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7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL		a. NAME JEFFREY MITCHELL			b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No collect calls) 301-415-5074		8. OFFER DUE DATE/LOCAL TIME ES
9. ISSUED BY US NRC - HQ ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT DIVISION MAIL STOP TWFN-07B20M WASHINGTON DC 20555-0001			CODE NRCHQ	10. THIS ACQUISITION IS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNRESTRICTED OR <input type="checkbox"/> SET ASIDE: % FOR: <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> (WOSB) ELIGIBLE UNDER THE WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM NAICS: 541990 <input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> EDWOSB <input type="checkbox"/> 8(A) SIZE STANDARD: \$16.5			
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17a. CONTRACTOR/ OFFEROR CORNELL UNIVERSITY INC ATTN MARY-MARGARET KLEMPA 373 PINE TREE ROAD OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS ITHACA NY 148502820 TELEPHONE NO. 6072555014		CODE 872612445	FACILITY CODE	18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY CODE			
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19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES			21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
	The contractor shall provide Neutral Services Supporting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Enforcement's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program in accordance with the requirements set forth in the attached Statement of Work (SOW) Period of Performance: 05/16/2021 to 04/30/2023 <i>(Use Reverse and/or Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary)</i>						
25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA See schedule					26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Govt. Use Only) \$1,121,602.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> 27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4, FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA				<input type="checkbox"/> ARE <input type="checkbox"/> ARE NOT ATTACHED.			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED.					<input type="checkbox"/> 29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: _____ OFFER DATED _____ YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN, IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS:		
30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR				31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER) 			
30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		30c. DATE SIGNED		31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)		31c. DATE SIGNED	
				JEFFREY R. MITCHELL		05/14/2021	

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32a. QUANTITY IN COLUMN 21 HAS BEEN

RECEIVED INSPECTED ACCEPTED, AND CONFORMS TO THE CONTRACT, EXCEPT AS NOTED: _____

32b. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	32c. DATE	32d. PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE
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32e. MAILING ADDRESS OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	32f. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE
	32g. E-MAIL OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

33. SHIP NUMBER <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL	34. VOUCHER NUMBER	35. AMOUNT VERIFIED CORRECT FOR	36. PAYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL	37. CHECK NUMBER
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41a. I CERTIFY THIS ACCOUNT IS CORRECT AND PROPER FOR PAYMENT	42a. RECEIVED BY (<i>Print</i>)	
41b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFY NG OFFICER	41c. DATE	42b. RECEIVED AT (<i>Location</i>)
		42c. DATE REC'D (<i>YY/MM/DD</i>)

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(a) The title of this project is: Neutral Services Supporting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Enforcement's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program

(b) Summary work description: The contractor shall provide the necessary personnel, expertise, materials and administrative services to conduct Alternative Dispute Resolution.

B.2 CONSIDERATION AND OBLIGATION-DELIVERY ORDERS

(a) The ceiling of this order for the supplies is [REDACTED].

(b) This order is subject to the minimum and maximum ordering requirements set forth in the contract.

(c) The amount presently obligated with respect to this order is \$50,000.00. The obligated amount shall, at no time, exceed the order 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 order, in accordance with FAR Part 43 - Contract Modifications. Any work undertaken by the Contractor in excess of the obligated amount specified above is done so at the Contractor's sole risk and may not be reimbursed by the Government.

(d) The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of FAR 52.232-22 - Limitation of Funds, for incrementally-funded delivery orders or task orders.

FAR Clauses Incorporated By Reference**B.3 PRICE/COST SCHEDULE**

BASE YEAR: MAY 16, 2021 - April 30, 2022					
Basic Level of Service					
CLIN	DESCRIPTION	UNIT RATE	UNIT	QTY	TOTAL
0001	Fixed Price Ongoing Daily Services Task A	[REDACTED]	Month	12	[REDACTED]
WORK ORDER CLINs (NRC COR will issue Work Orders)					
CLIN	DESCRIPTION	UNIT RATE	UNIT	EST. QTY	TOTAL
0002	Early ADR Mediation Services Task B				
0002a	Task B(i): Selection of Session Neutral	[REDACTED]	Each	30	[REDACTED]
0002b	Task B(ii): Mediation Session Scheduling	[REDACTED]	Each	30	[REDACTED]
0002c	Task B(iii): Mediation Process &	[REDACTED]	Each	30	[REDACTED]

	Documentation				
0002d (***)	Task B(iv): Mediation Session		Day	40	
0003	Enforcement ADR Mediation Services Task B				
0003a	Task B(i): Selection of Session Neutral		Each	10	
0003b	Task B(ii): Mediation Session Scheduling		Each	10	
0003c	Task B(iii): Mediation Process & Documentation		Each	10	
0003d (** & ***)	Task B(iv): Mediation Session		Day	15	
CLIN	DESCRIPTION	UNIT RATE	UNIT	EST. QTY	TOTAL
0004 (****)	Travel Reimbursement	Not to Exceed (NTE)	NTE	NTE	
BASE YEAR - NOT TO EXCEED CEILING					\$

BASE YEAR: MAY 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023					
Basic Level of Service					
CLIN	DESCRIPTION	UNIT RATE	UNIT	QTY	TOTAL
1001	Fixed Price Ongoing Daily Services Task A		Month	12	
WORK ORDER CLINs (NRC COR will issue Work Orders)					
CLIN	DESCRIPTION	UNIT RATE	UNIT	EST. QTY	TOTAL
1002	Early ADR Mediation Services Task B				
1002a	Task B(i): Selection of Session Neutral		Each	30	\$
1002b	Task B(ii): Mediation Session Scheduling		Each	30	
1002c	Task B(iii): Mediation Process & Documentation		Each	30	
1002d (***)	Task B(iv): Mediation Session	\$	Day	40	

1003	Enforcement ADR Mediation Services Task B				
1003a	Task B(i): Selection of Session Neutral		Each	10	
1003b	Task B(ii): Mediation Session Scheduling		Each	10	
1003c	Task B(iii): Mediation Process & Documentation		Each	10	
1003d (** & ***)	Task B(iv): Mediation Session		Day	15	
OPTION YEAR 1 - NOT TO EXCEED CEILING					\$

OPTION YEAR 1: MAY 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024					
Basic Level of Service					
CLIN	DESCRIPTION	UNIT RATE	UNIT	QTY	TOTAL
2001	Fixed Price Ongoing Daily Services Task A	\$	Month	12	\$
WORK ORDER CLINs (NRC COR will issue Work Orders)					
CLIN	DESCRIPTION	UNIT RATE	UNIT	EST. QTY	TOTAL
2002	Early ADR Mediation Services Task B				
2002a	Task B(i): Selection of Session Neutral	\$	Each	30	\$
2002b	Task B(ii): Mediation Session Scheduling	\$	Each	30	\$
2002c	Task B(iii): Mediation Process & Documentation	\$	Each	30	\$
2002d (***)	Task B(iv): Mediation Session	\$	Day	40	\$
2003	Enforcement ADR Mediation Services Task B				
2003a	Task B(i): Selection of Session Neutral		Each	10	\$
2003b	Task B(ii): Mediation Session Scheduling	\$	Each	10	\$
2003c	Task B(iii): Mediation Process & Documentation	\$	Each	10	\$
2003d	Task B(iv): Mediation	\$	Day	15	\$

(** & ***)	Session				
OPTION YEAR 2 - NOT TO EXCEED CEILING					

OPTION YEAR 2: MAY 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025					
Basic Level of Service					
CLIN	DESCRIPTION	UNIT RATE	UNIT	QTY	TOTAL
3001	Fixed Price Ongoing Daily Services Task A	\$	Month	12	
WORK ORDER CLINs (NRC COR will issue Work Orders)					
CLIN	DESCRIPTION	UNIT RATE	UNIT	EST. QTY	TOTAL
3002	Early ADR Mediation Services Task B				
3002a	Task B(i): Selection of Session Neutral	\$	Each	30	\$
3002b	Task B(ii): Mediation Session Scheduling		Each	30	\$
3002c	Task B(iii): Mediation Process & Documentation		Each	30	
3002d (***)	Task B(iv): Mediation Session		Day	40	
3003	Enforcement ADR Mediation Services Task B				
3003a	Task B(i): Selection of Session Neutral		Each	10	\$
3003b	Task B(ii): Mediation Session Scheduling		Each	10	\$
3003c	Task B(iii): Mediation Process & Documentation		Each	10	
3003d (** & ***)	Task B(iv): Mediation Session		Day	15	
OPTION YEAR 3 - NOT TO EXCEED CEILING					

OPTION YEAR 3: MAY 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026					
Basic Level of Service					

CLIN	DESCRIPTION	UNIT RATE	UNIT	QTY	TOTAL
4001	Fixed Price Ongoing Daily Services Task A		Month	12	
WORK ORDER CLINs (NRC COR will issue Work Orders)					
CLIN	DESCRIPTION	UNIT RATE	UNIT	EST. QTY	TOTAL
4002	Early ADR Mediation Services Task B				
4002a	Task B(i): Selection of Session Neutral	\$	Each	30	
4002b	Task B(ii): Mediation Session Scheduling	\$	Each	30	
4002c	Task B(iii): Mediation Process & Documentation		Each	30	
4002d (***)	Task B(iv): Mediation Session	\$	Day	40	
4003	Enforcement ADR Mediation Services Task B				
4003a	Task B(i): Selection of Session Neutral		Each	10	
4003b	Task B(ii): Mediation Session Scheduling		Each	10	\$
4003c	Task B(iii): Mediation Process & Documentation		Each	10	\$
4003d (** & ***)	Task B(iv): Mediation Session		Day	15	\$
OPTION YEAR 4 - NOT TO EXCEED CEILING					\$

TOTAL ESTIMATED PRICE FOR BASE AND ALL OPTIONS	\$1,121,602.00
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All unit prices are fixed unit prices that include all costs (including, but not limited to: labor, fringe benefits, overhead, G&A, and profit, if applicable) to provide the services required in the contract.

** The NRC and the party requesting mediation will share the cost of the mediation session and mediator travel expenses. Prior to the NRC COR issuing a work order for these services, the contractor shall obtain signature from both parties agreeing to pay for their specified monetary share.

***When the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) issues the initial work order for this task; they will be authorized up to two (2) days for the actual mediation. If additional days are required for the actual mediation, the contractor shall obtain prior authorization from the NRC COR.

**** Travel (Cost Reimbursable) - The Government will pay up to the rates specified in the Government Federal Travel Regulations (FTR) for travel destination. NO PAYMENT WILL BE MADE WITHOUT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION/RECEIPTS. The contractor's travel must be pre-approved in writing in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations. No markup on travel will be allowed under this Contract. (Note: In cases of Enforcement ADR Mediation Services, the NRC and the party requesting mediation [e.g., NRC-regulated entity] will share the cost of the mediator's travel expenses) This CLIN shall be used for the life of contract.

B.4 STATEMENT OF WORK

1 Title of Project

This is a non-personal services contract to provide **Neutral Services Supporting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Enforcement's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program.**

2 Background

The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act (ADRA) encourages the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) techniques by Federal agencies to resolve disputes arising under programs they administer [5 USC 571 *et seq.*, Pub. Law 104-320]. In 1992, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a policy statement expressing its support for the use of ADR in its programs, where appropriate [NRC Policy Statement, Alternative Means of Dispute Resolution, 57 *Fed. Reg.* 36.678, Aug. 14, 1992]. In 2004, the Commission incorporated the use of ADR in its Enforcement Program in order to achieve more timely and economical resolution of issues, more effective outcomes, and improved relationships. The NRC Office of Enforcement (OE) oversees, manages, and develops guidance for the ADR program. OE has chosen mediation as its ADR method.

OE's ADR program is divided into two parts.

The first part is "**Early ADR**," which takes place prior to the initiation of an NRC investigation to resolve allegations of retaliation. Early ADR is only available prior to the initiation of an NRC investigation. It involves mediation between an employer (or former/prospective employer) and an employee (or former/prospective employee) who has filed an allegation of retaliation, and alleged the prima facie elements of a violation of the NRC's employee protection rules (e.g., 10 CFR 50.7). After receiving an allegation of retaliation from an allegor, an NRC Allegation Review Board (ARB) determines whether the prima facie elements of a violation are alleged. If the prima facie elements are present in the allegation, the allegor will be offered the opportunity to use Early ADR instead of having the NRC initiate an investigation to determine the merits of the allegation. Once an NRC investigation has been initiated, Early ADR is no longer available to the allegor.

The allegation and the option to engage in ADR is typically documented in an acknowledgment letter to the allegor. The acknowledgment letter informs the allegor of his or her options for

addressing the allegation of retaliation, including engaging in mediation with his or her employer as part of the Early ADR program. If the alleged elects to engage in mediation, he or she is directed to contact the contractor. No information is provided to the contractor about the prima facie determination until after the alleged has contacted the contractor. After the alleged contacts the contractor, the contractor then contacts the NRC's Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to confirm the allegation, assigns an ADR case number to the allegation and obtains the details of the case in order to start processing the case.

The second part of the ADR Program is "**Enforcement ADR**," (previously known as "Post-Investigation" ADR). Enforcement ADR refers to the use of mediation any time after an investigation by the NRC's Office of Investigations is complete and an enforcement panel concludes that pursuit of an enforcement action appears warranted, as well as those escalated non-willful (traditional) cases where an enforcement panel concludes that a civil penalty may be warranted. Unlike Early ADR, the parties to a mediation are the NRC and the entity (i.e., a Commission licensee, an applicant for a Commission license, a contractor or subcontractor of a Commission licensee or applicant—or in some cases—individuals) against whom the NRC is considering taking, or has already taken, enforcement action. Enforcement ADR is available at three stages of the enforcement process:

1. Prior to a pre-decisional enforcement conference;
2. After the initial enforcement action (e.g., issuance of a Notice of Violation); and
3. After imposition of a civil penalty and prior to a hearing request.

The NRC letter to the entity informs the entity of its option to engage in mediation with the NRC; provides it with the details of the Enforcement ADR program, if applicable, and directs the entity to contact the contractor if the entity elects to engage in mediation with the NRC to resolve the proposed or imposed enforcement action. If the entity elects the ADR option, it contacts the contractor. After the entity contacts the contractor, the contractor then contacts the COR to confirm the case and assigns an ADR case number in order to start processing the case.

3 Objective

The objective of this contract is to continue the successful implementation of OE's ADR program including comprehensive case management services from initial contact by a potential party through completion of a potential settlement agreement. These services shall include:

An intake neutral services to process each case in a timely and efficient manner and;

Maintenance of a nationwide roster of highly qualified individuals available to perform sessions of neutral services—on short notice—to aid the parties in resolving disputes related to the OE's ADR program.

4 Scope of Work/Tasks

The contractor shall be required to provide daily ongoing services and neutral services, as follows:

A) Daily Ongoing Service Requirements [Task A] ~ [CLIN 0001]

i. Program Procedure Compliance and Updates

- a) The contractor shall develop and maintain in-house procedures to ensure continuous program compliance with the ADRA and OE's ADR program.
- b) In coordination with the COR, the contractor shall implement process improvements as necessary to increase the timeliness and effectiveness of the ADR program.
- c) As needed (anticipated once per year), the contractor shall meet with the COR and other NRC representatives to provide overall programmatic assessment and discuss emerging issues and potential improvements.

ii. Session Neutral Resource Materials and Orientation

- a) Upon contract award, the contractor shall develop, coordinate and sponsor an orientation training for session neutrals to support the NRC ADR program. All session neutrals must complete this training prior to mediating an NRC OE ADR program case. The training should cover, at a minimum, (1) mediation skills and processes, (2) legal process overview and (3) NRC ADR program-specific topics to be defined upon contract award (e.g. NRC regulatory process and applicable statutes).
- b) The contractor shall coordinate and sponsor an orientation presentation/training annually for session neutrals new to the NRC ADR program. All session neutrals must complete the training prior to mediating an NRC OE ADR program case. The training developed and implemented upon contract award (to satisfy condition C4.A.ii.a above) may be used to fulfill this requirement.
- c) The contractor shall provide the "Mediator Resource Handbook" and other NRC background material (as provided to the contractor by the COR) to session neutrals to ensure neutral's familiarity with the NRC's mission and goals of the Enforcement ADR program.

iii. Toll-Free Telephone Number and Electronic Mail

The contractor shall provide a dedicated toll-free telephone number with voicemail and electronic mail capability for the parties to use in contacting the contractor. The contractor shall continually monitor the toll-free telephone number and electronic mail during regular working hours (Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. EST). The contractor shall check the toll-free telephone number's voicemail at least twice daily (Monday through Friday; at least once in the A.M. and once in the P.M.). If during any period of the holiday season (between December 20 – January 5), the contractor's main contact is not available, the toll-free number's greeting message shall be updated with the forwarding contact information or any other pertinent information to ensure that a response to the caller may be provided in within one (1) business day of receipt.

iv. Intake Neutral Basic/Ongoing Services

- a) In Early ADR and Enforcement ADR, the NRC provides the alleged (in Early ADR) or the entity (in Enforcement ADR) a letter detailing the options for further action. One of the options stated in this letter is for the party to contact the contractor through the toll-free telephone

number or e-mail address (as required in item iii above) to explore ADR services. Upon receiving a telephone call or e-mail, the contractor shall confirm the party's interest in pursuing ADR, or otherwise respond to an alleged's or the entity's initial contact, within one (1) business day of the initial contact to confirm interest or address inquiries.

b) The intake neutral shall initiate contact of the second party (i.e., the employer in Early ADR or the NRC in Enforcement ADR) within one (1) business day of party identification. If not provided to intake neutral by the alleged or COR, the contractor shall be required to conduct an internet search to obtain the contact information of second party in Early ADR. If the second party does not respond to the contractor's initial contact within two (2) business days, the contractor shall initiate additional attempts to contact such party. In Early ADR cases, if the employer requires more than five (5) business days to determine whether to engage in mediation, the intake neutral shall provide a status update to the alleged.

c) Upon request to enter into ADR by a party, the contractor shall contact the COR to confirm that the NRC's ADR program is available.

d) The contractor shall confirm the parties' interest in resolving the allegation of discrimination (for Early ADR) or enforcement cases (for Enforcement ADR) through mediation. The contractor shall send the Agreement to Mediate forms to the parties for execution within one (1) business day of confirming parties interest. The contractor shall send a copy of each executed Agreement to Mediate to the COR within one (1) business day of receipt and obtain written approval from the COR for services (above basic service level) to be performed (refer to Section B for services to be performed requiring written pre-approval).

e) The contractor shall respond to, or resolve, telephone calls and other inquiries, including complaints from parties or their representatives (which are to be forwarded to the COR within one (1) business day of receipt).

f) For inquiries and/or complaints unable to be resolved by the contractor within 3 business days, the contractor shall solicit support and/or guidance from the COR to resolve or respond to the matter.

g) To ensure a timely overall mediation process, the contractor shall follow up with the parties, within one (1) business day after the expiration of any period for an expected action or decision, to inquire about the status of any pending decision or action.

h) The contractor shall maintain a process and system for expeditiously identifying, matching, selecting and managing mediators for cases. The system shall be responsive to the needs of the program in identifying a recommended individual or a slate of potential individuals and assisting the parties in selecting a mediator with adequate skills, knowledge and experience in the process and substantive issues required for Early ADR and Enforcement ADR.

i) The contractor shall support the NRC in providing NRC mediator orientation and training to mediators or NRC staff. Such support may be in the form of:

1. Designing or assisting in designing an orientation or training course for mediators or NRC staff lasting 1 to 5 days, and producing training material for use in such orientation or course;
2. Providing subject matter experts in technical, scientific, economic or other fields related to the substance of the dispute to research, review, analyze or to make presentations to the parties;

3. Preparing and presenting, at the request of the COR, research, analyses, explanations, summaries, fact sheets, white papers, brochures and other similar collections of data or information needed to educate as to the substance of an issue, problem or dispute and options for resolving it;
4. Establishing and/or maintaining communication and information links such as Web pages, list serves, and other methods of communication between the parties and the public;
5. Performing logistical tasks involved in conducting the seminars such as registration and notification of participants, arranging meeting facilities and support, and providing required supplies and equipment for presenting the course;
6. Teaching of all or portions of the training course or orientation as designed and accepted by the NRC;
7. Designing and conducting evaluations,
8. Providing results and recommendations regarding the effectiveness of the training course;
9. Preparing a final report summarizing the training; the evaluations of the participants; and recommendations for changes, additions or deletions in the training agenda or materials or procedures. This report would be submitted first in draft and in final after comments have been received and incorporated.

- j) The contractor shall support the NRC in evaluating the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of the program. Such support may be in the form of:
1. Developing or assisting in developing the criteria by which each topic will be evaluated;
 2. Developing or assisting in developing a survey of the program participants, including the gathering and compilation of the data;
 3. Compiling, analyzing and assessing information gathered from mediator outcome forms.

v. COR Inquiries and Weekly Updates

- a) The contractor shall respond to the COR within one (1) business day of any inquiry.
- b) The contractor shall provide a written update of the status of open/pending cases to the COR on a weekly basis.
- c) The contractor shall provide regular oral and email reports to the COR on the general status of cases.

vi. Invoicing

The contractor shall issue an invoice at least every two (2) months in accordance with the billing instructions in the contract. If there are no costs/prices incurred in any particular 2-month period, the contractor shall notify the COR in writing that there are no charges for that period. Each invoice shall include a breakdown of mediator charges and expenses. (NOTE: Per Diem expenses will only be reimbursed for travel in excess of 35 miles from the mediator's home location or when the travel period is twelve (12) hours or more.) The contractor shall handle all logistical matters relating to the payment of mediator fees and expenses to the mediators arising out of each mediated case.

B) Requirements that Exceed the Basic Level of Service ~ [Task B]

The following requirements shall be performed for each OE ADR program case processed after

the COR has provided written pre-approval.

i. Selection of Session Neutrals ~ [CLIN 0002a and 0003a]

After obtaining an executed Agreement to Mediate from both parties, the contractor shall assist the parties in the selection of a session neutral. Assistance to the parties includes the following:

- a) Within two (2) business days of the parties' agreement to mediate, the contractor shall prepare and transmit to the parties a list of at least three (3) potential session neutrals. In compiling a list of session neutrals, it may be necessary to acquire, in advance, the location and period during which the parties desire to conduct the mediation session; and accordingly offer session neutrals whose schedules will support the parties' schedules.
- b) The contractor shall support the parties in mutually selecting a session neutral within five (5) business days after transmitting the list of potential session neutrals.
- c) The contractor shall repeat the process of proposing three (3) session neutrals if the parties cannot agree on one of the original proposals.
- d) The contractor shall contact the selected session neutral and, if necessary, support the parties in conducting an initial conflict of interest check. If conflict or other issues arise in connection with the selected session neutral, the contractor shall support the parties in resolving the conflict or otherwise assist the parties to select an alternate session neutral.
- e) To ensure a timely overall mediation process, the contractor shall follow up with the parties, after the expiration of the period for each expected action or decision to inquire about the status of any pending decision or action.

ii. Mediation Session Scheduling ~ [CLIN 0002b and 0003b]

After the parties have mutually selected a session neutral, the contractor shall assist the parties to schedule the mediation session. To the extent possible, the expectation should be that the mediation session is held no later than thirty (30) calendar days after both parties have agreed upon a session neutral. Assistance to the parties shall include:

- a) Supporting the parties and session neutral to schedule a mediation date, time and location. The mediation session location will typically be geographically close to either the alleged's location or licensee's facility (in Early ADR cases) or an NRC office (in Enforcement ADR cases). A national roster of neutrals shall be maintained such that extensive travel is minimized to the extent possible.
- b) Transmitting the administrative process forms and related documents to the mediation neutral and the parties prior to the mediation.
- c) Assisting the session neutral and the parties to coordinate logistics for the mediation session.
- d) To ensure a timely overall mediation process, following up with the parties, as necessary, in a timely manner to inquire about the status of any pending decision or action.

e) After selection of the session neutral and the mediation location—before the mediation session—obtain approval from the COR of any fees and travel expenses for the ADR mediation session.

iii. Mediation Process & Documentation~ [CLIN 0002c and 0003c]

During the mediation process, the contractor shall document and keep records related to the mediation process, including the following:

a) The contractor shall monitor and record all case outcomes, including milestone and contact dates.

b) The contractor shall verify that Early ADR settlement agreements are processed in a timely manner with the COR.

c) The contractor shall coordinate all case-related matters, including fees and travel expenses for session neutrals assigned to cases.

d) The contractor shall distribute, collect, and maintain confidential evaluation forms from parties, representatives, and session neutrals for each case administered under the ADR program. The contractor shall submit a copy of each evaluation form completed by each party and by the neutral after the completion of each case to the COR within one (1) week of receipt.

e) The contractor shall provide the COR a copy of each completed case evaluation received within two (2) business days of receipt.

f) The contractor shall maintain case files and documentation throughout the contract period.

g) The contractor shall submit a copy of each proposed settlement agreement to the NRC COR within one (1) business day of receipt if the ADR session is pursuant to the Early ADR portion of the program.

iv: Mediation Session ~ [CLIN 0002d and 0003d]

The session neutral shall conduct the mediation session(s). In preparation of the mediation session, the session neutral is responsible for providing the intake neutral with estimated travel expenses. The session neutral shall conduct pre and post-mediation communication, as appropriate, to ensure maximum potential of a signed settlement agreement, as well as, provide associated post mediation documentation to the intake neutral.

c) Estimated Level of Effort and Fee Accrual Criteria

The contractor shall provide intake and session neutral services for an estimated fifty (50) cases over an approximate twelve-(12) month period, with a minimum estimate of 35 cases expected.

For Early ADR cases, NRC will reimburse the contractor, in accordance with an agreed-upon fee schedule, for its payment of fees and expenses to the session neutral. For Enforcement ADR cases, each party will reimburse the contractor 50% of the session neutral's fees and expenses as set forth herein. The parties are responsible for the cost, if any, of meeting rooms.

The session neutral will be paid a fixed daily fee regardless of the duration of the mediation session for up to two (2) days. Travel time and any pre-mediation teleconference or preparation time will be included in, and not in addition to, the fixed daily fee.

In cases of hardship to an individual in an Enforcement ADR case, the NRC at its discretion may elect to pay up to the total cost of the mediator's fees and travel expenses.

All fees and reimbursements for the account of the NRC, regardless of how characterized, shall be approved in advance and shall be in accordance with an agreed-upon price schedule.

5 List of Services/Deliverables

The contractor shall provide all deliverables in electronic format within the time periods stated in the above requirements section and in hard (paper) copy no later than two (2) business days thereafter, if appropriate.

6 Transition Plan

It is anticipated that a transition period will be required to become fully operational. The transition will consist of the training of contractor personnel (as necessary). In order to provide sufficient time for contractor personnel to complete the training, it is anticipated that the start work date will commence 60 days after the award date.

7 Release of Publications

Any documents generated by the contractor under this contract shall not be released for publication or dissemination without the prior written approval from the Contracting Officer (CO) and the COR.

8 Place of Performance

The work to be performed under this contract will be primarily performed at the contractor's facility and throughout the country, as appropriate, to meet the needs of the ADR mediation process. The contractor shall typically hold mediation sessions in person; however, after prior approval of the COR and based on unique circumstances, mediations may be conducted remotely (i.e. videoconference, teleconference).

9 Key Personnel and Qualification Requirements

The following positions have been designated as key personnel:

Key Personnel

Intake Neutral

Non-Key Personnel

Session Neutral

Each mediation requires the services of an "intake" neutral (who shall be on the contractor's

staff) and a “session” neutral (which will be selected by the mediating parties from the contractor’s roster of mediators). The contractor shall ensure that an intake neutral and appropriate session neutral(s) are available to fulfill the requirements of this contract.

Intake Neutral

The intake neutral provides a variety of services, which include contacting parties to confirm interest in or explore the potential use of ADR; advising and assisting mediating parties in determining whether ADR is appropriate for their case; advising and aiding the mediating parties to select an appropriate session neutral; and generally providing logistical services to facilitate the ADR process and answering any questions that may arise from time to time. The NRC expects that the contract will need the equivalent of one (1) full-time program manager (PM). The PM’s primary responsibilities shall include frequent contact with the CO and COR; selection and oversight of dispute resolution service providers for individual ADR cases; and oversight of tracking, invoicing and quality control evaluative aspects of this contract. The PM shall have sufficient knowledge of ADR in order to identify, select, manage and evaluate session neutral credentials and experience. The PM shall have sufficient knowledge of Federal contracting regulations and practices to manage the contractual relationship efficiently.

Session Neutral

The session neutral conducts the mediation in an effort to facilitate the parties’ resolution of the dispute. Consequently, the same individual cannot serve as an intake neutral and a session neutral. Session neutrals shall be experienced and trained neutrals with extensive experience and training in ADR techniques, in good standing at national ADR professional associations and be familiar with NRC’s employee protection rules, employment laws and environmental whistleblower protection statutes (such as those enforced by the US Department of Labor). Session neutrals shall also be experienced in technical, scientific, economic or other fields related to the substance of the dispute to research, review, analyze or to make presentations to the parties. A national roster of session neutrals shall be maintained such that extensive travel is minimized to the extent possible and that the session neutrals are available upon short notice (1-2 weeks), nationwide.

10 Contractor Travel

Domestic travel for the session neutral may be required on a case-by-case basis. The session neutral’s travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the Government’s travel policies (found on www.gsa.gov) and at rates no higher than the Government travel rates. Travel will be dependent on the location of the mediation site selected by the parties. The contractor will compile a list of three (3) neutrals provided by the selected contractor from which the parties are to choose a session neutral. To minimize travel expenses, the contractor should attempt to select session neutrals who reside within the general geographic region where the mediation session is to be held. However, this should not be deemed a contract requirement because a session neutral from another region may be necessary for a particular case for a myriad of reasons.

In a few circumstances, with prior approval of the COR, a mediation session may be held remotely (e.g. teleconference, videoconference). In such cases, the contractor will earn its fees in the same manner as if the neutral held a mediation session in person.

The mediator shall obtain lodging at rates no higher than the Government’s per diem rates (such rates may be found on <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100120>). If the mediator is

unable to obtain lodging at a rate equal to or less than the Government's per diem, the mediator shall provide the COR, in advance, with adequate documentation that supports the "reasonableness" of the actual incurred lodging rate (supporting documentation may include lodging quotes, listed prices, other documented prevailing lodging rates in the immediate geographical area of the location at which the mediation session will be held).

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

11 Security Requirements

In a very rare situation a session neutral may be required to obtain an NRC security clearance, before the meditation session occurs. Refer to the NRC form 187 and appropriate security related clauses.

12 Applicable Publications (Current Editions)

Allegation Manual

[<https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1700/ML17003A227.pdf>]

Backgrounder on Allegation Process

[<https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/fact-sheets/allegation-process-bg.html>]

Enforcement Manual

[<https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/guidance.html#manual>]

Handling, Marking, and Protecting Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information

[<https://www.google.com/url?client=internal-element-cse&cx=011004570523114117460:ijabpt7i-fu&q=https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML0529/ML052990146.pdf&sa=U&ved=2ahUKEwjSwKqu1oztAhUCEIkFHR39BFEQFjAAegQIBBAB&usg=AOvVaw0yXuf40WNmEwyfF6alicdg>]

NUREG/BR-0240, " Reporting Safety Concerns to the NRC"

[<https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/brochures/br0240/>]
[<https://www.google.com/url?client=internal-element-cse&cx=011004570523114117460:ijabpt7i-fu&q=https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1530/ML15306A425.pdf&sa=U&ved=2ahUKEwiAsdP-1YztAhUmEVkFHdpjBWEQFjAAegQIAxAB&usg=AOvVaw0Y-zweEX8jK6XPtT2qziMK>]

Personally Identifiable Information and Privacy Act Responsibilities

[<https://www.google.com/url?client=internal-element-cse&cx=011004570523114117460:ijabpt7i-fu&q=https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1530/ML15306A425.pdf&sa=U&ved=2ahUKEwiAsdP-1YztAhUmEVkFHdpjBWEQFjAAegQIAxAB&usg=AOvVaw0Y-zweEX8jK6XPtT2qziMK>]

Management Directives (MD) Link: <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/management-directives/index.html>

MD 8.8, "Management of Allegations";
MD 12.6, "NRC Sensitive Unclassified Information Security Program";
MD 3.4, "Release of Information to the Public";
MD 3.1, "Freedom of Information Act";

C - Contract Clauses

NRC Local Clauses Incorporated by Full Text

C.1 PACKAGING AND MARKING

(a) The Contractor shall package material for shipment to the NRC in such a manner that will ensure acceptance by common carrier and safe delivery at destination. Containers and closures shall comply with the Surface Transportation Board, Uniform Freight Classification Rules, or regulations of other carriers as applicable to the mode of transportation.

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

(c) Additional packaging and/or marking requirements are as follows: None.

C.2 BRANDING

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

Work Supported by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Enforcement, under Contract/order number 31310021C0006.

C.3 INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE BY THE NRC (SEP 2013)

Inspection and acceptance of the deliverable items to be furnished hereunder shall be made by the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) at the destination, accordance with FAR 52.247-34 - F.o.b. Destination.

Contract Deliverables:

Refer to the deliverable section in the statement of work.

C.4 PLACE OF DELIVERY-REPORTS

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

Electronic copies to:

a. Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b. Jeffrey.Mitchell@nrc.gov, Contracting Officer (CO)

C.5 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE ALTERNATE

This contract shall commence on May 16, 2021 and will expire on April 30, 2023. The term of this contract may be extended at the option of the Government for an additional three (3) 1-Year Optional Periods.

Base Period: May 16, 2021 through April 30, 2023

Option Period 1: May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024

Option Period 2: May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025

Option Period 3: May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

C.6 REGISTRATION IN FEDCONNECT® (JULY 2014)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) uses Unison Software Systems' secure and auditable two-way web portal, FedConnect®, to communicate with vendors and contractors. FedConnect® provides bi-directional communication between the vendor/contractor and the NRC throughout pre-award, award, and post-award acquisition phases. Therefore, in order to do business with the NRC, vendors and contractors must register to use FedConnect® at <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect>. The individual registering in FedConnect® must have authority to bind the vendor/contractor. There is no charge for using FedConnect®. Assistance with FedConnect® is provided by Unison Software Systems, not the NRC. FedConnect® contact and assistance information is provided on the FedConnect® web site at <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect>.

C.7 ELECTRONIC PAYMENT (DEC 2017)

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

To receive payment, the contractor shall prepare invoices in accordance with NRC's Billing Instructions. Claims shall be submitted through the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) (<https://www.ipp.gov/>). Back up documentation shall be included as required by the NRC's Billing Instructions.

C.8 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LEVEL I OR LEVEL II ACCESS APPROVAL (JUL 2016)

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

granting, denying, withholding, or terminating IT access approvals for contractor personnel performing work under this contract/order.

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

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

The contractor shall make a written record of its pre-screening interview or review (including any information to mitigate the responses to items listed in (a) - (e)), and have the employee verify the pre-screening record or review, sign and date it. The contractor shall supply two (2) copies of the signed contractor's pre-screening record or review to the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), who will then provide them to the NRC Office of Administration, Division of Facilities and Security, Personnel Security Branch with the employee's completed IT access application package.

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

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR IT LEVEL I

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

Contractor personnel shall not have access to sensitive information technology systems or data until they are approved by DFS/PSB and they have been so informed in writing by the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Temporary IT access may be approved by DFS/PSB based on a favorable review or adjudication of their security forms and checks. Final IT access may be approved by DFS/PSB based on a favorably review or adjudication of a completed background investigation. However, temporary access authorization approval will be revoked and the employee may subsequently be denied IT access in the event the employee's

investigation cannot be favorably adjudicated. Such an employee will not be authorized to work under any NRC contract/order requiring IT access without the approval of DFS/PSB, as communicated in writing to the contractor by the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Where temporary access authorization has been revoked or denied by DFS/PSB, the contractor shall assign another contractor employee to perform the necessary work under this contract/order without delay to the contract/order performance schedule, or without adverse impact to any other terms or conditions of the contract/order. When an individual receives final IT access approval from DFS/PSB, the individual will be subject to a reinvestigation every ten (10) years thereafter (assuming continuous performance under contracts/orders at NRC) or more frequently in the event of noncontinuous performance under contracts/orders at NRC.

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

In accordance with NRCAR 2052.204-70 "Security," IT Level I contractors shall be subject to the attached NRC Form 187 and SF-86. Together, these furnish the basis for providing security requirements to contractors that have or may have an NRC contractual relationship which requires access to or operation of agency sensitive information technology systems, remote development and/or analysis of sensitive information technology systems or data, or other access to such systems and data; access on a continuing basis (in excess more than 30 calendar days) to NRC buildings; or otherwise requires issuance of an unescorted NRC badge.

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR IT LEVEL II

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

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

Contractor personnel shall not have access to sensitive information technology systems or data until they are approved by DFS/PSB and they have been so informed in writing by the NRC

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

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

In accordance with NRCAR 2052.204-70 "Security," IT Level II contractors shall be subject to the attached NRC Form 187, SF-86, and contractor's record of the pre-screening. Together, these furnish the basis for providing security requirements to contractors that have or may have an NRC contractual relationship which requires access to or operation of agency sensitive information technology systems, remote development and/or analysis of sensitive information technology systems or data, or other access to such systems or data; access on a continuing basis (in excess of more than 30 calendar days) to NRC buildings; or otherwise requires issuance of an unescorted NRC badge.

CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION OF IT ACCESS/REQUEST

When a request for IT access is to be withdrawn or canceled, the contractor shall immediately notify the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) by telephone so that the access review may be promptly discontinued. The notification shall contain the full name of the contractor employee and the date of the request. Telephone notifications must be promptly confirmed by the contractor in writing to the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR),

who will forward the confirmation to DFS/PSB. Additionally, the contractor shall immediately notify the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) in writing, who will in turn notify DFS/PSB, when a contractor employee no longer requires access to NRC sensitive automated information technology systems or data, including the voluntary or involuntary separation of employment of a contractor employee who has been approved for or is being processed for IT access.

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

C.9 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY

(a) The NRC will provide the contractor with the following items for use under this contract:

1. Mediator Resource Handbook
2. Early ADR Agreement to Mediate
3. Enforcement ADR Agreement to Mediate

Include an asterisk (*) if the item also applies to paragraph (b) below.

(b) The equipment/property listed below is hereby transferred from contract/agreement number:N/A, to contract/agreement number:N/A:

1.
2.
3.

(c) Only the equipment/property listed above in the quantities shown will be provided by the Government. The contractor shall be responsible and accountable for all Government property provided under this contract and shall comply with the provisions of the FAR Government Property Clause under this contract and FAR Subpart 45.5, as in effect on the date of this contract. The contractor shall investigate and provide written notification to the NRC Contracting Officer (CO) and the NRC Division of Facilities and Security, Physical Security Branch of all cases of loss, damage, or destruction of Government property in its possession or control not later than 24 hours after discovery. The contractor must report stolen Government property to the local police and a copy of the police report must be provided to the CO and to the Division of Facilities and Security, Office of Administration.

(d) All other equipment/property required in performance of the contract shall be furnished by the Contractor.

C.10 ANNUAL AND FINAL CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

Annual and final evaluations of contractor performance under this contract will be prepared in accordance with FAR Subpart 42.15, "Contractor Performance Information," normally at or near the time the contractor is notified of the NRC's intent to exercise the contract option. If the multi-year contract does not have option years, then an annual evaluation will be prepared annually.

Final evaluations of contractor performance will be prepared at the expiration of the contract during the contract closeout process.

The Contracting Officer will transmit the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative's (COR) annual and final contractor performance evaluations to the contractor's Project Manager, unless otherwise instructed by the contractor. The contractor will be permitted thirty days to review the document and submit comments, rebutting statements, or additional information.

Where a contractor concurs with, or takes no exception to an annual performance evaluation, the Contracting Officer will consider such evaluation final and releasable for source selection purposes. Disagreements between the parties regarding a performance evaluation will be referred to an individual one level above the Contracting Officer, whose decision will be final.

The Contracting Officer will send a copy of the completed evaluation report, marked "Source Selection Information", to the contractor's Project Manager for their records as soon as practicable after it has been finalized. The completed evaluation report also will be used as a tool to improve communications between the NRC and the contractor and to improve contract performance.

The completed annual performance evaluation will be used to support future award decisions in accordance with FAR 42.1502 and 42.1503. During the period the information is being used to provide source selection information, the completed annual performance evaluation will be released to only two parties - the Federal government personnel performing the source selection evaluation and the contractor under evaluation if the contractor does not have a copy of the report already.

C.11 RULES OF BEHAVIOR FOR AUTHORIZED COMPUTER USE

In accordance with Appendix III, "Security of Federal Automated Information Resources," to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-130, "Management of Federal Information Resources," NRC has established rules of behavior for individual users who access all IT computing resources maintained and operated by the NRC or on behalf of the NRC. In response to the direction from OMB, NRC has issued the "Agency-wide Rules of Behavior for Authorized Computer Use" policy, hereafter referred to as the rules of behavior. The rules of behavior for authorized computer use will be provided to NRC computer users, including contractor personnel, as part of the annual computer security awareness course.

The rules of behavior apply to all NRC employees, contractors, vendors, and agents (users) who have access to any system operated by the NRC or by a contractor or outside entity on behalf of the NRC. This policy does not apply to licensees. The next revision of Management Directive 12.5, "NRC Automated Information Security Program," will include this policy. The rules of behavior can be viewed at <https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1724/ML17244A084.pdf>

or use NRC's external Web-based ADAMS at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

The rules of behavior are effective immediately upon acknowledgement of them by the person who is informed of the requirements contained in those rules of behavior. All current contractor users are required to review and acknowledge the rules of behavior as part of the annual computer security awareness course completion. All new NRC contractor personnel will be required to acknowledge the rules of behavior within one week of commencing work under this

contract and then acknowledge as current users thereafter. The acknowledgement statement can be viewed at <https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1724/ML17244A086.pdf>

or use NRC's external Web-based ADAMS at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

The NRC Computer Security Office will review and update the rules of behavior annually beginning in FY 2011 by December 31st of each year. Contractors shall ensure that their personnel to which this requirement applies acknowledge the rules of behavior before beginning contract performance and, if the period of performance for the contract lasts more than one year, annually thereafter. Training on the meaning and purpose of the rules of behavior can be provided for contractors upon written request to the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

The contractor shall flow down this clause into all subcontracts and other agreements that relate to performance of this contract/order if such subcontracts/agreements will authorize access to NRC electronic and information technology (EIT) as that term is defined in FAR 2.101.

C.12 COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS

NRC contractors are responsible to ensure that their alien personnel are not in violation of United States immigration laws and regulations, including employment authorization documents and visa requirements. Each alien employee of the Contractor must be lawfully admitted for permanent residence as evidenced by Permanent Resident Form I-551 (Green Card), or must present other evidence from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that employment will not affect his/her immigration status. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services provides information to contractors to help them understand the employment eligibility verification process for non-US citizens. This information can be found on their website, <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>.

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

C.13 CONTRACTOR CONDUCT (APRIL 2020)

The contractor will ensure that all contractor staff receive anti-harassment training before being granted facility access. The Government reserves the right to deny or restrict facility access for any Contractor employee who engages in any conduct that the agency believes adversely affects the work place. The imposition of a restriction or prohibition shall not excuse the Contractor from performance of obligations under the contract.

C.14 NRC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECURITY TRAINING (MAY 2016)

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

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

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

- (1) Information Security (INFOSEC) Awareness
- (2) Continuity of Operations (COOP) Awareness
- (3) Defensive Counterintelligence and Insider Threat Awareness
- (4) No FEAR Act
- (5) Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and Privacy Act Responsibilities Awareness

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

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

- (1) the name of the individual completing the course;
- (2) the course title; and
- (3) the course completion date.

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

- (1) the name of the individual who has not yet completed the training;
- (2) the title of the course(s) which must still be completed; and
- (3) the anticipated course completion date(s).

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

C.15 WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION FOR NRC CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES

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

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

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

C.16 DRUG FREE WORKPLACE TESTING: UNESCORTED ACCESS TO NUCLEAR FACILITIES, ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OR SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION, OR PERFORMING IN SPECIALLY SENSITIVE POSITIONS (MARCH 2019)

The following Contractor employees, subcontractor personnel, and consultants proposed for performance or performing under this contract shall be subject to pre-assignment, random, reasonable suspicion, and post-accident drug testing: (1) individuals who have access to classified information (National Security Information and/or Restricted Data); (2) individuals who have access to Safeguards information (section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended); (3) individuals who are authorized to carry firearms while performing work under this contract; (4) individuals who are required to operate government vehicles or transport passengers for the NRC; (5) individuals who are required to operate hazardous equipment at NRC facilities; (6) individuals who administer the agency's drug program or who have Employee Assistance Program duties; (7) individuals who have unescorted access to vital or protected areas of Nuclear Power Plants, Category 1 Fuel Cycle Facilities, or Uranium Enrichment Facilities; or (8) incident/emergency response personnel (including on-call).

C.17 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION (PII)

In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget's guidance to Federal agencies and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementing policy and procedures, a contractor (including subcontractors and contractor employees), who performs work on behalf of the NRC, is responsible for protecting, from unauthorized access or disclosure, personally identifiable information (PII) that may be provided, developed, maintained, collected, used, or disseminated, whether in paper, electronic, or other format, during performance of this contract.

A contractor who has access to NRC owned or controlled PII, whether provided to the contractor by the NRC or developed, maintained, collected, used, or disseminated by the

contractor during the course of contract performance, must comply with the following requirements:

(1) General. In addition to implementing the specific requirements set forth in this clause, the contractor must adhere to all other applicable NRC guidance, policy and requirements for the handling and protection of NRC owned or controlled PII. The contractor is responsible for making sure that it has an adequate understanding of such guidance, policy and requirements.

(2) Use, Ownership, and Nondisclosure. A contractor may use NRC owned or controlled PII solely for purposes of this contract, and may not collect or use such PII for any purpose outside the contract without the prior written approval of the NRC Contracting Officer. The contractor must restrict access to such information to only those contractor employees who need the information to perform work under this contract, and must ensure that each such contractor employee (including subcontractors' employees) signs a nondisclosure agreement, in a form suitable to the NRC Contracting Officer, prior to being granted access to the information. The NRC retains sole ownership and rights to its PII. Unless the contract states otherwise, upon completion of the contract, the contractor must turn over all PII in its possession to the NRC, and must certify in writing that it has not retained any NRC owned or controlled PII except as otherwise authorized in writing by the NRC Contracting Officer.

(3) Security Plan. When applicable, and unless waived in writing by the NRC Contracting Officer, the contractor must work with the NRC to develop and implement a security plan setting forth adequate procedures for the protection of NRC owned or controlled PII as well as the procedures which the contractor must follow for notifying the NRC in the event of any security breach. The plan will be incorporated into the contract and must be implemented and followed by the contractor once it has been approved by the NRC Contracting Officer. If the contract does not include a security plan at the time of contract award, a plan must be submitted for the approval of the NRC Contracting Officer within 30 days after contract award.

(4) Breach Notification. The contractor must immediately notify the NRC Contracting Officer and the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) upon discovery of any suspected or confirmed breach in the security of NRC owned or controlled PII.

(5) Legal Demands for Information. If a legal demand is made for NRC owned or controlled PII (such as by subpoena), the contractor must immediately notify the NRC Contracting Officer and the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). After notification, the NRC will determine whether and to what extent to comply with the legal demand. The Contracting Officer will then notify the contractor in writing of the determination and such notice will indicate the extent of disclosure authorized, if any. The contractor may only release the information specifically demanded with the written permission of the NRC Contracting Officer.

(6) Audits. The NRC may audit the contractor's compliance with the requirements of this clause, including through the use of online compliance software.

(7) Flow-down. The prime contractor will flow this clause down to subcontractors that would be covered by any portion of this clause, as if they were the prime contractor.

(8) Remedies:

(a) The contractor is responsible for implementing and maintaining adequate security controls to prevent the loss of control or unauthorized disclosure of NRC owned or controlled PII in its

possession. Furthermore, the contractor is responsible for reporting any known or suspected loss of control or unauthorized access to PII to the NRC in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article 4 above.

(b) Should the contractor fail to meet its responsibilities under this clause, the NRC reserves the right to take appropriate steps to mitigate the contractor's violation of this clause. This may include, at the sole discretion of the NRC, termination of the subject contract.

(9) Indemnification. Notwithstanding any other remedies available to the NRC, the contractor will indemnify the NRC against all liability (including costs and fees) for any damages arising out of violations of this clause.

C.18 GREEN PURCHASING (SEP 2015)

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

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

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

C.19 USE OF AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH) ELECTRONIC PAYMENT/REMITTANCE ADDRESS

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

C.20 KEY PERSONNEL. (JAN 1993)

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

C.21 2052.204-70 SECURITY. (OCT 1999)

(a) Security/Classification Requirements Form. The attached NRC Form 187 (See List of Attachments) furnishes the basis for providing security and classification requirements to prime contractors, subcontractors, or others (e.g., bidders) who have or may have an NRC contractual relationship that requires access to classified information or matter, access on a continuing basis (in excess of 90 or more days) to NRC Headquarters controlled buildings, or otherwise requires NRC photo identification or card-key badges.

(b) It is the contractor's duty to safeguard National Security Information, Restricted Data, and Formerly Restricted Data. The contractor shall, in accordance with the Commission's security regulations and requirements, be responsible for safeguarding National Security Information, Restricted Data, and Formerly Restricted Data, and for protecting against sabotage, espionage, loss, and theft, the classified documents and material in the contractor's possession in connection with the performance of work under this contract. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this contract, the contractor shall transmit to the Commission any classified matter in the possession of the contractor or any person under the contractor's control in connection with performance of this contract upon completion or termination of this contract.

(1) The contractor shall complete a certificate of possession to be furnished to the Commission specifying the classified matter to be retained if the retention is:

(i) Required after the completion or termination of the contract; and

(ii) Approved by the contracting officer.

(2) The certification must identify the items and types or categories of matter retained, the conditions governing the retention of the matter and their period of retention, if known. If the retention is approved by the contracting officer, the security provisions of the contract continue to be applicable to the matter retained.

(c) In connection with the performance of the work under this contract, the contractor may be furnished, or may develop or acquire, proprietary data (trade secrets) or confidential or privileged technical, business, or financial information, including Commission plans, policies, reports, financial plans, internal data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-579), or other information which has not been released to the public or has been determined by the Commission to be otherwise exempt from disclosure to the public. The contractor agrees to hold the information in confidence and not to directly or indirectly duplicate, disseminate, or disclose the information, in whole or in part, to any other person or organization except as necessary to perform the work under this contract. The contractor agrees to return the information to the Commission or otherwise dispose of it at the direction of the contracting officer. Failure to comply with this clause is grounds for termination of this contract.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(k) In performing contract work, the contractor shall classify all documents, material, and equipment originated or generated by the contractor in accordance with guidance issued by the Commission. Every subcontract and purchase order issued under the contract that involves originating or generating classified documents, material, and equipment must provide that the subcontractor or supplier assign the proper classification to all documents, material, and equipment in accordance with guidance furnished by the contractor.

(End of Clause)

C.22 2052.204-71 SITE ACCESS BADGE REQUIREMENTS. (JAN 1993)

During the life of this contract, the rights of ingress and egress for contractor personnel must be made available as required. In this regard, all contractor personnel whose duties under this contract require their presence on-site shall be clearly identifiable by a distinctive badge furnished by the Government. The Project Officer shall assist the contractor in obtaining the badges for contractor personnel. It is the sole responsibility of the contractor to ensure that each employee has proper identification at all times. All prescribed identification must be immediately delivered to the Security Office for cancellation or disposition upon the termination of employment of any contractor personnel. Contractor personnel shall have this identification in their possession during on-site performance under this contract. It is the contractor's duty to assure that contractor personnel enter only those work areas necessary for performance of contract work and to assure the safeguarding of any Government records or data that contractor personnel may come into contact with.

(End of Clause)

C.23 2052.209-72 CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. (JAN 1993)

(a) Purpose. The primary purpose of this clause is to aid in ensuring that the contractor:

(1) Is not placed in a conflicting role because of current or planned interests (financial, contractual, organizational, or otherwise) which relate to the work under this contract; and

(2) Does not obtain an unfair competitive advantage over other parties by virtue of its performance of this contract.

(b) Scope. The restrictions described apply to performance or participation by the contractor, as defined in 48 CFR 2009.570-2 in the activities covered by this clause.

(c) Work for others.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, during the term of this contract, the contractor agrees to forego entering into consulting or other contractual arrangements with any firm or organization the result of which may give rise to a conflict of interest with respect to the work being performed under this contract. The contractor shall ensure that all employees under this contract abide by the provision of this clause. If the contractor has reason to believe, with respect to itself or any employee, that any proposed consultant or other contractual arrangement with any firm or organization may involve a potential conflict of interest, the contractor shall obtain the written approval of the contracting officer before the execution of such contractual arrangement.

(2) The contractor may not represent, assist, or otherwise support an NRC licensee or applicant undergoing an NRC audit, inspection, or review where the activities that are the subject of the audit, inspection, or review are the same as or substantially similar to the services within the scope of this contract (or task order as appropriate) except where the NRC licensee or applicant requires the contractor's support to explain or defend the contractor's prior work for the utility or other entity which NRC questions.

(3) When the contractor performs work for the NRC under this contract at any NRC licensee or applicant site, the contractor shall neither solicit nor perform work in the same or similar technical area for that licensee or applicant organization for a period commencing with the award of the task order or beginning of work on the site (if not a task order contract) and ending one year after completion of all work under the associated task order, or last time at the site (if not a task order contract).

(4) When the contractor performs work for the NRC under this contract at any NRC licensee or applicant site,

(i) The contractor may not solicit work at that site for that licensee or applicant during the period of performance of the task order or the contract, as appropriate.

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

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

(d) Disclosure after award.

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

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

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

(e) Access to and use of information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

C.24 2052.215-71 CONTRACTING OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORITY. (OCT 1999) - ALTERNATE I (OCT 1999)

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

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(b) The COR shall:

- (1) Place delivery orders for items required under this contract up to the amount obligated on the contract award document.
- (2) Monitor contractor performance and recommend changes in requirements to the contracting officer.
- (3) Inspect and accept products/services provided under the contract.
- (4) Review all contractor invoices/vouchers requesting payment for products/services provided under the contract and make recommendations for approval, disapproval, or suspension.

(c) The COR may not make changes to the express terms and conditions of this contract.

*To be incorporated into any resultant contract.

(End of Clause)

C.25 2052.215-73 AWARD NOTIFICATION AND COMMITMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS (OCT 1999)

(a) All offerors will be notified of their exclusion from the competitive range in accordance with FAR 15.503(a)(1). Under the requirements of FAR 15.503(a)(2), preliminary notification will be provided before award for small business set-aside procurements on negotiated procurements. The contracting officer shall provide written postaward notice to each unsuccessful offeror in accordance with FAR 15.503(b).

(b) The contracting officer is the only individual who can legally commit the NRC to the expenditure of public funds in connection with this procurement. This means that, unless provided in a contract document or specifically authorized by the contracting officer, NRC technical personnel may not issue contract modifications, give informal contractual commitments, or otherwise bind, commit, or obligate the NRC contractually. Informal contractual commitments include:

- (1) Encouraging a potential contractor to incur costs before receiving a contract;
- (2) Requesting or requiring a contractor to make changes under a contract without formal contract modifications;
- (3) Encouraging a contractor to incur costs under a cost-reimbursable contract in excess of those costs contractually allowable; and
- (4) Committing the Government to a course of action with regard to a potential contract, contract change, claim, or dispute.

(End of Clause)

**C.26 2052.215-78 TRAVEL APPROVALS AND REIMBURSEMENT (OCT 1999) -
ALTERNATE I (OCT 1999)**

(a) Total expenditure for travel may not exceed \$ [REDACTED] without the prior approval of the contracting officer.

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

(c) The contractor will be reimbursed only for travel costs incurred that are directly related to this contract and are allowable subject to the limitations prescribed in FAR 31.205-46.

(d) It is the responsibility of the contractor to notify the contracting officer in accordance with the FAR Limitations of Cost clause of this contract when, at any time, the contractor learns that travel expenses will cause the contractor to exceed the travel ceiling amount identified in paragraph (a) of this clause.

(e) Reasonable travel costs for research and related activities performed at State and nonprofit institutions, in accordance with Section 12 of Pub. L. 100-679, must be charged in accordance with the contractor's institutional policy to the degree that the limitations of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance are not exceeded. Applicable guidance documents include OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State and Local Governments; OMB Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations; and OMB Circular A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions.

*To be incorporated into any resultant contract

(End of Clause)

C.27 52.202-1 DEFINITIONS. (JUN 2020)

When a solicitation provision or contract clause uses a word or term that is defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), the word or term has the same meaning as the definition in FAR 2.101 in effect at the time the solicitation was issued, unless-

- (a) The solicitation, or amended solicitation, provides a different definition;
- (b) The contracting parties agree to a different definition;
- (c) The part, subpart, or section of the FAR where the provision or clause is prescribed provides a different meaning;
- (d) The word or term is defined in FAR part 31, for use in the cost principles and procedures; or
- (e) The word or term defines an acquisition-related threshold, and if the threshold is adjusted for inflation as set forth in FAR 1.109(a), then the changed threshold applies throughout the remaining term of the contract, unless there is a subsequent threshold adjustment; see FAR 1.109(d).

(End of clause)

C.28 52.203-3 GRATUITIES. (APR 1984)

(a) The right of the Contractor to proceed may be terminated by written notice if, after notice and hearing, the agency head or a designee determines that the Contractor, its agent, or another representative-

- (1) Offered or gave a gratuity (*e.g.*, an entertainment or gift) to an officer, official, or employee of the Government; and
- (2) Intended, by the gratuity, to obtain a contract or favorable treatment under a contract.

(b) The facts supporting this determination may be reviewed by any court having lawful jurisdiction.

(c) If this contract is terminated under paragraph (a) above, the Government is entitled-

- (1) To pursue the same remedies as in a breach of the contract; and
- (2) In addition to any other damages provided by law, to exemplary damages of not less than 3 nor more than 10 times the cost incurred by the Contractor in giving gratuities to the person concerned, as determined by the agency head or a designee. (This subparagraph (c)(2) is applicable only if this contract uses money appropriated to the Department of Defense.)

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

(End of clause)

**C.29 52.203-6 RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR SALES TO THE GOVERNMENT.
(JUN 2020) - ALTERNATE I (OCT 1995)**

(a) Except as provided in (b) below, the Contractor shall not enter into any agreement with an actual or prospective subcontractor, nor otherwise act in any manner, which has or may have the effect of restricting sales by such subcontractors directly to the Government of any item or process (including computer software) made or furnished by the subcontractor under this contract or under any follow-on production contract.

(b) The prohibition in paragraph (a) of this clause does not preclude the Contractor from asserting rights that are otherwise authorized by law or regulation. For acquisitions of commercial items, the prohibition in paragraph (a) applies only to the extent that any agreement restricting sales by subcontractors results in the Federal Government being treated differently from any other prospective purchaser for the sale of the commercial item(s).

(c) The Contractor agrees to incorporate the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts under this contract which exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation 2.101 on the date of subcontract award.

(End of clause)

**C.30 52.203-12 LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL
TRANSACTIONS. (JUN 2020)**

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

Agency means executive agency as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101.

Covered Federal action means any of the following actions:

- (1) Awarding any Federal contract.
- (2) Making any Federal grant.
- (3) Making any Federal loan.
- (4) Entering into any cooperative agreement.
- (5) Extending, continuing, renewing, amending, or modifying any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

Indian tribe and *tribal organization* have the meaning provided in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b) and include Alaskan Natives.

Influencing or attempting to influence means making, with the intent to influence, any communication to or appearance before an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any covered Federal action.

Local government means a unit of government in a State and, if chartered, established, or otherwise recognized by a State for the performance of a governmental duty, including a local public authority, a special district, an intrastate district, a council of governments, a sponsor group representative organization, and any other instrumentality of a local government.

Officer or employee of an agency includes the following individuals who are employed by an agency:

(1) An individual who is appointed to a position in the Government under Title 5, United States Code, including a position under a temporary appointment.

(2) A member of the uniformed services, as defined in subsection 101(3), Title 37, United States Code.

(3) A special Government employee, as defined in section 202, Title 18, United States Code.

(4) An individual who is a member of a Federal advisory committee, as defined by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Title 5, United States Code, appendix 2.

Person means an individual, corporation, company, association, authority, firm, partnership, society, State, and local government, regardless of whether such entity is operated for profit, or not for profit. This term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or any other Indian organization eligible to receive Federal contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or loans from an agency, but only with respect to expenditures by such tribe or organization that are made for purposes specified in paragraph (b) of this clause and are permitted by other Federal law.

Reasonable compensation means, with respect to a regularly employed officer or employee of any person, compensation that is consistent with the normal compensation for such officer or employee for work that is not furnished to, not funded by, or not furnished in cooperation with the Federal Government.

Reasonable payment means, with respect to professional and other technical services, a payment in an amount that is consistent with the amount normally paid for such services in the private sector.

Recipient includes the Contractor and all subcontractors. This term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or any other Indian organization eligible to receive Federal contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or loans from an agency, but only with respect to expenditures by such tribe or organization that are made for purposes specified in paragraph (b) of this clause and are permitted by other Federal law.

Regularly employed means, with respect to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a Federal contract, an officer or employee who is employed by

such person for at least 130 working days within 1 year immediately preceding the date of the submission that initiates agency consideration of such person for receipt of such contract. An officer or employee who is employed by such person for less than 130 working days within 1 year immediately preceding the date of the submission that initiates agency consideration of such person shall be considered to be regularly employed as soon as he or she is employed by such person for 130 working days.

State means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, or an outlying area of the United States, an agency or instrumentality of a State, and multi-State, regional, or interstate entity having governmental duties and powers.

(b) *Prohibition.* 31 U.S.C. 1352 prohibits a recipient of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement from using appropriated funds to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any covered Federal actions. In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 1352, the Contractor shall not use appropriated funds to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the award of this contractor the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of this contract.

(1) The term *appropriated funds* does not include profit or fee from a covered Federal action.

(2) To the extent the Contractor can demonstrate that the Contractor has sufficient monies, other than Federal appropriated funds, the Government will assume that these other monies were spent for any influencing activities that would be unallowable if paid for with Federal appropriated funds.

(c) *Exceptions.* The prohibition in paragraph (b) of this clause does not apply under the following conditions:

(1) *Agency and legislative liaison by Contractor employees.* (i) Payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of the Contractor if the payment is for agency and legislative liaison activities not directly related to this contract. For purposes of this paragraph, providing any information specifically requested by an agency or Congress is permitted at any time.

(ii) Participating with an agency in discussions that are not related to a specific solicitation for any covered Federal action, but that concern-

(A) The qualities and characteristics (including individual demonstrations) of the person's products or services, conditions or terms of sale, and service capabilities; or

(B) The application or adaptation of the person's products or services for an agency's use.

(iii) Providing prior to formal solicitation of any covered Federal action any information not specifically requested but necessary for an agency to make an informed decision about initiation of a covered Federal action;

(iv) Participating in technical discussions regarding the preparation of an unsolicited proposal prior to its official submission; and

(v) Making capability presentations prior to formal solicitation of any covered Federal action by persons seeking awards from an agency pursuant to the provisions of the Small Business Act, as amended by Pub.L. 95-507, and subsequent amendments.

(2) *Professional and technical services.* (i) A payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action, if payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action.

(ii) Any reasonable payment to a person, other than an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action if the payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action. Persons other than officers or employees of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action include consultants and trade associations.

(iii) As used in paragraph (c)(2) of this clause, "professional and technical services" are limited to advice and analysis directly applying any professional or technical discipline (for examples, see FAR 3.803(a)(2)(iii)).

(iv) Requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving a covered Federal award include those required by law or regulation and any other requirements in the actual award documents.

(3) Only those communications and services expressly authorized by paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this clause are permitted.

(d) *Disclosure.* (1) If the Contractor did not submit OMB Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, with its offer, but registrants under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 have subsequently made a lobbying contact on behalf of the Contractor with respect to this contract, the Contractor shall complete and submit OMB Standard Form LLL to provide the name of the lobbying registrants, including the individuals performing the services.

(2) If the Contractor did submit OMB Standard Form LLL disclosure pursuant to paragraph (d) of the provision at FAR 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions, and a change occurs that affects Block 10 of the OMB Standard Form LLL (name and address of lobbying registrant or individuals performing services), the Contractor shall, at the end of the calendar quarter in which the change occurs, submit to the Contracting Officer within 30 days an updated disclosure using OMB Standard Form LLL.

(e) *Penalties.* (1) Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under paragraph (b) of this clause or who fails to file or amend the disclosure to be filed or amended by paragraph (d) of this clause shall be subject to civil penalties as provided for by 31 U.S.C.1352. An imposition of a civil penalty does not prevent the Government from seeking any other remedy that may be applicable.

(2) Contractors may rely without liability on the representation made by their subcontractors in the certification and disclosure form.

(f) *Cost allowability.* Nothing in this clause makes allowable or reasonable any costs which would otherwise be unallowable or unreasonable. Conversely, costs made specifically unallowable by the requirements in this clause will not be made allowable under any other provision.

(g) *Subcontracts.* (1) The Contractor shall obtain a declaration, including the certification and disclosure in paragraphs (c) and (d) of the provision at FAR 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions, from each person requesting or receiving a subcontract under this contract that exceeds the threshold specified in FAR 3.808 on the date of subcontract award. The Contractor or subcontractor that awards the subcontract shall retain the declaration.

(2) A copy of each subcontractor disclosure form (but not certifications) shall be forwarded from tier to tier until received by the prime Contractor. The prime Contractor shall, at the end of the calendar quarter in which the disclosure form is submitted by the subcontractor, submit to the Contracting Officer within 30 days a copy of all disclosures. Each subcontractor certification shall be retained in the subcontract file of the awarding Contractor.

(3) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (g), in any subcontract that exceeds the threshold specified in FAR 3.808 on the date of subcontract award.

(End of clause)

C.31 52.203-17 CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS. (JUN 2020)

(a) This contract and employees working on this contract will be subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies in the pilot program on Contractor employee whistleblower protections established at 41 U.S.C. 4712 by section 828 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239) and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 3.908.

(b) The Contractor shall inform its employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712, as described in FAR 3.908.

(c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts over the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of subcontract award.

(End of clause)

C.32 52.204-4 PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON POSTCONSUMER FIBER CONTENT PAPER. (MAY 2011)

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

Postconsumer fiber means-(1) Paper, paperboard, and fibrous materials from retail stores, office buildings, homes, and so forth, after they have passed through their end-usage as a consumer item, including: used corrugated boxes; old newspapers; old magazines; mixed waste paper; tabulating cards; and used cordage; or

(2) All paper, paperboard, and fibrous materials that enter and are collected from municipal solid waste; but not

(3) Fiber derived from printers' over-runs, converters' scrap, and over-issue publications.

(b) The Contractor is required to submit paper documents, such as offers, letters, or reports that are printed or copied double-sided on paper containing at least 30 percent postconsumer fiber, whenever practicable, when not using electronic commerce methods to submit information or data to the Government.

(End of clause)

C.33 52.204-13 SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE. (OCT 2018)

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

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator means a four-character suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity to establish additional System for Award Management (SAM) records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see subpart 32.11) for the same entity.

Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) means that-

(1) The Contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the unique entity identifier and the EFT indicator (if applicable), the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code, as well as data required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (see subpart 4.14), into SAM;

(2) The Contractor has completed the Core, Assertions, Representations and Certifications, and Points of Contact sections of the registration in SAM;

(3) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Contractor will be required to provide consent for TIN validation to the Government as a part of the SAM registration process; and

(4) The Government has marked the record "Active".

System for Award Management (SAM) means the primary Government repository for prospective Federal awardee and Federal awardee information and the centralized Government system for certain contracting, grants, and other assistance-related processes. It includes-

(1) Data collected from prospective Federal awardees required for the conduct of business with the Government;

(2) Prospective contractor-submitted annual representations and certifications in accordance with FAR subpart 4.12; and

(3) Identification of those parties excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain types of Federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits.

Unique entity identifier means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See www.sam.gov for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers.

(b) If the solicitation for this contract contained the provision 52.204-7 with its Alternate I, and the Contractor was unable to register prior to award, the Contractor shall be registered in SAM within 30 days after award or before three days prior to submission of the first invoice, whichever occurs first.

(c) The Contractor shall maintain registration in SAM during contract performance and through final payment of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchasing agreement. The Contractor is responsible for the currency, accuracy and completeness of the data within SAM, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in SAM after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to review and update on an annual basis, from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates, its information in SAM to ensure it is current, accurate and complete. Updating information in SAM does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document.

(d)(1)(i) If a Contractor has legally changed its business name or "doing business as" name (whichever is shown on the contract), or has transferred the assets used in performing the contract, but has not completed the necessary requirements regarding novation and change-of-name agreements in subpart 42.12, the Contractor shall provide the responsible Contracting Officer a minimum of one business day's written notification of its intention to-

(A) Change the name in SAM;

(B) Comply with the requirements of subpart 42.12 of the FAR;
and

(C) Agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.

(ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (d)(1)(i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (d)(1)(i)(C) of this clause, and, in the absence of a properly executed novation or change-of-name agreement, the SAM information that shows the Contractor to be other than the Contractor indicated in the contract will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of Payment" paragraph of the electronic funds transfer (EFT) clause of this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall not change the name or address for EFT payments or manual payments, as appropriate, in SAM record to reflect an assignee for the purpose of assignment of claims (see FAR subpart 32.8, Assignment of Claims). Assignees shall be separately registered in SAM. Information provided to the Contractor's SAM record that indicates payments, including those made by EFT, to an ultimate recipient other than that Contractor will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of Payment" paragraph of the EFT clause of this contract.

(3) The Contractor shall ensure that the unique entity identifier is maintained with the entity designated at *www.sam.gov* for establishment of the unique entity identifier throughout the life of the contract. The Contractor shall communicate any change to the unique entity identifier to the Contracting Officer within 30 days after the change, so an appropriate modification can be issued to update the data on the contract. A change in the unique entity identifier does not necessarily require a novation be accomplished.

(e) Contractors may obtain additional information on registration and annual confirmation requirements at <https://www.sam.gov>.

(End of clause)

C.34 52.204-19 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS. (DEC 2014)

The Contractor's representations and certifications, including those completed electronically via the System for Award Management (SAM), are incorporated by reference into the contract.

(End of clause)

C.35 52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS - COMMERCIAL ITEMS. (OCT 2018)

(a) *Inspection/Acceptance.* The Contractor shall only tender for acceptance those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to inspect or test any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The Government may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or reperformance of nonconforming services at no increase in contract price. If repair/replacement or reperformance will not correct the defects or is not possible, the Government may seek an equitable price reduction or adequate consideration for acceptance of nonconforming supplies or services. The Government must exercise its postacceptance rights (1) within a reasonable time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and (2) before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item.

(b) *Assignment.* The Contractor or its assignee may assign its rights to receive payment due as a result of performance of this contract to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution, including any Federal lending agency in accordance with the Assignment of Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3727). However, when a third party makes payment (e.g., use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card), the Contractor may not assign its rights to receive payment under this contract.

(c) *Changes.* Changes in the terms and conditions of this contract may be made only by written agreement of the parties.

(d) *Disputes.* This contract is subject to 41 U.S.C. chapter 71, Contract Disputes. Failure of the parties to this contract to reach agreement on any request for equitable adjustment, claim, appeal or action arising under or relating to this contract shall be a dispute to be resolved in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.233-1, Disputes, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any dispute arising under the contract.

(e) *Definitions.* The clause at FAR 52.202-1, Definitions, is incorporated herein by reference.

(f) *Excusable delays.* The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence such as, acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to the Contracting Officer of the cessation of such occurrence.

(g) *Invoice.* (1) The Contractor shall submit an original invoice and three copies (or electronic invoice, if authorized) to the address designated in the contract to receive invoices. An invoice must include-

(i) Name and address of the Contractor;

- (ii) Invoice date and number;
- (iii) Contract number, line item number and, if applicable, the order number;
- (iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price and extended price of the items delivered;
- (v) Shipping number and date of shipment, including the bill of lading number and weight of shipment if shipped on Government bill of lading;
- (vi) Terms of any discount for prompt payment offered;
- (vii) Name and address of official to whom payment is to be sent;
- (viii) Name, title, and phone number of person to notify in event of defective invoice; and
- (ix) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The Contractor shall include its TIN on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.
- (x) Electronic funds transfer (EFT) banking information.

(A) The Contractor shall include EFT banking information on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(B) If EFT banking information is not required to be on the invoice, in order for the invoice to be a proper invoice, the Contractor shall have submitted correct EFT banking information in accordance with the applicable solicitation provision, contract clause (e.g., 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management, or 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other Than System for Award Management), or applicable agency procedures.

(C) EFT banking information is not required if the Government waived the requirement to pay by EFT.

(2) Invoices will be handled in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(h) *Patent indemnity.* The Contractor shall indemnify the Government and its officers, employees and agents against liability, including costs, for actual or alleged direct or contributory infringement of, or inducement to infringe, any United States or foreign patent, trademark or copyright, arising out of the performance of this contract, provided the Contractor is reasonably notified of such claims and proceedings.

(i) *Payment-* (1) *Items accepted.* Payment shall be made for items accepted by the Government that have been delivered to the delivery destinations set forth in this contract.

(2) *Prompt payment.* The Government will make payment in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(3) *Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).* If the Government makes payment by EFT, see 52.212-5(b) for the appropriate EFT clause.

(4) *Discount.* In connection with any discount offered for early payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date which appears on the payment check or the specified payment date if an electronic funds transfer payment is made.

(5) *Overpayments.* If the Contractor becomes aware of a duplicate contract financing or invoice payment or that the Government has otherwise overpaid on a contract financing or invoice payment, the Contractor shall-

(i) Remit the overpayment amount to the payment office cited in the contract along with a description of the overpayment including the-

(A) Circumstances of the overpayment (*e.g.*, duplicate payment, erroneous payment, liquidation errors, date(s) of overpayment);

(B) Affected contract number and delivery order number, if applicable;

(C) Affected line item or subline item, if applicable; and

(D) Contractor point of contact.

(ii) Provide a copy of the remittance and supporting documentation to the Contracting Officer.

(6) *Interest.* (i) All amounts that become payable by the Contractor to the Government under this contract shall bear simple interest from the date due until paid unless paid within 30 days of becoming due. The interest rate shall be the interest rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in 41 U.S.C. 7109, which is applicable to the period in which the amount becomes due, as provided in (i)(6)(v) of this clause, and then at the rate applicable for each six-month period as fixed by the Secretary until the amount is paid.

(ii) The Government may issue a demand for payment to the Contractor upon finding a debt is due under the contract.

(iii) *Final decisions.* The Contracting Officer will issue a final decision as required by 33.211 if-

(A) The Contracting Officer and the Contractor are unable to reach agreement on the existence or amount of a debt within 30 days;

(B) The Contractor fails to liquidate a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer within the timeline specified in the demand for payment unless the amounts were not repaid because the Contractor has requested an installment payment agreement; or

(C) The Contractor requests a deferment of collection on a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer (see 32.607-2).

(iv) If a demand for payment was previously issued for the debt, the demand for payment included in the final decision shall identify the same due date as the original demand for payment.

(v) Amounts shall be due at the earliest of the following dates:

(A) The date fixed under this contract.

(B) The date of the first written demand for payment, including any demand for payment resulting from a default termination.

(vi) The interest charge shall be computed for the actual number of calendar days involved beginning on the due date and ending on-

(A) The date on which the designated office receives payment from the Contractor;

(B) The date of issuance of a Government check to the Contractor from which an amount otherwise payable has been withheld as a credit against the contract debt; or

(C) The date on which an amount withheld and applied to the contract debt would otherwise have become payable to the Contractor.

(vii) The interest charge made under this clause may be reduced under the procedures prescribed in 32.608-2 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation in effect on the date of this contract.

(j) *Risk of loss.* Unless the contract specifically provides otherwise, risk of loss or damage to the supplies provided under this contract shall remain with the Contractor until, and shall pass to the Government upon:

(1) Delivery of the supplies to a carrier, if transportation is f.o.b. origin; or

(2) Delivery of the supplies to the Government at the destination specified in the contract, if transportation is f.o.b. destination.

(k) *Taxes.* The contract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes and duties.

(l) *Termination for the Government's convenience.* The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.

(m) *Termination for cause.* The Government may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the Government, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the Government shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the Government improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

(n) *Title.* Unless specified elsewhere in this contract, title to items furnished under this contract shall pass to the Government upon acceptance, regardless of when or where the Government takes physical possession.

(o) *Warranty.* The Contractor warrants and implies that the items delivered hereunder are merchantable and fit for use for the particular purpose described in this contract.

(p) *Limitation of liability.* Except as otherwise provided by an express warranty, the Contractor will not be liable to the Government for consequential damages resulting from any defect or deficiencies in accepted items.

(q) *Other compliances.* The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, executive orders, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this contract.

(r) *Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts.* The Contractor agrees to comply with 31 U.S.C. 1352 relating to limitations on the use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracts; 18 U.S.C. 431 relating to officials not to benefit; 40 U.S.C. chapter 37, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards; 41 U.S.C. chapter 87, Kickbacks; 41 U.S.C. 4712 and 10 U.S.C. 2409 relating to whistleblower protections; 49 U.S.C. 40118, Fly American; and 41 U.S.C. chapter 21 relating to procurement integrity.

(s) *Order of precedence.* Any inconsistencies in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (1) the schedule of supplies/services; (2) The Assignments, Disputes, Payments, Invoice, Other Compliances, Compliance with Laws Unique to Government Contracts, and Unauthorized Obligations paragraphs of this clause; (3) the clause at 52.212-5; (4)

addenda to this solicitation or contract, including any license agreements for computer software; (5) solicitation provisions if this is a solicitation; (6) other paragraphs of this clause; (7) the Standard Form 1449; (8) other documents, exhibits, and attachments; and (9) the specification.

(t) Removed and reserved.

(u) *Unauthorized Obligations.* (1) Except as stated in paragraph (u)(2) of this clause, when any supply or service acquired under this contract is subject to any End User License Agreement (EULA), Terms of Service (TOS), or similar legal instrument or agreement, that includes any clause requiring the Government to indemnify the Contractor or any person or entity for damages, costs, fees, or any other loss or liability that would create an Anti-Deficiency Act violation (31 U.S.C. 1341), the following shall govern:

(i) Any such clause is unenforceable against the Government.

(ii) Neither the Government nor any Government authorized end user shall be deemed to have agreed to such clause by virtue of it appearing in the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement. If the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement is invoked through an "I agree" click box or other comparable mechanism (e.g., "click-wrap" or "browse-wrap" agreements), execution does not bind the Government or any Government authorized end user to such clause.

(iii) Any such clause is deemed to be stricken from the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement.

(2) Paragraph (u)(1) of this clause does not apply to indemnification by the Government that is expressly authorized by statute and specifically authorized under applicable agency regulations and procedures.

(v) *Incorporation by reference.* The Contractor's representations and certifications, including those completed electronically via the System for Award Management (SAM), are incorporated by reference into the contract.

(End of clause)

C.36 52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS - COMMERCIAL ITEMS. (JAN 2021)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

(1) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (JAN 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

(2) 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (JUL 2018) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).

(3) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (AUG 2020) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

(4) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (NOV 2015).

(5) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (AUG 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).

(6) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 (19 U.S.C. 3805 note)).

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items: (Contracting Officer check as appropriate.)

(1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (JUN 2020), with *Alternate I* (OCT 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4704 and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

(2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (JUN 2020) (41 U.S.C. 3509).

(3) 52.203-15, Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (JUN 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5). (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.)

(4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (JUN 2020) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

(5) (Reserved)

(6) 52.204-14, Service Contract Reporting Requirements (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

(7) 52.204-15, Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

(8) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (JUN 2020) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

(9) 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (OCT 2018) (41 U.S.C. 2313).

(10) (Reserved)

(11)(i) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole Source Award (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

(ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-3.

(12)(i) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (MAR 2020) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

(ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-4.

(13) (Reserved)

(14)(i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2020) (15 U.S.C. 644).

(ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-6.

(15)(i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2020) (15 U.S.C. 644).

(ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-7.

(16) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2018) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).

(17)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (JUN 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).

(ii) Alternate I (NOV 2016) of 52.219-9.

(iii) Alternate II (NOV 2016) of 52.219-9.

(iv) Alternate III (JUN 2020) of 52.219-9.

(v) Alternate IV (JUN 2020) of 52.219-9.

(18)(i) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)).

(ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-13.

(19) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).

(20) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages-Subcontracting Plan (JAN 1999) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).

(21) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 657f).

(22)(i) 52.219-28, Post-Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (NOV 2020) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).

(ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-28.

(23) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB) Concerns (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

(24) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Women-Owned Small Business Concerns Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

(25) 52.219-32, Orders Issued Directly Under Small Business Reserves (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)).

(26) 52.219-33, Nonmanufacturer Rule (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17)).

(27) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (JUN 2003) (E.O. 11755).

(28) 52.222-19, Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN 2020) (E.O. 13126).

(29) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

(30)(i) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O. 11246).

(ii) Alternate I (FEB 1999) of 52.222-26.

(31)(i) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

(ii) Alternate I (JUL 2014) of 52.222-35.

(32)(i) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020) (29 U.S.C. 793).

(ii) Alternate I (JUL 2014) of 52.222-36.

(33) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

(34) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496).

(35)(i) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (OCT 2020) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

(ii) *Alternate I* (MAR 2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

(36) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015). (E. O. 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.)

(37)(i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items (MAY 2008) (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

(ii) Alternate I (MAY 2008) of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

(38) 52.223-11, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

(39) 52.223-12, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

(40)(i) 52.223-13, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

(ii) Alternate I (OCT 2015) of 52.223-13.

(41)(i) 52.223-14, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Televisions (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

(ii) Alternate I (JUN 2014) of 52.223-14.

(42) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (MAY 2020) (42 U.S.C. 8259b).

(43)(i) 52.223-16, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (OCT 2015) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

(ii) Alternate I (JUN 2014) of 52.223-16.

(44) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (JUN 2020) (E.O. 13513).

(45) 52.223-20, Aerosols (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

(46) 52.223-21, Foams (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

(47)(i) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

(ii) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of 52.224-3.

(48) 52.225-1, Buy American-Supplies (JAN 2021) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83).

(49)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act (JAN 2021) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).

(ii) Alternate I (JAN 2021) of 52.225-3.

(iii) Alternate II (JAN 2021) of 52.225-3.

(iv) Alternate III (JAN 2021) of 52.225-3.

(50) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (OCT 2019) (19 U.S.C. 2501, *et seq.*, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).

(51) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (JUN 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

(52) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (OCT 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

(53) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (NOV 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

(54) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (NOV 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

(55) 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements (JUN 2020).

(56) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (FEB 2002) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

(57) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (JAN 2017) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

(58) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (OCT 2018) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

(59) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer - Other than System for Award Management (JUL 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

(60) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (MAY 2014) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

(61) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (AUG 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

(62) 52.242-5, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (JAN 2017)(15 U.S.C. 637(d)(13)).

(63)(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631).

(ii) Alternate I (APR 2003) of 52.247-64.

(iii) Alternate II (FEB 2006) of 52.247-64.

(c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items: (Contracting Officer check as appropriate.)

(1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (AUG 2018) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(5) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(6) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(7) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (NOV 2020).

(8) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2017) (E.O. 13706).

(9) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (JUN 2020) (42 U.S.C. 1792).

(d) *Comptroller General Examination of Record.* The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101, on the date of award of this contract, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records - Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records

relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1) of this paragraph in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause-

(i) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (JUN 2020) (41 U.S.C. 3509).

(ii) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (JAN 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

(iii) 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (JUL 2018) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).

(iv) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (AUG 2020) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

(v) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2018) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds the applicable threshold specified in FAR 19.702(a) on the date of subcontract award, the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(vi) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

(vii) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O. 11246).

(viii) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

(ix) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020) (29 U.S.C. 793).

(x) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

(xi) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause 52.222-40.

(xii) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(xiii) [X] (A) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (OCT 2020) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

[] (B) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

(xiv) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(xv) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(xvi) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015) (E. O. 12989).

(xvii) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (NOV 2020).

(xviii) 52.222-62 Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2017) (E.O. 13706).

(xix)(A) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

(B) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of 52.224-3.

(xx) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (OCT 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

(xxi) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (JUN 2020) (42 U.S.C. 1792). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.

(xxii) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow

down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

(2) While not required, the Contractor May include in its subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(End of clause)

C.37 52.217-6 OPTION FOR INCREASED QUANTITY. (MAR 1989)

The Government may increase the quantity of supplies called for in the Schedule at the unit price specified. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within 30 days before exercising the option. Delivery of the added items shall continue at the same rate as the like items called for under the contract, unless the parties otherwise agree.

(End of clause)

C.38 52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES. (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. These rates may be adjusted only as a result of revisions to prevailing labor rates provided by the Secretary of Labor. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within 30 days before exercising the option.

(End of clause)

C.39 52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT. (MAR 2000)

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within 30 days; provided that the Government gives the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least 30 days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the Government to an extension.

(b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed five (5) years.

(End of clause)

C.40 52.223-6 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE. (MAY 2001)

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

Controlled substance 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 where 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 days after award (unless a longer period is agreed to in writing for contracts of 30 days or more performance duration); or as soon as possible for contracts of less than 30 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 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 subdivision (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; and

(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 while performing this contract.

(d) In addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements of paragraph (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)

C.41 52.224-2 PRIVACY ACT. (APR 1984)

(a) The Contractor agrees to -

(1) Comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (the Act) and the agency rules and regulations issued under the Act in the design, development, or operation of any system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function when the contract specifically identifies -

(i) The systems of records; and

(ii) The design, development, or operation work that the contractor is to perform;

(2) Include the Privacy Act notification contained in this contract in every solicitation and resulting subcontract and in every subcontract awarded without a solicitation, when the work statement in the proposed subcontract requires the design, development, or operation of a system of records on individuals that is subject to the Act; and

(3) Include this clause, including this subparagraph (3), in all subcontracts awarded under this contract which requires the design, development, or operation of such a system of records.

(b) In the event of violations of the Act, a civil action may be brought against the agency involved when the violation concerns the design, development, or operation of a system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function, and criminal penalties may be imposed upon the officers or employees of the agency when the violation concerns the operation of a system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function. For purposes of the Act, when the contract is for the operation of a system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function, the Contractor and any employee of the Contractor is considered to be an employee of the agency.

(c)(1) *Operation of a system of records*, as used in this clause, means performance of any of the activities associated with maintaining the system of records, including the collection, use, and dissemination of records.

(2) *Record*, as used in this clause, means any item, collection, or grouping of information about an individual that is maintained by an agency, including, but not limited to, education, financial transactions, medical history, and criminal or employment history and that contains the person's name, or the identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as a fingerprint or voiceprint or a photograph.

(3) *System of records on individuals*, as used in this clause means a group of any records under the control of any agency from which information is retrieved by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual.

(End of clause)

C.42 52.227-14 RIGHTS IN DATA-GENERAL. (MAY 2014)

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

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

Computer software- (1) Means (i) Computer programs that comprise a series of instructions, rules, routines, or statements, regardless of the media in which recorded,

that allow or cause a computer to perform a specific operation or series of operations;
and

(ii) Recorded information comprising source code listings, design details, algorithms, processes, flow charts, formulas, and related material that would enable the computer program to be produced, created, or compiled.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

scientific or technical nature that is included in computer databases. (See 41 U.S.C. 116).

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

(b) *Allocation of rights.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this clause, the Government shall have unlimited rights in-

- (i) Data first produced in the performance of this contract;
- (ii) Form, fit, and function data delivered under this contract;
- (iii) Data delivered under this contract (except for restricted computer software) that constitute manuals or instructional and training material for installation, operation, or routine maintenance and repair of items, components, or processes delivered or furnished for use under this contract; and
- (iv) All other data delivered under this contract unless provided otherwise for limited rights data or restricted computer software in accordance with paragraph (g) of this clause.

(2) The Contractor shall have the right to-

- (i) Assert copyright in data first produced in the performance of this contract to the extent provided in paragraph (c)(1) of this clause;
- (ii) Use, release to others, reproduce, distribute, or publish any data first produced or specifically used by the Contractor in the performance of this contract, unless provided otherwise in paragraph (d) of this clause;
- (iii) Substantiate the use of, add, or correct limited rights, restricted rights, or copyright notices and to take other appropriate action, in accordance with paragraphs (e) and (f) of this clause; and
- (iv) Protect from unauthorized disclosure and use those data that are limited rights data or restricted computer software to the extent provided in paragraph (g) of this clause.

(c) *Copyright-* (1) Data first produced in the performance of this contract. (i) Unless provided otherwise in paragraph (d) of this clause, the Contractor may, without prior approval of the Contracting Officer, assert copyright in scientific and technical articles based on or containing data first produced in the performance of this contract and published in academic, technical or professional journals, symposia proceedings, or similar works. The prior, express written permission of the Contracting Officer is required to assert copyright in all other data first produced in the performance of this contract.

- (ii) When authorized to assert copyright to the data, the Contractor shall affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. 401 or 402, and an

acknowledgment of Government sponsorship (including contract number).

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

(2) Data not first produced in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall not, without the prior written permission of the Contracting Officer, incorporate in data delivered under this contract any data not first produced in the performance of this contract unless the Contractor-

(i) Identifies the data; and

(ii) Grants to the Government, or acquires on its behalf, a license of the same scope as set forth in paragraph (c)(1) of this clause or, if such data are restricted computer software, the Government shall acquire a copyright license as set forth in paragraph (g)(4) of this clause (if included in this contract) or as otherwise provided in a collateral agreement incorporated in or made part of this contract.

(3) Removal of copyright notices. The Government will not remove any authorized copyright notices placed on data pursuant to this paragraph (c), and will include such notices on all reproductions of the data.

(d) *Release, publication, and use of data.* The Contractor shall have the right to use, release to others, reproduce, distribute, or publish any data first produced or specifically used by the Contractor in the performance of this contract, except-

(1) As prohibited by Federal law or regulation (e.g., export control or national security laws or regulations);

(2) As expressly set forth in this contract; or

(3) If the Contractor receives or is given access to data necessary for the performance of this contract that contain restrictive markings, the Contractor shall treat the data in accordance with such markings unless specifically authorized otherwise in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(e) *Unauthorized marking of data.* (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this contract concerning inspection or acceptance, if any data delivered under this contract are marked with the notices specified in paragraph (g)(3) or (g) (4) if included in this clause, and use of the notices is not authorized by this clause, or if the data bears any other restrictive or limiting markings not authorized by this contract, the Contracting

Officer may at any time either return the data to the Contractor, or cancel or ignore the markings. However, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 4703, the following procedures shall apply prior to canceling or ignoring the markings.

(i) The Contracting Officer will make written inquiry to the Contractor affording the Contractor 60 days from receipt of the inquiry to provide written justification to substantiate the propriety of the markings;

(ii) If the Contractor fails to respond or fails to provide written justification to substantiate the propriety of the markings within the 60-day period (or a longer time approved in writing by the Contracting Officer for good cause shown), the Government shall have the right to cancel or ignore the markings at any time after said period and the data will no longer be made subject to any disclosure prohibitions.

(iii) If the Contractor provides written justification to substantiate the propriety of the markings within the period set in paragraph (e)(1)(i) of this clause, the Contracting Officer will consider such written justification and determine whether or not the markings are to be cancelled or ignored. If the Contracting Officer determines that the markings are authorized, the Contractor will be so notified in writing. If the Contracting Officer determines, with concurrence of the head of the contracting activity, that the markings are not authorized, the Contracting Officer will furnish the Contractor a written determination, which determination will become the final agency decision regarding the appropriateness of the markings unless the Contractor files suit in a court of competent jurisdiction within 90 days of receipt of the Contracting Officer's decision. The Government will continue to abide by the markings under this paragraph (e)(1)(iii) until final resolution of the matter either by the Contracting Officer's determination becoming final (in which instance the Government will thereafter have the right to cancel or ignore the markings at any time and the data will no longer be made subject to any disclosure prohibitions), or by final disposition of the matter by court decision if suit is filed.

(2) The time limits in the procedures set forth in paragraph (e)(1) of this clause may be modified in accordance with agency regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) if necessary to respond to a request thereunder.

(3) Except to the extent the Government's action occurs as the result of final disposition of the matter by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Contractor is not precluded by paragraph (e) of the clause from bringing a claim, in accordance with the Disputes clause of this contract, that may arise as the result of the Government removing or ignoring authorized markings on data delivered under this contract.

(f) *Omitted or incorrect markings.* (1) Data delivered to the Government without any restrictive markings shall be deemed to have been furnished with unlimited rights. The Government is not liable for the disclosure, use, or reproduction of such data.

(2) If the unmarked data has not been disclosed without restriction outside the Government, the Contractor may request, within 6 months (or a longer time approved by the Contracting Officer in writing for good cause shown) after delivery of the data, permission to have authorized notices placed on the data at the Contractor's expense. The Contracting Officer may agree to do so if the Contractor-

- (i) Identifies the data to which the omitted notice is to be applied;
- (ii) Demonstrates that the omission of the notice was inadvertent;
- (iii) Establishes that the proposed notice is authorized; and
- (iv) Acknowledges that the Government has no liability for the disclosure, use, or reproduction of any data made prior to the addition of the notice or resulting from the omission of the notice.

(3) If data has been marked with an incorrect notice, the Contracting Officer may-

- (i) Permit correction of the notice at the Contractor's expense if the Contractor identifies the data and demonstrates that the correct notice is authorized; or
- (ii) Correct any incorrect notices.

(g) *Protection of limited rights data and restricted computer software.* (1) The Contractor may withhold from delivery qualifying limited rights data or restricted computer software that are not data identified in paragraphs (b)(1)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this clause. As a condition to this withholding, the Contractor shall-

- (i) Identify the data being withheld; and
- (ii) Furnish form, fit, and function data instead.

(2) Limited rights data that are formatted as a computer database for delivery to the Government shall be treated as limited rights data and not restricted computer software.

(3) (Reserved)

(h) *Subcontracting.* The Contractor shall obtain from its subcontractors all data and rights therein necessary to fulfill the Contractor's obligations to the Government under this contract. If a subcontractor refuses to accept terms affording the Government those rights, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer of the refusal and shall not proceed with the subcontract award without authorization in writing from the Contracting Officer.

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

(End of clause)

C.43 52.232-18 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. (APR 1984)

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

(End of clause)

C.44 52.232-40 PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENTS TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS. (DEC 2013)

(a) Upon receipt of accelerated payments from the Government, the Contractor shall make accelerated payments to its small business subcontractors under this contract, to the maximum extent practicable and prior to when such payment is otherwise required under the applicable contract or subcontract, after receipt of a proper invoice and all other required documentation from the small business subcontractor.

(b) The acceleration of payments under this clause does not provide any new rights under the Prompt Payment Act.

(c) Include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts with small business concerns, including subcontracts with small business concerns for the acquisition of commercial items.

(End of clause)

C.45 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. (FEB 1998)

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

<https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/contracting/48cfr-ch20.html>

(End of clause)

C.46 BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIXED-PRICE TYPE CONTRACTS (JULY 2017)

General: During performance and through final payment of this contract, the contractor is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of data within the System for Award Management (SAM) database and the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) system and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete SAM and/or IPP data.

The contractor shall prepare invoices/vouchers for payment of deliverables identified in the contract, in the manner described herein. FAILURE TO SUBMIT INVOICES/VOUCHERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE INVOICE/VOUCHER AS IMPROPER.

Electronic Invoice/Voucher Submissions: Invoices/vouchers shall be submitted electronically to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is through the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) at www.ipp.gov.

Purchase of Capital Property: (\$50,000 or more with life of one year or longer)

Contractors must report to the Contracting Officer, electronically, any capital property acquired with contract funds having an initial cost of \$50,000 or more, in accordance with procedures set forth in NRC Management Directive (MD) 11.1, NRC Acquisition of Supplies and Services.

Agency Payment Office: Payment will be made by the office designated in the contract in Block 12 of Standard Form 26, Block 25 of Standard Form 33, or Block 18a of Standard Form 1449, whichever is applicable.

Frequency: The contractor shall submit invoices/vouchers for payment once each month, unless otherwise authorized by the Contracting Officer.

Supporting Documentation: Any supporting documentation required to substantiate the amount billed shall be included as an attachment to the invoice created in IPP. If the necessary supporting documentation is not included, the invoice will be rejected.

Task Order Contracts: The contractor must submit a separate invoice/voucher for each individual task order with pricing information.

Final vouchers/invoices shall be marked "FINAL INVOICE" or "FINAL VOUCHER".

Currency: Invoices/Vouchers must be expressed in U.S. Dollars.

Supersession: These instructions supersede previous Billing Instructions for Fixed-Price Type Contracts (JAN 2015).

Does my company need to register in IPP?

If your company is currently registered in IPP and doing business with other Federal Agencies in IPP, you will not be required to re-register.

If your company is not currently registered in IPP, please note the following:

- You will be receiving an invitation to register for IPP from IPP Customer Support, STLS.IPPHELPDESK@stls.frb.org.
- IPP Customer Support will send you two emails: the first email will contain the initial administrative IPP User ID and the second email, sent within 24 hours of receipt of the first email, will contain a temporary password.

- Please add the Customer Support email address (STLS.IPPHELPDESK@stls.frb.org) to your address book so you do not disregard these emails or mistake them for spam.
- During registration, one initial administrative user account will be created for your company and this user will be responsible for setting up all other user accounts including other administrators.
- Registration is complete when the initial administrative user logs into the IPP web site with the User ID and password provided by Treasury and accepts the rules of behavior.

What type of is training provided?

Vendor training materials, including a first time login tutorial, user guides, a quick reference guide, and frequently asked questions are available on Treasury's IPP website. Individuals within your company responsible for submitting invoices should review these materials before work begins on the contract.

How do I receive assistance with IPP?

Treasury's IPP Customer Support team provides vendor assistance related to the IPP application, and is also available to assist IPP users and to answer any questions related to accessing IPP or completing the registration process. IPP application support is also available via phone at (866) 973-3131, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm ET, and via email at IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov.

Specific questions regarding your contract or task order should be directed to the appropriate NRC Contracting Officer.

D - Contract Documents, Exhibits and Attachments

Attachment Number	Title	Date	Number of Pages
1	31310021C0006 Attachment No 1 Work Order Form	03/30/2021	1
2	31310021C0006 Attachment No 2 NRC FORM 187	03/30/2021	4
3	31310021C0006 Attachment No. 3 IPP Billing Instructions for Fixed Price Contracts	04/23/2021	2