legal instrument or agreement, that includes any clause requiring the Government to indemnify the Contractor or any person or entity for damages, costs, fees, or any other loss or liability that would create an Anti-Deficiency Act violation (31 U.S.C. 1341), the following shall govern: (i) Any such clause is unenforceable against the Government. (ii) Neither the Government nor any Government-authorized end user shall be deemed to have agreed to such clause by virtue of it appearing in the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement. If the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement is invoked through an "I agree" click box or other comparable		

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mechanism (e.g., “click-wrap” or “browse-wrap” agreements), execution does not bind the Government or any Government authorized end user to such clause.

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

- (2) Paragraph (s)(1) of this clause does not apply to indemnification by the Government that is expressly authorized by statute and specifically authorized under applicable agency regulations and procedures.
- (t) *Comptroller General examination of record.* This paragraph applies if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid procedures and is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold on the date of award of this contract.
- (1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor’s directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.
- (2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices, at all reasonable times, the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR part 4, longer period required by statute, or periods specified in other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.
- (3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This clause does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.
- (u) *Incorporation by reference.* The Contractor’s representations and certifications, including those completed electronically via the System for Award Management (SAM), are incorporated by reference into the contract.

(End of clause)

FAR 52.219-14 – LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING (OCT 2022) (DEVIATION OCT 2022)

- (a) This clause does not apply to the unrestricted portion of a partial set-aside.
- (b) Definition. Similarly situated entity, as used in this clause, means a first-tier subcontractor, including an independent contractor, that—
- (1) Has the same small business program status as that which qualified the prime contractor for the award (e.g., for a small business set-aside contract, any small business concern, without regard to its socioeconomic status); and
- (2) Is considered small for the size standard under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code the prime contractor assigned to the subcontract.
- (c) Applicability. This clause applies only to—
- (1) Contracts that have been set aside for any of the small business concerns identified in 19.000(a)(3);
- (2) Part or parts of a multiple-award contract that have been set aside for any of the small business concerns identified in 19.000(a)(3);
- (3) Contracts that have been awarded on a sole-source basis in accordance with subparts 19.8, 19.13, 19.14, and 19.15;
- (4) Orders expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and that are—
- (i) Set aside for small business concerns under multiple-award contracts, as described in 8.405-5 and 16.505(b)(2)(i)(F); or
- (ii) Issued directly to small business concerns under multiple-award contracts as described in 19.504(c)(1)(ii);
- (5) Orders, regardless of dollar value, that are—

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- (i) Set aside in accordance with subparts 19.8, 19.13, 19.14, or 19.15 under multiple-award contracts, as described in 8.405-5 and 16.505(b)(2)(i)(F); or
- (ii) Issued directly to concerns that qualify for the programs described in subparts 19.8, 19.13, 19.14, or 19.15 under multiple-award contracts, as described in 19.504(c)(1)(ii); and

(6) Contracts using the HUBZone price evaluation preference to award to a HUBZone small business concern unless the concern waived the evaluation preference.

(d) Independent contractors. An independent contractor shall be considered a subcontractor.

(e) Limitations on subcontracting. By submission of an offer and execution of a contract, the Contractor agrees to the following requirements in the performance of a contract assigned a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code applicable to this contract:

(1) Services (except construction). It will not pay more than 50 percent of the amount paid by the Government for contract performance, excluding certain other direct costs and certain work performed outside the United States (see paragraph (e)(1)(i)), to subcontractors that are not similarly situated entities. Any work that a similarly situated entity further subcontracts will count towards the prime contractor's 50 percent subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. When a contract includes both services and supplies, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the service portion of the contract.

(i) The following services may be excluded from the 50 percent limitation:

(A) Other direct costs, to the extent they are not the principal purpose of the acquisition and small business concerns do not provide the service. Examples include airline travel, work performed by a transportation or disposal entity under a contract assigned the environmental remediation NAICS code (562910), cloud computing services, or mass media purchases.

(B) Work performed outside the United States on awards made pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, or work performed outside the United States required to be performed by a local contractor.

(2) Supplies (other than procurement from a nonmanufacturer of such supplies). It will not pay more than 50 percent of the amount paid by the Government for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to subcontractors that are not similarly situated entities. Any work that a similarly situated entity further subcontracts will count towards the prime contractor's 50 percent subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. When a contract includes both supplies and services, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the supply portion of the contract.

(3) General construction. It will not pay more than 85 percent of the amount paid by the Government for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to subcontractors that are not similarly situated entities. Any work that a similarly situated entity further subcontracts will count towards the prime contractor's 85 percent subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded.

(4) Construction by special trade contractors. It will not pay more than 75 percent of the amount paid by the Government for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to subcontractors that are not similarly situated entities. Any work that a similarly situated entity further subcontracts will count towards the prime contractor's 75 percent subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded.

(f) The Contractor shall comply with the limitations on subcontracting as follows:

(1) For contracts, in accordance with paragraphs (c)(1), (2), (3) and (6) of this clause –
[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

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

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

(2) For orders, in accordance with paragraphs (c)(4) and (5) of this clause, by the end of the performance period for the order.

(g) A joint venture agrees that, in the performance of the contract, the applicable percentage specified in paragraph (e) of this clause will be performed by the aggregate of the joint venture participants.

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(1) In a joint venture comprised of a small business protégé and its mentor approved by the Small Business Administration, the small business protégé shall perform at least 40 percent of the work performed by the joint venture. Work performed by the small business protégé in the joint venture must be more than administrative functions.

(2) In an 8(a) joint venture, the 8(a) participant(s) shall perform at least 40 percent of the work performed by the joint venture. Work performed by the 8(a) participants in the joint venture must be more than administrative functions.

(End of clause)

FAR 52.228-11 – Individual Surety – Pledge of Assets (FEB 2021)(DEVIATION MAY 2023)

(a)The Contractor shall obtain from each person acting as an individual surety on a performance bond or a payment bond—

- (1) A pledge of assets that meets the eligibility, valuation, and security requirements described in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [28.203-1](#); and
- (2) Standard Form 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety [, **except that the words “being duly sworn, depose and say” on the Standard Form 28 are replaced with the word “affirm” and the Standard Form 28 is not required to be sworn and notarized in block 12**].

(b)The Contracting Officer may release a portion of the security interest on the individual surety's assets based upon substantial performance of the Contractor's obligations under its performance bond. The security interest in support of a performance bond shall be maintained—

- (1) *Contracts for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work of the Federal Government exceeding \$150,000 (40 U.S.C. 3131).* Until completion of any warranty period, or for 1 year following final payment, whichever is later.
- (2) *Contracts subject to alternative payment protection (see FAR [28.102-1\(b\)\(1\)](#)).* For the full contract performance period plus 1 year.
- (3) *Other contracts not subject to the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this clause.* Until completion of any warranty period, or for 90 days following final payment, whichever is later.

(c)A surety's assets pledged in support of a payment bond may be released to a subcontractor or supplier upon Government receipt of a Federal district court judgment, or a sworn statement by the subcontractor or supplier that the claim is correct along with a notarized authorization of the release by the surety stating that it approves of such release. The security interest on the individual surety's assets in support of a payment bond shall be maintained—

- (1) *Contracts for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work of the Federal Government exceeding \$150,000 which require performance and payment bonds (40 U.S.C. 3131).* For 1 year following final payment, or until resolution of all pending claims filed against the payment bond during the 1-year period following final payment, whichever is later.
- (2) *Contracts subject to alternative payment protection (see FAR [28.102-1\(b\)\(1\)](#)).* For the full contract performance period plus 1 year.
- (3) Other contracts not subject to the requirements of paragraph (c)(1) of this clause. For 90 days following final payment.

(d)The Contracting Officer may allow the Contractor to substitute an individual surety, for a performance or payment bond, after contract award. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause within the timeframe established by the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

FAR 52.228-15 – Performance and Payment Bonds – Construction (JUN 2020)(DEVIATION MAY 2023)

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

Original contract price means the award price of the contract; or, for requirements contracts, the price payable for the estimated total quantity; or, for indefinite-quantity contracts, the price payable for the specified minimum quantity. Original contract price does not include the price of any options, except those options exercised at the time of contract award.

(b) *Amount of required bonds.* Unless the resulting contract price is valued at or below the threshold specified in Federal Acquisition Regulation [28.102-1](#)(a) on the date of award of this contract, the successful offeror shall furnish performance and payment bonds to the Contracting Officer as follows:

(1) *Performance bonds* ([Standard Form 25](#))[, **except that a seal is not required**]. The penal amount of performance bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price.

(2) *Payment Bonds* ([Standard Form 25A](#))[, **except that a seal is not required**]. The penal amount of payment bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price.

(3) Additional bond protection.

(i) The Government may require additional performance and payment bond protection if the contract price is increased. The increase in protection generally will equal 100 percent of the increase in contract price.

(ii) The Government may secure the additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the penal amount of the existing bond or to obtain an additional bond.

(c) *Furnishing executed bonds.* The Contractor shall furnish all executed bonds, including any necessary reinsurance agreements, to the Contracting Officer, within the time period specified in the Bid Guarantee provision of the solicitation, or otherwise specified by the Contracting Officer, but in any event, before starting work.

(d) *Surety or other security for bonds.* The bonds shall be in the form of firm commitment, supported by corporate sureties whose names appear on the list contained in Treasury Department Circular 570, individual sureties, or by other acceptable security such as postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or, in accordance with Treasury Department regulations, certain bonds or notes of the United States. Treasury Circular 570 is published in the *Federal Register* or may be obtained from the:

U.S. Department of the Treasury,
Financial Management,
Service Surety Bond Branch,
3700 East West Highway, Room 6 F01,
Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Or via the internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/>.

(e) *Notice of subcontractor waiver of protection* ([40 U.S.C. 3133\(c\)](#)). Any waiver of the right to sue on the payment bond is void unless it is in writing, signed by the person whose right is waived, and executed after such person has first furnished labor or material for use in the performance of the contract.

(f) *Per DOI Policy – DOI-AAAP-0165 – the following policy class deviations are authorized under this solicitation and award:*

When obtaining financial protection against losses under contracts per FAR part 28:

- 28.101-3(c) allowing the use of electronic means is moved to an added section at 28.002 to apply the same flexibilities to all of part 28;
- 28.106-1 adding an exception to stamping a corporate seal on bonds;
- 28.106-8 allowing a signed statement by the contractor that the payment is due and owed; • 28.203(b) not requiring the Standard Form 28 to be sworn and notarized;

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- 28.203-5 allowing a written authorization of the release signed by the surety saying that it approves of such release;
- 52.228-11, *Pledges of Assets (Aug 2018)(DEVIATION APR 2020)*, not requiring the Standard Form 28 to be sworn and notarized, in place of 52.228-11, *Pledges of Assets (Aug 2018)*;
- 52.228-15, *Performance and Payment Bonds—Construction (OCT 2010)(DEVIATION APR 2020)*, not requiring the seal when executing the standard forms required by the clause; and
- 52.228-16, *Performance and Payment Bonds—Other than Construction (NOV 2006)(DEVIATION APR 2020)*, not requiring the seal when executing the standard forms required by the clause.

(End of clause)

RFO FAR – 52.240-91 - Security Prohibitions and Exclusions (DEVIATION MAR 2026)

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

American Security Drone Act-covered foreign entity means an entity included on a list that the Federal Acquisition Security Council (FASC) develops and maintains and publishes in the System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov> (section 1822 of Pub. L. 118-31, 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.).

Backhaul means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (e.g., connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (e.g., microwave) or wired (e.g., fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).

Covered application means the social networking service TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited.

Covered article, as defined in 41 U.S.C. 4713(k), means:

- (1) Information technology, as defined in 40 U.S.C. 11101, including cloud computing services of all types;
- (2) Telecommunications equipment or telecommunications service, as those terms are defined in section 3 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153);
- (3) The processing of information on a Federal or non-Federal information system, subject to the requirements of the Controlled Unclassified Information program (see 32 CFR part 2002); or
- (4) Hardware, systems, devices, software, or services that include embedded or incidental information technology.

Covered foreign country means The People’s Republic of China.

Covered telecommunications equipment or services means—

- (1) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- (2) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- (3) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or
- (4) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Critical technology means—

- (1) Defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations;

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- (2) Items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, and controlled—
 - (i) Pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology; or
 - (ii) For reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening;
- (3) Specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities);
- (4) Nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material);
- (5) Select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 121 of title 9 of such Code, or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or
- (6) Emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817).

FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system means an unmanned aircraft system manufactured or assembled by an American Security Drone Act—covered foreign entity.

FASCSA order means any of the following orders issued under the Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act (FASCSA) requiring removing covered articles from executive agency information systems or excluding one or more named sources or named covered articles from executive agency procurement actions, as described in 41 CFR 201-1.303(d) and (e):

- (1) The Secretary of Homeland Security may issue FASCSA orders that apply to civilian agencies, to the extent not covered by paragraph (2) or (3) of this definition. This type of FASCSA order may be referred to as a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FASCSA order.
- (2) The Secretary of Defense may issue FASCSA orders that apply to the Department of Defense (DoD) and national security systems other than sensitive compartmented information systems. This type of FASCSA order may be referred to as a DoD FASCSA order.
- (3) The Director of National Intelligence (DNI) may issue FASCSA orders that apply to the intelligence community and sensitive compartmented information systems, to the extent not covered by paragraph (2) of this definition. This type of FASCSA order may be referred to as a DNI FASCSA order.

Information technology, as defined in 40 U.S.C. 11101(6)—

- (1) Means any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment, used in the automatic acquisition, storage, analysis, evaluation, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information by the executive agency, if the equipment is used by the executive agency directly or is used by a contractor under a contract with the executive agency that requires the use—
 - (i) Of that equipment; or
 - (ii) Of that equipment to a significant extent in the performance of a service or the furnishing of a product;
- (2) Includes computers, ancillary equipment (including imaging peripherals, input, output, and storage devices necessary for security and surveillance), peripheral equipment designed to be controlled by the central processing unit of a computer, software, firmware and similar procedures, services (including support services), and related resources; but
- (3) Does not include any equipment acquired by a Federal contractor incidental to a Federal contract.

Intelligence community, as defined by 50 U.S.C. 3003(4), means the following—

- (1) The Office of the Director of National Intelligence;
- (2) The Central Intelligence Agency;
- (3) The National Security Agency;
- (4) The Defense Intelligence Agency;
- (5) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency;

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- (6) The National Reconnaissance Office;
- (7) Other offices within the Department of Defense for the collection of specialized national intelligence through reconnaissance programs;
- (8) The intelligence elements of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Department of Energy;
- (9) The Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State;
- (10) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of the Treasury;
- (11) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security; or
- (12) Such other elements of any department or agency as may be designated by the President, or designated jointly by the Director of National Intelligence and the head of the department or agency concerned, as an element of the intelligence community.

Interconnection arrangements means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another's network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (e.g., connecting a customer of telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.

Kaspersky Lab-covered article means any hardware, software, or service that—

- (1) Is developed or provided by a Kaspersky Lab-covered entity;
- (2) Includes any hardware, software, or service developed or provided in whole or in part by a Kaspersky Lab-covered entity; or
- (3) Contains components using any hardware or software developed in whole or in part by a Kaspersky Lab-covered entity.

Kaspersky Lab-covered entity means—

- (1) Kaspersky Lab;
- (2) Any successor entity to Kaspersky Lab, including any change in name, e.g., "Kaspersky";
- (3) Any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Kaspersky Lab; or
- (4) Any entity of which Kaspersky Lab has a majority ownership.

National security system, as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3552, means any information system (including any telecommunications system) used or operated by an agency or by a contractor of an agency, or other organization on behalf of an agency—

- (1) The function, operation, or use of which involves intelligence activities; involves cryptologic activities related to national security; involves command and control of military forces; involves equipment that is an integral part of a weapon or weapons system; or is critical to the direct fulfillment of military or intelligence missions, but does not include a system that is to be used for routine administrative and business applications (including payroll, finance, logistics, and personnel management applications); or
- (2) Is protected at all times by procedures established for information that have been specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order or an Act of Congress to be kept classified in the interest of national defense or foreign policy.

Roaming means cellular communications services (e.g., voice, video, data) received from a visited network when unable to connect to the facilities of the home network either because signal coverage is too weak or because traffic is too high.

Sensitive compartmented information means classified information concerning or derived from intelligence sources, methods, or analytical processes, which is required to be handled within formal access control systems established by the Director of National Intelligence.

Sensitive compartmented information system means a national security system authorized to process or store sensitive compartmented information.

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Source means a non-Federal supplier, or potential supplier, of products or services, at any tier.

Subsidiary means an entity in which more than 50 percent of the entity is owned directly by a parent corporation or through another subsidiary of a parent corporation.

Substantial or essential component means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.

Unmanned aircraft means an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft (49 U.S.C. 44801(11)).

Unmanned aircraft system means an unmanned aircraft and associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the operator to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace system (49 U.S.C. 44801(12)).

- (b) *Prohibitions on providing or using specific products or services in performance of contract.* Unless a waiver or exception applies, the Contractor is prohibited from providing any products or services to the Government or using in the performance of the contract any of the following:
- (1) A covered application on any information technology owned or managed by the Government, or on any information technology used or provided by the Contractor under this contract, including equipment provided by the Contractor's employees (section 102 of Division R of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-328));
 - (2) A Kaspersky Lab-covered article (Section 1634 of Division A of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Pub. L. 115-91));
 - (3) Covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system (paragraphs (a)(1)(A) of section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232)). This does not prohibit contractors from providing—
 - (i) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
 - (ii) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
- (c) *Prohibition on unmanned aircraft systems manufactured or assembled by American Security Drone Act—covered foreign entities.*
- (1) *Prohibition.* The Contractor is prohibited from—
 - (i) Delivering any FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system, which includes unmanned aircraft (i.e., drones) and associated elements (sections 1823 and 1826 of American Security Drone Act of 2023, within the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, Pub. L. 118-31, Div. A, Title XVIII, Subtitle B, 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.);
 - (ii) On or after December 22, 2025, operating a FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system in the performance of the contract (section 1824 of Pub. L. 118-31); and
 - (iii) On or after December 22, 2025, using Federal funds to procure or operate a FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system (section 1825 of Pub. L. 118-31).
 - (2) *Procedures.* The Contractor shall search SAM for the FASC-maintained list of American Security Drone Act—covered foreign entities before proposing, or using in performance of the contract, any unmanned aircraft system. Also, the Contractor shall ensure any effort or expenditure associated with a FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system is consistent with a corresponding exemption, exception, or waiver determination expressly stated in the contract.
 - (3) *Exemptions, exceptions, and waivers.* The prohibitions in paragraph (c) of this clause do not apply where the agency has determined an exemption, exception, or waiver applies, and the contract indicates that such a

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determination has been made. See sections 1823 through 1825 and 1832 of Public Law 118-31 for statutory requirements pertaining to exemptions, exceptions, and waivers.

- (d) *Prohibition on using or providing specific products or services or conducting certain transactions regardless of connection to contract.*
- (1) *Certain telecommunications and video surveillance equipment, systems, or services.*
 - (i) Unless an applicable waiver has been issued by the Government, the Contractor cannot use any equipment, systems, or services that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system (paragraph (a)(1)(B) of section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232)).
 - (ii) This prohibition applies to using covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. This does not prohibit the contractor from using—
 - (A) A service that connects to the facilities of a third party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
 - (B) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
 - (2) *Office of Foreign Assets Control Restrictions.*
 - (i) 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.
 - (ii) 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.
 - (A) For lists of entities and individuals subject to economic sanctions, see OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/specially-designated-nationals-and-blocked-persons-list-sdn-human-readable-lists>.
 - (B) For more information about these restrictions, as well as updates, see OFAC's regulations at 31 CFR chapter V and at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/office-of-foreign-assets-control-sanctions-programs-and-information>.
 - (C) To conduct electronic screens of potential parties to regulated transactions, see the consolidated screening list at <https://www.trade.gov/consolidated-screening-list>, which consolidates multiple export screening lists of the Departments of Commerce, State, and the Treasury.
 - (3) *Sudan prohibition.* The Contractor is prohibited from conducting any restricted business operations in Sudan in accordance with Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174).
 - (4) *Iran prohibitions.*
 - (i) Unless an exception applies according to paragraph (d)(4)(iii) or the Government grants a waiver, the contractor shall not engage in certain activities or transactions relating to Iran (section 6(b)(1)(A) of Iran Sanctions Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note)).
 - (ii) Unless an exception applies according to paragraph (d)(4)(iii) or the Government grants a waiver, contractor shall not export certain sensitive technology to Iran, as determined by the President, and has an active exclusion in SAM (22 U.S.C. 8515).
 - (iii) The prohibition in paragraphs (d)(4)(i) and (d)(4)(ii) do not apply if the acquisition is subject to trade agreements and the offeror certifies that all the offered products are designated country end products or designated country construction material (see part 25).
 - (iv) Unless an exception applies or the Government grants a waiver, contractors are prohibited from knowingly engaging in any significant transaction (i.e., over \$15,000) with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps or any of its officials, agents, or affiliates, the property and interests in property of which are blocked according to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (section 6(b)(1)(B) of Iran Sanctions Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note)).
- (e) *Governmentwide exclusion and removal orders.*

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- (1) Unless the Government has issued an applicable waiver, contractors shall not provide or use as part of the performance of the contract any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if the covered article or the source is prohibited by an applicable FASCSA order as follows:
 - (i) For solicitations and contracts awarded by a Department of Defense contracting office, DoD FASCSA orders apply.
 - (ii) For all other solicitations and contracts, DHS FASCSA orders apply.
 - (2) The Contractor shall search for the phrase “FASCSA order” in the System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov> to locate applicable FASCSA orders.
 - (3) The Government may identify in the solicitation other FASCSA orders that are not in SAM, which are effective and apply to the solicitation and resulting contract.
 - (4) A FASCSA order issued after the date of solicitation applies to this contract only if added by an amendment to the solicitation or modification to the contract (see FAR 40.204-1(c)).
- (f) *Reasonable inquiry.* The contractor shall conduct a reasonable inquiry to determine if there are any prohibited products or services. The inquiry will look at any information in the entity’s possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit.
- (g) *Removal of prohibited products and services.* For Federal Supply Schedules, Governmentwide acquisition contracts, multi-agency contracts or any other procurement instrument intended for use by multiple agencies, upon notification from the Contracting Officer, during the performance of the contract, the Contractor shall promptly make any necessary changes or modifications to remove any product or service produced or provided by a source that this clause prohibits.
- (h) *General report.*
- (1) If the Contractor identifies or is notified by any source, (including a subcontractor at any tier), that any product or service provided or used (or to be provided or used) during contract performance does not comply with any prohibition in this clause, then the Contractor shall report the following information, or as much information is known, in writing to the contracting office as identified in paragraph (h)(2) within 72 hours:
 - (i) Contract number and order number, if applicable;
 - (ii) The specific prohibition the product or service is not complying with;
 - (iii) A description of the products or services that the Contractor identifies or has reason to suspect is prohibited (include brand; model number, such as the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable);
 - (iv) The entity that produced the product or service (include entity name, unique entity identifier, Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) code, facilities responsible for design, fabrication, assembly, packaging, and test of the product, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor (provide manufacturer codes and distributor codes used for the product));
 - (v) Description of the functionality of the product or service and how that functionality impacts the risk to the product or service;
 - (vi) An explanation of any factors relevant to determining if the product or service should be permitted by an applicable exception, exemption, or waiver (if the contractor would like the Government to consider a waiver, and asks for such a waiver);
 - (vii) Whether alternative products or services are available that would comply with the prohibition;
 - (viii) If the product or service is related to item maintenance, include the following information on the item being maintained:
 - (A) Brand;
 - (B) Model number, OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and
 - (C) Item description, as applicable.
 - (ix) Any readily available information about mitigation actions implemented or recommended.
 - (2) If a report must be submitted to a contracting office, the Contractor shall submit the report as follows:
 - (i) If a Department of Defense contracting office, the Contractor shall report to the website at <https://dibnet.dod.mil>.

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- (ii) For all other contracting offices, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer.
 - (iii) For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to both the contracting office for the indefinite delivery contract and the contracting office for any affected order.
 - (3) If the report provided does not contain any of the information required by paragraph (h)(1) of this clause, and the contractor later discovers new information that is required by paragraph (h)(1) of this clause, then the contractor shall submit a subsequent report within 72 hours of discovering the new information.
 - (4) The contractor shall also report the information in paragraph (h)(1) if the contractor wishes to ask for a waiver of the requirements of a new FASCSA order being applied through modification.
- (i) *New FASCSA orders report.*
- (1) During contract performance, the Contractor shall review SAM at least once every three months, or as advised by the Contracting Officer, to check for covered articles subject to FASCSA order(s), or for products or services produced by a source subject to FASCSA order(s) not currently identified under paragraph (e) of this clause.
 - (2) If the Contractor identifies a new FASCSA order(s) that could impact their supply chain, then the Contractor shall conduct a reasonable inquiry to identify whether a covered article or product or service produced or provided by a source subject to the FASCSA order(s) was provided to the Government or used during contract performance. The inquiry will look at any information in the entity's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit.
 - (3) The Contractor shall submit a report to the contracting office identified in paragraph (h)(2) of this clause if the Contractor identifies, including through any notification by a subcontractor at any tier, that a covered article or product or service produced or provided by a source was provided to the Government or used during contract performance and is subject to a FASCSA order(s). For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to both the contracting office for the indefinite delivery contract and the contracting office for any affected order. The Contractor shall report the following information within 72 hours for each covered article or each product or service produced or provided by a source, where the covered article or source is subject to a FASCSA order:
 - (i) Contract number and order number, if applicable;
 - (ii) Name of the covered article or source subject to a FASCSA order;
 - (iii) The specific FASCSA order the product or service does not comply with;
 - (iv) The elements of (h)(1)(iii) through (ix) of this clause.
 - (j) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (j) but excluding subparagraphs (d)(1) and (i)(1), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including subcontracts for acquiring commercial products or commercial services.

(End of clause)

FAR 52.252-2 - Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): <https://www.acquisition.gov/content/regulations>. For clauses incorporated by reference with "DEVIATION" use the FAR Overhaul section of the website.

(End of clause)

FAR 52.252-6 - Authorized Deviations in Clauses. (Nov 2020)

The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the date of the clause.
The use in this solicitation or contract of any Department of Interior Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 14) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

(End of clause)

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**PART III—LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, AND OTHER
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4. Attachment 4 – Location Maps-Lab Testing Report-Photos	31 Pages
5. Attachment 5 – 146798-ALPO-423-41023-Topo	18 Pages
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7. Attachment 7 – ALPO Staple Bend Tunnel – Submittal List	1 Page
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PART IV—REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS
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STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS OR RESPONDENTS

FAR 52.252-1 – Solicitation Provision 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):

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(Deviation) - RFO FAR - [Revolutionary FAR Overhaul](#) | [Acquisition.GOV](https://www.acquisition.gov)

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52.203-18	Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements-Representation	JAN 2017
52.209-12	Certification Regarding Tax Matters	OCT 2025
52.223-1	Biobased Product Certification (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.225-25	Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran – Representation and Certifications	JUN 2020

RFO FAR - 52.204-7 - SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT—REGISTRATION (DEVIATION MAR 2026)

The Offeror shall have an active Federal Government contracts registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) when submitting an offer or quotation in response to this solicitation and at the time of award. As part of the SAM registration process, the Government collects information, as described in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this provision, that is necessary to identify the Offeror and for the Offeror to be awarded Federal Government contracts. To register in SAM, go to <https://www.sam.gov>. Allow for processing time when registering in SAM. If the Offeror is not registered in SAM, it should register immediately after receiving this solicitation.

(a)
Definitions. As used in this provision—

Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code has the meaning provided in the clause at the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.204-13, System for Award Management—Maintenance, of this solicitation.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator means a bank account identifier to establish additional System for Award Management records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see part 32) for the same entity.

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

Immediate owner means an entity, other than the offeror, that has direct control of the offeror. Indicators of control include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: ownership or interlocking management, identity of

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interests among family members, shared facilities and equipment, and the common use of employees. There may be more than one immediate owner (e.g., joint ventures).

Predecessor means an entity whose assets were acquired by the offeror or another entity (most often through merger or acquisition) and whose affairs are now carried out by the offeror or the other entity under a new name.

Taxpayer identification number means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the offeror to report income tax and other returns. It may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.

Unique entity identifier (UEI) has the meaning provided in the clause at FAR 52.204-13, System for Award Management—Maintenance, of this solicitation.

(b) *Identifiers*. The Offeror shall obtain and provide the following identifying information:

(1) *Unique entity identifier (UEI)*.

- (i) The Offeror shall obtain a UEI to register in SAM. The Government will independently validate the existence and uniqueness of the Offeror before assigning a UEI to the Offeror. Go to <https://www.sam.gov> for instructions on obtaining a UEI.
- (ii) The Offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation “Unique Entity Identifier” followed by the UEI that identifies the Offeror's name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The Offeror shall also enter its EFT indicator, if applicable.
- (iii) The Contracting Officer will use the UEI to verify that the Offeror has an active Federal Government contracts registration in SAM.

(2) *Taxpayer identification number (TIN)*.

- (i) The Offeror shall provide its TIN or related information 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. The Offeror shall consent for TIN validation; and

(3) *Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code*.

- (i) The Offeror shall provide a CAGE code and legal business name (Do not use a “doing business as” name) for—
 - (A) Itself;
 - (B) Its immediate owner(s), if any;
 - (C) Its highest-level owner, if any; and
 - (D) Any predecessor(s), or predecessor of an Offeror’s predecessor, that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years.
- (ii) If the Offeror is in the United States or its outlying areas and does not already have a CAGE code assigned, the DLA CAGE Branch will assign a CAGE code to the Offeror as a part of the SAM registration process. For information on obtaining a CAGE code go to <https://cage.dla.mil/>.
- (iii) The Offeror shall get from any immediate and/or highest-level owner(s) their respective CAGE code(s) to provide the code(s) as part of the registration (FAR 52.204-7(b)(3)(i)).
- (iv) If the Offeror is located outside of the United States or its outlying areas, and does not already have a CAGE code assigned, the Offeror may obtain a CAGE code as indicated in the following table.

If the Offeror is....	Then....
Located in a country that is a member of North Atlantic Organization (NATO) or sponsored nation	Contact the appropriate National Codification Bureau AC/135 Contacts
Located in a country that is not a member of NATO or sponsored nation	Contact the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) NATO Allied Committee 135 (AC/135) - The Group of National Directors on Codification

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(c) *Representations and certifications.*

- (1) The following FAR solicitation provisions contain entity-level representations and certifications that the Offeror shall submit as part of their Federal Government contracts registration in SAM:

Provision	Title	Date
52.204-5	Women-Owned Business (other Than Small Business)	OCT 2014
52.209-2	Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations-Representation (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.209-5	Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.209-11	Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.219-1	Small Business Program Representations (Deviation)	MAY 2026
52.219-1	Small Business Program Representations, with its Alternate II	MAR 2023
Alt II		
52.226-2	Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation	Oct 2014

- (2) By submitting its offer, the Offeror verifies that, as of the date of its offer, its representations and certifications posted electronically in SAM for the provisions listed in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision are current, accurate, and complete. The Offeror's representations and certifications in SAM are hereby incorporated by reference into its offer.

- (d) *Other information.* The Offeror shall provide more information on its business operations and type that is necessary to be considered for award of certain contracts and financial information necessary to receive payment under contracts.

(End of provision)

RFO FAR 52.209-7 – Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (DEVIATION MAY 2026)

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

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

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

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

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

- (b) The offeror ☐ has ☐ does not have current active Federal contracts and grants with total value greater than \$10,000,000.
- (c) If the offeror checked "has" in paragraph (b) of this provision, the offeror represents, by submission of this offer, that the information it has entered in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS) is current, accurate, and complete as of the date of submission of this offer with regard to the following information:

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- (1) Whether the offeror, and/or any of its principals, has or has not, within the last five years, in connection with the award to or performance by the offeror of a Federal contract or grant, been the subject of a proceeding, at the Federal or State level that resulted in any of the following dispositions:
 - (i) In a criminal proceeding, a conviction.
 - (ii) In a civil proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in the payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more.
 - (iii) In an administrative proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in—
 - (A) The payment of a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more; or
 - (B) The payment of a reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000.
 - (iv) In a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding, a disposition of the matter by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault by the Contractor if the proceeding could have led to any of the outcomes specified in paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (c)(1)(ii), or (c)(1)(iii) of this provision.
- (2) If the offeror has been involved in the last five years in any of the occurrences listed in (c)(1) of this provision, whether the offeror has provided the requested information with regard to each occurrence.
- (d) The offeror shall post the information in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(iv) of this provision in FAPIIS as required through maintaining an active registration in the System for Award Management, which can be accessed via <https://www.sam.gov> (see 52.204-7).

(End of provision)

RFO FAR 52.209-13 - Violation of Arms Control Treaties or Agreements-Certification (Deviation MAY 2026)

- (a) This provision does not apply to acquisitions at or below the simplified acquisition threshold or to acquisitions of commercial products and commercial services as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation 2.101.
- (b) *Certification. [Offeror shall check either (1) or (2).]*
 - (1) The Offeror certifies that—
 - (i) It does not engage and has not engaged in any activity that contributed to or was a significant factor in the President's or Secretary of State's determination that a foreign country is in violation of its obligations undertaken in any arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or is not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. The determinations are described in the most recent unclassified annual report provided to Congress pursuant to section 403 of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act (22 U.S.C. 2593a). The report is available at <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-arms-control-and-international-security-affairs/bureau-of-arms-control-verification-and-compliance/>; and
 - (ii) No entity owned or controlled by the Offeror has engaged in any activity that contributed to or was a significant factor in the President's or Secretary of State's determination that a foreign country is in violation of its obligations undertaken in any arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or is not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. The determinations are described in the most recent unclassified annual report provided to Congress pursuant to section 403 of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act (22 U.S.C. 2593a). The report is available at <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-arms-control-and-international-security-affairs/bureau-of-arms-control-verification-and-compliance/>; or
 - (2) The Offeror is providing separate information with its offer in accordance with paragraph (d)(2) of this provision.
- (c) Procedures for reviewing the annual unclassified report (see paragraph (b)(1) of this provision). For clarity, references to the report in this section refer to the entirety of the annual unclassified report, including any separate reports that are incorporated by reference into the annual unclassified report.
 - (1) Check the table of contents of the annual unclassified report and the country section headings of the reports incorporated by reference to identify the foreign countries listed there. Determine whether the Offeror or any

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person owned or controlled by the Offeror may have engaged in any activity related to one or more of such foreign countries.

- (2) If such activity might have occurred, review all findings in the report associated with those foreign countries to determine whether or not each such foreign country was determined to be in violation of its obligations undertaken in an arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or to be not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. For clarity, in the annual report an explicit certification of non-compliance is equivalent to a determination of violation. However, the following statements in the annual report are not equivalent to a determination of violation:
 - (i) An inability to certify compliance.
 - (ii) An inability to conclude compliance.
 - (iii) A statement about compliance concerns.
 - (3) If so, determine whether the Offeror or any person owned or controlled by the Offeror has engaged in any activity that contributed to or is a significant factor in the determination in the report that one or more of these foreign countries is in violation of its obligations undertaken in an arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or is not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. Review the narrative for any such findings reflecting a determination of violation or non-adherence related to those foreign countries in the report, including the finding itself, and to the extent necessary, the conduct giving rise to the compliance or adherence concerns, the analysis of compliance or adherence concerns, and efforts to resolve compliance or adherence concerns.
 - (4) The Offeror may submit any questions with regard to this report by email to NDAA1290Cert@state.gov. To the extent feasible, the Department of State will respond to such email inquiries within 3 business days.
- (d) Do not submit an offer unless—
- (1) A certification is provided in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision and submitted with the offer; or
 - (2) In accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of this provision, the Offeror provides with its offer information that the President of the United States has
 - (i) Waived application under [22 U.S.C. 2593e](#)(d) or (e); or
 - (ii) Determined under [22 U.S.C. 2593e](#)(g)(2) that the entity has ceased all activities for which measures were imposed under [22 U.S.C. 2593e](#)(b).
- (e) *Remedies.* The certification in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If the Government later determines that the Offeror knowingly submitted a false certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, such as suspension or debarment, the Contracting Officer may terminate any contract resulting from the false certification.

(End of provision)

RFO FAR – 52.229-11 - Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements—Notice and Representation (DEVIATION OCT 2025)

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

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person.

Specified Federal procurement payment means any payment made pursuant to a contract with a foreign contracting party that is for goods, manufactured or produced, or services provided in a foreign country that is not a party to an international procurement agreement with the United States. For purposes of the prior sentence, a foreign country does not include an outlying area of the United States.

United States person as defined in [26 U.S.C. 7701](#)(a)(30) means

- (1) A citizen or resident of the United States;

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- (2) A domestic partnership;
- (3) A domestic corporation;
- (4) Any estate (other than a foreign estate, within the meaning of [26 U.S.C. 701\(a\)\(31\)](#)); and
- (5) Any trust if—
 - (i) A court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust; and
 - (ii) One or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.
- (b) Unless exempted, there is a 2 percent tax of the amount of a specified Federal procurement payment on any foreign person receiving such payment. See [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) and its implementing regulations at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1 through 1.5000C-7.
- (c) Exemptions from withholding under this provision are described at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1(d)(5) through (7). The Offeror may claim an exemption from the withholding by using the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-14, Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments, available at www.irs.gov/w14. Any exemption claimed and self-certified on the IRS Form W-14 is subject to audit by the IRS. Any disputes regarding the imposition and collection of the [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) tax are adjudicated by the IRS as the [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) tax is a tax matter, not a contract issue. The IRS Form W-14 is provided to the acquiring agency rather than to the IRS.
- (d) For purposes of withholding under [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#), the Offeror represents that
 - (1) It ☐ is ☐ is not a foreign person; and
 - (2) If the Offeror indicates "is" in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, then the Offeror represents that—I am claiming on the IRS Form W-14 ☐ a full exemption, or ☐ partial or no exemption [*Offeror must select one*] from the excise tax.
- (e) If the Offeror represents it is a foreign person in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, then—
 - (1) The clause at FAR 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements, will be included in any resulting contract; and
 - (2) The Offeror shall submit with its offer the IRS Form W-14. If the IRS Form W-14 is not submitted with the offer, exemptions will not be applied to any resulting contract and the Government will withhold a full 2 percent of each payment.
- (f) If the Offeror selects "is" in paragraph (d)(1) and "partial or no exemption" in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror will be subject to withholding in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements, in any resulting contract.
- (g) A taxpayer may, for a fee, seek advice from the IRS as to the proper tax treatment of a transaction. This is called a private letter ruling. Also, the IRS may publish a revenue ruling, which is an official interpretation by the IRS of the Internal Revenue Code, related statutes, tax treaties, and regulations. A revenue ruling is the conclusion of the IRS on how the law is applied to a specific set of facts. For questions relating to the interpretation of the IRS regulations go to <https://www.irs.gov/help/tax-law-questions>.

(End of provision)

RFO FAR 52.240-90 – Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications (DEVIATION MAR 2026)

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

Backhaul, covered article, covered telecommunications equipment or services, critical technology, FASCSA order, Intelligence community, interconnection arrangements, national security system, roaming, sensitive compartmented

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information, sensitive compartmented information system, source, and substantial or essential component have the meanings provided in the clause 52.240-91, Security Prohibitions and Exclusions.

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

Sensitive technology—

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

(b) *Procedures.*

- (1) *Covered telecommunications and video surveillance.* The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov> for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services.”
- (2) *FASCSA Orders.*
 - (i) The Offeror shall search in SAM for the phrase “FASCSA order” for any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if there is an applicable FASCSA order described in paragraph (e) of FAR 52.240-91, Security Prohibitions and Exclusions.
 - (ii) The Offeror shall review the solicitation for any FASCSA orders that are not in SAM but are effective and apply to the solicitation and resultant contract (see FAR 40.204-1(c)(2)).
 - (iii) FASCSA orders issued after the date of solicitation do not apply unless added by an amendment to the solicitation.

(c) *Covered telecommunications equipment or services representations.* By submission of its offer, the Offeror represents that, after conducting a reasonable inquiry (that looks at any information in the Offeror’s possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit)—

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- (1) It will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation, except as waived by the solicitation, or as disclosed in paragraph (g); and
 - (2) It does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services, except as waived by the solicitation, or as disclosed in paragraph (g).
- (d) *FASCSA Representation.* By submission of this offer, the offeror represents that it has conducted a reasonable inquiry, and that the offeror does not propose to provide or use in response to this solicitation any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if the covered article or the source is prohibited by an applicable FASCSA order in effect on the date the solicitation was issued, except as waived by the solicitation, or as disclosed in paragraph (g). A reasonable inquiry will look at any information in the offeror's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit.
- (e) *Sudan certification.* By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies, after conducting a reasonable inquiry (that looks at any information in the offeror's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit), that the offeror does not conduct any restricted business operations in Sudan.
- (f) *Iran Representation and Certifications.*
- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision or if a waiver has been granted in accordance with FAR 40.203-3, the offeror, after conducting a reasonable inquiry (that looks at any information in the offeror's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit), by submission of its offer—
 - (i) Represents, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror does not export any sensitive technology to the government of Iran or any entities or individuals owned or controlled by, or acting on behalf or at the direction of, the government of Iran;
 - (ii) Certifies that the offeror, or any person (as defined at section 15 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-172, 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) owned or controlled by the offeror, does not engage in any activities for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Act. These sanctioned activities are in the areas of development of the petroleum resources of Iran, production of refined petroleum products in Iran, sale and provision of refined petroleum products to Iran, and contributing to Iran's ability to acquire or develop certain weapons or technologies; and
 - (iii) Certifies that the offeror, and any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not knowingly engage in any transaction that exceeds \$15,000 with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps or any of its officials, agents, or affiliates, the property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (see OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List at <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/default.aspx>)
 - (2) Exception for trade agreements. The representation and certification requirements of paragraph (f)(1) of this provision do not apply if—
 - (i) This solicitation includes a trade agreements notice or certification (e.g., 52.225-6, Trade Agreements Certificate); and
 - (ii) The offeror has certified that all the offered products to be supplied are designated country end products or designated country construction material.
 - (iii) The offeror shall email questions concerning sensitive technology to the Department of State at CISADA106@state.gov.
- (g) *Disclosure.*
- (1) If the Offeror is not able to represent compliance with the prohibitions in paragraphs (c) or (d), then the Offeror shall disclose within 72 hours to the contracting office identified in paragraph (g)(2) the following information for each product or service not compliant:
 - (i) Contract number and order number, if applicable;
 - (ii) Identification of whether this disclosure relates to paragraph (c) on covered telecommunication equipment or services, or to paragraph (d) on FASCSA orders;

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- (iii) A description of the products or services that the Contractor identifies or has reason to suspect is prohibited (include brand; model number, such as the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable);
- (iv) The entity that produced the product or service (include entity name, unique entity identifier, Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) code, facilities responsible for design, fabrication, assembly, packaging, and test of the product, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor (provide manufacturer codes and distributor codes used for the product));
- (v) Description of the functionality of the product or service and how that functionality impacts the risk to the product or service;
- (vi) An explanation of any factors relevant to determining if the product or service should be permitted by an applicable exception, exemption, or waiver (if the offeror would like the Government to consider a waiver);
- (vii) Whether alternative products or services are available that would be compliant with the prohibition;
- (viii) If the product or service is related to item maintenance, include the following information on the item being maintained:
 - (A) Brand;
 - (B) Model number, OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and
 - (C) Item description, as applicable.
- (ix) Any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.
- (2) If a disclosure is required to be submitted to a contracting office, the offeror shall submit the disclosure as follows:
 - (i) If a Department of Defense contracting office, the offeror shall submit the disclosure to the website at <https://dibnet.dod.mil>.
 - (ii) For all other contracting offices, the Offeror shall submit the disclosure to the Contracting Officer.
- (3) If the disclosure provided does not contain any of the information required by paragraph (1), and the Offeror later discovers new information that is required by paragraph (1), then the Offeror shall submit a subsequent disclosure within 72 hours of discovering the new information.
- (h) *Executive agency review of disclosures.* The Contracting Officer will review disclosures provided in paragraph (g) to determine if any applicable waiver may be sought. The Contracting Officer may choose not to pursue a waiver and may instead make an award to an Offeror that does not require a waiver.

(End of provision)

FAR 52.252-5 Authorized Deviations in Provisions (NOV 2020)

- (a) The use in this solicitation of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the date of the provision.
- (b) The use in this solicitation of any _____ *[insert regulation name]* (48 CFR Chapter _____) provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

(End of provision)

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SECTION L—INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS OR RESPONDENTS

FAR 52.252-1 – Solicitation Provision 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):

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PROVISIONS – FULL TEXT

DOI Acquisition Regulations (DIAR)

1452.215-71 - Use and Disclosure of Proposal Information- Department of the Interior (APR 1984)

(a) Definitions. For the purposes of this provision and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

- (1) “Trade Secret” means an unpatented, secret, commercially valuable plan, appliance, formula, or process, which is used for making, preparing, compounding, treating or processing articles or materials which are trade commodities.
- (2) “Confidential commercial or financial information” means any business information (other than trade secrets) which is exempt from the mandatory disclosure requirement of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552. Exemptions from mandatory disclosure which may be applicable to business information contained in proposals include exemption (4), which covers “commercial and financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential,” and exemption (9), which covers “geological and geophysical information, including maps, concerning wells.”

(b) If the offeror, or its subcontractor(s), believes that the proposal contains trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, (5 U.S.C. 552), the cover page of each copy of the proposal shall be marked with the following legend:

“The information specifically identified on pages _____ of this proposal constitutes trade secrets or confidential commercial and financial information which the offeror believes to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. The offeror requests that this information not be disclosed to the public, except as may be required by law. The offeror also requests that this information not be used in whole or part by the government for any purpose other than to evaluate the proposal, except that if a contract is awarded to the offeror as a result of or in connection with the submission of the proposal, the Government shall have the right to use the information to the extent provided in the contract.”

(c) The offeror shall also specifically identify trade secret information and confidential commercial and financial information on the pages of the proposal on which it appears and shall mark each such page with the following legend: “This page contains trade secrets or confidential commercial and financial information which the offeror believes to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act and which is subject to the legend contained on the cover page of this proposal.”

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(d) Information in a proposal identified by an offeror as trade secret information or confidential commercial and financial information shall be used by the Government only for the purpose of evaluating the proposal, except that (i) if a contract is awarded to the offeror as a result of or in connection with submission of the proposal, the Government shall have the right to use the information as provided in the contract, and (ii) if the same information is obtained from another source without restriction it may be used without restriction.

(e) If a request under the Freedom of Information Act seeks access to information in a proposal identified as trade secret information or confidential commercial and financial information, full consideration will be given to the offeror's view that the information constitutes trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information. The offeror will also be promptly notified of the request and given an opportunity to provide additional evidence and argument in support of its position, unless administratively unfeasible to do so. If it is determined that information claimed by the offeror to be trade secret information or confidential commercial or financial information is not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, the offeror will be notified of this determination prior to disclosure of the information.

(f) The Government assumes no liability for the disclosure or use of information contained in a proposal if not marked in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this provision. If a request under the Freedom of Information Act is made for information in a proposal not marked in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this provision, the offeror concerned shall be promptly notified of the request and given an opportunity to provide its position to the Government. However, failure of an offeror to mark information contained in a proposal as trade secret information or confidential commercial or financial information will be treated by the Government as evidence that the information is not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, absent a showing that the failure to mark was due to unusual or extenuating circumstances, such as a showing that the offeror had intended to mark, but that markings were omitted from the offeror's proposal due to clerical error.

(End of provision)

RFO FAR – 52.212-1 - Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Products and Commercial Services (DEVIATION MAR 2026)

- (a) *Submission of offers.* Submit signed and dated offers to the office specified in this solicitation at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. As a minimum, offers shall include—
 - (1) The solicitation number;
 - (2) The name, address, telephone number of the Offeror;
 - (3) The Offeror's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and, if applicable, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator;
 - (4) Information necessary to evaluate the factors contained in the provision at 52.212-2 or as described in the solicitation;
 - (5) Responses to provisions that require Offeror completion of information, representations, and certifications (other than those collected via the System for Award Management (SAM)); and
 - (6) A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and any solicitation amendments.
- (b) *Period for acceptance of offers.* The Offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for 60 calendar days from the date specified for receipt of offers, unless another time period is specified in an addendum to the solicitation.
- (c) *Late submissions, modifications, revisions, and withdrawals of offers.*
 - (1) Offerors are responsible for submitting offers and any modifications or revisions to the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation.
 - (2) Any offer, modification, or revision received after the time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition. However, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer that makes its terms more favorable to the Government will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.
 - (3) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that offers cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of offers by the exact time specified in the

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solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation or other notice of an extension of the closing date, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.

(4) Offerors may withdraw their offers 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 offers and award a contract without discussions with Offerors. Therefore, the Offeror's initial offer should contain the Offeror's best terms. However, the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions, if necessary. The Government may reject any or all offers if such action is in the public interest, accept other than the lowest offer, and waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.

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

- (1) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed Offeror's offer.
- (2) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful Offeror and the debriefed Offeror and past performance information on the debriefed Offeror.
- (3) The overall ranking of all Offerors when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.
- (4) A summary of the rationale for award.
- (5) For acquisitions of commercial products, the make and model of the product to be delivered by the successful Offeror.
- (6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed Offeror as to whether the agency followed source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities.

(End of provision)

FAR 52.215-20 Requirements for Certified Cost or Pricing Data and Data Other Than Certified Cost or Pricing Data (OCT 2010) Alternate IV (OCT 2010)

(a) Submission of certified cost or pricing data is not required.

(b) Provide information described below: Cost or Pricing Information Requirements – In accordance with FAR 15.402, 15.403-1(b) and 15.403-3(a), "information other than certified cost or pricing data" may be required to support price reasonableness. If after receipt of proposals/quotes, the CO determines that there is insufficient information available to determine the reasonableness of the proposed pricing the offeror/quoter may be required to submit additional information other than certified cost or pricing data.

(End of provision)

FAR 52.216-1 Type of Contract (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates a single award of **firm-fixed price** contract resulting from this solicitation.

(End of Provision)

RFO FAR 52.222-5 - Construction Wage Rate Requirements – Secondary Site of the Work (DEVIATION MAY 2026)

(a)

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- (1) The offeror must notify the Government if the offeror intends to perform work at any secondary site of the work, as defined in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of the FAR clause at [52.222-6](#), Construction Wage Rate Requirements, of this solicitation.
 - (2) If the offeror is unsure if a planned work site satisfies the criteria for a secondary site of the work, the offeror must request a determination from the Contracting Officer.
- (b)
- (1) If the wage determination provided by the Government for work at the primary site of the work is not applicable to the secondary site of the work, the offeror must request a wage determination from the Contracting Officer.
 - (2) The due date for receipt of offers will not be extended as a result of an offeror's request for a wage determination for a secondary site of the work.

(End of provision)

FAR 52.225-10 - Notice of Buy American Requirement - Construction Materials. (MAY 2014)

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

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

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

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

(d) *Alternate offers.* (1) When an offer includes foreign construction material not listed by the Government in this solicitation in paragraph (b)(2) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9, the offeror also may submit an alternate offer based on use of equivalent domestic construction material.

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

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

- (i) Will be rejected as nonresponsive if this acquisition is conducted by sealed bidding; or
- (ii) May be accepted if revised during negotiations. 52.225-12 Notice of Buy American Requirement - Construction Materials under Trade Agreements. (MAY 2014)

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(a) *Definitions.* "Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item," "construction material," "designated country construction material," "domestic construction material," and "foreign construction material," as used in this provision, are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Construction Materials Under Trade Agreements" (Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 52.225-11).

(b) *Requests for determination of inapplicability.* An offeror requesting a determination regarding the inapplicability of the Buy American statute should submit the request to the Contracting Officer in time to allow a determination before submission of offers. The offeror shall include the information and applicable supporting data required by paragraphs (c) and (d) of FAR clause 52.225-11 in the request. If an offeror has not requested a determination regarding the inapplicability of the Buy American statute before submitting its offer, or has not received a response to a previous request, the offeror shall include the information and supporting data in the offer.

(c) *Evaluation of offers.* (1) The Government will evaluate an offer requesting exception to the requirements of the Buy American statute, based on claimed unreasonable cost of domestic construction materials, by adding to the offered price the appropriate percentage of the cost of such foreign construction material, as specified in paragraph (b)(4)(i) of FAR clause 52.225-11.

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

(d) *Alternate offers.* (1) When an offer includes foreign construction material, other than designated country construction material, that is not listed by the Government in this solicitation in paragraph (b)(3) of FAR clause 52.225-11, the offeror also may submit an alternate offer based on use of equivalent domestic or designated country construction material.

(2) If an alternate offer is submitted, the offeror shall submit a separate Standard Form 1442 for the alternate offer, and a separate price comparison table prepared in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (d) of FAR clause 52.225-11 for the offer that is based on the use of any foreign construction material for which the Government has not yet determined an exception applies.

(3) If the Government determines that a particular exception requested in accordance with paragraph (c) of FAR clause 52.225-11 does not apply, the Government will evaluate only those offers based on use of the equivalent domestic or designated country construction material, and the offeror shall be required to furnish such domestic or designated country construction material. An offer based on use of the foreign construction material for which an exception was requested-

- (i) Will be rejected as nonresponsive if this acquisition is conducted by sealed bidding; or
- (ii) May be accepted if revised during negotiations.

(End of Provision)

FAR 52.228-1 Bid Guarantee (SEP 1996)

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

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

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

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

(c) The amount of the bid guarantee shall be twenty (20) percent of the bid price or \$3M, whichever is less.

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

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

(End of provision)

FAR 52.233-2 – Service of Protest Department of Interior (SEP 2006) (Deviation)

(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 the Contracting Officer as received through electronic commerce (email) as identified in the solicitation and award.

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

(c) A copy of the protest served on the Contracting Officer shall be simultaneously furnished by the protester to the Department of the Interior Assistant Solicitor, Acquisitions and Intellectual Property, 1849 C Street, NW., Room 6511, Washington, DC 20240.

(End of provision)

Site Visit (Construction)

(a) The clauses at RFO FAR 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions, and RFO FAR 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 are urged and expected to inspect the site where the work will be performed if they cannot attend the site visit scheduled below.

(b) An organized site visit has been scheduled for: **Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 10 AM Eastern.**

(c) Participants will meet at:

Staple Bend Tunnel - Trailhead Parking Lot (For specific directions see Section C.5)
1258 Beech Hill Road
Johnstown, PA 15942

A NPS shuttle will either transport and/or lead a limited number of vehicles from the Trailhead Parking Lot to the site. Any contractors that arrive late, and miss the shuttle departure, will have to make the 2-mile hike on their own. They will NOT be allowed to drive to the site location on the trail leading to the Staple Bend Tunnel on their own once shuttle has departed.

(End of Provision)

Preparation of Proposals

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- (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.

Special Notice - "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 agency solicitations, including 52.223-22, Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals—Representation, and paragraph (t) of 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Products and Commercial Services. Agencies will not consider or use these representations. Entities are not required to, nor are they able to, update their entity registration to remove these representations in SAM."

L.1 ADDENDUM TO FAR 52.212-1

L.1.1 OFFER SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

A. GENERAL

All offerors are required to submit, at a minimum, an offer that conforms to all the solicitation requirements. By submission of its offer in accordance with the instructions provided in this section, the offeror unconditionally assents to the terms and conditions in this solicitation document and in any attachments hereto.

Each offeror shall submit an offer that fully addresses the evaluation factors contained in Section M of this solicitation and complies with the format, content, and submission instructions contained in this section. **Offerors SHALL carefully review this section and its relationship to Section M prior to commencing proposal preparation!**

B. DISCREPANCIES

If an offeror believes the requirements in this solicitation contain an error, omission, or are otherwise unsound, the offeror shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer (CO) in writing with supporting rationale. The offeror is reminded that the Government reserves the right to award this effort based on the initial proposal, as received, without discussions.

C. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- (a) *Definition*. "Electronic proposal/quote," as used in this solicitation, means a proposal, modification of a proposal, or withdrawal of a proposal that is transmitted to and received by the Government via electronic means that communicates and reproduces both printed and handwritten material. The most common and preferred

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method is direct email.

(b) The government requires the use of electronic proposal/quotes in response to this solicitation. Proposals/Quotes must be submitted electronically via email to brian_mccabe@ios.doi.gov

(c) Electronic proposals/quotes that fail to furnish required representations or information or that reject any of the terms, conditions, and provisions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.

(d) Electronic proposals must contain the required signatures.

(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 apparent successful offeror agrees to promptly submit the complete original signed proposal.

(f) Refer to Instruction to Offerors – Section (c) for electronic submission requirements. The Government will not be and is not responsible for any failure(s) attributable to the transmission or receipt of the electronic proposal including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Receipt of garbled or incomplete proposal/quote.
- (2) Availability or condition of the receiving IT equipment.
- (3) Incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment.
- (4) Delay in transmission or receipt of proposal/quote.
- (5) Failure of the offeror/quoter to properly identify the proposal/quote.
- (6) Illegibility of proposal/quote.
- (7) Security of proposal/quote data.

- (a) Any mailed (postal service), shipped (UPS/FEDEX, etc.), faxed or hand delivered proposals shall not be accepted or considered for award.
- (b) The email subject line must reference the solicitation number in all communications. All quotes/offers must be received by the date and time indicated on the cover page, anything received after this date and time will not be considered. Due to attachment file size limitations, multiple emails will be considered, and all must be received before for the closing date and time.
- (c) The DOI – Nation Park Service is not responsible for any transmission failures, resulting in failed or late quotes (Refer to RFO FAR 52.212-1 (c)). Contractors are cautioned not to wait time last minute to submit and should carefully review RFO FAR 52.212-1 (c).

L.1.2 OFFER DUE DATE AND TIME

Offerors shall submit their proposals no later than 16:00 PM Mountain Standard Time on Monday, September 21, 2026:

Electronic proposal must be submitted via email to Brian McCabe at: brian_mccabe@ios.doi.gov

No Hardcopy, facsimile or in person proposals/quotes shall be accepted.

The last date for contractor to submit any technical questions is Friday, September 4, 2026, at close of business. Questions received after this date will not be addressed through any Amendment. ALL technical questions must be submitted in writing only to the Contracting Officer at: brian_mccabe@ios.doi.gov

The offeror/quoter is advised to carefully read, understand the quote format, and quote content sections of the RFP. The offer shall clearly demonstrate the offeror's understanding of the overall and specific requirements of the solicitation.

The offer should submit **two (2) separate** files:

File I – Factor 1 - Technical Approach and Factor 2 – Contractor Responsibility

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File II – Price Proposal.

Required contents of each file are detailed below in Section L.2. As there are sometimes limitations on file sizes that can be submitted electronically via email depending on provider, multiple files and emails will be accepted so long as each file is clearly identified, and they are ALL received by the closing date and time.

Electronic copies submission (no hard copy): Emails may include both volumes in one email, and/or multiple emails with each volume clearly marked as an attachment, so long as both volumes are received prior to closing date and time (refer to FAR 52.212-1 for specific electronic requirements). ***If proposals are received after the closing date and time they shall not be accepted.***

If contractors fail to submit any of the required documentation stated in L.2 they will not be considered technically acceptable, and may not be considered further for award, regardless of price.

However, the Government may request any missing documentation or incomplete documentation after receipt of proposals as necessary if more than one (1) of the contractors fail to submit one or more of the required documents. When contractors are required to submit missing documentation, they shall submit it within the timeframe specified in the request. If the contractor fails to submit within the timeframe specified, they will not be considered technically acceptable regardless of price. All requests will be provided via email, and the Government is not responsible for missed, unread or emails that end up in junk/spam folders.

L.1.3 OFFER PREPARTION INSTRUCTIONS

The offer shall clearly demonstrate the offeror's understanding of the overall and specific requirements of the Scope of Work (SOW) and convey the offeror's capabilities for transforming their understanding into accomplishments for performing the Solicitation.

Information requested herein must be furnished fully and completely in compliance with instructions. The information requested and the manner of submittal is essential to permit prompt evaluation of all quotes/offers on a fair and uniform basis. Simple statements of compliance (i.e., "understood"; "will comply") without the detailed description of how compliance will be met may not be considered enough evidence that the proposed services can technically meet the requirements of this RFP. Accordingly, any offer in which material information requested is not furnished, or where indirect or incomplete answers or information are provided may be considered not acceptable or determined to be outside the competitive range.

Changes to the offer by the offeror shall be accomplished by amended page(s). Any changes from the original page shall be indicated by a vertical line, adjacent to the change, on the outside margin of the page. The offeror shall include the date of the amendment on the lower right-hand edge of the page. Proposal amendments will be allowed only prior to the due date for proposals. Offer revisions shall be permitted only at the Contracting Officer's request.

L.1.4 PROPOSAL PREPARATION COSTS

The Government will not pay any costs incurred by any offeror in the preparation and submission of a offer in response to this RFP. The Contracting Officer is the only person who can legally obligate the Government for the expenditure of public funds in connection with this procurement.

L.1.5 QUOTE/OFFER CONTENT

Offerors are cautioned to review the RFP and ensure that the quote/offer submitted fully complies with any and all requirements of the RFP. Each offer shall clearly demonstrate the offeror's comprehension of the overall and specific technical requirements of the SOW. The offeror must provide all the requested documentation stated L.2. Failure of the offeror to address any and all requirements of the RFP in their quote/offer may result in the proposal not being considered technically acceptable, regardless of price.

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Each offeror must submit a proposal, which consists of two (2) separate electronic files in Adobe Acrobat format and MS Excel that can be opened on a MS Windows PC. The pricing file must be in a MS Excel Workbook.

File 1 – Factor 1 - Technical Capability and Factor 2 – Contractor Compliance.

File 2 – Factor 3 – Price Proposal.

Offerors are reminded that File 1 shall NOT contain any pricing data. The Contracting Officer will review File 1 and delete any pricing data included prior to the proposal evaluation. If more that one file is required due file size limitations with electronic submission, that is acceptable, so long as the specific files are identified clearly and received by the closing date and time.

L.2 REQUIRED SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS:

VOLUME 1

FACTOR 1 – Technical Capability

Sub-Factor A - Technical Approach Document

The offeror must provide a 5-7-page capability document that demonstrates the contractors technical background and capability in performing ALL of the work as stated in the Section C and related attachments included with the solicitation that demonstrates the offeror’s overall understanding and ability to anticipate and address significant project constraints, risks, and challenges for tunnel stabilization. It must also identify efficient site-specific approaches that demonstrate the appropriate activities and the most appropriate materials and equipment to be used on the project.

Include a discussion of the offeror’s approach to the following:

- Mobilization/Demobilization Process.
- Tunnel Stabilization, citing applicable regulations
- Historic Protection and Preservation

Note – any certificates, licenses, professional membership documents and/or resumes documents that may be provided, are not considered part of the 5–7-page capability document. If provided they should be provided at the end of the 5–7-page technical capability discussion document.

Sub-Factor B - Proposed Team to Perform the Work – Contractor Must identify which work is self-performed and which work is to be subcontracted if applicable. Identify key personnel as indicated in Section H – Special Clause 5 – Key Personnel and qualifications for the specific scope of work that will be used. Note - this information can be included in the document for sub-factor A, so long as it is clearly identified).

Also must include the following:

- Identification of Paleontologist that meets the requirements stated in Section C.23.
- Identification of Team Leader that meets the requirements stated in Section C.23
- Identification of Environmental Manager
- Identification of Safety Officer – that must have experience with tunnel stabilization and specifically the safety requirements of 29 CFR 1926 – Subpart S – 1926.800.

Note- The Team Leader can be combined with any position the contractor proposes (i.e. Superintendent, Foreman, Environmental Manager, Safety Officer), except for Paleontologist; however, the proposal must clearly state which of the positions are combined (if applicable) in their proposal. For example, the proposed Job Site Superintendent can also be the same individual that is referred to as Team Leader; however, the proposed individual must meet the

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minimum qualifications Team Leader as stated in Section C.23 and must be clearly identified that they are proposed for both positions in the proposal.

Note - information in Sub-Factor B, can be included in 5-7 page capability document, BUT shall be clearly identified in the documents. Any certificates, licenses, professional membership documents and/or resumes documents that may be provided, are not considered part of the 5–7-page capability document. If provided they should be provided at the end of the 5–7-page technical capability discussion document.

Sub-Factor C – Draft Project Schedule - Provide a draft schedule (Gantt Chart) showing proposed period of performance, duration of tasks/time allotment, and proper sequencing that aligns with Period of Performance stated in Section C.4. Account for potential impacts from location, weather, and time of year restrictions related to wildlife species. Include a critical path for activities (can be separate document as does not count toward page limit).

Sub-Factor D – Relevant Project Experience and Past Performance - The Government will review responses to the Relevant Experience Questionnaire (see Attachment 10) or equivalent document for this evaluation sub-factor. The Contractor is required to provide relevant information regarding three (3) prior projects within past five (5) years that are similar to ALL the work described in this solicitation, especially tunnel stabilization, which includes exterior painting, historical restoration and lead remediation projects so the Government can verify contractor’s relevant experience for similar work.

The work does not need to be Federal but needs to be similar for it to be considered relevant and technically acceptable and can be from either the prime and/or proposed subcontractor per RFO 12.203 (a)(2); however, contractor shall clearly identify which work is from either prime or sub-contractor in Attachment 10 or equivalent documentation. If the information provided is not considered relevant from either prime or sub-contractor, the Project Relevant Experience rating will be considered technically unacceptable.

Past Performance will be evaluated by using CPARS or using the contact information provided with Attachment 2 or equivalent documentation to verify past performance that is considered acceptable in accordance with RFO 12.203 (a)(2). Contractor(s) that have CPARS ratings with any single rating that is below “Satisfactory” will be considered technically unacceptable. Contractors without CPARS ratings, the Government will rely on information provided with Attachment 2 or equivalent documentation, and responses received when requested by the Government after receipt of quote, and any negative information received will be considered technically unacceptable.

Sub-Factor E – Biobased Certification - The offerors shall identify the Biobased products to be purchased and used under this contract as detailed in Section C.29 using the Biobased Certification (Attachment 10) or equivalent documentation. For each Biobased product the offeror shall specify the percentage of Biobased content, and for the USDA-designated Biobased content products, the offeror shall demonstrate that the products to be used under this contract will contain the percentage specified in the USDA recommendations or the highest level of Biobased material practicable, consistent with USDA's recommended percentages of Biobased content.

FACTOR 2 – Contractor Compliance (non-price) This can be separate document, and does not count towards page limit above in Factor 1.

Sub-Factor A – Active SAM Registration

- Did offeror provide current UEI#
- Is the offeror registered under NAICS Code 237990 – Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction as a Small Business.

Note - this information can be included in Attachment 10 – Proposal Submission, the document for Factor 1 - Sub-factor A, so long as it is clearly identified, or on SF1442 as appropriate.

Sub-Factor B – Completed Provisions – Provide the following completed Provisions included in Solicitation as identified below:

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- 52.209-7 – Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Deviation MAY 2026)
- 52.209-13 - Violation of Arms Control Treaties or Agreements-Certification (Deviation MAY 2026)
- 52.229-11 - Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements – Notice and Representation (Deviation OCT 2025)

Note the provisions identified above may or may not be in your SAM Representations and Certifications so do not submit your SAM Representations and Certifications submit the completed provisions included in the solicitation separately. They are all included above in Section K in full text.

Sub-Factor C- Bid Bond – Provide a Bid Bond as required by FAR 52.228-1 – Bid Guarantee on SF-24 (cashiers checks, postal money orders, certified checks, etc. will not be accepted as CO does not have a secure location to store them. The amount of the bid guarantee shall be twenty (20) percent of the bid price or \$3M, whichever is less.

Sub-Factor D – Limitations on Subcontracting Compliance Worksheet – Offeror must provide a completed Limitations on Subcontracting Compliance Worksheet (Attachment 9).

VOLUME 2

FACTOR 3 – PRICE

1. Standard Form 1442, Solicitation, Offer, and Award, (Construction, Alteration, or Repair): Complete blocks 14 through 20C only. An official having the authority to contractually bind the offeror's company must sign the SF 1442 in accordance with the procedures prescribed in FAR section 4.102.
2. Acknowledgement of Amendments (if applicable): In accordance with Section L, Instructions to Offerors- Competitive Acquisition, acknowledge all solicitation amendments using one of the methods set forth in Block 11 of Standard Form 30, the amendment.
3. Section B, Contract Price Schedule: Enter the proposed dollar amount for each line item in the price schedule.

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SECTION M—EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD AWARD DETERMINATION

RFO FAR - 52.212-2 - EVALUATION—COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (DEVIATION MAR 2026)

- (a) Evaluation factors. The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The following factors will be used to evaluate offers:

1. BASIS FOR AWARD:

The solicitation and resulting award will be conducted under RFO FAR Part 12 – Acquisition of Commercial Products and Commercial Services, and will be evaluated as prescribed in RFO 12.203

Evaluation of quotes/offers will be conducted in accordance with RFO FAR 12.203 and, the Lowest Price Technically Acceptable process as defined in FAR 15.101-2 shall be used in the requirement as authorized by RFO FAR 12.203 (c)(3).

Offerors are advised that in the evaluation process, primary consideration will be given to the technical acceptability of the proposals. Any required documentation that is not provided, will be considered not technically acceptable; however, see Section E.2.6 for additional information.

2. EVALUATION FACTORS AND SUBFACTORS:

The technical evaluation of proposals will be conducted in strict confidence. The number and identities of offerors will not be revealed to anyone not involved in the evaluation and award process or to other offerors. Proposals will be evaluated based only on the factors described herein. No ranking of proposals will be included in source selection hence information about where once contractor's price placed among all other offers shall not be disclosed.

Proposals will be evaluated against the factors and sub-factors set forth in this section. Technical documentation will receive a preliminary review to determine whether they are acceptable or not acceptable based on what is prescribed herein, which will allow the Government to perform a meaningful evaluation Technical Approach and Contractor Responsibility. If the results of this preliminary review indicate an offeror(s) fails to submit any of the required documentation and/or incomplete documentation as stated in L.2, they may not be considered technically acceptable, and may not be considered further for award, regardless of price.

If more than one (1) offeror fails to submit the required documentation and/or provides required documentation that appears to be incomplete (i.e., missing signatures, acknowledge of provisions, etc.) the Government may at its discretion request any missing documentation or incomplete documentation after receipt of proposals as necessary from any offeror that submitted as response to the solicitation.

When contractors are required to submit missing documentation and/or incomplete documentation, they shall submit it within the timeframe specified in the Government request. If the contractor fails to submit within the timeframe specified, they will not be considered technically acceptable at that point. All requests will be provided via email, and the Government is not responsible for missed, unread or emails that end up in junk/spam folders.

Any offeror's proposal eliminated at this stage from further evaluation or consideration for an award will be notified with the reasons why its proposal was eliminated from further evaluation or consideration for award in accordance with FAR 15.503. Price portions of proposals will be evaluated independently of technical portions of proposals.

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After completion of the technical and price evaluations, a recommendation will be made for award based on the evaluations. The Government will consider all proposals and the evaluation factors stated herein, including assessment of the degree of risk associated with the proposals, to determine the apparent successful offeror. The Government's decision will be based on a comparative assessment of proposals against all source selection factors specified in the solicitation. It is exceptionally important that offerors **do not omit any documentation required for evaluation.**

3. EVALUATION FACTORS:

The significant factors and any significant subfactors that will be considered in awarding the contract are:

FACTOR 1: TECHNICAL CAPABILITY (non-price): All Sub-Factors must be considered "Technically Acceptable" for Factor 1 to be Considered "Technically Acceptable." If one (1) or more Sub-Factors are found "Technically Unacceptable" Factor 1 will be considered "Technically Unacceptable."

Sub-Factor A – Technical Approach Document - The Government will evaluate if the offeror discussed and provided all the required information stated above in L.2 based on the following:

Sub-Factor A – Technical Approach Document Evaluation	
Rating	Definition
Technically Acceptable	The contractor provided all the information required in Sub-Factor A.
Technically Unacceptable	The contractor did not provide all the information required in Sub-Factor A.

Sub-Factor B - Proposed Team to Perform the Work - The Government will evaluate if the offeror provided all the required information stated above in L.2 based on the following:

Sub-Factor B – Proposed Team to Perform the Work Evaluation	
Rating	Definition
Technically Acceptable	The contractor provided all the information/documentation/identification of four (4) positions required in Sub-Factor B.
Technically Unacceptable	The contractor did not provide at least one (1) of the information/documentation and/or did not identify all positions as required in Sub-Factor B.

Sub-Factor C – Draft Project Schedule - The Government will evaluate if the offeror provided a draft schedule and addressed all the required information stated above in L.2 based on the following:

Sub-Factor C – Draft Project Schedule Evaluation	
Rating	Definition
Technically Acceptable	The contractor provided a draft schedule that meets the mandatory period of performance listed in Block 11 of the SF-1442, and Section C.5 and F.
Technically Unacceptable	The contractor did not provide a draft schedule or did not provide draft schedule that meets the mandatory period of performance listed in Block 11 of the SF-1442 and Section C.5 and F.

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Sub-Factor D – Relevant Project Experience and Past Performance

The Government will evaluate if the offeror provided all the required information stated above in L.2 for Relevant Experience, which means works similar in nature to work described in Section C above and all the Attachments.

Past Performance will be evaluated as stated above in L.2.

Contractor(s) must be found technically acceptable with both Relevant Experience and Past Performance to be considered technically acceptable in Sub-Factor D

Sub-Factor D - Relevant Project Experience Evaluation and Past Performance	
Rating	Definition
Technically Acceptable	The contractor provided at least three (3) relevant projects that are similar to the work described in the solicitation within past five (5) years. and Past Performance – CPARS all ratings at or above “Satisfactory” for contractor(s) with CPARS and/or no negative information is received when requested from the contacts identified in Attachment 2 or equivalent documentation for contractor(s) without CPARS.
Technically Unacceptable	The contractor DID NOT provide at least three (3) relevant projects that are similar to the work described in the solicitation within past five (5) years. and/or Past Performance – CPARS any single rating that is below “Satisfactory” for contractor(s) with CPARS and/or negative information received when requested from the contacts identified in Attachment 2 or equivalent documentation for contractor without CPARS.

Sub-Factor E – Biobased Certification - The Government will evaluate if the offeror provided the required documentation for Biobased Certifications as stated in L.2.

Sub-Factor E - Biobased Certification Evaluation	
Rating	Definition
Technically Acceptable	Proposal clearly states the utilization/non-utilization of Biobased products, List of products, certification, and operation plan. Note if Biobased products are NOT going to be utilized that must also be stated in their response for it to be considered Technically Acceptable.
Technically Unacceptable	There is NO response (meaning any kind of acknowledge, either yes or no) provided or proposal does not clearly state the utilization/non-utilization of Biobased products, does not include a list of products, lacks certification documentation, and is lacking in clear understanding of operation plan – will not be considered Technically Unacceptable.

FACTOR 2 – CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE (non-price) - All Sub-Factors must be considered “Technically Acceptable” for Factor 2 to be Considered “Technically Acceptable.” If one (1) or more Sub-Factors are found “Technically Unacceptable” Factor 2 will be considered “Technically Unacceptable.”

Sub-Factor A – Active SAM Registration

- Did offeror provide current UEI#
- Is the offeror registered under NAICS Code 237990 – Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction as a Small Business.

Sub-Factor A – Active SAM Registration and UEI#	
Rating	Definition
Technically Acceptable	The contractor provided all the information required in Sub-Factor A and are confirmed to have active SAM.gov registration and are a Small Business.
Technically Unacceptable	The contractor did not provide all the information required in Sub-Factor A. The offeror is found not to have an Active SAM.gov registration and/or found to not be a Small Business.

Sub-Factor B – Completed Provisions – Did the contractor provided the required provisions as stated in Section L.2?

Sub-Factor B – Completed Provisions - Ratings	
Rating	Definition
Technically Acceptable	The contractor provided all the required completed provisions included in the solicitation as required.
Technically Unacceptable	The contractor did not provide all the required completed provisions included in the solicitation as required.

Sub-Factor C- Bid Bond - Did the contractor provide the Bid Bond as required in Section L.2?

Sub-Factor C - Bid Bond - Ratings	
Rating	Definition
Technically Acceptable	The contractor provided a Bid Bond in the amount of twenty (20) percent of the bid price or \$1M, whichever is less on SF-24 as required by FAR 52.228-1.
Technically Unacceptable	The contractor did not provide a Bid Bond in the amount of twenty (20) percent of the bid price or \$3M, whichever is less on SF-24 as required by FAR 52.228-1.

Sub-Factor D – Limitations on Subcontracting Compliance Worksheet – Offeror must provide a completed Limitations on Subcontracting Compliance Worksheet (Attachment 8) and is it with in the limitations stated?

Sub-Factor D – Limitations of Subcontracting Compliance Worksheet - Ratings	
Rating	Definition

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Technically Acceptable	The contractor provided the Limitations on Subcontracting Compliance Worksheet as is less than the 75% required for Construction by Special Trade Contractors.
Technically Unacceptable	The contractor did not provide the Limitations on Subcontracting Compliance Worksheet as required or the percentage exceeds 75% required for Construction by Special Trade Contractors.

Overall Technical Acceptability Rating – If an offeror is found “Technically Acceptable” in both Factor 1 and Factor 2 the offeror will be found “Technically Acceptable” and will move on to lowest price evaluation. If an offeror is found “Technically Unacceptable” in both Factor 1 and Factor 2 or in either Factor 1 or Factor 2 the overall rating will be found as “Technically Unacceptable” and not considered any further beyond the technical evaluation regardless of price.

FACTOR 3: PRICING – Lowest Price of Technically Acceptable Offer

Following the technical evaluation of non-price factors and subfactors, all proposals that are determined technically acceptable, as defined above, will then be sorted by price from lowest to highest. The lowest priced offeror that includes/submits all requirements established in the solicitation and is considered technically acceptable with regard to technical capability and past performance will be recommended for award.

The offeror’s price proposal will not be point scored or adjectivally rated but will be evaluated in accordance with one or more of the techniques identified in FAR 15.404-1 Proposal Analysis techniques (b) Price Analysis (2) examples of various price analysis techniques and procedures. The price proposal will also be used as an aid to determine the offeror’s understanding of the requirements of the solicitation, price reasonableness, and to assess the validity of the offeror’s approach to managing and performing the work.

- (b) *Options (if applicable)*. The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. The evaluation of options does not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).
- (c) *Notice of award*. A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer furnished to the successful Offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer’s specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

(End of provision)