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AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. M003

3. EFFECTIVE DATE MAR 22 2000

4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. RES-C00-399

5. PROJECT NO. (if applicable)

6. ISSUED BY U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Division of Contracts and Property Mgt. Attn: T-7-I-2 Contract Management Branch1 Washington DC 20555

7. ADMINISTERED BY (if other than Item 6)

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No. street county, State and ZIP Code)

Energy Research Inc. Attn: Dr. Moshen Khatib-Rahbar P.O. Box 2034 Rockville MD 20847

(X) 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO

9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO Con# NRC-04-97-040

10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)

CODE FACILITY CODE

X 03-19-1997

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended, is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods.

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment of each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (if required)

N/A

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(X) A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.

B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b)

C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF

D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority) Clause I.4. 52.217-9, OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 1989)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor [X] is not, is required to sign this document and return copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

Please see the attached page.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) Mohsen Khatib-Rahbar President

15B. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Mary H. Mace Contracting Officer

15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)

15C. DATE SIGNED 3/22/2000

16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY (Signature of Contracting Officer)

16C. DATE SIGNED 3/16/00

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The purpose of this modification is to exercise Option Year 3 in accordance with Section I.4 and increase the ceiling amount by \$229,536.18 from \$662,689 to \$892,225.18. Accordingly, the contract is hereby modified as follows:

Section F.6, Duration of Contract Period (Mar 1987) Alternate 4 (Jun 1988), is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"The period of performance shall commence on March 19, 1997 and continue through March 18, 2001."

All other terms and conditions of the contract remain unchanged.