

SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD

3. CERTIFIED FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE UNDER DPS REG. 1 AND/OR DMS REG. 1

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1. CONTRACT (Proc. Inst. Ident.) NO	2. SOLICITATION NO RS-ADM-80-669 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADVERTISED (IFB) <input type="checkbox"/> NEGOTIATED (RFP)	5. DATE ISSUED JUN 16 1980	6. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO ADM-80-669
7. ISSUED BY U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Division of Contracts Washington, DC 20555		8. ADDRESS OFFER TO (if other than block 7)	

In advertised procurement offer and offeror shall be construed to mean bid and bidder

SOLICITATION

9. Sealed offers in original and two (2) copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in block 8, or if handcarried, in the depository located at Room 2B3, Willste Bldg., 7915 Eastern Ave, Silver Spring Maryland until 2:00 p.m. local time 7/16/80

If this is an advertised solicitation, offers will be publicly opened at that time.
CAUTION - LATE OFFERS: See pars. 7 and 8 of Solicitation Instructions and Conditions.
All offers are subject to the following:

- The Solicitation Instructions and Conditions, SF 33-A, 1/78 edition which is attached or incorporated herein by reference.
- The General Provisions, SF 32, 2/15/78 edition, which is attached or incorporated herein by reference.
- The Schedule included herein and/or attached hereto.
- Such other provisions, representations, certifications, and specifications as are attached or incorporated herein by reference. (Attachments are listed in schedule.)

FOR INFORMATION CALL (Name & telephone no.) (No collect calls) ▶ Craig D. Lebo, (301) 427-4021

SCHEDULE See Page 4

10. ITEM NO	11. SUPPLIES SERVICES	12. QUANTITY	13. UNIT	14. UNIT PRICE	15. AMOUNT
<p>Note: The address shown in Block #7 is for mailing of bids only. Handcarried bids should be addressed as indicated in Block #7 and delivered to: Bid Opening Officer at the Guard Desk at 7915 Eastern Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910. Telegraphic bids will not be accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>See continuation of schedule on page 4</i></p>					

OFFER (pages 2 and 3 must also be fully completed by offeror)

In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within calendar days (60 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the offeror); from the date for receipt of offers specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified in the schedule.

16. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See par. 9, SF 33-A)

<input type="checkbox"/> 10 CALENDAR DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 CALENDAR DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 CALENDAR DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> CALENDAR DAYS
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17. OFFEROR

CODE	FACILITY CODE	18. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print)
NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, city, county, State and ZIP code) AREA CODE AND TELEPHONE NO ▶		19. SIGNATURE
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if remittance address is different from above - enter such address in Schedule		20. OFFER DATE

AWARD (To be completed by Government)

21. ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS NUMBERED	22. AMOUNT	23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA B&R 48-20-26-5-06 Approp. 31X0200.401
24. SUBMIT INVOICES (4 copies unless otherwise specified) TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK	25. NEGOTIATED PURSUANT TO	10 U.S.C. 2304(a) () 41 U.S.C. 252(c) ()
26. ADMINISTERED BY (if other than block 7)	27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY	CODE

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS
POOR QUALITY PAGES

28. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Mary Jo Mattia	29. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY Mary Jo Mattia (Signature of contracting officer)	30. AWARD DATE
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Award will be made on this form, or on Standard Form 26, or by other official written notice

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REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

REPRESENTATIONS (Check or complete all applicable boxes or blocks.)

The offeror represents as part of his offer that:

1. SMALL BUSINESS (See par. 14 on SF 33-A.)

He is, is not, a small business concern. If offeror is a small business concern and is not the manufacturer of the supplies offered, he also represents that all supplies to be furnished hereunder will, will not, be manufactured or produced by a small business concern in the United States, its possessions, or Puerto Rico.

2. MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

He is, is not, a minority business enterprise. A minority business enterprise is defined as a "business, at least 50 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in case of publicly owned businesses, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority group members." For the purpose of this definition, minority group members are Negroes, Spanish-speaking American persons, American-Orientals, American-Indians, American Eskimos, and American-Aleuts.

3. REGULAR DEALER - MANUFACTURER (Applicable only to supply contracts exceeding \$10,000.)

He is a regular dealer in manufacturer of the supplies offered.

4. CONTINGENT FEE (See par. 15 on SF 33-A.)

a) He has, has not, employed or retained any company or persons (other than a full-time bona fide employee working solely for the offeror) to solicit or secure this contract, and (b) he has, has not, paid or agreed to pay any company or person (other than a full-time bona fide employee working solely for the offeror) any fee, commission, percentage, or brokerage fee contingent upon or resulting from the award of this contract; and agrees to furnish information relating to (a) and (b) above, as requested by the Contracting Officer. (Interpretation of the representation, including the term "bona fide employee," see Code of Federal Regulations, Title 41, Subpart 1-1.5.)

5. TYPE OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

He operates as an individual, a partnership, a nonprofit organization, a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of _____

6. AFFILIATION AND IDENTIFYING DATA (Applicable only to advertised solicitations.)

Each offeror shall complete (a) and (b) if applicable, and (c) below:

(a) He is, is not, owned or controlled by a parent company. (See par. 16 on SF 33-A.)

(b) If the offeror is owned or controlled by a parent company, he shall enter in the blocks below the name and main office address of the parent company:

NAME OF PARENT COMPANY AND MAIN OFFICE ADDRESS (include ZIP code)

G. EMPLOYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (SEE PAR. 17, on SF 33-A)	OFFEROR'S E.I. NO.	PARENT COMPANY'S E.I. NO.
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7. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

(a) He has, has not, participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject either to the Equal Opportunity clause herein or the clause originally contained in section 301 of Executive Order No. 10925, or the clause contained in Section 201 of Executive Order No. 11114; that he has, has not, filed all required compliance reports; and that representations indicating submission of required compliance reports, signed by proposed subcontractors, will be obtained prior to subcontract awards. (The above representation need not be submitted in connection with contracts or subcontracts which are exempt from the equal opportunity clause.)

(b) The bidder (or offeror) represents that (1) he has developed and has on file, has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment affirmative action programs as required by the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1 and 60-2) or (2) he has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor. (The above representation shall be completed by each bidder (or offeror) whose bid (offer) is \$50,000 or more and who has 50 or more employees.)

CERTIFICATIONS (Check or complete all applicable boxes or blocks)

1. BUY AMERICAN CERTIFICATE

The offeror certifies as part of his offer, that: each end product, except the end products listed below, is a domestic end product (as defined in the clause entitled "Buy American Act"); and that components of unknown origin have been considered to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States.

EXCLUDED END PRODUCTS	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
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2. **CLEAN AIR AND WATER** (Applicable if the bid or offer exceeds \$100,000, or the contracting officer has determined that orders under an indefinite quantity contract in any year will exceed \$100,000, or a facility to be used has been the subject of a conviction under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1257c-3(c)(1)) or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1319(c)) and is listed by EPA, or is not otherwise exempt.)

The bidder or offeror certifies as follows:

(a) Any facility to be utilized in the performance of this proposed contract has, has not, been listed on the Environmental Protection Agency List of Violating Facilities.

(b) He will promptly notify the contracting officer, prior to award, of the receipt of any communication from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, Environmental Protection Agency, indicating that any facility which he proposes to use for the performance of the contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA list of Violating Facilities.

(c) He will include substantially this certification, including this paragraph (c), in every nonexempt subcontract.

3. **CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION** (See par. 18 on SF 33-A)

(a) By submission of this offer, the offeror certifies, and in the case of a joint offer, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other offeror or with any competitor;

(2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed by the offeror and will not knowingly be disclosed by the offeror prior to opening in the case of an advertised procurement or prior to award in the case of a negotiated procurement, directly or indirectly to any other offeror or to any competitor; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit an offer for that purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each person signing this offer certifies that:

(1) He is the person in the offeror's organization responsible within that organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein and that he has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (a)(1) through (a)(3), above; or

(2) (i) He is not the person in the offeror's organization responsible within that organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein but that he has been authorized in writing to act as agent for the persons responsible for such decision in certifying that such persons have not participated and will not participate, in any action contrary to (a)(1) through (a)(3) above, and as their agent does hereby so certify; and (ii) he has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.

4. **CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES** (Applicable to (1) contracts, (2) subcontracts, and (3) agreements with applicants who are themselves performing federally assisted construction contracts, exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause.)

By the submission of this bid, the bidder, offeror, applicant, or subcontractor certifies that he does not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. He certifies further that he will not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he will not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder, offeror, applicant, or subcontractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. He further agrees that (except where he has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause; that he will retain such certifications in his files; and that he will forward the following notice to such proposed subcontractors (except where the proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods):

Notice to prospective subcontractors of requirement for certifications of nonsegregated facilities.

A Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities must be submitted prior to the award of a subcontract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or for all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually). *NOTE: The penalty for making false offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the Solicitation for offers and related documents numbered and dated as follows:	AMENDMENT NO	DATE	AMENDMENT NO	DATE

NOTE: Offers must set forth full, accurate and complete information as required by this Solicitation (including attachments). The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

SCHEDULE, Continuation

ITEM NO	SUPPLIES SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1.	All Subscriptions	Approximately 900	ea		
2.	Service Charge-Management fee. Expressed as a percent of the subscription fee			%	
TOTAL BID					
<p>Total bid will be calculated against known subscription requirements. All reporting requirements will be incorporated into the pricing by including it in the service fee.</p>					
<p>Note: The contractor shall acquire and provide all subscriptions as required by the NRC, as well as the other required services, as detailed in Article I of this contract. This contract is a requirements-type, fixed price effort with the charges for subscription dependent on that charged by the publishers of the subscription and a fixed service charge or management fee. For purposes of exercising any option to extend the term of the contract (see Article XII) the service charge bid for the first or basic year shall remain fixed during the life of the contract including any option extensions, no greater than 36 consecutive months.</p>					

If this Schedule is Continued on SF 36, check here

Representations, Certifications, and Acknowledgements Continued From SF 33

5. WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESS

Concern is () is not () a woman-owned business. The business is publicly owned, a joint stock association, or a business trust () yes () no. The business is () certified () not certified.

A woman-owned business is a business which is, at least, 51 percent owned, controlled, and operated by a woman or women. Controlled is defined as exercising the power to make policy decisions. Operated is defined as actively involved in the day-to-day management.

For the purposes of this definition, businesses which are publicly owned, joint stock associations, and business trusts are exempted. Exempted businesses may voluntarily represent that they are, or are not, woman-owned if this information is available.

6. PERCENT OF FOREIGN CONTENT

The bidder/contractor will represent (as an estimate), immediately after the award of a contract, the percent of the foreign content of the item or service being procured expressed as a percent of the contract award price (accuracy within plus or minus 5 percent is acceptable).

7. NON-DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF AGE CERTIFICATION (1-12.1001)

The bidder hereby certifies as follows:

- () (a) In the performance of Federal Contracts, he and his subcontractors shall not in connection with the employment, advancement, or discharge of employees or in connection with the terms, conditions, or privileges of their employment, discriminate against persons because of their age except upon the basis of a bona fide occupational retirement plan, or statutory requirement, and
- () (b) That contractors and subcontractors, or persons acting on their behalf, shall not specify, in solicitations or advertisements for employees to work on Government contracts a maximum age limit for such employment unless the specified maximum age limit is based on a bona fide occupational qualification, retirement plan, or statutory requirement.

8. UTILIZATION OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (1-1.1310-2)

- a. The Utilization of Minority Business Enterprises clause shall be included in all contracts in amounts which may exceed \$10,000 except (1) contracts which, including all subcontracts thereof, are to be performed entirely outside the United States, its possessions, and Puerto Rico, and (2) contracts for services which are personal in nature.
1. It is the policy of the Government that minority business enterprises shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of Government Contracts.
 2. The Contractor agrees to use his best effort to carry out this policy in the award of his subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient performance of this contract. As used in this contract, the term "minority business enterprise" means a business, at least 50 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in case of publicly owned businesses, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority group members. For the purposes of this definition, minority group members are Negroes, Spanish-speaking American persons, American-Orientals, American-Indians, American-Eskimos and American Aleuts. Contractors may rely on written representations by subcontractors regarding their status as minority business enterprises in lieu of an independent investigation.

9. UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS (1-1.710-3)

- a. The Utilization of Small Business Concerns clause shall be included in all contracts in amounts which may exceed \$10,000 except (1) contracts which, including all subcontracts thereunder, are performed entirely outside the United States, its possessions, and Puerto Rico, and (2) contracts for services which are personal in nature.
1. It is the policy of the Government as declared by the Congress that a fair proportion of the purchases and contracts for supplies and services for the Government be placed with Small Business Concerns.
 2. The Contractor agrees to accomplish the maximum amount of subcontracting to small business concerns that the Contractor finds to be consistent with the efficient performance of this contract.

10. MAILING ADDRESS FOR PAYMENT

Bidder shall indicate below the address to which payment should be mailed, if such address is different from that shown for the bidder/contractor.

Office	Street	
City	State	Zip Code

11. CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

I represent to the best of my knowledge and belief that:

The award to _____ of a contract or the modification of an existing contract does () or does not () involve situations or relationships of the type set forth in 41 CFR paragraph 20-1.5403(b)(1).

If the representation as completed indicates that situations or relationships of the type set forth in 41 CFR 20-1.5403(b)(1) are involved or the Contracting Officer otherwise determines that potential organizational conflicts exist, the bidder shall provide a statement in writing which describes in a concise manner all relevant facts bearing on his representation to the Contracting Officer. If the Contracting Officer determines that organizational conflicts exist, the following actions may be taken:

- (i) Impose appropriate conditions which avoid such conflicts,
- (ii) disqualify the bidder, or
- (iii) determine that it is otherwise in the best interest of the United States to seek award of the contract under the waiver provisions of subpart 20-1.5411.

The refusal to provide the representation required by subpart 20-1.5404(b) or upon request of the Contracting Officer the facts required by subpart 20-1.5404(c), shall result in disqualification of the bidder for award. The nondisclosure or misrepresentation of any relevant interest may also result in the disqualification of the bidder for awards; or if such nondisclosure or misrepresentation is discovered after award, the resulting contract may be terminated. The bidder may also be disqualified from subsequent related NRC contracts and be subject to such other remedial actions provided by law or the resulting contract.

The bidder's failure to execute the representation required herein with respect to invitation for bids will be considered to be a minor informality, and the bidder will be permitted to correct the omission.

Any contract resulting from a solicitation requirement shall include general clauses (41 CFR 20-1.5404-1) prohibiting contractors from engaging in relationships which may give rise to an actual or apparent conflict of interest. NRC Contractor Organizational Conflicts of Interest (41 CFR Part 20) is included as Attachment 3.

12. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

The Government reserves the right to conduct pre-award on-site surveys of the bidder's facilities and equipment. To facilitate such a survey, the bidder shall state below the place (including the street address) where the services will be performed:

Street _____

City, State and Zip _____

END OF PART I

SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS

1. DEFINITIONS.

As used herein:

(a) The term "solicitation" means Invitation for Bids (IFB) where the procurement is advertised, and Request for Proposal (RFP) where the procurement is negotiated.

(b) The term "offer" means bid where the procurement is advertised, and proposal where the procurement is negotiated.

(c) For purposes of this solicitation and Block 2 of Standard Form 33, the term "advertised" includes Small Business Restricted Advertising and other types of restricted advertising.

2. PREPARATION OF OFFERS.

(a) Offerors are expected to examine the drawings, specifications, Schedule, and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at offeror's risk.

(b) Each offeror shall furnish the information required by the solicitation. The offeror shall sign the solicitation and print or type his name on the Schedule and each Continuation Sheet thereof on which he makes an entry. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the offer. Offers signed by an agent are to be accompanied by evidence of his authority unless such evidence has been previously furnished to the issuing office.

(c) Unit price for each unit offered shall be shown and such price shall include packing unless otherwise specified. A total shall be entered in the Amount column of the Schedule for each item offered. In case of discrepancy between a unit price and extended price, the unit price will be presumed to be correct, subject, however, to correction to the same extent and in the same manner as any other mistake.

(d) Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation.

(e) Offeror must state a definite time for delivery of supplies or for performance of services unless otherwise specified in the solicitation.

(f) Time, if stated as a number of days, will include Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

(g) Code boxes are for Government use only.

3. EXPLANATION TO OFFERORS. Any explanation desired by an offeror regarding the meaning or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must be requested in writing and with sufficient time allowed for a reply to reach offerors before the submission of their offers. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract will not be binding. Any information given to a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished to all prospective offerors as an amendment of the solicitation, if such information is necessary to offerors in submitting offers on the solicitation or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to uninformed offerors.

4. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATIONS.

Receipt of an amendment to a solicitation by an offeror must be acknowledged (a) by signing and returning the amendment, (b) on page three of Standard Form 33, or (c) by letter or telegram. Such acknowledgment must be received prior to the hour and date specified for receipt of offers.

5. SUBMISSION OF OFFERS.

(a) Offers and modifications thereof shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes and addressed to the office specified in the solicitation. The offeror shall show the hour and date specified in the solicitation for receipt, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror on the face of the envelope.

(b) Telegraphic offers will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation; however, offers may be modified or withdrawn by written or telegraphic notice, provided such notice is received prior to the hour and date specified for receipt. (However, see paragraphs 7 and 8.)

(c) Samples of items, when required, must be submitted within the time specified, and unless otherwise specified by the Government, at no expense to the Government. If not destroyed by testing, samples will be returned at offeror's request and expense, unless otherwise specified by the solicitation.

6. FAILURE TO SUBMIT OFFER. If no offer is to be submitted, do not return the solicitation unless otherwise specified. A letter or postcard shall be sent to the issuing office advising whether future solicitations for the type of supplies or services covered by this solicitation are desired. Failure of the recipient to offer, or to notify the issuing office that future solicitations are desired, may result in removal of the name of such recipient from the mailing list for the type of supplies or services covered by the solicitation.

7. LATE BIDS, MODIFICATIONS OF BIDS, OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS.

(a) Any bid received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and either:

(1) It was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day prior to the date specified for the receipt of bids (e.g., a bid submitted in response to a solicitation requiring receipt of bids by the 20th of the month must have been mailed by the 15th or earlier); or

(2) It was sent by mail (or telegram if authorized) and it is determined by the Government that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the Government after receipt at the Government installation.

(b) Any modification or withdrawal of a bid is subject to the same conditions as in (a), above. A bid may also be withdrawn in person by a bidder or his authorized representative, provided his identity is made known and he signs a receipt for the bid, but only if the withdrawal is made prior to the exact time set for receipt of bids.

(c) The only acceptable evidence to establish:

(1) The date of mailing of a late bid, modification, or withdrawal sent either by registered or certified mail is the U.S. Postal Service postmark on both the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. If neither postmark shows a legible date, the bid, modification, or withdrawal shall be deemed to have been mailed late. (The term "postmark" means a printed, stamped, or otherwise placed impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been supplied and affixed on the date of mailing by employees of the U.S. Postal Service. Therefore, offerors should request the postal clerk to place a hand cancellation bull's-eye "postmark" on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.)

(2) The time of receipt at the Government installation is the time-date stamp of such installation on the bid wrapper or other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation.

(d) Notwithstanding (a) and (b) of this provision, a late modification of an otherwise successful bid which makes its terms more favorable to the Government will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

Note: The term "telegram" includes mailgrams.

3. LATE PROPOSALS, MODIFICATIONS OF PROPOSALS, AND WITHDRAWALS OF PROPOSALS.

(a) Any proposal received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, and:

(1) It was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day prior to the date specified for receipt of offers (e.g., an offer submitted in response to a solicitation requiring receipt of offers by the 20th of the month must have been mailed by the 15th or earlier);

(2) It was sent by mail (or telegram if authorized) and it is determined by the Government that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the Government after receipt at the Government installation; or

(3) It is the only proposal received.

(b) Any modification of a proposal, except a modification resulting from the Contracting Officer's request for "best and final" offer, is subject to the same conditions as in (a) (1) and (a) (2) of this provision.

(c) A modification resulting from the Contracting Officer's request for "best and final" offer received after the time and date specified in the request will not be considered unless received before award and the late receipt is due solely to mishandling by the Government after receipt at the Government installation.

(d) The only acceptable evidence to establish:

(1) The date of mailing of a late proposal or modification sent either by registered or certified mail is the U.S. Postal Service postmark on both the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. If neither postmark shows a legible date, the proposal or modification shall be deemed to have been mailed late. (The term "postmark" means a printed, stamped, or otherwise, placed impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been supplied and affixed on the date of mailing by employees of the U.S. Postal Service. Therefore, offerors should request the postal clerk to place a hand cancellation bull's-eye "postmark" on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.)

(2) The time of receipt at the Government installation is the time-date stamp of such installation on the proposal wrapper or other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation.

(e) Notwithstanding (a), (b), and (c), of this provision, a late modification of an otherwise successful proposal which makes its terms more favorable to the Government will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

(f) Proposals may be withdrawn by written or telegraphic notice received at any time prior to award. Proposals may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or his authorized representative, provided his identity is made known and he signs a receipt for the proposal prior to award.

Note: The term "telegram" includes mailgrams.

Note: The alternate late proposals, modifications of proposals and withdrawals of proposals provision prescribed by 41 CFR 1-3.802-2(b) shall be used in lieu of provision 8, if specified by the contract.

J. DISCOUNTS.

(a) Notwithstanding the fact that a blank is provided for a ten (10) day discount, prompt payment discounts offered for payment within less than twenty (20) calendar days will not be considered in evaluating offers for award, unless otherwise specified in the solicitation. However, offered discounts of less than 20 days will be taken if payment is made within the discount period, even though not considered in the evaluation of offers.

(b) In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from date of delivery of the supplies to carrier when delivery and acceptance are at point of origin, or from date of delivery at destination or port of embarkation when delivery and acceptance are at either of those points, or from the date correct invoice or voucher is received in the office specified by the Government, if the latter date is later than date of delivery. Payment is deemed to be made for the purpose of earning the discount on the date of mailing of the Government check.

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT.

(a) The contract will be awarded to that responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered.

(b) The Government reserves the right to reject any or all offers and to waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.

(c) The Government may accept any item or group of items of any offer, unless the offeror qualifies his offer by specific limitations. **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE SCHEDULE, OFFERS MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR ANY QUANTITIES LESS THAN THOSE SPECIFIED; AND THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE AN AWARD ON ANY ITEM FOR A QUANTITY LESS THAN THE QUANTITY OFFERED AT THE UNIT PRICES OFFERED UNLESS THE OFFEROR SPECIFIES OTHERWISE IN HIS OFFER.**

(d) A written award (or Acceptance of Offer) mailed (or otherwise furnished) to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

The following paragraphs (e) through (h) apply only to negotiated solicitations:

(e) The Government may accept within the time specified therein, any offer (or part thereof, as provided in (c) above), whether or not there are negotiations subsequent to its receipt, unless the offer is withdrawn by written notice received by the Government prior to award. If subsequent negotiations are conducted, they shall not constitute a rejection or counter offer on the part of the Government.

(f) The right is reserved to accept other than the lowest offer and to reject any or all offers.

(g) The Government may award a contract, based on initial offers received, without discussion of such offers. Accordingly, each initial offer should be submitted on the most favorable terms from a price and technical standpoint, which the offeror can submit to the Government.

(h) Any financial data submitted with any offer hereunder or any representation concerning facilities or financing will not form a part of any resulting contract; provided, however, that if the resulting contract contains a clause providing for price reduction for defective cost or pricing data, the contract price will be subject to reduction if cost or pricing data furnished hereunder is incomplete, inaccurate, or not current.

11. GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED PROPERTY. No material, labor, or facilities will be furnished by the Government unless otherwise provided for in the solicitation.

12. LABOR INFORMATION. General information regarding the requirements of the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act (41 U.S.C.

35-45), the Contract Work Hours Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-330), and the Service Contract Act of 1965 (41 U.S.C. 351-357) may be obtained from the Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210, or from any regional office of that agency. Requests for information should include the solicitation number, the name and address of the issuing agency, and a description of the supplies or services.

13. SELLER'S INVOICES. Invoices shall be prepared and submitted in quadruplicate (one copy shall be marked "original") unless otherwise specified. Invoices shall contain the following information: Contract and order number (if any), item numbers, description of supplies or services, sizes, quantities, unit prices, and extended totals. Bill of lading number and weight of shipment will be shown for shipments made on Government bills of lading.

14. SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN. A small business concern for the purpose of Government procurement is a concern, including its affiliates, which is independently owned and operated, is not dominant in the field of operation in which it is submitting offers on Government contracts, and can further qualify under the criteria concerning number of employees, average annual receipts, or other criteria, as prescribed by the Small Business Administration. (See Code of Federal Regulations, Title 13, Part 121, as amended, which contains detailed industry definitions and related procedures.)

15. CONTINGENT FEE. If the offeror, by checking the appropriate box provided therefor, has represented that he has employed or retained a company or person (other than a full-time bona fide employee working solely for the offeror) to solicit or secure this contract, or that he has paid or agreed to pay any fee, commission, percentage, or brokerage fee to any company or person contingent upon or resulting from the award of this contract, he shall furnish, in duplicate, a complete Standard Form 119, Contractor's Statement of Contingent or Other Fees. If offeror has previously furnished a completed Standard Form 119 to the office issuing this solicitation, he may accompany his offer with a signed statement (a) indicating when such completed form was previously furnished, (b) identifying by number the previous solicitation or contract, if any, in connection with which such form was submitted, and (c) representing that the statement in such form is applicable to this offer.

16. PARENT COMPANY. A parent company for the purpose of this offer is a company which either owns or controls the activities and basic business policies of the offeror. To own another company means the parent company must own at least a majority (more than 50 percent) of the voting rights in that company. To control another company, such ownership is not required; if another company is able to formulate, determine, or veto basic business policy decisions of the offeror, such other company is considered the parent company of the offeror. This control may be exercised through the use of dominant minority voting rights, use of proxy voting, contractual arrangements, or otherwise.

17. EMPLOYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER. (Applicable only to advertised solicitations.) The offeror shall insert in the applicable space on the offer form, if he has no parent company, his own Employer's Identification Number (E.I. No.) (Federal Social Security Number used on Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return, U.S. Treasury Department Form 941), or, if he has a parent company, the Employer's Identification Number of his parent company.

18. CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION.

(a) This certification on the offer form is not applicable to a foreign offeror submitting an offer for a contract which requires performance or delivery outside the United States, its possessions, and Puerto Rico.

(b) An offer will not be considered for award where (a) (1), (a) (3), or (b) of the certification has been deleted or modified. Where (a) (2) of the certification has been deleted or modified, the offer will not be considered for award unless the offeror furnishes with the offer a signed statement which sets forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure and the head of the agency, or his designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

19. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE. In the event of an inconsistency between provisions of this solicitation, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) the Schedule; (b) Solicitation Instructions and Conditions; (c) General Provisions; (d) other provisions of the contract, whether incorporated by reference or otherwise; and (e) the specifications.

PART II (Continued)B. NOTICES TO BIDDERS1. Notice of Requirement to Certify Nonsegregated Facilities

Bidders are cautioned as follows: By signing this offer, the bidder will be deemed to have signed and agreed to the provisions of the "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" contained on page 6 of this solicitation. Failure of the bidder to agree to the certification of nonsegregated facilities may cause his bid to be rejected as nonresponsive.

Moreover, each sheet for which the offeror desires to restrict disclosure shall be marked with the following legend:

"Use of disclosure of proposal data is subject to the restriction on the title page of this proposal. I claim that information contained herein is proprietary and shall not be disclosed by the NRC in accordance with Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act."

2. Bid Identification

Mailing envelopes shall be marked with the IFB number as specified on Page 1, Block #2 of this solicitation. The IFB number should also be referenced in your cover letter and on each page of your bid.

3. Period of Performance

The work required hereunder shall be completed within one (1) calendar year following the effective date of the contract.

4. Cost of Bid Preparation

This solicitation does not commit the Government to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of bids or for any studies or analyses that may be conducted in the preparation thereof; nor is the Government committed to procure or contract for the articles or services described under Part III of this solicitation. It is also brought to your attention that the Contracting Officer is the only individual who can legally commit the Government to the expenditure of public funds in connection with the proposed procurement.

5. Other Contractual Commitments

The bidder shall list any commitments with other agencies, governmental or private, and indicate whether these commitments will or will not interfere with the completion of work and services contemplated under this solicitation.

6. Award Notification

All bidders will be notified of their final selection or nonselection as soon as possible following the completion of the formal NRC bid opening and subsequent detailed examination of bids and conduct of responsibility checks. Formal notification of nonselection to unsuccessful bidders will be made following contract award to the successful bidder.

7. Type of Contract and General Provisions

It is contemplated that a fixed price requirements type contract will be awarded. In addition to the special provisions of this Invitation For Bid, any resultant contract shall include the general provisions applicable to the selected bidder's organization and to the type contract awarded. Any additional clauses in effect at the time of execution of the resultant contract are hereby included by reference.

8. Bid Evaluation

- A. Bids in response to this Invitation for Bids shall set forth full accurate and complete information as required herein. The penalty for making false statements in bids is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.
- B. Bids will be evaluated for purposes of award by first ascertaining the sum of the proposed total amounts for each of the two line items contained on Page 4 of this solicitation. To this "Total Bid Amount" will be applied any applicable consideration for discounts offered in Block #16 on Page 1 of this IFB. (See Part II, A, "Solicitation Instructions and Conditions," "Discounts.") This will constitute the bidder's "final bid amount."
- C. Any bid which is materially unbalanced as to prices for the separate items specified on Page 4 of this IFB may be rejected as nonresponsive. Such an unbalanced bid is defined as one which is based on prices which, in the opinion of NRC, are significantly less than cost for some work and/or prices that may be significantly overstated for other work.

- D. Award will be made to that responsive, responsible bidder within the meaning of Federal Procurement Regulations 1-1.12 whose total bid amount, as set forth by the bidder in the appropriate blank of Page 4 of this IFB, after NRC consideration of any applicable discount, constitutes the lowest overall evaluated final contract price to the Government based upon the requirements as set forth in the schedule.
- E. Notwithstanding Part II, A, Paragraph 10, Award of Contract, the award of any contract resulting from this solicitation will be made on an "all or none" basis. Thus, bids submitted on fewer than each of the two items listed on Page 4 of this IFB, or on fewer than the estimated quantity of lines for one or more of the items will cause the bid to be rejected as nonresponsive.
- F. Separate charges, in any form, are not solicited. Bids containing such charges for discontinuance, termination, failure to exercise an option, or for any other purpose will cause the bid to be rejected as nonresponsive.

9. Nondiscrimination Because of Age (FPR 1-12.1001)

It is the policy of the Executive Branch of the Government that (a) Contractors and Subcontractors engaged in the performance of Federal contracts shall not, in connection with the employment, advancement, or discharge of employees or in connection with the terms, conditions, or privileges of their employment, discriminate against persons because of their age except upon the basis of a bona fide occupational qualification, retirement plan, or statutory requirement, and (b) that Contractors and Subcontractors, or persons acting on their behalf, shall not specify, in solicitations or advertisements for employees to work on Government contracts, a maximum age limit for such employment unless the specified maximum age limit is based upon a bona fide occupational qualification, retirement plan, or statutory requirement.

10. Listing of Employment Openings (FPR 1-12.1102-2)

Bidders and offerors should note that this solicitation includes a provision requiring the listing of employment openings with the local office of the Federal-State employment service system where a contract award is for \$2,500 or more.

11. Commitment of Public Funds

The Contracting Officer is the only individual who can legally commit the Government to the expenditure of public funds in connection with this procurement. Any other commitment, either explicit or implied, is invalid.

12. Minimum Bid Acceptance Period

Bids offering fewer than sixty (60) days for acceptance by the Government from the date set for opening will be rejected as nonresponsive.

13. Bidder Qualifications and Past Experience

In order to be considered qualified for performance under any contract to result herefrom, the bidder shall have been involved in providing the same or substantially similar services to those required herein.

The bidder shall substantiate such experience in his bid. In addition, the bidder shall list below at least four (4) previous or current contracts for the same or substantially similar services:

(1) Contract No.: _____
Name and address of
Government Agency or
Commercial Entity: _____

Point of Contact and
Telephone Number: _____

(2) Contract No.: _____
Name and address of
Government Agency or
Commercial Entity: _____

Point of Contact and
Telephone Number: _____

(3) Contract No.: _____
Name and address of
Government Agency or
Commercial Entity: _____

(3) Point of Contact and Telephone Number: _____

(4) Contract No.: _____
Name and Address of Government Agency or Commercial Entity: _____

Point of Contact and Telephone Number: _____

* Additional information will be supplied to Contracting Officer upon request.

14. Availability of Funds (1962 SEP)

Funds are not presently available for this procurement. The Government's obligation hereunder is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for the contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for payment of any money shall arise unless and until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for this procurement and notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer, is given to the Contractor.

15. Utilization of Small Business Concerns and Small Business Concerns Owned and Controlled By Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals

(a) It is the policy of the United States that small business concerns and small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts let by any Federal agency.

(b) The contractor hereby agrees to carry out this policy in the awarding of subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient performance of this contract. The contractor further agrees to cooperate in any studies or surveys that may be conducted by the Small Business Administration or the contracting agency which may be necessary to determine the extent of the contractor's compliance with this clause.

(c) (1) The term "small business concern" shall mean a small business as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and in relevant regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

(2) The term "small business concern owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals" shall mean a small business concern

(i) which is at least 51 per centum owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 per centum of the stock of which is owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; and

(ii) whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of such individuals.

The Contractor shall presume that socially and economically disadvantaged individuals include Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and other minorities, or any other individual found to be disadvantaged by the Small Business Administration pursuant to section 8(a) of the Small Business Act.

(d) Contractors acting in good faith may rely on written representations by their subcontractors as either a small business concern or a small business concern owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

16. Size Standard and Product Classification

It has been determined that the services described herein are classified under the Standard Industrial Classification Manual as No. 7399 and that the concern's average annual receipts for its preceding three (3) fiscal years must not exceed \$2 Million to be classified as a small business concern.

PART III - CONTRACT SCHEDULEARTICLE ISTATEMENT OF WORKA. Background and General Information

The NRC currently subscribes to approximately nine hundred (900) serial titles ranging from highly technical research journals (e.g. Journal of Nuclear Materials) to popular magazines (e.g. U.S. News and World Report). Approximately 75% of these titles are technical journals and 25% are popular. A large number of the technical journals are of foreign origin which creates a communications problem with the various publishers.

The importance of such serial literature lies in the timeliness of the information, conveying, as it does, the most current ideas and developments in the fields of interest of the NRC.

Since hundreds of different titles and publishers are involved, the services of a qualified subscription agency is necessary to save the NRC a large amount of administrative work and costs which would be incurred by the issuance of hundreds of purchase orders. In addition, the time required for foreign renewals is substantially reduced through use of a subscription agency.

The specific requirements, performance specifications, deliveries, and all other pertinent details are contained in the following Sections.

B. Definitions

1. Agency Price. The terms "agency price", as used in this contract, means the established publisher rate to the subscription agency and service charge for the subscription delivered to the NRC Library delivery points. The Contractor's overhead, profit, and any other expenses will be included in the service charge.
2. Subscription. The term "subscription", as used in the contract, means a serial or periodical publication and related services. It shall also include back issues of serials or periodical publications, but not earlier than one year before the current volume. A subscription may be for a period of more than 12 months, but shall not extend beyond the end of the calendar year represented by this contract, i.e., December 31, of the fiscal year of the contract, unless it is designated as a multiple year subscription.
3. COAR. See Article IV below.

C. Required Services

1. The contractor shall place new and renewal subscriptions for domestic and foreign periodicals, serials, and other related services at agency price and guarantee delivery of all issues on each subscription.

Publisher permitting, all subscriptions are to be handled on a January through December calendar year basis, and shall terminate December 31 of the fiscal year of the contract, unless it is designated as a multiple year subscription

2. The Contractor shall place all orders at the "agency price" with publishers within five (5) working days after receipt of the order by Contractor. In those cases where followup is required by Contractor before an order can be placed, Contractor is responsible to furnish Library with a monthly report regarding the title status. In those cases where publications are available through a direct order arrangement only, the Contractor shall so notify the NRC Library through a standardized timely mechanism no later than ten (10) working days after notification of unavailability. The Contractor shall also administer all subscriptions placed until the expiration of the subscription.

All subscriptions ordered for one year except when, publisher permitting, prorated to meet a common expiration date.

Multiple year subscriptions to be ordered upon direction from the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR).

3. The Contractor shall be able to pay all orders in advance. The successful vendor/offeror shall have an established professional reputation and a large body of satisfied customers for its services, particularly among Government libraries.

The Contractor shall have the ability to make additional payments as necessary to adjust for unforeseen contingencies such as currency fluctuations, additional volumes, etc.

4. Day-to-day Subscription Services

- a. New Subscriptions
- b. Late Renewals
- c. Back Issues
- d. Additional copies

Day-to-day subscription services relate to items sent to the NRC Library by authorized persons throughout the year which are ordered on standardized order forms. The COAR will forward to the Contractor orders for subscriptions. These requirements will be placed by the Contractor with the publisher for the subscription period indicated. One copy of each order will be forwarded to the Contractor, edited as follows:

1. Title and address of "Bill to" and "Ship to" address
2. Account number chargeable
3. Contract number and order number.
4. Title
5. Quantity
6. Volume
7. Subscription period.
8. "New", "Renewal", "Back Issue", or "Additional Copy" information as appropriate.
9. Publisher

Within ten days after placing the order with the publisher, Contractor will forward to the NRC Office of the Controller four (4) copies of each invoice (separate invoice for each "ship to" address) confirming that the order billed thereon was entered with the publisher at the current rate known at that time.

5. Special Orders

Contractor has responsibility to notify subscriber of special issues, supplements, cumulative indexes, etc. not included in the basic subscription price. These items shall be available by subscribers special order under this contract at the publisher's retail price, with no additional charges, except any handling and transportation costs which are charged to the Contractor by the publisher.

6. Additional Materials

Title pages, tables of contents, annual or other indexes, etc. that are normally supplied by the publisher at no added charge to a requesting subscriber, are to be supplied automatically by the Contractor at no additional charge. Items for which the publisher charges the Contractor shall be handled in accordance with the terms of Article XI, below.

7. Renewal Subscription Services

Renewal Review Listing for Subsequent Calendar Year

- A. On or before August 15 of each calendar year the Contractor shall supply NRC Library with an annual renewal listing (4 copies). Any needed additions, deletions, corrections, etc. will be made by the COTR.
- B. The following shall occur in, and only if, the Government elects to exercise the option detailed in Article XII.

The listing will be returned to the Contractor on or before October 15. The Contractor shall place the renewals with the appropriate publishers on or before November 1. The Subscription Renewal Review Listings shall be on separate pages for each "ship to" address and will alphabetically list all subscriptions titles ordered or on record for that consignee. Renewal Review Listings from Contractor will contain the following information.

1. Title and address of "Bill to" and "Ship to" address
2. Account number chargeable
3. Contract number
4. Title
5. Quantity
6. Volume
7. Subscription Period
8. New or Renewal Subscription
9. Price: List Price, Service Charge, Adjustments
10. Frequency
11. All additional titles which may not be due for renewal but which are on record for a specific consignee.

On or before November 30, Contractor will forward to the Bill-to-address copies of each invoice (separate invoice for each "Ship to" address) confirming that the orders billed thereon were entered with the publisher and at current rates known at that time.

8. Data Requirements

(a) Subscription Listing

Contractor shall provide on demand at no additional charge an alphabetical subscription listing of all subscriptions on order or paid through. This listing shall include in addition to title, the consignee, quantity, period covered, and invoice number.

(b) Ship to List

Contractor shall provide on demand at no additional charge a listing of all NRC consignees and their full mailing addresses.

(c) Claims Lists

Contractors shall supply to COAR a quarterly listing of all claims made within the previous three months and any responses received from the publishers. If an additional claim is required for an item appearing on the report, the report itself may be used as a turn around document to return to Contractor.

(d) Proof of Payment Listing

The Contractor shall supply on demand at no additional charge a proof of payment listing which includes: Address of each title, invoices, date publisher paid, check number, period for which order was entered, invoice number, page number and line, and frequency.

(e) Slow Publications List

Slow publications list of standard services shall be generated monthly by the Contractor and supplied to NRC Library for updated title information.

(f) Claiming

The Contractor shall provide a mechanism for NRC Library to notify Contractor as needed to claim specific titles. The Contractor shall provide rush claim services to foreign publishers when necessary.

9. Special Services

(a) Information Bulletins

The Contractor shall provide at no cost monthly information bulletin containing latest known updating information on subscribed serials titles.

(b) Membership Entitlements

Contractor shall provide written summary on a monthly basis of all publications and/or material received through memberships, i.e., title, frequency, quantity, of each publication and special membership benefits. Negative reports are not required.

(c) Contractor shall request sample copies of a serial when requested to do so by NRC Library.

10. Administrative Services

(a) Claims for Missing Issues

The Contractor will supply the COAR with claim forms to be used to follow-up for missing issues. All claims sent to the Contractor will be processed by the Contractor to the publisher within five (5) working days of receipt of the claim by the Contractor. The claim notice sent from Contractor to the publisher shall include the following information:

1. Title being claimed
2. Specific issues
3. Date of Contractor's order to publisher
4. Order period
5. Amount of Contractor's check
6. Check number

A listing of claims which have been made shall be furnished as indicated under Paragraph 8(c) above.

(b) Subscription Status Information

Contractor shall notify COAR in writing of any subscription which is found to be one of the following: bill later, non-cancellable, discontinued, order direct, not due for renewal at this time, period restricted, establishing contact with publisher, temporarily suspended publication, foreign title, estimated price, price increased since last billing published price. This written report is to be furnished by Contractor within two weeks on his notification by publisher.

(c) Refunds for Lost Periodicals, Replacements, and Discontinuance of Publication

The Contractor will act as the agent of the NRC Library with the publisher in obtaining replacement copies of periodicals found to be defective, mutilated or determined to have been lost in transit.

The Contractor agrees to make a refund in full of all amounts refunded by the publishers as well as Contractors service charge. In those instances where a refund has been requested due to timely cancellation of subscription, Contractor shall provide written evidence of his attempts to secure the refund for the Government.

(d) Changes of Address

Contractor is responsible for notifying publisher when consignee changes of address occur.

11. Bibliographic Verification

Contractor will provide bibliographic verification of data not available for requestor, such as price, latest edition, etc.

12. Rush Orders

Rush orders shall be ordered by Contractor at no additional cost. Specifically, upon receipt of a phone call requesting rush order, Contractor will telephone within 24 hours that order to the publisher. If publisher will not accept order without payment, Contractor will send out payment within that same 24 hour period.

13. Notwithstanding the period of performance, the Contractor shall be responsible for the complete delivery through the period of the subscription, which is normally January 1 through December 31 annually. The Contractor shall ensure delivery from the publisher or receive a refund for those subscriptions which are terminated or discontinued (see paragraph 10(1) above.

14. Pricing Adjustments

Invoices for subscription price adjustments originated by the publishers shall be submitted in accordance with Article XI, below. Notwithstanding the period of performance of this contract, it is intended that all such pricing adjustments will be handled by the NRC consistent with the subscription year prescribed as January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE II

DELIVERY

A. Time of Delivery

The following items shall be delivered in accordance with the below listed schedule:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Delivery</u>
1. Subscriptions	As required	New and renewal subscriptions for domestic and foreign periodicals, serials and other related services shall be delivered regularly in accordance with the subscribed service.
2. Subscription Listing	As required	Within 5 days after each COAR request
3. Ship to List	As required	Within 5 days after each COAR request
4. Claims List	As required	Within 5 days following the close of each calendar quarter beginning with the quarter ending December 31
5. Proof of Payment Listing	As required	Within 5 days after each COAR request
6. Slow Publication List	As required	Within 5 days following the close of each calendar month beginning with the first month of the contract
7. Information Bulletin	As required	Within 5 days following the close of each calendar month beginning with the first month of the contract
8. Membership Entitlement	As required	Within 5 days following the close of calendar month beginning with the first month of the contract. Only required if membership entitlements are received during a given month

B. Method of Delivery

All items shall be delivered through whatever means the Contractor chooses that assures undamaged receipt by NRC within the time requirements specified in Paragraph A, above.

C. Place of Delivery

All deliverables except the subscription under this contract shall be submitted to the following address:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Library Branch
Phillips Building
7920 Norfolk Avenue
Bethesda, MD

Note: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Library Branch, mailing address is:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Library Branch
Mail Stop 160
Washington, DC 20555

Note: All subscription items shall be delivered by the publisher to the address indicated on each agency order.

ARTICLE III

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance shall commence on the effective date of this contract and shall not extend beyond one (1) year. This period of performance may be extended as described in Article XII.

ARTICLE IV

DESIGNATION OF CONTRACTING OFFICER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (C.O.A.R.)

- A. Performance of the work under this contract shall be subject to the written technical direction of the Contracting Officer's Authorized Representative (COAR). The term "technical direction" is defined to include, without limitation:
1. Directions to the Contractor which redirect the contract effort, shift work emphasis between work areas or a task, require pursuit

of certain lines of inquiry, fill in details, or otherwise serve to accomplish the contractual work requirements.

2. Provision of written information to the Contractor shall assist in the interpretation of drawings, specifications, or technical portions of the work description.
 3. Review and, where required by the contract, approval of technical reports, drawings, specifications, and technical information to be delivered by the Contractor to the Government under the contract.
- B. Technical direction must be within the scope of work stated in the contract. The COAR does not have the authority, and may not, issue technical direction which:
1. Constitutes an assignment of additional work outside the scope of the contract.
 2. Constitutes a change as defined in the contract clause entitled "changes".
 3. In any manner causes an increase or decrease in the total estimated contract cost of the time required for contract performance.
 4. Changes or waives any of the expressed terms, conditions, or specifications of the contract.
 5. Interferes with the Contractor's right to perform the terms and conditions of the contract.
 6. Gives supervision to Contractor's employees.
- C. If, in the opinion of the Contractor, any instruction or direction by the COAR is within one of the categories as defined in Paragraph B, above, the Contractor shall not proceed but shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing within five (5) working days after receipt of any such instruction or direction and shall request the Contracting Officer to modify the contract accordingly. Upon receiving the notification from the Contractor, the Contracting Officer will do one of the following:
1. Advise the Contractor that the technical direction is within the scope of the contract effort and does not constitute a change under the "changes" clause of the contract;
 2. Inform the Contractor not to perform under the direction and to cancel the direction; or
 3. Initiate a modification to the contract.

Failure of the Contractor to notify the Government, in accordance with the above instruction, of COAR directions which it may feel falls within one of the six (6) circumstances described in Paragraph 3, above, shall be deemed by the Government as the Contractor's acceptance of the direction as not falling within one of the specified categories.

Should the Contractor notify the Government of directions which, it feels, falls within one of the above six (6) categories, and the Contractor and Contracting Officer fail to agree upon the nature of the instruction or direction or upon the contract action to be taken with respect thereto, resolution of the matter shall be subject to the provisions of the contract clause entitled "Disputes."

- D. The Contracting Officer will designate a COAR within seven (7) calendar days of the effective date of this contract. A copy of the letter of designation will be forwarded to the Contractor immediately following designation.

ARTICLE V

INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

- A. Inspection of the services and deliverables called for hereunder shall be performed by the COAR.
- B. Acceptance of the services and deliverables called for hereunder shall be accomplished by the Contracting Officer, or the COAR.

ARTICLE VI

PRESERVATION/PACKAGING/PACKING

All materials delivered under this contract shall be afforded the degree of packaging (preservation and packing) required to prevent deterioration and/or damages due to hazards of shipment, handling, and storage. Such packaging shall be accomplished in such a manner as to insure safe delivery at destination.

ARTICLE VII

SERVICE CONTRACT ACT WAGE DETERMINATION

This contract is subject to the U.S. Department of Labor Wage Determination Registers that are hereby incorporated and which are included as Attachment No 4. hereto. The applicable DOL Wage Determination will be included and numbered as an attachment at the time of award.

ARTICLE VIII

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

The work required under this contract shall be performed at the Contractor's office facilities.

ARTICLE IX

INCORPORATION OF REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

The offeror's representations and certifications submitted in accordance herewith are hereby incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE X

SUBCONTRACTS FOR WORK OR SERVICES

No contract shall be made by the Contractor with any other party for furnishing any of the work or services required herein without the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer. This provision shall not be construed, however, as requiring the prior approval of contracts of employment between the Contractor and personnel assigned by the Contractor to provide services hereunder.

ARTICLE XI

BILLING INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Form. Invoices shall be submitted in an original and four (4) copies on the Contractor's letterhead, invoice, or on the Government's Standard

Form 1034, "Public Voucher for Purchases and Services Other Than Personal" and Continuation Form 1035. These forms are available from the U.S. Government Printing Officer, 710 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20801.

- B. Destination. Invoices shall be submitted in the form and number prescribed above in Paragraph A to the following address:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Division of Accounting; Office of the Controller
Attn: GOV/COM Accounts Section
Washington, DC 20555

- C. Frequency. The Contractor shall submit invoices as frequently as once each month, if desired, unless more frequent billing is authorized by the Contracting Officer.

- D. Content

1. Name and address to which payment is to be sent
2. Voucher No.
3. Date of Voucher
4. Contract number and date
5. Designation of transcript number for which payment is requested, number of lines, cost per line, and total. This should be repeated for each transcript for which the Contractor is invoicing. Grand total invoice amount.
6. Indicate period covered by invoice.
7. Final invoice under contract marked: "Contract No. _____
Final Invoice."

ARTICLE XII

OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT

This contract is renewable, at the service charge awarded, at the option of the Government, by the Contracting Officer giving written notice of renewal to the Contractor by October 1st of each year, or within 30 days after funds for the fiscal year become available, whichever date may be the later; provided that the Contracting Officer shall have given preliminary notice of the Government's intention to renew at least 30 days before this contract is to expire. Such a preliminary notice shall not be deemed to commit the Government to renewals. If the Government exercises this option for renewal, the contract as renewed shall be deemed to include this option provision. However, the total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed 36 months from the contract award date.

Award of contract for each Fiscal Year will be contingent upon appropriation of the necessary funds to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. No legal liability on the part of the Government for the payment of any money shall arise unless and until such appropriation shall have been provided.

ARTICLE XIII

NOTICE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF DELAYS

In the event the Contractor encounters difficulty in meeting performance requirements, or when he anticipates difficulty in complying with the contract delivery schedule or date, or whenever the Contractor has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying, or threatens to delay the timely performance of this contract, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer, and the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative in writing, giving pertinent details; provided, however, that this date be informational only in character and that this provision shall not be construed as a waiver by the Government of any delay schedule, or date of any rights, or remedies provided by law, or under this contract.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

(Supply Contract)

1. DEFINITIONS

As used throughout this contract, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

- (a) The term "head of the agency" or "Secretary" as used herein means the Secretary, the Under Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or any other head or assistant head of the executive or military department or other Federal agency; and the term "his duly authorized representative" means any person or persons or board (other than the Contracting Officer) authorized to act for the head of the agency or the Secretary.
- (b) The term "Contracting Officer" means the person executing this contract on behalf of the Government, and any other officer or civilian employee who is a properly designated Contracting Officer; and the term includes, except as otherwise provided in this contract, the authorized representative of a Contracting Officer acting within the limits of his authority.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the term "subcontracts" includes purchase orders under this contract.

2. CHANGES

The Contracting Officer may at any time, by a written order, and without notice to the sureties, make changes, within the general scope of this contract, in any one or more of the following: (i) Drawings, designs, or specifications, where the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the Government in accordance therewith; (ii) method of shipment or packing; and (iii) place of delivery. If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether changed or not changed by any such order, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the contract price or delivery schedule, or both, and the contract shall be modified in writing accordingly. Any claim by the Contractor for adjustment under this clause must be asserted within 30 days from the date of receipt by the Contractor of the notification of change: *Provided, however,* That the Contracting Officer, if he decides that the facts justify such action, may receive and act upon any such claim asserted at any time prior to final payment under this contract. Where the cost of property made obsolete or excess as a result of a change is included in the Contractor's claim for adjustment, the Contracting Officer shall have the right to prescribe the manner of disposition of such property. Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute concerning a question of fact within the meaning of the clause of this contract entitled "Disputes." However, nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed.

3. EXTRAS

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, no payment for extras shall be made unless such extras and the price therefor have been authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer.

4. VARIATION IN QUANTITY

No variation in the quantity of any item called for by this contract will be accepted unless such variation has been caused by conditions of loading, shipping, or packing, or allowances in manufacturing processes, and then only to the extent, if any, specified elsewhere in this contract.

5. INSPECTION

- (a) All supplies (which term throughout this clause includes

without limitation raw materials, components, intermediate assemblies, and end products) shall be subject to inspection and test by the Government, to the extent practicable at all times and places including the period of manufacture, and in any event prior to acceptance.

- (b) In case any supplies or lots of supplies are defective in material or workmanship or otherwise not in conformity with the requirements of this contract, the Government shall have the right either to reject them (with or without instructions as to their disposition) or to require their correction. Supplies or lots of supplies which have been rejected or required to be corrected shall be removed or, if permitted or required by the Contracting Officer, corrected in place by and at the expense of the Contractor promptly after notice, and shall not thereafter be tendered for acceptance unless the former rejection or requirement of correction is disclosed. If the Contractor fails promptly to remove such supplies or lots of supplies which are required to be removed, or promptly to replace or correct such supplies or lots of supplies, the Government either (i) may by contract or otherwise replace or correct such supplies and charge to the Contractor the cost occasioned the Government thereby, or (ii) may terminate this contract for default as provided in the clause of this contract entitled "Default." Unless the Contractor corrects or replaces such supplies within the delivery schedule, the Contracting Officer may require the delivery of such supplies at a reduction in price which is equitable under the circumstances. Failure to agree to such reduction of price shall be a dispute concerning a question of fact within the meaning of the clause of this contract entitled "Disputes."

- (c) If any inspection or test is made by the Government on the premises of the Contractor or a subcontractor, the Contractor without additional charge shall provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the Government inspectors in the performance of their duties. If Government inspection or test is made at a point other than the premises of the Contractor or a subcontractor, it shall be at the expense of the Government except as otherwise provided in this contract: *Provided,* That in case of rejection the Government shall not be liable for any reduction in value of samples used in connection with such inspection or test. All inspections and tests by the Government shall be performed in such a manner as not to unduly delay the work. The Government reserves the right to charge to the Contractor any additional cost of Government inspection and test when supplies are not ready at the time such inspection and test is requested by the Contractor or when reinspection or retest is necessitated by prior rejection. Acceptance or rejection of the supplies shall be made as promptly as practicable after delivery, except as otherwise provided in this contract; but failure to inspect and accept or reject supplies shall neither relieve the Contractor from responsibility for such supplies as are not in accordance with the contract requirements nor impose liability on the Government therefor.

- (d) The inspection and test by the Government of any supplies or lots thereof does not relieve the Contractor from any responsibility regarding defects or other failures to meet the contract requirements which may be discovered prior to acceptance. Except as otherwise provided in this contract, acceptance shall be conclusive except as regards latent defects, fraud, or such gross mistakes as amount to fraud.

- (e) The Contractor shall provide and maintain an inspection system acceptable to the Government covering the supplies hereunder. Records of all inspection work by the Contractor shall be kept complete and available to the Government during

the performance of this contract and for such longer period as may be specified elsewhere in this contract.

6. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, (i) the Contractor shall be responsible for the supplies covered by this contract until they are delivered at the designated delivery point, regardless of the point of inspection; (ii) after delivery to the Government at the designated point and prior to acceptance by the Government or rejection and giving notice thereof by the Government, the Government shall be responsible for the loss or destruction of or damage to the supplies only if such loss, destruction, or damage results from the negligence of officers, agents, or employees of the Government acting within the scope of their employment; and (iii) the Contractor shall bear all risks as to rejected supplies after notice of rejection, except that the Government shall be responsible for the loss, or destruction of, or damage to the supplies only if such loss, destruction or damage results from the gross negligence of officers, agents, or employees of the Government acting within the scope of their employment.

7. PAYMENTS

The Contractor shall be paid, upon the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated herein for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less deductions, if any, as herein provided. Unless otherwise specified, payment will be made on partial deliveries accepted by the Government when the amount due on such deliveries so warrants; or, when requested by the Contractor, payment for accepted partial deliveries shall be made whenever such payment would equal or exceed either \$1,000 or 50 percent of the total amount of this contract.

8. ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of the Assignment of Claims Act of 1940, as amended (31 U.S.C. 203, 41 U.S.C. 15), if this contract provides for payments aggregating \$1,000 or more, claims for moneys due or to become due the Contractor from the Government under this contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution, including any Federal lending agency, and may thereafter be further assigned and reassigned to any such institution. Any such assignment or reassignment shall cover all amounts payable under this contract and not already paid, and shall not be made to more than one party, except that any such assignment or reassignment may be made to one party as agent or trustee for two or more parties participating in such financing. Unless otherwise provided in this contract, payments to an assignee of any moneys due or to become due under this contract shall not, to the extent provided in said Act, as amended, be subject to reduction or setoff. (The preceding sentence applies only if this contract is made in time of war or national emergency as defined in said Act and is with the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, the Energy Research and Development Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration, or any other department or agency of the United States designated by the President pursuant to Clause 4 of the proviso of section 1 of the Assignment of Claims Act of 1940, as amended by the Act of May 15, 1951, 65 Stat. 41.)

(b) In no event shall copies of this contract or of any plans, specifications, or other similar documents relating to work under this contract, if marked "Top Secret," "Secret," or "Confidential," be furnished to any assignee of any claim arising under this contract or to any other person not entitled to receive the same. However, a copy of any part or all of this contract so marked may be furnished, or any information contained therein may be disclosed, to such assignee upon the prior written authorization of the Contracting Officer.

9. ADDITIONAL BOND SECURITY

If any surety upon any bond furnished in connection with this contract becomes unacceptable to the Government or if any such

surety fails to furnish reports as to his financial condition from time to time as requested by the Government, the Contractor shall promptly furnish such additional security as may be required from time to time to protect the interests of the Government and of persons supplying labor or materials in the prosecution of the work contemplated by this contract.

10. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL

(a) This clause is applicable if the amount of this contract exceeds \$10,000 and was entered into by means of negotiation, including small business restricted advertising, but is not applicable if this contract was entered into by means of formal advertising.

(b) The Contractor agrees that the Comptroller General of the United States or any of his duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of 3 years after final payment under this contract or such lesser time specified in either Appendix M of the Armed Services Procurement Regulation or the Federal Procurement Regulations Part 1-20, as appropriate, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor involving transactions related to this contract.

(c) The Contractor further agrees to include in all his subcontracts hereunder a provision to the effect that the subcontractor agrees that the Comptroller General of the United States or any of his duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of 3 years after final payment under the subcontract or such lesser time specified in either Appendix M of the Armed Services Procurement Regulation or the Federal Procurement Regulations Part 1-20, as appropriate, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of such subcontractor, involving transactions related to the subcontract. The term "subcontract" as used in this clause excludes (1) purchase orders not exceeding \$10,000 and (2) subcontracts or purchase orders for public utility services at rates established for uniform applicability to the general public.

(d) The periods of access and examination described in (b) and (c), above, for records which relate to (1) appeals under the "Disputes" clause of this contract, (2) litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of this contract, or (3) costs and expenses of this contract as to which exception has been taken by the Comptroller General or any of his duly authorized representatives, shall continue until such appeals, litigation, claims, or exceptions have been disposed of.

11. DEFAULT

(a) The Government may, subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) below, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this contract in any one of the following circumstances:

(i) If the Contractor fails to make delivery of the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified herein or any extension thereof; or

(ii) If the Contractor fails to perform any of the other provisions of this contract, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances does not cure such failure within a period of 10 days (or such longer period as the Contracting Officer may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from the Contracting Officer specifying such failure.

(b) In the event the Government terminates this contract in whole or in part as provided in paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the Contracting Officer may deem appropriate, supplies or services similar to those so terminated, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any excess costs for such similar supplies or services: *Provided*, That the Contractor shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this clause.

(c) Except with respect to defaults of subcontractors, the

Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

(d) If this contract is terminated as provided in paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government, in addition to any other rights provided in this clause, may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the Government, in the manner and to the extent directed by the Contracting Officer, (i) any completed supplies, and (ii) such partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing materials") as the Contractor has specifically produced or specifically acquired for the performance of such part of this contract as has been terminated; and the Contractor shall, upon direction of the Contracting Officer, protect and preserve property in possession of the Contractor in which the Government has an interest. Payment for completed supplies delivered to and accepted by the Government shall be at the contract price. Payment for manufacturing materials delivered to and accepted by the Government and for the protection and preservation of property shall be in an amount agreed upon by the Contractor and Contracting Officer; failure to agree to such amount shall be a dispute concerning a question of fact within the meaning of the clause of this contract entitled "Disputes." The Government may withhold from amounts otherwise due the Contractor for such completed supplies or manufacturing materials such sum as the Contracting Officer determines to be necessary to protect the Government against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.

(e) If, after notice of termination of this contract under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this clause, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of this clause, the rights and obligations of the parties shall, if the contract contains a clause providing for termination for convenience of the Government, be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to such clause. If, after notice of termination of this contract under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this clause, and if this contract does not contain a clause providing for termination for convenience of the Government, the contract shall be equitably adjusted to compensate for such termination and the contract modified accordingly; failure to agree to any such adjustment shall be a dispute concerning a question of fact within the meaning of the clause of this contract entitled "Disputes."

(f) The rights and remedies of the Government provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

(g) As used in paragraph (c) of this clause, the terms "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractor(s) at any tier.

12. DISPUTES

(a) Except as otherwise provided, any dispute concerning a contract which is not resolved by the Contract-

ing Officer, who shall reduce his decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor. The decision of the Contracting Officer shall be final and conclusive unless, within 30 days from the date of receipt of the Contractor's appeal, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes to the Contracting Officer a written appeal addressed to the Secretary or his duly authorized representative. The determination of such appeals shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply fraud, or capricious, or supported by substantial evidence. In connection with an appeal proceeding under this clause, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to present in support of its appeal. Pending final decision thereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract and in accordance with the Contracting Officer's decision.

(1) The "disputes" clause does not preclude consideration of law in connection with decisions provided for in paragraph (a) above. Provided. That nothing in this contract shall be construed as making final the decision of any administrative official, representative, or board on a question of law.

13. NOTICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

The provisions of this clause shall be applicable only if the amount of this contract exceeds \$1,000.

(a) The Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer, promptly and in reasonable written detail, each notice or claim of patent or copyright infringement based on the performance of this contract of which the Contractor has knowledge.

(b) In the event of any claim or suit against the Government on account of any alleged patent or copyright infringement arising out of the performance of this contract or out of the use of any supplies furnished or work or services performed hereunder, the Contractor shall furnish to the Government, when requested by the Contracting Officer, all evidence and information in possession of the Contractor pertaining to such suit or claim. Such evidence and information shall be furnished at the expense of the Government except where the Contractor has agreed to indemnify the Government.

14. BUY AMERICAN ACT

(a) In acquiring end products, the Buy American Act (41 U.S. Code 10 a-d) provides that the Government give preference to domestic source end products. For the purpose of this clause:

(i) "Components" means those articles, materials, and supplies, which are directly incorporated in the end products;

(ii) "End products" means those articles, materials, and supplies, which are to be acquired under this contract for public use; and

(iii) A "domestic source end product" means (A) an unmanufactured end product which has been mined or produced in the United States and (B) an end product manufactured in the United States if the cost of the components thereof which are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States exceeds 50 percent of the cost of all its components. For the purposes of this (a) (iii) (B), components of foreign origin of the same type or kind as the products referred to in (b) (ii) or (iii) of this clause shall be treated as components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States.

(b) The Contractor agrees that there will be delivered under this contract only domestic source end products, except end products:

(i) Which are for use outside the United States;

(ii) Which the Government determines are not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities and of a satisfactory quality;

(iii) As to which the Secretary determines the domestic preference to be inconsistent with the public interest; or

(iv) As to which the Secretary determines the cost to the Government to be unreasonable.

(The foregoing requirements are administered in accordance with Executive Order No. 10532, dated December 17, 1954.)

15. CONVICT LABOR

In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor agrees not to employ any person undergoing sentence of imprisonment at hard labor except as provided by Public Law 89-176, September 10, 1935 (18 U.S.C. 4082(c)(2)) and Executive Order 11755, December 29, 1973.

16. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT— OVERTIME COMPENSATION

This contract, to the extent that it is of a character specified in the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333), is subject to the following provisions and to all other applicable provisions and exceptions of such Act and the regulations of the Secretary of Labor thereunder.

(a) Overtime requirements. No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers, mechanics, apprentices, trainees, watchmen, and guards shall require or permit any laborer, mechanic, apprentice, trainee, watchman, or guard in any workweek in which he is employed on such work to work in excess of eight hours in any calendar day or in excess of forty hours in such workweek on work subject to the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act unless such laborer, mechanic, apprentice, trainee, watchman, or guard receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times his basic rate of pay for all such hours worked in excess of eight hours in any calendar day or in excess of forty hours in such workweek, whichever is the greater number of overtime hours.

(b) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the provisions of paragraph (a), the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable to any affected employee for his unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer, mechanic, apprentice, trainee, watchman, or guard employed in violation of the provisions of paragraph (a) in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such employee was required or permitted to be employed on such work in excess of eight hours or in excess of his standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by paragraph (a).

(c) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The Contracting Officer may withhold from the Government Prime Contractor, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor, such sums as may administratively be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the provisions of paragraph (b).

(d) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause in all subcontracts, and shall require their inclusion in all subcontracts of any tier.

(e) Records. The Contractor shall maintain payroll records containing the information specified in 29 CFR 516.2(a). Such records shall be preserved for three years from the completion of the contract.

17. WALSH-HEALEY PUBLIC CONTRACTS ACT

If this contract is for the manufacture or furnishing of materials, supplies, articles, or equipment in an amount which exceeds or may exceed \$10,000 and is otherwise subject to the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act, as amended (41 U.S. Code 35-45), there are hereby incorporated by reference all representations and stipulations required by said Act and regulations issued thereunder by the Secretary of Labor, such representations and stipulations being subject to all applicable rulings and

interpretations of the Secretary of Labor which are now or may hereafter be in effect.

18. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

(The following clause is applicable unless this contract is exempt under the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR, ch. 60).)

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this Equal Opportunity clause.

(b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(c) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency Contracting Officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this Equal Opportunity clause, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(d) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 of October 13, 1967, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 of October 13, 1967, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(f) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the Equal Opportunity clause of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 of October 13, 1967, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 of October 13, 1967, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(g) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 of October 13, 1967, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: *Provided, however*, That in the event the Contractor becomes involved in,

or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

19. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

No member of or delegate to Congress, or resident Commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom; but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

20. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty the Government shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

21. UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS

(a) It is the policy of the Government as declared by the Congress that a fair proportion of the purchases and contracts for supplies and services for the Government be placed with small business concerns.

(b) The Contractor agrees to accomplish the maximum amount of subcontracting to small business concerns that the Contractor finds to be consistent with the efficient performance of this contract.

22. UTILIZATION OF LABOR SURPLUS AREA CONCERNS

(a) It is the policy of the Government to award contracts to labor surplus area concerns that (1) have been certified by the Secretary of Labor (hereafter referred to as certified-eligible concerns with first or second preferences) regarding the employment of a proportionate number of disadvantaged individuals and have agreed to perform substantially (i) in or near sections of concentrated unemployment or underemployment or in persistent or substantial labor surplus areas or (ii) in other areas of the United States, respectively, or (2) are noncertified concerns which have agreed to perform substantially in persistent or substantial labor surplus areas, where this can be done consistent with the efficient performance of the contract and at prices no higher than are obtainable elsewhere. The Contractor agrees to use his best efforts to place his subcontracts in accordance with this policy.

(b) In complying with paragraph (a) of this clause and with paragraph (b) of the clause of this contract entitled "Utilization of Small Business Concerns" the Contractor in placing his subcontracts shall observe the following order of preference: (1) Certified-eligible concerns with a first preference which are also

small business concerns; (2) other certified-eligible concerns with a first preference; (3) certified-eligible concerns with a second preference which are also small business concerns; (4) other certified-eligible concerns with a second preference; (5) persistent or substantial labor surplus area concerns which are also small business concerns; (6) other persistent or substantial labor surplus area concerns; and (7) small business concerns which are not labor surplus area concerns.

23. UTILIZATION OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

(a) It is the policy of the Government that minority business enterprises shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of Government contracts.

(b) The Contractor agrees to use his best efforts to carry out this policy in the award of his subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient performance of this contract. As used in this contract, the term "minority business enterprise" means a business, at least 50 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in case of publicly-owned businesses, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority group members. For the purposes of this definition, minority group members are Negroes, Spanish-speaking American persons, American-Orientals, American-Indians, American-Eskimos, and American Aleuts. Contractors may rely on written representations by subcontractors regarding their status as minority business enterprises in lieu of an independent investigation.

24. PRICING OF ADJUSTMENTS

When costs are a factor in any determination of a contract price adjustment pursuant to the Changes clause or any other provision of this contract, such costs shall be in accordance with the contract cost principles and procedures in Part 1-15 of the Federal Procurement Regulations (41 CFR 1-15) or Section XV of the Armed Services Procurement Regulation, as applicable, which are in effect on the date of this contract.

25. PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON CONTRACTORS' CLAIMS

(a) If an appeal is filed by the Contractor, from a final decision of the Contracting Officer under the Disputes clause of this contract, denying a claim arising under the contract, simple interest on the amount of the claim finally determined owed by the Government shall be payable to the Contractor. Such interest shall be at the rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to Public Law 92-41, 85 Stat. . . . from the date the Contractor furnishes to the Contracting Officer his written appeal under the Disputes clause of this contract, to the date of (1) a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction, or (2) mailing to the Contractor of a supplemental agreement for execution either confirming completed negotiations between the parties or carrying out a decision of a board of contract appeals.

(b) Notwithstanding (a), above, (1) interest shall be applied only from the date payment was due, if such date is later than the filing of appeal, and (2) interest shall not be paid for any period of time that the Contracting Officer determines the Contractor has unduly delayed in pursuing his remedies before a board of contract appeals or a court of competent jurisdiction.

FPR CHANGES AND NRC ADDITIONS TO STANDARD FORM 32 (1-16.101(c))
GENERAL PROVISIONS (SUPPLY CONTRACT)
(June 1976)

ADDITIONS CONSIST OF ARTICLES _____ THROUGH _____.

26. ALTERATIONS

The following alterations to the provisions of Standard Form 32, General Provisions, of this contract were made prior to execution of the contract by the parties:

1. DEFINITIONS

a. The following paragraph (d) is added to this clause:

"(d) The term "Commission" or "NRC" means the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission or any duly authorized representative thereof, including the Contracting Officer except for the purpose of deciding an appeal under the Article "Disputes."

27. LISTING OF EMPLOYMENT OPENINGS (FPR Temp. Reg. 39)

(Applicable to Contracts Involving \$10,000 or More)

DISABLED VETERANS AND VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA

- a. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because he or she is a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment, and otherwise treat qualified disabled veterans and veterans for the Vietnam era without discrimination based upon their disability or veterans status in all employment practices such as the following: employment upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- b. The contractor agrees that all suitable employment openings of the contractor which exist at the time of the execution of this contract and those which occur during the performance of this contract, including those not generated by this contract and including those occurring at an establishment of the contractor other than the one wherein the contract is being performed but excluding those of independently operated corporate affiliates, shall be listed at an appropriate local office of the State employment service system wherein the opening occurs. The contractor further agrees to provide such reports to such local office regarding employment openings and hires as may be required.

State and local government agencies holding Federal contracts of \$10,000 or more shall also list all their suitable openings with the appropriate office of the State employment service, but are not required to provide those reports set forth in paragraphs (d) and (e).

- c. Listing of employment openings with the employment service system pursuant to this clause shall be made at least concurrently with the use of any other recruitment source or effort and shall involve the normal obligations which attach to the placing of a bona fide job order, including the acceptance of referrals of veterans and non-veterans. The listing of employment openings does not require the hiring of any particular job applicant or from any particular group of job applicants, and nothing herein is intended to relieve the contractor from any requirements in Executive orders or regulations regarding nondiscrimination in employment.
- d. The reports required by paragraph (b) of this clause shall include, but not be limited to, periodic reports which shall be filed at least quarterly with the appropriate local office or, where the contractor has more than one hiring location in a State, with the central office of that State employment service. Such reports shall indicate for each hiring location (1) the number of individuals hired during the reporting period, (2) the number of nondisabled veterans of the Vietnam era hired, (3) the number of disabled veterans of the Vietnam era hired, and (4) the total number of disabled veterans hired. The reports should include covered veterans hired for on-the-job training under 38 U.S.C. 1787. The contractor shall submit a report within 30 days after the end of each reporting period wherein any performance is made on this contract identifying data for each hiring location. The contractor shall maintain at each hiring location copies of the reports submitted until the expiration of one year after final payment under the contract, during which time these reports and related documentation shall be made available, upon request, for examination by any authorized representatives of the contracting officer or of the Secretary of Labor. Documentation would include personnel records respecting job openings, recruitment, and placement.
- e. Whenever the contractor becomes contractually bound to the listing provisions of this clause, it shall advise the employment service system in each State where it has establishments of the name and location of each hiring location in the State. As long as the contractor is contractually bound to these provisions and has so advised the State system, there is no need to advise the State system of subsequent contracts. The contractor may advise the State system when it is no longer bound by this contract clause.
- f. This clause does not apply to the listing of employment openings which occur and are filled outside the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.
- g. The provisions of paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this clause do not apply to openings which the contractor proposes to fill from within his own organization or to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement. This exclusion does not apply to a particular opening once an employer decides to consider applicants outside of his own organization or employer-union arrangement for that opening.

h. As used in this clause:

- (1) "All suitable employment openings" includes, but is not limited to, openings which occur in the following job categories: production and non-production; plant and office; laborers and mechanics; supervisory and nonsupervisory; technical; and executive, administrative, and professional openings that are compensated on a salary basis of less than \$25,000 per year. This term includes full-time employment, temporary employment of more than 3 days' duration, and part-time employment. It does not include openings which the contractor proposes to fill from within his own organization or to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement nor openings in an educational institution which are restricted to students of that institution. Under the most compelling circumstances an employment opening may not be suitable for listing, including such situations where the needs of the Government cannot reasonably be otherwise supplied, where listing would be contrary to national security, or where the requirement of listing would otherwise not be for the best interest of the Government.
 - (2) "Appropriate office of the State employment service system" means the local office of the Federal/State national system of public employment offices with assigned responsibility for serving the area where the employment opening is to be filled, including the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.
 - (3) "Openings which the contractor proposes to fill from within his own organization" means employment openings for which no consideration will be given to persons outside the contractor's organization (including any affiliates, subsidiaries, and the parent companies) and includes any openings which the contractor proposes to fill from regularly established "recall" lists.
 - (4) "Openings which the contractor proposes to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement" means employment openings which the contractor proposes to fill from union halls, which is part of the customary and traditional hiring relationship which exists between the contractor and representatives of his employees.
- i. The contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.
 - j. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.
 - k. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notice shall state the contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ

and advance in employment qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.

- l. The contractor will notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding that the contractor is bound by terms of the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era.
- m. The contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of \$10,000 or more unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to the Act, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

28. EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED (FPR Temp. Reg. 38)

- a. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified handicapped individuals without discrimination based upon their physical or mental handicap in all employment practices such as the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- b. The contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended
- c. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.
- d. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor provided by or through the Contracting Officer. Such notices shall state the contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified handicapped employees and applicants for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.
- e. The Contractor will notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding that the contractor is bound by the terms of section 503 of the Act, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment physically and mentally handicapped individuals.

- f. The Contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of \$2,500 or more unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 503 of the Act, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

29. CLEAR AIR AND WATER (1-1.2302)

(Applicable only if the contract exceeds \$100,000, or the Contracting Officer has determined that orders under an indefinite quantity contract in any one year will exceed \$100,000 or a facility to be used has been the subject of a conviction under the Clear Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1957c-8(c) (1)) or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1319(c)) and is listed by EPA, or the contract is not otherwise exempt.)

- a. The Contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) To comply with all the requirements of section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857, et seq., as amended by Pub. L. 91-604) and section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., as amended by Pub. L. 95-500), respectively, relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports, and information, as well as other requirements specified in section 114 and section 308 of the Air Act and the Water Act, respectively, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder before the award of the contract.
- (2) That no portion of the work required by this prime contract will be performed in a facility listed on the Environmental Protection Agency List of Violating Facilities on the date when this contract was awarded unless and until the EPA eliminates the name of such facility or facilities from such listing.
- (3) To use his best efforts to comply with clean air standards and clean water standards at the facility in which the contract is being performed.
- (4) To insert the substance of the provisions of this clause into any nonexempt subcontract, including this paragraph (a)(4).

- b. The terms used in this clause have the following meanings:

- (1) The term "Air-Act" means the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1357 et. seq., as amended by Pub. L. 91-604).
- (2) The term "Water Act" means Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq., as amended by Pub. L. 92-500).

- (3) The term "clean air standards" means any enforceable rules, regulations, guidelines, standards, limitations, orders, controls, prohibitions, or other requirements which are contained in, issued under, or otherwise adopted pursuant to the Air Act or Executive Order 11738, an applicable implementation plan as described in section 110(d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857c-5(d)), an approved implementation procedure or plan under section 111(c) or section 111(d), respectively, of the Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(c) or (d)), or an approved implementation procedure under section 112(d) of the Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857c-7(d)).
- (4) The term "clean water standards" means any enforceable limitation, control, condition, prohibition, standard, or other requirement which is promulgated pursuant to the Water Act or contained in a permit issued to a discharger by the Environmental Protection Agency or by a State under an approved program, as authorized by section 402 of the Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342), or by local government to ensure compliance with pretreatment regulations as required by section 307 of the Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1317).
- (5) The term "compliance" means compliance with clean air or water standards. Compliance shall also mean compliance with a schedule or plan ordered or approved by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Environmental Protection Agency or an air or water pollution control agency in accordance with the requirements of the Air Act or Water Act and regulations issued pursuant thereto.
- (6) The term "facility" means any building, plant, installation, structure, mine, vessel or other floating craft, location, or site of operations owned, leased, or supervised by a contractor or subcontractor, to be utilized in the performance of a contract or subcontract. Where a location or site of operations contains or includes more than one building, plant, installation, or structure, the entire location or site shall be deemed to be a facility except where the Director, Office of Federal Activities, Environmental Protection Agency, determines that independent facilities are collocated in one geographical area.

0. FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES (1-11.401-1(c))

- a) Except as may be otherwise provided in this contract, the contract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes and duties.
- b) Nevertheless, with respect to any Federal excise tax or duty on the transactions or property covered by this contract, if a statute, court decision, written ruling, or regulation takes effect after the contract date, and--
 1. Results in the Contractor being required to pay or bear the burden of any such Federal excise tax or duty or increase in the rate thereof which would not otherwise have been payable on such transactions or property, the contract price shall be increased by the amount of such tax or duty or rate increase: Provided, that the Contractor if requested

by the Contracting Officer, warrants in writing that no amount for such newly imposed Federal excise tax or duty or rate increase was included in the contract price as a contingency reserve or otherwise; or

(2) Results in the Contractor not being required to pay or bear the burden of, or in his obtaining a refund or drawback of, any such Federal excise tax or duty which would otherwise have been payable on such transactions or property or which was the basis of an increase in the contract price, the contract price shall be decreased by the amount of the relief, refund, or drawback, or the amount shall be paid to Government, as directed by the Contracting Officer. The contract price shall be similarly decreased if the Contractor, through his fault or negligence or his failure to follow instructions of the Contracting Officer, is required to pay or bear the burden of, or does not obtain a refund or drawback of, any such Federal excise tax or duty.

c. No adjustment pursuant to paragraph (b) above will be made under this contract unless the aggregate amount thereof is or may reasonably be expected to be over \$100.

d. As used in paragraph (b) above, the term "contract date" means the date set for the bid opening, or if this is a negotiated contract, the date of this contract. As to additional supplies or services procured by modification to this contract, the term "contract date" means the date of such modification.

e. Unless there does not exist any reasonable basis to sustain an exemption, the Government, upon request of the Contractor, without further liability, agrees, except as otherwise provided in this contract, to furnish evidence appropriate to establish exemption from any tax which the Contractor warrants in writing was excluded from the contract price. In addition, the Contracting Officer may furnish evidence to establish exemption from any tax that may, pursuant to this clause, give rise to either an increase or decrease in the contract price. Except as otherwise provided in this contract, evidence appropriate to establish exemption from duties will be furnished only at the discretion of the Contracting Officer.

f. The Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer of matters which will result in either an increase or decrease in the contract price, and shall take action with respect thereto as directed by the Contracting Officer.

11. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT (1-8.701)

a. The performance of work under this contract may be terminated by the Government in accordance with this clause in whole, or from time to time in part, whenever the Contracting Officer shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the Government. Any such termination shall be effected by delivery to the Contractor of a Notice of Termination specifying the extent to which performance of work under the contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.

- b. After receipt of a Notice of Termination, and except as otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall:
- (1) Stop work under the contract on the date and to the extent specified in the Notice of Termination;
 - (2) Place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities, except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the work under the contract as is not terminated;
 - (3) Terminate all orders and subcontracts to the extent that they relate to the performance of work terminated by the Notice of Termination;
 - (4) Assign to the Government, in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the Contracting Officer, all of the right, title, and interest of the Contractor under the orders and subcontracts so terminated, in which case the Government shall have the right, in its discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subcontracts;
 - (5) Settle all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such termination of orders and subcontracts, with the approval or ratification of the Contracting Officer, to the extent he may require, which approval or ratification shall be final for all the purposes of this clause;
 - (6) Transfer title to the Government and deliver in the manner, at the times, and to the extent, if any, directed by the Contracting Officer, (i) the fabricated or unfabricated parts, work in process, completed work, supplies, and other material produced as a part of, or acquired in connection with the performance of, the work terminated by the Notice of Termination, and (ii) the completed or partially completed plans, drawings, information and other property which, if the contract had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to the Government;
 - (7) Use his best efforts to sell, in the manner, at the times, to the extent, and at the price or prices directed or authorized by the Contracting Officer, any property of the types referred to in (6) above: *Provided, however,* That the Contractor (i) shall not be required to extend credit to any purchaser, and (ii) may acquire any such property under the conditions prescribed by and at a price or prices approved by the Contracting Officer: *And provided further,* That the proceeds of any such transfer or disposition shall be applied in reduction of any payments to be made by the Government to the Contractor under this contract or shall otherwise be credited to the price or cost of the work covered by this contract or paid in such other manner as the Contracting Officer may direct;
 - (8) Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by the Notice of Termination; and

- (9) Take such action as may be necessary, or as the Contracting Officer may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to this contract which is in the possession of the Contractor and in which the Government has or may acquire an interest.

At any time after expiration of the plant clearance period, as defined in Subpart 1-8.1 of the Federal Procurement Regulations (41 CFR 1-8.1), as the definition may be amended from time to time, the Contractor may submit to the Contracting Officer a list, certified as to quantity and quality, of any or all items of termination inventory not previously disposed of, exclusive of items the disposition of which has been directed or authorized by the Contracting Officer, and may request the Government to remove such items or enter into a storage agreement covering them. Not later than fifteen (15) days thereafter the Government will accept title to such items and remove them or enter into a storage agreement covering the same: *Provided*, That the list submitted shall be subject to verification by the Contracting Officer upon removal of the items or, if the items are stored, within forty-five (45) days from the date of submission of the list, and any necessary adjustment to correct the list as submitted shall be made prior to final settlement.

- c. After receipt of a Notice of Termination, the Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer his termination claim, in the form and with certification prescribed by the Contracting Officer. Such claim shall be submitted promptly but in no event later than one year from the effective date of termination, unless one or more extensions in writing are granted by the Contracting Officer upon request of the Contractor made in writing within such one-year period or authorized extension thereof. However, if the Contracting Officer determines that the facts justify such action, he may receive and act upon any such termination claim at any time after such one-year period or any extension thereof. Upon failure of the Contractor to submit his termination claim within the time allowed, the Contracting Officer may, subject to any review required by the contracting agency's procedures in effect as of the date of execution of this contract, determine, on the basis of information available to him, the amount, if any, due to the Contractor by reason of the termination and shall thereupon pay to the Contractor the amount so determined.
- d. Subject to the provisions of paragraph (c), and subject to any review required by the contracting agency's procedures in effect as of the date of execution of this contract, the Contractor and the Contracting Officer may agree upon the whole or any part of the amount or amounts to be paid to the Contractor by reason of the total or partial termination of work pursuant to this clause, which amount or amounts may include a reasonable allowance for profit on work done: *Provided*, That such agreed amount or amounts, exclusive of settlement costs, shall not exceed the total contract price as reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made and as further reduced by the contract price of work not terminated. The contract shall be amended accordingly, and the Contractor shall be paid the agreed amount. Nothing in paragraph (e) of this clause, prescribing the amount to be paid to the Contractor in the event of failure of the Contractor and the Contracting Officer to agree upon the whole amount to

be paid to the Contractor by reason of the termination of work pursuant to this clause, shall be deemed to limit, restrict, or otherwise determine or affect the amount or amounts which may be agreed upon to be paid to the Contractor pursuant to this paragraph (d).

e. In the event of the failure of the Contractor and the Contracting Officer to agree as provided in paragraph (d) upon the whole amount to be paid to the Contractor by reason of the termination of work pursuant to this clause, the Contracting Officer shall, subject to any review required by the contracting agency's procedures in effect as of the date of execution of this contract, determine, on the basis of information available to him the amount if any due to the Contractor by reason of the termination and shall pay to the Contractor the amounts determined as follows:

(1) For completed supplies accepted by the Government (or sold or acquired as provided in paragraph (b) (7) above) and not theretofore paid for, a sum equivalent to the aggregate price for such supplies computed in accordance with the price or prices specified in the contract, appropriately adjusted for any saving of freight or other charges;

(2) The total of--

(i) The costs incurred in the performance of the work terminated, including initial costs and preparatory expense allocable thereto, but exclusive of any costs attributable to supplies paid or to be paid for under paragraph (e) (1) hereof;

(ii) The cost of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of work under subcontracts or orders, as provided in paragraph (b) (5) above, which are properly chargeable to the terminated portion of the contract (exclusive of amounts paid or payable on account of supplies or materials delivered or services furnished by subcontractors or vendors prior to the effective date of the Notice of Termination, which amounts shall be included in the costs payable under (i) above); and

(iii) A sum, as profit on (i), above, determined by the contracting officer pursuant to § 1-8.303 of the Federal Procurement Regulations (41 CFR 1-8.303), in effect as of the date of execution of this contract, to be fair and reasonable: *Provided, however,* That if it appears that the contractor would have sustained a loss on the entire contract had it been completed, no profit shall be included or allowed under this subdivision (iii) and an appropriate adjustment shall be made reducing the amount of the settlement to reflect the indicated rate of loss; and

(3) The reasonable costs of settlement, including accounting, legal, clerical, and other expenses reasonably necessary for the preparation of settlement claims and supporting data with respect to the terminated portion of the

contract and for the termination and settlement of subcontracts the hereunder, together with reasonable storage, transportation, and other costs incurred in connection with the protection or disposition of property allocable to this contract.

The total sum to be paid to the Contractor under (1) and (2) of this paragraph (e) shall not exceed the total contract price as reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made and as further reduced by the contract price of work not terminated. Except for normal spoilage, and except to the extent that the Government shall have otherwise expressly assumed the risk of loss, there shall be excluded from the amounts payable to the Contractor as provided in (e) (1) and (2) (i) above, the fair value, as determined by the Contracting Officer, of property which is destroyed, lost, stolen, or damaged so as to become undeliverable to the Government, or to a buyer pursuant to paragraph (b) (7).

- f. Costs claimed, agreed to, or determined pursuant to paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this clause shall be in accordance with the applicable contract cost principles and procedures in Part 1-15 of the Federal Procurement Regulations (41 CFR 1-15) in effect on the date of this contract.
- g. The Contractor shall have the right to appeal, under the clause of this contract entitled "Disputes," from any determination made by the Contracting Officer under paragraph (c) or (e) above, except that, if the Contractor has failed to submit his claim within the time provided in paragraph (c) above and has failed to request extension of such time, he shall have no such right of appeal. In any case where the Contracting Officer has made a determination of the amount due under paragraph (c) or (e) above, the Government shall pay to the Contractor the following: (1) if there is no right of appeal hereunder or if no timely appeal has been taken, the amount so determined by the Contracting Officer; or (2) if an appeal has been taken, the amount finally determined on such appeal.
- h. In arriving at the amount due the Contractor under this clause there shall be deducted (1) all unliquidated advance or other payments on account theretofore made to the Contractor, applicable to the terminated portion of this contract; (2) any claim which the Government may have against the Contractor in connection with this contract; and (3) the agreed price for, or the proceeds of sale of, any materials, supplies, or other things acquired by the Contractor or sold, pursuant to the provisions of this clause, and not otherwise recovered by or credited to the Government.
- i. If the termination hereunder be partial, prior to the settlement of the terminated portion of this contract, the Contractor may file with the Contracting Officer a request in writing for an equitable adjustment of the price or prices specified in the contract relating to the continued portion of the contract (the portion not terminated by the Notice of Termination), and such equitable adjustment as may be agreed upon shall be made in such price or prices.

- j. The Government may from time to time, under such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, make partial payments and payments on account against costs incurred by the Contractor in connection with the terminated portion of this contract whenever in the opinion of the Contracting Officer the aggregate of such payments shall be within the amount to which the Contractor will be entitled hereunder. If the total of such payments is in excess of the amount finally agreed or determined to be due under this clause, such excess shall be payable by the Contractor to the Government upon demand, together with interest computed at the rate of 6 percent per annum for the period from the date such excess payment is received by the Contractor to the date on which such excess is repaid to the Government: *Provided, however,* That no interest shall be charged with respect to any such excess payment attributable to a reduction in the Contractor's claim by reason of retention or other disposition of termination inventory until ten days after the date of such retention or disposition, or such later date as determined by the Contracting Officer by reason of the circumstances.
- k. Unless otherwise provided for in this contract, or by applicable statute, the Contractor, from the effective date of termination and for a period of three years after final settlement under this contract, shall preserve and make available to the Government at all reasonable times at the office of the Contractor but without direct charge to the Government, all his books, records, documents, and other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor under this contract and relating to the work terminated hereunder, or, to the extent approved by the Contracting Officer, photographs, microphotographs, or other authentic reproductions thereof.

32. MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES SUBCONTRACTING PROGRAM (1-1.1310.2(b))

- a. The Contractor agrees to establish and conduct a program which will enable minority business enterprises (as defined in the clause entitled "Utilization of Minority Business Enterprises") to be considered fairly as subcontractors and suppliers under this contract. In this connection, the Contractor shall--
- (1) Designate a liaison officer who will administer the Contractor's minority business enterprises program.
 - (2) Provide adequate and timely consideration of the potentialities of known minority business enterprises in all "make-or-buy" decisions.
 - (3) Assure that known minority business enterprises will have an equitable opportunity to compete for subcontracts, particularly by arranging solicitations, time for the preparation of bids, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules so as to facilitate the participation of minority business enterprises.
 - (4) Maintain records showing (i) procedures which have been adopted to comply with the policies set forth in this clause, including the establishment of a source list of minority business enterprises, (ii) awards to minority business enterprises on the source list, and (iii) specific efforts to identify and award contracts to minority business enterprises.

- (5) Include the Utilization of Minority Business Enterprises clause in subcontracts which offer substantial minority business enterprises subcontracting opportunities.
- (6) Cooperate with the Contracting Officer in any studies and surveys of the Contractor's minority business enterprises procedures and practices that the Contracting Officer may from time to time conduct.
- (7) Submit periodic reports of subcontracting to known minority business enterprises with respect to the records referred to in subparagraph (4), above, in such form and manner and at such time (not more often than quarterly) as the Contracting Officer may prescribe.

- b. The Contractor further agrees to insert, in any subcontract hereunder which may exceed \$500,000, provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including this paragraph (b), and to notify the Contracting Officer of the names of such subcontractors.

33. PREFERENCE FOR U.S. FLAG AIR CARRIERS (1-1.323-2)

- a. Pub. L. 93-623 requires that all Federal agencies and Government contractors and subcontractors will use U.S. flag air carriers for international air transportation of personnel (and their personal effects) or property to the extent service by such carriers is available. It further provides that the Comptroller General of the United States shall disallow any expenditure from appropriate funds for international air transportation on other than a U.S. flag air carrier in the absence of satisfactory proof of the necessity therefor.
- b. The contractor agrees to utilize U.S. flag air carriers for international air transportation of personnel (and their personal effects) or property to the extent service by such carriers is available.
- c. In the event that the contractor selects a carrier other than a U.S. flag air carrier for international air transportation; he will include a certification on vouchers involving such transportation which is essentially as follows:

CERTIFICATION OF UNAVAILABILITY OF U.S. FLAG
AIR CARRIERS

I hereby certify that transportation service for personnel (and their personal effects) or property by certificated air carrier was unavailable for the following reasons:¹ (state reasons)

34. NOTICE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LABOR DISPUTES (1-7.203-3)

- a. Whenever the Contractor has knowledge that any actual or potential labor dispute is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this

¹ See Federal Procurement Regulations (41 CFR 1-1.323-3) or section 1-336.2 of the Armed Services Procurement Regulations, as applicable.

contract, the Contractor shall immediately give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the Contracting Officer.

- b. The Contractor agrees to insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (b), in any subcontract hereunder as to which a labor dispute may delay the timely performance of this contract; except that each such subcontract shall provide that in the event its timely performance is delayed or threatened by delay by an actual or potential labor dispute, the subcontractor shall immediately notify his next higher tier subcontractor, or the Prime Contractor, as the case may be, of all relevant information with respect to such disputes.

35. PERMITS (9-7.5006-48)

Except as otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, the contractor shall procure all necessary permits or licenses and abide by all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances of the United States and of the State, territory, and political subdivision in which the work under this contract is performed.

36. RENEGOTIATION (9-7.5004-20)

If this contract is subject to the Renegotiation Act of 1951, as amended, the following provisions shall apply:

- a. This contract is subject to the Renegotiation Act of 1951 (50 U.S.C. App. 1211, et. seq.), as amended, and to any subsequent act of Congress providing for the renegotiation of contracts. Nothing contained in this clause shall impose any renegotiation obligation with respect to this contract or any subcontract hereunder which is not imposed by an act of Congress heretofore or hereafter enacted. Subject to the foregoing, this contract shall be deemed to contain all the provisions required by section 104 of the Renegotiation Act of 1951, and by any such other act, without subsequent contract amendment specifically incorporating such provisions.
- b. The contractor agrees to insert the provisions of this clause, including this paragraph (b), in all subcontracts, as that term is defined in section 103 g. of the Renegotiation Act of 1951, as amended.

37. PATENT INDEMNITY (9-9.5009(c))

The Contractor agrees to indemnify the Government, its officers, agents, servants, and employees against liability of any kind (including costs and expenses incurred) for the use of any invention or discovery and for the infringement of any Letters Patent (not including liability, arising pursuant to Section 183, Title 35, (1952) U.S. Code, prior to the issuance of Letters Patent) occurring in the performance of this contract or arising by reason of the use of disposal by or for the account of the Government of items manufactured or supplied under this contract.

38. REPORTING OF ROYALTIES (9-9.5011)

If this contract is in an amount which exceeds \$10,000 and if any royalty payments are directly involved in the contract or are reflected in the contract price to the Government, the Contractor agrees to report in writing to the Commission (Patent Counsel, Office of the Executive Legal Director) during the performance of this contract and prior to its completion or final settlement the amount of any royalties or other payments paid or to be paid by it directly to others in connection with the performance of this contract together with the names and addresses of licensors to whom such payments are made and either the patent numbers involved or such other information as will permit identification of the patents or other basis on which the royalties are to be paid. The approval of the Commission of any individual payments or royalties shall not estop the Government at any time from contesting the enforceability, validity or scope of, or title, to, any patent under which a royalty or payments are made.

39. NOTICE REGARDING LATE DELIVERY (1-7.204-4)

In the event the Contractor encounters difficulty in meeting performance requirements, or anticipates difficulty in complying with the contract delivery schedule or date, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer thereof in writing, giving pertinent details, including the date by which it expects to complete performance or make delivery: *Provided, however,* That this data shall be informational only in character and that receipt thereof shall not be construed as a waiver by the Government of any contract delivery schedule or date, or any rights or remedies provided by law or under this contract.

40. STOP WORK ORDER

(a) The Contracting Officer may, at any time, by written order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all, or any part, of the work called for by this contract for a period of ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to the Contractor, and for any further period at which the parties may agree. Any such order shall be specifically identified as a Stop Work Order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, the Contractor shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Within a period of ninety (90) days after a stop work order is delivered to the Contractor, or within any extension of that period to which the parties shall have agreed, the Contracting Officer shall either:

- (i) cancel the stop work order, or
- (ii) terminate the work covered by such order as provided in the "Default" or the "Termination for Convenience" clause of this contract.

(b) If a stop work order issued under this clause is cancelled or the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, the Contractor shall resume work. An equitable adjustment shall be made in the delivery schedule or contract price, or both, and the contract shall be modified in writing accordingly, if:

- (i) the stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in the Contractor's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this contract, and
- (ii) the Contractor asserts a claim for such adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that, if the Contracting Officer decides the facts justify such action, he may receive and act upon any such claim asserted at any time prior to final payment under this contract.

(c) If a stop work order is not canceled and the work covered by such order is terminated for the convenience of the Government, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order shall be allowed in arriving at the termination settlement.

(d) If a stop work order is not canceled and the work covered by such order is terminated for default, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order shall be allowed by equitable adjustment or otherwise.

41. PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY

Unless otherwise specified in this contract, the Contractor is encouraged to publish and make available through accepted channels the results of its work under this contract. The Contractor shall submit a copy of each article or other information to the Project Officer prior to publication or dissemination for public use. If the article or other information is subsequently modified or altered in any manner, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Project Officer and furnish him/her a copy of the article or other information as finally submitted for publication or dissemination.

The Contractor shall acknowledge the support of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission whenever publicizing the work under this contract in any media. To effectuate the foregoing, the Contractor shall include in any publication resulting from work performed under this contract an acknowledgement substantially as follows:

"The work upon which this publication is based was performed pursuant to Contract (insert number) with the (insert name of constituent agency), U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission."

Either Clause No. 42, entitled "Dissemination of Contract Information" or Clause No. 41 is for application but not both. In the absence of a clear delineation, Clause No. 41 applies.

42. DISSEMINATION OF CONTRACT INFORMATION

The Contractor shall not publish, permit to be published, or distribute for public consumption, any information, oral or written, concerning the results of conclusions made pursuant to the performance of this contract, without the prior written consent of the Contracting Officer. (Two copies of any material proposed to be published or distributed shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer.) Failure to comply with this clause shall be grounds for termination of this contract.

43. WORK FOR OTHERS

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 an actual or apparent conflict of interest with respect to the work being performed under this contract. The contractor shall insure that all employees designated as key personnel if any, under this contract abide by the provisions of this clause. If the contractor believes with respect to itself or any such employee that any proposed consultant or other contractual arrangement with any firm or organization may involve a possible conflict of interest, the contractor shall obtain the written approval of the Contracting Officer prior to execution of such contractual arrangement.

44.

Disputes.

Insert the following clause as prescribed by § 1-1.313-7:

Disputes

(a) This contract is subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 601 et seq.). If a dispute arises relating to the contract, the contractor may submit a claim to the Contracting Officer who shall issue a written decision on the dispute in the manner specified in FPR 1-1.313.

(b) "Claim" means:

- (1) A written request submitted to the Contracting Officer;
- (2) For payment of money, adjustment of contract terms, or other relief;
- (3) Which is in dispute or remains unresolved after a reasonable time for its review and disposition by the Government; and
- (4) For which a Contracting Officer's decision is demanded.

(c) In the case of disputed requests or amendments to such requests for payment in excess of \$50,000, or with any amendment making the total request in dispute to exceed \$50,000, the Contractor shall certify, at the time of submission as a claim, as follows: I certify that the claim is made in good faith, that the supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and that the amount requested accurately reflects the contract adjustment for which the contractor believes the Government is liable.

(Contractor's Name: _____)
(Title) _____

(d) The Government shall pay the contractor interest:

- (1) On the amount found due on claims submitted under this clause;
- (2) At the rates fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, under the Renegotiation Act, Pub. L. 92-41;
- (3) From the date the Contracting Officer receives the claim, until the Government makes payment.
- (e) The decision of the Contracting Officer shall be final and conclusive and not subject to review by any forum, tribunal, or Government agency unless an appeal or action is timely commenced within the times specified by the Contract Disputes Act of 1978.
- (f) The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal or action related to the contract, and comply with any decision of the Contracting Officer.

45.

UTILIZATION OF WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS CONCERNS (Over \$10,000)

(a) It is the policy of the United States Government that women-owned businesses shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts awarded by any Federal agency.

(b) The Contractor agrees to use his best efforts to carry out this policy in the award of subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient performance of this contract. As used in this contract, a "woman-owned business" concern means a business that is at least 51% owned by a woman or women who also control and operate it. "Control" in this context means exercising the power to make policy decisions. "Operate" in this context means being actively involved in the day-to-day management. "Women" mean all women business owners.

(End of Clause)

UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS AND SMALL
BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY
SOCIOALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS

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(a) It is the policy of the United States that small business concerns and small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts let by any Federal agency.

(b) The contractor hereby agrees to carry out this policy in the awarding of subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient performance of this contract. The contractor further agrees to cooperate in any studies or surveys as may be conducted by the Small Business Administration or the contracting agency which may be necessary to determine the extent of the contractor's compliance with this clause.

(c) (1) As used in this contract, the term "small business concern" shall mean a small business as defined pursuant to section 3 of the Small Business Act and relevant regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

(2) The term "small business concern owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals" shall mean a small business concern—

(i) which is at least 51 per centum owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 per centum of the stock of which is owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; and

(ii) whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of such individuals.

The contractor shall presume that socially and economically disadvantaged individuals include Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and other minorities, or any other individual found to be disadvantaged by the Small Business Administration pursuant to section 3(a) of the Small Business Act.

(d) Contractors acting in good faith may rely on written representations by their subcontractors regarding their status as a small business concern or a small business concern owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

(End of Clause)

PART 20-1 -- GENERAL

Subpart 20-1.54--Contractor Organizational Conflicts of Interest

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AUTHORITY: Sec. 8, Pub. L. 95-601, adding Sec. 170A to Pub. L. 83-703, 68 Stat. 919, as amended (42 U.S.C. ch. 14)

§20-1.5401 Scope and Policy

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

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

(c) The conflict of interest rule contained in this subpart applies to contractors and offerors only. Individuals or firms who have other relationships with NRC (e.g., parties to a licensing proceeding) are not covered by this regulation. This rule does not apply to the acquisition of consulting services through the personnel appointment process, NRC

agreements with other government agencies, international organizations, or state, local or foreign governments; separate procedures for avoiding conflicts of interest will be employed in such agreements, as appropriate.

§20-1.5402 Definitions

(a) "Organizational conflicts of interest" means that a relationship exists whereby a contractor or prospective contractor has present or planned interests related to the work to be performed under an NRC contract which: (1) May diminish its capacity to give impartial, technically sound, objective assistance and advice or may otherwise result in a biased work product, or (2) may result in its being given an unfair competitive advantage.

(b) "Research" means any scientific or technical work involving theoretical analysis, exploration, or experimentation.

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

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

(e) "Contract" means any contract, agreement, or other arrangement with the NRC except as provided in Section 20-1.5401(c).

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

(g) "Affiliates" means business concerns which are affiliates of each other when either directly or indirectly one concern or individual controls or has the power to control another, or when a third party controls or has the power to control both (41 CFR §1-1.606-1(e)).

(h) "Subcontractor" means any subcontractor of any tier which performs work under a contract with the NRC except subcontracts for supplies and subcontracts in amounts of \$10,000 or less.

(i) "Prospective contractor" or "offeror" means any person, firm, unincorporated association, joint venture, partnership, corporation, or affiliates thereof, including its chief executive, directors, key personnel (identified in the proposal), proposed consultants, or subcontractors, submitting a bid or proposal, solicited or unsolicited, to the NRC to obtain a contract.

(j) "Potential conflict of interest" means that a factual situation exists that suggests (indicates) that an actual conflict of interest may arise from award of a proposed contract. The term "potential conflict of interest" is used to signify those situations which merit investigation prior to contract award in order to ascertain whether award would give rise to an actual conflict or which must be reported to the contracting officer for investigation if they arise during contract performance.

§ 20-1.5403 Criteria for recognizing contractor organizational conflicts of interest

(a) General. Two questions will be asked in determining whether actual or potential organizational conflicts of interest exist: (1) Are there conflicting roles which might bias a contractor's judgment in relation to its work for the NRC? (2) May the contractor be given an unfair competitive advantage based on the performance of the contract? The ultimate determination by NRC as to whether organizational conflicts of interest exist will be made in light of common sense and good business judgment based upon the relevant facts disclosed and the work to be performed. While it is difficult to identify and to prescribe in advance a specific method for avoiding all of the various situations or relationships which might involve potential organizational conflicts of interest, NRC personnel will pay particular attention to proposed contractual requirements which call for the rendering of advice, consultation or evaluation activities, or similar activities that lay direct groundwork for the NRC's decisions on regulatory activities, future procurements, and research programs.

(b) Situations or relationships which may give rise to organizational conflicts of interest. (1) The offeror or contractor shall disclose information concerning relationships which may give rise to organizational conflicts of interest under the following circumstances:

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

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

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

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

(2) The contracting officer may request specific information from an offeror or contractor or may require special contract provisions such as provided in §20-1.5405-2 in the following circumstances:

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Policy application guidance. The following examples are illustrative only and are not intended to identify and resolve all contractor organizational conflict of interest situations. (1) Example. The XYZ Corp., in response to a request for proposal (RFP), proposes to undertake certain analyses of a reactor component as called for in the RFP. The XYZ Corp. is one of several companies considered to be technically well qualified. In response to the inquiry in the RFP, the XYZ Corp. advises that it is currently performing similar analyses for the reactor manufacturer.

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

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

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

(3) Example. As a result of operating problems in a certain type of commercial nuclear facility, it is imperative that NRC secure specific data on various operational aspects of that type of plant so as to assure adequate safety protection of the public. Only one manufacturer has extensive experience with that type of plant. Consequently, that company is the only one with whom NRC can contract which can develop and conduct the testing programs required to obtain the data in reasonable time. That company has a definite interest in any NRC decisions that might result from the data produced because those decisions affect the reactor's design and thus the company's costs.

Guidance. This situation would place the manufacturer in a role in which its judgment could be biased in relationship to its work for NRC. Since the nature of the work required is vitally important in terms of NRC's responsibilities and no reasonable alternative exists, a waiver of the policy may be warranted. Any such waiver shall be fully documented and coordinated in accordance with the waiver provisions of this policy with particular attention to the establishment of protective mechanisms to guard against bias.

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

Guidance. A contract could be awarded to the ABC Co. provided that the contract stipulates that no information produced under the contract will be used in the contractor's private activities unless such information has been reported to NRC. Information which is reported to NRC by contractors will normally be disseminated by NRC to others so as to preclude an unfair competitive advantage that might otherwise accrue. When NRC furnishes information to the contractor for the performance of contract work, it shall not be used in the contractor's private activities unless such information is generally available to others. Further, the contract will stipulate that the contractor will inform the NRC contracting officer of all situations in which the information developed under the contract is proposed to be used.

(5) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to a RFP proposes to assemble a map showing certain seismological features of the Appalachian fold belt. In accordance with the representation in the RFP and §20-1.5403(b)(1)(i), ABC Corp. informs the NRC that it is presently doing seismological studies for several utilities in the Eastern United States but none of the sites are within the geographic area contemplated by the NRC study.

Guidance. The contracting officer would normally conclude that award of a contract would not place ABC Corp. in a conflicting role where its judgment might be biased. The work for others clause of §20-1.5405-1(c) would preclude ABC Corp. from accepting work during the term of the NRC contract which could create a conflict of interest.

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

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

§20-1.5404 Representation

(a) The following procedures are designed to assist the NRC contracting officer in determining whether situations or relationships exist which may constitute organizational conflicts of interest with respect to a particular offeror or contractor.

(b) Representation procedure. The following organizational conflicts of interest representation provision shall be included in all solicitations and unsolicited proposals for: (1) Evaluation services or activities; (2) technical consulting and management support services; (3) research; and (4) other contractual situations where special organizational conflicts of interest provisions are noted in the solicitation and would be included in the resulting contract. This representation requirement shall also apply to all modifications for additional effort under the contract except those issued under the "changes" clause. Where, however, a statement of the type required by the organizational conflicts of interest representation provision has previously been submitted with regard to the contract being modified, only an updating of such statement shall be required.

ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REPRESENTATION

I represent to the best of my knowledge and belief that:

The award to _____ of a contract or the modification of an existing contract does () or does not () involve situations or relationships of the type set forth in 41 CFR § 20-1.5403(b)(1).

(c) Instructions to offerors. The following shall be included in all NRC solicitations: (1) If the representation as completed indicates that situations or relationships of the type set forth in 41 CFR § 20-1.5403(b)(1) are involved, or the contracting officer otherwise determines that potential organizational conflicts exist, the offeror shall provide a statement in writing which describes in a concise manner all relevant facts bearing on his representation to the contracting officer. If the contracting officer determines that organizational conflicts exist, the following actions may be taken: (i) Impose appropriate conditions which avoid such conflicts, (ii) disqualify the offeror, or (iii) determine that it is otherwise in the best interest of the United States to seek award of the contract under the waiver provisions of § 20-1.5411.

(2) The refusal to provide the representation required by § 20-1.5404(b) or upon request of the contracting officer the facts required by § 20-1.5404(c), shall result in disqualification of the offeror for award. The nondisclosure or misrepresentation of any relevant interest may also result in the disqualification of the offeror for award; or if such nondisclosure or misrepresentation is discovered after award, the resulting contract may be terminated. The offeror may also be disqualified from subsequent related NRC contracts and be subject to such other remedial actions provided by law or the resulting contract.

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

(e) The offeror's failure to execute the representation required by subsection (b) above with respect to invitation for bids will be considered to be a minor informality, and the offeror will be permitted to correct the omission.

§ 20-1.5405 Contract clauses

§ 20-1.5405-1 General contract clause

All contracts of the types set forth in § 20-1.5404(b) shall include the following clauses:

(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 interest (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 herein shall apply to performance or participation by the contractor as defined in 41 CFR § 20-1.5402(f) in the activities covered by this clause.

(c) Work for others. 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 who are employed full time under this contract and employees designated as key personnel, if any, under this contract abide by the provision of this clause. If the contractor believes with respect to itself or any such 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 prior to execution of such contractual arrangement.

(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, it does not have any organizational conflicts of interest, as defined in 41 CFR § 20-1.5402(a).

(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 shall 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 for convenience if it deems such termination to be in the best interests of the government.

(e) Access to and use of information. (1) If the contractor in the performance of this contract obtains access to information, such as NRC plans, policies, reports, studies, financial plans, internal data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-579), or data which has not been released to the public, the contractor agrees not to: (i) Use such information for any private purpose until the information has been released to the public; (ii) compete for work for the Commission based

on such information for a period of six (6) months after either the completion of this contract or the release of such information to the public, whichever is first, (iii) submit an unsolicited proposal to the government based on such information until one year after the release of such information to the public, or (iv) release the information without prior written approval by the contracting officer unless such 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 (Pub. L. 93-579), or other confidential or privileged technical, business, or financial information under this contract, the contractor shall treat such information in accordance with restrictions placed on use of the information.

(3) The contractor shall have, subject to patent and security provisions of this contract, 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 41 CFR §20-1.5402(h), the contractor shall include this clause, including this paragraph, in subcontracts of any tier. The terms "contract," "contractor," and "contracting officer," shall be appropriately modified to preserve the government's rights.

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

(h) Waiver. A request for waiver under this clause shall be directed in writing through the contracting officer to the Executive Director for Operations (EDO) in accordance with the procedures outlined in §20-1.5411.

§ 20-1.5405-2 Special contract provisions.

(a) If it is determined from the nature of the proposed contract that organizational conflicts of interest exist, the contracting officer may determine that such conflict can be avoided or after obtaining a waiver in accordance with §20-1.5411, neutralized through the use of an appropriate special contract provision. If appropriate, the offeror may negotiate the terms and conditions of these clauses, including the extent and time period of any such restriction. These provisions include but are not limited to:

(1) Hardware exclusion clauses which prohibit the acceptance of production contracts following a related nonproduction contract previously performed by the contractor;

(2) Software exclusion clauses;

(3) Clauses which require the contractor (and certain of his key personnel) to avoid certain organizational conflicts of interest; and

(4) Clauses which provide for protection of confidential data and guard against its unauthorized use.

(b) The following additional contract clause may be included as section (i) in the clause set forth in § 20-1.5405-1 when it is determined that award of a follow-on contract would constitute an organizational conflict of interest.

(i) Follow-on effort. (1) 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 shall 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 such products or services.

(2) If the contractor under this contract prepares a complete or essentially complete statement of work or specifications, the contractor shall be ineligible to perform or participate in the initial contractual effort which is based on such statement of work or specifications. The contractor shall not incorporate its products or services in such statement of work or specifications unless so directed in writing by the contracting officer, in which case the restriction in this subparagraph shall not apply.

(3) Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the contractor from offering or selling its standard commercial items to the government.

§ 20-1.5406 Evaluation, findings, and contract award

The contracting officer will evaluate all relevant facts submitted by an offeror pursuant to the representation requirements of § 20-1.5404(b) and other relevant information. After evaluating this information against the criteria of § 20-1.5403, a finding will be made by the contracting officer whether organizational conflicts of interest exist with respect to a particular offeror. If it has been determined that conflicts of interest exist, then the contracting officer shall either:

(a) Disqualify the offeror from award,

(b) Avoid or eliminate such conflicts by appropriate measures; or

(c) Award the contract under the waiver provision of § 20-1.5411.

§ 20-1.5407 Conflicts identified after award.

If potent and organizational conflicts of interest are identified after award with respect to a particular contractor, the contracting officer determines that such conflicts do, in fact, exist and that it would not be in the best interests of the government to terminate the contract as provided in the clauses required by § 20-1.5405, the contracting officer will take every reasonable action to avoid, eliminate, or, after obtaining a waiver in accordance with § 20-1.5411, neutralize the effects of the identified conflict.

§ 20-1.5408 (Reserved)

§ 20-1.5409 (Reserved)

§ 20-1.5410 Subcontracts

The contracting officer shall require offerors and contractors to submit a representation statement in accordance with § 20-1.5404(b) from subcontractors and consultants. The contracting officer shall require the contractor to include contract clauses in accordance with § 20-1.5405 in consultant agreements or subcontracts involving performance of work under a prime contract covered by this subsection.

§ 20-1.5411 Waiver

In the first instance, determination with respect to the need to seek a waiver for specific contract awards shall be made by the contracting officer with the advice and concurrence of the program office director and the Office of Executive Legal Director. Upon the recommendation of the contracting officer, and after consultation with the Office of the General Counsel, the EDO may waive the policy in specific cases if he determines that it is in the best interest of the United States to do so.


Such action shall be strictly limited to those situations in which: (1) The work to be performed under contract is vital to the NRC program; (2) the work cannot be satisfactorily performed except by a contractor whose interests give rise to a question of conflict of interest; and (3) contractual and/or technical review and supervision methods can be employed by NRC to neutralize the conflict. For any such waivers, the justification and approval documents shall be placed in the Public Document Room.

620-1.5412 Remedies

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

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 27th day of March 1979.

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