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SECTION B - Supplies or Services/Prices

B.1 BRIEF PROJECT TITLE AND WORK DESCRIPTION

- (a) The title of this project is: HEAF 2 Support Electrical
- (b) Summary work description: The objective of this acquisition is to provide support (assembly, storage, and teardown) of electrical testing on low and medium voltage switchgear (circuit breakers) and distribution buses (NRC-HQ-60-15-C-0004). The electrical measurements made during the testing, along with the mechanical measurements will allow for development of an enhanced HEAF model for use in fire probabilistic risk assessment. The electrical contractor will support this testing on-site, at the KEMA-Powertest facility, as well as off-site at a nearby staging area for preparation work, teardown, and storage activities.

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

- (a) The ceiling price to the Government for full performance under this contract is \$573,000.00.
- (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 and (2) cost of materials totaling
- (c) The amount presently obligated by the Government with respect to this contract is
- (d) It is estimated that the amount currently obligated will cover performance through September 30, 2018.
- (e) This is an incrementally-funded contract and FAR 52.232-22 "Limitation of Funds" applies.

B.3 CONSIDERATION AND OBLIGATION-FIRM-FIXED-PRICE

The total amount of the Firm-Fixed-Price portion of this contract is \$ and this amount is fully-funded.

B.4 COST/PRICE SCHEDULE

Base Period: Date of Award – 24 Months from Date of Award

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| 0006 | Medium Voltage (4kV) Aluminum Nonsegregated Phase Bus Bars | 4 | | |
| 0007 | Low Voltage Switchgear Load Center (480V) w/ Copper Bus | 8 | | |
| 8000 | Medium Voltage Switchgear (4kV) w/ Copper Bus | 8 | | |
| 0009 | Aluminum Bus for Low Voltage Switchgear Load Center (480V) | 8 | | |
| 0010 | Aluminum Bus for Medium Voltage Switchgear (4kV) | 8 | | |
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TOTAL PRICE (BASE PERIOD):

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| 1011 | Equipment Storage and Staging Facility | \$ | \$ |
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TOTAL PRICE (OPTION PERIOD):

\$66,025.00

GRAND TOTAL (BASE AND ALL OPTIONS):

\$573,000.00

B.5 STATEMENT OF WORK

B.5.1 <u>Title of Project</u>

HEAF 2 Support - Electrical

B.5.2 Background

The current state-of-the-art methods for evaluating the fire effects from a High Energy Arcing Fault (HEAF) event is contained in NUREG/CR-6850 Appendix M and NFPA 805 Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) 07-0035, Revision 2. NUREG/CR-6850 contains a model to evaluate HEAFs in cabinets, and the NFPA 805 FAQ 07-0035 contains a HEAF model for bus ducts. Each of these models is based primarily on a single event that corresponds to the type of failure, and each does not allow adjustments to account for the variables which can influence a HEAF. Further, these events continue to occur, the most recent event in the U.S. occurring in March 2010 and producing two HEAFs, one of which is a different failure mode from that characterized in either NUREG/CR-6850 or the NFPA 805 FAQ. To support improvement of the state-of-the-art in Fire PRA modeling of HEAF events, test data is needed.

HEAFs have the potential to cause extensive damage to the failed electrical component and distribution system along with adjacent equipment and cables within the zone of influence. The significant energy released during the HEAF event can act as an ignition source to other components and developing a mechanistic model based on past events and testing can improve the state of knowledge and provide better characterization of HEAF in the fire PRA and NFPA 805 license amendment request applications.

To better understand the HEAF phenomena, enduring fires, and to develop a mechanistic model, a testing program is being conducted at KEMA-Powertest facilities under a separate contract (NRC-HQ-60-15-C-0004) that will provide the required information to progress with model development. Electrical contractor support is required to support the HEAF testing. Work performed by the electrical contractor would include preparation work such as equipment assembly and testing, including Hi-pot testing (also called Dielectric Withstanding Voltage (DWV) testing, or the like), and participation in teardown activities after the HEAF test has been performed. The contractor would also support capture of field conditions during testing, including as-built drawings, test documentation, and photos.

B.5.3 Objective

The objective of this acquisition is to provide support (assembly, storage, and teardown) of electrical testing on low and medium voltage switchgear (circuit breakers) and distribution buses being performed under a separate contract (NRC-HQ-60-15-C-0004). The electrical measurements made during the testing, along with the mechanical measurements will allow for development of an enhanced HEAF model for use in fire probabilistic risk assessment. The electrical contractor will support this testing on-site, at the KEMA-Powertest facility, as well as off-site at a nearby staging area for preparation work, teardown, and storage activities.

B.5.4 Scope of Work/Tasks

The contractor shall provide all resources necessary (personnel, equipment and material) to accomplish the tasks and deliverables described in this Statement of Work (SOW).

The contractor shall provide and/or perform the following three tasks:

B.5.4.1 TASK 1, Equipment procurement, preparation, and storage located near KEMA-Powertest facility

The purpose of Task 1 is to procure, prepare, and store electrical power distribution equipment, which will be used in support of conducting HEAF testing at KEMA-Powertest facilities being performed under a separate contract (NRC-HQ-60-15-C-0004). The assembly and storage facility shall be located near enough to the KEMA-Powertest facility that the contractor shall be able to deliver the equipment from the storage facilities to the KEMA-Powertest facility within 30 minutes (under normal traffic conditions). To storage facility be accessible to NRC staff and contractors who will also be involved with the preparation work and teardown activities. This task also requires storage of the equipment supplied by the NRC or its contractor until which time it is to be tested at KEMA-Powertest facility. The final requirement of this task is for the proper disposal of KEMA-tested electrical equipment.

The address for the KEMA-Powertest facility is: 4379 County Line Road Chalfont, PA 18914

The electrical contractor shall perform the following subtasks to achieve this purpose:

a) Procure the electrical distribution equipment per the NRC test plan to use in HEAF testing at KEMA-Powertest facilities. At a minimum, the following equipment shall be procured:

| Description | Quantity |
|--|----------|
| Medium Voltage (4kV) Nonsegregated Phase Bus Ducts | 8 |
| Medium Voltage (4kV) Copper Nonsegregated Phase Bus Bars | 4 |
| Medium Voltage (4kV) Aluminum Nonsegregated Phase Bus Bars | 4 |
| Low Voltage Switchgear Load Center (480V) w/ Copper Bus | 8 |
| Medium Voltage Switchgear (4kV) w/ Copper Bus | 8 |

| Aluminum Bus for Low Voltage Switchgear Load Center (480V) | 8 |
|--|---|
| Aluminum Bus for Medium Voltage Switchgear (4kV) | 8 |

^{*}Prior to purchasing any of the required equipment, the contractor shall obtain quotes and submit them to the NRC COR for review. All purchases must be approved in writing by the COR prior to purchase.

- b) Assemble/refurbish the equipment procured under subtask 1a or provided by the NRC in preparation for high energy arc fault (HEAF) testing at KEMA-Powertest facilities.
- c) Store testing equipment from Subtasks 1a and 1b at a facility close in proximity to the KEMA-Powertest Facilities (with-in a 30 minute drive under normal traffic conditions). The equipment shall be stored in a manner that is physically secure from potential theft and vandalism and provides protection from the environment (rain, sun, snow, etc.) (i.e. an enclosed building like a warehouse or other commercial space). In addition, this facility shall provide adequate space to allow for safe working conditions (~750 sq. ft) and electrical utilities to allow for the NRC and its contractors to prepare the equipment (assemble and conduct QA testing) prior to testing conducted at KEMA facilities as well as to perform post HEAF testing teardown/inspection activities.
- d) Assist NRC and its contractors in moving equipment between the storage site, work preparation area, and testing area.

B.5.4.2 TASK 2, Support KEMA HEAF Testing of Electrical Equipment

The electrical contractor will support the HEAF testing on-site at the KEMA-Powertest facility, as well as off-site at a nearby preparation area (Task 1d) for preparation work and teardown activities. The electrical contractor shall provide adequate personnel (typically this has been 1-2 engineers and a team of 2-5 electricians/technicians depending upon the scope of testing for that particular day) to support the electrical equipment setup for each HEAF test.

In addition, the contractor shall conduct Hi-pot testing (or like testing) to ensure the function of the equipment for the objective of each HEAF test. All testing shall be conducted by qualified personnel and in accordance with ANSI/NETA Standard for Acceptance Testing Specifications (ATS) for Electrical Power Equipment and Systems.

The contractor shall perform the following subtasks to achieve this purpose:

- a) Provide the necessary personnel, including a qualified test engineer, to perform testing (i.e., Hi-pot testing or the like) of electrical equipment.
- b) Provide two to five technicians (as determined by the COR) and a qualified test engineer to assist with high power testing at the KEMA-Powertest facility. This work may include, but is not limited to: verifying cabinet grounding, adding control cables, attaching cabinets to a support frame to support testing, as well as supporting instrumentation, for up to 3 HEAF tests per day.
- Assist the NRC and its contractors in moving and setting up the equipment and instrumentation for testing and teardown activities.

B.5.4.3 TASK 3. Documentation of test results

The purpose of this task is to provide all supporting electrical test documentation (such as pre-HEAF electrical equipment test results) as well as the supporting documents for the individual HEAF tests that are performed (such as photos and as-built drawings).

The contractor shall perform the following subtasks to achieve this purpose:

- a) Provide electronic data files.
- b) Provide electrical test report documentation, including as-built drawings and photos, as necessary.

B.5.5 Estimated Labor Categories, Key Personnel and Levels of Effort

At a minimum, the NRC anticipates the following personnel will be necessary for successful performance of this contract:

Licensed Professional Electrical Engineer Test Engineer Licensed Electrician Support Technicians

B.5.5.1 Minimum Education/Certification Requirements:

The following education/certification requirements apply to the following personnel:

- The Licensed Professional Electrical Engineer must have a B.S. in Electrical Engineering as well as have a current Professional Engineer License
- The Test Engineer must have a B.S. in Electrical Engineering
- The Licensed Electrician must have a current Electrician's License.

Minimum Experience Requirements

In addition to the education/certification requirements listed above, at a minimum, the team of personnel shall collectively have the following experience:

- 3 years of experience conducting HEAF testing;
- 3 years of experience conducting Hi-pot Testing (or like testing conducted in accordance with ANSI/NETA Standard for Acceptance Testing Specifications (ATS) for Electrical Power Equipment and Systems);
- 3 years of experience working with medium voltage systems; and
- 3 years of experience designing electrical power systems and documenting test results

In addition to the experience requirements listed above, the team of personnel must be capable of being in compliance with KEMA-Powertest safety protocol for working at KEMA Facilities.

Desired Experience:

The following experience is not a requirement for this contract, but is desired and personnel with this experience will be given higher technical consideration:

- Experience conducting fire testing;
- · Experience conducting Arc Flash analysis; and
- Experience working with KEMA facilities.

B.5.6 Certification and License Requirements

See above for personnel certification and licensing requirements.

B.5.7 Reporting Requirements

B.5.7.1 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 staff hour summary.

B.5.7.2 Technical Reporting

Task 3b: Following each HEAF test series conducted at KEMA Powertest, a preliminary report documenting the experimental setup, including asbuilt drawings and photos, as necessary shall be provided to the NRC COR within 1 month of completion of a test series. A test series is considered to be a series of tests that are performed sequentially without a break in testing greater than 1 work week.

B.5.7.3 Final Report

The contractor shall provide a final report summarizing the work performed and the results and conclusions under this contract/order.

B.5.8 List of Deliverables

| Section # | Deliverable | Due Date | Format | Submit to |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------|
| B.5.4.1.a Procurement | Electrical Equipment for Test | 3 months prior to | | |
| | | testing at KEMA | | |
| B.5.4.1.b | Assemble and refurbish | 2 month prior to | | |
| Assemble/refurb | equipment | testing at KEMA | | |
| B.5.4.1.c Storage | Storage of equipment | As needed | | |
| B.5.4.1.d Test Prep | Work area to prepare electrical | 1 week prior to | | |
| _ | equipment | testing at KEMA | | |
| B.5.4.1.e Movement | Electrical equipment moved to | 1 day prior to | | |

| | destination (KEMA/contractor | testing, 1 day | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------|
| | site) | following testing | | |
| B.5.4.2.a,b Personnel | Personnel to support testing | Test day(s) at KEMA | | |
| B.5.4.3.a data files | Electronic data files | 1 week following | | |
| | | testing | | |
| B.5.4.3.b | | | | |
| B.5.7.1 MLSR | 1 [Monthly Report] | 20 h of the following | Word | CO/COR |
| | | month | Document | |
| B.5.7.2 Final Report | 2 [Final Report] | 30 days prior to | Word | COR |
| | | contract expiration | Document | |

B.5.9 Required Materials/Facilities

As stated in Section B.5.4 performance of this work will require the procurement of equipment to be used in testing (1a), and the facilities to store the procured and provided equipment (1c) until testing at KEMA-Powertest occurs.

B.5.10 Release of Publications

Any documents generated by the contractor under this contract/order shall not be released for publication or dissemination without CO and COR prior written approval.

B.5.11 Place of Performance

The work to be performed under this contract will be primarily performed at KEMA-

Powertest facility: 4379 County Line Road

Chalfont, PA 18914

and/or at the awarded contractor's facility.

B.5.12 Recognized Holidays

The contractor is responsible for conducting business during the normal operating hours of the KEMA Powertest Facility except for the following recognized holidays:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
President's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

B.5.13 Hours of Operation

The contractor is responsible for conducting business during the normal operating hours of the KEMA Powertest Facility, Monday thru Friday except Federal holidays or when the facility is closed due to local or national emergencies, administrative closings, or similar directed facility closings. For other than firm fixed price contracts, the contractor will not be reimbursed when the government facility is closed for the above reasons. The contractor must at all times maintain an adequate workforce for the uninterrupted performance of all tasks defined within this SOW when the facility is not closed for the

above reasons. When hiring personnel, the contractor shall keep in mind that the stability and continuity of the workforce are essential.

B.5.14 Contractor Travel

Frequent local travel is expected to occur during this work as discussed in section C.4 Scope of Work.

No International Travel is required.

Contractor will be authorized travel expenses consistent with the substantive provisions of the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) and the limitation of funds specified in this contract/order. All travel requires written Government approval from the CO, unless otherwise delegated to the COR.

Travel will be reimbursed in accordance with FAR 31.205-46, "Travel costs" and the General Services Administration's Federal Travel Regulations at: http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104790

SECTION C - Contract Terms and Conditions

C.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-0008.

C.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: N/A.

C.3 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE ALTERNATE

This contract shall commence on the Date of Award and will expire on 24 Months from the Date of Award. The term of this contract may be extended at the option of the Government for an additional 12 Months, from 24 Months from the Date of Award to 36 Months from the Date of Award.

Base Period: Date of Award - 24 Months from the Date of Award

Option Period(s): 24 - 36 Months from the Date of Award

C.4 PLACE OF DELIVERY-REPORTS

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

Electronic copies to:

<u>Gabriel.taylor@nrc.gov</u> (Contracting Officer's Representative)

Richard.robinsonii@nrc.gov (Contracting Officer)

C.5 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.

C.6 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.

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

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

- *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.

C.8 2052.215-71 PROJECT OFFICER AUTHORITY. (OCT 1999)

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

Name: Gabriel Taylor

Email Address: Gabriel.taylor@nrc.gov

Telephone Number: 301-415-0781

- (b) Performance of the work under this contract is subject to the technical direction of the NRC project officer. The term technical direction is defined to include the following:
- (1) Technical direction to the contractor which shifts work emphasis between areas of work or tasks, authorizes travel which was unanticipated in the Schedule (i.e., travel not contemplated in the Statement of Work or changes to specific travel identified in the Statement of Work), fills in details, or otherwise serves to accomplish the contractual statement of work.
- (2) Provide advice and guidance to the contractor in the preparation of drawings, specifications, or technical portions of the work description.
- (3) Review and, where required by the contract, 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 project officer does not have the authority to and may not issue any technical direction which:
- (1) Constitutes an assignment of work outside the general scope of the contract.
- (2) Constitutes a change as defined in the "Changes" clause of this contract.
- (3) In any way causes an increase or decrease in the total estimated contract cost, the fixed fee, if any, or the time required for contract performance.
- (4) Changes any of the expressed terms, conditions, or specifications of the contract.
- (5) Terminates the contract, settles any claim or dispute arising under the contract, or issues any unilateral directive whatever.
- (d) All technical directions must be issued in writing by the project officer or must be confirmed by the project officer in writing within ten (10) working days after verbal issuance. A copy of the written direction must be furnished to the contracting officer. A copy of NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel, which has received final approval from the NRC must be furnished to the contracting officer.

- (e) The contractor shall proceed promptly with the performance of technical directions duly issued by the project officer in the manner prescribed by this clause and within the project officer's authority under the provisions of this clause.
- (f) If, in the opinion of the contractor, any instruction or direction issued by the project officer is within one of the categories 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 project officer may result in an unnecessary delay in the contractor's performance and may even result in the contractor expending funds for unallowable costs under the contract.
- (h) A failure of the parties to agree upon the nature of the instruction or direction or upon the contract action to be taken with respect 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 project officer shall:
- (1) Monitor the contractor's technical progress, including surveillance and assessment of performance, and recommend to the contracting officer changes in requirements.
- (2) Assist the contractor in the resolution of technical problems encountered during performance.
- (3) Review all costs requested for reimbursement by the contractor and submit to the contracting officer recommendations for approval, disapproval, or suspension of payment for supplies and services required under this contract.

C.9 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 Project Officer before taking travel that was unanticipated in the Schedule (i.e., travel not contemplated in the Statement of Work, or changes to specific travel identified in the Statement of Work).
- (c) The contractor will be reimbursed only for travel costs incurred that are directly related to this contract and are allowable subject to the limitations prescribed in FAR 31.205-46.
- (d) It is the responsibility of the contractor to notify the contracting officer in accordance with the Limitations of Cost clause of this contract when, at any time, the contractor

learns that travel expenses will cause the contractor to exceed the estimated costs specified in the Schedule.

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

C.10 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.

C.11 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.

C.12 WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION FOR NRC CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES

- (a) The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) contractor and its subcontractor are subject to the Whistleblower Employee Protection public law provisions as codified at 42 U.S.C. 5851. NRC contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) shall comply with the requirements of this Whistleblower Employee Protection law, and the implementing regulations of the NRC and the Department of Labor (DOL). See, for example, DOL Procedures on Handling Complaints at 29 C.F.R. Part 24 concerning the employer obligations, prohibited acts, DOL procedures and the requirement for prominent posting of notice of Employee Rights at Appendix A to Part 24 entitled: "Your Rights Under the Energy Reorganization Act".
- (b) Under this Whistleblower Employee Protection law, as implemented by regulations, NRC contractor and subcontractor employees are protected from discharge, reprisal, threats, intimidation, coercion, blacklisting or other employment discrimination practices with respect to compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of their employment because the contractor or subcontractor employee(s) has provided notice to the employer, refused to engage in unlawful practices, assisted in proceedings or testified on activities concerning alleged violations of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (as amended) and the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (as amended).
- (c) The contractor shall insert this or the substance of this clause in any subcontracts involving work performed under this contract.

C.13 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.

C.14 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 12 months from the Date of Award. 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.

C.15 CONTRACTOR ACQUIRED GOVERNMENT EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY

- (a) The Contractor is authorized to acquire and/or fabricate the equipment/property listed below for use in the performance of this contract.
- 1. See Section B.5.4.1 paragraph (a) of the Statement of Work.
- (b) In the event that, during contract performance, the contractor determines that the acquisition cost for the above item(s) is expected to exceed the amount(s) contained in the contractor's proposal, the contractor shall refer to the Limitation of Cost or Funds Clause when either is included in the contract.
- (c) Only the equipment/property listed above, in the quantities shown, will be acquired by the contractor unless the contractor receives written authorization and approval from the contracting officer for the purchase of additional equipment/property. The above listed items are subject to FAR 52.245-1 "Government Property".

C.16 52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS - COMMERCIAL ITEMS. (JAN 2017)

- (a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:
 - (1) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (JAN 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).
 - (2) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (NOV 2015).
 - (3) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (AUG 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).
 - (4) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 (19 U.S.C. 3805 note)).
- (b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items: (Contracting Officer check as appropriate.)
 - [X] (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (SEP 2006), with Alternate I (OCT 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4704 and 10 U.S.C. 2402).
 - [] (2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (OCT 2015) (41 U.S.C. 3509).
 - [] (3) 52.203-15, Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (JUN 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5). (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.)
 - [] (4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).
 - (5) (Reserved)
 - [] (6) 52.204-14, Service Contract Reporting Requirements (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).
 - [] (7) 52.204-15, Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

- [X] (8) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (OCT 2015) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).
- [X] (9) 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (JUL 2013) (41 U.S.C. 2313).
- [] (10) (Reserved)
- [] (11)(i) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657a).
- [] (ii) Alternate I (NOV 2011) of 52.219-3.
- [] (12)(i) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (OCT 2014) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a).
- [] (ii) Alternate I (JAN 2011) of 52.219-4.
- [] (13) (Reserved)
- [X] (14)(i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644).
 - [] (ii) Alternate I (NOV 2011).
 - [] (iii) Alternate II (NOV 2011).
- [] (15)(i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (JUN 2003) (15 U.S.C. 644).
 - [] (ii) Alternate I (OCT 1995) of 52.219-7.
 - [] (iii) Alternate II (MAR 2004) of 52.219-7.
- [X] (16) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (NOV 2016) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).
- [] (17)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (JAN 2017) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).
 - [] (ii) Alternate I (NOV 2016) of 52.219-9.
 - [] (iii) Alternate II (NOV 2016) of 52.219-9.
 - [] (iv) Alternate III (NOV 2016) of 52.219-9.
 - [] (v) Alternate IV (NOV 2016) of 52.219-9.
- [] (18) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)).

- [X] (19) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (JAN 2017) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).
- [] (20) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages-Subcontracting Plan (JAN 1999) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).
- [] (21) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657f).
- [X] (22) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (JUL 2013) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).
- [] (23) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business Concerns (DEC 2015) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
- [] (24) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Women-Owned Small Business Concerns Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (DEC 2015) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
- [] (25) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (JUN 2003) (E.O. 11755).
- [] (26) 52.222-19, Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (OCT 2016) (E.O. 13126).
- [] (27) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).
- [] (28) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O. 11246).
- [] (29) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (OCT 2015) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- [] (30) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUL 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- [] (31) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (FEB 2016) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- [] (32) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496).
- [X] (33)(i) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (MAR 2015) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
 - [] (ii) *Alternate I* (MAR 2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
- [X] (34) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015). (E. O. 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.)
- [] (35) (Removed)

- **Note to paragraph (b)(35):** By a court order issued on October 24, 2016, 52.222-59 is enjoined indefinitely as of the date of the order. The enjoined paragraph will become effective immediately if the court terminates the injunction. At that time, DoD, GSA, and NASA will publish a document in the **Federal Register** advising the public of the termination of the injunction.
- [] (36) 52.222-60, Paycheck Transparency (Executive Order 13673) (OCT 2016).
- [] (37)(i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items (MAY 2008) (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
 - [] (ii) Alternate I (MAY 2008) of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- [](38) 52.223-11, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).
- [](39) 52.223-12, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).
- [] (40)(i) 52.223-13, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
 - [] (ii) Alternate I (OCT 2015) of 52.223-13.
- [] (41)(i) 52.223-14, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Televisions (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
 - (ii) Alternate I (JUN 2014) of 52.223-14.
- [] (42) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (DEC 2007) (42 U.S.C. 8259b).
- [] (43)(i) 52.223-16, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (OCT 2015) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
 - [](ii) Alternate I (JUN 2014) of 52.223-16.
- [X] (44) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (AUG 2011)
- [] (45) 52.223-20, Aerosols (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).
- [] (46) 52.223-21, Foams (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).
- [] (47)(i) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a).
 - [] (ii) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of 52.224-3.

- [] (48) 52.225-1, Buy American-Supplies (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83).
- [] (49)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43.
 - [] (ii) Alternate I (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3.
 - [] (iii) Alternate II (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3.
 - [] (iv) Alternate III (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3.
- [] (50) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (OCT 2016) (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).
- [X] (51) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (JUN 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
- [] (52) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).
- [] (53) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (NOV 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
- [] (54) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (NOV 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
- [] (55) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (FEB 2002) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- [] (56) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (JAN 2017) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- [X] (57) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (JUL 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- [] (58) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer Other than System for Award Management (JUL 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- [] (59) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (MAY 2014) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- [] (60) 52.242-5, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (JAN 2017)(15 U.S.C. 637(d)(12)).
- [] (61) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (AUG 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

- [] (62)(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631).
 - [] (ii) Alternate I (APR 2003) of 52.247-64.
- (c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items: (Contracting Officer check as appropriate.)
 - [] (1) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (MAY 2014) (E.O. 13495).
 - [] (2) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
 - [] (3) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
 - [] (4) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
 - [] (5) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
 - [] (6) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
 - [] (7) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
 - [] (8) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (DEC 2015).
 - [] (9) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2017) (E.O. 13706).
 - [] (10) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (MAY 2014) (42 U.S.C. 1792).
 - [] (11) 52.237-11, Accepting and Dispensing of \$1 Coin (SEP 2008) (31 U.S.C. 5112(p)(1)).
- (d) Comptroller General Examination of Record. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records Negotiation.

- (1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.
- (2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.
- (3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.
- (e)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1) of this paragraph in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause-
 - (i) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (OCT 2015) (41 U.S.C. 3509).
 - (ii) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (JAN 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).
 - (iii) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (NOV 2016) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.
 - (iv) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (MAY 2014) (E.O. 13495). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (I) of FAR clause 52.222-17.
 - (v) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

- (vi) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O. 11246).
- (vii) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (OCT 2015) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (viii) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUL 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- (ix) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (FEB 2016) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (x) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause 52.222-40.
- (xi) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (xii) [] (A) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (MAR 2015) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
 - [] (B) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
- (xiii) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (xiv) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (xv) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015) (E. O. 12989).
- (xvi) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (DEC 2015).
- (xvii) (Removed)

Note to paragraph (e)(1)(xvii): By a court order issued on October 24, 2016, 52.222-59 is enjoined indefinitely as of the date of the order. The enjoined paragraph will become effective immediately if the court terminates the injunction. At that time, DoD, GSA, and NASA will publish a document in the Federal Register advising the public of the termination of the injunction.

- (xviii) 52.222-60, Paycheck Transparency (Executive Order 13673) (OCT 2016)).
- (xix)(A) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

- (B) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of 52.224-3.
- (xx) 52.222-62 Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2017) (E.O. 13706).
- (xxi) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).
- (xxii) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (MAY 2014) (42 U.S.C. 1792). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.
- (xxiii) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.
- (2) While not required, the Contractor May include in its subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

C.17 52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT. (MAR 2000)

- (a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within 1 day of the period of performance end date; provided that the Government gives the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least 30 days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the Government to an extension.
- (b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.
- (c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed 3 years.

C.18 RIGHTS IN DATA-GENERAL. (MAY 2014) - ALTERNATE II (DEC 2007)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

Computer database or database means a collection of recorded information in a form capable of, and for the purpose of, being stored in, processed, and operated on by a computer. The term does not include computer software.

Computer software- (1) Means (i) Computer programs that comprise a series of instructions, rules, routines, or statements, regardless of the media in which recorded, that allow or cause a computer to perform a specific operation or series of operations; and

(ii) Recorded information comprising source code listings, design details, algorithms, processes, flow charts, formulas, and related material that would enable the

computer program to be produced, created, or compiled.

(2) Does not include computer databases or computer software documentation.

Computer software documentation means owner's manuals, user's manuals, installation instructions, operating instructions, and other similar items, regardless of storage medium, that explain the capabilities of the computer software or provide instructions for using the software.

Data means recorded information, regardless of form or the media on which it may be recorded. The term includes technical data and computer software. The term does not include information incidental to contract administration, such as financial, administrative, cost or pricing, or management information.

Form, fit, and function data means data relating to items, components, or processes that are sufficient to enable physical and functional interchangeability, and data identifying source, size, configuration, mating and attachment characteristics, functional characteristics, and performance requirements. For computer software it means data identifying source, functional characteristics, and performance requirements but specifically excludes the source code, algorithms, processes, formulas, and flow charts of the software.

Limited rights means the rights of the Government in limited rights data as set forth in the Limited Rights Notice of paragraph (g)(3) if included in this clause.

Limited rights data means data, other than computer software, that embody trade secrets or are commercial or financial and confidential or privileged, to the extent that such data pertain to items, components, or processes developed at private expense, including minor modifications.

Restricted computer software means computer software developed at private expense and that is a trade secret, is commercial or financial and confidential or privileged, or is copyrighted computer software, including minor modifications of the computer software.

Restricted rights, as used in this clause, means the rights of the Government in restricted computer software, as set forth in a Restricted Rights Notice of paragraph (g) if included in this clause, or as otherwise may be provided in a collateral agreement incorporated in and made part of this contract, including minor modifications of such computer software.

Technical data, means recorded information (regardless of the form or method of the recording) of a scientific or technical nature (including computer databases and computer software documentation). This term does not include computer software or financial, administrative, cost or pricing, or management data or other information incidental to contract administration. The term includes recorded information of a scientific or technical nature that is included in computer databases. (See 41 U.S.C. 116).

Unlimited rights means the rights of the Government to use, disclose, reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly, in any manner and for any purpose, and to have or permit others to do

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- (b) Allocation of rights. (1) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this clause, the Government shall have unlimited rights in-
 - (i) Data first produced in the performance of this contract;
 - (ii) Form, fit, and function data delivered under this contract;
 - (iii) Data delivered under this contract (except for restricted computer software) that constitute manuals or instructional and training material for installation, operation, or routine maintenance and repair of items, components, or processes delivered or furnished for use under this contract; and
 - (iv) All other data delivered under this contract unless provided otherwise for limited rights data or restricted computer software in accordance with paragraph (g) of this clause.
 - (2) The Contractor shall have the right to-
 - (i) Assert copyright in data first produced in the performance of this contract to the extent provided in paragraph (c)(1) of this clause;
 - (ii) Use, release to others, reproduce, distribute, or publish any data first produced or specifically used by the Contractor in the performance of this contract, unless provided otherwise in paragraph (d) of this clause;
 - (iii) Substantiate the use of, add, or correct limited rights, restricted rights, or copyright notices and to take other appropriate action, in accordance with paragraphs (e) and (f) of this clause; and
 - (iv) Protect from unauthorized disclosure and use those data that are limited rights data or restricted computer software to the extent provided in paragraph (g) of this clause.
- (c) Copyright- (1) Data first produced in the performance of this contract. (i) Unless provided otherwise in paragraph (d) of this clause, the Contractor may, without prior approval of the Contracting Officer, assert copyright in scientific and technical articles based on or containing data first produced in the performance of this contract and published in academic, technical or professional journals, symposia proceedings, or similar works. The prior, express written permission of the Contracting Officer is required to assert copyright in all other data first produced in the performance of this contract.
 - (ii) When authorized to assert copyright to the data, the Contractor shall affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. 401 or 402, and an acknowledgment of Government sponsorship (including contract number).
 - (iii) For data other than computer software, the Contractor grants to the Government, and others acting on its behalf, a paid-up, nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in such copyrighted data to reproduce, prepare derivative works,

distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly by or on behalf of the Government. For computer software, the Contractor grants to the Government, and others acting on its behalf, a paid-up, nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in such copyrighted computer software to reproduce, prepare derivative works, and perform publicly and display publicly (but not to distribute copies to the public) by or on behalf of the Government.

- (2) Data not first produced in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall not, without the prior written permission of the Contracting Officer, incorporate in data delivered under this contract any data not first produced in the performance of this contract unless the Contractor-
 - (i) Identifies the data; and
 - (ii) Grants to the Government, or acquires on its behalf, a license of the same scope as set forth in paragraph (c)(1) of this clause or, if such data are restricted computer software, the Government shall acquire a copyright license as set forth in paragraph (g)(4) of this clause (if included in this contract) or as otherwise provided in a collateral agreement incorporated in or made part of this contract.
- (3) Removal of copyright notices. The Government will not remove any authorized copyright notices placed on data pursuant to this paragraph (c), and will include such notices on all reproductions of the data.
- (d) Release, publication, and use of data. The Contractor shall have the right to use, release to others, reproduce, distribute, or publish any data first produced or specifically used by the Contractor in the performance of this contract, except-
 - (1) As prohibited by Federal law or regulation (e.g., export control or national security laws or regulations);
 - (2) As expressly set forth in this contract; or
 - (3) If the Contractor receives or is given access to data necessary for the performance of this contract that contain restrictive markings, the Contractor shall treat the data in accordance with such markings unless specifically authorized otherwise in writing by the Contracting Officer.
- (e) Unauthorized marking of data. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this contract concerning inspection or acceptance, if any data delivered under this contract are marked with the notices specified in paragraph (g)(3) or (g) (4) if included in this clause, and use of the notices is not authorized by this clause, or if the data bears any other restrictive or limiting markings not authorized by this contract, the Contracting Officer may at any time either return the data to the Contractor, or cancel or ignore the markings. However, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 4703, the following procedures shall apply prior to canceling or ignoring the markings.
 - (i) The Contracting Officer will make written inquiry to the Contractor affording the Contractor 60 days from receipt of the inquiry to provide written justification to substantiate the propriety of the markings;

- (ii) If the Contractor fails to respond or fails to provide written justification to substantiate the propriety of the markings within the 60-day period (or a longer time approved in writing by the Contracting Officer for good cause shown), the Government shall have the right to cancel or ignore the markings at any time after said period and the data will no longer be made subject to any disclosure prohibitions.
- (iii) If the Contractor provides written justification to substantiate the propriety of the markings within the period set in paragraph (e)(1)(i) of this clause, the Contracting Officer will consider such written justification and determine whether or not the markings are to be cancelled or ignored. If the Contracting Officer determines that the markings are authorized, the Contractor will be so notified in writing. If the Contracting Officer determines, with concurrence of the head of the contracting activity, that the markings are not authorized, the Contracting Officer will furnish the Contractor a written determination, which determination will become the final agency decision regarding the appropriateness of the markings unless the Contractor files suit in a court of competent jurisdiction within 90 days of receipt of the Contracting Officer's decision. The Government will continue to abide by the markings under this paragraph (e)(1)(iii) until final resolution of the matter either by the Contracting Officer's determination becoming final (in which instance the Government will thereafter have the right to cancel or ignore the markings at any time and the data will no longer be made subject to any disclosure prohibitions), or by final disposition of the matter by court decision if suit is filed.
- (2) The time limits in the procedures set forth in paragraph (e)(1) of this clause may be modified in accordance with agency regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) if necessary to respond to a request thereunder.
- (3) Except to the extent the Government's action occurs as the result of final disposition of the matter by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Contractor is not precluded by paragraph (e) of the clause from bringing a claim, in accordance with the Disputes clause of this contract, that may arise as the result of the Government removing or ignoring authorized markings on data delivered under this contract.
- (f) Omitted or incorrect markings. (1) Data delivered to the Government without any restrictive markings shall be deemed to have been furnished with unlimited rights. The Government is not liable for the disclosure, use, or reproduction of such data.
 - (2) If the unmarked data has not been disclosed without restriction outside the Government, the Contractor may request, within 6 months (or a longer time approved by the Contracting Officer in writing for good cause shown) after delivery of the data, permission to have authorized notices placed on the data at the Contractor's expense. The Contracting Officer may agree to do so if the Contractor-
 - (i) Identifies the data to which the omitted notice is to be applied;
 - (ii) Demonstrates that the omission of the notice was inadvertent;
 - (iii) Establishes that the proposed notice is authorized; and
 - (iv) Acknowledges that the Government has no liability for the disclosure, use, or

reproduction of any data made prior to the addition of the notice or resulting from the omission of the notice.

- (3) If data has been marked with an incorrect notice, the Contracting Officer may-
 - (i) Permit correction of the notice at the Contractor's expense if the Contractor identifies the data and demonstrates that the correct notice is authorized; or
 - (ii) Correct any incorrect notices.
- (g) Protection of limited rights data and restricted computer software. (1) The Contractor may withhold from delivery qualifying limited rights data or restricted computer software that are not data identified in paragraphs (b)(1)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this clause. As a condition to this withholding, the Contractor shall-
 - (i) Identify the data being withheld; and
 - (ii) Furnish form, fit, and function data instead.
 - (2) Limited rights data that are formatted as a computer database for delivery to the Government shall be treated as limited rights data and not restricted computer software.
 - (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (g)(1) of this clause, the contract may identify and specify the delivery of limited rights data, or the Contracting Officer may require by written request the delivery of limited rights data that has been withheld or would otherwise be entitled to be withheld. If delivery of that data is required, the Contractor shall affix the following "Limited Rights Notice" to the data and the Government will treat the data, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (e) and (f) of this clause, in accordance with the notice:

LIMITED RIGHTS NOTICE (DEC 2007)

| (a) These data are submitted with limited rights under G | Sovernment Contract No. |
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| [] (and subcontract [| _] , if appropriate). These |
| data may be reproduced and used by the Government | with the express |
| limitation that they will not, without written permission of | f the Contractor, be used |
| for purposes of manufacture nor disclosed outside the 0 | Government; except that |
| the Government may disclose these data outside the G | overnment for the |
| following purposes, if any; provided that the Governmen | nt makes such disclosure |
| subject to prohibition against further use and disclosure | |
| additional purposes as set forth in 27.404-2(c)(1) or if n | one, so state.) |
| | |

(b) This notice shall be marked on any reproduction of these data, in whole or in part.

(End of notice)

(h) Subcontracting. The Contractor shall obtain from its subcontractors all data and rights therein necessary to fulfill the Contractor's obligations to the Government under this contract. If a subcontractor refuses to accept terms affording the Government those

rights, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer of the refusal and shall not proceed with the subcontract award without authorization in writing from the Contracting Officer.

(i) Relationship to patents or other rights. Nothing contained in this clause shall imply a license to the Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Government.

C.19 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-ordertype 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.

C.20 52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 2017)

Contract Terms and Conditions - Commercial Items. (JAN 2017)

- (a) Inspection/Acceptance. The Contractor shall only tender for acceptance those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to inspect or test any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The Government may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or reperformance of nonconforming services at no increase in contract price. If repair/replacement or reperformance will not correct the defects or is not possible, the Government may seek an equitable price reduction or adequate consideration for acceptance of nonconforming supplies or services. The Government must exercise its postacceptance rights (1) within a reasonable time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and (2) before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item.
- (b) Assignment. The Contractor or its assignee may assign its rights to receive payment due as a result of performance of this contract to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution, including any Federal lending agency in accordance with the Assignment of Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3727). However, when a third party makes payment (e.g., use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card), the Contractor may not assign its rights to receive payment under this contract.
- (c) *Changes*. Changes in the terms and conditions of this contract may be made only by written agreement of the parties.
- (d) *Disputes*. This contract is subject to 41 U.S.C. chapter 71, Contract Disputes. Failure of the parties to this contract to reach agreement on any request for equitable adjustment, claim, appeal or action arising under or relating to this contract shall be a dispute to be resolved in accordance with the clause at FAR <u>52.233-1</u>, Disputes, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any dispute arising under the contract.
- (e) *Definitions*. The clause at FAR <u>52.202-1</u>, Definitions, is incorporated herein by reference.
- (f) Excusable delays. The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence such as, acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the

Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to the Contracting Officer of the cessation of such occurrence.

- (g) *Invoice*. (1) The Contractor shall submit an original invoice and three copies (or electronic invoice, if authorized) to the address designated in the contract to receive invoices. An invoice must include-
 - (i) Name and address of the Contractor;
 - (ii) Invoice date and number;
 - (iii) Contract number, line item number and, if applicable, the order number;
 - (iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price and extended price of the items delivered;
 - (v) Shipping number and date of shipment, including the bill of lading number and weight of shipment if shipped on Government bill of lading;
 - (vi) Terms of any discount for prompt payment offered;
 - (vii) Name and address of official to whom payment is to be sent;
 - (viii) Name, title, and phone number of person to notify in event of defective invoice; and
 - (ix) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The Contractor shall include its TIN on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.
 - (x) Electronic funds transfer (EFT) banking information.
 - (A) The Contractor shall include EFT banking information on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.
 - (B) If EFT banking information is not required to be on the invoice, in order for the invoice to be a proper invoice, the Contractor shall have submitted correct EFT banking information in accordance with the applicable solicitation provision, contract clause (e.g., <u>52.232-33</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management, or <u>52.232-34</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other Than System for Award Management), or applicable agency procedures.
 - (C) EFT banking information is not required if the Government waived the requirement to pay by EFT.
 - (2) Invoices will be handled in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C.

- 3903) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.
- (h) Patent indemnity. The Contractor shall indemnify the Government and its officers, employees and agents against liability, including costs, for actual or alleged direct or contributory infringement of, or inducement to infringe, any United States or foreign patent, trademark or copyright, arising out of the performance of this contract, provided the Contractor is reasonably notified of such claims and proceedings.
- (i) Payment- (1) Items accepted. Payment shall be made for items accepted by the Government that have been delivered to the delivery destinations set forth in this contract.
 - (2) *Prompt payment*. 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.
 - (3) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). If the Government makes payment by EFT, see <u>52.212-5(b)</u> for the appropriate EFT clause.
 - (4) *Discount*. In connection with any discount offered for early payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date which appears on the payment check or the specified payment date if an electronic funds transfer payment is made.
 - (5) Overpayments. If the Contractor becomes aware of a duplicate contract financing or invoice payment or that the Government has otherwise overpaid on a contract financing or invoice payment, the Contractor shall-
 - (i) Remit the overpayment amount to the payment office cited in the contract along with a description of the overpayment including the-
 - (A) Circumstances of the overpayment (*e.g.*, duplicate payment, erroneous payment, liquidation errors, date(s) of overpayment);
 - (B) Affected contract number and delivery order number, if applicable;
 - (C) Affected line item or subline item, if applicable; and
 - (D) Contractor point of contact.
 - (ii) Provide a copy of the remittance and supporting documentation to the Contracting Officer.
 - (6) Interest. (i) All amounts that become payable by the Contractor to the Government under this contract shall bear simple interest from the date due until paid unless paid within 30 days of becoming due. The interest rate shall be the interest rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in 41 U.S.C. 7109, which is applicable to the period in which the amount becomes due, as provided in (i)(6)(v) of this clause, and then at the rate applicable for each six-month period as fixed by the

Secretary until the amount is paid.

- (ii) The Government may issue a demand for payment to the Contractor upon finding a debt is due under the contract.
- (iii) *Final decisions*. The Contracting Officer will issue a final decision as required by <u>33.211</u> if-
 - (A) The Contracting Officer and the Contractor are unable to reach agreement on the existence or amount of a debt within 30 days;
 - (B) The Contractor fails to liquidate a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer within the timeline specified in the demand for payment unless the amounts were not repaid because the Contractor has requested an installment payment agreement; or
 - (C) The Contractor requests a deferment of collection on a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer (see <u>32.607-2</u>).
- (iv) If a demand for payment was previously issued for the debt, the demand for payment included in the final decision shall identify the same due date as the original demand for payment.
- (v) Amounts shall be due at the earliest of the following dates:
 - (A) The date fixed under this contract.
 - (B) The date of the first written demand for payment, including any demand for payment resulting from a default termination.
 - (vi) The interest charge shall be computed for the actual number of calendar days involved beginning on the due date and ending on-
 - (A) The date on which the designated office receives payment from the Contractor:
 - (B) The date of issuance of a Government check to the Contractor from which an amount otherwise payable has been withheld as a credit against the contract debt; or
 - (C) The date on which an amount withheld and applied to the contract debt would otherwise have become payable to the Contractor.
- (vii) The interest charge made under this clause may be reduced under the procedures prescribed in <u>32.608-2</u> of the Federal Acquisition Regulation in effect on the date of this contract.
- (j) *Risk of loss*. Unless the contract specifically provides otherwise, risk of loss or damage to the supplies provided under this contract shall remain with the Contractor until, and shall pass to the Government upon:

- (1) Delivery of the supplies to a carrier, if transportation is f.o.b. origin; or
- (2) Delivery of the supplies to the Government at the destination specified in the contract, if transportation is f.o.b. destination.
- (k) *Taxes*. The contract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes and duties.
- (I) Termination for the Government's convenience. The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.
- (m) Termination for cause. The Government may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the Government, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the Government shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the Government improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.
- (n) *Title*. Unless specified elsewhere in this contract, title to items furnished under this contract shall pass to the Government upon acceptance, regardless of when or where the Government takes physical possession.
- (o) Warranty. The Contractor warrants and implies that the items delivered hereunder are merchantable and fit for use for the particular purpose described in this contract.
- (p) Limitation of liability. Except as otherwise provided by an express warranty, the Contractor will not be liable to the Government for consequential damages resulting from any defect or deficiencies in accepted items.
- (q) Other compliances. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, executive orders, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this contract.
- (r) Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts. The Contractor agrees to comply with 31 U.S.C. 1352 relating to limitations on the use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracts; 18 U.S.C. 431 relating to officials not to benefit; 40 U.S.C. chapter 37, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards; 41 U.S.C. chapter 87, Kickbacks; 41 U.S.C. 4712 and 10 U.S.C. 2409 relating to whistleblower protections; 49

U.S.C. 40118, Fly American; and 41 U.S.C. chapter 21 relating to procurement integrity.

- (s) *Order of precedence*. Any inconsistencies in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (1) the schedule of supplies/services; (2) The Assignments, Disputes, Payments, Invoice, Other Compliances, Compliance with Laws Unique to Government Contracts, and Unauthorized Obligations paragraphs of this clause; (3) the clause at <u>52.212-5</u>; (4) addenda to this solicitation or contract, including any license agreements for computer software; (5) solicitation provisions if this is a solicitation; (6) other paragraphs of this clause; (7) the Standard Form 1449; (8) other documents, exhibits, and attachments; and (9) the specification.
- (t) System for Award Management (SAM) (1) Unless exempted by an addendum to this contract, the Contractor is responsible during performance and through final payment of any contract for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the SAM database, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in the SAM database after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to review and update on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates its information in the SAM database to ensure it is current, accurate and complete. Updating information in the SAM does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document.
 - (2)(i) If a Contractor has legally changed its business name, "doing business as" name, or division name (whichever is shown on the contract), or has transferred the assets used in performing the contract, but has not completed the necessary requirements regarding novation and change-of-name agreements in FAR subpart 42.12, the Contractor shall provide the responsible Contracting Officer a minimum of one business day's written notification of its intention to (A) change the name in the SAM database; (B) comply with the requirements of subpart 42.12; and (C) agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer. The Contractor must provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.
 - (ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (t)(2)(i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (t)(2)(i)(C) of this clause, and, in the absence of a properly executed novation or change-of-name agreement, the SAM information that shows the Contractor to be other than the Contractor indicated in the contract will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of Payment" paragraph of the electronic funds transfer (EFT) clause of this contract.
 - (3) The Contractor shall not change the name or address for EFT payments or manual payments, as appropriate, in the SAM record to reflect an assignee for the purpose of assignment of claims (see Subpart 32.8, Assignment of Claims). Assignees shall be separately registered in the SAM database. Information provided to the Contractor's SAM record that indicates payments, including those made by EFT, to an ultimate recipient other than that Contractor will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of payment" paragraph of the EFT clause of this contract.

- (4) Offerors and Contractors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via SAM accessed through https://www.acquisition.gov.
- (u) Unauthorized Obligations. (1) Except as stated in paragraph (u)(2) of this clause, when any supply or service acquired under this contract is subject to any End User License Agreement (EULA), Terms of Service (TOS), or similar legal instrument or agreement, that includes any clause requiring the Government to indemnify the Contractor or any person or entity for damages, costs, fees, or any other loss or liability that would create an Anti-Deficiency Act violation (31 U.S.C. 1341), the following shall govern:
 - (i) Any such clause is unenforceable against the Government.
 - (ii) Neither the Government nor any Government authorized end user shall be deemed to have agreed to such clause by virtue of it appearing in the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement. If the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement is invoked through an "I agree" click box or other comparable mechanism (e.g., "click-wrap" or "browse-wrap" agreements), execution does not bind the Government or any Government authorized end user to such clause.
 - (iii) Any such clause is deemed to be stricken from the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement.
 - (2) Paragraph (u)(1) of this clause does not apply to indemnification by the Government that is expressly authorized by statute and specifically authorized under applicable agency regulations and procedures.
- (v) *Incorporation by reference*. The Contractor's representations and certifications, including those completed electronically via the System for Award Management (SAM), are incorporated by reference into the contract.

SECTION D - List of Documents, Exhibits and Other Attachments

D.1 List of Documents, Exhibits, and Other Attachments

| Attachment Number | Title | Date |
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| 1 | Billing Instructions For Time And Material/Labor Hour Type Contracts | 1/26/2015 |
| 2 | Billing Instructions For Fixed Price Contracts | 1/26/2015 |