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<b>2. CONTRACT NO.</b> (Proc. Inst. Ident.) NRC-03-07-041	<b>3. EFFECTIVE DATE</b> See Block 19c.	<b>4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST/PROJECT NO.</b> NRR-07-041
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<b>7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR</b> (No., street, city, county, State and ZIP Code)  ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT INC E M S. ATTN: N. Jay Bassin  8601 GEORGIA AVE STE 500  SILVER SPRING MD 209103439	<b>8. DELIVERY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> FOB ORIGIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See below)
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<b>13. AUTHORITY FOR USING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 10 U.S.C. 2304(c) ( ) <input type="checkbox"/> 41 U.S.C. 253(c) ( )	<b>14. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA</b> 720-15-111-112E J-4087 252A 31x0200.720 \$30,000.00 720-15-111-113 J-4052 252A 31x0200.720 \$10,000.00
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15A. ITEM NO	15B. SUPPLIES/SERVICES	15C. QUANTITY	15D. UNIT	15E. UNIT PRICE	15F. AMOUNT
	The Contractor shall provide the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) services described in Section C "Statement of Work" and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this IDIQ contract.  ORCA.GOV Reqs and Certs incorporated by reference.				

**15G. TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRACT**

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**CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 17 OR 18 AS APPLICABLE**

<b>17.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CONTRACTOR'S NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT</b> (Contractor is required to sign this document and return <u>2</u> copies to issuing office.) Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items or perform all the services set forth or otherwise identified above and on any continuation sheets for the consideration stated herein. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be subject to and governed by the following documents: (a) this award/contract, (b) the solicitation, if any, and (c) such provisions, representations, certifications, and specifications, as are attached or incorporated by reference herein. (Attachments are listed herein.)	<b>18.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>AWARD</b> (Contractor is not required to sign this document.) Your offer on Solicitation Number _____ including the additions or changes made by you which additions or changes are set forth in full above, is hereby accepted as to the items listed above and on any condition sheets. This award consummates the contract which consists of the following documents: (a) the Government's solicitation and your offer, and (b) this award/contract. No further contractual document is necessary.
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<b>19A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER</b> (Type or print) <b>N. Jay Bassin, President</b>	<b>20A. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER</b> Donald A. King Contracting Officer
<b>19B. NAME OF CONTRACTOR</b> BY <b>N. Jay Bassin</b> (Signature of Contractor)	<b>20B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b> BY <b>Donald A. King</b> (Signature of Contracting Officer)
<b>19C. DATE SIGNED</b> 6/4/07	<b>20C. DATE SIGNED</b> 6/4/2007

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**PART I - THE SCHEDULE**

**SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE/COSTS**

**B.1 PRICE/COST SCHEDULE**

CLIN	DESCRIPTION	REIMBURSABLE COST	FIXED FEE	TOTAL COST PLUS FIXED FEE
001	BASE PERIOD DURATION: 3 YEARS FROM DAY OF AWARD	\$182,187.00	\$14,575.00 (*)	\$196,762.00

(\*)This represents the element of the potential total remuneration that contractors may receive for contract performance over and above allowable costs. The total estimated cost as well as any fee, if any, will be negotiated for each task order and will be incorporated as a ceiling in the resultant task order.

**B.2 PROJECT TITLE**

The title of this project is as follows:

Technical Assistance in support of Chemical effects in response to Generic Safety Issue (GSI) -191

**B.3 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WORK (MAR 1987) ALTERNATE 1 (JUN 1988)**

(a) Brief description of work:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's objective is to obtain technical expertise to provide assistance in support of chemical effects in response to Generic Letter 2004-02, "Potential Impact of Debris Blockage on Emergency Recirculation during Design Basis Accidents at Pressurized - Water Reactors" in the program areas of licensing actions, other licensing tasks and regulatory improvement activities.

(b) Orders will be issued for work required by the NRC in accordance with 52.216-18 - Ordering. Only Contracting Officers of the NRC or other individuals specifically authorized under this contract may authorize the initiation of work under this contract. The provisions of this contract shall govern all orders issued hereunder.

**B.4 CONSIDERATION AND OBLIGATION--TASK ORDERS (AUG 1989) ALTERNATE 1 (JUN 1991)**

(a) The Maximum Ordering Limitation (MOL) for products and services ordered, delivered and accepted under this contract is \$196,762.00. The Contracting Officer may place orders with the contractor during the contract period provided the aggregate amount of such orders does not exceed the MOL.

(b) The guaranteed minimum obligated by the Government under this contract is \$40,000.00.

(c) A total estimated cost as well as any fee, if any, will be negotiated for each task order and will be incorporated as a ceiling in the resultant task order. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of 52.232-20 - Limitation of Cost for fully funded task orders and 52.232-22 - Limitation of Funds for incrementally funded task orders, issued hereunder.

## SECTION C - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK

### 1.0 BACKGROUND

The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) is a major program office of the NRC that is responsible for the licensing and regulatory oversight of nuclear power reactors and nonpower research reactors in the civilian sector. NRR functions through a matrix organization which includes an Associate Director for Engineering and Safety Systems (ADES) made up of three divisions which provide licensing project management and technical expertise for the review of licensing actions and resolution of technical issues, among other responsibilities related to the regulation of nuclear power plants.

The Division of Component Integrity (DCI), one of the ADES divisions, is responsible for performing safety reviews, evaluations and in-depth analyses of the mechanical, materials, and chemistry related aspects of licensees' applications for proposed nuclear power plant amendments and modifications to their operating license. DCI is also responsible for the review of other licensing tasks that do not require the licensee to wait for NRC approval prior to their implementation. As to the latter type of actions, periodically, the NRC issues Generic Communications to the industry in the form of Information Notices, Generic Letters and Bulletins pertaining to or resulting from particular events that may have occurred at nuclear power plants, results from licensee and vendor deficiency reports, or other inspection results of a generic nature, potential generic safety questions or concerns resulting from events or inspections, or from the result of research findings. Occasionally, particularly in the case of Generic Letters, licensees are requested to provide NRC with a response describing the effect(s), if any, of a particular event, occurrence or other matter pertinent to their facility, the extent of the potential safety consequences of the effect on their facility and whether or not they have sufficient safeguards in place to eliminate or otherwise mitigate any potentially adverse safety situation or consequence. NRC reviews and evaluates these responses for potential safety concerns.

In addition to providing technical evaluations for plant-specific licensing actions and other licensing tasks, DCI is also responsible for undertaking specific technical efforts aimed at regulatory improvement activities such as:

- enhancing the regulatory bases for taking licensing actions and positions (e.g., providing input to regulations, regulatory guides, and industry codes and standards);
- developing or enhancing existing analytical tools to assist in performing more efficient analysis of licensing problems or issues;
- resolving generic technical issues that have been raised from operating experience and results of research studies that may have generic plant application--the results of which may be used as a basis for preparation of a generic letter, a bulletin, or an information notice to licensees;
- developing generic communications to licensees and the nuclear industry which may take the form of generic letters, bulletins, or information notices;
- reviewing topical reports that may not have immediate reference to a specific nuclear power plant licensing action.

DCI performs the work described above in the technical areas relating to pipe cracks, reactor vessel materials, steam generator tube degradation, stress corrosion cracking of various components, high strength bolting, material fabrication problems, fracture toughness evaluations of reactor pressure vessel, upper-shelf energy issues, fracture mechanics analysis and testing, and materials/component failure analysis. DCI is also responsible for the inservice inspection requirements for conformance with American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code, Section XI, for evaluation of relief requests from those requirements, or evaluating

other proposed alternatives to meeting the Inservice Inspection (ISI) requirements. In addition, DCI is responsible for assessing licensees' steam generator inspection activities. DCI responsibilities also include evaluating issues related to pumps, valves, inservice testing, piping, pipe supports, diesel generators, safety-relief valves, seismic qualifications and other mechanical component integrity and operability issues such as pressure locking and thermal binding of valves.

The aforementioned studies and reviews are performed under the cognizance of five branches: the Vessels and Internals Integrity Branch (CVIB), Piping and Non-Destructive Evaluation Branch (CPNB), the Steam Generator Tube Integrity and Chemical Engineering Branch (CSGB), the Flaw Evaluation and Welding Branch (CFEB) and the Component Performance and Testing (CPTB).

Specifically, the CSGB is responsible for steam generator tube degradation and assessing licensee eddy current inspection practices performed to ensure continued integrity of steam generator tubes. Inspection support in this area would generally follow guidance found in IP 50002 or IP 71111.08. In addition, CSGB is responsible for issues related to plant chemistry and chemical processes. These issues would include plant system chemistry and use of chemicals (e.g., sodium hydroxide, trisodium phosphate) to buffer a postulated post-LOCA containment pool.

One major issue currently being worked on by DCI/CSGB is support in the resolution of Generic Safety Issue 191 (GSI-191) "Pressurized Water Reactor Emergency Recirculation Sump Performance." To help resolve GSI-191, the NRC issued Generic Letter (GL) 2004-02 in September 2004 outlining schedules for licensees to complete PWR sump performance evaluations and necessary sump modifications and procedure changes. Portions of the technical scope of the GL 2004-02 response reviews, such as treatment of potential chemical effects, fall under the Steam Generator Tube Integrity and Chemical Engineering Branch (CSGB).

To address the resolution of this issue, a guidance report, "PWR Sump Design Guideline" was developed by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) in conjunction with the PWR Owner's groups. With this guidance report and the staff's Safety Evaluation (SE), licensees are required to resolve the GSI-191 issue for each PWR plant by the end of December 2007. Some utilities will be addressing this issue on a plant-specific basis and others have decided to address the issues of GSI-191 on a generic basis, through vendors or owner's groups, such as submitting generic test reports applicable to several types of plants. NRC requires specific expertise beyond staff capability to assess some of these approaches and methods being proposed on a plant specific basis, either through a licensing amendment or through a plant-specific audit or on a generic basis.

## 2.0 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this project is to obtain technical expertise from a contractor on a task ordering basis to assist the staff in accomplishing its activities related to the types of work referenced above, namely, licensing actions, other licensing tasks and regulatory improvements.

## 3.0 SPECIFIC TASK REQUIREMENTS

On a task order basis, the contractor shall provide technical support services to perform the following work within the scope described under the BACKGROUND section, above. Described below are work requirements that may be assigned under a task order:

### 3.1 TASKS 1

### Scheduled Completion

Tasks 1 - Licensing Actions: Evaluation of plant license amendments requests related to GSI-191 plant modifications

Based on the NRC and nuclear industry sponsored GSI-191 chemical effects testing knowledge base and nuclear plant chemistry expertise, review the

licensee's submittal, NRC requests for additional information (RAIs) and the licensee's responses to RAIs and assess the appropriateness of the licensee's responses (e.g., to modify the chemical used to control post-LOCA containment pool pH, to eliminate post-LOCA containment pool pH control). Prepare a technical letter report.

1. Draft.
2. Incorporate NRC comments and prepare the final report.

Four weeks after authorization of work.

Two weeks after receipt of NRC comments.

### 3.2 TASK NO. 2

#### Task No. 2 - Other Licensing Tasks: Plant Audits

1. Become familiar with the NRC requirements and the licensee's proposed strainer to address GL 2004-02. Travel to [PWR plant] and participate in meetings to perform an independent evaluation of the licensee's chemical effects evaluations. Specifically, using plant knowledge, best engineering judgment, chemistry expertise and available GSI-191 related test information, assess the plant specific chemical effects evaluation. Prepare a trip report.
2. Review, evaluate, and analyze any additional information resulting from the [plant] trip and prepare a technical letter report that evaluates the licensee approach and identifies any deficiencies and the need for additional or clarifying information (RAIs). Prepare a technical letter report.
  - a. Draft.
  - b. Incorporate NRC comments and prepare the final report.

One week after the trip.

Three weeks after completion of Task 1, or one week after receipt of any additional information.

One week after receipt of comments.

### 3.3 TASKS NO. 3

#### Task No. 3. a. - Regulatory Improvement Activities: Generic Issues

Develop a methodology for evaluating plant specific materials, post-LOCA environment and plant system parameters to determine potential plant specific chemical effects. Along with NRC staff, develop recommendations for plant specific chemical effects acceptance criteria. Assist staff in developing the key criteria to be reviewed in assessing licensee chemical effect evaluations. Prepare a technical letter report.

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| 1. Draft.   | Four weeks after authorization of work.  |
| 2. Incorporate NRC comments and prepare the final report. | Two weeks after receipt of NRC comments. |

3.4 TASK NO. 3b.

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| 1. Review topical reports or other generic industry chemical effects reports. Review and evaluate the appropriateness of the test data interpretation. Evaluate the test approach and develop questions to address areas needing clarification or potential deficiencies. Assess the responses to any NRC requests for additional information. Assess the conservatism of the test method and data interpretation. |  |
| a. Draft.  | Four weeks after authorization of work.  |
| b. Incorporate NRC comments and prepare the final report.  | Two weeks after receipt of NRC comments. |

4.0 DELIVERABLESTechnical Reporting Requirements

Note: All reports are to be prepared in WordPerfect X3, or compatible software and submitted electronically to the Contracting Officer, Technical Monitor and the Project Officer.

The types, quantities, and distribution of the reports will be specified in each task order. Typically, the reports will involve technical letter reports such as the following:

4.1 TASK NO. 1 TECHNICAL LETTER REPORT

1. At the completion of work, submit a Technical Letter Report that contains a summary of the review performed and any need for additional information, clarification, concerns or other issues that need to be addressed by the licensee or the staff.

4.2 TASK NO. 2 TRIP REPORT AND TECHNICAL LETTER REPORT

1. At the completion of Task 1, submit a trip report that contains a summary of the significant highlights of the meeting reflecting insights on possible strengths and weaknesses of the analysis, results and data presented, any responses to staff questions raised during the meeting and actions due and by whom; and when, if known. Include a copy of the slides or other visuals used during the presentation.
2. At the completion of Task 2, submit a technical letter report, draft and final as appropriate, that contains the results of the evaluation of additional information provided and updates the technical letter report completed under 1.

4.3 TASK NO. 3 TECHNICAL LETTER REPORT

3. At the completion of work, submit a technical letter report, draft and final as appropriate, that contains a summary of the work performed, i.e., an update of the Task 1 report with sections on: (a) introduction and



background, (b) details of specific evaluations that were performed that the limitations of the testing methodology and interpretation of the test results as they apply to the requirements and positions defined in the NRC Safety Evaluation for GSI-191, (c) discussion on the results of the review the testing method(s), (d) findings, (e) recommendations on the acceptability or non-acceptability of the different testing methods with supporting bases for the recommendations and (f) a summary of the conclusions from the results and recommendations.

#### 5.0 MEETINGS AND TRAVEL

Specific meeting and travel requirements will be identified in the specific task order statement of work. For purposes of preparing this proposal, assume the following meeting and travel requirements for the duration of the contract: three one-person, two-day trips to NRC Headquarters, Rockville, MD and three one-person, three-day trips to a plant site or vendor test facility, two located in the mid-western part of the US and one located in the southeastern part of the US.

#### 6.0 TECHNICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

One or more experts on an intermittent, part-time basis who possesses in-depth knowledge and understanding in chemistry and has extensive experience with nuclear plant operation, including a thorough understanding of chemical processes and products, and including products generated or released during a postulated accident. Expertise is required in radiological chemistry, reactor and balance-of-plant water chemistry, corrosion, and chemical cleaning processes. Experts must have a demonstrated intimate knowledge of chemical effects testing that has been performed in support of Generic Safety Issue 191 resolution (e.g., integrated chemical effects testing, head loss testing) and be able to evaluate plant specific chemical effects evaluations based on understanding of chemical models (e.g., the chemical precipitate model identified in WCAP-16530-NP). Expertise is also required for the interpretation of NRC-sponsored or nuclear industry sponsored chemical effects test results, based on an extensive knowledge of nuclear plant chemical systems.

#### 7.0 NRC-FURNISHED MATERIALS

Any reports, documents, equipment, and other materials required to perform the work stated in the "Work Requirements" section of the individual task order statement of work, along with the person to whom they were or will be sent and when they were or will be sent will be specified in the task order statement of work.

#### 8.0 OTHER APPLICABLE INFORMATION

##### License Fee Recovery

The work to be specified in this project is not expected to be license fee recoverable. A specific determination will be made on each task order.

**SECTION D - PACKAGING AND MARKING****D.1 PACKAGING AND MARKING (MAR 1987)**

The Contractor shall package material for shipment to the NRC in such a manner that will ensure acceptance by common carrier and safe delivery at destination. Containers and closures shall comply with the Interstate Commerce Commission Regulations, Uniform Freight Classification Rules, or regulations of other carriers as applicable to the mode of transportation. On the front of the package, the Contractor shall clearly identify the contract number under which the product is being provided.

**SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE**

**E.1 NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

The following contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference (by Citation Number, Title, and Date) in accordance with the clause at FAR "52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE" in Section I of this contract. See FAR 52.252-2 for an internet address (if specified) for electronic access to the full text of a clause.

NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
52.246-9	FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1) INSPECTION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHORT FORM)	APR 1984

**E.2 PLACE OF INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE (MAR 1987)**

Inspection and acceptance of the deliverable items to be furnished hereunder shall be made by the Project Officer at the destination.

**SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE****F.1 NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

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NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
52.242-15	FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1) STOP-WORK ORDER ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)	AUG 1989
52.247-34	F.O.B. DESTINATION	NOV 1991
52.247-48	F.O.B. DESTINATION--EVIDENCE OF SHIPMENT	FEB 1999

**F.2 2052.211-70 PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL REPORTS (JAN 1993)**

All technical reports required by Section C and all Technical Progress Reports required by Section F are to be prepared in accordance with the attached Management Directive 3.8, "Unclassified Contractor and Grantee Publications in the NUREG Series." Management Directive 3.8 is not applicable to any Contractor Spending Plan (CSP) and any Financial Status Report that may be included in this contract. (See List of Attachments).

**F.3 2052.211-71 TECHNICAL PROGRESS REPORT (JAN 1993)**

The contractor shall provide a monthly Technical Progress Report to the project officer and the contracting officer. The report is due within 15 calendar days after the end of the report period and must identify the title of the project, the contract number, appropriate financial tracking code specified by the NRC Project Officer, project manager and/or principal investigator, the contract period of performance, and the period covered by the report. Each report must include the following for each discrete task/task order:

- (a) A listing of the efforts completed during the period, and milestones reached or, if missed, an explanation provided;
- (b) Any problems or delays encountered or anticipated and recommendations for resolution. If the recommended resolution involves a contract modification, e.g., change in work requirements, level of effort (cost) or schedule delay, the contractor shall submit a separate letter to the contracting officer identifying the required change and estimated cost impact.
- (c) A summary of progress to date; and
- (d) Plans for the next reporting period.

**F.4 2052.211-72 FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT-ALTERNATE 1 (OCT 1999)**

The contractor shall provide a monthly Financial Status Report (FSR) to the Project Officer and the contracting officer. The FSR shall include the acquisition of, or changes in the status of, contractor-held property acquired with government funds valued at the time of purchase at \$50,000 or more. Whenever such changes occur, the contractor shall send a copy of the report to the Chief, Property and Acquisition Oversight Branch, Office of Administration. The report is due within 15 calendar days after the end of the report period and shall identify the title of the project, the contract number, project manager and/or principal investigator, the contract period of performance, and the period covered by the report. Each report shall include the following for each discrete task:

- (a) Total estimated contract amount.
- (b) Total funds obligated to date.
- (c) Total costs incurred this reporting period.
- (d) Total costs incurred to date.
- (e) Detail of all direct and indirect costs incurred during the reporting period for the entire contract or each task, if it is a task ordering contract.
- (f) Balance of obligations remaining.
- (g) Balance of funds required to complete contract/task order.
- (h) Property status:
  - (1) List property acquired for the project during the month with an acquisition cost between \$500 and \$49,999. Give the item number for the specific piece of equipment.
  - (2) Provide a separate list of property acquired for the project during the month with an acquisition cost of \$50,000 or more. Provide the following information for each item of property: item description or nomenclature, manufacturer, model number, serial number, acquisition cost, and receipt date. If no property was acquired during the month, include a statement to that effect. The same information shall be provided for any component or peripheral equipment which is part of a "system or system unit."
  - (3) For multi-year projects, in the September monthly financial status report provide a cumulative listing of property with an acquisition cost of \$50,000 or more showing the information specified in paragraph (i)(3) of this clause.
  - (4) In the final financial status report provide a closeout property report containing the same elements as described above for the monthly financial status reports, for all property purchased with NRC funds regardless of value unless title has been vested in the contractor. If no property was acquired under the contract, provide a statement to that effect. The report should note any property requiring special handling for security, health, safety, or other reasons as part of the report.
- (j) Travel status: List the starting and ending dates for each trip, the starting point and destination, and the traveler(s) for each trip.

(k) If the data in this report indicates a need for additional funding beyond that already obligated, this information may only be used as support to the official request for funding required in accordance with the Limitation of Cost (LOC) Clause (FAR 52.232-20) or the Limitation of Funds (LOF) Clause FAR 52.232-22.

**F.5 PLACE OF DELIVERY--REPORTS (JUN 1988)**

The items to be furnished hereunder shall be delivered, with all charges paid by the Contractor, to:

(a) Project Officer (1 copy)

(b) Contracting Officer (1 copy)

**F.6 DURATION OF CONTRACT PERIOD (MAR 1987) ALTERNATE 1 (JUN 1988)**

The ordering period for this contract shall commence on Day of Award and will expire 3 years thereafter. Any orders issued during this period shall be completed within the time specified in the order, unless otherwise specified herein. (See 52.216-18 - Ordering).

**SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA****G.1 PROJECT OFFICER AUTHORITY (FEB 2004)**

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

Name: Rachel Glaros

Address: Mail Stop: O5-H4  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852

Telephone Number: 301-415-3672

(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 (SOW) or changes to specific travel identified in the SOW), fills in details, or otherwise serves to accomplish the contractual SOW.

(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.
- (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 Security Branch, Division of Facilities and Security (SB/DFS) (via e-mail) when a contractor employee no longer requires access authorization and return of any NRC issued badge to SB/DFS within three days after their termination."
  - (6) Ensure that all contractor employees that require access to classified Restricted Data or National Security Information or matter, access to sensitive unclassified information (Safeguards, Official Use Only, and Proprietary information) access to sensitive IT systems or data, unescorted access to NRC controlled buildings/space, or unescorted access to protected and vital areas of nuclear power plants receive approval of SB/DFS prior to access in accordance with Management Directive and Handbook 12.3.

## **G.2 2052.215-78 TRAVEL APPROVALS AND REIMBURSEMENT -ALTERNATE 1 (OCT 1999)**

- (a) Total expenditure for travel may not exceed "To Be Determined on the subsequent task orders" without the prior approval of the contracting officer.
- (b) All foreign travel must be approved in advance by the NRC on NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel, and must be in compliance with FAR 52.247-63 Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers.



The contractor shall submit NRC Form 445 to the NRC no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of travel.

(c) The contractor will be reimbursed only for those travel costs incurred that are directly related to this contract and which are allowable subject to the limitations prescribed in FAR 31.205-46.

(d) It is the responsibility of the contractor to notify the contracting officer in accordance with the FAR Limitations of Cost clause of this contract when, at any time, the contractor learns that travel expenses will cause the contractor to exceed the travel ceiling amount identified in paragraph (a) of this clause.

(e) Reasonable travel costs for research and related activities performed at State and nonprofit institutions, in accordance with Section 12 of Pub. L. 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.

**G.3 2052.216-71 INDIRECT COST RATES (JAN 1993)**

(a) Pending the establishment of final indirect rates which must be negotiated based on audit of actual costs, the contractor shall be reimbursed for allowable indirect costs as follows:

INDIRECT COST POOL	RATE	BASE	PERIOD
Fringe	59.41%	Total Direct Labor	Contract Expiration
Labor Overhead	48.84%	Total Direct Labor plus Fringe	Contract Expiration

(b) The contracting officer may adjust these rates as appropriate during the term of the contract upon acceptance of any revisions proposed by the contractor. It is the contractor's responsibility to notify the contracting officer in accordance with FAR 52.232-20, Limitation of Cost, or FAR 52.232-22, Limitation of Funds, as applicable, if these changes affect performance of work within the established cost or funding limitations.

**G.4 2052.216-72 TASK ORDER PROCEDURES (OCT 1999)**

(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 (TORFP) which may include 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 technical proposal. By the date specified in the TORFP, the contractor shall deliver to the contracting officer a written or verbal (as specified in the TORFP technical proposal submittal instructions) technical proposal that provides the technical information required by the TORFP.

(c) Cost proposal. The contractor's cost proposal for each task order 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.

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

#### **G.5 2052.216-73 ACCELERATED TASK ORDER PROCEDURES (JAN 1993)**

(a) The NRC may require the contractor to begin work before receiving 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.

**G.6 ORDERING PROCEDURES (MAY 1991)**

(a) In addition to the contracting officer, contract administrator, and project officer, the following individuals are authorized to issue delivery orders under this contract:

None

(b) All delivery orders shall be prepared in accordance with FAR 16.506 and may be issued in writing, orally, or by written telecommunications.

**SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS****H.1 2052.209-72 CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (JAN 1993)**

(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 209.570-2 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 forego 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 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, that 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 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.

**H.2 2052.215-70 KEY PERSONNEL (JAN 1993)**

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



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.

### **H.3 2052.235-70 PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS (OCT 1999)**

(a) The principal investigator(s)/contractor shall comply with the provisions of NRC Management Directive 3.8 (Vol. 3, Part 1) and NRC Handbook 3.8 (Parts I-IV) regarding publication in refereed scientific and engineering journals or dissemination to the public of any information, oral or written, concerning the work performed under this contract. Failure to comply with this clause shall be grounds for termination of this contract.

(b) The principal investigator(s)/contractor may publish the results of this work in refereed scientific and engineering journals or in open literature and present papers at public or association meetings at interim stages of work, in addition to submitting to NRC the final reports and other deliverables required under this contract. However, such publication and papers shall focus on advances in science and technology and minimize conclusions and/or recommendations which may have regulatory implications.

(c) The principal investigator(s) shall coordinate all such publications with, and transmit a copy of the proposed article or paper to, the NRC Contracting Officer or Project Officer, prior to publication. The NRC agrees to review and provide comments within thirty (30) days after receipt of a proposed publication. However, in those cases where the information to be published is (1) subject to Commission approval, (2) has not been ruled upon, or (3) disapproved by the Commission, the NRC reserves the right to disapprove or delay the publication. Further, if the NRC disagrees with the proposed publication for any reason, it reserves the right to require that any publication not identify the NRC's sponsorship of the work and that any associated publication costs shall be borne by the contractor.

### **H.4 2052.235-71 SAFETY, HEALTH, AND FIRE PROTECTION (JAN 1993)**

The contractor shall take all reasonable precautions in the performance of the work under this contract to protect the health and safety of its employees and of members of the public, including NRC employees and contractor personnel, and to minimize danger from all hazards to life and property. The contractor shall comply with all applicable health, safety, and fire protection regulations and requirements (including reporting

requirements) of the Commission and the Department of Labor. If the contractor fails to comply with these regulations or requirements, the contracting office may, without prejudice to any other legal or contractual rights of the Commission, issue an order stopping all or any part of the work. Thereafter, a start work order for resumption of work may be issued at the discretion of the contracting officer. The contractor may not make a claim for an extension of time or for compensation or damages by reason of, or in connection with, this type of work stoppage.

## **H.5 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY (JANUARY 2001)**

(a) The NRC will provide the contractor with the following items for use under this contract:

1. "NRC furnished materials will be identified on each individual task order"

(b) The above listed equipment/property is hereby transferred from contract/agreement.

(c) Only the equipment/property listed above in the quantities shown will be provided by the Government. The contractor shall be responsible and accountable for all Government property provided under this contract and shall comply with the provisions of the FAR Government Property Clause under this contract and FAR Subpart 45.5, as in effect on the date of this contract. The contractor shall investigate and provide written notification to the NRC Contracting Officer (CO) and the NRC Division of Facilities and Security, Physical Security Branch of all cases of loss, damage, or destruction of Government property in its possession or control not later than 24 hours after discovery. The contractor must report stolen Government property to the local police and a copy of the police report must be provided to the CO and to the Division of Facilities and Security, Physical Security Branch.

(d) All other equipment/property required in performance of the contract shall be furnished by the Contractor.

## **H.6 SEAT BELTS**

Contractors, subcontractors, and grantees, are encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for their employees when operating company-owned, rented, or personally owned vehicles.

## **H.7 Annual and Final Contractor Performance Evaluations**

Annual and final evaluations of contractor performance under this contract will be prepared in accordance with FAR 42.15, "Contractor Performance Information," normally at the time the contractor is notified of the NRC's intent to exercise the contract option. If the multi-year contract does not have option years, then an annual evaluation will be prepared (state time for annual evaluation). Final evaluations of contractor performance will be prepared at the expiration of the contract during the contract closeout process.

The Contracting Officer will transmit the NRC Project Officer's annual and final contractor performance evaluations to the contractor's Project Manager, unless otherwise instructed by the contractor. The contractor will be permitted thirty days to review the document. The contractor may concur without comment, submit additional information, or request a meeting to discuss the performance evaluation. The Contracting Officer may request the contractor's Project Manager to attend a meeting to discuss the performance evaluation.

Where a contractor concurs with, or takes no exception to an annual performance evaluation, the Contracting Officer will consider such evaluation final and releasable for source selection purposes. Disagreements between the parties regarding a performance evaluation will be referred to an individual one level above the Contracting Officer, whose decision will be final.



The Contracting Officer will send a copy of the completed evaluation report, marked "For Official Use Only," to the contractor's Project Manager for their records as soon as practicable after it has been finalized. The completed evaluation report also will be used as a tool to improve communications between the NRC and the contractor and to improve contract performance.

The completed annual performance evaluation will be used to support future award decisions in accordance with FAR 42.1502(a) and 42.1503(c). During the period the information is being used to provide source selection information, the completed annual performance evaluation will be released to only two parties - the Federal government personnel performing the source selection evaluation and the contractor under evaluation if the contractor does not have a copy of the report already.

## **H.8 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION OF REPORT(S) OR THE PUBLICATION OF RESULTS UNDER CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS**

### Review and Approval of Reports

(a) Reporting Requirements. The contractor/grantee shall comply with the terms and conditions of the contract/grant regarding the contents of the draft and final report, summaries, data, and related documents, to include correcting; deleting, editing, revising, modifying, formatting, and supplementing any of the information contained therein, at no additional cost to the NRC. Performance under the contract/grant will not be deemed accepted or completed until it complies with the NRC's directions. The reports, summaries, data, and related documents will be considered draft until approved by the NRC. The contractor/grantee agrees that the direction, determinations, and decisions on approval or disapproval of reports, summaries, data, and related documents created under this contract/grant remain solely within the discretion of the NRC.

(b) Publication of Results. Prior to any dissemination, display, publication, or release of articles, reports, summaries, data, or related documents developed under the contract/grant, the contractor/grantee shall submit them to the NRC for review and approval. The contractor/grantee shall not release, disseminate, display or publish articles, reports, summaries, data, and related documents, or the contents therein, that have not been reviewed and approved by the NRC for release, display, dissemination or publication. The contractor/grantee agrees to conspicuously place any disclaimers, markings or notices, directed by the NRC, on any articles, reports, summaries, data, and related documents that the contractor/grantee intends to release, display, disseminate or publish to other persons, the public, or any other entities. The contractor/grantee agrees, and grants, a royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable worldwide license to the government, to use, reproduce, modify, distribute, prepare derivative works, release, display or disclose the articles, reports, summaries, data, and related documents developed under the contract/grant, for any governmental purpose and to have or authorize others to do so.

(c) Identification/Marking of Sensitive Unclassified and Safeguards Information. The decision, determination, or direction by the NRC that information possessed, formulated or produced by the contractor/grantee constitutes sensitive unclassified or safeguards information is solely within the authority and discretion of the NRC. In performing the contract/grant, the contractor/grantee shall clearly mark sensitive unclassified and safeguards information, to include for example, AOUO-Allegation Information@ or AOUO-Security Related Information@ on any reports, documents, designs, data, materials, and written information, as directed by the NRC. In addition to marking the information as directed by the NRC, the contractor shall use the applicable NRC cover sheet (e.g., NRC Form 461 ASafeguards Information@) in maintaining these records and documents. The contractor/grantee shall ensure that sensitive unclassified and safeguards information is handled, maintained and protected from unauthorized disclosure, consistent with NRC policies and directions. The contractor/grantee shall comply with the requirements to mark, maintain, and protect all information, including documents, summaries, reports, data, designs, and materials in accordance with the provisions of

Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 as amended, its implementing regulations (10 CFR 73.21), Sensitive Unclassified and Non-Safeguards Information policies, and NRC Management Directive and Handbook 12.6.

(d) Remedies. In addition to any civil, criminal, and contractual remedies available under the applicable laws and regulations, failure to comply with the above provisions, and/or NRC directions, may result in suspension, withholding, or offsetting of any payments invoiced or claimed by the contractor/grantee. If the contractor/grantee intends to enter into any subcontracts or other agreements to perform this contract/grant, the contractor/grantee shall include all of the above provisions in any subcontracts or agreements.

### **H.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 1-151 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)

**PART II - CONTRACT CLAUSES****SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES****I.1 NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

The following contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference (by Citation Number, Title, and Date) in accordance with the clause at FAR "52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE" in Section I of this contract. See FAR 52.252-2 for an internet address (if specified) for electronic access to the full text of a clause.

NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
	FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1)	
52.202-1	DEFINITIONS	JUL 2004
52.203-3	GRATUITIES	APR 1984
52.203-5	COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES	APR 1984
52.203-6	RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR SALES TO THE GOVERNMENT	SEP 2006
52.203-7	ANTI-KICKBACK PROCEDURES	JUL 1995
52.203-8	CANCELLATION, RESCISSION, AND RECOVERY OF FUNDS FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY	JAN 1997
52.203-10	PRICE OR FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY	JAN 1997
52.203-12	LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS	SEP 2005
52.204-4	PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON RECYCLED PAPER	AUG 2000
52.204-7	CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION	JUL 2006
52.209-6	PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT	SEP 2006
52.215-2	AUDIT AND RECORDS--NEGOTIATION	JUN 1999
52.215-8	ORDER OF PRECEDENCE--UNIFORM CONTRACT FORMAT	OCT 1997
52.216-8	FIXED-FEE	MAR 1997
52.219-4	NOTICE OF PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE FOR HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS	JUL 2005
52.219-8	UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS	MAY 2004
52.222-3	CONVICT LABOR	JUN 2003
52.222-21	PROHIBITION OF SEGREGATED FACILITIES	FEB 1999
52.222-26	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY	MAR 2007
52.222-35	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SPECIAL DISABLED VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA, AND OTHER ELIGIBLE VETERANS	SEP 2006
52.222-36	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR WORKERS WITH	JUN 1998

	DISABILITIES	
52.222-37	EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON SPECIAL DISABLED VETERANS, VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA, AND OTHER ELIGIBLE VETERANS	SEP 2006
52.223-6	DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE	MAY 2001
52.223-14	TOXIC CHEMICAL RELEASE REPORTING	AUG 2003
52.225-5	TRADE AGREEMENTS	NOV 2006
52.225-13	RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PURCHASES	FEB 2006
52.227-1	AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)	JUL 1995
52.227-2	NOTICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT	AUG 1996
52.227-11	PATENT RIGHTS -- RETENTION BY THE CONTRACTOR (SHORT FORM)	JUN 1997
52.228-7	INSURANCE--LIABILITY TO THIRD PERSONS	MAR 1996
52.232-17	INTEREST	JUN 1996
52.232-18	AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	APR 1984
52.232-22	LIMITATION OF FUNDS	APR 1984
52.232-23	ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS	JAN 1986
52.232-33	PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS--CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION	OCT 2003
52.233-3	PROTEST AFTER AWARD ALTERNATE I (JUN 1985)	AUG 1996
52.233-4	APPLICABLE LAW FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM	OCT 2004
52.242-1	NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISALLOW COSTS	APR 1984
52.242-13	BANKRUPTCY	JUL 1995
52.243-2	CHANGES--COST REIMBURSEMENT ALTERNATE V (APR 1984)	AUG 1987
52.244-2A	SUBCONTRACTS ALTERNATE I (JAN 2006)	JAN 2006
52.244-5	COMPETITION IN SUBCONTRACTING	DEC 1996
52.244-6	SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS	MAR 2007
52.245-5	GOVERNMENT PROPERTY (COST-REIMBURSEMENT, TIME AND MATERIALS, OR LABOR HOUR CONTRACTS)	MAY 2004
52.246-23	LIMITATION OF LIABILITY	FEB 1997
52.246-25	LIMITATION OF LIABILITY--SERVICES	FEB 1997
52.248-1	VALUE ENGINEERING	FEB 2000
52.249-6	TERMINATION (COST-REIMBURSEMENT) (MAY 2004)	MAY 2004
52.249-14	EXCUSABLE DELAYS	APR 1984
52.253-1	COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS	JAN 1991
52.216-7	ALLOWABLE COST AND PAYMENT	DEC 2002

## I.2 52.216-18 ORDERING (OCT 1995)

(a) Any supplies and services to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by issuance of delivery orders or task orders by the individuals or activities designated in the Schedule. Such orders may be issued from Day of Award through Contract Expiration.

(b) All delivery orders or task orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event of conflict between a delivery order or task order and this contract, the contract shall control.

(c) If mailed, a delivery order or task order is considered "issued" when the Government deposits the order in the mail. Orders may be issued orally, by facsimile, or by electronic commerce methods only if authorized in the Schedule.

### **I.3 52.216-19 ORDER LIMITATIONS (OCT 1995)**

(a) Minimum order. When the Government requires supplies or services covered by this contract in an amount of less than \$2,500.00, the Government is not obligated to purchase, nor is the Contractor obligated to furnish, those supplies or services under the contract.

(b) Maximum order. The Contractor is not obligated to honor--

(1) Any order for a single item in excess of ceiling amount;

(2) Any order for a combination of items in excess of the contract ceiling amount; or

(3) A series of orders from the same ordering office within N/A days that together call for quantities exceeding the limitation in paragraph (b)(1) or (2) of this section.

(c) If this is a requirements contract (i.e., includes the Requirements clause at subsection 52.216-21 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)), the Government is not required to order a part of any one requirement from the Contractor if that requirement exceeds the maximum-order limitations in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the Contractor shall honor any order exceeding the maximum order limitations in paragraph (b), unless that order (or orders) is returned to the ordering office within five days after issuance, with written notice stating the Contractor's intent not to ship the item (or items) called for and the reasons. Upon receiving this notice, the Government may acquire the supplies or services from another source.

### **I.4 52.216-22 INDEFINITE QUANTITY (OCT 1995)**

(a) This is an indefinite-quantity contract for the supplies or services specified, and effective for the period stated, in the Schedule. The quantities of supplies and services specified in the Schedule are estimates only and are not purchased by this contract.

(b) Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. The Contractor shall furnish to the Government, when and if ordered, the supplies or services specified in the Schedule up to and including the quantity designated in the Schedule as the "maximum." The Government shall order at least the quantity of supplies or services designated in the Schedule as the "minimum."

(c) Except for any limitations on quantities in the Order Limitations clause or in the Schedule, there is no limit on the number of orders that may be issued. The Government may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations.

(d) Any order issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order. The contract shall govern the Contractor's and Government's rights and obligations with respect to that order to the same extent as if the order were completed during the contract's effective period; provided, that the Contractor shall not be required to make any deliveries under this contract after the expiration date.

### **I.5 52.232-25 PROMPT PAYMENT (OCT 2003)**

Notwithstanding any other payment clause in this contract, the Government will make invoice payments under the terms and conditions specified in this clause. The Government considers payment as being made on the day a check is dated or the date of an electronic funds transfer (EFT). Definitions of pertinent terms are set forth in sections 2.101, 32.001, and 32.902 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. All days referred to in this clause are calendar days, unless otherwise specified. (However, see paragraph (a)(4) of this clause concerning payments due on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.)

#### **(a) Invoice payments--**

##### **(1) Due date.**

(i) Except as indicated in paragraphs (a)(2) and (c) of this clause, the due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office is the later of the following two events:

(A) The 30th day after the designated billing office receives a proper invoice from the Contractor (except as provided in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this clause).

(B) The 30th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed. For a final invoice, when the payment amount is subject to contract settlement actions, acceptance is deemed to occur on the effective date of the contract settlement.

(ii) If the designated billing office fails to annotate the invoice with the actual date of receipt at the time of receipt, the invoice payment due date is the 30th day after the date of the Contractor's invoice, provided the designated billing office receives a proper invoice and there is no disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with contract requirements.

##### **(2) Certain food products and other payments.**

(i) Due dates on Contractor invoices for meat, meat food products, or fish; perishable agricultural commodities; and dairy products, edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils are--

(A) For meat or meat food products, as defined in section 2(a)(3) of the Packers and Stockyard Act of 1921 (7 U.S.C. 182(3)), and as further defined in Pub. L. 98-181, including any edible fresh or frozen poultry meat, any perishable poultry meat food product, fresh eggs, and any perishable egg product, as close as possible to, but not later than, the 7th day after product delivery.

(B) For fresh or frozen fish, as defined in section 204(3) of the Fish and Seafood Promotion Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 4003(3)), as close as possible to, but not later than, the 7th day after product delivery.

(C) For perishable agricultural commodities, as defined in section 1(4) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act of 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499a(4)), as close as possible to, but not later than, the 10th day after product delivery, unless another date is specified in the contract.

(D) For dairy products, as defined in section 111(e) of the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 4502(e)), edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils, as close as possible to, but not later than, the 10th day after the date on which a proper invoice has been received. Liquid milk, cheese, certain processed cheese products, butter, yogurt, ice cream, mayonnaise, salad dressings, and other similar products, fall within this classification. Nothing in the Act limits this classification to refrigerated products. When questions arise regarding the proper classification of a specific product, prevailing industry practices will be followed in specifying a contract payment due date. The burden of proof that a classification of a specific product is, in fact, prevailing industry practice is upon the Contractor making the representation.

(ii) If the contract does not require submission of an invoice for payment (e.g., periodic lease payments), the due date will be as specified in the contract.

(3) Contractor's invoice. The Contractor shall prepare and submit invoices to the designated billing office specified in the contract. A proper invoice must include the items listed in paragraphs (a)(3)(i) through (a)(3)(x) of this clause. If the invoice does not comply with these requirements, the designated billing office will return it within 7 days after receipt (3 days for meat, meat food products, or fish; 5 days for perishable agricultural commodities, dairy products, edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils), with the reasons why it is not a proper invoice. The Government will take into account untimely notification when computing any interest penalty owed the Contractor.

(i) Name and address of the Contractor.

(ii) Invoice date and invoice number. (The Contractor should date invoices as close as possible to the date of the mailing or transmission.)

(iii) Contract number or other authorization for supplies delivered or services performed (including order number and contract line item number).

(iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price, and extended price of supplies delivered or services performed.

(v) Shipping and payment terms (e.g., shipment number and date of shipment, discount for prompt payment terms). Bill of lading number and weight of shipment will be shown for shipments on Government bills of lading.

(vi) Name and address of Contractor official to whom payment is to be sent (must be the same as that in the contract or in a proper notice of assignment).

(vii) Name (where practicable), title, phone number, and mailing address of person to notify in the event of a defective invoice.

(viii) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The Contractor shall include its TIN on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(ix) Electronic funds transfer (EFT) banking information.

(A) The Contractor shall include EFT banking information on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(B) If EFT banking information is not required to be on the invoice, in order for the invoice to be a proper invoice, the Contractor shall have submitted correct EFT banking information in accordance with the applicable solicitation provision (e.g., 52.232-38, Submission of Electronic Funds Transfer Information with Offer), contract clause (e.g., 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Central Contractor Registration, or

52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Other Than Central Contractor Registration), or applicable agency procedures.

(C) EFT banking information is not required if the Government waived the requirement to pay by EFT.

(x) Any other information or documentation required by the contract (e.g., evidence of shipment).

(4) Interest penalty. The designated payment office will pay an interest penalty automatically, without request from the Contractor, if payment is not made by the due date and the conditions listed in paragraphs (a)(4)(i) through (a)(4)(iii) of this clause are met, if applicable. However, when the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the designated payment office may make payment on the following working day without incurring a late payment interest penalty.

(i) The designated billing office received a proper invoice.

(ii) The Government processed a receiving report or other Government documentation authorizing payment, and there was no disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with any contract term or condition.

(iii) In the case of a final invoice for any balance of funds due the Contractor for supplies delivered or services performed, the amount was not subject to further contract settlement actions between the Government and the Contractor.

(5) Computing penalty amount. The Government will compute the interest penalty in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(i) For the sole purpose of computing an interest penalty that might be due the Contractor, Government acceptance is deemed to occur constructively on the 7th day (unless otherwise specified in this contract) after the Contractor delivers the supplies or performs the services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, unless there is a disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with a contract provision. If actual acceptance occurs within the constructive acceptance period, the Government will base the determination of an interest penalty on the actual date of acceptance. The constructive acceptance requirement does not, however, compel Government officials to accept supplies or services, perform contract administration functions, or make payment prior to fulfilling their responsibilities.

(ii) The prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR 1315.10(c) do not require the Government to pay interest penalties if payment delays are due to disagreement between the Government and the Contractor over the payment amount or other issues involving contract compliance, or on amounts temporarily withheld or retained in accordance with the terms of the contract. The Government and the Contractor shall resolve claims involving disputes and any interest that may be payable in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.233-1, Disputes.

(6) Discounts for prompt payment. The designated payment office will pay an interest penalty automatically, without request from the Contractor, if the Government takes a discount for prompt payment improperly. The Government will calculate the interest penalty in accordance with the prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(7) Additional interest penalty.

(i) The designated payment office will pay a penalty amount, calculated in accordance with the prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315 in addition to the interest penalty amount only if--

(A) The Government owes an interest penalty of \$1 or more;



(B) The designated payment office does not pay the interest penalty within 10 days after the date the invoice amount is paid; and

(C) The Contractor makes a written demand to the designated payment office for additional penalty payment, in accordance with paragraph (a)(7)(ii) of this clause, postmarked not later than 40 days after the invoice amount is paid.

(ii)(A) The Contractor shall support written demands for additional penalty payments with the following data. The Government will not request any additional data. The Contractor shall--

(1) Specifically assert that late payment interest is due under a specific invoice, and request payment of all overdue late payment interest penalty and such additional penalty as may be required;

(2) Attach a copy of the invoice on which the unpaid late payment interest is due; and

(3) State that payment of the principal has been received, including the date of receipt.

(B) If there is no postmark or the postmark is illegible--

(1) The designated payment office that receives the demand will annotate it with the date of receipt, provided the demand is received on or before the 40th day after payment was made; or

(2) If the designated payment office fails to make the required annotation, the Government will determine the demand's validity based on the date the Contractor has placed on the demand, provided such date is no later than the 40th day after payment was made.

(iii) The additional penalty does not apply to payments regulated by other Government regulations (e.g., payments under utility contracts subject to tariffs and regulation).

(b) Contract financing payment. If this contract provides for contract financing, the Government will make contract financing payments in accordance with the applicable contract financing clause.

(c) Fast payment procedure due dates. If this contract contains the clause at 52.213-1, Fast Payment Procedure, payments will be made within 15 days after the date of receipt of the invoice.

(d) 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 immediately notify the Contracting Officer and request instructions for disposition of the overpayment.

## **I.6 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):

<http://www.arnet.gov/far>

**PART III - LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS**

**SECTION J - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT NUMBER	TITLE	DATE	NO. PAGES
1	COST REIMBURSEMENT BILLING INSTRUCTIONS		
2	SUBPART 2009.5 ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST		

BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
COST REIMBURSEMENT TYPE 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/invoices for reimbursement of costs in the manner and format described herein. **FAILURE TO SUBMIT VOUCHERS/INVOICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE VOUCHER/INVOICE AS IMPROPER.**

**Number of Copies:** An original and three copies, including supporting documentation shall be submitted. A copy of all supporting documents must be attached to each copy of your voucher/invoice. 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

HAND DELIVERY OF VOUCHERS/INVOICES IS DISCOURAGED AND WILL NOT EXPEDITE PROCESSING BY NRC. However, should you choose to deliver vouchers/invoices by hand, including delivery by any express mail services or special delivery services which use a courier or other person to deliver the voucher/invoice 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  
11555 Rockville Pike - Mail Room  
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 SF 26 or Block 25 of SF 33, whichever is applicable.

**Frequency:** The contractor shall submit claims for reimbursement once each month, unless otherwise authorized by the Contracting Officer.

**Format:** Claims should be submitted in the format depicted on the attached sample form entitled "Voucher/Invoice for Purchases and Services Other than Personal" (see **Attachment 1**). The sample format is provided for guidance only. The format is not required for submission of a voucher/invoice. Alternate formats are permissible provided all requirements of the billing instructions are addressed. The instructions for preparation and itemization of the voucher/invoice are included with the sample form.

Task Ordering Contracts: If the contractor bills for more than one task order under a voucher/invoice, detailed cost information for each individual task order shall be submitted, together with a cumulative summary of all charges billed on the voucher/invoice. This includes all applicable cost elements discussed in paragraphs (a) through (n) of the attached instructions.

Fee Recovery Billings: Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR Part 170 and 171 on license fees, the NRC must recover the cost of work performed. Accordingly, the contractor must provide the total amount of funds billed during the period, fiscal year to date and the cumulative total for each task or task assignment by facility or report. The fee recovery billing reports shall be on a separate page, and shall be in the format provided in **Attachment 2**. The billing period for fee recovery costs should be from the first day of each calendar month to the last day of the same month. Each separate fee billing report must be attached to the monthly invoice and cover the same period as the invoice.

Each report will contain a docket number or other unique identifier. The NRC will provide a unique identifier for all work performed. Costs should be reported as whole number to the nearest cent. For work that involves more than one facility at the same site, each facility should be listed separately and the costs should be split appropriately between the facilities. Common costs, as defined below, shall be identified as a separate line item in the fee recovery billing report each month.

Common costs are those costs that are not licensee unique and associated with the performance of an overall program that benefit all similar licensees covered under that program or that are required to satisfactorily carry out the program. Common costs include costs associated with the following: preparatory or start-up efforts to interpret and reach agreement on methodology, approach, acceptance criteria, regulatory position, or technical reporting requirements; efforts associated with the "lead plant" concept that might be involved during the first one or two plant reviews; meetings and discussions involving the above efforts to provide orientation, background knowledge or guidance during the course of a program; any technical effort applied to a docket or other unique identifier; and project management. Common costs must be reporting monthly for each docket or unique identifier. Common costs must be computed based on the proportion of direct costs incurred against each docket or unique identifier for the billing period.

Billing of Cost After Expiration of Contract: If costs are incurred during the contract period and claimed after the contract has expired, the period during which these costs were incurred must be cited. To be considered a proper expiration voucher/invoice, the contractor shall clearly mark it "EXPIRATION VOUCHER" or "EXPIRATION INVOICE".

Final vouchers/invoices 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; 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.

**INVOICE/VOUCHER FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL**

**(SAMPLE FORMAT)**

**1. Official Agency Billing Office**

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

**2. Voucher Information**

- a. Payee's DUNS Number or DUNS+4. The Payee shall include the Payee's Data Universal Number (DUNS) or DUNS+4 number that identifies the Payee'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 Payee to identify alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts for the same parent concern.
- b. 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).
- c. Contract Number. Insert the NRC contract number.  
Task Order No. Insert the task order number (If Applicable).
- d. Voucher/Invoice. The appropriate sequential number of the voucher/invoice, beginning with 001 should be designated. Contractors may also include an individual internal accounting number, if desired, in addition to the 3-digit sequential number.
- e. Date of Voucher/Invoice. Insert the date the voucher/invoice is prepared.
- f. Billing period. Insert the beginning and ending dates (day, month, year) of the period during which costs were incurred and for which reimbursement is claimed.
- g. Direct Costs - Insert the amount billed for the following cost elements, adjustments, suspensions, and total amounts, for both the current billing period and for the cumulative period (from contract inception to end date of this billing period).
- (1) Direct Labor. This consists of salaries and wages paid (or accrued) for direct performance of the contract itemized as follows:

Labor	Hrs.			Cumulative
<u>Category</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Hrs.Billed</u>
  - (2) Fringe Benefits. This represents fringe benefits applicable to direct labor and billed as a direct cost. Where a rate is used indicate the rate. Fringe benefits included in direct labor or in other indirect cost pools should not be identified here.
  - (3) Capitalized Non Expendable Equipment. List each item costing \$50,000 or more and having a life expectancy of more than one year. List only those items of equipment for which reimbursement is requested. For each such item, list the following (as applicable): (a) the item number for the specific piece of equipment listed in the property schedule of the contract; or (b) the Contracting Officer's approval letter if the equipment is not covered by the property schedule.
  - (4) Non-capitalized Equipment, Materials, and Supplies. These are equipment other than that described in (3) above, plus consumable materials, supplies. List by category. List items valued at \$500 or more separately. Provide the item number for each piece of equipment valued at \$500 or more.

- (5) Premium Pay. This enumeration in excess of the basic hourly rate. (Requires written approval of the Contracting Officer.)
- (6) Consultants. The supporting information must include the name, hourly or daily rate of the consultant, and reference the NRC approval (if not specifically approved in the original contract).
- (7) Travel. Total costs associated with each trip must be shown in the following format:

<u>Start Date</u>		<u>Destination</u>		<u>Costs</u>
From	To	From	To	\$

- (8) Subcontracts. Include separate detailed breakdown of all costs paid to approved subcontractors during the billing period.
  - (9) Other Costs. List all other direct costs by cost element and dollar amount separately.
- h. Indirect Costs (Overhead and General and Administrative Expense). Cite the formula (rate and base) in effect in accordance with the terms of the contract, during the time the costs were incurred and for which reimbursement is claimed.
- i. Fixed Fee. If the contract provides for a fixed fee, it must be claimed as provided for by the contract. Cite the formula or method of computation. Include this information as it applies to individual task orders as well. The contractor may bill for fixed fee only up to 85% of total fee.
- j. Total Amount Billed. Insert the total amounts claimed for the current and cumulative periods.
- k. Adjustments. For cumulative amount, include outstanding suspensions.
- l. Grand Totals.

Further itemization of vouchers/invoices shall only be required for items having specific limitations set forth in the contract.

**3. Sample Voucher Information**

This voucher represents reimbursable costs for the billing period for the billing period from \_\_\_through\_\_.

	<u>Amount Billed</u>	
	<u>Current Period</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
(a) <b>Direct Costs</b>		
(1) Direct labor*.....		
(2) Fringe benefits		
( % , if computed as percentage).....		
(3) Capitalized nonexpendable equipment (\$50,000 or more - see instructions)*.....		
(4) Non-capitalized equipment, materials, and supplies.....		
(5) Premium pay (NRC approved overtime).....		
(6) Consultants*.....		
(7) Travel*.....		
(8) Subcontracts*.....		
(9) Other costs*.....		

**Total Direct Costs**

- (b) Indirect Costs  
 (A) Overhead \_\_\_ % of \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate Base).....  
 (B) General & Administrative Expense \_\_\_\_\_ % of Cost Elements Nos.  
**Total Direct & Indirect Costs**  
 (c) Fixed-Fee (Cite Formula):  
 (d) Total Amount Billed.....  
 (e) Adjustments.....  
 (f) Grand Totals.....  
 \* (Requires Supporting Information -- See Sample below)

**SAMPLE SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

1) Direct Labor - \$2400

<u>Labor Category</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Billed Rate</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>	
			<u>Total</u>	<u>Hrs. Billed</u>
Senior Engineer I	100	\$14.00	\$1400	975
Engineer	50	\$10.00	\$500	465
Computer Analyst	100	\$5.00	\$500	320
			<u>\$2400</u>	

3) Capitalized Non-Expendable Equipment

Prototype Spectrometer - item number 1000-01 \$60,000

4) Non-capitalized Equipment, Materials, and Supplies

10 Radon tubes @ \$110.00 = \$1100.00  
 6 Pairs Electrostatic gloves @ \$150.00 = \$900.00  
 \$2000.00

5) Premium Pay

Walter Murphy - 10 hours @ \$10.00 Per Hour = \$100  
 (This was approved by NRC in letter dated 3/6/95).

6) Consultants' Fee

Dr. Carney - 1 hour @ \$100 = \$100

7) Travel

<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Costs</u>
3/1/89	Wash., DC	\$200

**FEE RECOVERY BILLING REPORT**

**FIN:**

**Facility Name or Report Title:**

**TAC or Inspection Report Number:  
(or other unique identifier)**

**Docket Number (if applicable):**

<b>Cost Categories</b>	<b>Period Amt.</b>	<b>Period Cost Incurred</b>	<b>Fiscal Year To Date Costs</b>	<b>Total Cumulative Costs</b>
<b>Labor</b>				
<b>Materials</b>				
<b>Subcontractor/ Consultant</b>				
<b>Travel</b>				
<b>Other (specify)</b>				
<b>Common Costs</b>				
<b>Total</b>				
<b>Remarks:</b>				

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## **Subpart 2009.5 Organizational Conflicts of Interest**

### **§2009.500 Scope of subpart.**

In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 2210a., NRC acquisitions are processed in accordance with §2009.570, which takes precedence over FAR 9.5 with respect to organizational conflicts of interest. Where non-conflicting guidance appears in FAR 9.5, that guidance must be followed.

### **§2009.570 NRC organizational conflicts of interest.**

#### **§2009.570-1 Scope of policy.**

(a) It is the policy of NRC to avoid, eliminate, or neutralize contractor organizational conflicts of interest. The NRC achieves this objective by requiring all prospective contractors to submit information describing relationships, if any, with organizations or persons (including those regulated by the NRC) which may give rise to actual or potential conflicts of interest in the event of contract award.

(b) Contractor conflict of interest determinations cannot be made automatically or routinely. The application of sound judgment on virtually a case-by-case basis is necessary if the policy is to be applied to satisfy the overall public interest. It is not possible to prescribe in advance a specific method or set of criteria which would serve to identify and resolve all of the contractor conflict of interest situations that might arise. However, examples are provided in these regulations to guide application of this policy guidance. The ultimate test is as follows: Might the contractor, if awarded the contract, be placed in a position where its judgment may be biased, or where it may have an unfair competitive advantage?

(c) The conflict of interest rule contained in this subpart applies to contractors and offerors only. Individuals or firms who have other relationships with the NRC (e.g., parties to a licensing proceeding) are not covered by this regulation. This rule does not apply to the acquisition of consulting services through the personnel appointment process, NRC agreements with other Government agencies, international organizations, or state, local, or foreign Governments. Separate procedures for avoiding conflicts of interest will be employed in these agreements, as appropriate.

#### **§2009.570-2 Definitions.**

Affiliates means business concerns which are affiliates of each other when either directly or indirectly one concern or individual controls or has the power to control another, or when a third party controls or has the power to control both.

Contract means any contractual agreement or other arrangement with the NRC except as provided in §2009.570-1(c).

Contractor means any person, firm, unincorporated association, joint venture, co-sponsor, partnership, corporation, affiliates thereof, or their successors in interest, including their chief executives, directors, key personnel (identified in the contract), proposed consultants or subcontractors, which are a party to a contract with the NRC.

Evaluation activities means any effort involving the appraisal of a technology, process, product, or policy.

Offeror or prospective contractor means any person, firm, unincorporated association, joint venture, co-sponsor, partnership, corporation, or their affiliates or successors in interest, including their chief executives, directors, key personnel, proposed consultants, or subcontractors, submitting a bid or proposal, solicited or unsolicited, to the NRC to obtain a contract.

Organizational conflicts of interest means that a relationship exists whereby a contractor or prospective contractor has present or planned interests related to the work to be performed under an NRC contract which:

(1) May diminish its capacity to give impartial, technically sound, objective assistance and advice, or may otherwise result in a biased work product; or

(2) May result in its being given an unfair competitive advantage.

Potential conflict of interest means that a factual situation exists that suggests that an actual conflict of interest may arise from award of a proposed contract. The term potential conflict of interest is used to signify those situations that

(1) Merit investigation before contract award to ascertain whether award would give rise to an actual conflict; or

(2) Must be reported to the contracting officer for investigation if they arise during contract performance.

Research means any scientific or technical work involving theoretical analysis, exploration, or experimentation.

Subcontractor means any subcontractor of any tier who performs work under a contract with the NRC except subcontracts for supplies and subcontracts in amounts not exceeding \$10,000.

Technical consulting and management support services means internal assistance to a component of the NRC in the formulation or administration of its programs, projects, or policies which normally require that the contractor be given access to proprietary information or to information that has not been made available to the public. These services typically include assistance in the preparation of program plans, preliminary designs, specifications, or statements of work.

### **§2009.570-3 Criteria for recognizing contractor organizational conflicts of interest.**

(a) General.

(1) Two questions will be asked in determining whether actual or potential organizational conflicts of interest exist:

(i) Are there conflicting roles which might bias an offeror's or contractor's judgment in relation to its work for the NRC?

(ii) May the offeror or contractor be given an unfair competitive advantage based on the performance of the contract?

(2) NRC's ultimate determination that organizational conflicts of interest exist will be made in light of common sense and good business judgment based upon the relevant facts. While it is difficult to identify and to prescribe in advance a specific method for avoiding all of the various situations or relationships that might involve potential organizational conflicts of interest, NRC

personnel will pay particular attention to proposed contractual requirements that call for the rendering of advice, consultation or evaluation activities, or similar activities that directly lay the groundwork for the NRC's decisions on regulatory activities, future procurements, and research programs. Any work performed at an applicant or licensee site will also be closely scrutinized by the NRC staff.

(b) Situations or relationships. The following situations or relationships may give rise to organizational conflicts of interest:

(1) The offeror or contractor shall disclose information that may give rise to organizational conflicts of interest under the following circumstances. The information may include the scope of work or specification for the requirement being performed, the period of performance, and the name and telephone number for a point of contact at the organization knowledgeable about the commercial contract.

(i) Where the offeror or contractor provides advice and recommendations to the NRC in the same technical area where it is also providing consulting assistance to any organization regulated by the NRC.

(ii) Where the offeror or contractor provides advice to the NRC on the same or similar matter on which it is also providing assistance to any organization regulated by the NRC.

(iii) Where the offeror or contractor evaluates its own products or services, or has been substantially involved in the development or marketing of the products or services of another entity.

(iv) Where the award of a contract would result in placing the offeror or contractor in a conflicting role in which its judgment may be biased in relation to its work for the NRC, or would result in an unfair competitive advantage for the offeror or contractor.

(v) Where the offeror or contractor solicits or performs work at an applicant or licensee site while performing work in the same technical area for the NRC at the same site.

(2) The contracting officer may request specific information from an offeror or contractor or may require special contract clauses such as provided in §2009.570-5(b) in the following circumstances:

(i) Where the offeror or contractor prepares specifications that are to be used in competitive procurements of products or services covered by the specifications.

(ii) Where the offeror or contractor prepares plans for specific approaches or methodologies that are to be incorporated into competitive procurements using the approaches or methodologies.

(iii) Where the offeror or contractor is granted access to information not available to the public concerning NRC plans, policies, or programs that could form the basis for a later procurement action.

(iv) Where the offeror or contractor is granted access to proprietary information of its competitors.

(v) Where the award of a contract might result in placing the offeror or contractor in a conflicting role in which its judgment may be biased in relation to its work for the NRC or might result in an unfair competitive advantage for the offeror or contractor.

(c) Policy application guidance. The following examples are illustrative only and are not intended to identify and resolve all contractor organizational conflict of interest situations.

(1)(i) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to a Request For Proposal (RFP), proposes to undertake certain analyses of a reactor component as called for in the RFP. The ABC Corp. is one of several companies considered to be technically well qualified. In response to the inquiry in the RFP, the ABC Corp. advises that it is currently performing similar analyses for the reactor manufacturer.

(ii) Guidance. An NRC contract for that particular work normally would not be awarded to the ABC Corp. because the company would be placed in a position in which its judgment could be biased in relationship to its work for the NRC. Because there are other well-qualified companies available, there would be no reason for considering a waiver of the policy.

(2)(i) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to an RFP, proposes to perform certain analyses of a reactor component that is unique to one type of advanced reactor. As is the case with other technically qualified companies responding to the RFP, the ABC Corp. is performing various projects for several different utility clients. None of the ABC Corp. projects have any relationship to the work called for in the RFP. Based on the NRC evaluation, the ABC Corp. is considered to be the best qualified company to perform the work outlined in the RFP.

(ii) Guidance. An NRC contract normally could be awarded to the ABC Corp. because no conflict of interest exists which could motivate bias with respect to the work. An appropriate clause would be included in the contract to preclude the ABC Corp. from subsequently contracting for work with the private sector that could create a conflict during the performance of the NRC contract. For example, ABC Corp. would be precluded from the performance of similar work for the company developing the advanced reactor mentioned in the example.

(3)(i) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to a competitive RFP, submits a proposal to assist the NRC in revising NRC's guidance documents on the respiratory protection requirements of 10 CFR Part 20. ABC Corp. is the only firm determined to be technically acceptable. ABC Corp. has performed substantial work for regulated utilities in the past and is expected to continue similar efforts in the future. The work has and will cover the writing, implementation, and administration of compliance respiratory protection programs for nuclear power plants.

(ii) Guidance. This situation would place the firm in a role where its judgment could be biased in relationship to its work for the NRC. Because the nature of the required work is vitally important in terms of the NRC's responsibilities and no reasonable alternative exists, a waiver of the policy, in accordance with §2009.570-9 may be warranted. Any waiver must be fully documented in accordance with the waiver provisions of this policy with particular attention to the establishment of protective mechanisms to guard against bias.

(4)(i) Example. The ABC Corp. submits a proposal for a new system to evaluate a specific reactor component's performance for the purpose of developing standards that are important to the NRC program. The ABC Corp. has advised the NRC that it intends to sell the new system to industry once its practicability has been demonstrated. Other companies in this business are using older systems for evaluation of the specific reactor component.

(ii) Guidance. A contract could be awarded to the ABC Corp. if the contract stipulates that no information produced under the contract will be used in the contractor's private activities unless this information has been reported to the NRC. Data on how the reactor component performs, which is reported to the NRC by contractors, will normally be disseminated by the NRC to others to preclude an unfair competitive advantage. When the NRC furnishes information about the reactor component to the contractor for the performance of contracted work, the information may not be used in the contractor's private activities unless the information is generally available to others. Further, the contract will stipulate that the contractor will inform the NRC contracting officer of all situations in which the information,

developed about the performance of the reactor component under the contract, is proposed to be used.

(5)(i) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to a RFP, proposes to assemble a map showing certain seismological features of the Appalachian fold belt. In accordance with the representation in the RFP and §2009.570-3(b)(1)(i), ABC Corp. informs the NRC that it is presently doing seismological studies for several utilities in the eastern United States, but none of the sites are within the geographic area contemplated by the NRC study.

(ii) Guidance. The contracting officer would normally conclude that award of a contract would not place ABC Corp. in a conflicting role where its judgment might be biased. Section 2052.209-72(c) Work for Others, would preclude ABC Corp. from accepting work which could create a conflict of interest during the term of the NRC contract.

(6)(i) Example. AD Division of ABC Corp., in response to a RFP, submits a proposal to assist the NRC in the safety and environmental review of applications for licenses for the construction, operation, and decommissioning of fuel cycle facilities. ABC Corp. is divided into two separate and distinct divisions, AD and BC. The BC Division performs the same or similar services for industry. The BC Division is currently providing the same or similar services required under the NRC's contract for an applicant or licensee.

(ii) Guidance. An NRC contract for that particular work would not be awarded to the ABC Corp. The AD Division could be placed in a position to pass judgment on work performed by the BC Division, which could bias its work for NRC. Further, the Conflict of Interest provisions apply to ABC Corp. and not to separate or distinct divisions within the company. If no reasonable alternative exists, a waiver of the policy could be sought in accordance with §2009.570-9.

(7)(i) Example. The ABC Corp. completes an analysis for NRC of steam generator tube leaks at one of a utility's six-sites. Three months later, ABC Corp. is asked by this utility to perform the same analysis at another of its sites.

(ii) Guidance. Section 2052.290-72(c)(3) would prohibit the contractor from beginning this work for the utility until one year after completion of the NRC work at the first site.

(8)(i) Example. ABC Corp. is assisting NRC in a major on-site analysis of a utility's redesign of the common areas between its twin reactors. The contract is for two years with an estimated value of \$5 million. Near the completion of the NRC work, ABC Corp. requests authority to solicit for a \$100K contract with the same utility to transport spent fuel to a disposal site. ABC Corp. is performing no other work for the utility.

(ii) Guidance. The Contracting Officer would allow the contractor to proceed with the solicitation because it is not in the same technical area as the NRC work; and the potential for technical bias by the contractor because of financial ties to the utility is slight due to the relative value of the two contracts.

(9)(i) Example. The ABC Corp. is constructing a turbine building and installing new turbines at a reactor site. The contract with the utility is for five years and has a total value of \$100 million. ABC Corp. has responded to an NRC Request For Proposal requiring the contractor to participate in a major team inspection unrelated to the turbine work at the same site. The estimated value of the contract is \$75K.

(ii) Guidance. An NRC contract would not normally be awarded to ABC Corp. because these factors create the potential for financial loyalty to the utility that may bias the technical judgment of the contractor.

(d) Other considerations.

(1) The fact that the NRC can identify and later avoid, eliminate, or neutralize any potential organizational conflicts arising from the performance of a contract is not relevant to a determination of the existence of conflicts prior to the award of a contract.

(2) It is not relevant that the contractor has the professional reputation of being able to resist temptations which arise from organizational conflicts of interest, or that a follow-on procurement is not involved, or that a contract is awarded on a competitive or a sole source basis.

#### **§2009.570-4 Representation.**

(a) The following procedures are designed to assist the NRC contracting officer in determining whether situations or relationships exist which may constitute organizational conflicts of interest with respect to a particular offeror or contractor. The procedures apply to small purchases meeting the criteria stated in the following paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The organizational conflicts of interest representation provision at §2052.209-71 must be included in solicitations and contracts resulting from unsolicited proposals. The contracting officer must also include this provision for task orders and contract modifications for new work for:

(1) Evaluation services or activities;

(2) Technical consulting and management support services;

(3) Research; and

(4) Other contractual situations where special organizational conflicts of interest provisions are noted in the solicitation and would be included in the resulting contract. This representation requirement also applies to all modifications for additional effort under the contract except those issued under the "Changes" clause. Where, however, a statement of the type required by the organizational conflicts of interest representation provisions has previously been submitted with regard to the contract being modified, only an updating of the statement is required.

(c) The offeror may, because of actual or potential organizational conflicts of interest, propose to exclude specific kinds of work contained in a RFP unless the RFP specifically prohibits the exclusion. Any such proposed exclusion by an offeror will be considered by the NRC in the evaluation of proposals. If the NRC considers the proposed excluded work to be an essential or integral part of the required work and its exclusion would be to the detriment of the competitive posture of the other offerors, the NRC shall reject the proposal as unacceptable.

(d) The offeror's failure to execute the representation required by paragraph (b) of this section with respect to an invitation for bids is considered to be a minor informality. The offeror will be permitted to correct the omission.

#### **§2009.570-5 Contract clauses.**

(a) General contract clause. All contracts and simplified acquisitions of the types set forth in §2009.570-4(b) must include the clause entitled, "Contractor Organizational Conflicts of Interest," set forth in §2052.209-72.

(b) Other special contract clauses. If it is determined from the nature of the proposed contract that an organizational conflict of interest exists, the contracting officer may determine that the conflict can be avoided, or, after obtaining a waiver in accordance with §2009.570-9,

neutralized through the use of an appropriate special contract clause. If appropriate, the offeror may negotiate the terms and conditions of these clauses, including the extent and time period of any restriction. These clauses include but are not limited to:

- (1) Hardware exclusion clauses which prohibit the acceptance of production contracts following a related non-production contract previously performed by the contractor;
- (2) Software exclusion clauses;
- (3) Clauses which require the contractor (and certain of its key personnel) to avoid certain organizational conflicts of interest; and
- (4) Clauses which provide for protection of confidential data and guard against its unauthorized use.

**§2009.570-6 Evaluation, findings, and contract award.**

The contracting officer shall evaluate all relevant facts submitted by an offeror and other relevant information. After evaluating this information against the criteria of §2009.570-3, the contracting officer shall make a finding of whether organizational conflicts of interest exist with respect to a particular offeror. If it has been determined that real or potential conflicts of interest exist, the contracting officer shall:

- (a) Disqualify the offeror from award;
- (b) Avoid or eliminate such conflicts by appropriate measures; or
- (c) Award the contract under the waiver provision of §2009.570-9.

**§2009.570-7 Conflicts identified after award.**

If potential organizational conflicts of interest are identified after award with respect to a particular contractor and the contracting officer determines that conflicts do exist and that it would not be in the best interest of the Government to terminate the contract, as provided in the clauses required by §2009.570-5, the contracting officer shall take every reasonable action to avoid, eliminate, or, after obtaining a waiver in accordance with §2009.570-9, neutralize the effects of the identified conflict.

**§2009.570-8 Subcontracts.**

The contracting officer shall require offerors and contractors to submit a representation statement from all subcontractors (other than a supply subcontractor) and consultants performing services in excess of \$10,000 in accordance with §2009.570-4(b). The contracting officer shall require the contractor to include contract clauses in accordance with §2009.570-5 in consultant agreements or subcontracts involving performance of work under a prime contract.

**§2009.570-9 Waiver.**

- (a) The contracting officer determines the need to seek a waiver for specific contract awards with the advice and concurrence of the program office director and legal counsel. Upon the recommendation of the Senior Procurement Executive, and after consultation with legal counsel, the Executive Director for Operations may waive the policy in specific cases if he determines that it is in the best interest of the United States to do so.

(b) Waiver action is strictly limited to those situations in which:

(1) The work to be performed under contract is vital to the NRC program;

(2) The work cannot be satisfactorily performed except by a contractor whose interests give rise to a question of conflict of interest.

(3) Contractual and/or technical review and surveillance methods can be employed by the NRC to neutralize the conflict.

(c) The justification and approval documents for any waivers must be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

**§2009.570-10 Remedies.**

In addition to other remedies permitted by law or contract for a breach of the restrictions in this subpart or for any intentional misrepresentation or intentional nondisclosure of any relevant interest required to be provided for this section, the NRC may debar the contractor from subsequent NRC contracts.