UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Contractor,

As of October 1, 2003, the Federal Government will only make procurement awards to businesses that are registered in the Central Contractor Registration system (CCR) located on the Internet at *http://www.ccr.gov*. Because you have one or more awards extending past December 31, 2003, you must register in the CCR database by December 31, 2003 to receive payment after that date. A modification pertaining to those awards is attached to this letter. Updated Billing Instructions also are attached to this modification for your billing purposes.

The CCR requires a one-time business registration, with annual updates, and allows you to control the accuracy of your own business information. The financial data you register, which includes the electronic fund transfer (EFT) data, must be accurate in order for your invoices or contract financing requests to be considered proper invoices for the purpose of prompt payment under NRC's contracts.

The preferred method for completing your registration and obtaining information on annual confirmation requirements is via the Internet at *http://www.ccr.gov*. You may also register by calling 1-888-227-2423. You must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number in order to begin your registration. To obtain this free nine-digit identification number, if you do not already have one, contact Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., via the Internet at http://www.dnb.com or call 1-866-705-5711. If you are located outside the United States, you must contact your local Dun and Bradstreet office for a DUNS number.

The registration is free and takes approximately 48 hours to process. Once your registration becomes active, a welcome letter or electronic mail notice will be sent to you by the CCR Assistance Center. Additionally, your company's Trading Partner Identification Number (TPIN) will be sent through the U.S. Mail to the individual you indicate as your company's CCR point of contact. This TPIN is very important because any subsequent changes you wish to make to your registration, including the annual renewal process, will require you to enter your TPIN along with your DUNS number.

If you have any questions regarding CCR or the registration process after you read the information on the CCR web page, please contact the CCR Assistance Center toll free at 1-888-227-2423 or 269-961-5757.

Respectfully,

Mary Lynn Scott
Team Leader, Policy and Procurement Team

Attachments: Modification
Updated Billing Instructions

TEMPLATE - ADM001

ADM002

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.	3. EFFECTIVE DATE	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
005	11/30/03	ADM 11/07/03	

6. ISSUED BY CODE 3100

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Div of Contracts
Two White Flint North - MS T-7-I-2
Attn: Brenda DuBose
Washington, DC 20555

7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE 3100

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Washington, DC 20555

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

Focal Communication Corporation
200 North LaSalle Street,
Chicago, IL 60601-

CODE | FACILITY CODE

(X) 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.

9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO. NRC 30-00-231

X 10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)

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)

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).

X C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF: Other Administrative Change: FAR Subpart 4.11, Central Contractor Registration (October 2003)

D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☒ is not, ☐ is required to sign this document and return See #14 copies to the issuing office.

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

Subject award document is herey modified as follows:
1. Delete NRC clause, "Electronic Payment"
2. Include the following clauses (attached in full text)
52.204-7 Central Contractor Registration (October 2003), Alternative 1
52.232-33 Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer- Central Contractor Registration
3. Include the following Billing Instruction - Fixed Price (October 2003)

Note: The contractor is required to return one copy of this form annotated with the DUNS or DUNS + 4 number in accordance with FAR clause 52.204-7, Alternate I, Paragraph b(2)

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)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)	
		Mary Lynn Scott	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY Mary Lynn Scott (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED 12/11/03

STANDARD FORM 30 (REV. 10-83)

A.1 52.232-33 PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER--CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (OCT 2003)

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

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

(i) Accept payment by check or some other mutually agreeable method of payment; or

(ii) Request the Government to extend the payment due date until such time as the Government can make payment by EFT (but see paragraph (d) of this clause).

(b) Contractor's EFT information. The Government shall make payment to the Contractor using the EFT information contained in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. In the event that the EFT information changes, the Contractor shall be responsible for providing the updated information to the CCR database.

(c) Mechanisms for EFT payment. The Government may make payment by EFT through either the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network, subject to the rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association, or the Fedwire Transfer System. The rules governing Federal payments through the ACH are contained in 31 CFR part 210.

(d) Suspension of payment. If the Contractor's EFT information in the CCR database is incorrect, then the Government need not make payment to the Contractor under this contract until correct EFT information is entered into the CCR database; and any invoice or contract financing request shall be deemed not to be a proper invoice for the purpose of prompt payment under this contract. The prompt payment terms of the contract regarding notice of an improper invoice and delays in accrual of interest penalties apply.

(e) Liability for uncompleted or erroneous transfers. (1) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Government used the Contractor's EFT information incorrectly, the Government remains responsible for--

(i) Making a correct payment;

(ii) Paying any prompt payment penalty due; and

(iii) Recovering any erroneously directed funds.

(2) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Contractor's EFT information was incorrect, or was revised within 30 days of Government release of the EFT payment transaction instruction to the Federal Reserve System, and--

(i) If the funds are no longer under the control of the payment office, the Government is deemed to have made payment and the Contractor is responsible for recovery of any erroneously directed funds; or

(ii) If the funds remain under the control of the payment office, the Government shall not make payment, and the provisions of paragraph (d) of this clause shall apply.

(f) EFT and prompt payment. A payment shall be deemed to have been made in a timely manner in accordance with the prompt payment terms of this contract if, in the EFT payment transaction instruction released to the Federal Reserve System, the date specified for settlement of the payment is on or before the prompt payment due date, provided the specified payment date is a valid date under the rules of the Federal Reserve System.

(g) EFT and assignment of claims. If the Contractor assigns the proceeds of this contract as provided for in the assignment of claims terms of this contract, the Contractor shall require as a condition of any such assignment, that the assignee shall register separately in the CCR database and shall be paid by EFT in accordance with the terms of this clause. Notwithstanding any other requirement of this contract, payment to an ultimate recipient other than the Contractor, or a financial institution properly recognized under an assignment of claims pursuant to subpart 32.8, is not permitted. In all respects, the requirements of this clause shall apply to the assignee as if it were the Contractor. EFT information that shows the ultimate recipient of the transfer to be other than the Contractor, in the absence of a proper assignment of claims acceptable to the Government, is incorrect EFT information within the meaning of paragraph (d) of this clause.

(h) Liability for change of EFT information by financial agent. The Government is not liable for errors resulting from changes to EFT information made by the Contractor's financial agent.

(i) Payment information. The payment or disbursing office shall forward to the Contractor available payment information that is suitable for transmission as of the date of release of the EFT instruction to the Federal Reserve System. The Government may request the Contractor to designate a desired format and method(s) for delivery of payment information from a list of formats and methods the payment office is capable of executing. However, the Government does not guarantee that any particular format or method of delivery is available at any particular payment office and retains the latitude to use the format and delivery method most convenient to the Government. If the Government makes payment by check in accordance with paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government shall mail the payment information to the remittance address contained in the CCR database.

(END OF CLAUSE)

A.2 52.204-7 CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (OCT 2003) ALTERNATE I

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

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database means the primary Government repository for Contractor information required for the conduct of business with the Government.

Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number means the 9-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to identify unique business entities.

Data Universal Numbering System +4 (DUNS+4) number means the DUNS number assigned by D&B plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned by a business concern. (D&B has no affiliation with this 4- character suffix.) This 4-character suffix may be assigned at the discretion of the business concern to establish additional CCR records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see the FAR at Subpart 32.11) for the same parent concern.

Registered in the CCR database means that--

(1) The Contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the DUNS number or the DUNS+4 number, into the CCR database; and

(2) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields and has marked the record ``Active".

(b)(1) The Contractor shall be registered in the CCR database by December 31, 2003. The Contractor shall maintain registration during performance and through final payment of this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of the SF 30, Amendment of solicitation/ Modification of Contract, the annotation ``DUNS" or ``DUNS +4" followed by the DUNS or DUNS +4

number that identifies the Contractor's name and address exactly as stated in this contract. The DUNS number will be used by the Contracting Officer to verify that the Contractor is registered in the CCR database.

(c) If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one.

(1) An offeror may obtain a DUNS number--

(i) If located within the United States, by calling Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711 or via the Internet at http://www.dnb.com ; or

(ii) If located outside the United States, by contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

(2) The offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:

(i) Company legal business.

(ii) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.

(iii) Company Physical Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code.

(iv) Company Mailing Address, City, State and Zip Code (if separate from physical).

(v) Company Telephone Number.

(vi) Date the company was started.

(vii) Number of employees at your location.

(viii) Chief executive officer/key manager.

(ix) Line of business (industry).

(x) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).

(d) If the Offeror does not become registered in the CCR database in the time prescribed by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered Offeror.

(e) Processing time, which normally takes 48 hours, should be taken into consideration when registering. Offerors who are not registered should consider applying for registration immediately upon receipt of this solicitation.

(f) The Contractor is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the CCR database, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in the CCR database after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to review and update on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates its information in the CCR database to ensure it is current, accurate and complete. Updating information in the CCR does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document.

(g)(1)(i) If a Contractor has legally changed its business name, ``doing business as" name, or division name (whichever is shown on the contract), or has transferred the assets used in performing the contract, but has not completed the necessary requirements regarding novation and change-of-name agreements in Subpart 42.12, the Contractor shall provide the responsible Contracting Officer a minimum of one business day's written notification of its intention to (A) change the name in the CCR database; (B) comply with the requirements of Subpart 42.12 of the FAR; and (C) agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer. The Contractor must provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.

(ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (g)(1)(i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (g)(1)(i)(C) of this clause, and, in the absence of a properly executed novation or change-of-name agreement, the CCR information that shows the Contractor to be other than the Contractor indicated in the contract will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the ``Suspension of Payment" paragraph of the electronic funds transfer (EFT) clause of this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall not change the name or address for EFT payments or manual payments, as appropriate, in the CCR record to reflect an assignee for the purpose of assignment of claims (see FAR Subpart 32.8, Assignment of Claims). Assignees shall be separately registered in the CCR database. Information provided to the Contractor's CCR record that indicates payments, including those made by EFT, to an ultimate recipient other than that Contractor will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the ``Suspension of payment" paragraph of the EFT clause of this contract.

(h) Offerors and Contractors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via the internet at http://www.ccr.gov or by calling 1-888-227-2423, or 269-961-5757.

(END OF CLAUSE)

BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
FIXED PRICE CONTRACTS (October 2003)

General: The contractor is responsible during performance and through final payment of this contract for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete CCR data. The contractor shall prepare vouchers or invoices as prescribed herein. FAILURE TO SUBMIT VOUCHERS/INVOICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE VOUCHER/INVOICES AS IMPROPER.

Form: Claims shall be submitted on the payee's letterhead, voucher/invoices, or on the Government's Standard Form 1034, "Public Voucher for Purchases and Services Other than Personal," and Standard Form 1035, "Public Voucher for Purchases Other than Personal--Continuation Sheet." These forms are available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, 710 North Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20401.

Number of Copies: An original and three copies shall be submitted. Failure to submit all the required copies will result in rejection of the voucher/invoice as improper.

Designated Agency Billing Office: Vouchers/Invoices shall be submitted to the following address:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Division of Contracts - T-7-I-2
Washington, DC 20555-0001

A copy of any invoice which includes a purchase of property valued at the time of purchase at $5000 or more, shall additionally be sent to:

NRC Property Management Officer
Administrative Services Center
Mail Stop -O-2G-112
Washington, DC 20555-0001

HAND-DELIVERY OF VOUCHERS/INVOICES IS DISCOURAGED AND WILL NOT EXPEDITE PROCESSING BY THE NRC. However, should you choose to deliver vouchers/invoices by hand, including delivery by any express mail service or special delivery service which uses a courier or other person to deliver the vouchers/invoices in person to the NRC, such vouchers/invoices must be addressed to the above Designated Agency Billing Office and will only be accepted at the following location:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North - Mail Room
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

HAND-CARRIED SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT OTHER THAN THE ABOVE ADDRESS

Note that the official receipt date for hand-delivered vouchers/invoices will be the date it is received by the official agency billing office in the Division of Contracts.

Agency Payment Office: Payment will continue to be made by the office designated in the contract in Block 12 of the Standard Form 26 or Block 25 of the Standard Form 33, whichever is applicable.

Frequency: The contractor shall submit a voucher or invoice only after the NRC's final acceptance of services rendered or products delivered in performance of the contract unless otherwise specified in the contract.

Preparation and Itemization of the Voucher/Invoice: The voucher/invoice shall be prepared in ink or by typewriter (without strike-overs). Corrections or erasures must be initialed. To be considered a proper voucher/invoice, all of the following elements must be included:

1. Contractor's Data Universal Number (DUNS) or DUNS+4 number that identifies the contractor's name and address. The DUNS+4 number is the DUNS number plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned at the discretion of the contractor to identify alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts for the same parent concern.

2. Contract number.

3. Sequential voucher/invoice number.

4. Date of voucher/invoice.

5. Payee's name and address. Show the name of the Payee as it appears in the contract and its correct address. If the Payee assigns the proceeds of this contract as provided for in the assignment of claims terms of this contract, the Payee shall require as a condition of any such assignment, that the assignee shall register separately in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database at http://www.ccr.gov and shall be paid by EFT in accordance with the terms of this contract. See Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.232-33(g) Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer - Central Contractor Registration (October 2003).

6. Description of articles or services, quantity, unit price, and total amount.

7. For contractor acquired property list each item purchased costing $50,000 or more and having a life expectancy of more than 1 year and provide: (1) an item description, (2) manufacturer, (3) model number, (4) serial number, (5) acquisition cost, (6) date of purchase, and (7) a copy of the purchasing document.

8. Weight and zone of shipment, if shipped by parcel post.

9. Charges for freight or express shipments. Attach prepaid bill if shipped by freight or express.

10. Instructions to consignee to notify the Contracting Officer of receipt of shipment.

11. For Indefinite Delivery contracts or contracts under which progress payments are authorized, the final voucher/invoice shall be marked "FINAL VOUCHER" OR "FINAL INVOICE."

Currency: Billings may be expressed in the currency normally used by the contractor in maintaining his accounting records and payments will be made in that currency. However, the U.S. dollar equivalent for all vouchers/invoices paid under the contract may not exceed the total U.S. dollars authorized in the contract.

Supersession: These instructions supersede any previous billing instructions.

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