

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 5
3. EFFECTIVE DATE
4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. RS-NRR-90-033
5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)

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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Division of Contracts & Property Management
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Washington, DC 20555
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)
Merex, Inc.
Attn: Richard Tworek
3206 Tower Oaks Blvd., Suite 300
Rockville, MD 20852
9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.
9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO. Letter Contract NRC-03-90-033
10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13) 8-10-90
CODE FACILITY CODE

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended, is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)
B&R No. 020-19-15-02 FIN: L-1661-1 Appn: 31X0200.201

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
 B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(d).
 C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
 D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)
FAR Clause 52.216-25 Contract Definitization - Mutual Agreement of the Parties

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return 3 copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)
This modification/supplemental agreement represents agreement of both parties on the terms and conditions of the definitized contract set forth herein and therefore definitizes Letter Contract No. NRC-03-90-033 into a time-and-materials requirements type contract which includes all clauses required by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and any other clauses, terms and conditions mutually agreed upon except those that by their nature apply only to a letter contract. Therefore, this contract is hereby definitized by making the following changes to the letter contract dated August 10, 1990:

1. The following clauses are hereby deleted:

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Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) RICHARD M. TWOREK, MANAGING DIRECTOR
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR
15C. DATE SIGNED 11/7/90
16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Mary H. Mace
16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BY *Mary H. Mace* (Signature of Contracting Officer)
16C. DATE SIGNED 11/19/90

- (1) Execution and Commencement of Work (FAR 52.216-23).
 - (2) Limitation of Government Liability (FAR 52.216-24).
 - (3) Contract Definitization (FAR 52.216-25).
 - (4) Payments of Allowable Costs Before Definitization (FAR 52.216-26).
2. The Contractor's technical proposal dated August 17, 1990, is hereby incorporated into this contract by reference.
 3. The letter contract is definitized as follows:

AWARD/CONTRACT

1. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 350) RATING

2. CONTRACT NO. (Proc. Inst. Ident.) No. NRC-03-90-033	3. EFFECTIVE DATE _____	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST/PROJECT NO. NRR-90-033
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5. ISSUED BY Code: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Div. of Contracts & Property Mgmt. Contract Negotiation Br. 2, P-1042 Washington, DC 20555 CONTACT - Mary Little PHONE - (301) 492-4289	6. ADMINISTERED BY Code: (If other than Item 5) Contract Administration Branch Div. of Contracts & Property Mgmt. Mail Stop P-902 Washington, DC 20555
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7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR Merex, Inc. Attn: Richard Tworek 3206 Tower Oaks Blvd., Suite 300 Rockville, MD 20852 Duns Code: Facility Code:	8. DELIVERY () FOB ORIGIN () OTHER (See below) 9. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT N/A
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10. SUBMIT INVOICES (4 copies unless otherwise specified) TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN IN ITEM: 6

11. SHIP TO/ CODE MARK FOR US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attn: Larry Ruth, WFN-12-H26 Technical Assistance Mgmt Section Washington, DC 20555	12. PAYMENT WILL CODE BE MADE BY U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Division of Accounting and Finance GOV/COM Accounting Section Washington, DC 20555
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13. AUTHORITY FOR USING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION
() 10 U.S.C. 2304(c) () (X) 41 U.S.C. 253(c) (2)

14. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA
B&R No. 020-19-15-02-0 FIN: L-1661-0
Appn. No. 31X0200.200 Amount Obligated: \$225,000.00

15A. ITEM NO.	15B. SUPPLIES/ SERVICES	15C. QUANTITY	15D. UNIT	15E. UNIT PRICE	15F. AMOUNT
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See Schedule

This is a Time-and-Materials - Requirements type contract.

15G. TOTAL EST. CEILING AMOUNT: \$725,916.87

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CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 17 OR 18 AS APPLICABLE

17. (X) CONTRACTOR'S NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT (Contractor is required to sign this document and return 3 copies to issuing office.) Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items or perform all the services set forth or otherwise identified above and on any continuation sheets for the consideration stated herein. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be subject to and governed by the following documents: (a) this award/contract. (b) the solicitation, if any, and (c) such provisions, representations, certifications, and specifications as are attached or incorporated by reference herein. (Attachments are listed herein.)

18. () AWARD (Contractor is not required to sign this document.) Your offer on Solicitation Number _____, including the additions or changes made by you which additions or changes are set forth in full above, is hereby accepted as to the items listed above and on any continuation sheets. This award consummates the contract which consists of the following documents: (a) the Government's solicitation and your offer, and (b) this award/contract. No further contractual document is necessary.

19A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) RICHARD M. TWORFK, MANAGING DIR.	20A. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER Mary H. Mace
19B. NAME OF CONTRACTOR by <u>[Signature]</u> (Signature of person authorized to sign)	20B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)
19C. DATE SIGNED 11/7/90	20C. DATE SIGNED

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PART I - THE SCHEDULE

SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE/COSTS

B.1 PROJECT TITLE

The title of this project is as follows:

"Technical and Editorial Assistance in Support of
Technical Specifications Improvement Program"

(End of Clause)

B.2 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WORK (MAR 1987)
ALTERNATE I (JUNE 1988)

a. Brief description of work:

Technical and publication assistance for technical specifications improvement program to support the word processing, technical editing, and publication of the new Standard Technical Specifications.

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

(End of Clause)

B.3 SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE/COSTS

1. LABOR:

Upon receipt of a work order from the NRC Project Officer or his designee, the Contractor shall provide services in accordance with Section C, "Description/Specifications/Work Statement," at the rates set forth below. These rates are fully loaded to include wages, overhead, general and administrative expenses, travel to and from the NRC, and profit. Those labor categories designated by an asterisk indicate salaried/exempt employees. Billing for these positions shall not exceed 40 hours per week. Overtime payments at the rates specified below are authorized for the Word Processors only (See Section I, FAR 52.222-2).

Category	Est. No. of Hours	Unit	Rate	Amount
*Technical Adviser	371	Per Hour	\$80.00	\$ 29,680.00
*Project Manager	720	Per Hour	\$63.00	\$ 45,360.00
*Project Leader	896	Per Hour	\$42.00	\$ 37,632.00
*Senior Reviewers	896	Per Hour	\$40.00	\$ 35,840.00
*Editors	5,376	Per Hour	\$37.00	\$198,912.00
*Administrative Asst.	2,048	Per Hour	\$32.00	\$ 65,536.00
Word Processors	10,752	Per Hour	\$26.00	\$279,552.00
Est. Overtime for Word Processors	537	Per Hour	\$35.00	\$ 18,795.00
EST. TOTAL LABOR:				\$711,307.00

2. MATERIALS:

The Contractor shall be reimbursed at actual cost of the following materials:

	Est. Qty.	Unit	Est. Unit Price	Est. Total
1. HP II Cartridges	72	Each	\$ 149.00	\$10,728.00
2. 3.5 Inch Floppy Disks	25	Box	\$ 20.00	\$ 500.00
3. Air Conditioning (Aug. 25-26, Sept. 1-2, and Sept. 8-9, 1990)	3	Each	\$1,127.29	\$ 3,381.87
EST. TOTAL MATERIALS:				\$14,609.87

(End of Clause)

B.4 CONSIDERATION AND OBLIGATION--DELIVERY ORDERS
(JUNE 1988)

a. The total estimated amount of this contract (ceiling) for the products/services ordered, delivered, and accepted under this contract is \$725,916.87. The Contracting Officer may unilaterally increase this amount as necessary for orders to be placed with the contractor during the contract period provided such orders are within any maximum ordering limitation prescribed under this contract.

b. The amount presently obligated with respect to this contract is \$475,000.00.* The Contracting Officer may issue orders for work up to amount presently obligated. This obligated amount may be unilaterally increased from time to time by the Contracting Officer by written modification to this contract. The obligated amount shall, at no time, exceed the contract ceiling as specified in paragraph a above. When and if the amount(s) paid and payable to the Contractor hereunder shall equal the obligated amount, the Contractor shall not be obligated to continue performance of the work unless and until the Contracting Officer shall increase the amount obligated with respect to this contract. Any work undertaken by the Contractor in excess of the obligated amount specified above is done so at the Contractor's sole risk.

*The amount of \$475,000.00 includes the amount of \$250,000.00 obligated on the letter contract in the basic award and Modifications 1 through 4, as well as the \$225,000.00 obligated by this action. Therefore, the amount obligated with respect to this contract is increased by \$225,000.00, from \$250,000.00 to \$475,000.00.

(End of Clause)

SECTION C - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATION
/WORK STATEMENT

C.1 STATEMENT OF WORK

TITLE: Technical and Editorial Assistance in Support of
Technical Specifications Improvement Program

C.1.1 BACKGROUND

The Technical Specifications Improvement Program was initiated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) February 1987 Interim Policy Statement on Technical Specifications. In support of this Program, four Nuclear Steam Supply System (NSSS) Owners Groups representing five reactor designs (Westinghouse, Combustion Engineering, General Electric (GE) BWR-4, GE BWR-6, and Babcock & Wilcox) are working with the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) to develop new Standard Technical Specifications (STS) for each of the reactor design types. The objective of this effort is to obtain new STS that improve operational safety. This will be accomplished by focusing on the most safety significant requirements, reducing challenges to safety systems, making the STS more operator oriented, reducing the size and complexity of the STS, improving the STS Bases, applying human factors principles to writing the new STS, and allowing more efficient use of NRC and industry resources through reduction of the number of licensing actions. The five sets of STS resulting from these efforts will be implemented on a plant specific basis at five lead commercial nuclear power plants (seven reactor units) representing the five reactor design types. Ultimately, the majority of commercial nuclear power plants within the five reactor design types will convert their existing Technical Specifications to the new STS.

NRR's Technical Specifications Branch (OTSB) is currently working with the Owners Groups to develop the new STS and their Bases. Each of the five sets of STS and Bases contains 15 sections and about 2,000 pages of highly formatted technical text and tables. The final draft of each set of new STS is currently about 75 percent complete and the initial draft of the Bases is about ten percent complete. To maintain its schedule, the NRC requires contractor assistance to support technical editing and word processing for all five sets of the new STS and their Bases.

Performance of this project will require attendance at technical meetings at NRC Headquarters, Rockville, Maryland; daily interface and coordination with the NRC Lead Engineer, and the editing and processing of about 500 pages of highly formatted text and tables (using WordPerfect 5.1) each week throughout the contract period of performance. (The word processing effort will involve mostly revisions to existing drafts of STS and their Bases.) Successful

performance of this project will also require an understanding of the use of Technical Specifications in commercial nuclear power reactor operations and proficiency in control of computerized files and documents.

The primary products resulting from this project will be interim draft pages of each of the five sets of the new Standard Technical Specifications and their Bases, a complete first draft of each of the five sets of STS and Bases, a final draft of each of the five sets of STS and Bases, a Revision 0 of each of the five sets of STS and Bases, and preliminary and initial drafts of specific lead plant Technical Specifications. Each version of the STS and Bases produced under this contract shall be delivered in camera ready hard copies and WordPerfect 5.1 computer diskette versions.

(Note: References to the STS include the Bases.)

C.1.2 OBJECTIVE

The principal objective of this project is to obtain technical editing and word processing assistance for NRR's Technical Specifications Branch for the preparation of (1) drafts and Revision 0 of the new Standard Technical Specifications, including their Bases, for the Westinghouse, Combustion Engineering, GE BWR-4, GE BWR-6, and Babcock & Wilcox nuclear power reactor designs and (2) preliminary and initial drafts of plant specific Technical Specifications for the lead plants converting to the new NRC approved STS.

C.1.3 ORDERING PROCEDURES

All services to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by issuance of the "Resource Estimate for Work Assigned to Merex, Inc." form (see Attachment 3 to this contract) by the NRC Project Officer or his designee. Such orders may be issued from the effective date of the contract through the end of the effective period. All work orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event of conflict between a work order and this contract, the contract shall control. The "Resource Estimate for Work Assigned to Merex, Inc." form specifies the type of service the Contractor shall perform and the date the completed work shall be returned to the NRC. Work may be issued at the sole option of the NRC. Work is considered "issued" when the Contractor receives the "Resource Estimate for Work Assigned to Merex, Inc." form. Upon completion of the work assignment, the Contractor shall complete the "Resource Estimate for Work Assigned to Merex, Inc." form and return one copy to the NRC Project Officer. In addition, one copy of the completed form shall accompany the Contractor's invoices for the month. The NRC reserves the right to withdraw a proposed work order at any time prior to the time the work is initiated by the contractor.

C.1.4 SCOPE OF WORK AND SCHEDULE

The contractor shall provide the facilities, equipment, computer

software, materials, supplies, services, support staff, and qualified professional personnel, including project manager, necessary to complete this project. For planning purposes, this project consists of seven tasks. Work required under Tasks 1, 6, and 7 is ongoing in nature and shall be performed upon receipt of work orders throughout the contract period of performance. Work on Tasks 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be performed in series.

Task 1: Documentation of STS Revisions Made During NRC-Owners Group and NRC-Licensee Meetings

The contractor shall provide technical editors (one per meeting) to attend meetings between the NRC and the Owners Groups or lead plant licensees. During each meeting, the assigned contract technical editor shall make pen and ink changes to the Standard Technical Specifications and Bases discussed during the meeting to reflect all revisions authorized by the NRC Lead Engineer or his representative during the meeting.

Estimated completion date: March 1, 1991

Task 2: Production of First Draft Standard Technical Specifications

Working principally from pen and ink changes to interim drafts of the STS and Bases, which will be furnished by the NRC Lead Engineer or prepared by contract technical editors as a result of the Task 1 meetings, the contractor shall prepare revised STS pages. (It is expected that no more than twenty percent of the word processing effort will involve work from hand written originals.) The contractor shall incorporate the revisions using WordPerfect 5.1 in accordance with the STS style and format developed by the NRC and the Owners Groups. The contractor shall prepare both hard copies and WordPerfect 5.1 diskette versions (original and backup copies) of each file processed under this task. Following word processing, all revisions shall be checked for accuracy and completeness by the contract technical editor.

The work products to be delivered under this task include (1) about 500 interim first draft STS pages each week and (2) the first draft of each of the five sets of the new STS and Bases (camera-ready hard copies and original and backup WordPerfect 5.1 diskette versions). Each set of the STS and Bases consists of about 2,000 pages.

Estimated completion date: September 15, 1990

Task 3: Production of Final Draft Standard Technical Specifications

Working principally from pen and ink changes to the first draft STS and Bases prepared under Task 2, which will be furnished by the NRC Lead Engineer or prepared by contract technical editors as a result of the Task 1 meetings, the contractor shall prepare revised STS pages. (It is expected that no more than five percent of the word processing effort will involve work from hand written originals.)

The contractor shall incorporate the revisions using WordPerfect 5.1 in accordance with the STS style and format developed by the NRC and the Owners Groups. The contractor shall prepare both hard copies and WordPerfect 5.1 diskette versions (original and backup copies) of each file processed under this task. Following word processing, all revisions shall be checked for accuracy and completeness by the contract technical editor.

The work products to be delivered under this task include (1) about 500 interim final draft STS pages each week and (2) the final draft of each of the five sets of the new STS and Bases (camera-ready hard copies and original and backup WordPerfect 5.1 diskette versions). Each set of the STS and Bases consists of about 2,000 pages.

Estimated completion date: November 1, 1990

Task 4: Production of Revision 0 of the Standard Technical Specifications

Working principally from pen and ink changes to the final draft STS and Bases prepared under Task 3, which will be furnished by the NRC Lead Engineer or prepared by contract technical editors as a result of the Task 1 meetings, the contractor shall prepare revised STS pages. (It is expected that no more than five percent of the word processing effort will involve work from hand written originals.) The contractor shall incorporate the revisions using WordPerfect 5.1 in accordance with the STS style and format developed by the NRC and the Owners Groups. Following word processing, all revisions shall be checked for accuracy and completeness by the contract technical editor. The contractor shall prepare both hard copies and WordPerfect 5.1 diskette versions (original and backup copies) of each file processed under this task.

The work products to be delivered under this task include (1) about 500 interim Revision 0 STS pages each week and (2) Revision 0 of each of the five sets of the new STS (camera-ready hard copies and original and backup WordPerfect 5.1 diskette versions). (Note: Revision 0 of the STS and Bases is also known as the NRC staff approved version of the STS and Bases.)

Estimated completion date: February 15, 1991

Task 5: Lead Plant Conversions to Standard Technical Specifications

Working principally from pen and ink changes to the final draft STS and Bases, which will be furnished by the NRC Lead Engineer, the contractor shall prepare preliminary draft copies of plant specific Technical Specifications. The contractor shall incorporate the revisions using WordPerfect 5.1 in accordance with the style and format followed under Tasks 2, 3, and 4. These Technical Specifications will be given to the lead plant licensees by the NRC for their review and mark-up. The contractor shall prepare both hard copies and WordPerfect 5.1 diskette versions (original and backup copies) of each file processed under this task. Based on

feedback from the lead plant licensees, the NRC Lead Engineer will make pen and ink changes to the preliminary plant specific Technical Specifications. These changes may also be made by a contract technical editor during a Task 1 meeting with the licensee. The contractor shall incorporate these changes and produce initial draft plant specific Technical Specifications. Following word processing, all revisions shall be checked for accuracy and completeness by the contract technical editor.

The work products to be delivered under this task include (1) about 500 plant specific Technical Specification pages each week and (2) complete sets of plant specific preliminary and initial draft Technical Specifications (camera-ready hard copies and original and backup WordPerfect 5.1 diskette versions).

Estimated completion date: March 1, 1991

Task 6: Maintenance of a Document Control System

The contractor shall maintain the dBase IV personal computer based document control system. For planning purposes, it is anticipated that each version of the five sets of the new STS and each plant specific conversion to the new STS will consist of about 300 computer files on 30 high density diskettes. The five sets of STS and seven lead plant conversion Technical Specifications will consist of about 3,600 files on 360 3 1/2-inch high density diskettes. Allowing for backup copies of all text files processed under this contract including interim drafts, the first and final drafts, Revision 0, and the preliminary and initial plant specific Technical Specifications, it is expected that the number of files and diskettes will be multiplied by a factor of three to five.

Estimated completion date: March 1, 1991

Task 7: "Key Word" and "Key Phrase" Data Base

The contractor shall conceptualize a personal computer based "key word" and "key phrase" searchable integrated data base system for all Standard Technical Specifications and plant specific Technical Specifications.

Estimated completion date: March 1, 1991

NOTE: Tasks 6 and 7 shall be performed in parallel with Tasks 2 - 5.

(End of Clause)

SECTION D - PACKAGING AND MARKING

D.1 PACKAGING AND MARKING (MAR 1987)

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

(End of Clause)

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.1 NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

NOTICE: The following solicitation provisions and/or contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference:

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1)

NUMBER	DATE	TITLE
52.246-6	JAN 1986	INSPECTION -- TIME-AND-MATERIAL AND LABOR-HOUR

SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

F.1 NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

NOTICE: The following solicitation provisions and/or contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference:

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1)

NUMBER	DATE	TITLE
52.212-13	AUG 1989	STOP-WORK ORDER

F.2 DURATION OF CONTRACT PERIOD (MAR 1987)
ALTERNATE I (JUNE 1988)

The ordering period for this contract shall commence on 08/10/90 and will expire on 03/01/91. Any orders issued during this period shall be completed within the time specified in the order, unless otherwise specified herein. (See 52.216-18 - Ordering).

(End of Clause)

SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATAG.1 PROJECT OFFICER AUTHORITY (MAR 1987)
ALTERNATE I (MAR 1987)

a. The Contracting Officer's authorized representative hereinafter referred to as the Project Officer for this contract is:

Name: Larry Ruth

Address: US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Technical Assistance Management Section
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Telephone Number: (301) 492-1211

b. The Project Officer is responsible for:

- 1) Placing Delivery Orders for items required under this contract.
- 2) Monitoring Contractor performance and recommending to the Contracting Officer changes in requirements.
- 3) Inspecting and accepting products/services provided under the contract.
- 4) Reviewing all Contractor invoices/vouchers requesting payment for products/services provided under the contract and making recommendations for approval, disapproval, or suspension.

c. The Project Officer is not authorized to make changes to the express terms and conditions of this contract.

(End of Clause)

SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1 KEY PERSONNEL (MAR 1987)

a. The following individuals are considered to be essential to the successful performance of the work hereunder.

Richard Tworek	Peggy Styer
Christopher Davis	Kathy Wakeman
Irene Fisher	Connie Gates
Donna Hill	

The Contractor agrees that such personnel shall not be removed from the contract work or replaced without compliance with paragraphs b and c hereof.

b. If one or more of the key personnel for whatever reason becomes, or is expected to become, unavailable for work under this contract for a continuous period exceeding 30 work days, or is expected to devote substantially less effort to the work than indicated in the proposal or initially anticipated, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer and shall, subject to the concurrence of the Contracting Officer, promptly replace such personnel with personnel of at least substantially equal ability and qualifications.

c. All requests for approval of substitutions hereunder must be in writing and provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions. They contain a complete resume for the proposed substitute, and other information requested by the Contracting Officer to approve or disapprove the proposed substitution. The Contracting Officer will evaluate such requests and promptly notify the Contractor of his/her approval or disapproval thereof in writing.

d. If the Contracting Officer determines that:

1) Suitable and timely replacement of key personnel who have been reassigned, terminated or have otherwise become unavailable for the contract work is not reasonably forthcoming; or

2) That the resultant reduction of effort would be so substantial as to impair the successful completion of the contract or the service order, the contract may be terminated by the Contracting Officer for default or for the convenience of the Government, as appropriate. If the Contracting Officer finds the Contractor at fault for the condition, the contract price or fixed fee may be equitably adjusted downward to compensate the Government for any resultant delay, loss or damage.

(End of Clause)

H.2 PRIVATE USE OF CONTRACT INFORMATION AND DATA (JUNE 1988)

Except as specifically authorized by this contract, or as otherwise approved by the Contracting Officer, information and other data developed or acquired by or furnished to the Contractor in the performance of this contract shall be used only in connection with the work under this contract.

(End of Clause)

H.3 CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

(a) Purpose. The primary purpose of this clause is to aid in ensuring that the contractor: (1) is not placed in a conflicting role because of current or planned interests (financial, contractual, organizational, or otherwise) which relate to the work under this contract, and (2) does not obtain an unfair competitive advantage over other parties by virtue of its performance of this contract.

(b) Scope. The restrictions described apply to performance or participation by the contractor as defined in 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 under this contract abide by the provision of this clause. If the contractor has reason to believe with respect to itself or any employee that any proposed consultant or other contractual arrangement with any firm or organization may involve a potential conflict of interest, the contractor shall obtain the written approval of the contracting officer 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 must include a description of the action which the contractor has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. The NRC may, however, terminate the contract if termination is in the best interest of the Government.

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

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

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

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

(2) In addition, the contractor agrees that, to the extent it receives or is given access to proprietary data, data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-579), or other confidential or privileged technical, business, or financial information under this contract, the contractor shall treat the information in accordance with restrictions placed on use of the information.

(3) 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," must be appropriately modified to preserve the Government's rights.

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

(h) Waiver. A request for waiver under this clause must be directed in writing through the contracting officer to the Executive Director for Operations (EDO) in accordance with the procedures outlined in 41 CFR 320-1.5411.

(End of Clause)

H.4 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY - NONE PROVIDED
(JUNE 1988)

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

(End of Clause)

PART II - CONTRACT CLAUSES

SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

I.1 NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

NOTICE: The following solicitation provisions and/or contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference:

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1)

NUMBER	DATE	TITLE
52.202-1	APR 1984	DEFINITIONS
52.203-1	APR 1984	OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT
52.203-3	APR 1984	GRATUITIES
52.203-5	APR 1984	COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES
52.203-6	JUL 1985	RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR SALES TO THE GOVERNMENT
52.203-7	OCT 1988	ANTI-KICKBACK PROCEDURES
52.209-6	MAY 1989	PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT
52.215-1	APR 1984	EXAMINATION OF RECORDS BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL
52.215-2	DEC 1989	AUDIT -- NEGOTIATION
52-215-22	APR 1988	PRICE REDUCTION FOR DEFECTIVE COST OR PRICING DATA
52.215-24	APR 1985	SUBCONTRACTOR COST OR PRICING DATA
52.215-31	SEP 1987	WAIVER OF FACILITIES CAPITAL COST OF MONEY
52.215-33	JAN 1986	ORDER OF PRECEDENCE
52.219-8	FEB 1990	UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS AND SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS CONCERNS
52.219-13	AUG 1986	UTILIZATION OF WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES
52.220-3	APR 1984	UTILIZATION OF LABOR SURPLUS AREA CONCERNS
52.222-3	APR 1984	CONVICT LABOR
52.222-26	APR 1984	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
52.222-35	APR 1984	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR SPECIAL DISABLED AND VIETNAM ERA VETERANS
52.222-36	APR 1984	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR HANDICAPPED WORKERS

52.222-37	JAN 1988	EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON SPECIAL DISABLED VETERANS AND VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA
52.223-2	APR 1984	CLEAN AIR AND WATER
52.225-13	MAY 1989	RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRACTING WITH SANCTIONED PERSONS
52.227-1	APR 1984	AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT
52.227-2	APR 1984	NOTICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT
52.232-7	APR 1984	PAYMENTS UNDER TIME-AND-MATERIALS AND LABOR-HOUR CONTRACTS
52.232-17	APR 1984	INTEREST
52.232-23	JAN 1986	ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS
52.233-1	APR 1984	DISPUTES
52.233-3	AUG 1989	PROTEST AFTER AWARD
52.243-3	AUG 1987	CHANGES -- TIME-AND-MATERIALS OR LABOR-HOURS
52.244-3	APR 1985	SUBCONTRACTS (TIME - AND - MATERIALS AND LABOR-HOUR CONTRACTS)
52.246-25	APR 1984	LIMITATION OF LIABILITY -- SERVICES
52.249-6	MAY 1986	TERMINATION (COST REIMBURSEMENT) ALTERNATE IV (APR 1984)
52.249-14	APR 1984	EXCUSABLE DELAYS
52.203-12	JAN 1990	LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS

I.2 ORDERING (FAR 52.216-18) (APR 1984)

(a) Any supplies and services to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by issuance of delivery orders by the individuals or activities designated in the Schedule. Such orders may be issued from the effective date of the contract through the end of the effective period.

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

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

(End of Clause)

I.3 DELIVERY-ORDER LIMITATIONS

(FAR 52.216-19) (APR 1984)

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

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

(1) Any order for a single item in excess of N/A;

(2) Any order for a combination of items in excess of N/A;

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

I.4 REQUIREMENTS (FAR 52.216-21) (APR 1984)

(a) This is a requirements contract for the supplies or services specified, and effective for the period stated, in the Schedule. The quantities of supplies or services specified in the Schedule are estimates only and are not purchased by this contract. Except as this contract may otherwise provide, if the Government's requirements do not result in orders in the quantities described as "estimated" or "maximum" in the Schedule, that fact shall not constitute the basis for an equitable price adjustment.

(b) Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. Subject to any limitations in the Delivery-Order Limitations clause or elsewhere in this contract, the Contractor shall furnish to the Government all supplies or services specified in the Schedule and called for by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. The Government may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations.

(c) Except as this contract otherwise provides, the Government shall order from the Contractor all the supplies or services specified in the Schedule that are required to be purchased by the Government activity or activities specified in the Schedule.

(d) The Government is not required to purchase from the Contractor

requirements in excess of any limit on total orders under this contract.

(e) If the Government urgently requires delivery of any quantity of an item before the earliest date that delivery may be specified under this contract, and if the Contractor will not accept an order providing for the accelerated delivery, the Government may acquire the urgently required goods or services from another source.

(f) Any order issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order. The contract shall govern the Contractor's and Government's rights and obligations with respect to that order to the same extent as if the order were completed during the contract's effective period; provided, that the Contractor shall not be required to make any deliveries under this contract after 03/01/91.

(End of Clause)

I.5 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (FAR 52.223-6) (JUL 1990)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause, "Controlled Substances" means a controlled substance in schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined in regulation at 21 CFR 1308.11-1308.15.

"Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes.

"Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of any controlled substance.

"Drug-free workplace" means the site(s) for the performance of work done by the Contractor in connection with a specific contract at which employees of the Contractor are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance.

"Employee" means an employee of a Contractor directly engaged in the performance of work under a Government contract. "Directly engaged" is defined to include all direct cost employees and any other Contractor employee who has other than a minimal impact or involvement in contract performance.

"Individual" means an offeror/contractor that has no more than one employee including the offeror/contractor.

(b) The Contractor, if other than an individual, shall--within 30 calendar days after award (unless a longer period is agreed to in writing for contracts of 30 calendar days or more performance

duration); or as soon as possible for contracts of less than 30 calendar days performance duration--

(1) Publish a statement notifying its employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition;

(2) Establish an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform such employees about-

(i) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(ii) The contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(iii) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(iv) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.

(3) Provide all employees engaged in performance of the contract with a copy of the statement required by subparagraph (b)(1) of this clause;

(4) Notify such employees in writing in the statement required by subparagraph (b)(1) of this clause, that as a condition of continued employment on this contract, the employee will-

(i) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(ii) Notify the employer in writing of the employee's conviction under a criminal drug statute for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than 5 days after such conviction;

(5) Notify the Contracting Officer in writing within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subdivision (b)(4)(ii) of this clause, from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. The notice shall include the position title of the employee;

(6) Within 30 days after receiving notice under subparagraph (b)(4)(ii) of this clause of a conviction, take one of the following actions with respect to any employee who is convicted of a drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace:

(i) Taking appropriate personnel action against such employee, up to and including termination; or

(ii) Require such employee to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

(7) Make a good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of subparagraphs (b)(1) through (b)(6) of this clause.

(c) The Contractor, if an individual, agrees by award of the contract or acceptance of a purchase order, not to engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in the performance of this contract.

(d) In addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements of paragraphs (b) or (c) of this clause may, pursuant to FAR 23.506, render the Contractor subject to suspension of contract payments, termination of the contract for default, and suspension or debarment.

(End of Clause)

I.6 PROMPT PAYMENT (FAR 52.232-25) (APR 1989)

Notwithstanding any other payment clause in this contract, the Government will make invoice payments and contract financing payments under the terms and conditions specified in this clause. Payment shall be considered as being made on the day a check is dated or an electronic funds transfer is made. Definitions of pertinent terms are set forth in 32.902. All days referred to in this clause are calendar days, unless otherwise specified. The term "foreign vendor" means an incorporated concern not incorporated in the United States, or unincorporated concern having its principal place of business outside the United States.

(a) Invoice Payments.

(1) For purposes of this clause, "invoice payment" means a Government disbursement of monies to a Contractor under a contract or other authorization for supplies or services accepted by the Government. This includes payments for partial deliveries that have been accepted by the Government and final cost or fee payments where amounts owed have been settled between the Government and the Contractor.

(2) Except as indicated in subparagraph (a)(3) and paragraph (c) of this clause, the due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office shall be the later of the following two events:

(i) The 30th day after the designated billing office has received a proper invoice from the Contractor.

(ii) The 30th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed by the Contractor. On a final invoice where the payment amount is subject to contract settlement actions, acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred on the effective date of the contract settlement. However, if the

designated billing office fails to annotate the invoice with the actual date of receipt, the invoice payment due date shall be deemed to be the 30th day after the date the Contractor's invoice is dated, provided a proper invoice is received and there is no disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with contract requirements.

(3) The due date on contracts for meat and meat food products, contracts for perishable agricultural commodities, contracts for dairy products, edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils, and contracts not requiring submission of an invoice shall be as follows:

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

(ii) The due date for perishable agricultural commodities, as defined in Section 1(4) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act of 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499a(44)), will be as close as possible to, but not later than, the 10th day after product delivery, unless another date is specified in the contract.

(iii) The due date for dairy products, as defined in Section 111(e) of the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 4502(e)), edible fats or oils, will be as close as possible to, but not later than, the 10th day after the date on which a proper invoice has been received.

(4) An invoice is the Contractor's bill or written request for payment under the contract for supplies delivered or services performed. An invoice shall be prepared and submitted to the designated billing office specified in the contract. A proper invoice must include the items listed in subdivisions (a)(4)(i) through (a)(4)(viii) of the clause. If the invoice does not comply with these requirements, then the contractor will be notified of the defect within 7 days after receipt of the invoice at the designated billing office (3 days for meat and meat food products and 5 days for perishable agricultural commodities, edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils). Untimely notification will be taken into account in the computation of any interest penalty owed the Contractor in the manner described in subparagraph (a)(6) of this clause.

(i) Name and address of the Contractor.

(ii) Invoice date.

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

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

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

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

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

(viii) Any other information or documentation required by other requirements of the contract (such as evidence of shipment).

(5) An interest penalty shall be paid automatically by the Government, without request from the Contractor, if payment is not made by the due date and the conditions listed in subdivisions (a)(5)(i) through (a)(5)(iii) of this clause are met, if applicable. An interest penalty shall not be paid on contracts awarded to foreign vendors outside the United States for work performed outside the United States.

(i) A proper invoice was received by the designated billing office.

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

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

(6) The interest penalty shall be at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury under Section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 611) that is in effect on the day after the due date, except where the interest penalty is prescribed by other governmental authority. This rate is referred to as the "Renegotiation Board Interest Rate," and it is published in the Federal Register semiannually on or about January 1 and July 1. The interest penalty shall accrue daily on the invoice payment amount approved by the Government and be compounded in 30-day increments inclusive from the first day after the due date through the payment date. That is, interest accrued at the end of any 30-day period will be added to the approved invoice payment amount and be subject to interest penalties if not paid in the succeeding 30-day period. If the designated billing office failed to notify the contractor of

a defective invoice within the periods prescribed in subparagraph (a)(4) of this clause, then the due date on the corrected invoice will be adjusted by subtracting the number of days taken beyond the prescribed notification of defects period. Any interest penalty owed the Contractor will be based on this adjusted due date. Adjustments will be made by the designated payment office for errors in calculating interest penalties, if requested by the Contractor.

(i) For the sole purpose of computing an interest penalty that might be due the contractor, Government acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred constructively on the 7th day after the contractor delivered the supplies or performed the services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, unless there is a disagreement over quantity, quality, or contractor compliance with a contract provision. In the event that actual acceptance occurs within the constructive acceptance period, the determination of an interest penalty shall be based on the actual date of acceptance. The constructive acceptance requirement does not, however, compel Government officials to accept supplies or services, perform contract administration functions, or make payment prior to fulfilling their responsibilities.

(ii) The following periods of time will not be included in the determination of an interest penalty:

(A) The period taken to notify the contractor of defects in invoices submitted to the Government, but this may not exceed 7 days (3 days for meat and meat food products and 5 days for perishable agricultural commodities, dairy products, edible fat or oil and food products prepared from edible fats or oils).

(B) The period between the defects notice and resubmission of the corrected invoice by the Contractor.

(iii) Interest penalties will not continue to accrue after the filing of a claim for such penalties under the clause at 52.233-1, Disputes, or for more than 1 year. Interest penalties of less than \$1.00 need not be paid.

(iv) Interest penalties are not required on payment delays due to disagreement between the Government and Contractor over the payment amount or other issues involving contract compliance or on amounts temporarily withheld or retained in accordance with the terms of the contract. Claims involving disputes, and any interest that may be payable, will be resolved in accordance with the clause at 52.233-1, Disputes.

(7) An interest penalty shall also be paid automatically by the designated payment office, without request from the contractor, if a discount for prompt payment is taken improperly. The interest penalty will be calculated as described in subparagraph (a)(6) of this clause on the amount of discount taken for the period beginning with the first day after the end of the discount period through the date when the Contractor is paid.

(8) If this contract was awarded on or after October 1, 1989, a penalty amount, calculated in accordance with regulations issued by the Office of Management and Budget, shall be paid in addition to the interest penalty amount if the contractor:

(i) Is owed an interest penalty;

(ii) Is not paid the interest penalty within 10 days after the date the invoice amount is paid; and

(iii) Makes a written demand, not later than 40 days after the date the invoice amount is paid, that the agency pay such a penalty.

(b) Contract Financing Payments.

(1) For purposes of this clause, "contract financing payment" means a Government disbursement of monies to a Contractor under a contract clause or other authorization prior to acceptance of supplies or services by the Government. Contract financing payments include advance payments, progress payments based on cost under the clause at 52.232-16, Progress Payments, progress payments based on a percentage or stage of completion (32.102(e)(1)) other than those made under the clause at 52.232-5, Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts, or the clause at 52.232-10, Payments Under Fixed-Price Architect-Engineer Contracts, and interim payments on cost type contracts.

(2) For contracts that provide for contract financing, requests for payment shall be submitted to the designated billing office as specified in this contract or as directed by the Contracting Officer. Contract financing payments shall be made on the 30th day after receipt of a proper contract financing request by the designated billing office. In the event that an audit or other review of a specific financing request is required to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, the designated payment office is not compelled to make payment by the due date specified.

(3) For advance payments, loans, or other arrangements that do not involve recurrent submissions of contract financing requests, payment shall be made in accordance with the corresponding contract terms or as directed by the Contracting Officer.

(4) Contract financing payments shall not be assessed an interest penalty for payment delays.

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

(End of Clause)

I.7 ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PAYMENT METHODS (FAR 52.232-28)
(APR 1989)

Payments under this contract will be made by the Government either by check or electronic funds transfer (through the Treasury Fedline Payment System (FEDLINE) or the Automated Clearing House (ACH), at the option of the Government. After award, but no later than 14 days before an invoice or contract financing request is submitted, the Contractor shall designate a financial institution for receipt of electronic funds transfer payment, and shall submit this designation to the Contracting Officer or other Government Official, as directed.

(a) For payment through FEDLINE, the Contractor shall provide the following information:

(1) Name, address, and telegraphic abbreviation of the financial institution receiving payment.

(2) The American Bankers Association 9-digit identifying number for wire transfers of the financing institution receiving payment if the institution has access to the Federal Reserve Communications System.

(3) Payee's account number at the financial institution where funds are to be transferred.

(4) If the financial institution does not have access to the Federal Reserve Communications System, name, address, and telegraphic abbreviation of the correspondent financial institution through which the financial institution receiving payment obtains wire transfer activity. Provide the telegraphic abbreviation and the American Bankers Association identifying number for the correspondent institution.

(b) For payment through ACH, the Contractor shall provide the following information:

(1) Routing transit number of the financial institution receiving payment (same as American Bankers Association identifying number used for FEDLINE).

(2) Number of account to which funds are to be deposited.

(3) Type of depositor account ("C" for checking, "S" for savings).

(4) If the Contractor is a new enrollee to the ACH system, a "Payment Information Form," SF 3881, must be completed before payment can be processed.

(c) In the event the Contractor, during the performance of this contract, elects to designate a different financial institution for the receipt of any payment made using electronic funds transfer

procedures, notification of such change and the required information specified above must be received by the appropriate Government official 30 days prior to the date such change is to become effective.

(d) The documents furnishing the information required in this clause must be dated and contain the signature, title, and telephone number of the Contractor official authorized to provide it, as well as the Contractor's name and contract number.

(e) Contractor failure to properly designate a financial institution or to provide appropriate payee bank account information may delay payment of amounts otherwise properly due.

(End of Clause)

I.8 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE
(FAR 52.252-2) (JUN 1988)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available.

(End of Clause)

I.9 PAYMENT FOR OVERTIME PREMIUMS (FAR 52.222-2) (JUL 1990)

(a) The use of overtime is authorized under this contract if the overtime premium cost does not exceed \$18,795.00 or the overtime premium is paid for work--

(1) Necessary to cope with emergencies such as those resulting from accidents, natural disasters, breakdowns of production equipment, or occasional production bottlenecks of a sporadic nature;

(2) By indirect-labor employees such as those performing duties in connection with administration, protection, transportation, maintenance, standby plant protection, operation of utilities, or accounting;

(3) To perform tests, industrial processes, laboratory procedures, loading or unloading of transportation conveyances, and operations in flight or afloat that are continuous in nature and cannot reasonably be interrupted or completed otherwise; or

(4) That will result in lower overall costs to the Government.

(b) Any request for estimated overtime premiums that exceeds the amount specified above shall include all estimated overtime for contract completion and shall--

(1) Identify the work unit; e.g., department or section in which the requested overtime will be used, together with present workload,

staffing, and other data of the affected unit sufficient to permit the Contracting Officer to evaluate the necessity for the overtime;

(2) Demonstrate the effect that denial of the request will have on the contract delivery or performance schedule;

(3) Identify the extent to which approval of overtime would affect the performance or payments in connection with other Government contracts, together with identification of each affected contract; and

(4) Provide reasons why the required work cannot be performed by using multishift operations or by employing additional personnel.

(End of Clause)

PART III - LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS
AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

SECTION J - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

J.1 ATTACHMENTS (MAR 1987)

<u>Attachment Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
1	Billing Instructions
2	NRC Contractor Organizational Conflicts of Interest (41 CFR Part 20)
3	Resource Estimate for Work Assigned to Merex, Inc. (Form)

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**BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
FIXED PRICE CONTRACTS**

General: The contractor shall prepare vouchers or invoices as prescribed herein. FAILURE TO SUBMIT VOUCHERS/INVOICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE VOUCHER/INVOICE AS IMPROPER.

Form: Claims shall be submitted on the payee's letterhead, voucher/invoice, or on the Government's Standard Form 1034, "Public Voucher for Purchases and Services Other than Personal," and Standard Form 1035, "Public Voucher for Purchases Other than Personal--Continuation Sheet." These forms are available from the U. S. Government Printing Office, 701 North Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20801.

Number of Copies: An original and three copies shall be submitted. Failure to submit all the required copies will result in rejection of the voucher/invoice as improper.

Designated Agency Billing Office: Vouchers/invoices shall be submitted to the following address:

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Division of Contracts and Property Management
Contract Administration Branch, Mailstop P-902
Washington, D.C. 20555

HAND-DELIVERY OF VOUCHERS/INVOICES IS DISCOURAGED AND WILL NOT EXPEDITE PROCESSING BY NRC. However, should you choose to deliver vouchers/invoices by hand, including delivery by any express mail services or special delivery services which use a courier or other person to deliver the voucher/invoice in person to the NRC, such vouchers/invoices must be addressed to the above Designated Agency Billing Office and will only be accepted at the following location:

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike
Mail Room
Rockville, Maryland 20852

HAND-CARRIED SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT OTHER THAN THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

Note that the official receipt date for hand-delivered vouchers/invoices will be the date it is received by the official agency billing office in the Division of Contracts and Property Management.

Agency Payment Office: Payment will continue to be made by the office designated in the contract in Block 13 of SF 26 or Block 25 of SF 33, whichever is applicable.

Frequency: The contractor shall submit an voucher or invoice only after NRC's final acceptance of services rendered or products delivered in performance of the contract unless otherwise specified in the contract.

Preparation and Itemization of the Voucher/Invoice: The voucher/invoice shall be prepared in ink or by typewriter (without strikeovers). Corrections or erasures must be initialed. To be considered a proper voucher/invoice, all of the following elements must be included:

1. Contract number
2. Sequential voucher/invoice number.
3. Date of voucher/invoice.
4. Project Officer's name and mailstop as designated in the contract.
5. Payee's name and address. (Show the name of the contractor and his correct address. In addition, when an assignment of funds has been made by the contractor, or a different payee has been designated, include the name and address of the payee.) Indicate the name and telephone number of the individual responsible for answering questions the NRC may have regarding the voucher/invoice.
6. Description of articles or services, quantity, unit price, and total amount.
7. Weight and zone of shipment, if shipped by parcel post.
8. Charges for freight or express shipments. Attach prepaid bill if shipped by freight or express.
9. Instructions to consignee to notify the Contracting Officer of receipt of shipment.
10. For Indefinite Delivery contracts or contracts under which progress payments are authorized, the final voucher/invoice shall be marked "FINAL VOUCHER" or "FINAL INVOICE."

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

Supersession: These instructions supersede any previous billing instructions.

PART 20-1 -- GENERAL

Subpart 20-1.54--Contractor Organizational Conflicts of Interest

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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 120-1.5405-2 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)(1), 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: (i) 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 (1) 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 potential 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:

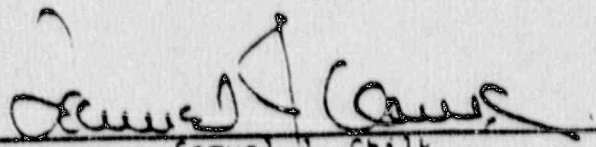
- (1) The work to be performed under contract is vital to the NRC program;
- (2) the work cannot be satisfactorily performed except by a contractor whose interests give rise to a question of conflict of interest; and
- (3) contractual and/or technical review and supervision methods can be employed by 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.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission



Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary of the Commission