

## SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

### 52.212-1 – INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (Jun 2008)

The following **ADDENDA TO FAR 52.212-1** are incorporated:

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The following paragraph of this clause is tailored as follows:

(c) *Period for acceptance of offers.* Replace with the following: *Period for acceptance of offers.* The offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for **60** calendar days from the date specified for receipt of offers.

#### INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SUBMISSION OF OFFER:

The following information is to be provided with offeror's proposal. The information requested must be provided for the prime contractor, and, if applicable, significant subcontractors.

\*\*\*Failure to provide any item requested below may render offeror's proposal NON-RESPONSIVE and thereby ineligible for award.\*\*\*

#### (A) TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE

Information provided shall include a discussion of the offeror's approach to meeting the requirements of the solicitation and should be specific, detailed, and complete enough to clearly and fully demonstrate an understanding of the requirements and any risks associated with the objectives of this procurement. It is inadequate to simply state that offeror understands and will comply with the requirements, or to paraphrase the requirements such as: "standard procedures will be employed to..." and "well-known techniques will be used for..." The information provided shall comprehensively explain how offeror proposes to comply with the applicable Statement of Work, as well as, the techniques and procedures offeror intends to utilize.

(B) SCHEDULE: Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating vessel pick up and transport times with the fabricator Taylor Forge Engineering Systems Inc, Paola Kansas in accordance with Statement of Work.

#### (C) PAST PERFORMANCE

1. Past Performance Information (PPI) and Relevant Experience Information shall include the name(s) and contact information for the three (3) most recent (within three years from the offer due date listed on page 1 in Block 8 of the SF1449) and relevant (as outlined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation/FAR) references (whether federal, state, or local government or private industry) for the prime contractor, and, if applicable, significant subcontractors according with the Statement of Work. Failure to provide adequate contact information shall result in the reference being given a "neutral" rating.

2. At a minimum, PPI provided shall include verifiable experience in transport and handling work of similar sizes, weights and distances completed during the past 3 years. Additionally, offeror shall include the most recent vehicle and/or railcar inspection certificate and copy of operator certification.

(D) PRICE

1. This procurement is exempt from the requirements of submission or certification of cost or pricing data. However, offeror is to provide a general breakdown of pricing (i.e. labor, equipment, materials, subcontracts, transportation, etc.) sufficient to determine price reasonableness. Should significant subcontractors be involved, the pricing breakdown shall identify the pricing associated with each subcontractor.
2. Offeror shall identify and document all (if any) assumptions, conditions, and/or exceptions upon which the price is based. Any assumptions, conditions, and/or exceptions considered by the Government to be unacceptable may result in elimination for an award.

(E) SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN: N/A

(F) FORMAT

1. Proposals shall be clear and concise, and shall include sufficient detail for effective evaluation and substantiation of stated claims. The proposal shall not simply affirm, rephrase, or restate the Government's requirements, but rather shall provide convincing rationale to address how the offeror intends to meet the requirements. Offerors shall assume that the Government has no prior knowledge of their facilities and experience, and will base its evaluation only on the information presented in the offeror's proposal. Elaborate brochures or documentation, detailed artwork, or other superfluous embellishments are unnecessary and are not desired.
2. Offer(s) shall be signed and may be submitted in hard copy only. An original and two (2) complete copies are required.
- 3 All information and all copies of offer must be submitted no later than the date and time specified on Page 1 in Block 8 of the SF 1449. Proposals that arrive after the prescribed date and time specified for receipt of proposals will be considered late and treated in accordance with FAR 52.212-1(f)(2).

(G) QUESTIONS - Questions regarding the solicitation and/or Statement of Work/ are encouraged to ensure adequate understanding of the government's requirement. All offeror questions regarding subject solicitation must be submitted no later than 3pm local time (Central) on **Oct 13, 2009**. Questions submitted after this date/time will not be accepted. Questions will be accepted via e-mail only to: sonia.rushing-1@nasa.gov (cc: james.d.huk@nasa.gov). Faxed or telephoned questions will not be accepted. In no event shall an offeror's failure to clarify the requirements of the solicitation constitute grounds for a protest before or after award or a claim after contract award.

(H) PAYMENTS - Payment shall be rendered, in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act, on a "Net 30" basis after receipt of a proper invoice and government inspection and acceptance of delivery. Discount terms for earlier payment may be indicated on Page 1 in Block 12 of the SF 1449.

(I) PROPOSAL COSTS - The Government will not pay any offeror for preparation of their proposal.

(J) TECHNICAL EVALUATION CONTRACTOR SUPPORT

1. Offerors are hereby informed that the John C. Stennis Space Center (SSC) onsite Test Operations Contractor will be providing technical assistance to the NASA proposal evaluation team, and, as such, will require access to offeror's proposal. The onsite SSC Test Operations Contractor **will not be** evaluating proposals, but will play an integral supporting role in the technical evaluation by providing technical input to be used by the NASA evaluation team. **The final technical evaluation results shall be the responsibility of the NASA Technical Evaluation Team.**
2. By submitting a proposal in response to this solicitation, offeror is acknowledging awareness of this fact. Offeror further acknowledges approval and acceptance of the technical assistance approach identified above and

agrees that NASA may release to its service providers, their subcontractors, and their individual employees, sensitive information submitted during the course of this procurement.

**52.212-2 EVALUATION--COMMERCIAL ITEMS (Jan 1999)**

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer, conforming to the solicitation, will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers: Past Performance, Technical Compliance, and Schedule. Past Performance and Technical Compliance, when combined, are significantly more important than Schedule.

(b) Options. N/A

(c) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

The following **ADDENDUM TO FAR 52.212-2** is incorporated:

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**(A) COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT USING QUALITATIVE CRITERIA**

This procurement is being conducted utilizing Best Value Selection (BVS), which seeks to make an award based on the best combination of price and qualitative merit (including past performance, technical compliance, schedule, and price. ) of the proposals submitted and reduce the administrative burden on Offerors and the Government. BVS predefines the value characteristics which will serve as discriminators among proposals. BVS evaluation is based on the premise that, if all proposals are of approximately equal qualitative merit, award will be made to the Offeror with the lowest evaluated price (fixed-price contracts) or the lowest most probable cost (cost type contracts). However, the Government will consider awarding to an Offeror with higher qualitative merit if the difference in price is commensurate with added value. Conversely, the Government will consider making award to an Offeror whose quote has lower qualitative merit if the price (or cost) differential between it and other offers warrants doing so.

**(B) EVALUATION CRITERIA**

a. The award will be made where the offeror is determined to be responsible, and the proposal is responsive and offers the best value to the government. Best value will be determined based on an integrated assessment of each proposal in terms of Past Performance, Price, Schedule and Technical Compliance. Therefore, subjective judgment by the government is implicit in the evaluation process. Past Performance and Technical Compliance, when combined, are significantly more important than Schedule.

If offeror does not have relevant past performance history, the offeror may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance and will be given a neutral rating as detailed in this plan. In addition, award may be made without conducting discussions.

b. Once all responses have been gathered, proposals will be qualitatively evaluated by team members using the below value characteristics. These value characteristics are performance-based and permit evaluation of the proposal, which provides better results for a reasonable marginal increase in price. All proposals will be judged against these value characteristics.

### (C) EVALUATION PROCESS

The Government will evaluate proposals in two general steps:

**Step One** -- An initial evaluation will be performed to determine if all required information has been provided and the Offeror has presented a responsive proposal. Offeror may be contacted only for clarification purposes during the initial evaluation. Should a proposal be determined nonresponsive, the offeror shall be notified that their proposal has been rejected and the reasons therefore, and the proposal shall be excluded from further consideration.

Otherwise responsive proposals containing a significant variance in price from the government's estimate may be immediately removed from further consideration if there is no expectation that an award can be made at a fair and reasonable price, as it would be detrimental to the public interest to pay more than fair market price.

**Step Two** -- All responsive proposals will be evaluated against the Statement of Work and the value characteristics identified herein. Based on this evaluation, the Government has the option, depending on the specific circumstances of the proposals received, to utilize one of the following methods: **(1)** Make selection and award without discussions, or **(2)** after establishment of the competitive range, hold discussions with all finalists and afford each Offeror an opportunity to revise its proposal, and then make selection based upon an evaluation of the revised proposals.

Offerors are cautioned that omissions or an inaccurate or inadequate response to these evaluation factors may have a negative effect on your overall evaluation.

References other than those provided by the offeror may be contacted and their comments considered during the evaluation process. The information submitted may be verified by the Government through discussions with the references provided. While the Government may elect to consider data obtained from other sources, the burden of providing relevant references that the Government can readily contact rests with the Offeror.

### (D) VALUE CHARACTERISTICS

Listed below are the value characteristics that will be utilized in the evaluation of each proposal. Each value characteristic is further defined to explain the rating that each offeror will receive. Documentation insufficient to make a definitive determination regarding these characteristics may negatively impact the score received.

- a) Past Performance 60% - The government will evaluate past and present performance, giving consideration to the relevance of the work performed and the quality of performance indicated, to anticipate the likelihood of successful performance
- b.) Technical Compliance 25% - The government will evaluate the information provided by the offeror in response to this solicitation as well as to what extent proposal is in compliance with required Statement of Work and the reasonableness of the proposed approach.
- c) Schedule 15% - The government will evaluate to what extent proposed schedule meets the government's needs as specified in the solicitation as well as the reasonableness of the schedule proposed
- d) Price - The government will evaluate offeror's proposed price for reasonableness and realism and for determining best value to the Government.

**52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS - COMMERCIAL ITEMS (Feb 2009)**

\* **An offeror shall complete only paragraph (b) of this provision if the offeror has completed the annual representations and certificates electronically at <http://orca.bpn.gov>. If an offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at the ORCA website, the offeror shall complete only paragraphs (c) through (m) of this provision.**

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

“Emerging small business” means a small business concern whose size is no greater than 50 percent of the numerical size standard for the NAICS code designated.

“Forced or indentured child labor” means all work or service—

(1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or

(2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.

“Manufactured end product” means any end product in Federal Supply Classes (FSC) 1000-9999, except—

(1) FSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;

(2) Federal Supply Group (FSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;

(3) FSG 88, Live Animals;

(4) FSG 89, Food and Related Consumables;

(5) FSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;

(6) FSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;

(7) FSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;

(8) FSC 9610, Ores;

(9) FSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and

(10) FSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

“Place of manufacture” means the place where an end product is assembled out of components, or otherwise made or processed from raw materials into the finished product that is to be provided to the Government. If a product is disassembled and reassembled, the place of reassembly is not the place of manufacture.

“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.

“Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern”—

(1) Means a small business concern—

(i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and

(ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.

(2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

“Small business concern” means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR Part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

“Veteran-owned small business concern” means a small business concern—

(1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans(as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

“Women-owned business concern” means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

“Women-owned small business concern” means a small business concern --

(1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and

(2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

\* (b)(1) *Annual Representations and Certifications.* Any changes provided by the offeror in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision do not automatically change the representations and certifications posted on the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website.

(2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the ORCA website at <http://orca.bpn.gov>. After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror verifies by submission of this offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically at FAR 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Items, have been entered or updated in 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 paragraphs \_\_\_\_\_.

*[Offeror to identify the applicable paragraphs at (c) through (m) of this provision that the offeror has completed for the purposes of this solicitation only, if any.*

*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.*

*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 ORCA.]*

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas. **Check all that apply.**

(1) *Small business concern.* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it  is,  is not a small business concern.

(2) *Veteran-owned small business concern.* *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it  is,  is not a veteran-owned small business concern.

(3) *Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it  is,  is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.

(4) *Small disadvantaged business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it  is,  is not, a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.

(5) *Women-owned small business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it  is,  is not a women-owned small business concern.

Note: Complete paragraphs (c)(6) and (c)(7) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(6) *Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern).* [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]. The offeror represents that it  is, a women-owned business concern.

(7) *Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns.* If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price: N/A

(8) *Small Business Size for the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and for the Targeted Industry Categories under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.* [Complete only if the offeror has represented itself to be a small business concern under the size standards for this solicitation.]

(i) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being set-aside for emerging small businesses in one of the designated industry groups (DIGs).] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it  is,  is not an emerging small business.

(ii) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being for one of the targeted industry categories (TICs) or designated industry groups (DIGs).] Offeror represents as follows:

(A) Offeror's number of employees for the past 12 months (check the Employees column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of number of employees); **or**

(B) Offeror's average annual gross revenue for the last 3 fiscal years (check the Average Annual Gross Number of Revenues column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of annual receipts). (Check one of the following):

<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Average Annual Gross Revenues</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 50 or fewer	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1 million or less
<input type="checkbox"/> 51-100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$2 million
<input type="checkbox"/> 101-250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000,001-\$3.5 million
<input type="checkbox"/> 251-500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,500,001-\$5 million
<input type="checkbox"/> 501-750	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000,001-\$10 million
<input type="checkbox"/> 751-1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$17 million
<input type="checkbox"/> Over 1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$17 million

(9) [Complete only if the solicitation contains the clause at FAR 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, or FAR 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Disadvantaged Status and Reporting, and the offeror desires a benefit based on its disadvantaged status.]

(i) *General.* The offeror represents that **either**—

(A) It  is,  is not certified by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern and identified, on the date of this representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net), and that no material change in

disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification, and, where the concern is owned by one or more individuals claiming disadvantaged status, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR

124.104(c)(2); **or**

(B) It  has,  has not submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.

(ii) *Joint Ventures under the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns.* The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements in 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (c)(9)(i) of this provision is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.]

(10) *HUBZone small business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that--

(i) It  is,  is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR part 126; **and**

(ii) It  is,  not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 126, and the representation in paragraph (c)(10)(i) of this provision is accurate for the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name or names of the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

(d) *Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246 --*

(1) *Previous contracts and compliance.* The offeror represents that --

(i) It  has,  has not, participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; **and**

(ii) It  has,  has not, filed all required compliance reports.

(2) *Affirmative Action Compliance.* The offeror represents that --

(i) It  has developed and has on file,  has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR parts 60-1 and 60-2), **or**

(ii) It  has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) *Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C. 1352).* (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its 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 his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract. If any registrants under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 have made a lobbying contact on behalf of the offeror with respect to this contract, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its offer, 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.



(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act":

Canadian End Products:

Line Item No.:

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[List as necessary]

(3) *Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate II.* If Alternate II to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act":

Canadian or Israeli End Products:

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[List as necessary]

(4) *Trade Agreements Certificate.* (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-5, Trade Agreements, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(4)(ii) of this provision, is a U.S.-made or designated country end product, as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Trade Agreements."

(ii) The offeror shall list as other end products those end products that are not U.S.-made or designated country end products.

Other End Products

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[List as necessary]

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25. For line items subject to the WTO GPA, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

(h) *Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters (Executive Order 12689).* (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror and/or any of its principals--

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

(2)  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 Federal, state or local government 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;

(3)  Are,  are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses enumerated in paragraph (h)(2) of this clause; **and**

(4)  Have,  have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied.

(i) Taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:

(A) *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.

(B) *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.

(ii) *Examples.* (A) 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.

(B) 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.

(C) 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.

(D) 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).

*(i) Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126). [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at 22.1503(b).]*

(1) Listed End Product

Listed End Product

Listed Countries of Origin:

N/A

(2) *Certification. [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either (i)(2)(i) **or** (i)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]*

(i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.

(ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

(j) *Place of manufacture.* (Does not apply unless the solicitation is predominantly for the acquisition of manufactured end products.) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly—

(1)  In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); **or**

(2)  Outside the United States.

(k) *Certificates regarding exemptions from the application of the Service Contract Act.* (Certification by the offeror as to its compliance with respect to the contract also constitutes its certification as to compliance by its subcontractor if it subcontracts out the exempt services.) [*The contracting officer is to check a box to indicate if paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) applies.*]

(1) Maintenance, calibration, or repair of certain equipment as described in FAR 22.1003-4(c)(1). The offeror  does  does not certify that—

(i) The items of equipment to be serviced under this contract are used regularly for other than Governmental purposes and are sold or traded by the offeror (or subcontractor in the case of an exempt subcontract) in substantial quantities to the general public in the course of normal business operations;

(ii) The services will be furnished at prices which are, or are based on, established catalog or market prices (see FAR 22.1003-4(c)(2)(ii)) for the maintenance, calibration, or repair of such equipment; and

(iii) The compensation (wage and fringe benefits) plan for all service employees performing work under the contract will be the same as that used for these employees and equivalent employees servicing the same equipment of commercial customers.

(2) Certain services as described in FAR 22.1003-4(d)(1). The offeror  does  does not certify that—

(i) The services under the contract are offered and sold regularly to non-Governmental customers, and are provided by the offeror (or subcontractor in the case of an exempt subcontract) to the general public in substantial quantities in the course of normal business operations;

(ii) The contract services will be furnished at prices that are, or are based on, established catalog or market prices (see FAR 22.1003-4(d)(2)(iii));

(iii) Each service employee who will perform the services under the contract will spend only a small portion of his or her time (a monthly average of less than 20 percent of the available hours on an annualized basis, or less than 20 percent of available hours during the contract period if the contract period is less than a month) servicing the Government contract; and

(iv) The compensation (wage and fringe benefits) plan for all service employees performing work under the contract is the same as that used for these employees and equivalent employees servicing commercial customers.

(3) If paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this clause applies—

(i) If the offeror does not certify to the conditions in paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) and the Contracting Officer did not attach a Service Contract Act wage determination to the solicitation, the offeror shall notify the Contracting Officer as soon as possible; and

(ii) The Contracting Officer may not make an award to the offeror if the offeror fails to execute the certification in paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this clause or to contact the Contracting Officer as required in paragraph (k)(3)(i) of this clause.

(l) *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)* (26 U.S.C. 6109, 31 U.S.C. 7701). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to a central contractor registration database to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (l)(3) through (l)(5) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(2) 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 U.S.C. 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.

3) 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 United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;
  - Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;
  - Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(4) 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

(5) Common parent.

- Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;
- Name and TIN of common parent:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
TIN \_\_\_\_\_.

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

*Alternate I (Apr 2002).* As prescribed in 12.301(b)(2), add the following paragraph (c)(11) to the basic provision:

(11) (Complete if the offeror has represented itself as disadvantaged in paragraph (c)(4) or (c)(9) of this provision.) [*The offeror shall check the category in which its ownership falls*]:

\_\_\_ Black American.

\_\_\_ Hispanic American.

\_\_\_ Native American (American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians).

\_\_\_ Asian-Pacific American (persons with origins from Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Japan, China, Taiwan, Laos, Cambodia (Kampuchea), Vietnam, Korea, The Philippines, U.S. Trust Territory or the Pacific Islands (Republic of Palau), Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Samoa, Macao, Hong Kong, Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Tuvalu, or Nauru).

\_\_\_ Subcontinent Asian (Asian-Indian) American (persons with origins from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, the Maldives Islands, or Nepal).

\_\_\_ Individual/concern, other than one of the preceding.

**52.225-2 – BUY AMERICAN ACT CERTIFICATE (Feb 2009)**

(a) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (b) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that for other than COTS items, the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products, *i.e.*, an end product that is not a COTS item and does not meet the component test in paragraph (2) of the definition of “domestic end product.” The terms “commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item,” “component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” “foreign end product,” and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Act-Supplies.”

(b) Foreign End Products:

Line Item No.:	Country of Origin:
_____	_____
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*[List as necessary]*

(c) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of Part 25 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

**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. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses: <http://www.acqnet.gov/far/>; NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) clauses: <http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/regs/nfstoc.htm>

**A. FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (FAR) (48CFR CHAPTER 1) PROVISIONS:**

The following FAR provisions are included by reference:

- 52.211-14 Notice of Priority Rating for National Defense, Emergency Preparedness, and Energy Program Use (Apr 2008) Fill In: DO-C9
- 52.223-4 Recovered Material Certification (May 2008)
- 52.232-38 Submission of Electronic Funds Transfer Information with Offer (May 1999)
- 52.233-2 Service of Protest (Sep 2006) Fill In: (John C. Stennis Space Center, Office of Procurement/DA00, Bldg 1100, Rm 251H, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000)

**B. NASA FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION SUPPLEMENT (48CFR CHAPTER 18) PROVISIONS (<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/regs/nfstoc.htm>):**

The following NFS provisions are included by reference:

- 1852.233-70 Protest to NASA (Oct 2002)