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B.1 PRICE/COST SCHEDULE

CLIN	DESCRIPTION	EST. REIMBURSABLE COST	EST. FIXED FEE	EST. TOTAL COST PLUS FIXED FEE
001	Duration of Contract Period	\$2,661,155.22	\$159,669.31	\$2,820,824.53
		TOTAL		\$2,820,824.53

B.2 PROJECT TITLE

The title of this project is as follows:

" CODE APPLICATIONS FOR REACTOR SYSTEMS (CARS)"

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

(a) Brief description of work:

"The contractor shall perform code improvements/upgrading, perform code assessment, demonstrate code applicability for new designs, perform technical studies, and provide support related to maintained codes."

(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 \$2,820,824.53. 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 \$100,000.00.

(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

TITLE: Code Applications for Reactor Systems (CARS)

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) uses computer codes and analytical methods to perform systems analyses of currently operating reactors, new reactors, and advanced reactor designs. The Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) uses these tools and methods to support the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and the Office of New Reactors (NRO) in identifying and resolving safety issues, making regulatory decisions, and promulgating regulations and guidance.

NRC's tools and methods cover a range of technical fields including thermal-hydraulics, computational fluid dynamics (CFD), neutronics, severe accidents, and fuel behavior. The principal codes used for reactor system analyses in these technical areas are the TRAC/RELAP Advanced Computational Engine (TRACE) code, Reactor Excursion and Leak Analysis Program (RELAP5), Symbolic Nuclear Analysis Package (SNAP), Purdue Advanced Reactor Core Simulator (PARCS), Severe Core Damage Analysis Program (SCDAP), Radionuclide Transport and Removal and Dose Estimation (RADTRAD), Computer Code for Nuclear Reactor Containment Analysis (CONTAIN), FLUENT, FRAPCON, FRAPTRAN, and MELCOR.

These codes currently are used to support the licensing review of new and advanced reactor designs including the Economic Simplified Boiling-Water Reactor (ESBWR), U.S. EPR (EPR), Advanced Passive Reactor (AP1000), U.S. Advanced Pressurized Power Reactor (US-APWR), and the Advanced Boiling-Water Reactor (ABWR). These codes also are used to perform reviews of extended power uprate applications for operating reactors, resolve generic safety issues, evaluate emergency procedures and accident management strategies, and evaluate success criteria for probabilistic risk assessments.

An integral part of applying advanced computational methods is ensuring that the codes are applicable to each novel simulation. This is particularly important when codes are exercised for new operating conditions, geometries, and/or plant features. Therefore, code applications to plant transients are often accompanied by extensive code assessments against separate effect and integral test data. Moreover, as codes evolve because of new requirements and advancements in the state-of-the-art, simulations and assessments are maintained to ensure that analytical tools and models remain current.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this contract is to obtain contractor technical assistance in:

- Performing confirmatory and exploratory code simulations.
- Conducting scoping analyses, sensitivity and uncertainty studies. Assessing the codes against experimental data, including evaluating scaling considerations to determine the applicability of the codes to simulate the relevant phenomena.

- o Recommending modifications to existing codes and methods.
- Organizing technical meetings and workshops.

The contractor shall provide competent, qualified, and fully-trained labor; supervision and project management support; materials including manuals and schematics; equipment; and transportation necessary to accomplish the tasks of the statement of work.

SCOPE OF WORK

This contract covers all currently operating reactor types as well as new and advanced reactor designs. Technical assistance is sought for simulations and analyses that include normal operations, anticipated operational occurrences, design basis accidents, and beyond-design basis accidents. Technical expertise is required in the following fields—thermal-hydraulics, CFD, neutronics, severe accidents, and fuel behavior. This contract includes, but is not limited to the following computer codes—TRACE, RELAP5, SNAP, PARCS, SCDAP, RADTRAD, CONTAIN, FLUENT, FRAPCON, FRAPTRAN, and MELCOR, hereafter referred to as the "codes."

All functions of this contract will be accomplished through the issuance of task orders. Each task order will provide specific levels of effort, deliverables, and a schedule.

NRC may issue task orders for work in some or all of the following areas:

- Confirmatory loss-of-coolant-accident (LOCA) simulations or transient analyses for extended power uprates in currently operating Westinghouse, Combustion Engineering, and Babcock and Wilcox pressurized-water reactors (PWRs) and General Electric boiling-water reactors (BWRs).
- 2. Confirmatory code simulations for the review of new and advanced reactor designs, such as ESBWR, EPR, AP1000, US-APWR, and the ABWR.
- 3. Exploratory code simulations to support rulemaking such as those done in support of revisions to 10 CFR 50.61 (pressurized thermal shock) or 10 CFR 50.46 (large-break LOCA).
- Scoping analyses and preliminary calculations toward the identification and resolution of generic safety issues such as GSI-185: Control of Recriticality Following Small-Break LOCAs in PWRs and GSI-191: Assessment of Debris Accumulation on PWR Sump Performance.
- 5. Sensitivity and uncertainty studies to examine the response of plants and plant systems to variabilities in boundary conditions and key parameters such as time of operator action, fuel burnup, and the gap conductance model.
- Evaluation of experimental data including scaling adequacy and the applicability of the data to specific reactor designs and transients, such as the use of data from the Rig-of-Safety Assessment facility to assess TRACE for the AP1000.
- 7. Scoping studies to assess specific code model improvements to enhance applicability for specific models such as using the CONTAIN component of the TRACE code in simulating BWRs.
- Code assessments against data collected in separate effect and integral effect test facilities such as experimental data to establish code accuracy, limitations, and range of applicability such as those conducted for the developmental assessment of TRACE 5.0.
- 9. Demonstration of code applicability to scenarios involving novel geometries or operating characteristics such as the passive systems of the ESBWR or the reflux-condensation operation of EPR steam generators.

- 10. Development of phenomena identification and ranking tables for simulations of reactor systems and transients that extend beyond the validated range of conditions.
- 11. Targeted technical studies for new systems such as the CFD studies on flow rate and cavitation in the advanced accumulators of the US-APWR or the boron injection system of the ESBWR.
- 12. Multidisciplinary investigations such as those involving integration of thermal-hydraulic, severe accident, fuel response, and CFD analyses, such as those used to support resolution of the steam generator thermally-induced rupture containment bypass scenario.
- 13. Organization of technical meetings and workshops to bring together experts for multidisciplinary research or the conduct of peer reviews such as the evaluation of global safety margins and the review of TRACE 5.0.

RESEARCH QUALITY

The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) assesses the quality of NRC research programs each year. Within the context of its reviews of RES programs, the definition of quality research is based upon several major characteristics:

- Results meet the objectives (75 percent of overall score).
 - o Justification of major assumptions (12 percent).
 - o Soundness of technical approach and results (52 percent).
 - o Uncertainties and sensitivities addressed (11 percent).
- Documentation of research results and methods is adequate (25 percent of overall score).
 - o Clarity of presentation (16 percent).
 - o Identification of major assumptions (9 percent).

The contractor is responsible for ensuring that these quality criteria are adequately addressed throughout the course of the research that is performed. The NRC project manager and technical monitor will review all research products with these criteria in mind.

TECHNICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

This project requires analysts who have experience and knowledge of the applicable versions of the codes including fuel behavior, thermal-hydraulic and reactor physics principles, CFD, severe accident tools and methods, numerical methods, neutronics, and modeling for both transient and accident analyses of operating new and advanced reactors including PWRs and BWRs. In addition, the project requires computer capabilities to perform code development and validation. Finally, experience and knowledge of computer hardware and the compiler technologies used for compiling and running the codes also are required.

The contractor is responsible for assigning technical staff, employees, subcontractors, or specialists who have the required educational background, experience, or combination thereof to meet the technical objectives of the work specified in this statement of work. NRC will rely on the contractor to verify the qualifications of the personnel assigned to this contract including assurance that all information contained in the technical and cost proposals (including resumes) is accurate and truthful.

The use of key personnel and any proposed change to key personnel on this contract is subject to the NRC project manager's approval. This includes proposed use of principal persons (i.e., key contributors) during the life of the contract.

For any work to be subcontracted or performed by consultants, the contractor shall obtain the NRC project manager's written approval of the subcontractor or consultant prior to initiation of the subcontract effort. Conflict-of-interest considerations shall apply to any subcontracted effort.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS LOCATION

Resource Name: <u>RESDSAMLSR.Resource@nrc.gov</u>

PUBLICATIONS NOTE

RES encourages the publication of the scientific results from RES-sponsored programs in refereed scientific and engineering journals as appropriate. If the contractor proposes to publish in the open literature or to present the information at meetings in addition to submitting the required technical reports, prior approval of the proposed article or presentation shall be obtained from the NRC project manager. The NRC project manager shall approve the material as submitted, approve it subject to NRC-suggested revisions, or disapprove it. In any event, the NRC project manager may disapprove or delay presentation or publication of papers on information that is subject to Commission approval that has not been ruled upon or which has been disapproved. Additional information regarding the publications," and 3.9, "NRC Staff and Contractor Speeches, Papers, and Journal Articles on Regulatory and Technical Subjects."

If the presentation or paper is in addition to the required technical reports and the RES project manager determines that it will benefit the RES project, the project manager may authorize payment of travel and publishing costs, if any, from the project funds. If the project manager determines that the article or presentation would not benefit the RES project, the costs associated with the preparation, presentation, or publication shall be borne by the contractor. For any publication or presentations falling into this category, NRC reserves the right to require that such presentation or publication shall not identify NRC's sponsorship of the work.

NEW STANDARDS FOR CONTRACTORS WHO PREPARE NUREG-SERIES MANUSCRIPTS

NRC began to capture most of its official records electronically on January 1, 2000. NRC will capture each final NUREG-series publication in its native application; therefore, the Contractor shall submit final manuscripts that have been approved by the NRC project manager in both electronic and camera-ready copy.

All format guidance, as specified in NUREG-0650, Revision 2, will remain the same with one exception. The Contractor shall no longer be required to include the NUREG-series designator on the bottom of each page of the manuscript. NRC will assign this designator when we send the camera-ready copy to the printer and will place the designator on the cover, title page, and spine. The designator for each report will no longer be assigned when the decision to prepare a publication is made. NRC's Publishing Services Branch will inform the NRC project manager for the publication of the assigned designator when the final manuscript is sent to the printer.

For the electronic manuscript, the Contractor shall prepare the text in Microsoft Word, and use any of the following file types for charts, spreadsheets, and the like.

File Types to be Used for NUREG-Series Publications			
File Type	File Extension		
Microsoft®Word®	.doc		
Microsoft®PowerPoint®	.ppt		
Microsoft®Excel	.xls		
Microsoft®Access	.mdb		
Portable Document Format	.pdf		

Section C

This list is subject to change if new software packages come into common use at NRC or by our licensees or other stakeholders that participate in the electronic submission process. If a portion of your manuscript is from another source and you cannot obtain an acceptable electronic file type for this portion (e.g., an appendix from an old publication), NRC can, if necessary, create a tagged image file format (file extension .tif) for that portion of your report. Note that you should continue to submit original photographs that will be scanned because digitized photographs do not print well.

If you choose to publish a compact disk (CD) of your publication, place on the CD copies of the manuscript in both (1) a portable document format (PDF), (2) a Microsoft Word file format, and (3) an Adobe Acrobat Reader, or, alternatively, print instructions for obtaining a free copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader on the back cover insert of the jewel box.

DELIVERABLES/SCHEDULES AND/OR MILESTONES

Deliverables, schedules, and/or milestones will be developed in each task order. The deliverables specified in each task order may differ from other task orders in this contract but may include such items as follows:

- 1. Calculation notebooks used for developing input decks for nuclear reactor systems calculations.
- 2. Letter reports describing the work performed submitted in accordance with each task order specification and schedule.
- 3. Transmittal packages including the following items—input, restart and output files, plot files, AVSCRIPT files, documentation, and calculation notebooks in CD format.
- 4. Technical Progress Reports shall meet the requirements of Clause 2052.211-71 Technical Progress Reports (JAN 1993) of the contract.
- 5. Financial Status Reports shall meet the requirements of Clause 2052.211-72 Financial Status Report (OCT 1999) of the contract.

Three CDs of all specified deliverables shall be sent to the NRC project manager. An electronic copy of Items (4) and (5) above shall be emailed to the Contracting Officer.

MEETINGS AND TRAVEL

Meetings and travel requirements will be determined and specified in individual task orders.

NRC-FURNISHED MATERIAL

NRC will provide proprietary plant data, input decks and reports, if necessary and available, to the Contractor. All such data, input decks, and reports shall be clearly marked as "Proprietary" and securely stored in a place where they are not available to the general public.

APPROPRIATE USE OF GOVERNMENT FURNISHED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND/OR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES/ACCESS (APRIL 2003)

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

Section C

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

IT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

For unclassified information used for the effort, the contractor shall provide an information security categorization document indicating the sensitivity of the information processed as part of this contract if the information security categorization was not provided in the statement of work. The determination shall be made using NIST SP 800-60 and must be approved by CSO.

All work under this contract shall comply with the latest version of all applicable guidance and standards. Individual task orders will reference applicable versions of standards or exceptions as necessary. These standards include, but are not limited to, NRC Management Directive 12.5 Automated Information Security Program, and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) guidance and Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS), and Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) policy, directives, instructions, and guidance. This information is available at the following links:

NRC Policies, Procedures and Standards (CSO internal website): <u>http://www.internal.nrc.gov/CSO/policies.html</u>

All NRC Management Directives (public website): <u>http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/management-directives/</u>

NIST SP and FIPS documentation is located at: <u>http://csrc.nist.gov/</u>

CNSS documents are located at: <u>http://www.cnss.gov/</u>

Contractor shall adhere to NRC policies, including but not limited to:

- Computer Security Policy for Encryption of Data at Rest When Outside of Agency Facilities
- Policy for Copying, Scanning, Printing, and Faxing SGI & Classified Information
- Computer Security Information Protection Policy
- Remote Access Policy
- Use of Commercial Wireless Devices, Services, and Technologies Policy
- Laptop Security Policy
- Computer Security Incident Response Policy

When e-mail is used, the Contractors shall only use NRC provided e-mail accounts to send and receive sensitive information (information that is not releasable to the public) or mechanisms to protect the information during transmission to NRC that have been approved by CSO.

All Contractor employees must sign the NRC Agency Rules of Behavior for Secure Computer Use prior to being granted access to NRC computing resources.

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Contractor shall adhere to NRC's prohibition of use of personal devices to process and store NRC sensitive information.

All work performed at non-NRC facilities shall be in facilities, networks, and computers that have been accredited by NRC for processing information at the sensitivity level of the information being processed.

The contractor shall ensure that the NRC data processed during the performance of this contract shall be purged from all data storage components of the contractor's computer facility, and the contractor shall retain no NRC data within 30 calendar days after contract is completed. Until all data is purged, the contractor shall ensure that any NRC data remaining in any storage component shall be protected to prevent unauthorized disclosure.

When contractor employees no longer require access to an NRC system, the contractor shall notify the project officer within 24 hours.

Upon contract completion, the contractor shall provide a status list of all NRC system users and shall note if any users still require access to the system to perform work if a follow-on contract or task order has been approved by NRC.

The contractor shall not publish or disclose in any manner, without the Contracting Officer's written consent, the details of any security controls or countermeasures either designed or developed by the contractor under this contract or otherwise provided by the NRC.

Any IT system used to process NRC sensitive information shall:

- Include a mechanism to require users to uniquely identify themselves to the system before beginning to perform any other actions that the system is expected to provide
- Be able to authenticate data that includes information for verifying the claimed identity of individual users (e.g., passwords)
- Protect authentication data so that it cannot be accessed by any unauthorized user
- Be able to enforce individual accountability by providing the capability to uniquely identify each individual computer system user
- Report to appropriate security personnel when attempts are made to guess the authentication data whether inadvertently or deliberately

Any Contractor system being used to process NRC data shall be able to define and enforce access privileges for individual users. The discretionary access control mechanisms shall be configurable to protect objects (e.g., files, folders) from unauthorized access.

The Contractor system being used to process NRC data shall provide only essential capabilities and specifically prohibit and/or restrict the use of specified functions, ports, protocols, and/or services.

The Contractors shall only use NRC approved methods to send and receive information considered sensitive or classified. Specifically,

- Classified Information All NRC Classified data being transmitted over a network shall use NSA approved encryption and adhere to guidance in MD 12.2 NRC Classified Information Security Program, MD 12.5 NRC Automated Information Security Program, and Committee on National Security Systems. Classified processing shall be only within facilities, computers, and spaces that have been specifically approved for classified processing.
- SGI Information All SGI being transmitted over a network shall adhere to guidance in MD 12.7 NRC Safeguards Information Security Program and MD 12.5 NRC Automated Information Security Program. SGI processing shall be only within facilities, computers, and spaces that have been specifically approved for SGI processing. Cryptographic modules provided as part of the system shall be validated under the Cryptographic Module Validation Program to conform to NIST FIPS 140-2 overall level 2 and must be operated in FIPS mode.

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The contractor shall provide the FIPS 140-2 cryptographic module certificate number and a brief description of the encryption module that includes the encryption algorithm(s) used, the key length, and the vendor of the product.

If the effort includes use or processing of classified information, the NRC Contracting Officer and Project Officer shall be notified prior to processing information at a more restrictive classification level.

All system modifications to classified systems shall comply with NRC security policies and procedures for classified systems, as well as federal laws, guidance, and standards to ensure Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) compliance.

The most restrictive set of rights/privileges or accesses needed by users (or processes acting on behalf of users) for the performance of specified tasks shall be enforced by the system through assigned access authorizations.

The mechanisms within the Contractor system or application that enforces access control and other security features shall be continuously protected against tampering and/or unauthorized changes.

Separation of duties for Contractor systems used to process NRC information shall be enforced by the system through assigned access authorizations.

All systems used to process NRC sensitive information shall meet NRC configuration standards available at: <u>http://www.internal.nrc.gov/CSO/standards.html</u>.

All media used by the Contractor to store or process NRC information shall be controlled in accordance to the sensitivity level.

The Contractor shall not perform sanitization or destruction of media approved for processing NRC information designated as SGI or Classified. The Contractor shall provide the media to NRC for destruction.

The Contractor shall correct errors in Contractor developed software and applicable documentation that are not commercial off-the-shelf which are discovered by the NRC or the Contractor. Inability of the parties to determine the cause of software errors shall be resolved in accordance with the Disputes clause in Section I, FAR 52.233-1, incorporated by reference in the contract.

The Contractor shall provide the system requirements traceability matrix at the end of the initiation phase, development/acquisition phase, implementation/assessment phase, operation & maintenance phase, and disposal phase that provides the security requirements in a separate section so that they can be traced through the development life cycle. The Contractor shall also provide the software and hardware designs and test plan documentation, and source code to the NRC for review, upon request.

All development and testing of the systems shall be protected at their assigned system sensitivity level and shall be performed on a network separate and isolated from the NRC operational network.

All system computers shall be properly configured and hardened according to NRC policies, guidance, and standards and shall comply with all NRC security policies and procedures as commensurate with the system security categorization.

All Contractor provided deliverables identified in the project plan shall be subject to the review and approval of NRC Management. The Contractor shall make the necessary modifications to project deliverables to resolve any identified issues. Project deliverables include but are not limited to: requirements, architectures, design documents, test plans, and test reports.

The Contractor shall not hardcode any passwords into the software unless the password only appears on the server side (e.g. using server-side technology such as ASP, PHP, or JSP).

The Contractor shall ensure that the software does not contain undocumented functions and undocumented methods for gaining access to the software or to the computer system on which it is installed. This includes, but is not limited to, master access keys, back doors, or trapdoors.

Cryptographic modules provided as part of the system shall be validated under the Cryptographic Module Validation Program to conform to NIST FIPS 140-2 and shall be operated in FIPS mode. The Contractor shall provide the FIPS 140-2 cryptographic module certificate number and a brief description of the encryption module that includes the encryption algorithm(s) used, the key length, and the vendor of the product.

The Contractor shall ensure that the system will be divided into configuration items (CIs). CIs are parts of a system that can be individually managed and versioned. The system shall be managed at the CI level.

The Contractor shall have a configuration management plan that includes all hardware and software that is part of the system and contains at minimum the following sections:

- a. Introduction
 - i. Purpose & Scope
 - ii. Definitions
 - iii. References
- b. Configuration Management
 - i. Organization
 - ii. Responsibilities
 - iii. Tools and Infrastructure
- c. Configuration Management Activities
 - i. Specification Identification
 - ii. Change control form identification
 - iii. Project baselines
- d. Configuration and Change Control
 - i. Change Request Processing and Approval
 - ii. Change Control Board
- e. Milestones
- i. Define baselines, reviews, audits
- f. Training and Resources

The Information System Security Officer's (ISSO's) role in the change management process must be described. The ISSO is responsible for the security posture of the system. Any changes to the system security posture shall have the prior approval of the ISSO. The Contractor shall not have the ability to make changes to the system's security posture without the appropriate involvement and approval of the ISSO.

The Contractor shall track and record information specific to proposed and approved changes that minimally includes:

- a. Identification of the configuration change
- b. Testing of the configuration change
- c. Scheduled implementation of the configuration change
- d. Tracking system impact of the configuration change
- e. Tracking the implementation of the configuration change
- f. Recording & reporting of the configuration change to the appropriate party
- g. Back out/Fall back plan
- h. Weekly Change Reports and meeting minutes
- i. Emergency change procedures
- j. List of team members from key functional areas

The Contractor shall provide a list of software and hardware changes in advance of placing them into operation within the following timeframes:

• 30 calendar days for a classified, SGI, or high sensitivity system

- 20 calendar days for a moderate sensitivity system
- 10 calendar days for a low sensitivity system

The contractor shall maintain all system documentation that is current to within:

- 10 calendar days for a classified, SGI, or high sensitivity system
- 20 calendar days for a moderate sensitivity system
- 30 calendar days for a low sensitivity system

Modified code, tests performed and test results, issue resolution documentation, and updated system documentation shall be deliverables under the contract.

Any proposed changes to the system shall have written approval from the NRC Project Officer.

The Contractor shall maintain a list of hardware, firmware, and software changes that is current to within:

- 15 calendar days for a classified, SGI or high sensitivity system
- 20 calendar days for a moderate sensitivity system
- 30 calendar days for a low sensitivity system

The Contractor shall analyze proposed hardware and software configurations and modification as well as addressed security vulnerabilities in advance of NRC accepted operational deployment dates within:

- 15 calendar days for a classified, SGI, or high sensitivity system
- 20 calendar days for a moderate sensitivity system
- 30 calendar days for a low sensitivity system

The Contractor shall provide the above analysis with the proposed hardware and software for NRC testing in advance of NRC accepted operational deployment dates within:

- 15 calendar days for a classified, SGI, or high sensitivity system
- 20 calendar days for a moderate sensitivity system
- 30 calendar days for a low sensitivity system

The Contractor shall demonstrate that all hardware and software meet security requirements prior to being placed into the NRC production environment.

The Contractor shall ensure that the development environment is separated from the operational environment using NRC CSO approved controls.

The Contractor shall ensure that its employees, in performance of the contract, receive Information Technology (IT) security training in their role at the contractor's expense. The Contractor shall provide the NRC written certification that training has been completed, along with the title of the course and dates of training as a prerequisite to start of work on the contract. Contractors shall ensure that their employees, consultants, and subcontractors that have significant IT responsibilities (e.g. IT administrators, developers, project leads) receive in-depth IT security training in their area of responsibility. This training shall be at the Contractor's expense.

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The system shall be able to create, maintain, and protect from modification or unauthorized access or destruction an audit trail of accesses to the objects it protects. The audit data shall be protected so that read access to it is limited to those who are authorized.

The system shall be able to record the following types of events: use of identification and authentication mechanisms, introduction of objects into a user's address space (e.g., file open, program initiation), deletion of objects, and actions taken by computer operators and system administrators or system security officers and other security relevant events. The system shall be able to audit any override of security controls.

The Contractor shall ensure auditing is implemented on the following:

- Operating System
- Application
- Web Server
- Web Services
- Network Devices
- Database
- Wireless

The Contractor shall perform audit log reviews daily using automated analysis tools.

The Contractor shall log at least the following events on systems that process NRC information:

- a. Audit all failures
- b. Successful logon attempt
- c. Failure of logon attempt
- d. Permission changes
- e. Unsuccessful file access
- f. Creating users & objects
- g. Deletion & modification of system files
- h. Registry key/kernel changes
- i. Startup & shutdown
- j. Authentication
- k. Authorization/permission granting
- I. Actions by trusted users
- m. Process invocation
- n. Controlled access to data by individually authenticated user
- o. Unsuccessful data access attempt
- p. Data deletion
- q. Data transfer
- r. Application configuration change
- s. Application of confidentiality or integrity labels to data
- t. Override or modification of data labels or markings
- u. Output to removable media
- v. Output to a printer

The Contractor shall ensure that backup media is created, encrypted (in accordance with information sensitivity) and verified to ensure that data can be retrieved and is restorable to NRC systems based on information sensitivity levels. Backups shall be executed to create readable media which allows successful file/data restoration at the following frequencies:

- At least every <u>1</u> calendar day for a high sensitivity system
- At least every 1 calendar day for a moderate sensitivity system
- At lease every 7 calendar days for a low sensitivity system

The Contractor shall employ perimeter protection mechanisms, such as firewalls and routers, to deny all communications unless explicitly allowed by exception.

The Contractor shall deploy and monitor intrusion detection capability and have an always deployed and actively engaged security monitoring capability in place for systems placed in operation for the NRC. Intrusion detection and monitoring reports shall be made available to the NRC upon request for the following security categorizations and reporting timeframes:

- 5 calendar days after being requested for a high sensitivity system
- 10 calendar days after being requested for a moderate sensitivity system
- 15 calendar days after being requested for a low sensitivity system

The Contractor shall only use licensed software and in-house developed authorized software (including NRC and Contractor developed) on the system and for processing NRC information. Public domain, shareware, or freeware shall only be installed after prior written approval is obtained from the NRC Chief Information Security Officer (CISO).

The Contractor shall provide proof of valid software licensing upon request of the Contracting Officer, the NRC Project Officer, a Senior Information Technology Security Officer (SITSO), or the Designated Approving Authorities (DAAs).

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Section 515 of the *Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001* (Public Law 106-554) directs the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue government-wide guidelines (FR Vol. 67, No. 36, pp. 8452-8460) that "provide policy and procedural guidance to federal agencies for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information (including statistical information) disseminated by federal agencies." NRC Information Quality Guidelines are provided in FR Vol. 67, No. 190, pp.61695-61699.

The Contractor shall cite contractor quality assurance procedures to be used in the conduct of this work that provide for compliance with OMB and NRC guidelines in the proposal.

SUBCONTRACT/CONSULTANT INFORMATION

Describe any technical support effort that is proposed to be performed by a subcontractor or consultant. Identify the level of effort, by task, of any proposed subcontractor or consultant and provide an explanation of the need for subcontracting that portion of the effort. For any subcontract or consultant effort, describe the following:

- Necessity of subcontracting.
- Tasks and subtasks the subcontractor or consultant will perform.
- Level of effort proposed for the subcontract effort.
- The status and expected time frame for selection.
- The method of selection of the subcontractor or consultant.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS

The Government will provide performance requirements and standards that will be incorporated into task orders issued under this contract, if applicable.

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
	FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFF	Chapter 1)
52.246-5	INSPECTION OF	APR 1984
	SERVICESCOST-REIMBURSEMENT	

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

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	N (48 CFR Chapter 1)
52.242-15	STOP-WORK ORDER	AUG 1989
	ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)	

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 (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 these types of property 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 must identify the title

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of the project, the contract number, the appropriate financial tracking code (e.g., Job Code Number or JCN) 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:

(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) Contractor Spending Plan (CSP) status: A revised CSP is required with the Financial Status Report whenever the contractor or the contracting officer has reason to believe that the total cost for performance of this contract will be either greater or substantially less than what had been previously estimated.

(1) Projected percentage of completion cumulative through the report period for the project/task order as reflected in the current CSP.

(2) Indicate significant changes in the original CSP projection in either dollars or percentage of completion. Identify the change, the reasons for the change, whether there is any projected overrun, and when additional funds would be required. If there have been no changes to the original NRC-approved CSP projections, a written statement to that effect is sufficient in lieu of submitting a detailed response to item "h".

(i) 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 must 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)(2) 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 2052.215-71 PROJECT OFFICER AUTHORITY (NOVEMBER 2006)

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

Name: Annie Ramirez

Address: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission MS: CSB/C3A07M 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville MD, 20852

Telephone Number: 301-251-7537

(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.

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(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.

(7) For contracts for the design, development, maintenance or operation of Privacy Act Systems of Records, obtain from the contractor as part of closeout procedures, written certification that the contractor has returned to NRC, transferred to the successor contractor, or destroyed at the end of the contract in accordance with instructions provided by the NRC Systems Manager for Privacy Act Systems of Records, all records (electronic or paper) which were created, compiled, obtained or maintained under the contract.

G.2 2052.215-77 TRAVEL APPROVALS AND REIMBURSEMENT (OCT 1999)

(a) 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 before beginning travel.

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(b) The contractor must receive written approval from the NRC Project Officer before taking travel that was unanticipated in the Schedule (i.e., travel not contemplated in the Statement of Work, or changes to specific travel identified in the Statement of Work).

(c) The contractor will be reimbursed only for those travel costs incurred that are directly related to this contract and 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 Limitations of Cost clause of this contract when, at any time, the contractor learns that travel expenses will cause the contractor to exceed the estimated costs specified in the Schedule.

(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
Overhead		Direct Labor	Award through Contract Expiration
G&A		Total Cost Input	Award through 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 Listed

(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 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to assign technical staff, employees, subcontractors, or consultants who have the required educational background, experience, or combination thereof to meet both the technical and regulatory objectives of the work specified in this procurement. The NRC will rely on representations made by the offeror concerning the qualifications of any personnel to be assigned to any task order including assurance that all information contained in the technical and cost proposals, including resumes, is accurate and truthful.

H.2 PROPRIETARY DATA AND SENSITIVE UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Prior to the provision of any proprietary information, the Contractor's employees and employees of any subcontractor who will have access to such information shall execute and be bound by a formal, written non-disclosure agreement.

H.3 COPYRIGHT OF CODES - SPECIAL NUCLEAR PURPOSE LICENSE

(A) The NRC may, pursuant to Section (c) of FAR Clause 52-227-14, direct the contractor to claim a copyright in computer software and associated data first produced in the performance of this contract. In addition to the general government license rights identified in Section (c) of FAR Clause 52-227-14, such copyright shall be subject to the following Special Nuclear Purpose License rights:

In addition to the license rights granted the government under paragraph (c) of Section I of the contract, 52.227-14 RIGHTS IN DATA-GENERAL (JUN 1987), the contractor grants the NRC and others acting on its behalf an exclusive, paid up, worldwide, irrevocable license to distribute the code for nuclear health and safety purposes, which may include analyses of operational, decommissioned, or designs of nuclear reactor systems and other such facilities involving nuclear technology performed by parties which may include but are not limited to licensees, vendors, contractors, educational institutions, public interest groups, participants in NRC international agreement programs and other government agencies. Further, consistent with NRCAR 2052.209-73 CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, the contractor agrees that it will not sell or distribute the code to or for the use of such parties or participants and that it will not provide technical services relating to the code to such parties or participants, unless authorized by NRC. In addition, NRC retains the right to improvements made to the code resulting from the contractor's commercial activity that the NRC contracting officer determines are of use for nuclear health and safety purposes. Further, the contractor agrees to include in any licensing agreement that it may enter into with a third party such limitations as are necessary to preserve the rights of the government, and limit the sale and distribution of the software as described above and as limited by the U.S. Departments of Commerce and State concerning foreign sales.

(B) The NRC reserves the right to direct the contractor to transfer the copyright in codes and associated data developed under this contract to successor contractors subject to the above general government and special license rights. Should NRC determine that it is in the government's interest to have NRC staff perform the software development and maintenance work required under this contract, the contractor agrees to maintain the copyright subject to the above general government and special license rights.

H.4 2052.204-71 BADGE REQUIREMENTS FOR UNESCORTED BUILDING ACCESS TO NRC FACILITIES (MAR 2006)

During the life of this contract, the rights of ingress and egress for contractor personnel must be made available, as required, provided that the individual has been approved for unescorted access after a favorable adjudication from the Security Branch, Division of Facilities and Security (SB/DFS).

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In this regard, all contractor personnel whose duties under this contract require their presence on site shall be clearly identifiable by a distinctive badge furnished by the NRC. The Project Officer shall assist the contractor in obtaining badges for the contractor personnel. All contractor personnel must present two forms of Identity Source Documents (I-9). One of the documents must be a valid picture ID issued by a state or by the Federal Government. Original I-9 documents must be presented in person for certification. A list of acceptable documents can be found at http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/recruit_employ/i9form.pdf. It is the sole responsibility of the contractor to ensure that each employee has a proper NRC-issued identification/badge at all times. All photo-identification badges must be immediately (no later than three days) delivered to SB/DFS for cancellation or disposition upon the termination of employment of any contractor personnel. Contractor personnel must display any NRC issued badge in clear view at all times during on site performance under this contract. It is the contractor's duty to assure that contractor personnel enter only those work areas necessary for performance of contract work, and to assure the protection of any Government records or data that contractor personnel may come into contact with.

H.5 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 2009.570-2 in the activities covered by this clause.

(c) Work for others.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, during the term of this contract, the contractor agrees to 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.

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(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.

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(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.6 2052.215-70 KEY PERSONNEL (JAN 1993)

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

Dr. M. Khatib-Rahbar Dr. P. Sawant Dr. S. Vasavada Dr. Z. Yuan Mr. M. Zavisca

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 con-currence of the contracting officer, promptly replace the personnel with personnel of at least substantially equal ability and qualifications.

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(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.7 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.8 2052.242-70 RESOLVING NRC CONTRACTOR DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS (AUG 2007)

(a) The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) policy is to support the contractor's expression of professional health and safety related concerns associated with the contractor's work for NRC that may differ from a prevailing NRC staff view, disagree with an NRC decision or policy position, or take issue with proposed or established agency practices. An occasion may arise when an NRC contractor, contractor's personnel, or subcontractor personnel believes that a conscientious expression of a competent judgement is required to document such concerns on matters directly associated with its performance of the contract. The NRC's policy is to support these instances as Differing Professional Opinions (DPOs).

(b) The procedure that will be used provides for the expression and resolution of differing professional opinions (DPOs) of health and safety-related concerns associated with the mission of the agency by NRC contractors, contractor personnel or subcontractor personnel on matters directly associated with its performance of the contract. This procedure is found in Clause 2052.242 71 of this document. The contractor shall provide a copy of the NRC DPO procedure to all of its employees performing under this contract and to all subcontractors who shall, in turn, provide a copy of the procedure to its employees. The prime contractor or subcontractor shall submit all DPOs received but need not endorse them.

H.9 2052.242-71 PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING NRC CONTRACTOR DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS (OCT 1999)

(a) The following procedure provides for the expression and resolution of differing professional opinions (DPOs) of health and safety-related concerns of NRC contractors and contractor personnel on matters connected to the subject of the contract. Subcontractor DPOs must be submitted through the prime contractor. The prime contractor or subcontractor shall submit all DPOs received but need not endorse them.

(b) The NRC may authorize up to ten reimbursable hours for the contractor to document, in writing, and discuss, with the DPO panel, a DPO by the contractor, the contractor's personnel, or subcontractor personnel. The contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation for effort on a DPO which exceeds the specified ten hour limit.

(c) The contractor shall notify the contracting officer before incurring costs to document a DPO. The contractor shall not begin any work on the DPO before receiving a modification to the contract from the NRC contracting officer.

The contractor shall first determine whether there are sufficient funds obligated under the contract which are available to cover the costs of writing a DPO. If there are insufficient obligated funds under the contract, the contractor shall request additional funding from the NRC contracting officer to cover the costs of preparing the DPO. If there are sufficient obligated funds under the contract, the contract, the contractor shall notify the contracting officer so that a modification can be issued that specifies the amount of funding required for the DPO.

(d) Contract funds shall not be authorized to document a differing perspective in the following examples where the use of this NRC contractor DPO process is inappropriate:

(1) Issues involving allegations of wrongdoing that should be appropriately addressed directly to the NRC Office of the Inspector General (OIG);

(2) Issues submitted anonymously. However, safety significant issues that are submitted anonymously should be addressed under NRC's Allegation Program which can be found at: http://www.nrc.gov/about nrc/regulatory/allegations resp.html

(3) Issues that are deemed to be frivolous or otherwise not in accordance with the guidance included in NRC Management Directive (MD) 10.159, "The NRC Differing Professional Opinions Program," which can be found at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading rm/doc collections/management directives/volumes/vol 10.html

(4) Issues that have already been considered, addressed, or rejected by the NRC under these procedures, absent significant new information;

(5) Issues that are considered premature because they are still under staff review by the NRC.

(e) This procedure does not provide anonymity, nor does it provide for confidential submittal (as addressed in MD 10.159). Individuals desiring anonymity or confidentiality should contact the NRC OIG or submit the information under NRC's Allegation Program, as appropriate.

(f) Prior to submitting a DPO, the contractor or the contractor's employees are encouraged to engage in informal discussions with appropriate NRC personnel (which may include NRC staff directly involved with the issues that are the subject of concerns and the NRC Project Officer.) The contractor hereby agrees that the contractor authorizes its employees to engage in informal discussions with the appropriate NRC personnel for purposes of this clause. If the informal discussions do not resolve the contractor or the contractor's employees' concerns, the contractor shall notify the contracting officer so that a modification to the contract can be issued that authorizes the expenditure of funds for the DPO.

The contractor may initiate the DPO process by submitting a written statement directly to the NRC Differing Professional Opinions Program Manager (DPOPM), Office of Enforcement, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, Division of Contracts, Office of Administration. Each DPO submitted will be evaluated on its own merits. (Refer to (c) above before incurring any costs to initiate the DPO process.)

(g) The DPO, while being brief, must contain the following as it relates to the subject matter of the contract:

(1) A summary of the prevailing NRC view, existing NRC decision or stated position, or the proposed or established NRC practice.

(2) A description of the submitter's views and how they differ from any of the above items.

(3) The rationale for the submitter's views, including an assessment of the consequences should the submitter's position not be adopted by NRC.

(4) References to, or copies of, relevant documents.

(h) The DPOPM will screen the DPO and notify the submitter and the contractor if the DPO is accepted. Returned DPOs will identify the reason for return.

(i) The DPOPM will forward the DPO to the Office Director or Regional Administrator responsible for the contract for disposition.

(j) The Office Director or Regional Administrator will establish an ad hoc panel of NRC employees to review the DPO.

(k) The panel will interview the submitter to ensure that the panel understands the issues and to define the scope of the review. The panel will gather information, review documents, and conduct interviews to support a thorough review. The panel will provide a written report of its findings to the Office Director or Regional Administrator and to the Contracting Officer, which includes a recommended course of action.

(I) The Office Director or Regional Administrator will consider the DPO panel's report, make a decision on the DPO and provide a written decision to the contractor and the Contracting Officer. The DPO is considered final and closed when the DPO Decision is issued.

(m) A summary of the issue and its disposition will be included in the NRC Weekly Information Report.

(n) DPOs will be dispositioned in accordance with the time frames identified in MD 10.159.

(o) The DPOPM will track follow up actions and notify the contractor of any schedule revisions.

(p) The availability of DPO records will reflect the submitter's wishes (e.g., whether the records should or should not be made public and whether the submitter's identity is redacted) and be consistent with NRC practices for making records available to the public.

(q) For purposes of the contract, the DPO shall be considered a deliverable under the contract.

H.10 2052.204.70 SECURITY (MAR 2004)

(a) Contract Security and/or Classification Requirements (NRC Form 187). The policies, procedures, and criteria of the NRC Security Program, NRC Management Directive (MD) 12 (including MD 12.1, "NRC Facility Security

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Program;" MD 12.2, "NRC Classified Information Security Program;" MD 12.3, "NRC Personnel Security Program;" MD 12.4, "NRC Telecommunications Systems Security Program;" MD 12.5, "NRC Automated Information Systems Security Program;" and MD 12.6, "NRC Sensitive Unclassified Information Security Program"), apply to performance of this contract, subcontract or other activity. This MD is incorporated into this contract by reference as though fully set forth herein. The attached NRC Form 187 (See List of Attachments) furnishes the basis for providing security and classification requirements to prime contractors, subcontractors, or others (e.g., bidders) who have or may have an NRC contractual relationship that requires access to classified Restricted Data or National Security Information or matter, access to sensitive unclassified information (e.g., Safeguards), access to sensitive Information Technology (IT) systems or data, unescorted access to NRC controlled buildings/space, or unescorted access to protected and vital areas of nuclear power plants.

(b) It is the contractor's duty to protect National Security Information, Restricted Data, and Formerly Restricted Data. The contractor shall, in accordance with the Commission's security regulations and requirements, be responsible for protecting National Security Information, Restricted Data, and Formerly Restricted Data, and for protecting against sabotage, espionage, loss, and theft, the classified documents and material in the contractor's possession in connection with the performance of work under this contract. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this contract, the contractor shall, upon completion or termination of this contract, transmit to the Commission any classified matter in the possession of the contractor or any person under the contractor's control in connection with performance of this contract. If retention by the contractor of any classified matter is required after the completion or termination of the contract and the retention is approved by the contracting officer, the contractor shall complete a certificate of possession to be furnished to the Commission specifying the classified matter to be retained. The certification must identify the items and types or categories of matter retained, the conditions governing the retention of the matter and their period of retention, if known. If the retention is approved by the contracting officer, the security provisions of the contract continue to be applicable to the matter retained.

(c) In connection with the performance of the work under this contract, the contractor may be furnished, or may develop or acquire, safeguards information, or confidential or privileged technical, business, or financial information, including Commission plans, policies, reports, financial plans, internal data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93.579), or other information which has not been released to the public or has been determined by the Commission to be otherwise exempt from disclosure to the public. The contractor shall ensure that information protected from public disclosure is maintained as required by NRC regulations and policies, as cited in this contract or as otherwise provided by the NRC. The contractor will not directly or indirectly duplicate, disseminate, or disclose the information in whole or in part to any other person or organization except as may be necessary to perform the work under this contract. The contractor agrees to return the information to the Commission or otherwise dispose of it at the direction of the contracting officer. Failure to comply with this clause is grounds for termination of this contract.

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

The contractor agrees to comply with the security requirements set forth in NRC Management Directive 12.1, NRC Facility Security Program which is incorporated into this contract by reference as though fully set forth herein. Attention is directed specifically to the section titled "Infractions and Violations," including "Administrative Actions" and "Reporting Infractions."

(e) Definition of National Security Information. The term National Security Information, as used in this clause, means information that has been determined pursuant to Executive Order 12958 or any predecessor order to require protection against unauthorized disclosure and that is so designated.

(f) Definition of Restricted Data. The term Restricted Data, as used in this clause, means all data concerning design, manufacture, or utilization of atomic weapons; the production of special nuclear material; or the use of special nuclear material in the production of energy, but does not include data declassified or removed from the Restricted Data category pursuant to Section 142 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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

(h) Definition of Safeguards Information. Sensitive unclassified information that specifically identifies the detailed security measures of a licensee or an applicant for the physical protection of special nuclear material; or security measures for the physical protection and location of certain plant equipment vital to the safety of production of utilization facilities. Protection of this information is required pursuant to Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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

(j) Criminal Liabilities. It is understood that disclosure of National Security Information, Restricted Data, and Formerly Restricted Data relating to the work or services ordered hereunder to any person not entitled to receive it, or failure to safeguard any Restricted Data, Formerly Restricted Data, or any other classified matter that may come to the contractor or any person under the contractor's control in connection with work under this contract, may subject the contractor, its agents, employees, or subcontractors to criminal liability under the laws of the United States. (See the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.; 18 U.S.C. 793 and 794; and Executive Order 12958.)

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

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

H.11SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LEVEL I OR LEVEL II ACCESS APPROVAL (JUL 2007)

The proposer/Contractor must identify all individuals and propose the level of Information Technology (IT) approval for each, using the following guidance. The NRC sponsoring office shall make the final determination of the level, if any, of IT approval required for all individuals working under this contract. The Government shall have and exercise full and complete control and discretion over granting, denying, withholding, or terminating IT access approvals for individuals performing work under this contract.

The Contractor shall conduct a preliminary security interview or review for each IT level I or II access approval Contractor applicant and submit to the Government only the names of candidates that have a reasonable probability of obtaining the level of IT security access for which the candidate has been proposed. The Contractor will pre-screen its applicants for the following:

(a) felony arrest in the last seven years; (b) alcohol related arrest within the last five years; (c) record of any military courts-martial convictions in the past ten years; (d) illegal use of narcotics or other controlled substances possession in the past year, or illegal purchase, production, transfer, or distribution of arcotics or other controlled substances in the last seven years; (e) delinquency on any federal debts or bankruptcy in the last seven years.

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The Contractor shall make a written record of its pre-screening interview or review (including any information to mitigate the responses to items listed in (a) - (e)), and have the applicant verify the pre-screening record or review, sign and date it. Two copies of the signed Contractor's pre-screening record or review will be supplied to FSB/DFS with the Contractor employee's completed building access application package.

The Contractor shall further ensure that its employees, any subcontractor employees and consultants complete all IT access security applications required by this clause within ten business days of notification by FSB/DFS of initiation of the application process. Timely receipt of properly completed records of the pre-screening record and IT access security applications (submitted for candidates that have a reasonable probability of obtaining the level of security assurance necessary for access to NRC's facilities) is a contract requirement. Failure of the Contractor to comply with this contract administration requirement may be a basis to cancel the award, or terminate the contract for default, or offset from the contract's invoiced cost or price the NRC's incurred costs or delays as a result of inadequate pre-screening by the Contractor. In the event of cancellation or termination, the NRC may select another firm for contract award.

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR IT LEVEL I

Performance under this contract will involve prime Contractor personnel, subcontractors or others who perform services requiring direct access to or operate agency sensitive information technology systems or data (IT Level I). The IT Level I involves responsibility for the planning, direction, and implementation of a computer security program; major responsibility for the direction, planning, and design of a computer system, including hardware and software; or the capability to access a computer system during its operation or maintenance in such a way that could cause or that has a relatively high risk of causing grave damage; or the capability to realize a significant personal gain from computer access.

A Contractor employee shall not have access to sensitive information technology systems or data until he/she is approved by FSB/DFS. Temporary IT access may be approved based on a favorable review or adjudication of their security forms and checks. Final IT access may be approved based on a favorably review or adjudication. However, temporary access authorization approval will be revoked and the employee may subsequently be denied IT access in the event the employee's investigation cannot be favorably adjudicated. Such an employee will not be authorized to work under any NRC contract requiring IT access without the approval of FSB/DFS. Where temporary access authorization has been revoked or denied, the Contractor is responsible for assigning another individual to perform the necessary work under this contract without delay to the contract's performance schedule, or without adverse impact to any other terms or conditions of the contract. When an individual receives final IT access, the individual will be subject to a reinvestigation every ten years.

The Contractor shall submit a completed security forms packet, including the OPM Standard Form (SF) 85P (Questionnaire for Public Trust Positions), two copies of the Contractor's signed pre-screening record and two FD 258 fingerprint charts, through the PO to FSB/DFS for review and favorable adjudication, prior to the individual performing work under this contract. The Contractor shall assure that all forms are accurate, complete, and legible. Based on FSB/DFS review of the Contractor applicant's security forms and/or the receipt of adverse information by NRC, the individual may be denied access to NRC facilities, sensitive information technology systems or data until a final determination is made of his/her eligibility.

In accordance with NRCAR 2052.204 70 "Security," IT Level I Contractors shall be subject to the attached NRC Form 187 (See Section J for List of Attachments) and SF- 85P which furnishes the basis for providing security requirements to prime Contractors, subcontractors or others (e.g., bidders) who have or may have an NRC contractual relationship which requires access to or operation of agency sensitive information technology systems or remote development and/or analysis of sensitive information technology systems or data or other access to such systems and data; access on a continuing basis (in excess more than 30 calendar days) to NRC buildings; or otherwise requires issuance of an unescorted NRC badge.

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

The IT Level II involves responsibility for the planning, design, operation, or maintenance of a computer system and all other computer or IT positions.

A Contractor employee shall not have access to sensitive information technology systems or data until he/she is approved by FSB/DFS. Temporary access may be approved based on a favorable review of their security forms and checks. Final IT access may be approved based on a favorably adjudication. However, temporary access authorization approval will be revoked and the employee may subsequently be denied IT access in the event the employee's investigation cannot be favorably adjudicated. Such an employee will not be authorized to work under any NRC contract requiring IT access without the approval of FSB/DFS. Where temporary access authorization has been revoked or denied, the Contractor is responsible for assigning another individual to perform the necessary work under this contract without delay to the contract's performance schedule, or without adverse impact to any other terms or conditions of the contract. When an individual receives final IT access, the individual will be subject to a review or reinvestigation every ten years.

The Contractor shall submit a completed security forms packet, including the OPM Standard Form (SF) 85P (Questionnaire for Public Trust Positions), two copies of the Contractor's signed pre-screening record and two FD 258 fingerprint charts, through the PO to FSB/DFS for review and favorable adjudication, prior to the individual performing work under this contract. The Contractor shall assure that all forms are accurate, complete, and legible. Based on FSB/DFS review of the Contractor applicant's security forms and/or the receipt of adverse information by NRC, the individual may be denied access to NRC facilities, sensitive information technology systems or data until a final determination is made of his/her eligibility.

In accordance with NRCAR 2052.204 70 "Security," IT Level II Contractors shall be subject to the attached NRC Form 187 (See Section J for List of Attachments), SF- 85P, and Contractor's record of the pre-screening which furnishes the basis for providing security requirements to prime Contractors, subcontractors or others (e.g. bidders) who have or may have an NRC contractual relationship which requires access to or operation of agency sensitive information technology systems or remote development and/or analysis of sensitive information technology systems or data; access on a continuing basis (in excess of more than 30 calendar days) to NRC buildings; or otherwise requires issuance of an unescorted NRC badge.

CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION OF IT ACCESS/REQUEST

When a request for IT access is to be withdrawn or canceled, the Contractor shall immediately notify the PO by telephone in order that he/she will immediately contact FSB/DFS so that the access review may be promptly discontinued. The notification shall contain the full name of the individual, and the date of the request. Telephone notifications must be promptly confirmed by the Contractor in writing to the PO who will forward the confirmation via email to FSB/DFS. Additionally, FSB/DFS must be immediately notified in writing when an individual no longer requires access to NRC sensitive automated information technology systems or data, including the voluntary or involuntary separation of employment of an individual who has been approved for or is being processed for IT access.

(End of Clause)

H.12 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY - NONE PROVIDED (JUN 1988)

The Government will not provide any equipment/property under this contract.

H.13 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.14 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 Manger 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.15 COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS (MAY 2002)

NRC contractors are responsible to ensure that their alien personnel are not in violation of United States immigration 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 Permanent Resident Card Form I-551, or must present other evidence from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that employment will not affect his/her immigration status. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services provides information to contractors to help them understand the employment eligibility verification process for non-US citizens. This information can be found on their website, www.uscis.gov.

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.

H.16 NRC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECURITY TRAINING (AUG 2003)

NRC contractors shall ensure that their employees, consultants, and subcontractors with access to the agency's information technology (IT) equipment and/or IT services complete NRC's online initial and refresher IT security training requirements to ensure that their knowledge of IT threats, vulnerabilities, and associated countermeasures remains current. Both the initial and refresher IT security training courses generally last an hour or less and can be taken during the employee's regularly scheduled work day.

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Contractor employees, consultants, and subcontractors shall complete the NRC's online, "Computer Security Awareness" course on the same day that they receive access to the agency's IT equipment and/or services, as their first action using the equipment/service. For those contractor employees, consultants, and subcontractors who are already working under this contract, the on-line training must be completed in accordance with agency Network Announcements issued throughout the year 2003 within three weeks of issuance of this modification.

Contractor employees, consultants, and subcontractors who have been granted access to NRC information technology equipment and/or IT services must continue to take IT security refresher training offered online by the NRC throughout the term of the contract. Contractor employees will receive notice of NRC's online IT security refresher training requirements through agency-wide notices.

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

H.17 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 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, "OUO-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 "Safeguards 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

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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.18 WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION FOR NRC CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES (JULY 2006)

(a) The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) contractor and its subcontractor are subject to the Whistleblower Employee Protection public law provisions as codified at 42 U.S.C. 5851. NRC contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) shall comply with the requirements of this Whistleblower Employee Protection law, and the implementing regulations of the NRC and the Department of Labor (DOL). See, for example, DOL Procedures on Handling Complaints at 29 C.F.R. Part 24 concerning the employer obligations, prohibited acts, DOL procedures and the requirement for prominent posting of notice of Employee Rights at Appendix A to Part 24.

(b) Under this Whistleblower Employee Protection law, as implemented by regulations, NRC contractor and subcontractor employees are protected from discharge, reprisal, threats, intimidation, coercion, blacklisting or other employment discrimination practices with respect to compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of their employment because the contractor or subcontractor employee(s) has provided notice to the employer, refused to engage in unlawful practices, assisted in proceedings or testified on activities concerning alleged violations of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (as amended) and the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (as amended).

(c) The contractor shall insert this or the substance of this clause in any subcontracts involving work performed under this contract.

H.19 PROHIBITON OF FUNDING TO ACORN (NOV 2009)

In accordance with section 163 of the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2010, Division B of Public Law No. 111-68 (CR), until further notice, no federal funds may be provided to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), or any of its affiliates, subsidiaries, or allied organizations. Additional information can be found at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda_2010/m10-02.pdf

H.20 REDUCING TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING (OCT 2009)

(a) In accordance with Section 4 of Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving,"(October 1, 2009), the Contractor or Recipient is encouraged to:

(1) Adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving company-owned or rented vehicles or Government-owned vehicles, or while driving privately-owned vehicles when on official Government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Government; and

(2) Consider new rules and programs to further the policies described in (a)(1), reevaluate existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach programs for employees about the safety risks associated with text messaging while driving. These initiatives should encourage voluntary compliance with the text messaging policy while off duty.

(b) For purposes of complying with the Executive Order:

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(1) "Texting" or "Text Messaging" means reading from or entering data into any handheld or other electronic device, including for the purpose of SMS texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, obtaining navigational information, or engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication.

(2) "Driving" means operating a motor vehicle on an active roadway with the motor running, including while temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic light or stop sign, or otherwise. It does not include operating a motor vehicle with or without the motor running when one has pulled over to the side of, or off, an active roadway and has halted in a location where one can safely remain stationary.

(c) The Contractor or Recipient shall encourage its subcontractor(s) or sub-recipient(s) to adopt and enforce the policies and initiatives described in this 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 FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Cha	
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	
52.205-0	THE GOVERNMENT	021 2000
52.203-7	ANTI-KICKBACK PROCEDURES	OCT 2010
52.203-8	CANCELLATION, RESCISSION, AND RECOVERY	JAN 1997
02.200 0	OF FUNDS FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER	0, 11 100,
	ACTIVITY	
52.203-10	PRICE OR FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR ILLEGAL OR	JAN 1997
	IMPROPER ACTIVITY	
52.203-12	LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE	OCT 2010
	CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS	
52.204-4	PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED	AUG 2000
	ON RECYCLED PAPER	
52.204-7	CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION	APR 2008
52.204-9	PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF	JAN 2011
	CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL	
52.204-10	REPORTING EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND	JUL 2010
	FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACT AWARDS	
52.209-6	PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST	DEC 2010
	WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS	
	DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR	
	DEBARMENT	
52.215-2	AUDIT AND RECORDSNEGOTIATION	OCT 2010
52.215-8	ORDER OF PRECEDENCEUNIFORM CONTRACT	OCT 1997
	FORMAT	0.07.00/0
52.215-14	INTEGRITY OF UNIT PRICES	OCT 2010
52.216-8	FIXED-FEE	MAR 1997
52.216-11	COST CONTRACTNO FEE	APR 1984
52.219-4	NOTICE OF PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE	JAN 2011
50.040.0	FOR HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS	
52.219-8	SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS	JAN 2011 DEC 2010
52.219-25	PARTICIPATION PROGRAMDISADVANTAGED	DEC 2010
	STATUS AND REPORTING	
52.222-3	CONVICT LABOR	JUN 2003
56.666-5		2014 2003

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52.222-21	PROHIBITION OF SEGREGATED FACILITIES	FEB 1999
52.222-26	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY	MAR 2007
52.222-35	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS	SEP 2010
52.222-36	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES	OCT 2010
52.222-37	EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON VETERANS	SEP 2010
52.222-50	COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS	FEB 2009
52.223-6	DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE	MAY 2001
52.223-18	CONTRACTOR POLICY TO BAN TEXT	SEP 2010
	MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING	
52.225-5	TRADE AGREEMENTS	AUG 2009
52.225-13	RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PURCHASES	JUN 2008
52.227-1	AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT	DEC 2007
52.227-2	NOTICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING PATENT	DEC 2007
	AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT	
52.227-14	RIGHTS IN DATAGENERAL	DEC 2007
52.227-19	COMMERCIAL COMPUTER SOFTWARE LICENSE	DEC 2007
52.228-7	INSURANCELIABILITY TO THIRD PERSONS	MAR 1996
52.230-2	COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS	OCT 2010
52.230-6	ADMINISTRATION OF COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS	JUN 2010
52.232-17	INTEREST	OCT 2010
52.232-18	AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	APR 1984
52.232-22	LIMITATION OF FUNDS	APR 1984
52.232-23	ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS	JAN 1986
52.232-25	PROMPT PAYMENT	OCT 2008
52.232-33	PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDSCENTRAL	OCT 2003
	CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION	
52.233-1	DISPUTES	JUL 2002
52.233-3	PROTEST AFTER AWARD	AUG 1996
	ALTERNATE I (JUN 1985)	
52.233-4	APPLICABLE LAW FOR BREACH OF	OCT 2004
	CONTRACT CLAIM	
52.237-3	CONTINUITY OF SERVICES	JAN 1991
52.242-1	NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISALLOW COSTS	APR 1984
52.242-3	PENALTIES FOR UNALLOWABLE COSTS	MAY 2001
52.242-4	CERTIFICATION OF FINAL INDIRECT COSTS	JAN 1997
52.242-13	BANKRUPTCY	JUL 1995
52.243-2	CHANGESCOST REIMBURSEMENT ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)	AUG 1987
52.244-2	SUBCONTRACTS	OCT 2010
	ALTERNATE I (JUNE 2007)	
52.244-5	COMPETITION IN SUBCONTRACTING	DEC 1996
52.244-6	SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS	DEC 2010
52.245-1		AUG 2010
52.245-9		AUG 2010
52.246-23		FEB 1997
52.246-25	LIMITATION OF LIABILITYSERVICES VALUE ENGINEERING	FEB 1997 OCT 2010
52.248-1 52.249-6		MAY 2004
52.249-0 52.253-1	COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS	JAN 1991
02.203-1	UNIVIENTER GENERATED FURING	JAN 1991

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1.2 52.215-23 LIMITATIONS ON PASS-THROUGH CHARGES (OCT 2009)

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

"Added value" means that the Contractor performs subcontract management functions that the Contracting Officer determines are a benefit to the Government (e.g., processing orders of parts or services, maintaining inventory, reducing delivery lead times, managing multiple sources for contract requirements, coordinating deliveries, performing quality assurance functions).

"Excessive pass-through charge," with respect to a Contractor or subcontractor that adds no or negligible value to a contract or subcontract, means a charge to the Government by the Contractor or subcontractor that is for indirect costs or profit/fee on work performed by a subcontractor (other than charges for the costs of managing subcontracts and any applicable indirect costs and associated profit/fee based on such costs).

"No or negligible value means" the Contractor or subcontractor cannot demonstrate to the Contracting Officer that its effort added value to the contract or subcontract in accomplishing the work performed under the contract (including task or delivery orders).

"Subcontract" means any contract, as defined in FAR 2.101, entered into by a subcontractor to furnish supplies or services for performance of the contract or a subcontract. It includes but is not limited to purchase orders, and changes and modifications to purchase orders.

"Subcontractor," as defined in FAR 44.101, means any supplier, distributor, vendor, or firm that furnishes supplies or services to or for a prime Contractor or another subcontractor.

(b) General. The Government will not pay excessive pass-through charges. The Contracting Officer shall determine if excessive pass-through charges exist.

(c) Reporting. Required reporting of performance of work by the Contractor or a subcontractor. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing if--

(1) The Contractor changes the amount of subcontract effort after award such that it exceeds 70 percent of the total cost of work to be performed under the contract, task order, or delivery order. The notification shall identify the revised cost of the subcontract effort and shall include verification that the Contractor will provide added value; or

(2) Any subcontractor changes the amount of lower-tier subcontractor effort after award such that it exceeds 70 percent of the total cost of the work to be performed under its subcontract. The notification shall identify the revised cost of the subcontract effort and shall include verification that the subcontractor will provide added value as related to the work to be performed by the lower-tier subcontractor(s).

(d) Recovery of excessive pass-through charges. If the Contracting Officer determines that excessive pass-through charges exist;

(1) For other than fixed-price contracts, the excessive pass-through charges are unallowable in accordance with the provisions in FAR subpart 31.2; and

(2) For applicable DoD fixed-price contracts, as identified in 15.408(n)(2)(i)(B), the Government shall be entitled to a price reduction for the amount of excessive pass-through charges included in the contract price.

(e) Access to records.

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(1) The Contracting Officer, or authorized representative, shall have the right to examine and audit all the Contractor's records (as defined at FAR 52.215-2(a)) necessary to determine whether the Contractor proposed, billed, or claimed excessive pass-through charges.

(2) For those subcontracts to which paragraph (f) of this clause applies, the Contracting Officer, or authorized representative, shall have the right to examine and audit all the subcontractor's records (as defined at FAR 52.215-2(a)) necessary to determine whether the subcontractor proposed, billed, or claimed excessive pass-through charges.

(f) Flowdown. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (f), in all cost-reimbursement subcontracts under this contract that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, except if the contract is with DoD, then insert in all cost-reimbursement subcontracts and fixed-price subcontracts, except those identified in 15.408(n)(2)(i)(B)(2), that exceed the threshold for obtaining cost or pricing data in accordance with FAR 15.403-4.

1.3 52.216-7 ALLOWABLE COST AND PAYMENT (DEC 2002)

(a) Invoicing.

(1) The Government will make payments to the Contractor when requested as work progresses, but (except for small business concerns) not more often than once every 2 weeks, in amounts determined to be allowable by the Contracting Officer in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 31.2 in effect on the date of this contract and the terms of this contract. The Contractor may submit to an authorized representative of the Contracting Officer, in such form and reasonable detail as the representative may require, an invoice or voucher supported by a statement of the claimed allowable cost for performing this contract.

(2) Contract financing payments are not subject to the interest penalty provisions of the Prompt Payment Act. Interim payments made prior to the final payment under the contract are contract financing payments, except interim payments if this contract contains Alternate I to the clause at 52.232-25.

(3) The designated payment office will make interim payments for contract financing on the 30 day after the designated billing office receives a proper payment request.

In the event that the Government requires an audit or other review of a specific payment request to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, the designated payment office is not compelled to make payment by the specified due date.

(b) Reimbursing costs.

(1) For the purpose of reimbursing allowable costs (except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of the clause, with respect to pension, deferred profit sharing, and employee stock ownership plan contributions), the term "costs" includes only--

(i) Those recorded costs that, at the time of the request for reimbursement, the Contractor has paid by cash, check, or other form of actual payment for items or services purchased directly for the contract;

(ii) When the Contractor is not delinquent in paying costs of contract performance in the ordinary course of business, costs incurred, but not necessarily paid, for--

(A) Supplies and services purchased directly for the contract and associated financing payments to subcontractors, provided payments determined due will be made-

(1) In accordance with the terms and conditions of a subcontract or invoice; and

(2) Ordinarily within 30 days of the submission of the Contractor's payment request to the Government;

(B) Materials issued from the Contractor's inventory and placed in the production process for use on the contract;

(C) Direct labor;

(D) Direct travel;

(E) Other direct in-house costs; and

(F) Properly allocable and allowable indirect costs, as shown in the records maintained by the Contractor for purposes of obtaining reimbursement under Government contracts; and

(iii) The amount of financing payments that have been paid by cash, check, or other forms of payment to subcontractors.

(2) Accrued costs of Contractor contributions under employee pension plans shall be excluded until actually paid unless-

(i) The Contractor's practice is to make contributions to the retirement fund quarterly or more frequently; and

(ii) The contribution does not remain unpaid 30 days after the end of the applicable quarter or shorter payment period (any contribution remaining unpaid shall be excluded from the Contractor's indirect costs for payment purposes).

(3) Notwithstanding the audit and adjustment of invoices or vouchers under paragraph (g) of this clause, allowable indirect costs under this contract shall be obtained by applying indirect cost rates established in accordance with paragraph (d) of this clause.

(4) Any statements in specifications or other documents incorporated in this contract by reference designating performance of services or furnishing of materials at the Contractor's expense or at no cost to the Government shall be disregarded for purposes of cost-reimbursement under this clause.

(c) Small business concerns. A small business concern may receive more frequent payments than every 2 weeks.

(d) Final indirect cost rates.

(1) Final annual indirect cost rates and the appropriate bases shall be established in accordance with Subpart 42.7 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) in effect for the period covered by the indirect cost rate proposal.

(2)(i) The Contractor shall submit an adequate final indirect cost rate proposal to the Contracting Officer (or cognizant Federal agency official) and auditor within the 6-month period following the expiration of each of its fiscal years. Reasonable extensions, for exceptional circumstances only, may be requested in writing by the Contractor and granted in writing by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall support its proposal with adequate supporting data.

(ii) The proposed rates shall be based on the Contractor's actual cost experience for that period. The appropriate Government representative and the Contractor shall establish the final indirect cost rates as promptly as practical after receipt of the Contractor's proposal.

(3) The Contractor and the appropriate Government representative shall execute a written understanding setting forth the final indirect cost rates. The understanding shall specify (i) the agreed-upon final annual indirect cost rates,

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(ii) the bases to which the rates apply, (iii) the periods for which the rates apply, (iv) any specific indirect cost items treated as direct costs in the settlement, and (v) the affected contract and/or subcontract, identifying any with advance agreements or special terms and the applicable rates. The understanding shall not change any monetary ceiling, contract obligation, or specific cost allowance or disallowance provided for in this contract. The understanding is incorporated into this contract upon execution.

(4) Failure by the parties to agree on a final annual indirect cost rate shall be a dispute within the meaning of the Disputes clause.

(5) Within 120 days (or longer period if approved in writing by the Contracting Officer) after settlement of the final annual indirect cost rates for all years of a physically complete contract, the Contractor shall submit a completion invoice or voucher to reflect the settled amounts and rates.

(6)(i) If the Contractor fails to submit a completion invoice or voucher within the time specified in paragraph (d)(5) of this clause, the Contracting Officer may--

(A) Determine the amounts due to the Contractor under the contract; and

(B) Record this determination in a unilateral modification to the contract.

(ii) This determination constitutes the final decision of the Contracting Officer in accordance with the Disputes clause.

(e) Billing rates. Until final annual indirect cost rates are established for any period, the Government shall reimburse the Contractor at billing rates established by the Contracting Officer or by an authorized representative (the cognizant auditor), subject to adjustment when the final rates are established. These billing rates--

(1) Shall be the anticipated final rates; and

(2) May be prospectively or retroactively revised by mutual agreement, at either party's request, to prevent substantial overpayment or underpayment.

(f) Quick-closeout procedures. Quick-closeout procedures are applicable when the conditions in FAR 42.708(a) are satisfied.

(g) Audit. At any time or times before final payment, the Contracting Officer may have the Contractor's invoices or vouchers and statements of cost audited. Any payment may be (1) reduced by amounts found by the Contracting Officer not to constitute allowable costs or (2) adjusted for prior overpayments or underpayments.

(h) Final payment. (1) Upon approval of a completion invoice or voucher submitted by the Contractor in accordance with paragraph (d)(5) of this clause, and upon the Contractor's compliance with all terms of this contract, the Government shall promptly pay any balance of allowable costs and that part of the fee (if any) not previously paid.

(2) The Contractor shall pay to the Government any refunds, rebates, credits, or other amounts (including interest, if any) accruing to or received by the Contractor or any assignee under this contract, to the extent that those amounts are properly allocable to costs for which the Contractor has been reimbursed by the Government. Reasonable expenses incurred by the Contractor for securing refunds, rebates, credits, or other amounts shall be allowable costs if approved by the Contracting Officer. Before final payment under this contract, the Contractor and each assignee whose assignment is in effect at the time of final payment shall execute and deliver--

(i) An assignment to the Government, in form and substance satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, of refunds, rebates, credits, or other amounts (including interest, if any) properly allocable to costs for which the Contractor has been reimbursed by the Government under this contract; and

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(ii) A release discharging the Government, its officers, agents, and employees from all liabilities, obligations, and claims arising out of or under this contract, except--

(A) Specified claims stated in exact amounts, or in estimated amounts when the exact amounts are not known;

(B) Claims (including reasonable incidental expenses) based upon liabilities of the Contractor to third parties arising out of the performance of this contract; provided, that the claims are not known to the Contractor on the date of the execution of the release, and that the Contractor gives notice of the claims in writing to the Contracting Officer within 6 years following the release date or notice of final payment date, whichever is earlier; and

(C) Claims for reimbursement of costs, including reasonable incidental expenses, incurred by the Contractor under the patent clauses of this contract, excluding, however, any expenses arising from the Contractor's indemnification of the Government against patent liability.

I.4 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.

1.5 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 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 calendar 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.6 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 six (6) months from contract expiration.

1.7 52.219-28 POST-AWARD SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REREPRESENTATION (APR 2009)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

Long-term contract means a contract of more than five years in duration, including options. However, the term does not include contracts that exceed five years in duration because the period of performance has been extended for a cumulative period not to exceed six months under the clause at 52.217-8, Option to Extend Services, or other appropriate authority.

Small business concern means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and the size standard in paragraph (c) of this clause. Such a concern is "not dominant in its field of operation" when it does not exercise a controlling or major influence on a national basis in a kind of business activity in which a number of business concerns are primarily engaged. In determining whether dominance exists, consideration shall be given to all appropriate factors, including volume of business, number of employees, financial resources, competitive status or position, ownership or control of materials, processes, patents, license agreements, facilities, sales territory, and nature of business activity.

(b) If the Contractor represented that it was a small business concern prior to award of this contract, the Contractor shall rerepresent its size status according to paragraph (e) of this clause or, if applicable, paragraph (g) of this clause, upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) Within 30 days after execution of a novation agreement or within 30 days after modification of the contract to include this clause, if the novation agreement was executed prior to inclusion of this clause in the contract.

(2) Within 30 days after a merger or acquisition that does not require a novation or within 30 days after modification of the contract to include this clause, if the merger or acquisition occurred prior to inclusion of this clause in the contract.

(3) For long-term contracts-

(i) Within 60 to 120 days prior to the end of the fifth year of the contract; and

(ii) Within 60 to 120 days prior to the date specified in the contract for exercising any option thereafter.

(c) The Contractor shall rerepresent its size status in accordance with the size standard in effect at the time of this rerepresentation that corresponds to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code assigned to this contract. The small business size standard corresponding to this NAICS code can be found at http://www.sba.gov/services/contractingopportunities/sizestandardstopics/.

(d) The small business size standard for a Contractor providing a product which it does not manufacture itself, for a contract other than a construction or service contract, is 500 employees.

(e) Except as provided in paragraph (g) of this clause, the Contractor shall make the rerepresentation required by paragraph (b) of this clause by validating or updating all its representations in the Online Representations and Certifications Application and its data in the Central Contractor Registration, as necessary, to ensure that they reflect the Contractor's current status. The Contractor shall notify the contracting office in writing within the timeframes specified in paragraph (b) of this clause that the data have been validated or updated, and provide the date of the validation or update.

(f) If the Contractor represented that it was other than a small business concern prior to award of this contract, the Contractor may, but is not required to, take the actions required by paragraphs (e) or (g) of this clause.

(g) If the Contractor does not have representations and certifications in ORCA, or does not have a representation in ORCA for the NAICS code applicable to this contract, the Contractor is required to complete the following rerepresentation and submit it to the contracting office, along with the contract number and the date on which the rerepresentation was completed:

The Contractor represents that it [] is, [] is not a small business concern under NAICS Code 541330 assigned to contract number NRC-HQ-11-C-04-0044.

[Contractor to sign and date and insert authorized signer's name and title].

I.8 52.222-40 NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT (DEC 2010)

(a) During the term of this contract, the Contractor shall post an employee notice, of such size and in such form, and containing such content as prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, in conspicuous places in and about its plants and offices where employees covered by the National Labor Relations Act engage in activities relating to the performance of the contract, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted both physically and electronically, in the languages employees speak, in accordance with 29 CFR 471.2(d) and (f).

(1) Physical posting of the employee notice shall be in conspicuous places in and about the Contractor's plants and offices so that the notice is prominent and readily seen by employees who are covered by the National Labor Relations Act and engage in activities related to the performance of the contract.

(2) If the Contractor customarily posts notices to employees electronically, then the Contractor shall also post the required notice electronically by displaying prominently, on any Web site that is maintained by the Contractor and is customarily used for notices to employees about terms and conditions of employment, a link to the Department of Labor's Web site that contains the full text of the poster. The link to the Department's Web site, as referenced in (b)(3) of this section, must read, "Important Notice about Employee Rights to Organize and Bargain Collectively with Their Employers."

(b) This required employee notice, printed by the Department of Labor, may be-

(1) Obtained from the Division of Interpretations and Standards, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5609, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-0123, or from any field office of the Office of Labor-Management Standards or Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs;

(2) Provided by the Federal contracting agency if requested;

(3) Downloaded from the Office of Labor-Management Standards Web site at http://www.dol.gov/olms/regs/compliance/EO13496.htm; or

(4) Reproduced and used as exact duplicate copies of the Department of Labor's official poster.

(c) The required text of the employee notice referred to in this clause is located at Appendix A, Subpart A, 29 CFR Part 471.

(d) The Contractor shall comply with all provisions of the employee notice and related rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) In the event that the Contractor does not comply with the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause, this contract may be terminated or suspended in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be suspended or debarred in accordance with 29 CFR 471.14 and subpart 9.4. Such other sanctions or remedies may be imposed as are provided by 29 CFR part 471, which implements Executive Order 13496 or as otherwise provided by law.

(f) Subcontracts.

(1) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (f), in every subcontract that exceeds \$10,000 and will be performed wholly or partially in the United States, unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 3 of Executive Order 13496 of January 30, 2009, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.

(2) The Contractor shall not procure supplies or services in a way designed to avoid the applicability of Executive Order 13496 or this clause.

(3) The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions, including the imposition of sanctions for noncompliance.

(4) However, if the Contractor becomes involved in litigation with a subcontractor, or is threatened with such involvement, as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States, through the Secretary of Labor, to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

1.9 52.222-54 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION (JAN 2009)

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

"Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item"--

(1) Means any item of supply that is--

(i) A commercial item (as defined in paragraph (1) of the definition at 2.101);

(ii) Sold in substantial quantities in the commercial marketplace; and

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(iii) Offered to the Government, without modification, in the same form in which it is sold in the commercial marketplace; and

(2) Does not include bulk cargo, as defined in section 3 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46U.S.C. App. 1702), such as agricultural products and petroleum products. Per 46 CFR 525.1(c)(2), "bulk cargo" means cargo that is loaded and carried in bulk onboard ship without mark or count, in a loose unpackaged form, having homogenous characteristics. Bulk cargo loaded into intermodal equipment, except LASH or Seabee barges, is subject to mark and count and, therefore, ceases to be bulk cargo.

"Employee assigned to the contract" means an employee who was hired after November 6, 1986, who is directly performing work, in the United States, under a contract that is required to include the clause prescribed at 22.1803. An employee is not considered to be directly performing work under a contract if the employee--

(1) Normally performs support work, such as indirect or overhead functions; and

(2) Does not perform any substantial duties applicable to the contract.

"Subcontract" means any contract, as defined in 2.101, entered into by a subcontractor to furnish supplies or services for performance of a prime contract or a subcontract. It includes but is not limited to purchase orders, and changes and modifications to purchase orders.

"Subcontractor" means any supplier, distributor, vendor, or firm that furnishes supplies or services to or for a prime Contractor or another subcontractor.

"United States", as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(38), means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

(b) Enrollment and verification requirements.

(1) If the Contractor is not enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall--

(i) Enroll. Enroll as a Federal Contractor in the E-Verify program within 30 calendar days of contract award;

(ii) Verify all new employees. Within 90 calendar days of enrollment in the E-Verify program, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within 3 business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); and

(iii) Verify employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, initiate verification within 90 calendar days after date of enrollment or within 30 calendar days of the employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section).

(2) If the Contractor is enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of--

(i) All new employees.

(A) Enrolled 90 calendar days or more. The Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within 3 business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or

(B) Enrolled less than 90 calendar days. Within 90 calendar days after enrollment as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify, the Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United

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States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within 3 business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or

(ii) Employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section).

(3) If the Contractor is an institution of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)); a State or local government or the government of a Federally recognized Indian tribe; or a surety performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency pursuant to a performance bond, the Contractor may choose to verify only employees assigned to the contract, whether existing employees or new hires. The Contractor shall follow the applicable verification requirements at (b)(1) or (b)(2), respectively, except that any requirement for verification of new employees assigned to the contract.

(4) Option to verify employment eligibility of all employees. The Contractor may elect to verify all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986, rather than just those employees assigned to the contract. The Contractor shall initiate verification for each existing employee working in the United States who was hired after November 6, 1986, within 180 calendar days of--

(i) Enrollment in the E-Verify program; or

(ii) Notification to E-Verify Operations of the Contractor's decision to exercise this option, using the contact information provided in the E-Verify program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

(5) The Contractor shall comply, for the period of performance of this contract, with the requirements of the E-Verify program MOU.

(i) The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Social Security Administration (SSA) may terminate the Contractor's MOU and deny access to the E-Verify system in accordance with the terms of the MOU. In such case, the Contractor will be referred to a suspension or debarment official.

(ii) During the period between termination of the MOU and a decision by the suspension or debarment official whether to suspend or debar, the Contractor is excused from its obligations under paragraph (b) of this clause. If the suspension or debarment official determines not to suspend or debar the Contractor, then the Contractor must reenroll in E-Verify.

(c) Web site. Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify program can be obtained via the Internet at the Department of Homeland Security Web site: http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify.

(d) Individuals previously verified. The Contractor is not required by this clause to perform additional employment verification using E-Verify for any employee--

(1) Whose employment eligibility was previously verified by the Contractor through the E-Verify program;

(2) Who has been granted and holds an active U.S. Government security clearance for access to confidential, secret, or top secret information in accordance with the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual; or

(3) Who has undergone a completed background investigation and been issued credentials pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-12, Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors.

(e) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include the requirements of this clause, including this paragraph (e) (appropriately modified for identification of the parties), in each subcontract that--

(1) Is for--

(i) Commercial or noncommercial services (except for commercial services that are part of the purchase of a COTS item (or an item that would be a COTS item, but for minor modifications), performed by the COTS provider, and are normally provided for that COTS item); or

(ii) Construction;

(2) Has a value of more than \$3,000; and

(3) Includes work performed in the United States.

I.10 52.249-14 EXCUSABLE DELAYS (APR 1984)

(a) Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be in default because of any failure to perform this contract under its terms if the failure arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of these causes are (1) acts of God or of the public enemy, (2) acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) quarantine restrictions, (7) strikes, (8) freight embargoes, and (9) unusually severe weather. In each instance, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. "Default" includes failure to make progress in the work so as to endanger performance.

(b) If the failure to perform is caused by the failure of a subcontractor at any tier to perform or make progress, and if the cause of the failure was beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be deemed to be in default, unless--

(1) The subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources;

(2) The Contracting Officer ordered the Contractor in writing to purchase these supplies or services from the other source; and

(3) The Contractor failed to comply reasonably with this order.

(c) Upon request of the Contractor, the Contracting Officer shall ascertain the facts and extent of the failure. If the Contracting Officer determines that any failure to perform results from one or more of the causes above, the delivery schedule shall be revised, subject to the rights of the Government under the termination clause of this contract.

I.11 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

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CONTRACTOR SPENDING PLAN - INSTRUCTIONS

The Contractor Spending Plan (CSP) is an important tool for projecting and tracking contract costs and progress each task under the contract.

Applicability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requires that the CSP be completed for cost reimbursement contracts when the award amount is expected to exceed \$100,000 and the period of performance is expected to exceed 6 months. For task order type contracts, a CSP is required when an individual cost reimbursement task order is expected to exceed the above thresholds. When contract or task order modification increases the contract or task order amount of a cost reimbursement contract or task order to over \$100,000 and the period of performance from the effective date of the modification to the contract or task order expiration exceeds 6 months, a CSP is required for all contract work to be performed after the effective date of the modification.

Submission

- 1. A CSP is required:
 - a. as part of the cost proposal for a cost reimbursement contract or individual task order, or modification to a contract or task order which meets the above thresholds;
 - b. as part of the Best and Final Offer (if requested) as a result of negotiations;
- 2. Updated CSP information is required on a monthly basis or as approved by the CO as part of the "Financial Status Report" (Ref: Section F.(fillin), "Financial Status Report").

Format

The attached CSP sample format may be duplicated and used by the Contractor, or modified to permit more accurate reporting or to meet other needs of the contractor. For instance, the sample format provides spaces to report projected costs for 12 months, but the contractor may wish to alter the sample format for shorter or longer contract/task order periods. The contractor may also wish to alter the sample format for ease of typing or automated production. So long as complete information is provided on actual and projected costs or accomplishments, changes to the format to improve relevance to the circumstances are encouraged.

It is up to the discretion of the offeror to determine the appropriate level of cost detail to be presented based on the complexity of the effort. This plan reflects only the minimum requirements for submission of cost details which will be considered for completeness, reasonableness, and as a measure of effective management of the effort. The Contracting Officer reserves the right to request additional cost information, if deemed necessary.

CONTRACTOR SPENDING PLAN (CSP)

(TO BE COMPLETED AS A PART OF THE OFFEROR'S COST PROPOSAL FOR EACH COST REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT OR INDIVIDUAL TASK ORDER OR FOR ANY CONTRACT OR TASK ORDER MODIFICATION WHICH EXCEEDS \$100,000 AND HAS A PERFORMANCE PERIOD EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS)

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Direct Costs	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Indirect Costs	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
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1. Official Agency Billing Office

Department of the Interior National Business Center Attn: Fiscal Services Branch - D2770 7301 West Mansfield Avenue Denver, CO 80235-2230

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.

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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
Category	<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 \$1,000 or more separately. Provide the item number for each piece of equipment valued at \$1,000 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:

Start D	ate	Destination	<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.

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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.

I. 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 from ____through____.

Amount Billed Current PeriodCumulative

- (a) <u>Direct Costs</u>
 - (1) Direct labor*.....
 - (2) Fringe benefits (%, if computed as percentage).....
 - (3) Capitalized non-expendable equipment (\$50,000 or more see 1 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

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(b) Indirect Costs

- (A) Overhead ____% of _____(Indicate Base)......
- (c) Fixed-Fee (Cite Formula):
- (d) Total Amount Billed.....
- (e) Adjustments.....
- (f) Grand Totals.....

* (Requires Supporting Information -- See Sample below)

SAMPLE SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) <u>Direct Labor - \$2400</u>

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

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	= <u>\$900.00</u> \$2000.00
5)	Premium Pay	¥2000.00
	Walter Murphy - 10 hours @ \$10.00 Per H (This was approved by NRC in letter dated	
6)	Consultants' Fee	

Dr. Carney - 1 hour @ \$10	00 = \$100
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7)	<u>Travel</u>		
	Start D		
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Start Date
6/1/08

<u>Destination</u> Wash., DC

<u>Costs</u> \$200

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4. FEE RECOVERY BILLING REPORT

FIN:

Facility Name or Report Title: TAC or Inspection Report Number: (or other unique identifier) Docket Number (if applicable):

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

ATTACHMENT

BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR COST REIMBURSEMENT TYPE CONTRACTS (JUNE 2008)

Billing of Cost after Expiration of Contract: If costs are incurred during the contract period and claimed after the contract has expired, you must cite the period during which these costs were incurred. 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".

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

Supersession: These instructions supersede any previous billing instructions.

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BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR COST REIMBURSEMENT TYPE CONTRACTS (JUNE 2008)

General: During performance and through final payment of this contract, the contractor is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of 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: A signed original and supporting documentation shall be submitted. If the voucher/invoice includes the purchase of any property with an initial acquisition cost of \$50,000 or more, a copy of the signed original is also required.

Designated Agency Billing Office: The preferred method of submitting vouchers/invoices is electronically to the Department of the Interior at <u>NRCPayments@nbc.gov</u>

If the voucher/invoice includes the purchase of capital property with an initial acquisition cost of \$50,000 or more, a copy of the signed original shall be electronically sent to: <u>Property@nrc.gov</u>

However, if you submit a hard-copy of the voucher/invoice, it shall be submitted to the following address:

Department of the Interior National Business Center Attn: Fiscal Services Branch - D2770 7301 West Mansfield Avenue Denver, CO 80235-2230

If you submit a hard-copy of the voucher/invoice and it includes the purchase of capital property with an initial acquisition cost of \$50,000 or more, a copy of the signed original shall be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission NRC Property Management Officer Mail Stop: O-4D15 Washington, DC 20555-0001

HAND-CARRIED SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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

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BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR COST REIMBURSEMENT TYPE CONTRACTS (JUNE 2008)

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

Format: Claims shall 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.

<u>Task Ordering Contracts</u>: 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 (see Attachment 1). 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.

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.