



*Embassy of the United States of America
Chisinau, Moldova*

Date: 05/06/2021

To: Prospective Quoters

Subject: Request for Quotation number **19MD7021Q0010 Residential Painting Services**

Enclosed is a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for **Residential Painting Services**. If you would like to submit a quotation, follow the instructions in Section L of the solicitation, complete the required portions of the attached document, and submit it to the address shown on the Standard Form 1442 that follows **this letter**.

Quotations must be submitted by email with the subject line "**Quotation 19MD7021Q0010 Enclosed**" to ChisinauProcurementBids@state.gov, on or before **May 21, 2021 COB**. Quotations that are received after the deadline, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation. Oral quotations will not be accepted

In order for a proposal to be considered, you must also complete and submit the following:

1. SF-1442;
2. Section B;
3. Section K, Representations and Certifications;
4. Additional information as required in Section L.

Please note that the requirement for your company to be SAM registered, is a mandatory requirement prior to the contract award. You may visit the SAM website for more details www.sam.gov

The U.S. Government intends to award a contract/purchase order to the responsible company submitting an acceptable offer at the lowest price. We intend to award a contract/purchase order based on initial quotations, without holding discussions, although we may hold discussions with companies in the competitive range if there is a need to do so.

Sincerely,

Alessandro Boscaino
Contracting Officer

Enclosure

SOLICITATION, OFFER, AND AWARD <i>(Construction, Alteration, or Repair)</i>	1. SOLICITATION NO. 19MD7021Q0010	2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION <input type="checkbox"/> SEALED BID (IFB) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGOTIATED (RFP)	3. DATE ISSUED 05/06/2021	PAGE OF PAGES 1
	IMPORTANT - The "offer" section on the reverse must be fully completed by offeror.			

4. CONTRACT NO.	5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO.	6. PROJECT NO.
7. ISSUED BY American Embassy Chisinau Moldova 103 A. Mateevici str. Chisinau, Moldova	CODE	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO See block 7
9. FOR INFORMATION CALL: →	A. NAME Constantin Buruiana	B. TELEPHONE NO. <i>(Include area code)</i> (NO COLLECT CALLS) +37360097799

SOLICITATION

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder."

10. THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRES PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THESE DOCUMENTS *(Title, identifying no., date)*:

Section A - SF-1442, Solicitation, Offer and Award
Section B - Supplies or Services and Prices/Costs
Section C - Description/Specifications/Statement of Work
Section D - Packaging and Marking
Section E - Inspection and Acceptance
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Section G - Contract Administration Data
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Section I - Contract Clauses
Section J - List of Attachments
Section K - Representations, Certifications and Other
Section L - Instructions, Conditions and Notices to Offerors or Quoters
Section M - Evaluation Factors for Award
Amendments -

11. The Contractor shall begin performance within 3 calendar days and complete it within 8 calendar days after receiving
 award, notice to proceed. This performance period is mandatory, negotiable. *(See _____.)*

12A. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH ANY REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS?
(If "YES," indicate within how many calendar days after award in Item 12B.)
 YES NO

12B. CALENDAR DAYS

13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Sealed offers in original and 1 copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in Item 8 by 06:00 pm *(hour)* local time 05/21/2021 *(date)*. If this is a sealed bid solicitation, offers must be publicly opened at that time. Sealed envelopes containing offers shall be marked to show the offeror's name and address, the solicitation number, and the date and time offers are due.
- B. An offer guarantee is, is not required.
- C. All offers are subject to the (1) work requirements, and (2) other provisions and clauses incorporated in the solicitation in full text or by reference.
- D. Offers providing less than 30 calendar days for Government acceptance after the date offers are due will not be considered and will be rejected.

OFFER (Must be fully completed by offeror)

14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR (Include ZIP Code)	15. TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code)
	16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS (Include only if different than Item 14)
CODE	FACILITY CODE

17. The offeror agrees to perform the work at the prices specified below in strict accordance with the terms of this solicitation, if this offer is accepted by the Government within _____ calendar days after the date offers are due. (Insert any number equal to or greater than the minimum requirement stated in Item 13D. Failure to insert any number means the offeror accepts the minimum in Item 13D.)

AMOUNTS →

18. The offeror agrees to furnish any required performance and payment bonds.

19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the solicitation -- give number and date of each

AMENDMENT NO.										
DATE										

20A. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print)	20B. SIGNATURE	20C. OFFER DATE
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AWARD (To be completed by Government)

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

22. AMOUNT	23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA
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24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN (4 copies unless otherwise specified) →	ITEM	25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO <input type="checkbox"/> 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)() <input type="checkbox"/> 41 U.S.C. 253(c)()
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26. ADMINISTERED BY	CODE	27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY
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CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 28 OR 29 AS APPLICABLE

<input type="checkbox"/> 28. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT (Contractor is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to issuing office.) Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items or perform all work, requisitions identified on this form and any continuation sheets for the consideration slated in this contract. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be governed by (a) this contract award, (b) the solicitation, and (c) the clauses, representations, certifications, and specifications or incorporated by reference in or attached to this	<input type="checkbox"/> 29. AWARD (Contractor is not required to sign this document.) Your offer on this solicitation is hereby accepted as to the items listed. This award consummates the contract, which consists of (a) the Government solicitation and your offer, and (b) this contract award. No further contractual document is necessary.
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30A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Type or print)	31A. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)
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30B. SIGNATURE	30C. DATE	31B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY	31C. AWARD DATE
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SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/COSTS

B.1 SCOPE

The Contractor shall provide painting, drywall/plaster repair, and related services for real property owned or managed by the U.S. Government at the U.S. Embassy Chisinau. The Contractor shall furnish services under task orders issued by the Contracting Officer.

B.2 TYPE OF CONTRACT

This contract is an indefinite-delivery indefinite-quantity contract with firm-fixed prices. Task orders will be priced and payable entirely in the currency indicated in the SF1442. The Government will not pay any additional sums due to any escalation in the cost of materials, equipment or labor, or because of the Contractor's failure to properly estimate or accurately predict the cost or difficulty of achieving the results required by this contract. Nor will the contract price be adjusted due to fluctuations in the currency exchange rates. The Government will make changes in the contract price or time to complete only due to changes made by the Government in the work to be performed, or by delays caused by the Government.

The Government will make payments based on quantities and unit prices only to the extent specifically provided in the contract. The estimated quantities listed in B.1 above are estimates only and the Government does not guarantee that such quantities will be ordered.

B.3 CONTRACT PRICE

B.3.1 General. The Contractor shall complete all work, including furnishing all labor, material, equipment and services, required under this contract, for painting services. The price listed below shall include all labor, materials, overhead (including cost of Workers' Compensation and Insurance, which shall not be a direct reimbursement) and profit.

B.3.2 Payment. The Government will make payment in local currency (MDL).

B.3.2 (a) Value Added Tax

VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT). The Contractor shall include VAT as a separate charge on the Invoice and as a separate line item in Section B.

B.3.3 Pricing - Base Period: The Contractor shall provide the services shown below for the base period of the contract, starting on the date stated in the Notice to Proceed and continuing for a period of 12 months. The fixed unit prices, estimated quantities, and ceiling for each category are:

<u>Contract Line Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Service</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity</u>	<u>Estimated Total³</u>
RESIDENCES INTERIOR ¹					
001	Clean old paint, repair plaster, prime and smooth surface (at least <u>1</u> coat of water-based paint white/off-white color latex paint).	Sqm ²		3000	
002	Painting walls, one coat, water-based latex, satin, flat finish following surface preparation.	Sqm		3000	
003	Painting ceilings, one coat, water-based latex, satin, flat finish following surface preparation.	Sqm		2150	
004	Painting trim/baseboards, one coat, water-based latex, satin, flat finish following surface preparation.	Linear Meter		2000	
005	Painting of damaged surfaces (resin or plastic-based paint/Kilz or equal).	Sqm		80	
006	Removal of wallpaper	Sqm		80	
				Total Estimated Amount:	

¹Paint will be provided by the Embassy. Price should **include VAT**.

²Sqm = square meter

³This estimated amount is based on total estimated Government requirements for this period of performance. If more than one award is made, the estimated amount of work awarded under task order(s) to any single Contractor will be less than the amount shown.

Contractor shall provide all supervision, labor and tools including ladders and scaffolding to perform painting work for interior walls and ceiling surfaces of residences leased or owned by US Embassy Chisinau.

Contractor shall follow all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 prevention guidelines while performing work at the residences leased or owned by the US Embassy Chisinau. CDC guidelines may be found at the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

The contractor shall remove electrical outlets and/or switches decorative covers. Also, the contractor must place masking tape on the corner of the baseboards in order to protect them from painting. The contractor must protect all other surfaces that will not be painted using a masking tape.

Safety is the highest priority in this, and in all Embassy contracts. The contractor shall direct all of those under his charge to work safely and use safety protection while all work is performed. The Embassy reserves the right to stop and/or remove from site contractor personnel who fail to

comply with relevant OHS/OHSA requirements. Any questions or injuries shall be brought to the attention of the Post Occupation Safety and Health Officer (POSHO).

Paint (water – based latex, white color, mat) will be provided by the Embassy. Some residences could be painted in off-white color, semi-mat. Except for paint, Contractor shall provide all other materials and accessories required for painting and this should be included in the price proposal.

B.4 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AMOUNTS

During the Base Year of the contract, and during the option year that might be exercised, the United States Government (USG) shall place orders totaling a minimum of **4,500.00 USD**. This reflects the contract minimum guarantee for each period of performance. The amount of all orders, for base and all option years shall not exceed **175,100.00 USD**. This reflects the contract maximum.”

B.4.1 Contract Minimum

During the contract period, the Government shall place orders for a minimum of **4,500.00 USD**. This is the contract minimum for this period of performance.

B.4.2 Contract Maximum

During the contract period, the amount of all orders shall not exceed **43,775.00 USD**. This is the contract maximum for this period of performance.

B.5 PRICING – FIRST OPTION YEAR

The Contractor shall provide the services shown below for First Option Year, starting one year after the date stated in the Notice to Proceed and continuing for a period of 12 months. The fixed unit prices, estimated quantities, and ceiling for each category are:

<u>Contract Line Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Service</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity</u>	<u>Estimated Total³</u>
RESIDENCES INTERIOR ¹					
001	Clean old paint, repair plaster, prime and smooth surface (at least <u>1</u> coat of water-based paint white/off-white color latex paint).	Sqm ²		3000	
002	Painting walls, one coat, water-based latex, satin, flat finish following surface preparation.	Sqm		3000	
003	Painting ceilings, one coat, water-based latex, satin, flat finish following surface preparation.	Sqm		2150	
004	Painting trim/baseboards, one coat, water-based latex, satin, flat finish following surface preparation.	Linear Meter		2000	

005	Painting of damaged surfaces (resin or plastic-based paint/Kilz or equal).	Sqm		80	
006	Removal of wallpaper	Sqm		80	
				Total Estimated Amount:	

¹Paint will be provided by the Embassy. Price should **include VAT**.

²Sqm = square meter

³This estimated amount is based on total estimated Government requirements for this period of performance. If more than one award is made, the estimated amount of work awarded under task order(s) to any single Contractor will be less than the amount shown.

B.6 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AMOUNTS

During the Base Year of the contract, and during the option year that might be exercised, the United States Government (USG) shall place orders totaling a minimum **4,500.00 USD**. This reflects the contract minimum guarantee for each period of performance. The amount of all orders, for base and all option years shall not exceed **175,100.00 USD**. This reflects the contract maximum.”

B.6.1 Contract Minimum

During the contract period, the Government shall place orders for a minimum of **4,500.00 USD**. This is the contract minimum for this period of performance.

B.6.2 Contract Maximum

During the contract period, the amount of all orders shall not exceed **43,775.00 USD**. This is the contract maximum for this period of performance.

B.7 PRICING – SECOND OPTION YEAR

The Contractor shall provide the services shown below for Second Option Year, starting two years after the date stated in the Notice to Proceed and continuing for a period of 12 months. The fixed unit prices, estimated quantities, and ceiling for each category are:

<u>Contract Line Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Service</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity</u>	<u>Estimated Total³</u>
RESIDENCES INTERIOR ¹					
001	Clean old paint, repair plaster, prime and smooth surface (at least <u>1</u> coat of water-based paint white/off-white color latex paint).	Sqm ²		3000	
002	Painting walls, one coat, water-based latex, satin, flat finish following surface preparation.	Sqm		3000	
003	Painting ceilings, one coat, water-based latex, satin, flat finish following surface preparation.	Sqm		2150	

004	Painting trim/baseboards, one coat, water-based latex, satin, flat finish following surface preparation.	Linear Meter		2000	
005	Painting of damaged surfaces (resin or plastic-based paint/Kilz or equal).	Sqm		80	
006	Removal of wallpaper	Sqm		80	
				Total Estimated Amount:	

¹Paint will be provided by the Embassy. Price should **include VAT**.

²Sqm = square meter

³This estimated amount is based on total estimated Government requirements for this period of performance. If more than one award is made, the estimated amount of work awarded under task order(s) to any single Contractor will be less than the amount shown.

B.8 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AMOUNTS

During the Base Year of the contract, and during the option year that might be exercised, the United States Government (USG) shall place orders totaling a minimum of **4,500.00 USD**. This reflects the contract minimum guarantee for each period of performance. The amount of all orders, for base and all option years shall not exceed **175,100.00 USD**. This reflects the contract maximum.”

B.8.1 Contract Minimum

During the contract period, the Government shall place orders for a minimum of **4,500.00 USD**. This is the contract minimum for this period of performance.

B.8.2 Contract Maximum

During the contract period, the amount of all orders shall not exceed **43,775.00 USD**. This is the contract maximum for this period of performance.

B.9 PRICING – THIRD OPTION YEAR

The Contractor shall provide the services shown below for Third Option Year, starting three years after the date stated in the Notice to Proceed and continuing for a period of 12 months. The fixed unit prices, estimated quantities, and ceiling for each category are:

<u>Contract Line Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Service</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity</u>	<u>Estimated Total³</u>
RESIDENCES INTERIOR ¹					
001	Clean old paint, repair plaster, prime and smooth surface (at least <u>1</u> coat of water-based paint white/off-white color latex paint).	Sqm ²		3000	
002	Painting walls, one coat, water-based latex, satin, flat finish following surface preparation.	Sqm		3000	

003	Painting ceilings, one coat, water-based latex, satin, flat finish following surface preparation.	Sqm		2150	
004	Painting trim/baseboards, one coat, water-based latex, satin, flat finish following surface preparation.	Linear Meter		2000	
005	Painting of damaged surfaces (resin or plastic-based paint/Kilz or equal).	Sqm		80	
006	Removal of wallpaper	Sqm		80	
				Total Estimated Amount:	

¹Paint will be provided by the Embassy. Price should **include VAT**.

²Sqm = square meter

³This estimated amount is based on total estimated Government requirements for this period of performance. If more than one award is made, the estimated amount of work awarded under task order(s) to any single Contractor will be less than the amount shown.

B.10 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AMOUNTS

During the Base Year of the contract, and during the option year that might be exercised, the United States Government (USG) shall place orders totaling a minimum of **4,500.00 USD**. This reflects the contract minimum guarantee for each period of performance. The amount of all orders, for base and all option years shall not exceed **175,100.00 USD**. This reflects the contract maximum.”

B.10.1 Contract Minimum

During the contract period, the Government shall place orders for a minimum of **4,500.00 USD**. This is the contract minimum for this period of performance.

B.10.2 Contract Maximum

During the contract period, the amount of all orders shall not exceed **43,775.00 USD**. This is the contract maximum for this period of performance.

B.11 GRAND TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT AMOUNT

The quoter shall complete this blank as part of the quote.

The Grand Total Estimated Contract Amount for the base and all optional periods of performance is _____.

SECTION C - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS STATEMENT OF WORK

C.1 CHARACTER AND SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor shall furnish and apply all materials required by this contract, unless the contract states that materials and equipment will be provided by or work performed by the Government or by others under separate contracts.

C.2 SURVEY

The Contractor shall survey the property and verify the work required against the task order before beginning work, to determine if any discrepancies exist. The Contractor shall be responsible for any errors that might have been avoided by such a survey/review. The Contractor shall immediately report any discrepancies to the COR or the Contracting Officer and shall not begin work until such matters are resolved.

C.3 APPLICABLE PAINTING STANDARDS/PAINT SPECIFICATIONS

Painting and preparatory work shall follow contract description. Paint (water – based latex, white color, mat) will be provided by the Embassy. Some residences could be painted in off-white color, semi-mat.

C.4 PREPARATION/PROTECTION OF WORK AREA

Painting shall not disturb or damage any fixed property (including light fixtures, floors, carpets, or windows). The Contractor shall move, protect and return such property to its original position upon completion of work in that area.

The Contractor shall first remove or protect furnishings (such as furniture and rugs) by appropriate covering. The Contractor shall protect floors from soiling and paint spills. Wooden floors shall not be washed under any circumstances. To protect floors (of all types) from damage, the Contractor shall use a suitable protective cover. The Contractor shall also equip ladders and scaffolding with clean rubber shoes or similar protection devices.

If the Contractor spills any paint, or in any way soils the floors, the Contractor shall clean up using a specialist floor finishing company at the Contractor's expense. After completion of the painting work, the Contractor shall return all furnishings to their original position, and clean the work area free of litter and debris.

C.5 UTILITIES

The Government cannot ensure that utilities will be available at all properties at all times. The Contractor shall have an alternate source of power (generator) available if needed to ensure that paint will be applied following the manufacturer's specifications. The Contractor shall not adjust the heating or air conditioning controls in properties with utilities turned on to maintain

temperature. The Contractor shall have its own source of water available for clean up if water has been turned off in the property for winterization of the plumbing system.

C.6 EQUIPMENT

The Contractor shall provide all necessary painting supplies and equipment, including brushes, rollers, buckets, mixers, space heaters, drop cloths, scrapers, sanding gear, electric sprayers, and texture sprayers if necessary to perform the work. The Government will not furnish any materials.

C.7 WARRANTY

The warranty shall be valid for 1 year after the final inspection. During the warranty period, the Contractor shall repair or replace, free of charge, any occurring defects or ensuing damages. If the Contractor fails to do so after receipt of a written request to that effect, the Government may have such discrepancies remedied at the Contractor's expense.

C.8 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR PAINTING WORK

a. Interior Painting

Paint surfaces as directed by the task order. Match paint to similar adjacent materials or surfaces.

- (1) **Paint:** This category includes coating systems materials, primers, emulsions, enamels, stains, sealers and fillers, and other applied materials whether used as prime, intermediate or finish coats.
- (2) **Product Data:** The Contractor shall submit manufacturer's technical information, label analysis, and application instructions to the COR for each material proposed for use, prior to starting work. The Contractor shall list each material and cross-reference specific coating and finish system and application as an attachment to the above submittal. The Contractor shall identify each material by the manufacturer's catalog number and general classification.
- (3) **Single Source Responsibility:** The Contractor shall provide primers and undercoat paint produced by the same manufacturer as the finish coats.
- (4) **Material Quality:** The Contractor shall provide the manufacturer's best quality trade sale type paint material. Paint material containers not displaying manufacturer's product identification are not acceptable.
- (5) **Material Delivery:** The Contractor shall deliver materials to the job site in manufacturer's original, unopened packages and the containers shall bear the manufacturer's name and label with trade name and manufacturer's instructions.

- (6) **Material Storage:** The Contractor shall store materials not in use in tightly covered containers in a well ventilated area at a minimum ambient temperature of 45 degrees F (7 degrees C). The Contractor shall protect materials from freezing and keep storage area neat and orderly. Contractor shall remove oily rags and waste daily.
- (7) **Project Conditions:** The Contractor shall not apply paint when the relative humidity exceeds 85 percent, or at temperatures less than 5 degrees F (3 degrees C) above the dew point, or to damp or wet surfaces. The Contractor shall apply paint only in temperatures that comply with the manufacturer's specifications.
- (8) **Preliminary Examination:** The Contractor shall examine substrates and conditions under which painting will be performed for compliance with requirements and shall not begin application until unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.
- (9) **Preparation:**
 - (a) The Contractor shall remove hardware and hardware accessories, plates, light fixtures, and items in place that are not to be painted, or provide protection such as taping, prior to surface preparation and painting. (Taping includes windows, door jams, etc.)
 - (b) The Contractor shall clean and prepare surfaces to be painted following the manufacturer's instructions before applying paint or surface treatments. This preparation includes removal of oil, dust, direct, loose rust, mildew, peeling paint or other contamination to ensure good adhesion. In some cases, the Contractor may be requested to remove all existing coats of paint and sealers if prior paint application is showing signs of improper adhesion, such as peeling, chipping, etc. All surfaces must be clean and dry. The Contractor shall schedule cleaning and painting so dust and other contaminants will not fall on wet, newly painted surfaces.
 - (c) The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer or COR of problems anticipated for any minor preparatory work required, such as but not limited to, filling nail holes, cleaning surfaces to be painted, and priming any requisite areas. Plan preparatory work as most units in residential areas will have nail holes or areas that will need to be primed or sealed.
- (10) **Materials Preparation:** The Contractor shall mix and prepare paint following the manufacturer's directions.
- (11) **Application:** The Contractor shall apply paint following the manufacturer's directions. Use applicators and techniques best suited for substrate and type of material being applied. Do not paint over dirt, rust, scale, grease, moisture, scuffed surfaces, or conditions detrimental to formation of a durable paint film.

(a) The Contractor shall provide finish coats that are compatible with primers used.

(b) The number of coats and film thickness required is the same regardless of application method. The Contractor shall not apply succeeding coats until previous coat has cured. The Contractor shall sand between applications where required to produce a smooth, even surface.

(c) The Contractor shall apply additional coats when undercoats or other conditions show through final coat, until paint film is of uniform finish, color, and appearance.

- (12) **Scheduling Painting:** The Contractor shall apply the first coat to surfaces that have been cleaned, pretreated or otherwise prepared for painting as soon as practicable, and before subsequent surface deterioration. Allow sufficient time between successive coats to permit proper drying. Do not recoat until paint has dried.
- (13) **Minimum Coating Thickness:** The Contractor shall apply materials at the manufacturer's recommended spreading rate. The Contractor shall provide a total dry film thickness of the system as recommended by the manufacturer.
- (14) **Prime Coats:** Before application of finish coats, the Contractor shall apply a prime coat as recommended by the manufacturer to material required to be painted or finished, and which has not been prime coated.
- (15) **Brush Application:** The Contractor shall brush-out and work brush coats into surfaces in an even film. The Contractor shall eliminate cloudiness, spotting, lap marks, brush marks (ropiness), runs, sags, or other surface imperfections. The Contractor shall draw neat glass lines and color breaks.

The Contractor shall apply primers and first coats by brush unless manufacturer's instructions permit use of mechanical applicators.

- (16) **Mechanical Applications:** The Contractor shall use mechanical methods for paint application when permitted by manufacturer's recommendations, governing ordinances, and trade union regulations.

Wherever spray application is used, the Contractor shall apply each coat to provide the equivalent hiding of brush-applied coats. The Contractor shall not double-back with spray equipment building-up film thickness of two coats in one pass, unless recommended by the manufacturer.

- (17) Upon completion of painting, the Contractor shall clean the glass and paint-spattered surfaces. The Contractor shall remove spattered paint by washing,

scraping or other proper methods using care not to scratch or damage adjacent finished surfaces.

(18) The Contractor shall remove temporary protective wrappings after completion of painting operations.

b. Drywall/Plaster Repair

The Contractor shall patch defective drywall with a similar thickness and fire-rated drywall. Joints shall be taped in a manner so they are not readily visible. The patch shall be textured with a texture consistent with the rest of the surface being patched. The Contractor shall set and spackle all nail heads. The Contractor shall tape joints and cover them with a joint compound. The Contractor shall sand smooth spackled nail heads and tape joints and remove all dust prior to painting. The Contractor shall spackle exterior surfaces with exterior grade compounds.

c. Remove Wall Covering

Upon assignment by task order, the Contractor shall remove the designated wall covering (wallpaper, cork, mirror, tile, etc.). After removing the wall covering, the Contractor shall clean and make ready for painting the area. The Contractor shall remove and properly dispose of the old wall covering.

d. Plaster

The Contractor shall repair any damaged interior or exterior plaster as directed by the COR. The plaster material shall be of a similar material that matches as closely as possible the existing plaster in texture and color.

e. Stucco

The Contractor shall repair any damaged stucco and remove any loose stucco before applying paint.

SECTION D - PACKAGING AND MARKING

D.1 PLACE OF DELIVERY

D.1.1. Subsection F.8 lists all deliverables, and whether they are required to be delivered to the Contracting Officer or the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

D.1.2. The Contractor shall submit deliverables for the Contracting Officer to the following address:

ATTN: Contracting Officer

US Embassy Chisinau

103, Alexei Mateevici str., Chisinau MD-2009

D.1.3. The Contractor shall submit deliverables for the COR to the following address:

ATTN: Maintenance Supervisor

US Embassy Chisinau

103, Alexei Mateevici str., Chisinau MD-2009

D.2 PACKING AND MARKING

The Contractor shall deliver material to the job site in the manufacturer's original, unopened packages and containers bearing manufacturer's information.

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.1 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:

<http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html> or <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/vffra.htm>.

These addresses are subject to change. If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the locations indicated above, use the Department of State Acquisition website at <http://www.statebuy.state.gov/> to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet “search engine” (for example, Google, Yahoo, or Excite) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation clause(s) is/are incorporated by reference (48 CFR Chapter 1):

<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.246-12	INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION (AUG 1996)

SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

F.1 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
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52.242-14	SUSPENSION OF WORK (APR 1984)
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52.211.12	LIQUIDATED DAMAGES - CONSTRUCTION (APR 1984)
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(a) If the Contractor fails to complete the work within the time specified in the contract, or any extension, the Contractor shall pay to the Government as liquidated damages, the sum of **50.00 USD** for each day of delay.

(b) If the Government terminates the Contractor's right to proceed, the resulting damage will consist of liquidated damages until such reasonable time as may be required for final completion of the work together with any increased costs occasioned the Government in completing the work.

(c) If the Government does not terminate the Contractor's right to proceed, the resulting damage will consist of liquidated damages until the work is completed or accepted.

(End of clause)

Assessment and Apportionment of Liquidated Damages - Liquidated damages will be assessed from the completion date indicated in the contract or extensions thereof to the date of substantial completion as actually achieved by the Contractor, as determined by the Contracting Officer.

F.2 EFFECTIVE ORDERING PERIOD

F.2.1 After contract award and submission of acceptable insurance certificates, the Contracting Officer shall issue a Notice to Proceed. The Notice to Proceed will establish a date

(a minimum of ten (10) days from date of contract award unless the Contractor agrees to an earlier date) on which performance shall start.

F.2.2 The Government may extend this contract under FAR 52.217-9, "Option to Extend the Term of the Contract" and 52.217-8, "Option to Extend Services".

F.3 COMPLETION DATES UNDER TASK ORDERS

F.3.1 The Contractor shall have a minimum of **3** days in order to commence work under each task order issued.

F.3.2 The following are minimum completion times that will be included in individual task orders, dependent upon the type and amount of work to be done:

Painting Interior Walls, up to 1000 square meters – five days
Painting Interior Walls, 1001 to 2000 square meters – eight days

F.4 ACCEPTANCE OF SCHEDULE

When the Government has accepted any time schedule, this acceptance shall be binding on the Contractor. The completion date is fixed and may be extended only by a written contract modification signed by the Contracting Officer. Acceptance or approval of any schedule or revision by the Government shall not:

- (1) extend the completion date or obligate the Government to do so;
- (2) constitute acceptance or approval of any delay, or;
- (3) excuse or relieve the Contractor of its obligation to maintain the progress of the work and achieve final completion by the established completion date.

F.5 NOTICE OF DELAY

In the event the Contractor receives a notice of any change in the work, or if any other conditions arise which are likely to cause or are actually causing delays which the Contractor believes may result in completion of the project after the completion date, the Contractor shall:

- (1) notify the Government of such change or other conditions upon the approved schedule, and;
- (2) shall state in what respects, if any, the relevant schedule or the completion date should be revised.

The Contractor shall give notice to the Contracting Officer promptly, **1** day following the first occurrence of event giving rise to the delay or prospective delay). Only the Contracting Officer may approve revisions to the approved time schedule.

F.6 WORKING HOURS

The Contractor shall perform all work during 8:30 – 17:30 except for the holidays identified in Section I, DOSAR 652.237-82, “Observance of Legal Holidays and Administrative Leave” and official holidays in Moldova. The Contracting Officer may approve other hours, if the Contractor gives at least 24 hours advance notice. Changes in work hours will not be a cause for a price increase.

F.7 EXCUSABLE DELAYS

The Contractor shall be allowed time, not money, for excusable delays as defined in FAR 52.249-10, “Default”. Examples of such cases include:

- (1) acts of God or of the public enemy;
- (2) acts of the United States Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity;
- (3) acts of the government of the host country in its sovereign capacity;
- (4) acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the Government;
- (5) fires;
- (6) floods;
- (7) epidemics;
- (8) quarantine restrictions;
- (9) strikes;
- (10) freight embargoes;
- (11) delays in delivery of Government furnished equipment, and;
- (12) unusually severe weather.

In each instance, the failure to perform shall be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, and the failure to perform furthermore:

- (1) shall be one that the Contractor could not have reasonably anticipated and taken adequate measures to protect against;
- (2) cannot be overcome by reasonable efforts to reschedule the work, and;
- (3) directly and materially affects the date of final completion of the project.

F.8 DELIVERABLES

The Contractor shall delivery the following items under this contract:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Delivery Date</u>	<u>Deliver to:</u>
H.1.1 Insurance	1	10 days after award	Contracting Officer
H.8.1 Safety Plan	1	10 days after award	COR
H.10.3 List of Personnel	1	10 days after award	COR
H.9.2 Identification of Subs	1	5 days before use	Contracting Officer
F.4 Construction Schedule	1	Identified in each task order	COR
G.2 Payment Request	1	Completion of each (invoices/task order)	COR
I.1 Updates to Construction Schedule (52.236-15)	1	Last calendar day of each month	COR

SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G.1 652.242-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) (AUG 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer may designate in writing one or more Government employees, by name or position title, to take action for the Contracting Officer under this contract. Each designee shall be identified as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Such designation(s) shall specify the scope and limitations of the authority so delegated; provided, that the designee shall not change the terms or conditions of the contract, unless the COR is a warranted Contracting Officer and this authority is delegated in the designation.

(b) The COR for this contract is the **Maintenance Supervisor**.

G.1.1 Duties

The COR is responsible for inspection and acceptance of services. These duties include review of Contractor invoices, including the supporting documentation required by the contract. The COR may provide technical advice, substantive guidance, inspections, invoice approval, and other purposes as deemed necessary under the contract.

G.2 PAYMENT

RESERVED-payment instructions to be provided upon contract award.

G.2.1 General

The Contractor shall follow Section I, 52.232-5, "Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts." The following subsections elaborate upon the information contained in that clause.

G.2.2 Detail of Payment Requests/Invoices

The Contractor shall request payment no more frequently than monthly and shall cover the value of labor and materials completed and in place, including a prorated portion of overhead and profit.

G.2.3 Payments to Subcontractors

The Contractor shall make timely payment to his subcontractors and suppliers from the proceeds of the progress or final payment for which request is being made, following the Contractor's contractual arrangements with them.

G.2.4 Evaluation by the Contracting Officer

Following receipt of the Contractor's request for payment, and on the basis of an inspection of the work, the Contracting Officer will make a determination as to the amount that is then due. If the Contracting Officer does not approve payment of the full amount applied for, less the retainage addressed in FAR 52.232-5, the Contracting Officer shall advise the Contractor of the reasons for the reduction.

G.2.5 Additional Withholding

Independently of monies under FAR 52.232-5, the Government may withhold from payments due the Contractor any amounts as may be considered necessary to cover –

- (1) Wages or other amounts due the Contractor's employees on this project;
- (2) Wages or other amounts due employees of subcontractors on this project;
- (3) Amounts due suppliers of materials or equipment for this project; and
- (4) Any other amounts for which the Contractor may be held liable under this contract, including but not limited to the actual or prospective costs of correction of defective work and prospective liquidated damage when the Contractor has failed to make adequate progress.

G.2.6. Payment

The 14-day period identified in FAR 52.232-27(a)(1)(i)(A) is changed to 30 days.

G.3 TASK ORDERS

G.3.1 General. The Government will order all services under this contract on a Delivery/Task Order Form **OF 347** (Attachment 1), issued by the Contracting Officer, as the need arises.

G.3.2 Content. Task orders shall include:

Date of order
Contract number
Task Order number
Location of property
Amount of work (square meters or linear meters)
Required completion date

G.3.3 Procedures

G.3.3.1 Before issuing a task order, the Government may issue a written request for quotation that includes the work to be performed and the required completion date. The Contractor shall respond to that request for quotation in writing within three working days to the following address:

Alternatively, the Government may simply issue a firm-fixed price task order, if it has the measurements of the work to be performed.

G.3.3.2 If requested to submit a firm-fixed price quotation for a task order, the Contractor shall compute a price for the required work by multiplying the unit prices in Section B by the amount of work required.

G.4 VALUE ADDED TAX

VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT). The Contractor shall include VAT as a separate charge on the Invoice.

SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1 INSURANCE

H.1.1 Amount of Insurance

The Contractor is required to provide whatever insurance is legally necessary under Section I, 52.228-5, "Insurance - Work on a Government Installation." The Contractor shall, at its own expense, provide and maintain during the entire performance period the following insurance amounts:

General Liability (includes premises/operations, collapse hazard, products, completed operations, contractual, independent contractors, broad form property damage, personal injury):

1. Bodily injury on or off the site (stated in U.S. dollars):
 - Per occurrence: \$1000
 - Cumulative: \$5000
2. Property Damage on or off the site (stated in U.S. dollars):
 - Per occurrence: \$1000
 - Cumulative: \$5000

The types and amounts of insurance are the minimums required. The Contractor shall obtain any other types of insurance required by local law or that are ordinarily or customarily obtained in the location of the work. The limit of such insurance shall be as provided by law or sufficient to meet normal and customary claims.

The Contractor agrees that the Government shall not be responsible for personal injuries or for damages to:

- (a) any property of the Contractor,
 - (b) its officers,
 - (c) agents,
 - (d) servants,
 - (e) employees, or
 - (f) any other person,
- arising from and incident to the Contractor's performance of this contract.

The Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the Government from any and all claims arising, except in the instance of gross negligence on the part of the Government.

The Contractor shall obtain adequate insurance for damage to, or theft of, materials and equipment in insurance coverage for loose transit to the site or in storage on or off the site.

H.1.2 Government as Additional Insured

The general liability policy required of the Contractor shall name "the United States of America, acting by and through the Department of State", as an additional insured with respect to operations performed under this contract.

H.1.3 Insurance-Related Disputes

Failure to agree to any adjustment contemplated under this contract regarding insurance shall be a dispute within the meaning of FAR 52.233-1, Alternate I, "Disputes". Nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the work, including the repair and/or replacement as herein above provided.

H.1.4 Time for Submission of Evidence of Insurance

The Contractor shall provide evidence of the insurance required under this contract within ten (10) calendar days after contract award. Failure to timely submit this evidence, in a form acceptable to the Contracting Officer, may result in rescinding or termination of the contract by the Government.

H.2 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the definitions provided in Section I, FAR 52.202-1 and DOSAR 652.202-70, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) Day means a calendar day unless otherwise specifically indicated.
- (b) Host Country means the country in which the project is located.
- (c) Material means all materials, fixtures and other articles incorporated in, or which are intended to remain with, the project.
- (d) Task Order means a written notice to the Contractor from the Contracting Officer authorizing the Contractor to incur obligations and proceed with the work under individual orders as of a date stated in the order.
- (e) Samples are physical examples that illustrate materials, equipment or workmanship and establish standards by which the work will be judged.
- (f) Separate Contractor means a contractor, other than the Contractor or any of its subcontractors, to whom the Government has awarded a contract for construction or work on the site of a portion of the project.

H.3 GOVERNING LAW

The contract and its interpretation shall be governed by the laws of the United States.

H.4 LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

The project manager assigned by the Contractor to superintend the work on-site, as required by Section I, 52.236-6, "Superintendence by the Contractor", shall be fluent in written and spoken English.

H.5 LAWS AND REGULATIONS

H.5.1 Compliance Required

The Contractor shall, without additional expense to the Government, be responsible for complying with all host country laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations applicable to the performance of the work, and with the lawful orders of any governmental authority having jurisdiction. Host country authorities may not enter the construction site without the permission of the Contracting Officer. Unless directed by the Contracting Officer, the contractor shall comply with the more stringent of:

- (a) the requirements of such laws, regulations and orders; or
- (b) the contract.

If a conflict among the contract and such laws, regulations and orders, the Contractor shall promptly advise the Contracting Officer of the conflict and recommend a proposed course of action for resolution by the Contracting Officer.

H.5.2 Labor, Health and Safety Laws and Customs

The Contractor shall comply with all local labor laws, regulations, customs and practices pertaining to labor, safety, and similar matters, to the extent that such compliance is not inconsistent with the requirements of this contract.

H.5.3 Subcontractors

The Contractor shall give written assurance to the Contracting Officer that all subcontractors and others performing work on or for the project have obtained all requisite licenses and permits.

H.5.4 Evidence of Compliance

The Contractor shall submit proper documentation and evidence satisfactory to the Contracting Officer of compliance with this clause.

H.6 RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTOR

H.6.1 Damage to Persons or Property

The Contractor shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property that occur as a result of the Contractor's fault or negligence, and shall take proper safety and health precautions to protect the work, the workers, the public, and the property of others.

H.6.2 Responsibility for Work Performed

The Contractor shall be responsible for all materials delivered and work performed until final completion and acceptance of the entire work, except for any completed unit of work which may have been accepted in writing under the contract.

H.7 CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

H.7.1 Operations and Storage Areas

- (a) Confinement to Authorized Areas. The Contractor shall confine all operations (including storage of materials) on Government premises to areas authorized or approved by the Contracting Officer.
- (b) Vehicular Access. The Contractor shall, and in accordance with any regulations prescribed by the Contracting Officer, use only established site entrances and roadways.

H.7.2 Use of Premises

- (a) Occupied Premises. If the premises are occupied, the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their employees shall comply with the regulations promulgated by the Government governing access to, operation of, and conduct while in or on the premises and shall perform the work required under this contract in such a manner as not to unreasonably interrupt or interfere with the conduct of Government business.
- (b) Requests from occupants. Any request received by the Contractor from occupants of existing buildings to change the sequence of work shall be referred to the Contracting Officer for determination.
- (c) Access limited. The Contractor, its subcontractors and their employees shall not have access to or be admitted into any building or portion of the site outside the areas designated in this contract except with the permission of the Contracting Officer.

H.8 SAFETY

Accident Prevention

(a) General. The Contractor shall provide and maintain work environments and procedures that will:

(1) safeguard the public and Government personnel, property, materials, supplies, and equipment exposed to Contractor operations and activities;

(2) avoid interruptions of Government operations and delays in project completion dates; and

(3) control costs in the performance of this contract. For these purposes, the Contractor shall:

- (i) Provide appropriate safety barricades, signs and signal lights;
- (ii) Comply with the standards issued by any local government authority having jurisdiction over occupational health and safety issues; and
- (iii) Take any additional measures the Contracting Officer determines to be reasonably necessary for this purpose.

(b) Records. The Contractor shall maintain an accurate record of exposure data on all accidents incident to work performed under this contract resulting in:

- (1) death,
- (2) traumatic injury,
- (3) occupational disease, or
- (4) damage to or theft or loss of property, materials, supplies, or equipment.

The Contractor shall report this data as directed by the Contracting Officer.

(c) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall be responsible for its subcontractors' compliance with this clause.

(d) Written Program. Before starting the work, the Contractor shall:

(1) Submit a written proposal for implementing this clause; and

(2) Meet with the Contracting Officer to discuss and develop a mutual understanding of the overall safety program.

(e) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor of any non-compliance with these requirements and the corrective actions required. The Contractor shall immediately take corrective action after receiving the notice. If the Contractor fails or refuses to promptly take corrective action, the Contracting Officer may issue an order suspending all or part of the work

until satisfactory corrective action has been taken. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any equitable adjustment of the contract price or extension of the performance schedule for any suspension of work issued under this clause.

H.9 SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

H.9.1 Claims and Encumbrances

The Contractor shall satisfy as due all lawful claims of any persons or entities employed by the Contractor, including subcontractors, material men and laborers, for all labor performed and materials furnished under this contract, including the applicable warranty or correction period, unless the Government shall be directly liable therefore by contract. The Contractor shall not at any time permit any lien, attachment, or other encumbrance to be entered against or to remain on the building(s), or the premises, whether public or private, or any portion thereof, as a result of nonperformance of any part of this contract.

H.9.2 Approval of Subcontractors

(a) Review and approval. The Government reserves the right to review proposed subcontractors for a period of five (5) calendar days before providing notice of consent or rejection of any or all subcontractors.

(b) Rejection of subcontractors. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all subcontractors proposed if their participation in the project, as determined by the Contracting Officer, may cause damage to the national security interests of the United States. The Contractor agrees to promptly replace any subcontractor rejected by the Government under this clause.

H.10 CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL

H.10.1 Removal of Personnel

The Contractor shall:

- (a) Maintain discipline at the site and at all times;
- (b) Take all reasonable precautions to prevent any unlawful, riotous or disorderly conduct by or amongst those employed at the site; and
- (c) Take all reasonable precautions for the preservation of peace and protection of persons and property in the neighborhood of the project against unlawful, riotous, or disorderly conduct.

The Contracting Officer may require, in writing, that the Contractor remove from the work any employee that the Contracting Officer determines:

- (a) incompetent,

- (b) careless,
- (c) insubordinate or
- (d) otherwise objectionable, or
- (e) whose continued employment on the project is deemed by the Contracting Officer to be contrary to the Government's interests.

H.10.2 Notice to the Government of Labor Disputes

If the Contractor has knowledge that any actual or potential labor dispute is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this contract, the Contractor shall immediately give notice, including all relevant information, to the Contracting Officer.

H.10.3 Construction Personnel Security

After award of the contract, the Contractor has ten calendar days to submit to the Contracting Officer a list of workers and supervisors assigned to this project for the Government to conduct all necessary security checks. It is anticipated that security checks will take **five** days to perform. For each individual the list shall include:

Full Name
Place and Date of Birth
Current Address
Identification number

Failure to provide any of the above information may be considered grounds for rejections and/or resubmittal of the application. Once the Government has completed the security screening and approved the applicants a badge will be provided to the individual for access to the site. This badge may be revoked at any time due to the falsification of data, or misconduct on site. These passes must be displayed visibly by all Contractor personnel working on site. The Contractor shall inform its employees to be used under this contract that they may be subject to search by the Government when entering or leaving work. The Contractor shall return all passes upon conclusion of the contract.

H.11 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

H.11.1 Selection and Approval of Materials

- (a) Standard of quality. All materials and equipment incorporated into the work shall be new and for the purpose intended, unless otherwise specified, and all workmanship shall be of good quality and performed in a skillful manner as determined by the Contracting Officer.
- (b) Selection by Contractor. Where the contract permits the Contractor to select products, materials or equipment to be incorporated into the work, or where specific approval is otherwise required by the contract, the Contractor shall give the Contracting Officer, for approval:

- (1) the names of the manufacturer;
- (2) model number;
- (3) source of procurement of each such product, material or equipment; and
- (4) other pertinent information concerning the:
 - (i) nature,
 - (ii) appearance,
 - (iii) dimensions,
 - (iv) performance,
 - (v) capacity, and
 - (vi) rating;unless otherwise required by the Contracting Officer.

The Contractor shall provide this information in a timely manner to permit the Government to evaluate the information against the requirements of the contract. The Contractor shall provide a submittal register ten (10) days after contract award showing when shop drawings, samples, or submittals shall be made. The Contractor shall submit samples for approval at the Contractor's expense, with all shipping charges prepaid, when directed to do so by the Contracting Officer or COR. Installation or use of any products, materials or equipment without the required approval shall be at the risk of rejection.

H.11.2 Custody of Materials

The Contractor shall be responsible for the custody of all materials received for incorporation into the project, including Government furnished materials, upon delivery to the Contractor or to any person for whom it is responsible, including subcontractors. The Contractor shall deliver all such items to the site as soon as practicable. If required by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall clearly mark in a manner directed by the Contracting Officer all items of which the Contractor has custody but which have not been delivered or secured at the site, clearly indicating the use of such items for this U.S. Government project.

H.11.3 Basis of Contract Price

The contract price is based on the use of the materials, products and equipment specified in the contract, except for substitutions or "Or-Equal" items proposed by the Contractor which have been specifically approved by the Government at the time of execution of the contract. Any substitution approved by the Government after execution of the contract shall be subject to an appropriate adjustment of the contract price.

H.11.4 Substitutions

(a) Prior approval required. Before substitutions

- (1) proposed by the Contractor but not yet approved at the contract award, or

- (2) proposed by the Contractor after execution of the contract

may be used in the project, the Contractor must obtain approval in writing from the Contracting Officer. Any substitution request shall be timely and accompanied by sufficient information to permit the Government to evaluate its acceptability. The date shall provide reasons for the proposed substitution and data concerning the design, appearance, performance, composition, and relative cost of the proposed substitute. If the Contracting Officer determines the substitute items is not in the best interests of the Government, the Contractor shall obtain the items originally specified with no adjustment in the contract price or completion date.

(b) Approval Through Shop Drawings. The Contractor may propose substitutions of materials in the submittal of shop drawings, provided such substitution is specifically requested in writing in the transmittal of the shop drawings to the Contracting Officer. Such substitution requests must be made in a timely manner and supported by the required information.

(c) Final Approval on Delivery. Acceptance or approval of proposed substitutions under the contract is conditioned upon approval of items delivered at the site or approval by sample. Approval by sample shall not limit the Government's right to reject material after delivery to the site if the material does not conform to the approved sample in all material respects.

H.11.5 "Or-Equal Clause"

References in the Specifications/Statement of Work to materials, products or equipment by trade name, make, or catalog number, or to specific processes, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. The Contractor may propose for approval or rejection by the Contracting Officer the substitution of any material, product, equipment or process that the Contractor believes to be equal to or better than that named in the Specifications/Statement of Work, unless otherwise specifically provided in this contract.

H.11.6 Use and Testing of Samples

(a) Use. Approved samples not destroyed in testing will be sent to the Contracting Officer. Those samples that are in good condition will be marked for identification and may be used in the work. Materials and equipment incorporated in the work shall match the approved samples within any specified tolerances. Other samples not destroyed in testing or not approved will be returned to the Contractor at its expense if so requested.

(b) Failure of Samples. Failure of any material to pass the specified tests will be sufficient cause for refusal to consider, under this contract, any further samples of the same brand or make of that material or equipment which previously has proved unsatisfactory in service.

(c) Taking and testing of samples. Samples of various materials or equipment delivered on the site or in place may be taken by the Contracting Officer for additional

testing by the Government outside of those required by the contract documents. Samples failing to meet contract requirements will automatically void previous approvals of the items tested. The Contractor shall replace such materials or equipment found not to have met contract requirements, unless the Contracting Officer determines it to be in the Government's interest to accept the non conforming materials or equipment with an appropriate adjustment of the contract price as determined by the Contracting Officer.

(d) Cost of additional testing by the Government. Unless otherwise specified, when additional tests are made, only one test of each sample proposed for use will be made at the expense of the Government. Samples that do not meet contract required will be rejected. Further testing of additional samples, if required, will be made at the expense of the Contractor.

H.12 SPECIAL WARRANTIES

H.12.1 Special Warranty Obligations

Any special warranties that may be required under the contract shall be subject to the stipulations set forth in Section I, 52.246-21, "Warranty of Construction", insofar as they do not conflict with the provisions of such special warranties.

H.12.2 Warranty Information

The Contractor shall obtain and furnish to the Government all information which is required in order to make any subcontractor's, manufacturer's, or supplier's guarantee or warranty legally binding and effective, and shall submit both the information and the guarantee or warranty to the Government in sufficient time to permit the Government to meet any time limit requirements specified in the guarantee or warranty, but not later than completion and acceptance of all work under this contract.

H.13 EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENTS

H.13.1 Basis for Equitable Adjustments

If an act occurs, that causes a change within the meaning of paragraph (a) of the "Changes" clause, the Contractor shall give the Contracting Officer prompt written notice (within 20 days) stating:

(a) the date, circumstances, and applicable contract clause authorizing an equitable adjustment, and

(b) that the Contractor regards the event as a changed condition for which an equitable adjustment is allowed under the contract.

H.13.2 Differing Site Condition Notice

The Contractor shall provide written notice of a differing site condition within 10 calendar days of occurrence in accordance with additional information provided in FAR 52.236-4, Differing Site Condition.

H.13.3 Documentation of Proposals for Equitable Adjustments

(a) Itemization of proposals and requests. Any request for equitable adjustment in the contract price, including any change proposal submitted in accordance with the "Changes" clause, shall be submitted in the form of a lump sum proposal supported with an itemized breakdown of all increases and decreases in the contract price in at least the detail required by the Contracting Officer, and shall include all costs and delays related to or arising out of the change or event giving rise to the proposed adjustment, including any delay damages and additional overhead costs.

(b) Proposed time adjustments. The Contractor shall submit with any request for an equitable adjustment or change proposal a proposed time extension (if applicable), and shall include sufficient information to demonstrate whether and to what extent the change will delay the contract in its entirety.

(c) Release by Contractor. The price and time adjustment made in any contract modification issued as a result of a change proposal or request for an equitable adjustment shall be considered to account for all items affected by the change or other circumstances giving rise to an equitable adjustment. Upon the issuance of such contract modification, the Government shall be released from any and all liability under this contract for further equitable adjustments attributable to the facts and circumstances giving rise to the change proposal or request for equitable adjustment.

H.14 NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

In the event the Contractor, after receiving written notice from the Contracting Officer of noncompliance with any requirement of this contract, fails to initiate promptly such action as may be appropriate to comply with the specified requirement within a reasonable period of time, the Contracting Officer shall have the right to order the Contractor to stop any or all work under the contract until the Contractor has complied or has initiated such action as may be appropriate to comply within a reasonable period of time. The Contractor will not be entitled to any extension of contract time or payment for any costs incurred as a result of being ordered to stop work for such a cause.

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52.203-3	GRATUITIES (APR 1984)
52.203-5	COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES (MAY 2014)
52.203-7	ANTI-KICKBACK PROCEDURES (JUN 2020)
52.203-8	CANCELLATION, RESCISSION, AND RECOVERY OF FUNDS FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY (MAY 2014)
52.203-10	PRICE OR FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY (MAY 2014)
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I.2 FAR FULL TEXT CLAUSES

52.216-18 Ordering (AUG 2020)

- (a) Any supplies and services to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by issuance of delivery orders or task orders by the individuals or activities designated in the Schedule. Such orders may be issued from June 2021 through June 2025.
- (b) All delivery orders or task orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event of conflict between a delivery order or task order and this contract, the contract shall control.
- (c) A delivery order or task order is considered “issued” when –
 - (1) If sent by mail (includes transmittal by U.S. mail or private delivery service), the Government deposits the order in the mail;
 - (2) If sent by fax, the Government transmits the order to the Contractor’s fax number; or
 - (3) If sent electronically, the Government either –
 - (i) Posts a copy of the delivery order or task order to a Government document access system, and notice is sent to the Contractor; or
 - (ii) Distributes the delivery order or task order via email to the Contractor’s email address.
- (d) Orders may be issued by methods other than those enumerated in this clause only if authorized in the contract. (End of clause)

52.216-19 ORDER LIMITATIONS. (OCT 1995)

- (a) Minimum order. When the Government requires supplies or services covered by this contract in an amount of less than **100.00 USD**, the Government is not obligated to purchase, nor is the Contractor obligated to furnish, those supplies or services under the contract.
- (b) Maximum order. The Contractor is not obligated to honor—
- (c) Any order for a single item in excess of **10,000.00 USD** per residence;
 - (1) Any order for a combination of items in excess of **50,000.00 USD**; or
 - (2) A series of orders from the same ordering office within **30** days that together call for quantities exceeding the limitation in subparagraph (1) or (2) above.
- (d) If this is a requirements contract (i.e., includes the Requirements clause at subsection 52.216-21 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)), the Government is not required to order a part of any one requirement from the Contractor if that requirement exceeds the maximum-order limitations in paragraph (b) above.
- (e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c) above, the Contractor shall honor any order exceeding the maximum order limitations in paragraph (b), unless that order (or orders) is returned to the ordering office within two (2) days after issuance, with written notice stating the Contractor's intent not to ship the item (or items) called for and the reasons. Upon receiving this notice, the Government may acquire the supplies or services from another source.

(End of clause)

52.216-22 INDEFINITE QUANTITY. (OCT 1995)

- (a) This is an indefinite-quantity contract for the supplies or services specified, and effective for the period stated, in the Schedule. The quantities of supplies and services specified in the Schedule are estimates only and are not purchased by this contract.
- (b) Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. The Contractor shall furnish to the Government, when and if ordered, the supplies or services specified in the Schedule up to and including the quantity designated in the Schedule as the “maximum.” The Government shall order at least the quantity of supplies or services designated in the Schedule as the “minimum.”
- (c) ©Except for any limitations on quantities in the Deliver-Order Limitations clause or in the Schedule, there is no limit on the number of orders that may be issued. The Government may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations.

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

(End of clause)

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. 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 the performance period of the contract.

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 the performance period of the contract or within 30 days after funds for the option year become available, whichever is later.

(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 **4 years**.

52.229-12 TAX ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PROCUREMENTS—NOTICE AND REPRESENTATION
(FEB 2021)

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

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person.

United States person, as defined in [26 U.S.C. 7701\(a\)\(30\)](#), means—

- (1) A citizen or resident of the United States;
- (2) A domestic partnership;
- (3) A domestic corporation;

(4) Any estate (other than a foreign estate, within the meaning of [26 U.S.C. 7701\(a\)\(31\)](#)); and

(5) Any trust if-

(i) A court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust; and

(ii) One or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

(b) This clause applies only to foreign persons. It implements [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) and its implementing regulations at [26 CFR 1.5000C-1](#) through [1.5000C-7](#).

(c)

(1) If the Contractor is a foreign person and has only a partial or no exemption to the withholding, the Contractor shall include the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-14, Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments, with each voucher or invoice submitted under this contract throughout the period in which this status is applicable. The excise tax withholding is applied at the payment level, not at the contract level. The Contractor should revise each IRS Form W-14 submission to reflect the exemption (if any) that applies to that particular invoice, such as a different exemption applying. In the absence of a completed IRS Form W-14 accompanying a payment request, the default withholding percentage is 2 percent for the section 5000C withholding for that payment request. Information about IRS Form W-14 and its separate instructions is available via the internet at www.irs.gov/w14.

(2) If the Contractor is a foreign person and has indicated in its offer in the provision [52.229-11](#), Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements—Notice and Representation, that it is fully exempt from the withholding, and certified the full exemption on the IRS Form W-14, and if that full exemption no longer applies due to a change in circumstances during the performance of the contract that causes the Contractor to become subject to the withholding for the 2 percent excise tax then the Contractor shall—

(i) Notify the Contracting Officer within 30 days of a change in circumstances that causes the Contractor to be subject to the excise tax withholding under [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#); and

(ii) Comply with paragraph (c)(1) of this clause.

(d) The Government will withhold a full 2 percent of each payment unless the Contractor claims an exemption. If the Contractor enters a ratio in Line 12 of the IRS Form W-14, the result of Line 11 divided by Line 10, the Government will withhold from

each payment an amount equal to 2 percent multiplied by the contract ratio. If the Contractor marks box 9 of the IRS Form W-14 (rather than completes Lines 10 through 12), the Contractor must identify and enter the specific exempt and nonexempt amounts in Line 15 of the IRS Form W-14; the Government will then withhold 2 percent only from the nonexempt amount. See the IRS Form W-14 and its instructions.

(e) Exemptions from the withholding under this clause are described at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1(d)(5) through (7). Any exemption claimed and self-certified on the IRS Form W-14 is subject to audit by the IRS. Any disputes regarding the imposition and collection of the [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) tax are adjudicated by the IRS as the [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) tax is a tax matter, not a contract issue.

(f) Taxes imposed under [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) may not be—

(1) Included in the contract price; nor

(2) Reimbursed.

(g) A taxpayer may, for a fee, seek advice from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as to the proper tax treatment of a transaction. This is called a private letter ruling. Also, the IRS may publish a revenue ruling, which is an official interpretation by the IRS of the Internal Revenue Code, related statutes, tax treaties, and regulations. A revenue ruling is the conclusion of the IRS on how the law is applied to a specific set of facts. For questions relating to the interpretation of the IRS regulations go to <https://www.irs.gov/help/tax-law-questions>.

(End of clause)

I.3 DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACQUISITION REGULATION (DOSAR) FULL TEXT CLAUSES (48 CFR CHAPTER 6):

652.204-70 DEPARTMENT OF STATE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUANCE PROCEDURES (MAY 2011)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the Department of State (DOS) Personal Identification Card Issuance Procedures for all employees performing under this contract who require frequent and continuing access to DOS facilities, or information systems. The Contractor shall insert this clause in all subcontracts when the subcontractor's employees will require frequent and continuing access to DOS facilities, or information systems.

(b) The DOS Personal Identification Card Issuance Procedures may be accessed at <http://www.state.gov/m/ds/rls/rpt/c21664.htm>.

(End of clause)

CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION (JULY 2008)

Contract performance may require contractor personnel to attend meetings with government personnel and the public, work within government offices, and/or utilize government e-mail.

Contractor personnel must take the following actions to identify themselves as non-federal employees:

- 1) Use an e-mail signature block that shows name, the office being supported and company affiliation (e.g. "John Smith, Office of Human Resources, ACME Corporation Support Contractor");
- 2) Clearly identify themselves and their contractor affiliation in meetings;
- 3) Identify their contractor affiliation in Departmental e-mail and phone listings whenever contractor personnel are included in those listings; and
- 4) Contractor personnel may not utilize Department of State logos or indicia on business cards.

(End of clause)

652.216-70 ORDERING - INDEFINITE-DELIVERY CONTRACT (APR 2004)

The Government shall use one of the following forms to issue orders under this contract:

- (a) The Optional Form 347, *Order for Supplies or Services*, and Optional Form 348, *Order for Supplies or Services Schedule - Continuation*; or,
- (b) The DS-2076, *Purchase Order, Receiving Report and Voucher*, and DS-2077, *Continuation Sheet*.

(End of clause)

652.225-71 SECTION 8(A) OF THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1979, as amended (AUG 1999)

(a) Section 8(a) of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)), prohibits compliance by U.S. persons with any boycott fostered by a foreign country against a country which is friendly to the United States and which is not itself the object of any form of boycott pursuant to United States law or regulation. The Boycott of Israel by Arab League countries is such a boycott, and therefore, the following actions, if taken with intent to comply with, further, or support the Arab League Boycott of Israel, are prohibited activities under the Export Administration Act:

(1) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to do business with or in Israel, with any Israeli business concern, or with any national or resident of Israel, or with any other person, pursuant to an agreement of, or a request from or on behalf of a boycotting country;

(2) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to employ or otherwise discriminating against any person on the basis of race, religion, sex, or national origin of that person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such person;

(3) Furnishing information with respect to the race, religion, or national origin of any U.S. person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such U.S. person;

(4) Furnishing information about whether any person has, has had, or proposes to have any business relationship (including a relationship by way of sale, purchase, legal or commercial representation, shipping or other transport, insurance, investment, or supply) with or in the State of Israel, with any business concern organized under the laws of the State of Israel, with any Israeli national or resident, or with any person which is known or believed to be restricted from having any business relationship with or in Israel;

(5) Furnishing information about whether any person is a member of, has made contributions to, or is otherwise associated with or involved in the activities of any charitable or fraternal organization which supports the State of Israel; and,

(6) Paying, honoring, confirming, or otherwise implementing a letter of credit which contains any condition or requirement against doing business with the State of Israel.

(b) Under Section 8(a), the following types of activities are not forbidden "compliance with the boycott," and are therefore exempted from Section 8(a)'s prohibitions listed in paragraphs (a)(1)-(6) above:

(1) Complying or agreeing to comply with requirements:

(i) Prohibiting the import of goods or services from Israel or goods produced or services provided by any business concern organized under the laws of Israel or by nationals or residents of Israel; or,

(ii) Prohibiting the shipment of goods to Israel on a carrier of Israel, or by a route other than that prescribed by the boycotting country or the recipient of the shipment;

(2) Complying or agreeing to comply with import and shipping document requirements with respect to the country of origin, the name of the carrier and route of shipment, the name of the supplier of the shipment or the name of the provider of other services, except that no information knowingly furnished or conveyed in response to such requirements may be stated in negative, blacklisting, or similar exclusionary terms, other than with respect to carriers or route of shipments as may be permitted by such regulations in order to comply with precautionary requirements protecting against war risks and confiscation;

(3) Complying or agreeing to comply in the normal course of business with the unilateral and specific selection by a boycotting country, or national or resident thereof, of carriers, insurance, suppliers of services to be performed within the boycotting country or specific goods which, in the normal course of business, are identifiable by source when imported into the boycotting country;

(4) Complying or agreeing to comply with the export requirements of the boycotting country relating to shipments or transshipments of exports to Israel, to any business concern of or organized under the laws of Israel, or to any national or resident of Israel;

(5) Compliance by an individual or agreement by an individual to comply with the immigration or passport requirements of any country with respect to such individual or any member of such individual's family or with requests for information regarding requirements of employment of such individual within the boycotting country; and,

(6) Compliance by a U.S. person resident in a foreign country or agreement by such person to comply with the laws of that country with respect to his or her activities exclusively therein, and such regulations may contain exceptions for such resident complying with the laws or regulations of that foreign country governing imports into such country of trademarked, trade named, or similarly specifically identifiable products, or components of products for his or her own use, including the performance of contractual services within that country, as may be defined by such regulations.

(End of clause)

652.229-71 PERSONAL PROPERTY DISPOSITION AT POSTS ABROAD (AUG 1999)

Regulations at 22 CFR Part 136 require that U.S. Government employees and their families do not profit personally from sales or other transactions with persons who are not themselves entitled to exemption from import restrictions, duties, or taxes. Should the Contractor experience importation or tax privileges in a foreign country because of its contractual relationship to the United States Government, the Contractor shall observe the requirements of 22 CFR Part 136 and all policies, rules, and procedures issued by the chief of mission in that foreign country.

(End of clause)

652.237-72 OBSERVANCE OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE (APR 2004)

All work shall be performed during **8:30 – 17:30 on weekdays** except for the holidays identified below. Other hours may be approved by the Contracting Officer's Representative. Notice must be given 24 hours in advance to COR who will consider any deviation from the hours identified above.

a) The Department of State observes the following days as holidays*:

New Year's Day
Orthodox Christmas
Martin Luther King's Birthday**
Washington's Birthday**
International Women's Day
Labor Day
Orthodox Easter
Victory and Commemoration Day

Memorial Easter
Memorial Day**
Independence Day**
National Day
National Language Day
Labor Day**
Columbus Day**
Veterans Day**
Thanksgiving Day**
Christmas Day

*Any other day designated by Federal law, Executive Order or Presidential Proclamation.

(b) When any such day** falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday is observed. Observance of such days by Government personnel shall not be cause for additional period of performance or entitlement to compensation except as set forth in the contract.

(End of clause)

652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(a) The Contractor warrants the following:

(1) That is has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;

(2) That is has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,

(3) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.

(b) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

(End of clause)

652.243-70 NOTICES (AUG 1999)

Any notice or request relating to this contract given by either party to the other shall be in writing. Said notice or request shall be mailed or delivered by hand to the other party at the address provided in the schedule of the contract. All modifications to the contract must be made in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

SECTION J - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

<u>ATTACHMENT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHMENT</u>	<u>NO.PAGES</u>
Attachment 1	Sample Task Order Form	1

ORDER FOR SUPPLIES OR SERVICES

PAGE OF PAGES

IMPORTANT: Mark all packages and papers with contract and/or order numbers.

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1. DATE OF ORDER	2. CONTRACT NO. <i>(If any)</i>	6. SHIP TO:	
3. ORDER NO.	4. REQUISITION/REFERENCE NO.	a. NAME OF CONSIGNEE	
5. ISSUING OFFICE <i>(Address correspondence to)</i>		b. STREET ADDRESS	
7. TO:		c. CITY	d. STATE
		e. ZIP CODE	
a. NAME OF CONTRACTOR		f. SHIP VIA	
b. COMPANY NAME		8. TYPE OF ORDER	
c. STREET ADDRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> a. PURCHASE REF YOUR: _____ Please furnish the following on the terms and conditions specified on both sides of this order and on the attached sheet, if any, including delivery as indicated.	<input type="checkbox"/> b. DELIVERY -- Except for billing instructions on the reverse, this delivery order is subject to instructions contained on this side only of this form and is issued subject to the terms and conditions of the above-numbered contract.
d. CITY	e. STATE	f. ZIP CODE	
9. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA		10. REQUISITIONING OFFICE	
11. BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION <i>(Check appropriate box(es))</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> a. SMALL <input type="checkbox"/> b. OTHER THAN SMALL <input type="checkbox"/> c. DISADVANTAGED <input type="checkbox"/> d. WOMEN-OWNED			
12. F.O.B. POINT		14. GOVERNMENT B/L NO.	15. DELIVER TO F.O.B. POINT ON OR BEFORE <i>(Date)</i>
13. PLACE OF		16. DISCOUNT TERMS	
a. INSPECTION	b. ACCEPTANCE		

17. SCHEDULE *(See reverse for Rejections)*

ITEM NO. (a)	SUPPLIES OR SERVICES (b)	QUANTITY ORDERED (c)	UNIT (d)	UNIT PRICE (e)	AMOUNT (f)	QUANTITY ACCEPTED (g)	
SEE BILLING INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE	18. SHIPPING POINT	19. GROSS SHIPPING WEIGHT	20. INVOICE NO.			17(h) TOT. (Cont. pages) ←	
	21. MAIL INVOICE TO:						
	a. NAME						17(i) GRAND TOTAL ←
	b. STREET ADDRESS <i>(or P.O. Box)</i>						
c. CITY		d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE				

22. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY *(Signature)* ▶

23. NAME *(Typed)*

TITLE: CONTRACTING/ORDERING OFFICER

SECTION K - REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER
STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS OR QUOTERS

K.1 52.203-2 CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION (APR 1985)

(a) The offeror certifies that -

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit an offer, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;

(2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

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

(b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory -

(1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; or

(2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.

(c) If the offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)(2) above, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

(d) The Offeror shall include Defense Base Act (DBA) insurance premium costs covering employees. The offeror may obtain DBA insurance directly from any Department of Labor approved providers at the DOL website at <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/lscarrier.htm>

If your offer is from one of the excepted countries please provide the W-14 form with your offer.

<https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w-14>
<https://www.irs.gov/instructions/iw14>

(End of provision)

K.2 52.203-11 CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE REGARDING PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS (SEP 2007)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision – “Lobbying contact” has the meaning provided at 2 USC 1602(8). The terms “agency”, “influencing or attempting to influence”, “officer or employee of an agency”, “person”, “reasonable compensation”, and “regularly employed” are defined in the FAR clause of this solicitation entitled Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (52.203-12).

(b) Prohibition. The prohibition and exceptions contained in the FAR clause of this solicitation entitled “Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions” (52.203-12) are hereby incorporated by reference in this provision.

(c) Certification. The offeror, by signing its offer, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to 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 on its behalf in connection with the awarding of this contract.

(d) Disclosure. If any registrants under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 have made a lobbying contract on behalf of the offeror with respect to this contract, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its officer, OMB Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to provide the name of the registrants. The offeror need not report regularly employed officers or employees of the offeror to whom payments of reasonable compensation were made.

(e) Penalty. Submission of this certification and disclosure is a prerequisite for making or entering into this contract imposed by 31 USC 1352. Any persons who makes an expenditure prohibited under this provision or who fails to file or amend the disclosure required to be filed or amended by this provision, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000, and not more than \$150,000, for each failure.

(End of provision)

K.3 RESERVED

K.4 52.204-3 TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION (OCT 1998)

(a) Definitions.

"Common parent", as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member.

"Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)", as used in this provision, means the number required by the IRS to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.

(b) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (d) through (f) of this provision in order to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325 (d), reporting requirements of 26 USC 6041, 6041A, and 6050M and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If the resulting contract is subject to the reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the failure or refusal by the offeror to furnish the information may result in a 31 percent reduction of payments otherwise due under the contract.

(c) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 USC 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

(d) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

TIN: _____

___ TIN has been applied for.

___ TIN is not required because:

___ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the U.S. and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the U.S.;

___ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

___ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(e) Type of Organization.

___ Sole Proprietorship;

___ Partnership;

___ Corporate Entity (not tax exempt);

___ Corporate Entity (tax exempt);

___ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

- Foreign government;
- International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;
- Other _____

(f) Common Parent.

- Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (a) of this clause.
- Name and TIN of common parent;

Name _____
TIN _____

(End of provision)

K.5 52.225-20 PROHIBITION ON CONDUCTING RESTRICTED BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN SUDAN—CERTIFICATION (AUG 2009)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision—

“Business operations” means engaging in commerce in any form, including by acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or any other apparatus of business or commerce.

“Marginalized populations of Sudan” means—

- (1) Adversely affected groups in regions authorized to receive assistance under section 8(c) of the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act (Pub. L. 109-344) (50 U.S.C. 1701 note); and
- (2) Marginalized areas in Northern Sudan described in section 4(9) of such Act.

“Restricted business operations” means business operations in Sudan that include power production activities, mineral extraction activities, oil-related activities, or the production of military equipment, as those terms are defined in the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174). Restricted business operations do not include business operations that the person conducting the business can demonstrate—

- (1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;
- (2) Are conducted pursuant to specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;
- (3) Consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;
- (4) Consist of providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;
- (5) Consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education; or
- (6) Have been voluntarily suspended.

(b) *Certification*. By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies that it does not conduct any restricted business operations in Sudan.

(End of provision)

K.6 52.204-8 ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (MAR 2020)

(a) (1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is **238320**.

(2) The small business size standard is **\$15 million dollars**.

(3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b) (1) If the provision at [52.204-7](#), System for Award Management, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

(2) If the provision at [52.204-7](#), System for Award Management, is not included in this solicitation, and the Offeror has an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM), the Offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The Offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

(i) Paragraph (d) applies.

(ii) Paragraph (d) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation.

(c)

(1) The following representations or certifications in SAM are applicable to this solicitation as indicated:

(i) [52.203-2](#), Certificate of Independent Price Determination. This provision applies to solicitations when a firm-fixed-price contract or fixed-price contract with economic price adjustment is contemplated, unless—

(A) The acquisition is to be made under the simplified acquisition procedures in [part 13](#);

(B) The solicitation is a request for technical proposals under two-step sealed bidding procedures; or

(C) The solicitation is for utility services for which rates are set by law or regulation.

(ii) [52.203-11](#), Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions. This provision applies to solicitations expected to exceed \$150,000.

(iii) [52.203-18](#), Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements-Representation. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(iv) [52.204-3](#), Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include the provision at [52.204-7](#), System for Award Management.

(v) [52.204-5](#), Women-Owned Business (Other Than Small Business). This provision applies to solicitations that-

(A) Are not set aside for small business concerns;

(B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and

(C) Are for contracts that will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

(vi) [52.204-26](#), Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(vii) [52.209-2](#), Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations-Representation.

(viii) [52.209-5](#), Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters. This provision applies to solicitations where the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(ix) [52.209-11](#), Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(x) [52.214-14](#), Place of Performance-Sealed Bidding. This provision applies to invitations for bids except those in which the place of performance is specified by the Government.

(xi) [52.215-6](#), Place of Performance. This provision applies to solicitations unless the place of performance is specified by the Government.

(xii) [52.219-1](#), Small Business Program Representations (Basic, Alternates I, and II). This provision applies to solicitations when the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

(A) The basic provision applies when the solicitations are issued by other than DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard.

(B) The provision with its Alternate I applies to solicitations issued by DoD, NASA, or the Coast Guard.

(C) The provision with its Alternate II applies to solicitations that will result in a multiple-award contract with more than one NAICS code assigned.

(xiii) [52.219-2](#), Equal Low Bids. This provision applies to solicitations when contracting by sealed bidding and the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

(xiv) [52.222-22](#), Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports. This provision applies to solicitations that include the clause at [52.222-26](#), Equal Opportunity.

(xv) [52.222-25](#), Affirmative Action Compliance. This provision applies to solicitations, other than those for construction, when the solicitation includes the clause at [52.222-26](#), Equal Opportunity.

(xvi) [52.222-38](#), Compliance with Veterans' Employment Reporting Requirements. This provision applies to solicitations when it is anticipated the contract award will exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and the contract is not for acquisition of commercial items.

(xvii) [52.223-1](#), Biobased Product Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that require the delivery or specify the use of USDA–designated items; or include the clause at [52.223-2](#), Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts.

(xviii) [52.223-4](#), Recovered Material Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that are for, or specify the use of, EPA–designated items.

(xix) [52.223-22](#), Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals-Representation. This provision applies to solicitations that include the clause at [52.204-7](#).)

(xx) [52.225-2](#), Buy American Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at [52.225-1](#).

(xxi) [52.225-4](#), Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Basic, Alternates I, II, and III.) This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at [52.225-3](#).

(A) If the acquisition value is less than \$25,000, the basic provision applies.

(B) If the acquisition value is \$25,000 or more but is less than \$50,000, the provision with its Alternate I applies.

(C) If the acquisition value is \$50,000 or more but is less than \$83,099, the provision with its Alternate II applies.

(D) If the acquisition value is \$83,099 or more but is less than \$100,000, the provision with its Alternate III applies.

(xxii) [52.225-6](#), Trade Agreements Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at [52.225-5](#).

(xxiii) [52.225-20](#), Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan-Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxiv) [52.225-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran-Representation and Certifications. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxv) [52.226-2](#), Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions.

(2) The following representations or certifications are applicable as indicated by the Contracting Officer:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

___ (i) [52.204-17](#), Ownership or Control of Offeror.

___ (ii) [52.204-20](#), Predecessor of Offeror.

___ (iii) [52.222-18](#), Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products.

___ (iv) [52.222-48](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Certification.

___ (v) [52.222-52](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Certification.

___ (vi) [52.223-9](#), with its Alternate I, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Products (Alternate I only).

___ (vii) [52.227-6](#), Royalty Information.

___ (A) Basic.

___ (B) Alternate I.

___ (viii) [52.227-15](#), Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software.

(d) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically in SAM website accessed through <https://www.sam.gov>. After reviewing the SAM information, the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically that apply to this solicitation as indicated in paragraph (c) of this provision have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR [4.1201](#)); except for the changes identified below [*offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date*]. These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

FAR Clause #	Title	Date	Change

Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on SAM

(End of provision)

52.204-24 Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (OCT 2020).

The Offeror shall not complete the representation at paragraph (d)(1) of this provision if the offeror has represented that it “does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument” in paragraph (c)(1) in the provision at

52.204–26, Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation, or in paragraph (v)(2)(i) of the provision at 52.212–3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items. The Offeror shall not complete the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it “does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services” in paragraph (c)(2) of the provision at 52.204–26, or in paragraph (v)(2)(ii) of the provision at 52.212–3.

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision— *Backhaul, covered telecommunications equipment or services, critical technology, interconnection arrangements, reasonable inquiry, roaming, and substantial or essential component* have the meanings provided in the clause [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(b) *Prohibition.*

(1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

(i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract or extending or renewing a contract with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

(i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(c) *Procedures.* The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services”.

(d) *Representation.* The Offeror represents that—

(1) It will, will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(1) of this section if the Offeror responds “will” in paragraph (d)(1) of this section; and

(2) After conducting a reasonable inquiry, for purposes of this representation, the Offeror represents that—

It does, does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(2) of this section if the Offeror responds “does” in paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

(e) *Disclosures.*

(1) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “will” in the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(i) For covered equipment—

(A) The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or a distributor, if known);

(B) A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

(C) Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

(ii) For covered services—

(A) If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B) If not associated with maintenance, the Product Service Code (PSC) of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

(2) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “does” in the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(i) For covered equipment—

(A) The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor, if known);

(B) A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

(C)Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

(ii)For covered services—

(A)If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B)If not associated with maintenance, the PSC of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

(End of provision)

52.204-26 Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation (OCT 2020)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision, “covered telecommunications equipment or services” and “reasonable inquiry” have the meaning provided in the clause 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(b) *Procedures.* The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services”.

(c) *Representations.* (1) The Offeror represents that it does, does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument.

(2) After conducting a reasonable inquiry for purposes of this representation, the Offeror represents that it does, does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(End of provision)

K.7. 52.209-2 PROHIBITIONS ON CONTRACTING WITH INVERTED DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS REPRESENTATION (NOV 2015)

(a) *Definitions.* “Inverted domestic corporation” and “subsidiary” have the meaning given in the clause of this contract entitled Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations ([52.209-10](#)).

(b) Government agencies are not permitted to use appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with either an inverted domestic corporation, or a subsidiary of an inverted

domestic corporation, unless the exception at [9.108-2\(b\)](#) applies or the requirement is waived in accordance with the procedures at [9.108-4](#).

(c) Representation. The Offeror represents that.

(1) It is, is not an inverted domestic corporation; and

(2) It is, is not a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation.

(End of provision)

K.8 52.209-5 Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters (Aug 2020)

(a)

(1) The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that—

(i) The Offeror and/or any of its Principals—

(A) Are are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;

(B) Have have not , within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property (if offeror checks "have", the offeror shall also see [52.209-7](#), if included in this solicitation);

(C) Are are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision;

(D) Have , have not , within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds the threshold at [9.104-5\(a\)\(2\)](#) for which the liability remains unsatisfied.

(1) Federal taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:

(i) *The tax liability is finally determined.* The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge to the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.

(ii) *The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment.* A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.

(2) *Examples.*

(i) The taxpayer has received a statutory notice of deficiency, under I.R.C. § 6212, which entitles the taxpayer to seek Tax Court review of a proposed tax deficiency. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek Tax Court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(ii) The IRS has filed a notice of Federal tax lien with respect to an assessed tax liability, and the taxpayer has been issued a notice under I.R.C. § 6320 entitling the taxpayer to request a hearing with the IRS Office of Appeals contesting the lien filing, and to further appeal to the Tax Court if the IRS determines to sustain the lien filing. In the course of the hearing, the taxpayer is entitled to contest the underlying tax liability because the taxpayer has had no prior opportunity to contest the liability. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek tax court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(iii) The taxpayer has entered into an installment agreement pursuant to I.R.C. § 6159. The taxpayer is making timely payments and is in full compliance with the agreement terms. The taxpayer is not delinquent because the taxpayer is not currently required to make full payment.

(iv) The taxpayer has filed for bankruptcy protection. The taxpayer is not delinquent because enforced collection action is stayed under 11 U.S.C. 362 (the Bankruptcy Code).

(ii) The Offeror has has not , within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.

(2) "Principal," for the purposes of this certification, means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (*e.g.*, general manager; plant manager; head of a division or business segment; and similar positions).

This Certification Concerns a Matter Within the Jurisdiction of an Agency of the United States and the Making of a False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Certification May Render the Maker Subject to Prosecution Under Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code.

(b) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(c) A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

(End of provision)

K.9. 52.209-13 Violation of Arms Control Treaties or Agreements-Certification. (Feb 2021)

(a) This provision does not apply to acquisitions at or below the simplified acquisition threshold or to acquisitions of commercial items as defined at FAR 2.101.

(b) *Certification. [Offeror shall check either (1) or (2).]*

__ (1) The Offeror certifies that—

(i) It does not engage and has not engaged in any activity that contributed to or was a significant factor in the President's or Secretary of State's determination that a foreign country is in violation of its obligations undertaken in any arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or is not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. The determinations are described in the most recent unclassified annual report provided to Congress pursuant to section 403 of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act (22 U.S.C. 2593a). The report is available at <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-arms-control-and-international-security-affairs/bureau-of-arms-control-verification-and-compliance/>; and

(ii) No entity owned or controlled by the Offeror has engaged in any activity that contributed to or was a significant factor in the President's or Secretary of State's determination that a foreign country is in violation of its obligations undertaken in any arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or is not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United

States is a participating state. The determinations are described in the most recent unclassified annual report provided to Congress pursuant to section 403 of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act (22 U.S.C. 2593a). The report is available at <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-arms-control-and-international-security-affairs/bureau-of-arms-control-verification-and-compliance/>; or

— (2) The Offeror is providing separate information with its offer in accordance with paragraph (d)(2) of this provision.

(c) Procedures for reviewing the annual unclassified report (see paragraph (b)(1) of this provision). For clarity, references to the report in this section refer to the entirety of the annual unclassified report, including any separate reports that are incorporated by reference into the annual unclassified report.

(1) Check the table of contents of the annual unclassified report and the country section headings of the reports incorporated by reference to identify the foreign countries listed there. Determine whether the Offeror or any person owned or controlled by the Offeror may have engaged in any activity related to one or more of such foreign countries.

(2) If there may have been such activity, review all findings in the report associated with those foreign countries to determine whether or not each such foreign country was determined to be in violation of its obligations undertaken in an arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or to be not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. For clarity, in the annual report an explicit certification of non-compliance is equivalent to a determination of violation. However, the following statements in the annual report are not equivalent to a determination of violation:

(i) An inability to certify compliance.

(ii) An inability to conclude compliance.

(iii) A statement about compliance concerns.

(3) If so, determine whether the Offeror or any person owned or controlled by the Offeror has engaged in any activity that contributed to or is a significant factor in the determination in the report that one or more of these foreign countries is in violation of its obligations undertaken in an arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or is not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. Review the narrative for any such findings reflecting a determination of violation or non-adherence related to those foreign countries in the report, including the finding itself, and to the extent necessary, the conduct giving rise to the compliance or adherence concerns, the analysis of compliance or adherence concerns, and efforts to resolve compliance or adherence concerns.

(4) The Offeror may submit any questions with regard to this report by email to NDAA1290Cert@state.gov. To the extent feasible, the Department of State will respond to such email inquiries within 3 business days.

(d) Do not submit an offer unless—

(1) A certification is provided in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision and submitted with the offer; or

(2) In accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of this provision, the Offeror provides with its offer information that the President of the United States has

(i) Waived application under [22 U.S.C. 2593e\(d\)](#) or (e); or

(ii) Determined under [22 U.S.C. 2593e\(g\)\(2\)](#) that the entity has ceased all activities for which measures were imposed under [22 U.S.C. 2593e\(b\)](#).

(e) *Remedies.* The certification in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly submitted a false certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, such as suspension or debarment, the Contracting Officer may terminate any contract resulting from the false certification.

(End of provision)

K.10 52. 229-11 TAX ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PROCUREMENTS – NOTICE AND REPRESENTATION (JUN 2020)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision—

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person.

Specified Federal procurement payment means any payment made pursuant to a contract with a foreign contracting party that is for goods, manufactured or produced, or services provided in a foreign country that is not a party to an international procurement agreement with the United States. For purposes of the prior sentence, a foreign country does not include an outlying area.

United States person as defined in [26 U.S.C. 7701\(a\)\(30\)](#) means

- (1) A citizen or resident of the United States;
- (2) A domestic partnership;
- (3) A domestic corporation;
- (4) Any estate (other than a foreign estate, within the meaning of [26 U.S.C. 701\(a\)\(31\)](#));

and

(5) Any trust if—

(i) A court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust; and

(ii) One or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

(b) Unless exempted, there is a 2 percent tax of the amount of a specified Federal procurement payment on any foreign person receiving such payment. See [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) and its implementing regulations at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1 through 1.5000C-7.

(c) Exemptions from withholding under this provision are described at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1(d)(5) through (7). The Offeror would claim an exemption from the withholding by using the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-14, Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments, available via the internet at www.irs.gov/w14. Any exemption claimed and self-certified on the IRS Form W-14 is subject to audit by the IRS. Any disputes regarding the imposition and collection of the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax are adjudicated by the IRS as the [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) tax is a tax matter, not a contract issue. The IRS Form W-14 is provided to the acquiring agency rather than to the IRS.

(d) For purposes of withholding under [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#), the Offeror represents that

(1) It is is not a foreign person; and

(2) If the Offeror indicates “is” in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, then the Offeror represents that—I am claiming on the IRS Form W-14 a full exemption, or partial or no exemption [Offeror shall select one] from the excise tax.

(e) If the Offeror represents it is a foreign person in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, then—

(1) The clause at FAR [52.229-12](#), Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements, will be included in any resulting contract; and

(2) The Offeror shall submit with its offer the IRS Form W-14. If the IRS Form W-14 is not submitted with the offer, exemptions will not be applied to any resulting contract and the Government will withhold a full 2 percent of each payment.

(f) If the Offeror selects “is” in paragraph (d)(1) and “partial or no exemption” in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror will be subject to withholding in accordance with the clause at FAR [52.229-12](#), Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements, in any resulting contract.

(g) A taxpayer may, for a fee, seek advice from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as to the proper tax treatment of a transaction. This is called a private letter ruling. Also, the IRS may publish a revenue ruling, which is an official interpretation by the IRS of the Internal Revenue Code, related statutes, tax treaties, and regulations. A revenue ruling is the conclusion of the IRS on how the law is applied to a specific set of facts. For questions relating to the interpretation of the IRS regulations go to <https://www.irs.gov/help/tax-law-questions>.

(End of provision)

K.11 Incorporated by reference: 52.225-25 PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES ENGAGING IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OR TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO IRAN—REPRESENTATION AND CERTIFICATIONS (JUN 2020)

K.12 AUTHORIZED CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

If the offeror does not fill-in the blanks below, the official who signed the offer will be deemed to be the offeror's representative for Contract Administration, which includes all matters pertaining to payments.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

K.13. 652.225-70 ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL (AUG 1999)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person as defined below.

United States person means any United States resident or national (other than an individual resident outside the United States and employed by other than a United States person), any domestic concern (including any permanent domestic establishment of any foreign concern), and any foreign subsidiary or affiliate (including any permanent foreign establishment) of any domestic concern which is controlled in fact by such domestic concern, as provided under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended.

(b) Certification. By submitting this offer, the offeror certifies that it is not:

- (1) Taking or knowingly agreeing to take any action, with respect to the boycott of Israel by Arab League countries, which Section 8(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)) prohibits a United States person from taking; or,
- (2) Discriminating in the award of subcontracts on the basis of religion.

SECTION L - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS,
AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS OR QUOTERS

L.1 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE
(FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions 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: <http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html> or <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/vffra.htm>. These addresses are subject to change. If the FAR is not available at the locations indicated above, use of an Internet “search engine” (for example, Google, Yahoo or Excite) is suggested to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR provisions.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) solicitation provision(s) is/are incorporated by reference:

<u>PROVISION</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.204-16	COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE REPORTING (AUG 2020)
52.209-7	INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (OCT 2018)
52.214-34	SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE (APR 1991)
52.215-1	INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS*—COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION (JAN 2017)
52.236-28	PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS - CONSTRUCTION (OCT 1997)

* Offerors are reminded that this provision states that the Government may award a contract based on initial proposals, without holding discussions.

L.2 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS IN FULL TEXT

52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of an indefinite-delivery indefinite-quantity contract resulting from this solicitation.

(End of provision)

52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (SEP 2006)

(a) Protests, as defined in section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the General Accounting Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from the Ombudsman.

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

(End of provision)

L.3 QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFERORS

Instructions to Offeror. Each offer must consist of the following:

1. List of clients over the past **three** years, demonstrating prior experience with relevant past performance information and references (provide dates of contracts, places of performance, value of contracts, contact names, telephone and fax numbers and email addresses). If the offeror has not performed comparable services in Moldova then the offeror shall provide its international experience. Offerors are advised that the past performance information requested above may be discussed with the client's contact person. In addition, the client's contact person may be asked to comment on the offeror's:

- Quality of services provided under the contract;
- Compliance with contract terms and conditions;
- Effectiveness of management;
- Willingness to cooperate with and assist the customer in routine matters, and when confronted by unexpected difficulties; and
- Business integrity / business conduct.

The Government will use past performance information primarily to assess an offeror's capability to meet the solicitation performance requirements, including the relevance and successful performance of the offeror's work experience. The Government may also use this data to evaluate the credibility of the offeror's proposal. In addition, the Contracting Officer may use past performance information in making a determination of responsibility.

2. Evidence that the offeror/quoter can provide the necessary personnel, equipment, and financial resources needed to perform the work;
3. The offeror shall address its plan to obtain all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section 2). If offeror already possesses the locally required licenses and permits, a copy shall be provided.
4. The offeror's strategic plan for Residential Painting services to include but not limited to:

(a) A work plan taking into account all work elements in Section 1, Performance Work Statement.

(b) Identify types and quantities of equipment, supplies and materials required for performance of services under this contract. Identify if the offeror already possesses the listed items and their condition for suitability and if not already possessed or inadequate for use how and when the items will be obtained;

(c) Plan of ensuring quality of services including but not limited to contract administration and oversight; and

(d) (1) If insurance is required by the solicitation, a copy of the Certificate of Insurance(s), **or** (2) a statement that the contractor will get the required insurance, and the name of the insurance provider to be used.

L.4 REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

Each Offeror is responsible for:

- (1) Obtaining a complete set of contract drawings and specifications;
- (2) Thoroughly reviewing such documents and understanding their requirements;
- (3) Visiting the project site and becoming familiar with all working conditions, local laws and regulations; and
- (4) Determining that all materials, equipment and labor required for the work are available.

Offerors shall report any ambiguity in the solicitation, including specifications and contract drawings immediately to the Contracting Officer. Any prospective Offeror who requires a clarification, explanation or interpretation of the contract requirements must make a request to the Contracting Officer not less than five working days before the closing date of the solicitation. Offerors may rely upon written interpretations by the Contracting Officer.

L.5 SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

L.5.1 General

This solicitation is for the painting services described in Section C.

L.5.2 Summary of Instructions

Each offer must consist of the following physically separate volumes:

<u>VOLUME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF COPIES*</u>
1	Executed Standard Form 1442, "Solicitation, Offer and Award (Construction, Alteration or Repair)," and completed Section K – Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Offerors	1

2	Price Proposal and completed Section B – Supplies or Services and Prices/Costs	1
3	Business Management/Technical Proposal	1

* The total number of copies includes the original as one of the copies.

The complete offer shall be submitted at the address indicated at Block 7 of Standard Form (SF) 1442, if mailed, or the address set forth below, if hand delivered (if this is left blank, the address is the same as that in Block 7 of SF 1442).

Offerors shall identify, explain and justify any deviations, exceptions, or conditional assumptions taken regarding any of the instructions or requirements of this solicitation.

L.5.3 Detailed Instructions

L.5.3.1 Volume I: Standard Form (SF) 1442 and Section K. Complete blocks 14 through 20C of the SF 1442 and all of Section K.

L.5.3.2 Volume II: Price proposal and Section B. The price proposal shall consist of completion of Section B., including prices for all contract line items for all periods of performance.

L.5.3.3 Volume III: Business Management/Technical Proposal

(a) The Business Management/Technical Proposal shall be in two parts, including the following information:

Proposed Work Information - Provide the following:

- (1) A list of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the owners, partners, and principal officers of the Offeror;
- (2) The name and address of the Offeror's field superintendent for this project; and
- (3) A list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of subcontractors and principal materials suppliers to be used on the project, indicating what portions of the work will be performed by them.

Experience and Past Performance - List all contracts and subcontracts your company has held over the past three years for the same or similar work. Provide the following information for each contract and subcontract:

- (1) Customer's name, address, and telephone numbers of customer's lead contract and technical personnel;
- (2) Contract number and type;
- (3) Date of the contract award place(s) of performance, and completion dates;
- (4) Contract dollar value;
- (5) Brief description of the work, including responsibilities;
- (6) Comparability to the work under this solicitation;
- (7) Brief discussion of any major technical problems and their resolution;
- (8) Method of acquisition (fully competitive, partially competitive, or noncompetitive), and the basis for award (cost/price, technical merit, etc.);
- (9) Percent turnover of contract key technical personnel per year; and
- (10) Any terminations (partial or complete) and the reason (convenience or default).

L.6 52.236-27 SITE VISIT (FEB 1995)

RESERVED

L.7 652.206-70 ADVOCATE FOR COMPETITION/OMBUDSMAN (FEB 2015)

(a) The Department of State's Advocate for Competition is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged first to contact the contracting office for the solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact:

(1) For solicitations issued by the Office of Acquisition Management (A/LM/AQM) or a Regional Procurement Support Office, the A/LM/AQM Advocate for Competition, at AQMCompetitionAdvocate@state.gov.

(2) For all others, the Department of State Advocate for Competition at cat@state.gov.

(b) The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and post-award phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman Andrew Berdy, at +37322408300. For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the

Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1696 or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 1060, SA-15, Washington, DC 20520.

(End of provision)

L.8 MAGNITUDE OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

It is anticipated that the range in price of the construction/installation effort will be: from 4,500.00 USD to 175,000.00 USD.

L.9 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

If asked by the Contracting Officer, the offeror shall provide a current statement of its financial condition, certified by a third party, that includes:

Income (profit-loss) Statement that shows profitability for the past **three** years;

Balance Sheet that shows the assets owned and the claims against those assets, or what a firm owns and what it owes; and

Cash Flow Statement that shows the firm's sources and uses of cash during the most recent accounting period. This will help the Government assess a firm's ability to pay its obligations.

The Government will use this information to determine the offeror's financial responsibility and ability to perform under the contract. Failure of an offeror to comply with a request for this information may cause the Government to determine the offeror to be nonresponsible.

SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

M.1 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

M.1.1 General. To be acceptable and eligible for evaluation, proposals must be prepared following Section L and must meet all the requirements in the other sections of this solicitation.

M.1.2 Basis for Award

The Government intends to award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the lowest priced, technically acceptable offeror who is a responsible contractor. The evaluation process will follow the procedures below:

(a) Initial Evaluation

The Government will evaluate all proposals received will be evaluated to ensure that each proposal is complete in terms of submission of each required volume, as specified in Section L. The Government may eliminate proposals that are missing required information.

(b) Technical Acceptability

After the initial evaluation, the Government will review the remaining proposals to determine technical acceptability. The Government review technical acceptability by reviewing the Proposed Work Information described in Section L to ensure that the offeror's proposed project superintendent and subcontractors are acceptable to the Government. The Government may also contact references provided as part of the Experience and Past Performance information described in Section L to verify quality of past performance. The end result of this review will be a determination of technical acceptability or unacceptability.

(c) The Government will determine responsibility by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:

- (1) adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;
- (2) ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
- (3) satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- (4) necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them;
- (5) necessary equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them; and
- (6) otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

The Government reserves the right to reject proposals that are unreasonably low or high in price. Unsuccessful offerors will be notified following FAR 15.503.

M.3 52.217-5 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (JUL 1990)

The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. Evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

(End of provision)

M.4 SEPARATE CHARGES

Separate charges, in any form, are not solicited. For example, any charges for failure to exercise an option are unacceptable.