

1852.209-71 LIMITATION OF FUTURE CONTRACTING (DECEMBER 1988)

(a) The Contracting Officer has determined that this acquisition may give rise to a potential organizational conflict of interest (OCI). Accordingly, the attention of prospective offerors is invited to FAR Subpart 9.5--Organizational Conflicts of Interest.

(b) The nature of this conflict is: The Base Information Technology Security (BITSec) contract will provide IT security support services and conduct internal audit reviews of the IT Security Program at NASA JSC. IT security support services include the following:

- IT Policy Management
- IT Risk Management
- Identity Management
- Authorization Management
- Accountability Management
- Availability Management
- Configuration Management
- Incident Management

The Contracting Officer has identified an Impaired Objectivity OCI that cannot be mitigated. Reviews of the IT Security Program include auditing JSC's implementation of IT Security to ensure the integrity, availability and confidentiality of critical data and IT assets. Since this effort requires an independent, impartial entity, the BITSec prime contractor and its subcontractors are precluded from providing IT support services on any other NASA JSC contracts. IT support services include, but are not limited to, IT security compliance management, incident remediation, security plan development and maintenance, and systems management and administration for any of the following:

- Systems for hosting and storage systems
- Output devices
- Appliances
- Network components
- Workstations
- Mobile devices

Further, OCI conditions exist with regard to current and future NASA JSC contracts. These include, but are not limited to, the Communications, Outreach, Multi-media & Information Technology (COMIT) contract and other contracts that perform IT support services and IT security internal audit support services at JSC, Sonny Carter Training Facility, Ellington Field, Houston, TX and White Sands Test Facility, Las Cruces New Mexico.

Any prime contractor or subcontractor that performs IT support services or IT security support services on JSC contracts is ineligible for award of the BITSec contract.

(c) The restrictions upon future contracting are as follows: Since BITSec will provide NASA JSC IT Security management and the scope of work requires the capability to perform independent assessments, any prime contractors or subcontractors performing IT support services or IT security support services, as identified in (b) above, shall be ineligible for award of the BITSec contract as a prime or subcontractor. This restriction shall remain in effect throughout the solicitation and award period of performance for the respective contracts. The intent of this restriction is to create a separation between the provision of IT support services that includes the implementation of IT Security processes and procedures, from the provision of official JSC IT Security compliance auditing and enforcement functions.