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| 2. CONTRACT (Proc. Inst. Ident.) NO.<br>NRC-HQ-60-17-C-0004 | 3. EFFECTIVE DATE<br>07/10/2017 | 4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST/PROJECT NO.<br>RES-17-0283/RES-17-0348 |
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| 5. ISSUED BY<br>US NRC - HQ<br>ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT DIVISION<br>MAIL STOP TWFN-5E03<br>WASHINGTON DC 20555-0001 | CODE<br>NRCHQ | 6. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 5) | CODE |
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| 7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, country, State and ZIP Code)<br><br>INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING AND SAFETY SOLUTIONS INC<br>ATTN ALI AZARM<br>702 RUSSELL AVENUE SUITE 410<br>GAITHERSBURG MD 208772615 | 8. DELIVERY<br><input type="checkbox"/> FOB ORIGIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See below) |
|  | 9. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT<br><br>30   |
|  | 10. SUBMIT INVOICES (4 copies unless otherwise specified) TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN N                         |

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| 17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTRACTOR'S NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT (Contractor is required to sign this document and return <u>1</u> copies to issuing office.) Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items or perform all the services set forth or otherwise identified above and on any continuation sheets for the consideration stated herein. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be subject to and governed by the following documents: (a) this award/contract, (b) the solicitation, if any, and (c) such provisions, representations, certifications, and specifications, as are attached or incorporated by reference herein. (Attachments are listed herein.) | 18. <input type="checkbox"/> SEALED-BID AWARD (Contractor is not required to sign this document.) Your bid on Solicitation Number <u>NRC-HQ-60-16-R-0008</u> , including the additions or changes made by you which additions or changes are set forth in full above, is hereby accepted as to the items listed above and on any continuation sheets. This award consummates the contract which consists of the following documents: (a) the Government's solicitation and your bid, and (b) this award/contract. No further contractual document is necessary. (Block 18 should be checked only when awarding a sealed-bid contract.) |
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| 19A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)      | 20A. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER<br>SHARLENE M. MCCUBBIN  |
| 19B. NAME OF CONTRACTOR                            | 20B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA   |
| 19C. DATE SIGNED                                   | 20C. DATE SIGNED<br>07/10/2017  |
| BY<br><br>(Signature of person authorized to sign) | BY <br>(Signature of the Contracting Officer) |

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| 00001           | <p>Period of Performance: 07/10/2017 to 07/09/2018</p> <p>Data Analysis of the Human Performance Data in the Scenario Authoring, Characterization, and Debriefing Application (SACADA)<br/>Total Obligated Amount: \$155,554.20<br/>Incrementally Funded Amount: \$155,554.20</p> <p>Accounting Info:<br/>2017-X0200-FEEBASED-60-60D002-60B203-1052-11-6-213-251A-11-6-213-1052<br/>Funded: \$50,000.00</p> <p>Accounting Info:<br/>2017-C0200-FEEBASED-60-60D002-60B203-1052-11-6-213-251A-11-6-213-1052<br/>Funded: \$105,554.20</p> <p>The obligated amount of award: \$155,554.20. The total for this award is shown in box 15G.</p> |                 |             |                   | 155,554.20    |

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## SECTION B - Supplies or Services/Prices

### Clauses

#### B.1 BRIEF PROJECT TITLE AND WORK DESCRIPTION

(a) The title of this project is: Data Analysis of the Human Performance Data in the Scenario Authoring, Characterization, and Debriefing Application (SACADA)

(b) Summary work description: The objective of this contract is to perform data analysis of the SACADA data to inform human error probability (HEP) estimates in human reliability analysis (HRA). The results shall be published as an NRC technical report. Depending on the final report, if appropriate, it may be published as a NUREG/CR report.

(End of Clause)

#### B.2 CONSIDERATION AND OBLIGATION-TIME-AND-MATERIALS CONTRACT

(a) The ceiling price to the Government for full performance under this contract is \$155,554.20.

(b) The contract includes: (1) direct labor hours at specified fixed hourly rates, inclusive of wages, fringe, overhead, general and administrative expenses, and profit, totaling [REDACTED]; and (2) cost of materials totaling [REDACTED]

(c) The amount presently obligated by the Government with respect to this contract is \$155,554.20.

(d) It is estimated that the amount currently obligated will cover performance through 07/02/2018.

(e) This is an incrementally-funded contract and FAR 52.232-22 – “Limitation of Funds” applies.

(End of Clause)

## SECTION C - Description/Specifications

### C.1 Title of Project

Data Analysis of the Human Performance Data in the Scenario Authoring, Characterization, and Debriefing Application (SACADA) database of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to inform human error probability (HEP) estimates in human reliability analysis (HRA).

### C.2 Background

The NRC developed the SACADA system for nuclear power stations and research organizations to collect their licensed nuclear power station operator performance information in simulator exercises. The NRC contracts to the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) to host and maintain the SACADA database. The detailed SACADA data taxonomy is documented in the following journal paper:

Chang, Y.J., Bley, D., Criscione, L., Kirwan, B., Mosleh, A., Madary, T. Nowell,

R., Richards, R., Roth, E.M., Sieben, S., and Zoulis, A. "The SACADA Database for Human Reliability and Human Performance" Reliability Engineering & System Safety, 125, 117-133 (2014)

At the time of the contract award, about 9000 data points will be available for analysis. Each data point corresponds to an operator training objective. The following are examples:

- detecting the loss of the cooling water to the emergency diesel generators (EDGs),
- manually tripping EDGs before their automatic trips, and
- manually trip reactor before their automatic trip in a steam generator tube rupture event.

Each data point contains two portions of information: predictive information and retrospective information. The predictive information represents the human performance challenges to perform the training objective. The performance challenges are classified into five classes to represent challenges in performing the following five macro cognitive functions:

- detecting/monitoring,
- understanding,
- making decisions,
- action, and
- communication.

The performance challenges of each macro cognitive function are characterized by a set of performance influencing factors (PIFs). The status of a PIF is represented by typically two or three discrete states. For example, the PIF of workload has three states: normal, task demand, and multiple concurrent task demands. The taxonomy provides an explanation of each term. The combinations of the PIF states characterize the performance challenge.

The retrospective information documents the performance details of a specific crew. Each simulation scenario is likely to be performed by more than one crew. Because these crews run the same scenario, the predictive information for these crews are identical for all crews. However, the performance of these crews may be different; therefore, each crew has its own performance results (retrospective information). The retrospective information includes performance displacement (e.g., satisfactory, unsatisfactory, etc.) for all crews. When the performance displacement is less than satisfactory, additional performance information is collected including error modes, error causes, team error recovery, and overall effects on scenarios. The details of the above-mentioned factors are discussed in the reference mentioned above.

The SACADA database provides rich information to provide data-based information to inform HRA. The NRC is interesting in analyzing the SACADA data to provide quantitative human performance information to inform HEP estimates in HRA.

### C.3 Objective

The objective of this contract is to perform data analysis of the SACADA data to inform HRA and HEP estimates. The results shall be published as an NRC technical report. Depending on the final report, if appropriate, it may be published as a NUREG/CR report.

### C.4 Scope of Work/Tasks

The contractor shall provide all resources necessary to accomplish the tasks and deliverables described in this Statement of Work (SOW), except the SACADA data to be provided by the NRC for this analysis. The SACADA data provided by the NRC to the contractor will be in Microsoft Excel file format. The contractor is expected to perform a systematic data analysis that is traceable and repeatable, attend an NRC workshop to present the analysis results, and document the work and results in a technical report.

#### Task 1 - Essential Data Analysis

The contractor shall perform systematic data analysis to identify the following relations for each of the macro cognitive functions (detecting/monitoring, understanding, making decisions, action, and communication):

- context<sup>1</sup> and performance displacement,
- PIF effects on performance displacement,
- context and error modes,
- context and error causes,
- context and error recovery,
- error modes and error causes,
- error modes and error recovery, and
- error causes and error recovery.

The contractor shall document the results that met the following guidelines:

- All above bullets should be quantitatively represented.
- The information details should be aiming to inform the NRC's Integrated Human Event Analysis System-General Methodology (IDHEAS-G).
- The analysis techniques and results shall be traceable and repeatable. The PIFs effects on performance displacement and error mode are context dependent, i.e., a PIF's effect is dependent on the status of the other PIFs and the type of macro cognitive function. There are more than one million PIF status combinations in the IDHEAS taxonomy. Practical solutions shall be provided and demonstrated to inform IDHEAS-G's PIF effect on human error probabilities.
- Provide a discussion of whether and how adjustments should be applied for using the data collected in simulator training to inform HRA in which operators respond to real events.

#### Task 2 a. Data Analysis Technique

- The contractor shall describe the analysis to be perform.
- The contractor shall provide examples to demonstrate the use of the provided data to support the human performance model/technique development and the use of the model/techniques to inform HEP estimates.

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<sup>1</sup> The context refer to the predictive human performance challenges characterized by a set of PIFs as discussed in the above section. The performance displacement, error modes, error causes, and error recoveries are retrospective information that document the details of crew performance.

## Task 2b Present Results

The contractor shall come to the NRC's Headquarters for a one-day workshop to present the study results; demonstrate the software applications that the contractor developed for the data analysis of SACADA data for HRA. The workshop participants will include the NRC staff, SACADA data stakeholders, and contractors. Electronic presentation material (e.g., Microsoft PowerPoint slides) and software applications, if available, shall be provided to the NRC COR prior to the workshop.

## Task 3 Documentation

The contractor shall provide a technical letter report to NRC with solicitation of NRC's comments.

### C.5 Reporting Requirements

#### C.5.1 Monthly Letter Status Report (MLSR)

The contractor shall provide a Monthly Letter Status Report which consists of a technical progress report and financial status report. This report will be used by the Government to assess the adequacy of the resources proposed by the contractor to accomplish the work contained in this SOW and provide status of contractor progress in achieving tasks and producing deliverables. The report shall include contract/order summary information, work completed during the specified period, milestone schedule information, problem resolution, travel plans, and the staff's hour summary.

#### C.5.2 Final Report

The contractor shall provide a final technical letter report summarizing the work performed and the results and conclusions under this contract/order. The contractor shall complete technical editing before sending the final version to the NRC. An electronic copy report of Microsoft Word and PDF format each of the final report shall be submitted to the contracting officer's representative (COR).

### C.6 List of Deliverables

The deliverable of this project is listed in the table below:

| Section #             | Deliverable          | Due Date                               | Format        | Submit to |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--|---------------|-----------|
| C.5.1 MLSR            | 1 [Monthly Report]   | 20th of the following month            | Word Document | CO/COR    |
| C. 5.2 Draft Report   | 2[Draft Report]      | 30 days prior to contract expiration   | Word Document | COR       |
| C.5.2 Final Report    | 2 [Final Report]     | 15 days prior to contract expiration   | Word Document | COR       |
| C.4 Workshop (Task 3) | Presentation slides* | 5 months after the contract is awarded | Power Point   | COR       |

\*If software application is to be demonstrated, the contractor shall bring a laptop computer that has the software application for the demonstration. NRC will provide a projector in the workshop.

### C.7 Required Materials, Facilities, Hardware/Software

Not applicable.

### C.8 Release of Publications

The NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) encourages the publication of the scientific results from RES-sponsored programs in referenced scientific and engineering journals as appropriate. If the contractor proposes to publish in open literature or present the information at meetings, in addition to submitting the required technical reports, approval of the proposed article or presentation shall be obtained from the NRC's COR. The COR shall approve the material as submitted, approve it subject to NRC's suggested revisions, or disapprove it. In any event, the COR 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 publication of NRC-sponsored research is contained in the NRC Management Directives (MD) 3.7, "NUREG Series Publications," and MD 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 COR determines that it will benefit the RES project, the COR may authorize payment of travel and publishing costs, if any, from the project funds. If the COR determines that the article or presentation would not benefit the RES project, the costs associated with the preparation, presentation, or publication will be borne by the contractor.

For any publication or presentations falling into this category, the NRC reserves the right to require that such presentation or publication will not identify the NRC's sponsorship of the work.

### C.9 Place of Performance

The work to be performed under this contract will be primarily performed at the contractor's site. Observation of a SACADA data collection process will be performed in the South Texas Project Nuclear Operation Company or a domestic nuclear power station specified by the NRC.

### C.10 Personnel and Qualification Requirements

The qualification requirements include the following:

- More than three years of experience in human performance analysis
- Knowledgeable in nuclear plant operation
- Knowledgeable in how HRA is implemented in probabilistic risk assessment

### C.11 Contractor Travel

The following trips are expected:

- 1) one two-person, three-day domestic trip to visit a specified U.S. nuclear power station to observe the data collection process and collect needed information to support the data mining, and
- 2) one two-person, three-day domestic trip to visit NRC's Headquarters to present study results in a workshop.

The contractor will be authorized travel expenses consistent with the Federal Travel Regulation and the limitation of funds specified in the travel line item of this contract/order. All travel requires prior written Government approval from the contract officer (CO), unless otherwise delegated to the COR.



## C.12 Data Rights

The contractor shall treat all the SACADA data provided by NRC for this study as proprietary data. These data are only for the study specified in this contract only. The contractor shall not use the data for publications other than specified in this contract.

The NRC shall have unlimited rights to and ownership of all deliverables provided under this contract/order, including reports, recommendations, briefings, work plans and all other deliverables. All documents and materials, to include the source codes of any software, produced under this contract/order are the property of the Government, with all rights and privileges of ownership/copyright belonging exclusively to the Government. These documents and materials may not be used or sold by the contractor without prior written authorization from the CO. All materials supplied to the Government shall be the sole property of the Government and may not be used for any other purpose. This right does not abrogate any other Government rights.

## **SECTION D - Packaging and Marking**

### **D.1 BRANDING**

The Contractor is required to use the statement below in any publications, presentations, articles, products, or materials funded under this contract/order, to the extent practical, in order to provide NRC with recognition for its involvement in and contribution to the project. If the work performed is funded entirely with NRC funds, then the contractor must acknowledge that information in its documentation/presentation.

Work Supported by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, under Contract/order number: NRC-HQ-60-17-C-0004.

(End of Clause)

### **D.2 PACKAGING AND MARKING**

(a) 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 Surface Transportation Board, Uniform Freight Classification Rules, or regulations of other carriers as applicable to the mode of transportation.

(b) On the front of the package, the Contractor shall clearly identify the contract number under which the product is being provided.

(c) Additional packaging and/or marking requirements are as follows: Not Applicable.

(End of Clause)

## SECTION E - Inspection and Acceptance

### Clauses

#### 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       |
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|          | FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1) |            |
| 52.246-6 | INSPECTION - TIME-AND-MATERIAL AND LABOR-HOUR.    | (MAY 2001) |

#### 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 Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) at the destination.

## SECTION F - Deliveries or Performance

### F.1 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

This contract shall commence on effective date and will expire on one year from contract award.

(End of Clause)

### F.2 PLACE OF DELIVERY-REPORTS

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

- a. Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) (1 electronic copy) – Refer to section G.1, 2052.215-71 CONTRACTING OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORITY (NOVEMBER 2006), for e-mail address information.
- b. Alternate Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) (1 electronic copy) – Refer to section G.1, 2052.215-71 CONTRACTING OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORITY (NOVEMBER 2006), for email address information.
- c. Contract Specialist (CS) (1 electronic copy) – Sharlen.McCubbin@nrc.gov
- d. NRC Administrative Management Division – ContractsPOT.Resource@nrc.gov , and RESDSAMLSR.Resource@nrc.gov

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### G.1 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORITY

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

Name: Ms. Carmen Franklin

Address: 11555 Rockville Pike

Rockville, MD 20852

M/S: TWFN/ TWFN/ 10 D23

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Email: Carmen.Franklin@nrc.gov

#### Alternate Contracting Officer's Representative

Name: James Chang

Address: 11555 Rockville Pike

Rockville, MD 20852

M/S: TWFN/ 10 B58

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Email: James.Chang@nrc.gov

(b) Performance of the work under this contract is subject to the technical direction of the NRC COR. 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 COR 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.

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(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 COR or must be confirmed by the COR in writing within ten (10) working days after verbal issuance. A copy of the written direction must be furnished

to the contracting officer. A copy of NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel, which has received final approval from the NRC must be furnished to the contracting officer.

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

(f) If, in the opinion of the contractor, any instruction or direction issued by the COR 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 COR 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 COR 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, 18 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.3 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.

(b) The contractor must receive written approval from the NRC COR 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 19 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.2 REGISTRATION IN FEDCONNECT® (JULY 2014)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) uses CompuSearch Software Systems' secure and auditable two-way web portal, FedConnect®, to communicate with vendors and contractors. FedConnect® provides bi-directional communication between the vendor/contractor and the NRC throughout pre-award, award, and post-award acquisition phases. Therefore, in order to do business with the NRC, vendors and contractors must register to use FedConnect® at <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect>. The individual registering in

FedConnect® must have authority to bind the vendor/contractor. There is no charge for using FedConnect®.

Assistance with FedConnect® is provided by CompuSearch Software Systems, not the NRC. FedConnect® contact and assistance information is provided on the FedConnect® web site at <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect>.

#### G.3 ELECTRONIC PAYMENT (SEP 2014)

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that all payments except IRS tax refunds be made by Electronic Funds Transfer. Payment shall be made in accordance with FAR 52.232-33, entitled "Payment by Electronic Funds-Central Contractor Registration".

To receive payment, the contractor shall prepare invoices in accordance with NRC's Billing Instructions.

Claims shall be submitted on the payee's letterhead, invoice, or on the Government's Standard Form 1034, "Public Voucher for Purchases and Services Other than Personal," and Standard Form 1035, "Public Voucher for Purchases Other than Personal – Continuation Sheet." The preferred method of submitting invoices is electronically to: [NRCPayments@nrc.gov](mailto:NRCPayments@nrc.gov).



## SECTION H - Special Contract Requirements

### H.1 2052.209-70 CURRENT/FORMER AGENCY EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT. (OCT 1999)

As prescribed at 2009.105-70, the contracting officer shall insert the following provision in all solicitations:

#### **CURRENT/FORMER AGENCY EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT (OCT 1999)**

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

(b) There  are XX are no current/former NRC employees (including special Government employees performing services as experts, advisors, consultants, or members of advisory committees) who have been or will be involved, directly or indirectly, in developing the offer, or in negotiating on behalf of the offeror, or in managing, administering, or performing any contract, consultant agreement, or subcontract resulting from this offer. For each individual so identified, the Technical and Management proposal must contain, as a separate attachment, the name of the individual, the individual's title while employed by the NRC, the date individual left NRC, and a brief description of the individual's role under this proposal.

(End of Provision)

### H.2 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.

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

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contracting officer may authorize the contractor to solicit or perform this type of work (except work in the same or similar technical area) if the contracting officer determines that the situation will not pose a potential for technical bias or unfair competitive advantage.

(d) Disclosure after award.

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

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

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

(e) Access to and use of information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

### H.3 2052.215-70 KEY PERSONNEL. (JAN 1993)

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



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

(b) If one or more of the key personnel, for whatever reason, becomes, or is expected to become, unavailable for work under this contract for a continuous period exceeding 30 work days, or is expected to devote substantially less effort to the work than indicated in the proposal or initially anticipated, the contractor shall

immediately notify the contracting officer and shall, subject to the concurrence of the contracting officer, promptly replace the personnel with personnel of at least substantially equal ability and qualifications.

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

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

(End of Clause)

#### H.4 2052.215-71 CONTRACTING OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORITY. (OCT 1999)

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

Name: Ms. Carmen Franklin

Address: 11555 Rockville Pike

Rockville, MD 20852

M/S: TWFN/ TWFN/ 10 D23

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

E-mail: carmen.franklin@nrc.gov

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

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

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

(3) Review and, where required by the contract, approve 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 COR 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 COR or must be confirmed by the COR in writing within ten (10) working days after verbal issuance. A copy of the written direction must be furnished to the contracting officer. A copy of NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel, which has received final approval from the NRC must be furnished to the contracting officer.

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

(f) If, in the opinion of the contractor, any instruction or direction issued by the COR is within one of the categories 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 that 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 COR 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 to the instruction or direction is subject to 52.233-1 - Disputes.

(i) In addition to providing technical direction as defined in paragraph (b) of the section, the COR 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.

#### H.5 2052.215-78 TRAVEL APPROVALS AND REIMBURSEMENT (OCT 1999) - ALTERNATE I (OCT 1999)

(a) Total expenditure for travel may not exceed \$4,000.00 without the prior approval of the contracting officer.

(b) All foreign travel must be approved in advance by the NRC on NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel, and must be in compliance with FAR 52.247-63 Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers. The contractor shall submit NRC Form 445 to the NRC no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of travel.

(c) The contractor will be reimbursed only for 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 FAR Limitations of Cost clause of this contract when, at any time, the contractor learns that travel expenses will cause the contractor to exceed the travel ceiling amount identified in paragraph (a) of this clause.

(e) Reasonable travel costs for research and related activities performed at State and nonprofit institutions, in accordance with Section 12 of Pub. L. 100-679, must 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.

\*To be incorporated into any resultant contract

#### H.6 2052.242-70 RESOLVING DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL VIEWS. (OCT 1999)

(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 Views (DPVs).

(b) The procedure that will be used provides for the expression and resolution of differing professional views (DPVs) 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 may be found in Attachments to this document. The contractor shall provide a copy of the NRC DPV 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 DPV's received but need not endorse them.

#### H.7 2052.242-71 PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL VIEWS. (OCT 1999)

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

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

(c) Before incurring costs to document a DPV, the contractor shall first determine whether there are sufficient funds obligated under the contract which are available to cover the costs of writing a DPV. If there are insufficient obligated funds under the contract, the contractor shall first request the NRC contracting officer for additional funding to cover the costs of preparing the DPV and authorization to proceed.

(d) Contract funds shall not be authorized to document an allegation where the use of this NRC contractor DPV process is inappropriate. Examples of such instances are: allegations of wrongdoing which should be addressed directly to the NRC Office of the Inspector General (OIG), issues submitted anonymously, or issues raised which have already been considered, addressed, or rejected, absent significant new information. This procedure does not provide anonymity. Individuals desiring anonymity should contact the NRC OIG or submit the information under NRC's Allegation Program, as appropriate.

(e) When required, the contractor shall initiate the DPV process by submitting a written statement directly to the NRC Office Director or Regional Administrator responsible for the contract, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, Division of Contracts and Property Management, Office of Administration. Each DPV submitted will be evaluated on its own merits.

(f) The DPV, 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 based on risk, safety and cost benefit considerations of the consequences should the submitter's position not be adopted by NRC.

(g) The Office Director or Regional Administrator will immediately forward the submittal to the NRC DPV Review Panel and acknowledge receipt of the DPV, ordinarily within five (5) calendar days of receipt.

(h) The panel will normally review the DPV within seven calendar days of receipt to determine whether enough information has been supplied to undertake a detailed review of the issue. Typically, within 30 calendar days of receipt of the necessary information to begin a 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 DPV Review Panel's report, make a decision on the DPV and provide a written decision to the contractor and the Contracting Officer normally within seven calendar days after receipt of the panel's recommendation.

(j) Subsequent to the decision made regarding the DPV Review Panel's report, a summary of the issue and its disposition will be included in the NRC Weekly Information Report submitted by the Office Director. The DPV file will be retained in the Office or Region for a minimum of one year thereafter. For purposes of the contract, the DPV shall be considered a deliverable under the contract. Based upon the Office Director or Regional Administrator's report, the matter will be closed.

## H.8 AWARD NOTIFICATION AND COMMITMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

(a) All offerors will receive preaward and postaward notices in accordance with FAR 15.503.

(b) It is also brought to your attention that the contracting officer is the only individual who can legally obligate funds or commit the NRC to the expenditure of public funds in connection with this procurement. This means that unless provided in a contract document or specifically authorized by the contracting officer, NRC technical personnel may not issue contract modifications, give formal contractual commitments, or otherwise bind, commit, or obligate the NRC contractually. Informal unauthorized commitments, which do not obligate the NRC and do not entitle the contractor to payment, may include:

(1) Encouraging a potential contractor to incur costs prior to receiving a contract;

(2) Requesting or requiring a contractor to make changes under a contract without formal contract modifications;

(3) Encouraging a contractor to incur costs under a cost-reimbursable contract in excess of those costs contractually allowable; and

(4) Committing the Government to a course of action with regard to a potential contract, contract change, claim, or dispute.

(End of Clause)

#### USE OF AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH) ELECTRONIC PAYMENT/REMITTANCE ADDRESS

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that all Federal payments except IRS tax refunds be made by Electronic Funds Transfer. It is the policy of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to pay government vendors by the Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic funds transfer payment system. Item 15C of the Standard Form 33 may be disregarded.

(End of Clause)

#### H.9 GREEN PURCHASING (SEP 2015)

(a) In furtherance of the sustainable acquisition goals of Executive Order (EO) 13693, "Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade," products and services provided under this contract/order shall be energy efficient (EnergyStar® or Federal Energy Management Program - FEMP-designated products), water efficient, biobased, environmentally preferable (excluding EPEAT®-registered products), non-ozone depleting, contain recycled content, or are non- or low toxic alternatives or hazardous constituents (e.g., non-VOC paint), where such products and services meet agency performance requirements. See: Executive Order (EO) 13693, "Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade."

(b) The NRC and contractor may negotiate during the contract term to permit the substitution or addition of designated recycled content products (i.e., Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines - CPG), EPEAT®-registered products, EnergyStar®- and FEMP designated energy efficient products and appliances, USDA designated biobased products (Biopreferred® program), environmentally preferable products, WaterSense and other water efficient products, products containing non- or lower-ozone depleting substances (i.e., SNAP), and products containing non- or low-toxic or hazardous constituents (e.g., non-VOC paint), when such products and services are readily available at a competitive cost and satisfy the NRC's performance needs.

(c) The contractor shall flow down this clause into all subcontracts and other agreements that relate to performance of this contract/order.

(End of Clause)

#### H.10 NRC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECURITY TRAINING (MAY 2016)

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.

Contractor employees, consultants, and subcontractors shall complete the NRC's online annual, "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, within three weeks of issuance of this modification.

Additional annual required online NRC training includes but is not limited to the following:

- (1) Information Security (INFOSEC) Awareness
- (2) Continuity of Operations (COOP) Awareness



(3) Defensive Counterintelligence and Insider Threat Awareness

(4) No FEAR Act

(5) Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and Privacy Act Responsibilities Awareness

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.

Contractor Monthly Letter Status Reports (MLSR) must include the following information for all completed training:

(1) the name of the individual completing the course;

(2) the course title; and

(3) the course completion date.

The MLSR must also include the following information for those individuals who have not completed their required training:

(1) the name of the individual who has not yet completed the training;

(2) the title of the course(s) which must still be completed; and

(3) the anticipated course completion date(s).

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.

(End of Clause)

#### H.11 COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS

NRC contractors are responsible to ensure that their alien personnel are not in violation of United States immigration 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 Form I-551 (Green Card), 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, <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>.

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

(End of Clause)

#### H.12 ANNUAL AND FINAL CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

Annual and final evaluations of contractor performance under this contract will be prepared in accordance with FAR Subpart 42.15, "Contractor Performance Information," normally at or near 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 annually. 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 Contracting Officer's Representative's (COR) 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 and submit comments, rebutting statements, or additional information.

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 "Source Selection Information", 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 and 42.1503. 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.

(End of Clause)

## H.13 IT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS – NRC AND CONTRACTOR (NON-NRC) FACILITIES (APR 2014)

### Backups

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 that allows successful file/data restoration at the following frequencies:

- At least every 1 calendar day for a high sensitivity system
- At least every 1 calendar day for a moderate sensitivity system
- At least every 7 calendar days for a low sensitivity system

### Perimeter Protection

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

The contractor must 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 will be made available to the NRC upon request for 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

(End of Clause)

#### H.14 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LEVEL I OR LEVEL II ACCESS APPROVAL (JUL 2016)

The contractor must identify all individuals selected to work under this contract. The NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) shall make the final determination of the level, if any, of IT access approval required for all individuals working under this contract/order using the following guidance. The Government shall have full and complete control and discretion over granting, denying, withholding, or terminating IT access approvals for contractor personnel performing work under this contract/order.

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

(a) felony arrest in the last seven (7) years; (b) alcohol related arrest within the last five (5) years; (c) record of any military courts-martial convictions in the past ten (10) years; (d) illegal use of narcotics or other controlled substances possession in the past year, or illegal purchase, production, transfer, or distribution of narcotics or other controlled substances in the last seven (7) years; and (e) delinquency on any federal debts or bankruptcy in the last seven (7) years.

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 employee verify the pre-screening record or review, sign and date it. The contractor shall supply two (2) copies of the signed contractor's pre-screening record or review to the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), who will then provide them to the NRC Office of Administration, Division of Facilities and Security, Personnel Security Branch with the employee's completed IT access application package.

The contractor shall further ensure that its personnel complete all IT access approval security applications required by this clause within fourteen (14) calendar days of notification by the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) of initiation of the application process. Timely receipt of properly completed records of the pre-screening record and IT access approval applications (submitted for candidates that have a reasonable probability of obtaining the level of security assurance necessary for access to NRC's IT systems/data) is a requirement of this contract/order. Failure of the contractor to comply with this requirement may be a basis to terminate the contract/order for cause, or to 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.

#### SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR IT LEVEL I

Performance under this contract/order will involve contractor personnel who perform services requiring direct access to or operation of agency sensitive information technology systems or data (IT Level I). The IT Level I involves responsibility for: (a) the planning, direction, and implementation of a computer security program; (b) major responsibility for the direction, planning, and design of a computer system, including hardware and software; (c) 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 (d) the capability to realize a significant personal gain from computer access.

Contractor personnel shall not have access to sensitive information technology systems or data until they are approved by DFS/PSB and they have been so informed in writing by the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Temporary IT access may be approved by DFS/PSB based on a favorable review or adjudication of their security forms and checks. Final IT access may be approved by DFS/PSB based on a favorably review or adjudication of a completed background investigation. 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/order requiring IT access without the approval of DFS/PSB, as communicated in writing to the contractor by the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Where temporary access

authorization has been revoked or denied by DFS/PSB, the contractor shall assign another contractor employee to perform the necessary work under this contract/order without delay to the contract/order performance schedule, or without adverse impact to any other terms or conditions of the contract/order. When an individual receives final IT access approval from DFS/PSB, the individual will be subject to a reinvestigation every ten (10) years thereafter (assuming continuous performance under contracts/orders at NRC) or more frequently in the event of noncontinuous performance under contracts/orders at NRC.

CORs are responsible for submitting the completed access/clearance request package as well as other documentation that is necessary to DFS/PSB. The contractor shall submit a completed security forms packet, including the OPM Standard Form (SF) 86 (online Questionnaire for National Security Positions), two (2) copies of the Contractor's signed pre-screening record, and two (2) FD 258 fingerprint charts, to DFS/PSB for review and adjudication, prior to the individual being authorized to perform work under this contract/order requiring access to sensitive information technology systems or data. Non-U.S. citizens must provide official documentation to the DFS/PSB, as proof of their legal residency. This documentation can be a Permanent Resident Card, Temporary Work Visa, Employment Authorization Card, or other official documentation issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Any applicant with less than seven (7) years residency in the U.S. will not be approved for IT Level I access. The Contractor shall submit the documents to the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) who will give them to DFS/PSB. The contractor shall ensure that all forms are accurate, complete, and legible. Based on DFS/PSB review of the contractor employee's security forms and/or the receipt of adverse information by NRC, the contractor individual may be denied access to NRC facilities and sensitive information technology systems or data until a final determination is made by DFS/PSB. The contractor individual's clearance status will thereafter be communicated to the contractor by the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) regarding the contractor person's eligibility.

In accordance with NRCAR 2052.204-70 "Security," IT Level I contractors shall be subject to the attached NRC Form 187 and SF-86. Together, these furnish the basis for providing security requirements to contractors that have or may have an NRC contractual relationship which requires access to or operation of agency sensitive information technology systems, 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.

## SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR IT LEVEL II

Performance under this contract/order 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.

Contractor personnel shall not have access to sensitive information technology systems or data until they are approved by DFS/PSB and they have been so informed in writing by the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Temporary access may be approved by DFS/PSB based on a favorable review of their security forms and checks. Final IT access may be approved by DFS/PSB based on a favorable adjudication. However, temporary access authorization approval will be revoked and the contractor 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/order requiring IT access without the approval of DFS/PSB, as communicated in writing to the contractor by the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Where temporary access authorization has been revoked or denied by DFS/PSB, the contractor is responsible for assigning another contractor employee to perform the necessary work under this contract/order without delay to the contract/order performance schedule, or without adverse impact to any other terms or conditions of the contract/order. When a contractor employee receives final IT access approval from DFS/PSB, the individual will be subject to a review or reinvestigation every ten (10) years (assuming continuous performance under contract/order at NRC) or more frequently in the event of noncontinuous performance under contract/order at NRC.

CORs are responsible for submitting the completed access/clearance request package as well as other documentation that is necessary to DFS/PSB. The contractor shall submit a completed security forms packet, including the OPM Standard Form (SF) 86 (online Questionnaire for National Security Positions), two (2) copies of the Contractor's signed pre-screening record and two (2) FD 258 fingerprint charts, to DFS/PSB for review and adjudication, prior to the contractor employee being authorized to perform work under this contract/order. Non-U.S. citizens must provide official documentation to the DFS/PSB, as proof of their legal residency. This documentation can be a Permanent Resident Card, Temporary Work Visa, Employment Authorization Card, or other official documentation issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Any applicant with less than seven (7) years residency in the U.S. will not be approved for IT Level II access. The Contractor shall submit the documents to the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) who will give them to DFS/PSB. The contractor shall ensure that all forms are accurate, complete, and legible. Based on DFS/PSB review of the contractor employee's security forms and/or the receipt of adverse information by NRC, the contractor employee may be denied access to NRC facilities, sensitive information technology systems or data until a final determination is made by DFS/PSB regarding the contractor person's eligibility.

In accordance with NRCAR 2052.204-70 "Security," IT Level II contractors shall be subject to the attached NRC Form 187, SF-86, and contractor's record of the pre-screening. Together, these furnish the basis for providing security requirements to contractors that have or may have an NRC contractual relationship which requires access to or operation of agency sensitive information technology systems, remote development and/or analysis of sensitive information technology systems or data, or other access to such 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 NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) by telephone so that the access review may be promptly discontinued. The notification shall contain the full name of the contractor employee and the date of the request. Telephone notifications must be promptly confirmed by the contractor in writing to the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), who will forward the confirmation to DFS/PSB. Additionally, the contractor shall immediately notify the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) in writing, who will in turn notify DFS/PSB, when a contractor employee no longer requires access to NRC sensitive automated information technology systems or data, including the voluntary or involuntary separation of employment of a contractor employee who has been approved for or is being processed for IT access.

The contractor shall flow the requirements of this clause down into all subcontracts and agreements with consultants for work that requires them to access NRC IT resources.

(End of Clause)

## SECTION I - Contract Clauses

### I.1 NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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

| NUMBER    | TITLE  | DATE     |
|-----------|--|----------|
| 52.202-1  | DEFINITIONS.   | NOV 2013 |
| 52.203-3  | GRATUITIES   | APR 1984 |
| 52.203-5  | COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES.  | MAY 2014 |
| 52.203-6  | RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR SALES TO THE GOVERNMENT  | SEP 2006 |
| 52.203-7  | ANTI-KICKBACK PROCEDURES.  | MAY 2014 |
| 52.203-8  | CANCELLATION, RESCISSION, AND RECOVERY OF FUNDS FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY   | JAN 1997 |
| 52.203-10 | PRICE OR FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY   | JAN 1997 |
| 52.203-12 | LIMITATIONS ON PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS  | OCT 2010 |
| 52.203-17 | CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS                     | APR 2014 |
| 52.204-4  | PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON RECYCLED PAPER   | MAY 2011 |
| 52.204-7  | CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION  | FEB 2012 |
| 52.204-10 | REPORTING EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACT AWARDS   | JUL 2010 |
| 52.209-6  | PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT | AUG 2013 |
| 52.215-2  | AUDIT AND RECORDS—NEGOTIATION (OCT 2010) - ALTERNATE II  | APR 1998 |
| 52.215-8  | ORDER OF PRECEDENCE - UNIFORM CONTRACT FORMAT  | OCT 1997 |
| 52.215-23 | LIMITATIONS ON PASS-THROUGH CHARGES.   | OCT 2009 |
| 52.216-11 | COST CONTRACT – NO FEE (APR 1984) - ALTERNATE I  | APR 1998 |
| 52.222-3  | CONVICT LABOR.   | JUN 2003 |
| 52.222-17 | NONDISPLACEMENT OF QUALIFIED WORKERS.  | MAY 2014 |
| 52.222-21 | PROHIBITION OF SEGREGATED FACILITIES.  | FEB 1999 |
| 52.222-26 | EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.   | MAR 2007 |
| 52.222-35 | EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS.  | JUL 2014 |
| 52.222-36 | EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES  | JUL 2014 |
| 52.222-40 | NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT   | Dec 2010 |

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| 52.222-50 | COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.   | MAR 2015 |
| 52.223-18 | ENCOURAGING CONTRACTOR POLICIES TO BAN TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING.      | AUG 2011 |
| 52.225-13 | RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PURCHASES.                                | JUN 2008 |
| 52.227-14 | RIGHTS IN DATA-GENERAL. (MAY 2014) - ALTERNATE IV                         | DEC 2007 |
| 52.228-7  | INSURANCE - LIABILITY TO THIRD PERSONS.                                   | MAR 1996 |
| 52.230-2  | COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS   | OCT 2015 |
| 52.232-18 | AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. (APR 1984)   | APR 1984 |
| 52.232-22 | LIMITATION OF FUNDS   | APR 1984 |
| 52.232-23 | ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS  | MAY 2014 |
| 52.232-25 | PROMPT PAYMENT  | JUL 2013 |
| 52.232-17 | INTEREST  | May 2014 |
| 52.232-33 | PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER --<br>SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT    | JUL 2013 |
| 52.232-39 | UNENFORCEABILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS                              | JUN 2013 |
| 52.233-1  | DISPUTES  | MAY 2014 |
| 52.233-3  | PROTEST AFTER AWARD. (AUG 1996) - ALTERNATE I                             | JUN 1985 |
| 52.233-4  | APPLICABLE LAW FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM                               | OCT 2004 |
| 52.242-1  | NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISALLOW COSTS.                                       | APR 1984 |
| 52.243-3  | CHANGES - TIME-AND-MATERIALS OR LABOR-HOURS                               | SEP      |
| 52.244-2  | SUBCONTRACTS  | Oct 2010 |
| 52.244-6  | SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS   | MAR 2015 |
| 52.245-1  | GOVERNMENT PROPERTY   | APR 2012 |
| 52.245-9  | USE AND CHARGES   | APR 2012 |
| 52.246-23 | LIMITATION OF LIABILITY   | FEB 1997 |
| 52.249-6  | TERMINATION (COST-REIMBURSEMENT). ALTERNATE IV<br>ALTERNATE IV (SEP 1996) | SEP 1996 |
| 52.249-14 | EXCUSABLE DELAYS.   | APR 1984 |
| 52.253-1  | COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS  | JAN 1991 |

I.2 52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES. (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. These rates may be adjusted only as a result of revisions to prevailing labor rates provided by the Secretary of Labor. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within 15 days.

(End of clause)

I.3 52.219-28 POST-AWARD SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM  
REREPRESENTATION. (JUL 2013)

(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/content/table-small-business-size-standards>.

(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 representation required by paragraph (b) of this clause by validating or updating all its representations in the Representations and Certifications section of the System for Award Management (SAM) and its other data in SAM, 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 SAM, or does not have a representation in SAM 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 [insert NAICS Code] assigned to contract number [insert contract number]. (*Contractor to sign and date and insert authorized signer's name and title*).

(End of clause)

#### I.4 52.216-7 ALLOWABLE COST AND PAYMENT. (JUN 2013)

##### (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) below, allowable indirect costs under this contract shall be obtained by applying indirect cost rates established in accordance with paragraph (d) below.

(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.

(iii) An adequate indirect cost rate proposal shall include the following data unless otherwise specified by the cognizant Federal agency official:

(A) Summary of all claimed indirect expense rates, including pool, base, and calculated indirect rate.

(B) General and Administrative expenses (final indirect cost pool). Schedule of claimed expenses by element of cost as identified in accounting records (Chart of Accounts).

(C) Overhead expenses (final indirect cost pool). Schedule of claimed expenses by element of cost as identified in accounting records (Chart of Accounts) for each final indirect cost pool.

(D) Occupancy expenses (intermediate indirect cost pool). Schedule of claimed expenses by element of cost as identified in accounting records (Chart of Accounts) and expense reallocation to final indirect cost pools.

(E) Claimed allocation bases, by element of cost, used to distribute indirect costs.

- (F) Facilities capital cost of money factors computation.
- (G) Reconciliation of books of account (i.e., General Ledger) and claimed direct costs by major cost element.
- (H) Schedule of direct costs by contract and subcontract and indirect expense applied at claimed rates, as well as a subsidiary schedule of Government participation percentages in each of the allocation base amounts.
- (I) Schedule of cumulative direct and indirect costs claimed and billed by contract and subcontract.
- (J) Subcontract information. Listing of subcontracts awarded to companies for which the contractor is the prime or upper-tier contractor (include prime and subcontract numbers; subcontract value and award type; amount claimed during the fiscal year; and the subcontractor name, address, and point of contact information).
- (K) Summary of each time-and-materials and labor-hour contract information, including labor categories, labor rates, hours, and amounts; direct materials; other direct costs; and, indirect expense applied at claimed rates.
- (L) Reconciliation of total payroll per IRS form 941 to total labor costs distribution.
- (M) Listing of decisions/agreements/approvals and description of accounting/organizational changes.
- (N) Certificate of final indirect costs (see 52.242-4, Certification of Final Indirect Costs).
- (O) Contract closing information for contracts physically completed in this fiscal year (include contract number, period of performance, contract ceiling amounts, contract fee computations, level of effort, and indicate if the contract is ready to close).
- (iv) The following supplemental information is not required to determine if a proposal is adequate, but may be required during the audit process:
  - (A) Comparative analysis of indirect expense pools detailed by account to prior fiscal year and budgetary data.
  - (B) General organizational information and limitation on allowability of compensation for certain contractor personnel. See 31.205-6(p). Additional salary reference information is available at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement\\_index\\_exec\\_comp/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement_index_exec_comp/).
  - (C) Identification of prime contracts under which the contractor performs as a subcontractor.
  - (D) Description of accounting system (excludes contractors required to submit a CAS Disclosure Statement or contractors where the description of the accounting system has not changed from the previous year's submission).

- (E) Procedures for identifying and excluding unallowable costs from the costs claimed and billed (excludes contractors where the procedures have not changed from the previous year's submission).
- (F) Certified financial statements and other financial data (e.g., trial balance, compilation, review, etc.).
- (G) Management letter from outside CPAs concerning any internal control weaknesses.
- (H) Actions that have been and/or will be implemented to correct the weaknesses described in the management letter from subparagraph (G) of this section.
- (I) List of all internal audit reports issued since the last disclosure of internal audit reports to the Government.
- (J) Annual internal audit plan of scheduled audits to be performed in the fiscal year when the final indirect cost rate submission is made.
- (K) Federal and State income tax returns.
- (L) Securities and Exchange Commission 10-K annual report.
- (M) Minutes from board of directors meetings.
- (N) Listing of delay claims and termination claims submitted which contain costs relating to the subject fiscal year.
- (O) Contract briefings, which generally include a synopsis of all pertinent contract provisions, such as: Contract type, contract amount, product or service(s) to be provided, contract performance period, rate ceilings, advance approval requirements, pre-contract cost allowability limitations, and billing limitations.
- (v) The Contractor shall update the billings on all contracts to reflect the final settled rates and update the schedule of cumulative direct and indirect costs claimed and billed, as required in paragraph (d)(2)(iii)(I) of this section, within 60 days after settlement of final indirect cost rates.
- (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, (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. The completion invoice or voucher shall include settled subcontract amounts and rates. The prime contractor is responsible for settling subcontractor amounts and rates included in the completion invoice or voucher and providing status of subcontractor audits to the contracting officer upon request.

(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

(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.

(End of clause)

I.5 52.232-7 PAYMENTS UNDER TIME-AND-MATERIALS AND LABOR-HOUR CONTRACTS. (AUG 2012)

The Government will pay the Contractor as follows upon the submission of vouchers approved by the Contracting Officer or the authorized representative:

(a) Hourly rate. (1) Hourly rate means the rate(s) prescribed in the contract for payment for labor that meets the labor category qualifications of a labor category specified in the contract that are-

(i) Performed by the Contractor;

(ii) Performed by the subcontractors; or

(iii) Transferred between divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliates of the Contractor under a common control.

(2) The amounts shall be computed by multiplying the appropriate hourly rates prescribed in the Schedule by the number of direct labor hours performed.

(3) The hourly rates shall be paid for all labor performed on the contract that meets the labor qualifications specified in the contract. Labor hours incurred to perform tasks for which labor qualifications were specified in the contract will not be paid to the extent the work is performed by employees that do not meet the qualifications specified in the contract, unless specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer.

(4) The hourly rates shall include wages, indirect costs, general and administrative expense, and profit. Fractional parts of an hour shall be payable on a prorated basis.

(5) Vouchers may be submitted not more than once every two weeks, to the Contracting Officer or authorized representative. A small business concern may receive more frequent payments than every two weeks. The Contractor shall substantiate vouchers (including any subcontractor hours reimbursed at the hourly rate in the schedule) by evidence of actual payment and by-

(i) Individual daily job timekeeping records;

(ii) Records that verify the employees meet the qualifications for the labor categories specified in the contract; or

(iii) Other substantiation approved by the Contracting Officer.

(6) Promptly after receipt of each substantiated voucher, the Government shall, except as otherwise provided in this contract, and subject to the terms of paragraph (e) of this clause, pay the voucher as approved by the Contracting Officer or authorized representative.

(7) Unless otherwise prescribed in the Schedule, the Contracting Officer may unilaterally issue a contract modification requiring the Contractor to withhold amounts from its billings until a reserve is set aside in an amount that the Contracting Officer considers necessary to protect the Government's interests. The Contracting Officer may require a withhold of 5 percent of the amounts due under paragraph (a) of this clause, but the total amount withheld for the contract shall not exceed \$50,000. The amounts withheld shall be retained until the Contractor executes and delivers the release required by paragraph (g) of this clause.

(8) Unless the Schedule prescribes otherwise, the hourly rates in the Schedule shall not be varied by virtue of the Contractor having performed work on an overtime basis. If no overtime rates are provided in the Schedule and overtime work is approved in advance by the Contracting Officer, overtime rates shall be negotiated. Failure to agree upon these overtime rates shall be treated as a dispute under the Disputes clause of this contract. If the Schedule provides rates for overtime, the premium portion of those rates will be reimbursable only to the extent the overtime is approved by the Contracting Officer.

(b) Materials. (1) For the purposes of this clause-



(i) Direct materials means those materials that enter directly into the end product, or that are used or consumed directly in connection with the furnishing of the end product or service.

(ii) Materials means-

(A) Direct materials, including supplies transferred between divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliates of the Contractor under a common control;

(B) Subcontracts for supplies and incidental services for which there is not a labor category specified in the contract;

(C) Other direct costs (e.g., incidental services for which there is not a labor category specified in the contract, travel, computer usage charges, etc.); and

(D) Applicable indirect costs.

(2) If the Contractor furnishes its own materials that meet the definition of a commercial item at 2.101, the price to be paid for such materials shall not exceed the Contractor's established catalog or market price, adjusted to reflect the-

(i) Quantities being acquired; and

(ii) Actual cost of any modifications necessary because of contract requirements.

(3) Except as provided for in paragraph (b)(2) of this clause, the Government will reimburse the Contractor for allowable cost of materials provided the Contractor-

(i) Has made payments for materials in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement or invoice; or

(ii) Ordinarily makes these payments within 30 days of the submission of the Contractor's payment request to the Government and such payment is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement or invoice.

(4) Payment for materials is subject to the Allowable Cost and Payment clause of this contract. The Contracting Officer will determine allowable costs of materials in accordance with Subpart 31.2 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) in effect on the date of this contract.

(5) The Contractor may include allocable indirect costs and other direct costs to the extent they are-

(i) Comprised only of costs that are clearly excluded from the hourly rate;

(ii) Allocated in accordance with the Contractor's written or established accounting practices; and

(iii) Indirect costs are not applied to subcontracts that are paid at the hourly rates.

(6) To the extent able, the Contractor shall-

(i) Obtain materials at the most advantageous prices available with due regard to securing prompt delivery of satisfactory materials; and

(ii) Take all cash and trade discounts, rebates, allowances, credits, salvage, commissions, and other benefits. When unable to take advantage of the benefits, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer and give the reasons. The Contractor shall give credit to the Government for cash and trade discounts, rebates, scrap, commissions, and other amounts that have accrued to the benefit of the Contractor, or would have accrued except for the fault or neglect of the Contractor. The Contractor shall not deduct from gross costs the benefits lost without fault or neglect on the part of the Contractor, or lost through fault of the Government.

(7) Except as provided for in 31.205-26(e) and (f), the Government will not pay profit or fee to the prime Contractor on materials.

(c) If the Contractor enters into any subcontract that requires consent under the clause at 52.244-2, Subcontracts, without obtaining such consent, the Government is not required to reimburse the Contractor for any costs incurred under the subcontract prior to the date the Contractor obtains the required consent. Any reimbursement of subcontract costs incurred prior to the date the consent was obtained shall be at the sole discretion of the Government.

(d) Total cost. It is estimated that the total cost to the Government for the performance of this contract shall not exceed the ceiling price set forth in the Schedule, and the Contractor agrees to use its best efforts to perform the work specified in the Schedule and all obligations under this contract within such ceiling price. If at any time the Contractor has reason to believe that the hourly rate payments and material costs that will accrue in performing this contract in the next succeeding 30 days, if added to all other payments and costs previously accrued, will exceed 85 percent of the ceiling price in the Schedule, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer giving a revised estimate of the total price to the Government for performing this contract with supporting reasons and documentation. If at any time during performing this contract, the Contractor has reason to believe that the total price to the Government for performing this contract will be substantially greater or less than the then stated ceiling price, the Contractor shall so notify the Contracting Officer, giving a revised estimate of the total price for performing this contract, with supporting reasons and documentation. If at any time during performing this contract, the Government has reason to believe that the work to be required in performing this contract will

be substantially greater or less than the stated ceiling price, the Contracting Officer will so advise the Contractor, giving the then revised estimate of the total amount of effort to be required under the contract.

(e) Ceiling price. The Government will not be obligated to pay the Contractor any amount in excess of the ceiling price in the Schedule, and the Contractor shall not be obligated to continue performance if to do so would exceed the ceiling price set forth in the Schedule, unless and until the Contracting Officer notifies the Contractor in writing that the ceiling price has been increased and specifies in the notice a revised ceiling that shall constitute the ceiling price for performance under this contract. When and to the extent that the ceiling price set forth in the Schedule has been increased, any hours expended and material costs incurred by the Contractor in excess of the ceiling price before the increase shall be allowable to the same extent as if the hours expended and material costs had been incurred after the increase in the ceiling price.

(f) Audit. At any time before final payment under this contract, the Contracting Officer may request audit of the vouchers and supporting documentation. Each payment previously made shall be subject to reduction to the extent of amounts, on preceding vouchers, that are found by the Contracting Officer or authorized representative not to have been properly payable and shall also be subject to reduction for overpayments or to increase for underpayments. Upon receipt and approval of the voucher designated by the Contractor as the "completion voucher" and supporting documentation, and upon compliance by the Contractor with all terms of this contract (including, without limitation, terms relating to patents and the terms of paragraph (g) of this clause), the Government shall promptly pay any balance due the Contractor. The completion voucher, and supporting documentation, shall be submitted by the Contractor as promptly as practicable following completion of the work under this contract, but in no event later than 120 days (or such longer period as the Contracting Officer may approve in writing) from the date of completion.

(g) Assignment and Release of Claims. The Contractor, and each assignee under an assignment entered into under this contract and in effect at the time of final payment under this contract, shall execute and deliver, at the time of and as a condition precedent to final payment under this contract, a release discharging the Government, its officers, agents, and employees of and from all liabilities, obligations, and claims arising out of or under this contract, subject only to the following exceptions:

(1) Specified claims in stated amounts, or in estimated amounts if the amounts are not susceptible of exact statement by the Contractor.

(2) Claims, together with reasonable incidental expenses, based upon the liabilities of the Contractor to third parties arising out of performing this contract, that are not known to the Contractor on the date of the execution of the release, and of which the Contractor gives notice in writing to the Contracting Officer not more than 6 years after the date of the release or the date of any notice to the Contractor that the Government is prepared to make final payment, whichever is earlier.

(3) Claims for reimbursement of costs (other than expenses of the Contractor by reason of its indemnification of the Government against patent liability), including reasonable incidental expenses, incurred by the Contractor under the terms of this contract relating to patents.

(h) Interim payments on contracts for other than services. (1) Interim payments made prior to the final payment under the contract are contract financing payments. Contract financing payments are not subject to the interest penalty provisions of the Prompt Payment Act.

(2) 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.

(i) Interim payments on contracts for services. For interim payments made prior to the final payment under this contract, the Government will make payment in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(End of Clause)

I.6 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): <https://www.acquisition.gov/far/>

(End of clause)

I.7 COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 508 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AS AMENDED (SEP 2013)

In 1998, Congress amended the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794d) as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (P.L. 105 - 220), August 7, 1998 to require Federal agencies to make their electronic and information technology (EIT) accessible to people with disabilities. Inaccessible technology interferes with an ability to obtain and use information quickly and easily. Section 508 was enacted to eliminate barriers in information technology, open new opportunities for people with disabilities, and encourage development of technologies that will help achieve these goals. The law applies to all Federal agencies when they develop, procure, maintain, or use electronic and information technology. Under Section 508 (29 U.S.C. §794d), agencies must give disabled employees and members of the public access to information that is comparable to access available to others.

Specifically, Section 508 of that Act requires that when Federal agencies develop, procure, maintain, or use EIT, Federal employees with disabilities have access to and use of information and data that is comparable to the access and use by Federal

employees who are not individuals with disabilities, unless an undue burden would be imposed on the agency. (36 C.F.R. §1194 implements Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and is viewable at: <http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/standards.htm>)

Exceptions.

All EIT that the government acquires by purchase or by lease/rental under this contract must meet the applicable accessibility standards at 36 C.F.R. Part 1194, unless one or more of the following exceptions at FAR 39.204 applies to this acquisition (applicable if checked):

- The EIT is for a national security system.
- The EIT is acquired by a contractor incidental to a contract.
- The EIT is located in spaces frequented only by service personnel for maintenance, repair or occasional monitoring of equipment.
- Compliance with the applicable 36 C.F.R. Part 1194 provisions would impose an undue burden on the agency.

Applicable Standards.

The following accessibility standards from 36 C.F.R. Part 1194 have been determined to be applicable to this contract/order. See [www.section508.gov](http://www.section508.gov) for more information:

- 1194.21 Software applications and operating systems.
- 1194.22 Web-based intranet and internet information and applications. 16 rules.
- 1194.23 Telecommunications products.
- 1194.24 Video and multimedia products.
- 1194.25 Self contained, closed products.
- 1194.26 Desktop and portable computers.
- 1194.31 Functional performance criteria.
- 1194.41 Information, documentation, and support.

Note: Under the Exceptions paragraph, the Contracting Officer should check the boxes for any exceptions that apply. If no exceptions apply, then the Contracting Officer should, under the Applicable Standards paragraph, check the boxes that indicate which of the standards apply. See FAR Subpart 39.2 and [www.section508.gov](http://www.section508.gov) for additional guidance.

(End of Clause)

I.8 2052.242-70 Resolving Differing Professional Views. (OCT 1999)

(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 Views (DPVs).

(b) The procedure that will be used provides for the expression and resolution of differing professional views (DPVs) 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 may be found in Attachments to this document. The contractor shall provide a copy of the NRC DPV 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 DPV's received but need not endorse them.

I.9 2052.42-71 Procedures for Resolving Differing Professional Views. (OCT 1999)

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

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

(c) Before incurring costs to document a DPV, the contractor shall first determine whether there are sufficient funds obligated under the contract which are available to cover the costs of writing a DPV. If there are insufficient obligated funds under the contract, the contractor shall first request the NRC contracting officer for additional funding to cover the costs of preparing the DPV and authorization to proceed.

(d) Contract funds shall not be authorized to document an allegation where the use of this NRC contractor DPV process is inappropriate. Examples of such instances are: allegations of wrongdoing which should be addressed directly to the NRC Office of the Inspector General (OIG), issues submitted anonymously, or issues raised which have already been considered, addressed, or rejected, absent significant new information.

This procedure does not provide anonymity. Individuals desiring anonymity should contact the NRC OIG or submit the information under NRC's Allegation Program, as appropriate.

(e) When required, the contractor shall initiate the DPV process by submitting a written statement directly to the NRC Office Director or Regional Administrator responsible for the contract, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, Division of Contracts and Property Management, Office of Administration. Each DPV submitted will be evaluated on its own merits.

(f) The DPV, 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 based on risk, safety and cost benefit considerations of the consequences should the submitter's position not be adopted by NRC.

(g) The Office Director or Regional Administrator will immediately forward the submittal to the NRC DPV Review Panel and acknowledge receipt of the DPV, ordinarily within five (5) calendar days of receipt.

(h) The panel will normally review the DPV within seven calendar days of receipt to determine whether enough information has been supplied to undertake a detailed review of the issue. Typically, within 30 calendar days of receipt of the necessary information to begin a 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 DPV Review Panel's report, make a decision on the DPV and provide a written decision to the contractor and the Contracting Officer normally within seven calendar days after receipt of the panel's recommendation.

(j) Subsequent to the decision made regarding the DPV Review Panel's report, a summary of the issue and its disposition will be included in the NRC Weekly Information Report submitted by the Office Director. The DPV file will be retained in the Office or Region for a minimum of one year thereafter. For purposes of the contract, the DPV shall be considered a deliverable under the contract. Based upon the Office Director or Regional Administrator's report, the matter will be closed.

**SECTION J - List of Documents, Exhibits and Other Attachments****PART III - LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER ATTACH****SECTION J - List of Documents, Exhibits and Other Attachments**

| <b>Attachment Number</b> | <b>Attachment Title</b>                                |
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| Attachment No.1          | Subpart 2009.5 Organizational Conflicts of Interest    |
| Attachment No.2          | Billing Instructions – Time and Material or Labor Hour |
| Attachment No. 3         | Monthly Letter Status Report Template                  |