

**SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS
OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, 30**

1. REQUISITION NO.
7N399999

BPA NO.
DR-09-03-129

2. CONTRACT NO.
GS-23F-9763H

3. AWARD/EFFECTIVE DATE
SEP 17 2003

4. ORDER NO. MODIFICATION NO.

5. SOLICITATION NO.
CFO-03-129

6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE
7/3/03

7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL:

a. NAME
Debbie Neff

b. TELEPHONE NO. (No Collect Calls)
301-415-8160

8. OFFER DUE DATE/LOCAL TIME

9. ISSUED BY CODE

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Contract Management Center 2
Division of Contracts
Mail Stop T 7I2
Washington DC 20555

10. THIS ACQUISITION IS

UNRESTRICTED

SET ASIDE: % FOR

SMALL BUSINESS

HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS

8(A)

NAICS:
SIZE STANDARD:

11. DELIVERY FOR FOB DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED

SEE SCHEDULE

13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700)

13b. RATING

14. METHOD OF SOLICITATION

RFQ IFB RFP

15. DELIVER TO CODE

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of the Chief Financial Officer
Mail Stop T 9E10

Washington DC 20555

16. ADMINISTERED BY CODE

Same as Block No. 9

17a. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR CODE FACILITY CODE

Grant Thornton, LLP
333 John Carlyle Street
Suite 500

Alexandria

18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY CODE

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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TELEPHONE NO.

17b. CHECK IF REMITTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND PUT SUCH ADDRESS IN OFFER

18b. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK 18a UNLESS BLOCK BELOW IS CHECKED

SEE ADDENDUM

19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
1	Partner	Est.			\$34,400.00
2	Senior Manager				\$105,000.00
3	Manager				\$625,500.00
4	Senior Consultant I				\$348,000.00
5	Senior Consultant II				\$261,000.00
6	Consultant I				\$156,600.00

25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA
N/A

26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Govt. Use Only)
NTE \$1,530,500.00

27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4, FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA ARE ARE NOT ATTACHED.

27b. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-4, FAR 52.212-5 IS ATTACHED. ADDENDA ARE ARE NOT ATTACHED.

28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN 2 COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED HEREIN.

29. AWARD OF CONTRACT REFERENCE written quote OFFER DATED 7/28/03 YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS:

30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR
Larry Goode

31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER)
Stephen Pool

30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (TYPE OR PRINT)
Larry Goode

30c. DATE SIGNED
8/17/03

31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (TYPE OR PRINT)
Stephen Pool
Contracting Officer

31c. DATE SIGNED
9/17/03

AUTHORIZED FOR FEDERAL REPLY TO THE
TEMPLATE - ADM001

ADM002

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

32a. QUANTITY IN COLUMN 21 HAS BEEN

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

32b. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	32c. DATE	32d. PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE
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32e. MAILING ADDRESS OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	32f. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE
32g. E-MAIL OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	

33. SHIP NUMBER	34. VOUCHER NUMBER	35. AMOUNT VERIFIED CORRECT FOR	36. PAYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL	37. CHECK NUMBER
PARTIAL	FINAL			

38. S/R ACCOUNT NUMBER	39. S/R VOUCHER NUMBER	40. PAID BY
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41a. I CERTIFY THIS ACCOUNT IS CORRECT AND PROPER FOR PAYMENT	42a. RECEIVED BY (Print)
41b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER	41c. DATE
42b. RECEIVED AT (Location)	
42c. DATE RECD (YY/MM/DD)	42d. TOTAL CONTAINERS

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A.1 BPA ORDERING PERIOD

The terms of this Blanket Purchase Agreement will be three years from the effective date.

A.2 2052.216-74 TASK ORDER PROCEDURES

(a) Task order request for proposal. When a requirement within the scope of work for this contract is identified, the contracting officer shall transmit to the contractor a Task Order Request for Proposal (TORP) which includes the following, as appropriate:

- (1) Scope of work/meetings/travel and deliverables;
- (2) Reporting requirements;
- (3) Period of performance-place of performance;
- (4) Applicable special provisions;
- (5) Technical skills required; and
- (6) Estimated level of effort.

(b) Task order proposal. By the date specified in the TORP, the contractor shall deliver to the contacting officer a written proposal that provides the following technical and cost information, as appropriate:

(1) Technical proposal content;

(i) A discussion of the scope of work requirements to substantiate the contractor's understanding of the requirements of the task order and the contractor's proposed method of approach to meet the objective of the order.

(ii) Resumes for professional personnel proposed to be utilized in the performance of any resulting task order. Include educational background, specific pertinent work experience, and a list of any pertinent publications authored by the individual.

(iii) Identification of administrative support personnel and/or facilities that are needed to assist the professional personnel in completing work on the task order.

(iv) Identification of "Key Personnel" and the number of staff hours that will be committed to completion of work on the task order.

(2) Cost proposal. The contractor's cost proposal for each task order must be prepared using Standard Form 1411, Contract Pricing Proposal cover sheet. A copy of the form and instructions are attached to this contract. Each task order cost proposal must be fully supported by cost and pricing data adequate to establish the reasonableness of the proposed amounts. When the contractor's estimated cost for the proposed task order exceeds \$100,000 and the period of performance exceeds six months, the contractor may be required to submit a Contractor Spending Plan (CSP) as part of its cost proposal. The TORP indicates if a CSP is required.

(c) Task order award. The contractor shall perform all work described in definitized task orders issued by the contracting officer. Definitized task orders include the following:

- (1) Statement of work/meetings/travel and deliverables;
- (2) Reporting requirements;

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- (3) Period of performance;
- (4) Key personnel;
- (5) Applicable special provisions; and
- (6) Total task order amount including any fixed fee.

A.3 2052.216-75 ACCELERATED TASK ORDER PROCEDURES

- (a) The NRC may require the contractor to commence work before receipt of a definitized task order from the contracting officer. Accordingly, when the contracting officer verbally authorizes the work, the contractor shall proceed with performance of the task order subject to the monetary limitation established for the task order by the contracting officer.
- (b) When this accelerated procedure is employed by the NRC, the contractor agrees to begin promptly negotiating with the contracting officer the terms of the definitive task order and agrees to submit a cost proposal with supporting cost or pricing data. If agreement on a definitized task order is not reached by the target date mutually agreed upon by the contractor and contracting officer, the contracting officer may determine a reasonable price and/or fee in accordance with Subpart 15.8 and Part 31 of the FAR, subject to contractor appeal as provided in 52.233-1, Disputes. In any event, the contractor shall proceed with completion of the task order, subject only to the monetary limitation established by the contracting officer and the terms and conditions of the basic contract.

A.4 2052.204-70 SECURITY

- (a) Security/Classification Requirements Form. The attached NRC Form 187 (See Section J for List of Attachments) furnishes the basis for providing security and classification requirements to prime contractors, subcontractors, or others (e.g., bidders) who have or may have an NRC contractual relationship that requires access to classified information or matter, access on a continuing basis (in excess of 90 or more days) to NRC Headquarters controlled buildings, or otherwise requires NRC photo identification or card-key badges.
- (b) It is the contractor's duty to safeguard National Security Information, Restricted Data, and Formerly Restricted Data. The contractor shall, in accordance with the Commission's security regulations and requirements, be responsible for safeguarding National Security Information, Restricted Data, and Formerly Restricted Data, and for protecting against sabotage, espionage, loss, and theft, the classified documents and material in the contractor's possession in connection with the performance of work under this contract. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this contract, the contractor shall, upon completion or termination of this contract, transmit to the Commission any classified matter in the possession of the contractor or any person under the contractor's control in connection with performance of this contract. If retention by the contractor of any classified matter is required after the completion or termination of the contract and the retention is approved by the contracting officer, the contractor shall complete a certificate of possession to be furnished to the Commission specifying the classified matter to be retained. The certification must identify the items and types or categories of matter retained, the conditions governing the retention of the matter and their period of retention, if known. If the retention is approved by the contracting officer, the security provisions of the contract continue to be applicable to the matter retained.
- (c) In connection with the performance of the work under this contract, the contractor may be furnished, or may develop or acquire, proprietary data (trade secrets) or confidential or privileged technical, business, or financial information, including

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Commission plans, policies, reports, financial plans, internal data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-579), or other information which has not been released to the public or has been determined by the Commission to be otherwise exempt from disclosure to the public. The contractor agrees to hold the information in confidence and not to directly or indirectly duplicate, disseminate, or disclose the information in whole or in part to any other person or organization except as may be necessary to perform the work under this contract. The contractor agrees to return the information to the Commission or otherwise dispose of it at the direction of the contracting officer. Failure to comply with this clause is grounds for termination of this contract.

(d) **Regulations.** The contractor agrees to conform to all security regulations and requirements of the Commission which are subject to change as directed by the NRC Division of Security and the Contracting Officer. These changes will be under the authority of the changes clause.

(e) **Definition of National Security Information.** The term National Security Information, as used in this clause, means information that has been determined pursuant to Executive Order 12356 or any predecessor order to require protection against unauthorized disclosure and that is so designated.

(f) **Definition of Restricted Data.** The term Restricted Data, as used in this clause, means all data concerning:

(1) design, manufacture, or utilization of atomic weapons;

(2) the production of special nuclear material; or

(3) the use of special nuclear material in the production of energy, but does not include data declassified or removed from the Restricted Data category pursuant to section 142 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

(g) **Definition of Formerly Restricted Data.** The term Formerly Restricted Data, as used in this clause, means all data removed from the Restricted Data category under section 142-d of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

(h) **Security clearance personnel.** The contractor may not permit any individual to have access to Restricted Data, Formerly Restricted Data, or other classified information, except in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations or requirements applicable to the particular type or category of classified information to which access is required. The contractor shall also execute a Standard Form 312, Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement, when access to classified information is required.

(i) **Criminal liabilities.** It is understood that disclosure of National Security Information, Restricted Data, and Formerly Restricted Data, relating to the work or services ordered hereunder to any person not entitled to receive it, or failure to safeguard any Restricted Data, Formerly Restricted Data, or any other classified matter that may come to the contractor or any person under the contractor's control in connection with work under this contract, may subject the contractor, its agents, employees, or subcontractors to criminal liability under the laws of the United States. (See the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.; 18 U.S.C. 793 and 794; and Executive Order 12356.)

(j) **Subcontracts and purchase orders.** Except as otherwise authorized in writing by the contracting officer, the contractor shall insert provisions similar to the foregoing in all subcontracts and purchase orders under this contract.

(k) In performing the contract work, the contractor shall classify all documents, material, and equipment originated or generated by the contractor in accordance with guidance issued by the Commission. Every subcontract and purchase order issued hereunder involving the origination or generation of classified documents, material, and equipment must provide that the subcontractor or supplier assign classification to all documents, material, and equipment in accordance with guidance furnished by the contractor.

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A.5 2052.204-71 SITE ACCESS BADGE REQUIREMENT

During the life of this contract, the rights of ingress and egress for contractor personnel must be made available as required. In this regard, all contractor personnel whose duties under this contract require their presence on-site shall be clearly identifiable by a distinctive badge furnished by the Government. The Project Officer shall assist the contractor in obtaining the badges for the contractor personnel. It is the sole responsibility of the contractor to ensure that each employee has proper identification at all times. All prescribed identification must be immediately delivered to the Security Office for cancellation or disposition upon the termination of employment of any contractor personnel. Contractor personnel must have this identification in their possession during on-site performance under this contract. It is the contractor's duty to assure that contractor personnel enter only those work areas necessary for performance of contract work, and to assure the safeguarding of any Government records or data that contractor personnel may come into contact with.

A.6 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The proposer/contractor must identify all individuals and propose the level of Information Technology (IT) approval for each, using the following guidance. The NRC sponsoring office shall make the final determination of the level, if any, of IT approval required for all individuals working under this contract.

The Government shall have and exercise full and complete control over granting, denying, withholding, or terminating building access approvals for individuals performing work under this contract.

CONTRACTOR SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LEVEL I

Performance under this contract will involve prime contractor personnel, subcontractors or others who perform services requiring direct access to or operate agency sensitive information technology systems or data (IT Level I).

The IT Level I involves responsibility for the planning, direction, and implementation of a computer security program; major responsibility for the direction, planning, and design of a computer system, including hardware and software; or the capability to access a computer system during its operation or maintenance in such a way that could cause or that has a relatively high risk of causing grave damage; or the capability to realize a significant personal gain from computer access. Such contractor personnel shall be subject to the NRC contractor personnel security requirements of NRC Management Directive (MD) 12.3, Part I and will require a favorably adjudicated Limited Background Investigation (LBI).

A contractor employee shall not have access to NRC facilities, sensitive information technology systems or data until he/she is approved by Personnel Security Branch, Division of Facilities and Security (PERSEC/DFS) first for temporary access (based on a favorable adjudication of their security forms and checks) and final access (based on a favorably adjudicated LBI) in accordance with the procedures found in NRC MD 12.3, Part I. The individual will be subject to a reinvestigation every 10 years. Timely receipt of properly completed security applications is a contract requirement. Failure of the contractor to comply with this condition within the ten work-day period may be a basis to void the notice of selection. In that event, the Government may select another firm for award.

The contractor shall submit a completed security forms packet, including the SF-86, "Questionnaire for National Security Positions," and fingerprint charts, through the Project Officer to PERSEC/DFS for review and favorable adjudication, prior to the individual performing work under this contract. The contractor shall assure that all forms are accurate, complete, and legible (except for Part 2 of the questionnaire, which is required to be completed in private and submitted by the individual to the contractor in a sealed envelope), as set forth in MD 12.3 which is incorporated into this contract by reference as though fully set forth herein. Based on PERSEC review of the applicant's security forms and/or the receipt of adverse information by NRC, the individual may be denied access to NRC facilities, sensitive information technology systems or data until a final determination is made of his/her eligibility under the provisions of MD 12.3. Any questions regarding the individual's eligibility for IT Level I approval will be resolved in accordance with the due process procedures

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set forth in MD 12.3 Exhibit 1 and E. O. 12968.

In accordance with NRCAR 2052.204-70 "Security," IT Level I contractors shall be subject to the attached NRC Form 187 (See Section J for List of Attachments) which furnishes the basis for providing security requirements to prime contractors, subcontractors or others (e.g., bidders) who have or may have an NRC contractual relationship which requires access to or operation of agency sensitive information technology systems or remote development and/or analysis of sensitive information technology systems and data or other access to such systems and data; access on a continuing basis (in excess of 30 days) to NRC Headquarters controlled buildings; or otherwise requires NRC photo identification or card-key badges.

CONTRACTOR SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LEVEL II

Performance under this contract will involve contractor personnel that develop and/or analyze sensitive information technology systems or data or otherwise have access to such systems and data (IT Level II).

The IT Level II involves responsibility for the planning, design, operation, or maintenance of a computer system and all other computer or IT positions. Such contractor personnel shall be subject to the NRC contractor personnel requirements of MD 12.3, Part I, which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract as though fully set forth herein, and will require a favorably adjudicated Access National Agency Check with Inquiries (ANACI).

A contractor employee shall not have access to NRC facilities, sensitive information technology systems or data until he/she is approved by PERSEC/DFS first for temporary access (based on a favorable review of their security forms and checks) and final access (based on a favorably adjudicated ANACI) in accordance with the procedures found in MD 12.3, Part I. The individual will be subject to a reinvestigation every 10 years. Timely receipt of properly completed security applications is a contract requirement. Failure of the contractor to comply with this condition within the ten work-day period may be a basis to void the notice of selection. In that event, the Government may select another firm for award.

The contractor shall submit a completed security forms packet, including the SF-86, "Questionnaire for National Security Positions," and fingerprint charts, through the Project Officer to the NRC PERSEC/DFS for review and favorable adjudication, prior to the individual performing work under this contract. The contractor shall assure that all forms are accurate, complete, and legible (except for Part 2 of the questionnaire, which is required to be completed in private and submitted by the individual to the contractor in a sealed envelope), as set forth in MD 12.3. Based on PERSEC review of the applicant's security forms and/or the receipt of adverse information by NRC, the individual may be denied access to NRC facilities, sensitive information technology systems or data until a final determination is made of his/her eligibility under the provisions of MD 12.3. Any questions regarding the individual's eligibility for IT Level II approval will be resolved in accordance with the due process procedures set forth in MD 12.3 Exhibit 1 and E. O. 12968.

In accordance with NRCAR 2052.204-70 "Security," IT Level II contractors shall be subject to the attached NRC Form 187 (See Section J for List of Attachments) which furnishes the basis for providing security requirements to prime contractors, subcontractors or others (e.g., bidders) who have or may have an NRC contractual relationship which requires access to or operation of agency sensitive information technology systems or remote development and/or analysis of sensitive information technology systems and data or other access to such systems and data; access on a continuing basis (in excess of 30 days) to NRC Headquarters controlled buildings; or otherwise requires NRC photo identification or card-key badges.

CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION OF IT ACCESS/REQUEST

When a request for investigation is to be withdrawn or canceled, the contractor shall immediately notify the Project Officer by telephone in order that he/she will contact the PERSEC/DFS so that the investigation may be promptly discontinued. The notification shall contain the full name of the individual, and the date of the request. Telephone notifications must be promptly confirmed in writing to the Project Officer who will forward the confirmation to the PERSEC/DFS. Additionally, PERSEC/DFS must be immediately notified when an individual no longer requires access to NRC sensitive automated information technology systems or data, including the voluntary or involuntary separation of

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employment of an individual who has been approved for or is being processed for access under the NRC Personnel Security Program.

A.7 2052.215-70 KEY PERSONNEL (JAN 1993)

(a) The following individuals are considered to be essential to the successful performance of the work hereunder:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The contractor agrees that personnel may not be removed from the contract work or replaced without compliance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) If one or more of the key personnel, for whatever reason, becomes, or is expected to become, unavailable for work under this contract for a continuous period exceeding 30 work days, or is expected to devote substantially less effort to the work than indicated in the proposal or initially anticipated, the contractor shall immediately notify the contracting officer and shall, subject to the concurrence of the contracting officer, promptly replace the personnel with personnel of at least substantially equal ability and qualifications.

(c) Each request for approval of substitutions must be in writing and contain a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions. The request must also contain a complete resume for the proposed substitute and other information requested or needed by the contracting officer to evaluate the proposed substitution. The contracting officer and the project officer shall evaluate the contractor's request and the contracting officer shall promptly notify the contractor of his or her decision in writing.

(d) If the contracting officer determines that suitable and timely replacement of key personnel who have been reassigned, terminated, or have otherwise become unavailable for the contract work is not reasonably forthcoming, or that the resultant reduction of productive effort would be so substantial as to impair the successful completion of the contract or the service order, the contract may be terminated by the contracting officer for default or for the convenience of the Government, as appropriate. If the contracting officer finds the contractor at fault for the condition, the contract price or fixed fee may be equitably adjusted downward to compensate the Government for any resultant delay, loss, or damage.

A.8 2052.215-71 PROJECT OFFICER AUTHORITY

(a) The contracting officer's authorized representative hereinafter referred to as the project officer for this contract is:

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Name: To Be Determined

Address:

Telephone Number:

(b) Performance of the work under this contract is subject to the technical direction of the NRC project officer. The term "technical direction" is defined to include the following:

(1) Technical direction to the contractor which shifts work emphasis between areas of work or tasks, authorizes travel which was unanticipated in the Schedule (i.e., travel not contemplated in the Statement of Work or changes to specific travel identified in the Statement of Work), fills in details, or otherwise serves to accomplish the contractual statement of work.

(2) Provide advice and guidance to the contractor in the preparation of drawings, specifications, or technical portions of the work description.

(3) Review and, where required by the contract, approval of technical reports, drawings, specifications, and technical information to be delivered by the contractor to the Government under the contract.

(c) Technical direction must be within the general statement of work stated in the contract. The project officer does not have the authority to and may not issue any technical direction which:

(1) Constitutes an assignment of work outside the general scope of the contract.

(2) Constitutes a change as defined in the "Changes" clause of this contract.

(3) In any way causes an increase or decrease in the total estimated contract cost, the fixed fee, if any, or the time required for contract performance.

(4) Changes any of the expressed terms, conditions, or specifications of the contract.

(5) Terminates the contract, settles any claim or dispute arising under the contract, or issues any unilateral directive whatever.

(d) All technical directions must be issued in writing by the project officer or must be confirmed by the project officer in writing within ten (10) working days after verbal issuance. A copy of the written direction must be furnished to the contracting officer. A copy of NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel, which has received final approval from the NRC must be furnished to the contracting officer.

(e) The contractor shall proceed promptly with the performance of technical directions duly issued by the project officer in the manner prescribed by this clause and within the project officer's authority under the provisions of this clause.

(f) If, in the opinion of the contractor, any instruction or direction issued by the project officer is within one of the categories as defined in paragraph (c) of this section, the contractor may not proceed but shall notify the contracting officer in writing within five (5) working days after the receipt of any instruction or direction and shall request the contracting officer to modify the contract accordingly. Upon receiving the notification from the contractor, the contracting officer shall issue an appropriate contract modification or advise the contractor in writing that, in the contracting officer's opinion, the technical direction is within the scope of this article and does not constitute a change under the "Changes" clause.

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- (g) Any unauthorized commitment or direction issued by the project officer may result in an unnecessary delay in the contractor's performance and may even result in the contractor expending funds for unallowable costs under the contract.
- (h) A failure of the parties to agree upon the nature of the instruction or direction or upon the contract action to be taken with respect thereto is subject to 52.233-1 - Disputes.
- (i) In addition to providing technical direction as defined in paragraph (b) of the section, the project officer shall:
- (1) Monitor the contractor's technical progress, including surveillance and assessment of performance, and recommend to the contracting officer changes in requirements.
 - (2) Assist the contractor in the resolution of technical problems encountered during performance.
 - (3) Review all costs requested for reimbursement by the contractor and submit to the contracting officer recommendations for approval, disapproval, or suspension of payment for supplies and services required under this contract.
 - (4) Assist the contractor in obtaining the badges for the contractor personnel.
 - (5) Immediately notify the Personnel Security Branch, Division of Facilities and Security (PERSEC/DFS) (via e-mail) when a contractor employee no longer requires access authorization and return the individual's badge to PERSEC/DFS within three days after their termination.

A.9 COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS

NRC contractors are responsible to ensure that their alien personnel are not in violation of United States Immigration and Naturalization (INS) laws and regulations, including employment authorization documents and visa requirements. Each alien employee of the Contractor must be lawfully admitted for permanent residence as evidenced by Alien Registration Receipt Card Form I-151 or must present other evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Services that employment will not affect his/her immigration status. The INS Office of Business Liaison (OBL) provides information to contractors to help them understand the employment eligibility verification process for non-US citizens. This information can be found on the INS website, <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/services/employerinfo/index.htm#obl>.

The NRC reserves the right to deny or withdraw Contractor use or access to NRC facilities or its equipment/services, and/or take any number of contract administrative actions (e.g., disallow costs, terminate for cause) should the Contractor violate the Contractor's responsibility under this clause.

(End of Clause)

A.10 SAFETY OF ON-SITE CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

Ensuring the safety of occupants of Federal buildings is a responsibility shared by the professionals implementing our security and safety programs and the persons being protected. The NRC's Office of Administration (ADM) Division of Facilities and Security (DFS) has coordinated an Occupant Emergency Plan (OEP) for NRC Headquarters buildings with local authorities. The OEP has been approved by the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service. It is designed to improve building occupants' chances of survival, minimize damage to property, and promptly account for building occupants when necessary.

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The contractor's Project Director shall ensure that all personnel working full time on-site at NRC Headquarters read the NRC's OEP, provided electronically on the NRC Intranet at <http://www.internal.nrc.gov/ADM/OEP.pdf>. The contractor's Project Director also shall emphasize to each staff member that they are to be familiar with and guided by the OEP, as well as by instructions given by emergency response personnel in situations which pose an immediate health or safety threat to building occupants.

The NRC Project Officer shall ensure that the contractor's Project Director has communicated the requirement for on-site contractor staff to follow the guidance in the OEP. The NRC Project Officer also will assist in accounting for on-site contract persons in the event of a major emergency (e.g., explosion occurs and casualties or injuries are suspected) during which a full evacuation will be required, including the assembly and accountability of occupants. The NRC DFS will conduct drills periodically to train occupants and assess these procedures.

A.11 ELECTRONIC PAYMENT

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that all payments except IRS tax refunds be made by Electronic Funds Transfer. It is the policy of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to pay vendors by the Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic funds transfer payment system. The electronic system is known as Vendor Express. Payment shall be made in accordance with FAR 52.232-33, entitled "Mandatory Information for Electronic Funds Transfer Payment".

To receive payment, the contractor shall complete the "Company Information" portion of the Standard Form 3881, entitled "ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form" found as an attachment to this document. The contractor shall take the form to the ACH Coordinator at the financial institution that maintains its company's bank account. The contractor shall discuss with the ACH Coordinator how the payment identification information (addendum record) will be passed to them once the payment is received by the financial institution. Further information concerning the addendum is provided at Attachment N/A. The ACN Coordinator should fill out the "Financial Institution Information" portion of the form and return it to the Office of the Controller at the following address: Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Division of Accounting and Finance, Financial Operations Section, Mail Stop T-9-H-4, Washington, DC 20555, ATTN: ACH/Vendor Express. It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that the financial institution returns the completed form to the above cited NRC address. If the contractor can provide the financial information, signature of the financial institutions ACH Coordinator is not required. The NRC is under no obligation to send reminders. Only after the Office of the Controller has processed the contractor's sign-up form will the contractor be eligible to receive payments.

Once electronic funds transfer is established for payments authorized by NRC, the contractor needs to submit an additional SF 3881 only to report changes to the information supplied.

Questions concerning ACH/Vendor Express should be directed to the Financial Operations staff at (301) 415-7520."

A.12 2052.209-71 CURRENT/FORMER AGENCY EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

(a) The following representation is required by the NRC Acquisition Regulation 2009.105-70(b). It is not NRC policy to encourage offerors and contractors to propose current/former agency employees to perform work under NRC contracts, and as set forth in the above cited provision, the use of such employees may, under certain conditions, adversely affect NRC's consideration of non-competitive proposals and task orders.

(b) The offeror hereby certifies that there [] are [] are no current/former NRC employees (including special Government employees performing services as experts, advisors, consultants, or members of advisory committees) who have been or will

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be involved, directly or indirectly, in developing the offer, or in negotiating on behalf of the offeror, or in managing, administering, or performing any contract, consultant agreement, or subcontract resulting from this offer. For each individual so identified, the Technical and Management proposal must contain, as a separate attachment, the name of the individual, the individual's title while employed by the NRC, the date individual left NRC, and brief description of the individual's role under this proposal.

A.13 2052.209-73 CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

(a) Purpose. The primary purpose of this clause is to aid in ensuring that the contractor:

(1) Is not placed in a conflicting role because of current or planned interests (financial, contractual, organizational, or otherwise) which relate to the work under this contract; and

(2) Does not obtain an unfair competitive advantage over other parties by virtue of its performance of this contract.

(b) Scope. The restrictions described apply to performance or participation by the contractor, as defined in 48 CFR 2009.570- 2 in the activities covered by this clause.

(c) Work for others.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, during the term of this contract the contractor agrees to forgo entering into consulting or other contractual arrangements with any firm or organization, the result of which may give rise to a conflict of interest with respect to the work being performed under this contract. The contractor shall ensure that all employees under this contract abide by the provision of this clause. If the contractor has reason to believe with respect to itself or any employee that any proposed consultant or other contractual arrangement with any firm or organization may involve a potential conflict of interest, the contractor shall obtain the written approval of the contracting officer before the execution of such contractual arrangement.

(2) The contractor may not represent, assist, or otherwise support an NRC licensee or applicant undergoing an NRC audit, inspection, or review where the activities that are the subject of the audit, inspection or review are the same as or substantially similar to the services within the scope of this contract (or task order as appropriate), except where the NRC licensee or applicant requires the contractor's support to explain or defend the contractor's prior work for the utility or other entity which NRC questions.

(3) When the contractor performs work for the NRC under this contract at any NRC licensee or applicant site, the contractor shall neither solicit nor perform work in the same or similar technical area for that licensee or applicant organization for a period commencing with the award of the task order or beginning of work on the site (if not a task order contract) and ending one year after completion of all work under the associated task order, or last time at the site (if not a task order contract).

(4) When the contractor performs work for the NRC under this contract at any NRC licensee or applicant site,

(i) The contractor may not solicit work at that site for that licensee or applicant during the period of performance of the task order or the contract, as appropriate.

(ii) The contractor may not perform work at that site for that licensee or applicant during the period of performance of the task order or the contract, as appropriate, and for one year thereafter.

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contracting officer may authorize the contractor to solicit or perform this type of

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work (except work in the same or similar technical area) if the contracting officer determines that the situation will not pose a potential for technical bias or unfair competitive advantage.

(d) Disclosure after award.

(1) The contractor warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise set forth in this contract, it does not have any organizational conflicts of interest as defined in 48 CFR 2009.570-2.

(2) The contractor agrees that, if after award, it discovers organizational conflicts of interest with respect to this contract, it shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the contracting officer. This statement must include a description of the action which the contractor has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. The NRC may, however, terminate the contract if termination is in the best interest of the government.

(3) It is recognized that the scope of work of a task-order-type contract necessarily encompasses a broad spectrum of activities. Consequently, if this is a task-order-type contract, the contractor agrees that it will disclose all proposed new work involving NRC licensees or applicants which comes within the scope of work of the underlying contract. Further, if this contract involves work at a licensee or applicant site, the contractor agrees to exercise diligence to discover and disclose any new work at that licensee or applicant site. This disclosure must be made before the submission of a bid or proposal to the utility or other regulated entity and must be received by the NRC at least 15 days before the proposed award date in any event, unless a written justification demonstrating urgency and due diligence to discover and disclose is provided by the contractor and approved by the contracting officer. The disclosure must include the statement of work, the dollar value of the proposed contract, and any other documents that are needed to fully describe the proposed work for the regulated utility or other regulated entity. NRC may deny approval of the disclosed work only when the NRC has issued a task order which includes the technical area and, if site-specific, the site, or has plans to issue a task order which includes the technical area and, if site-specific, the site, or when the work violates paragraphs (c)(2), (c)(3) or (c)(4) of this section.

(e) Access to and use of information.

(1) If in the performance of this contract, the contractor obtains access to information, such as NRC plans, policies, reports, studies, financial plans, internal data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a (1988)), or the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. Section 552 (1986)), the contractor agrees not to:

(i) Use this information for any private purpose until the information has been released to the public;

(ii) Compete for work for the Commission based on the information for a period of six months after either the completion of this contract or the release of the information to the public, whichever is first;

(iii) Submit an unsolicited proposal to the Government based on the information until one year after the release of the information to the public; or

(iv) Release the information without prior written approval by the contracting officer unless the information has previously been released to the public by the NRC.

(2) In addition, the contractor agrees that, to the extent it receives or is given access to proprietary data, data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. section 552a (1988)), or the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. section 552 (1986)), or other confidential or privileged technical, business, or financial information under this contract, the contractor shall treat the information in accordance with restrictions placed on use of the information.

(3) Subject to patent and security provisions of this contract, the contractor shall have the right to use technical data it produces under this contract for private purposes provided that all requirements of this contract have been met.

(f) Subcontracts. Except as provided in 48 CFR 2009.570-2, the contractor shall include this clause, including this paragraph, in subcontracts of any tier. The terms contract, contractor, and contracting officer, must be appropriately

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modified to preserve the Government's rights.

(g) Remedies. For breach of any of the above restrictions, or for intentional nondisclosure or misrepresentation of any relevant interest required to be disclosed concerning this contract or for such erroneous representations that necessarily imply bad faith, the Government may terminate the contract for default, disqualify the contractor from subsequent contractual efforts, and pursue other remedies permitted by law or this contract.

(h) Waiver. A request for waiver under this clause must be directed in writing to the contracting officer in accordance with the procedures outlined in 48 CFR 2009.570-9.

(i) Follow-on effort. The contractor shall be ineligible to participate in NRC contracts, subcontracts, or proposals therefor (solicited or unsolicited), which stem directly from the contractor's performance of work under this contract. Furthermore, unless so directed in writing by the contracting officer, the contractor may not perform any technical consulting or management support services work or evaluation activities under this contract on any of its products or services or the products or services of another firm if the contractor has been substantially involved in the development or marketing of the products or services.

(1) If the contractor, under this contract, prepares a complete or essentially complete statement of work or specifications, the contractor is not eligible to perform or participate in the initial contractual effort which is based on the statement of work or specifications. The contractor may not incorporate its products or services in the statement of work or specifications unless so directed in writing by the contracting officer, in which case the restrictions in this paragraph do not apply.

(2) Nothing in this paragraph precludes the contractor from offering or selling its standard commercial items to the Government.

A.14 2052.215-82 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT-ALTERNATE 1

(a) The contractor is encouraged to use Government contract airlines, AMTRAK rail services, and discount hotel/motel properties in order to reduce the cost of travel under this contract. The contracting officer shall, upon request, provide each traveler with a letter of identification which is required in order to participate in this program. The Federal Travel Directory (FTD) identifies carriers, contract fares, schedules, payment conditions, and hotel/motel properties which offer their services and rates to Government contractor personnel traveling on official business under this contract. The FTD, which is issued monthly, may be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

(b) The contractor will be reimbursed for reasonable travel costs incurred directly and specifically in the performance of this contract. The cost limitations for travel costs are determined in accordance with the specific travel regulations cited in FAR 31.205-46, as are in effect on the date of the trip. Travel costs for research and related activities performed at State and nonprofit institutions, in accordance with section 12 of Public Law 100-679, shall be charged in accordance with the contractor's institutional policy to the degree that the limitations of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance are not exceeded. Applicable guidance documents include OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State and Local Governments; OMB Circular A-122, Cost principles for Nonprofit Organizations; and OMB Circular A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions.

(c) When the Government changes the Federal Travel Regulations, or other applicable regulations, it is the responsibility of the contractor to notify the contracting officer in accordance with the Limitations of Cost clause of this contract if the contractor will be unable to make all of the approved trips and remain within the cost and fee limitations of this contract due to the changes.

A.15 2052.215-83 TRAVEL APPROVALS

(a) All domestic travel requires the prior approval of the project officer.

(b) All foreign travel must be approved in advance by the NRC on NRC Form 445 and must be in compliance with FAR 52.247-63, Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers. Foreign travel approval must be communicated in writing through the contracting officer.

A.16 APPROPRIATE USE OF GOVERNMENT FURNISHED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) EQUIPMENT AND/ OR IT SERVICES/ ACCESS (MARCH 2002)

As part of contract performance the NRC may provide the contractor with information technology (IT) equipment and IT services or IT access as identified in the solicitation or subsequently as identified in the contract or delivery order. Government furnished IT equipment, or IT services, or IT access may include but is not limited to computers, copiers, facsimile machines, printers, pagers, software, phones, Internet access and use, and email access and use. The contractor (including the contractor's employees, consultants and subcontractors) shall use the government furnished IT equipment, and / or IT provided services, and/ or IT access solely to perform the necessary efforts required under the contract. The contractor (including the contractor's employees, consultants and subcontractors) are prohibited from engaging or using the government IT equipment and government provided IT services or IT access for any personal use, misuse, abuses or any other unauthorized usage.

The contractor is responsible for monitoring its employees, consultants and subcontractors to ensure that government furnished IT equipment and/ or IT services, and/ or IT access are not being used for personal use, misused or abused. The government reserves the right to withdraw or suspend the use of its government furnished IT equipment, IT services and/ or IT access arising from contractor personal usage, or misuse or abuse; and/ or to disallow any payments associated with contractor (including the contractor's employees, consultants and subcontractors) personal usage, misuses or abuses of IT equipment, IT services and/ or IT access; and/ or to terminate for cause the contract or delivery order arising from violation of this provision.

AUTHORITY
The policies, procedures, and criteria of the NRC Security Program, NRCMD 12, apply to performance of this contract, subcontract or other activity.

CONTRACT SECURITY AND/OR CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

COMPLETE CLASSIFIED ITEMS BY SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE

1. CONTRACTOR NAME AND ADDRESS Grant Thornton, LLP 333 John Carlyle St. Suite 500 Alexandria, VA 22314	A. CONTRACT NUMBER FOR COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS OR JOB CODE FOR DOE PROJECTS (Prime contract number must be shown for all subcontracts.)	
	B. PROJECTED START DATE	C. PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE
	07/01/2003	07/01/2006

2. TYPE OF SUBMISSION

A. ORIGINAL

B. REVISED (Supersedes all previous submissions)

C. OTHER (Specify)

3. FOR FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT, ENTER PRECEDING CONTRACT NUMBER AND PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE

A. DOES NOT APPLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B. CONTRACT NUMBER	DATE
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4. PROJECT TITLE AND OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Blanket Purchase Agreement for Financial Management Consulting Services


5. PERFORMANCE WILL REQUIRE	A. ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED MATTER OR CLASSIFIED INFORMATION	NOT APPLICABLE	NATIONAL SECURITY		RESTRICTED DATA	
			SECRET	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	CONFIDENTIAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "YES," answer 1-7 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If "NO," proceed to 5.C.)					
1. ACCESS TO FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. RECEIPT, STORAGE, OR OTHER SAFEGUARDING OF CLASSIFIED MATTER. (See 5.B.)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. GENERATION OF CLASSIFIED MATTER.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6. CLASSIFIED USE OF AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROCESSING SYSTEM.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. OTHER (Specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. IS FACILITY CLEARANCE REQUIRED? YES NO

- C. UNESCORTED ACCESS IS REQUIRED TO PROTECTED AND VITAL AREAS OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.
- D. ACCESS IS REQUIRED TO UNCLASSIFIED SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION.
- E. ACCESS IS REQUIRED TO SENSITIVE IT SYSTEMS AND DATA.
- F. UNESCORTED ACCESS TO NRC HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

FOR PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS ON PROVIDING TEMPORARY AND FINAL APPROVAL FOR UNESCORTED ACCESS, REFER TO NRCMD 12.

6. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THESE REQUIREMENTS OR THIS PROJECT, EVEN THOUGH SUCH INFORMATION IS CONSIDERED UNCLASSIFIED, SHALL NOT BE RELEASED FOR DISSEMINATION EXCEPT AS APPROVED BY:

NAME AND TITLE <p style="text-align: center;">Carl F. Dolinka, Acting Director Division of Financial Management Office of the Chief Financial Officer</p>	SIGNATURE 	DATE <p style="text-align: center;">5/16/03</p>
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7. CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE

NATURE OF CLASSIFIED GUIDANCE IDENTIFICATION OF CLASSIFICATION GUIDES

8. CLASSIFIED REVIEW OF CONTRACTOR / SUBCONTRACTOR REPORT(S) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY:

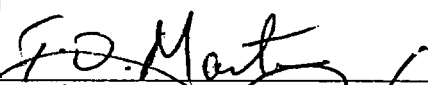
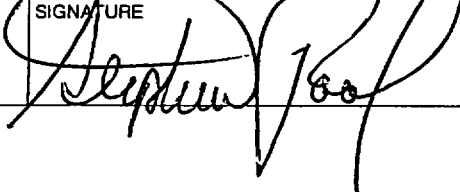
- AUTHORIZED CLASSIFIER (Name and Title)
 DIVISION OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

9. REQUIRED DISTRIBUTION OF NRC FORM 187 Check appropriate box(es)

- SPONSORING NRC OFFICE OR DIVISION (Item 10A)
 DIVISION OF CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
 DIVISION OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY (Item 10B)
 CONTRACTOR (Item 1)
 SECURITY/CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBCONTRACTS RESULTING FROM THIS CONTRACT WILL BE APPROVED BY THE OFFICIALS NAMED IN ITEMS 10B AND 10C BELOW.

10. APPROVALS

SECURITY/CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBCONTRACTS RESULTING FROM THIS CONTRACT WILL BE APPROVED BY THE OFFICIALS NAMED IN ITEMS 10B AND 10C BELOW.

NAME (Print or type)	SIGNATURE	DATE
A. DIRECTOR, OFFICE OR DIVISION See Block 6 above.	SIGNATURE	DATE
B. DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY	SIGNATURE 	DATE 2/17/03
C. DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT (Not applicable to DOE agreements)	SIGNATURE 	DATE 9/17/03

REMARKS