

<b>SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS</b> <i>OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, &amp; 30</i>				1. REQUISITION NUMBER REQ-267-16-000016		PAGE OF 1 32		
2. CONTRACT NO.		3. AWARD/ EFFECTIVE DATE	4. ORDER NUMBER		5. SOLICITATION NUMBER SOL-267-16-000006		6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE 08/10/2016	
7. <b>FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL:</b>		a. NAME Armen Karapetyan			b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No collect calls) 202 216 6276		8. OFFER DUE DATE/LOCAL TIME 08/24/2016 1400 C	
9. ISSUED BY USAID IRAQ 00001 Box 47, Unit 2047 APO, AE 09870-2047 09870-2047				10. THIS ACQUISITION IS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNRESTRICTED OR <input type="checkbox"/> SET ASIDE: % FOR:  <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> (WOSB) ELIGIBLE UNDER THE WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM      NAICS: <input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> EDWOSB <input type="checkbox"/> 8(A)      SIZE STANDARD:				
11. DELIVERY FOR FOB DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED <input type="checkbox"/> SEE SCHEDULE		12. DISCOUNT TERMS		13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700) <input type="checkbox"/>		13b. RATING		
15. DELIVER TO USAID/IRAQ Unit 6060, Box 0047 DPO AE 09870-9998				16. ADMINISTERED BY				
17a. CONTRACTOR/ OFFEROR		17b. CHECK IF REMITTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND PUT SUCH ADDRESS IN OFFER <input type="checkbox"/>		18b. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK 18a UNLESS BLOCK BELOW IS CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/> SEE ADDENDUM				
19. ITEM NO.		20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES			21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
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25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA						26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Govt. Use Only)		
27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4, FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA <input type="checkbox"/> ARE <input type="checkbox"/> ARE NOT ATTACHED.				27b. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-4, FAR 52.212-5 IS ATTACHED. ADDENDA <input type="checkbox"/> ARE <input type="checkbox"/> ARE NOT ATTACHED.				
28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN _____ COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED.				29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: _____ OFFER DATED _____, YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN, IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS:				
30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR				31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER)				
30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		30c. DATE SIGNED		31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)		31c. DATE SIGNED		
				Leslie Petersen				

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32a. QUANTITY IN COLUMN 21 HAS BEEN

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

33. SHIP NUMBER  <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL	34. VOUCHER NUMBER	35. AMOUNT VERIFIED CORRECT FOR	36. PAYMENT  <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL	37. CHECK NUMBER
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38. S/R ACCOUNT NUMBER	39. S/R VOUCHER NUMBER	40. PAID BY
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41a. I CERTIFY THIS ACCOUNT IS CORRECT AND PROPER FOR PAYMENT	42a. RECEIVED BY ( <i>Print</i> )	
41b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER	41c. DATE	42b. RECEIVED AT ( <i>Location</i> )
		42c. DATE REC'D ( <i>YY/MM/DD</i> )



Issuance: Date: August 10, 2016  
 Questions Due Date: August 17, 2016, 12:00 PM Baghdad local time  
 Closing Date & Time: August 24, 2016, 14:00 PM Baghdad local time

**SUBJECT:** Request For Quotations (RFQ) No.: SOL-267-16-000006, Internet Service Provider for USAID Iraq Mission

The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking quotations from organizations interested in providing internet providing services as described in the attached solicitation.

The Government expects to award Firm-Fixed Price Contract o/a August 26, 2016. The estimated period of performance is twelve months from the effective award date.

The authorized geographic code for procurement of goods and services under this contract is 937.

The authority for this RFQ is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, FAR Part 12 (Acquisition of Commercial Item) and FAR Part 13 (Simplified Acquisition Procedures). For the purposes of this program, this RFQ is being issued and consists of the cover letter and the following:

<b><u>PART</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>
I	A. SF 1447 B. SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE/COSTS C. DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK
II	CONTRACT CLAUSES
III	INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS
IV	EVALUATION - BASIS FOR AWARD
V	ATTACHMENTS

Quotes shall only be submitted via e-mail and received by the Government on or before the closing date stated above to be considered. They must be sent electronically to [BaghdadOAADropbox@usaid.gov](mailto:BaghdadOAADropbox@usaid.gov). Quotes received after the deadline will not be considered. Incomplete information submitted in response to this request for quotation will result in disqualification from competition. Hard copies are not requested and will not be considered.

Any questions regarding the RFQ requirements must be submitted to [BaghdadOAADropbox@usaid.gov](mailto:BaghdadOAADropbox@usaid.gov) no later than August 17, 2016, 14:00 PM Baghdad local time, and must reference the Solicitation number SOL-267-16-000006.

This RFQ in no way obligates the U.S Agency for International Development to award a contract, nor does it commit USAID to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of a quotation in

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response hereto. Furthermore the Government reserves the right to reject any and all offers, if such action is considered to be in the best interest of the Government.

In addition, final award of any contract cannot be made until funds have been fully appropriated, allocated and committed through internal USAID procedures.

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Leslie Petersen  
Contracting Officer  
USAID/Iraq

## **PART I – THE SCHEDULE**

### **SECTION B – SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE/COSTS**

#### **B.1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this contract is to provide internet provision service to the USAID Mission to Iraq planned for the base period from January 01, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

#### **B.2 CONTRACT TYPE AND SERVICES**

This is a Firm Fixed-Price Contract. The Contractor must perform the services set forth in Section C. For the consideration set forth in the contract, the Contractor shall provide the deliverables or outputs described in Section C. and comply with all contract requirements.

#### **B.3 CONTRACT PRICE**

The total price of this Firm-Fixed Price contract is **\$TBD**

The Contractor will not be paid any sum in excess of this amount or in excess of the prices.

#### **B.4 PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

All direct and indirect costs will be negotiated as a firm fixed price contract.

Payment will be made in US Dollars.

Terms of payment:

- The payments will be done on the monthly basis.

#### **B.5 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S AUTHORITY**

The Contracting Officer is the only person authorized to make or approve any changes in the requirements of this contract and notwithstanding any provisions contained elsewhere in this contract, the said authority remains solely in the Contracting Officer. In the event the Contractor makes any changes at the direction of any person other than the Contracting Officer, the change shall be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment shall be made in the contract terms and conditions, including price.

#### **B.6 CONTRACTOR'S STAFF SUPPORT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS ARRANGEMENTS**

The Contractor shall be responsible for all administrative support and logistics required to fulfill the requirements of this contract. These shall include all payroll, transportation arrangements, appointment scheduling, secretarial services, report preparations services, printing, and duplicating.

#### **B.7 INVOICES AND PAYMENT**

Claims for payment under this contract must be submitted to the USAID Financial Management Office. The Contractor must submit a signed SF-1034 Public Voucher for Purchases, Services Other Than Personal, and SF-1034A continuation, (if necessary). Each voucher shall be identified by:

- (a) Name of the contractor;
- (b) Date and invoice number;
- (c) USAID contract number;
- (d) Description, price, quantity, period of services rendered;
- (e) Contact name, telephone and fax number;
- (f) Other substantiating documentation or information required by the contract.

Invoice with required supporting documents may be submitted either through paper or electronic form in Portable Document File (PDF) format through an electronic mailbox. The mailbox address is [PayableBaghdad@usaid.gov](mailto:PayableBaghdad@usaid.gov) . Electronic submissions (PDF format) are encouraged and do not require subsequent transmittal of original paper invoices.

One copy of the voucher and the invoice shall also be submitted to the COR.

#### **B.8 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTING OFFICE**

The Administrative Contracting Office is:

Office of Acquisition and Assistance  
USAID/Iraq

U.S. based mailing address:

USAID/Iraq  
Office of Acquisition and Assistance  
Unit 6060, Box 0047  
DPO, AE, 09870-0047

Street address:

USAID/Iraq, Office of Acquisition and Assistance  
U.S. Embassy Compound  
Al-Kindi Street  
International Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

#### **B.9 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR)**

The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) for the contract will be appointed by the Contracting Officer in a separate designation letter. The COR is responsible for providing technical direction to the Contractor, as defined herein, accepting deliverables, and providing administrative approval for payment.

#### **B.10 PAYING OFFICE**

The Paying Office for this contract is Financial Management Office, as listed below:

**Email:**

[PayableBaghdad@usaid.gov](mailto:PayableBaghdad@usaid.gov)

**Street Address:**

U.S. Agency for International Development  
Financial Management Office  
U.S. Embassy Compound  
Al-Kindi Street

## **B.11 TECHNICAL DIRECTIONS/RELATIONSHIP WITH USAID**

(a) Technical Directions is defined to include:

(1) Written directions to the Contractor which fill in details, suggest possible lines of inquiry, or otherwise facilitate completion of work;

(2) Provision of written information to the Contractor which assists in the interpretation of drawings, specifications, or technical portions of the work statement;

(3) Review and, where required, provide written approval of technical reports, drawings, specifications, or technical information to be delivered. Technical directions must be in writing, and must be within the scope of the work as detailed in Section C.

(b) The COR is authorized by designation to take any or all action with respect to the following which could lawfully be taken by the Contracting Officer, except any action specifically prohibited by the terms of this Contract:

(1) Assure that the Contractor performs the technical requirements of the contract in accordance with the contract terms, conditions, and specifications.

(2) Perform or cause to be performed, inspections necessary in connection with a) above and require the Contractor to correct all deficiencies; perform acceptance for the Government.

(3) Maintain all liaison and direct communications with the Contractor. Written communications with the Contractor and documents shall be signed as "Contracting Officer Technical Representative" with a copy furnished to the Contracting Officer.

(4) Issue written interpretations of technical requirements of Government drawings, designs, and specifications.

(5) Monitor the Contractor's production or performance progress and notify the Contractor in writing of deficiencies observed during surveillance, and direct appropriate action to effect correction. Record and report to the Contracting Officer incidents of faulty or nonconforming work, delays or problems.

(6) Obtain necessary security clearance and appropriate identification if access to Government facilities is required. If to be provided, ensure that Government furnished property is available when required.

**LIMITATIONS:** The COR is not empowered to award, agree to, or sign any contract

(including delivery or purchase orders) or modifications thereto, or in any way to obligate the payment of money by the Government. The COR may not take any action which may impact on the contract schedule, funds, scope or rate of utilization of LOE. All contractual agreements, commitments, or modifications which involve prices, quantities, quality, schedules shall be made only by the Contracting Officer.

(c) The COR is required to meet quarterly/semi-annually/annually with the Contractor and the Contracting Officer concerning performance of items delivered under this contract and any other administration or technical issues. Telephonic reports may be made if no problems are being experienced. Problem areas should be brought to the immediate attention of the Contracting Officer.

(d) In the absence of the designated COR, the COR may designate the alternate COR to perform in his (her) place. However, such action to direct an individual to act in the COR's stead shall immediately be communicated to the Contractor and the Contracting Officer.

(e) Contractual Problems - Contractual problems, of any nature, that may arise during the life of the contract must be handled in conformance with specific public laws and regulations (i.e. Federal Acquisition Regulation and Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulation). The Contractor and the COR shall bring all contracting problems to the immediate attention of the Contracting Officer. Only the Contracting Officer is authorized to formally resolve such problems. The Contracting Officer will be responsible for resolving legal issues, determining contract scope and interpreting contract terms and conditions. The Contracting Officer is the sole authority authorized to approve changes in any of the requirements under this contract. Notwithstanding any clause contained elsewhere in this contract, the said authority remains solely with the Contracting Officer. These changes include, but will not be limited to the following areas: scope of work, price, quantity, technical specifications, delivery schedules, and contract terms and conditions. In the event the Contractor effects any changes at the direction of any other person other than the Contracting Officer, the change will be considered to have been made without authority.

(f) Failure by the Contractor to report to the Administrative Contracting Office, any action by the Government considered to be a change, within the specified number of days contained in FAR 52.243-7 (Notification of Changes), waives the Contractor's right to any claims for equitable adjustments.

**END OF SECTION B**



## **SECTION C – DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK**

### **C.1 BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

USAID Mission in Iraq has a requirement for an Internet Service Provider (ISP). Internet connection in Baghdad is a main communication link for corporate traffic and therefore is vital for Mission operations. The requirement is for high-speed, low-latency and stable Internet connection.

The latency should be less than 150ms between USAID/Iraq and well known North American search sites such as Google, Yahoo, and Bing. The bandwidth must be DEDICATED (not shared) and at least 11Mbit download speed and 11Mbit upload speed. The service provider should also provide a public IP subnet with 30 usable public Internet Protocol addresses (aka /27 subnet).

The service provider should have more than one independent uplink connection. The primary link should be terrestrial fiber, with backup via another terrestrial and/or satellite internet connection. The proposal should include high-level connectivity diagram of primary and backup connection(s). The vendor should provide 24/7 helpdesk telephone number for emergency and troubleshooting purposes.

Any proposal must provide a detailed time estimate for installation. As this installation will be at the US Embassy, Baghdad, there might be delays in moving equipment and tools. These delays will need to be accounted for in the time estimate. The vendor should provide an offer of compensation for a late delivery equivalent to the standard cost of the existing service for that time period.

The qualified offerors must have at least 3 years of experience providing similar services to international organizations. The proposal should include a list of organizations that the vendor has provided similar services to for the past 3 years. These organizations can be contacted for reference purposes.

The vendor shall provide a service level agreement (SLA) listing uptime expectations and cost reductions for not meeting the expected service levels.

**PART II – CONTRACT CLAUSES****NOTICE LISTING OF CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

The following clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference (by Citation Number, Title, and Date) in accordance with the clause at FAR "52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE" below. See FAR 52.252-2 for an Internet address (if specified) for electronic access to the full text of a clause.

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1)</b>		
52.202-1	Definitions	NOV 2013
52.203-7	Anti-Kickback Procedures	MAY 2014
52.203-8	Cancellation, Rescission, and Recovery of Funds for Illegal or Improper Activity	MAY 2014
52.203-13	Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct	OCT 2015
52.204-7	System for Award Management	JUL 2013
52.204-12	Data Universal Numbering System Number Maintenance	DEC 2012
52.204-13	System for Award Management Maintenance	JUL 2013
52.204-19	Incorporation by Reference of Representations and Certifications	DEC 2014
52.223-6	Drug-Free Workplace	MAY 2001
52.229-3	Federal, State, and Local Taxes	FEB 2013
52.232-8	Discounts for Prompt Payment	FEB 2002
52.232-18	Availability of Funds for the Next Fiscal Year	APR 1984
52.232-39	Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations	JUN 2013
52.233-1	Disputes	MAY 2014
52.246-4	Inspection of Services—Fixed-Price	AUG 1996
52.249-1	Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed-Price) (Short Form)	APR 1984
52.252-4	Alterations in Contract	APR 1984
<b>A.I.D. ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 7)</b>		
752.202-1	Definitions	JAN 1990
752.209-71	Organizational conflicts of interest discovered after award	JUN 1993
752.211-70	Language and measurement	JUN 1992
752.225-9	Buy American Act—Trade Agreements Act—Balance of Payments Program	
752.225-70	Source and nationality requirements	FEB 2012
752.229-70	Federal, state and local taxes	
752.245-71	Title to and care of property	APR 1984
752.252-1	AIDAR solicitation provisions incorporated by reference	MAR 2015
752.7006	Notices	APR 1984
752.7009	Marking	JAN 1993

752.7013	Contractor-mission relationships	OCT 1989
752.7025	Approvals	APR 1984
752.7027	Personnel	DEC 1990
752.7033	Physical fitness	JUL 1997

**52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items. (MAY 2015)**

(a) Inspection/Acceptance. The Contractor shall only tender for acceptance those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to inspect or test any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The Government may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or reperformance of nonconforming services at no increase in contract price. If repair/replacement or reperformance will not correct the defects or is not possible, the Government may seek an equitable price reduction or adequate consideration for acceptance of nonconforming supplies or services. The Government must exercise its post-acceptance rights—

(1) Within a reasonable time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and

(2) Before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item.

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

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

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

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

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

(g) Invoice.

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

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

(x) Electronic funds transfer (EFT) banking information.

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Payment.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(D) Contractor point of contact.

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

(6) Interest.

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

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

(iii) Final decisions. The Contracting Officer will issue a final decision as required by [33.211](#) if—

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

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

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

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

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

(A) The date fixed under this contract.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(s) Order of precedence. Any inconsistencies in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- (1) The schedule of supplies/services.
- (2) The Assignments, Disputes, Payments, Invoice, Other Compliances, Compliance with Laws Unique to Government Contracts, and Unauthorized Obligations paragraphs of this clause;
- (3) The clause at [52.212-5](#).
- (4) Addenda to this solicitation or contract, including any license agreements for computer software.
- (5) Solicitation provisions if this is a solicitation.
- (6) Other paragraphs of this clause.
- (7) The [Standard Form 1449](#).
- (8) Other documents, exhibits, and attachments.
- (9) The specification.

(t) System for Award Management (SAM).

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

(2)(i) If a Contractor has legally changed its business name, "doing business as" name, or division name (whichever is shown on the contract), or has transferred the assets used in performing the contract, but has not completed the necessary requirements regarding novation and change-of-name agreements in FAR [Subpart 42.12](#), the Contractor shall provide the responsible Contracting Officer a minimum of one business day's written notification of its intention to (A) change the name in the SAM database; (B) comply with the requirements of [Subpart 42.12](#); and (C) agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer. The Contractor must provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.

(ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (t)(2)(i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (t)(2)(i)(C) of this clause, and, in the absence of a properly executed novation or change-of-name agreement, the SAM information that shows the Contractor to be other than the Contractor indicated in the contract will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of Payment" paragraph of the electronic funds transfer (EFT) clause of this contract.

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

(4) Offerors and Contractors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via SAM accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>.

(u) Unauthorized Obligations

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

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

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

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

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

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

**52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items (Jun 2016)**

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

(1) [52.209-10](#), Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (Nov 2015)

(2) [52.233-3](#), Protest After Award (AUG 1996) ([31 U.S.C. 3553](#)).

(3) [52.233-4](#), Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004)(Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 ([19 U.S.C. 3805 note](#))).

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

\_\_\_ (1) [52.203-6](#), Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Sept 2006), with Alternate I (Oct 1995) ([41 U.S.C. 4704](#) and [10 U.S.C. 2402](#)).

\_x\_ (2) [52.203-13](#), Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Oct 2015) ([41 U.S.C. 3509](#))).

\_x\_ (3) [52.203-15](#), Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (June 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5). (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.)

\_\_\_ (4) [52.204-10](#), Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Oct 2015) (Pub. L. 109-282) ([31 U.S.C. 6101 note](#)).

\_\_\_ (5) [Reserved].



\_\_ (6) [52.204-14](#), Service Contract Reporting Requirements (Jan 2014) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

\_\_ (7) [52.204-15](#), Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (Jan 2014) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

\_x\_ (8) [52.209-6](#), Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (Oct 2015) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

\_\_ (9) [52.209-9](#), Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Jul 2013) (41 U.S.C. 2313).

\_\_ (10) [Reserved].

\_\_ (11)(i) [52.219-3](#), Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (Nov 2011) ([15 U.S.C. 657a](#)).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Nov 2011) of [52.219-3](#).

\_\_ (12)(i) [52.219-4](#), Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (OCT 2014) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) ([15 U.S.C. 657a](#)).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (JAN 2011) of [52.219-4](#).

\_\_ (13) [Reserved]

\_\_ (14)(i) [52.219-6](#), Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011) ([15 U.S.C. 644](#)).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Nov 2011).

\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2011).

\_\_ (15)(i) [52.219-7](#), Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003) ([15 U.S.C. 644](#)).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 1995) of [52.219-7](#).

\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of [52.219-7](#).

\_\_ (16) [52.219-8](#), Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Oct 2014) ([15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(2\)](#) and (3)).

\_\_ (17)(i) [52.219-9](#), Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Oct 2015) ([15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(4\)](#)).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 2001) of [52.219-9](#).

\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Oct 2001) of [52.219-9](#).

\_\_ (iv) Alternate III (Oct 2015) of [52.219-9](#).

\_\_ (18) [52.219-13](#), Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (Nov 2011) ([15 U.S.C. 644\(r\)](#)).

\_\_ (19) [52.219-14](#), Limitations on Subcontracting (Nov 2011) ([15 U.S.C. 637\(a\)\(14\)](#)).

\_\_ (20) [52.219-16](#), Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (Jan 1999) ([15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(4\)\(F\)\(i\)](#)).

\_\_ (21) [52.219-27](#), Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011) ([15 U.S.C. 657 f](#)).

\_\_ (22) [52.219-28](#), Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (Jul 2013) ([15 U.S.C. 632\(a\)\(2\)](#)).

\_\_ (23) [52.219-29](#), Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business Concerns (Dec 2015) ([15 U.S.C. 637\(m\)](#)).

\_\_ (24) [52.219-30](#), Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Women-Owned Small Business Concerns Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (Dec 2015) ([15 U.S.C. 637\(m\)](#)).

\_\_ (25) [52.222-3](#), Convict Labor (June 2003) (E.O. 11755).

\_\_x\_ (26) [52.222-19](#), Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Feb 2016) (E.O. 13126).

\_\_ (27) [52.222-21](#), Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Apr 2015).

\_\_ (28) [52.222-26](#), Equal Opportunity (Apr 2015) (E.O. 11246).

\_\_ (29) [52.222-35](#), Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Oct 2015)([38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).

\_\_ (30) [52.222-36](#), Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jul 2014) ([29 U.S.C. 793](#)).

\_\_ (31) [52.222-37](#), Employment Reports on Veterans (FEB 2016) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

\_\_ (32) [52.222-40](#), Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496).

\_\_x\_ (33)(i) [52.222-50](#), Combating Trafficking in Persons (Mar 2015) ([22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O. 13627).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2015) of [52.222-50](#) ([22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O. 13627).

\_\_ (34) [52.222-54](#), Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in [22.1803](#).)

\_\_ (35)(i) [52.223-9](#), Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA–Designated Items (May 2008) ([42 U.S.C. 6962\(c\)\(3\)\(A\)\(ii\)](#)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

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

\_\_ (36) [52.223-11](#), Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

\_\_ (37) [52.223-12](#), Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

\_\_ (38)(i) [52.223-13](#), Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 2015) of [52.223-13](#).

\_\_ (39)(i) [52.223-14](#), Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Televisions (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of [52.223-14](#).

\_\_ (40) [52.223-15](#), Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (DEC 2007) ([42 U.S.C. 8259b](#)).

\_\_ (41)(i) [52.223-16](#), Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (OCT 2015) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of [52.223-16](#).

\_\_ (42) [52.223-18](#), Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (AUG 2011) (E.O. 13513).

\_\_ (43) [52.223-20](#), Aerosols (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

\_\_ (44) [52.223-21](#), Foams (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

\_\_ (45) [52.225-1](#), Buy American—Supplies (May 2014) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 83](#)).

\_\_ (46)(i) [52.225-3](#), Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act (May 2014) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 83](#), [19 U.S.C. 3301](#) note, [19 U.S.C. 2112](#) note, [19 U.S.C. 3805](#) note, [19 U.S.C. 4001](#) note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).

- \_\_ (ii) Alternate I (May 2014) of [52.225-3](#).
  - \_\_ (iii) Alternate II (May 2014) of [52.225-3](#).
  - \_\_ (iv) Alternate III (May 2014) of [52.225-3](#).
  - \_\_ (47) [52.225-5](#), Trade Agreements (FEB 2016) ([19 U.S.C. 2501](#), et seq., [19 U.S.C. 3301](#) note).
  - \_\_ (48) [52.225-13](#), Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (June 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
  - \_\_ (49) [52.225-26](#), Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; [10 U.S.C. 2302 Note](#)).
  - \_\_ (50) [52.226-4](#), Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) ([42 U.S.C. 5150](#)).
  - \_\_ (51) [52.226-5](#), Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) ([42 U.S.C. 5150](#)).
  - \_\_ (52) [52.232-29](#), Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002) ([41 U.S.C. 4505](#), [10 U.S.C. 2307\(f\)](#)).
  - \_\_ (53) [52.232-30](#), Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Oct 1995) ([41 U.S.C. 4505](#), [10 U.S.C. 2307\(f\)](#)).
  - \_\_ (54) [52.232-33](#), Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (Jul 2013) ([31 U.S.C. 3332](#)).
  - \_\_ (55) [52.232-34](#), Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) ([31 U.S.C. 3332](#)).
  - \_\_ (56) [52.232-36](#), Payment by Third Party (May 2014) ([31 U.S.C. 3332](#)).
  - \_\_ (57) [52.239-1](#), Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) ([5 U.S.C. 552a](#)).
  - \_\_ (58)(i) [52.247-64](#), Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) ([46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241\(b\)](#) and [10 U.S.C. 2631](#)).
  - \_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) of [52.247-64](#).
- (c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:
- \_\_ (1) [52.222-17](#), Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (May 2014)(E.O. 13495).
  - \_\_ (2) [52.222-41](#), Service Contract Labor Standards (May 2014) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).
  - \_\_ (3) [52.222-42](#), Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 2014) ([29 U.S.C. 206](#) and [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).
  - \_\_ (4) [52.222-43](#), Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (May 2014) ([29 U.S.C. 206](#) and [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).
  - \_\_ (5) [52.222-44](#), Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards—Price Adjustment (May 2014) ([29 U.S.C. 206](#) and [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).
  - \_\_ (6) [52.222-51](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment—Requirements (May 2014) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).
  - \_\_ (7) [52.222-53](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to

Contracts for Certain Services—Requirements (May 2014) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

— (8) [52.222-55](#), Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (Dec 2015).

— (9) [52.226-6](#), Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (May 2014) ([42 U.S.C. 1792](#)).

— (10) [52.237-11](#), Accepting and Dispensing of \$1 Coin (Sept 2008) ([31 U.S.C. 5112\(p\)\(1\)](#)).

(d) Comptroller General Examination of Record. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at [52.215-2](#), Audit and Records—Negotiation.

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

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR [Subpart 4.7](#), Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

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

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

(i) [52.203-13](#), Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Oct 2015) ([41 U.S.C. 3509](#)).

(ii) [52.219-8](#), Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Oct 2014) ([15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(2\)](#) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include [52.219-8](#) in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(iii) [52.222-17](#), Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (May 2014) (E.O. 13495). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (l) of FAR clause [52.222-17](#).

(iv) [52.222-21](#), Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Apr 2015)

(v) [52.222-26](#), Equal Opportunity (Apr 2015) (E.O. 11246).

(vi) [52.222-35](#), Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Oct 2015) ([38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).

(vii) [52.222-36](#), Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jul 2014) ([29 U.S.C. 793](#)).

(viii) [52.222-37](#), Employment Reports on Veterans (Feb 2016) ([38 U.S.C. 4212](#))

(ix) [52.222-40](#), Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act

(Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause [52.222-40](#).

(x) [52.222-41](#), Service Contract Labor Standards (May 2014) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

(xi)

[52.222-50](#), Combating Trafficking in Persons (Mar 2015) ([22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O 13627). Alternate I (Mar 2015) of [52.222-50](#) ([22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O 13627](#)).

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

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

(xiv) [52.222-54](#), Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015) (E.O. 12989).

(xv) [52.222-55](#), Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (Dec 2015).

(xvi) [52.225-26](#), Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; [10 U.S.C. 2302 Note](#)).

(xvii) [52.226-6](#), Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (May 2014) ([42 U.S.C. 1792](#)). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause [52.226-6](#).

(xviii) [52.247-64](#), Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) ([46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241\(b\)](#) and [10 U.S.C. 2631](#)). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause [52.247-64](#).

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

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER ON TERRORISM FINANCING (FEB 2002)**

The Contractor/Recipient is reminded that U.S. Executive Orders and U.S. law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. It is the responsibility of the contractor/recipient to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and laws. This provision must be included in all subcontracts/sub-awards issued under this contract/agreement.

## **REPORTING OF FOREIGN TAXES**

(a) Reports. The Contractor must annually submit a report for each U. S. Government fiscal year (October 1 to September 30) by April 16 of the next year.

(b) Contents of Report. The report must contain:

(1) Contractor name.

(2) Contact name with phone, fax and email.

(3) Contract number(s).

(4) Amount of foreign taxes assessed by a foreign government [each foreign government must be listed separately] on commodity purchase transactions valued at \$500 or more

financed with U.S. foreign assistance funds under this agreement during the prior U.S. fiscal year.

- (5) Only foreign taxes assessed by the foreign government in the country receiving U.S. assistance are to be reported. Foreign taxes by a third party foreign government are not to be reported. For example, if a Contractor performing in Lesotho using foreign assistance funds should purchase commodities in South Africa, any taxes imposed by South Africa would not be reported in the report for Lesotho (or South Africa).
- (6) Any reimbursements received by the Contractor during the period in (4) regardless of when the foreign tax was assessed and any reimbursements on the taxes reported in (4) received through March 31.
- (7) Report is required even if the Contractor did not pay any taxes during the report period.
- (8) Cumulative reports may be provided if the Contractor is implementing more than one program in a foreign country.

(c) Definitions. For purposes of this clause:

- (1) "Agreement" includes USAID direct and country contracts, grants, cooperative agreements and interagency agreements.
- (2) "Commodity" means any material, article, supply, goods, or equipment.
- (3) "Foreign government" includes any foreign governmental entity.
- (4) "Foreign taxes" means value-added taxes and custom duties assessed by a foreign government on a commodity. It does not include foreign sales taxes.

(d) Where. Submit the reports to:

[Baghdadaudit@usaid.gov](mailto:Baghdadaudit@usaid.gov)  
COR (TBD)  
USAID/Iraq, Office of Acquisition and Assistance  
U.S. Embassy Compound  
Al-Kindi Street  
International Zone  
Baghdad, Iraq

with a copy to:

[PayableBaghdad@usaid.gov](mailto:PayableBaghdad@usaid.gov)  
FMO, USAID  
U.S. Agency for International Development  
Financial Management Office  
U.S. Embassy Compound

(e) Subagreements. The Contractor must include this reporting requirement in all applicable subcontracts and other subagreements.

(f) For further information see <http://www.state.gov/m/rm/c10443.htm>.

**USAID DISABILITY POLICY (DECEMBER 2004) (ACQUISITION AND ASSISTANCE POLICY DIRECTIVE 04-17)**

(a) The objectives of the USAID Disability Policy are (1) to enhance the attainment of United States foreign assistance program goals by promoting the participation and equalization of opportunities of individuals with disabilities in USAID policy, country and sector strategies, activity designs and implementation; (2) to increase awareness of issues of people with disabilities both within USAID programs and in host countries; (3) to engage other U.S. government agencies, host country counterparts, governments, implementing organizations and other donors in fostering a climate of nondiscrimination against people with disabilities; and (4) to support international advocacy for people with disabilities. The full text of the policy paper can be found at the following website:

[https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/aapd04\\_17.pdf](https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/aapd04_17.pdf) .

(b) USAID therefore requires that the contractor not discriminate against people with disabilities in the implementation of USAID programs and that it make every effort to comply with the objectives the USAID Disability Policy in performing this contract. To that end and within the scope of the contract, the contractor's actions must demonstrate a comprehensive and consistent approach for including women and children with disabilities.

## **NONDISCRIMINATION (JUN 2012)**

FAR Part 27 and the clauses prescribed in that part prohibit contractors performing in or recruiting from the U.S. from engaging in certain discriminatory practices.

USAID is committed to achieving and maintaining a diverse and representative workforce and a workplace free of discrimination. Based on law, Executive Order, and Agency policy, USAID prohibits discrimination in its own workplace on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, disability, age, veteran's status, sexual orientation, genetic information, marital status, parental status, political affiliation, and any other conduct that does not adversely affect the performance of the employee. USAID does not tolerate any type of harassment, either sexual or nonsexual, of any employee or applicant for employment. Contractors are required to comply with the nondiscrimination requirements of the FAR.

In addition, the Agency strongly encourages all its contractors (at all tiers) to develop and enforce comprehensive nondiscrimination policies for their workplaces that include protection on these expanded bases, subject to applicable law.

## **ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS SYSTEM**

### **1. Definitions:**

- a. "Cash Payment System" means a payment system that generates any transfer of funds through a transaction originated by cash, check, or similar paper instrument. This includes electronic payments to a financial institution or clearing house that subsequently issues cash, check, or similar paper instrument to the designated payee.
- b. "Electronic Payment System" means a payment system that generates any transfer of funds, other than a transaction originated by cash, check, or similar paper instrument, which is initiated through an electronic terminal, telephone, mobile phone, computer, or magnetic tape, for the purpose of ordering, instructing or authorizing a financial

institution to debit or credit an account. The term includes debit cards, wire transfers, transfers made at automatic teller machines, and point-of-sale terminals.

2. The contractor agrees to use an electronic payment system for any payments under this award to beneficiaries, subcontractors, or grants under contracts, where applicable.
3. Exceptions. The contractor is allowed the following exceptions, provided the contractor documents its contract file with the appropriate justification:
  - a. Cash payments made while establishing electronic payment systems, provided that this exception is not used for more than six months from the effective date of this award.
  - b. Cash payments made to payees where the contractor does not expect to make payments to the same payee on a regular, recurring basis, and payment through an electronic payment system is not reasonably available.
  - c. Cash payments to vendors below the micro purchase level as defined by FAR 2.101, or for Grants Under Contracts for less than \$3000, when payment through an electronic payment system is not reasonably available.
  - d. The contractor has received a specific written exception from the Contracting Officer that a specific payment or all cash payments are authorized, based on the contractor's written justification, which provides a basis and cost analysis for the requested exception.
4. More information about how to establish, implement, and manage electronic payment methods is available to contractors at <http://solutionscenter.nethope.org/programs/c2e-toolkit>.”



**PART III – INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS**

**SECTION L – SOLICITATION PROVISIONS**

**L.1 NOTICE LISTING SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

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 contract clause may be accessed electronically at:

<https://www.acquisition.gov/?q=/browse/far/52> and [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) .

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
	<b>FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1)</b>	
52.215-16	Facilities Capital Cost of Money	JUN 2003
52.252-1	Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference	FEB 1998

**52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2015)**

(a) North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code and small business size standard. The NAICS code and small business size standard for this acquisition appear in Block 10 of the solicitation cover sheet ([SF 1449](#)). However, the small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, but which proposes to furnish an item which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b) Submission of offers. Submit signed and dated offers to the office specified in this solicitation at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. Offers may be submitted on the [SF 1449](#), letterhead stationery, or as otherwise specified in the solicitation. As a minimum, offers must show—

- (1) The solicitation number;
- (2) The time specified in the solicitation for receipt of offers;
- (3) The name, address, and telephone number of the offeror;
- (4) A technical description of the items being offered in sufficient detail to evaluate compliance with the requirements in the solicitation. This may include product literature, or other documents, if necessary;
- (5) Terms of any express warranty;
- (6) Price and any discount terms;
- (7) “Remit to” address, if different than mailing address;
- (8) A completed copy of the representations and certifications at FAR [52.212-3](#) (see FAR [52.212-3](#)(b) for those representations and certifications that the offeror shall complete electronically);

(9) Acknowledgment of Solicitation Amendments;

(10) Past performance information, when included as an evaluation factor, to include recent and relevant contracts for the same or similar items and other references (including contract numbers, points of contact with telephone numbers and other relevant information); and

(11) If the offer is not submitted on the [SF 1449](#), include a statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation. Offers that fail to furnish required representations or information, or reject the terms and conditions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.

(c) Period for acceptance of offers. The offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for 30 calendar days from the date specified for receipt of offers, unless another time period is specified in an addendum to the solicitation.

(d) Product samples. When required by the solicitation, product samples shall be submitted at or prior to the time specified for receipt of offers. Unless otherwise specified in this solicitation, these samples shall be submitted at no expense to the Government, and returned at the sender's request and expense, unless they are destroyed during preaward testing.

(e) Multiple offers. Offerors are encouraged to submit multiple offers presenting alternative terms and conditions or commercial items for satisfying the requirements of this solicitation. Each offer submitted will be evaluated separately.

(f) Late submissions, modifications, revisions, and withdrawals of offers.

(1) Offerors are responsible for submitting offers, and any modifications, revisions, or withdrawals, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office on the date that offers or revisions are due.

(2)(i) Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition; and—

(A) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of offers; or

(B) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of offers; or

(C) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, it was the only proposal received.

(ii) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer, that makes its terms more favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

(3) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the offer wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.

(4) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that offers cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of offers by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of

the solicitation or other notice of an extension of the closing date, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.

(5) Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers. Oral offers in response to oral solicitations may be withdrawn orally. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers, subject to the conditions specified in the solicitation concerning facsimile offers. An offer may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for receipt of offers, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer.

(g) Contract award (not applicable to Invitation for Bids). The Government intends to evaluate offers and award a contract without discussions with offerors. Therefore, the offeror's initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. However, the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if later determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary. The Government may reject any or all offers if such action is in the public interest; accept other than the lowest offer; and waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.

(h) Multiple awards. The Government may accept any item or group of items of an offer, unless the offeror qualifies the offer by specific limitations. Unless otherwise provided in the Schedule, offers may not be submitted for quantities less than those specified. The Government reserves the right to make an award on any item for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit prices offered, unless the offeror specifies otherwise in the offer.

(i) Availability of requirements documents cited in the solicitation.

(1)(i) The GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions, FPMR Part 101-29, and copies of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained for a fee by submitting a request to—

GSA Federal Supply Service Specifications Section  
Suite 8100  
470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
Washington, DC 20407

Telephone (202) 619-8925  
Facsimile (202) 619-8978.

(ii) If the General Services Administration, Department of Agriculture, or Department of Veterans Affairs issued this solicitation, a single copy of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained free of charge by submitting a request to the addressee in paragraph (i)(1)(i) of this provision. Additional copies will be issued for a fee.

(2) Most unclassified Defense specifications and standards may be downloaded from the following ASSIST websites:

- (i) ASSIST (<https://assist.dla.mil/online/start/>).
- (ii) Quick Search (<http://quicksearch.dla.mil/>).
- (iii) ASSISTdocs.com (<http://assistdocs.com>).

(3) Documents not available from ASSIST may be ordered from the Department of Defense Single Stock Point (DoDSSP) by—

(i) Using the ASSIST Shopping Wizard (<https://assist.dla.mil/wizard/index.cfm>);  
(ii) Phoning the DoDSSP Customer Service Desk (215) 697-2179, Mon-Fri, 0730 to 1600 EST; or

(iii) Ordering from DoDSSP, Building 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Telephone (215) 697-2667/2179, Facsimile (215) 697-1462.

(4) Nongovernment (voluntary) standards must be obtained from the organization responsible for their preparation, publication, or maintenance.

(j) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number. (Applies to all offers exceeding \$3,500, and offers of \$3,500 or less if the solicitation requires the Contractor to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database.) The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "DUNS" or "DUNS+4" followed by the DUNS or DUNS+4 number that identifies the offeror's name and address. The DUNS+4 is the DUNS number plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned at the discretion of the offeror to establish additional SAM records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see FAR [Subpart 32.11](#)) for the same concern. If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one. An offeror within the United States may contact Dun and Bradstreet by calling 1-866-705-5711 or via the internet at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. An offeror located outside the United States must contact the local Dun and Bradstreet office for a DUNS number. The offeror should indicate that it is an offeror for a Government contract when contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

(k) System for Award Management. Unless exempted by an addendum to this solicitation, by submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the SAM database prior to award, during performance and through final payment of any contract resulting from this solicitation. If the Offeror does not become registered in the SAM database in the time prescribed by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered Offeror. Offerors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via the SAM database accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>.

(l) Debriefing. If a post-award debriefing is given to requesting offerors, the Government shall disclose the following information, if applicable:

(1) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed offeror's offer.

(2) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful and the debriefed offeror and past performance information on the debriefed offeror.

(3) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.

(4) A summary of the rationale for award;

(5) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror.

(6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed offeror as to whether source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed by the agency.

## L.2 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

1. Awards: The U.S. Government anticipates making one award as a result from this solicitation.
2. The quotations must contain the following written in English:
  - (i) The Offeror should submit the quotation electronically - internet email attachments (10MB limit per email) compatible with .pdf, MS WORD, Excel, in a MS Windows environment. The subject line for every such email must include the following: “*RFQ No. SOL-267-16-000006 – Internet Service Provider for USAID Iraq Mission*” The address for the receipt of electronic quotations is [BaghdadOAADropbox@usaid.gov](mailto:BaghdadOAADropbox@usaid.gov).
  - (ii) Closing Date and Time: All quotations in response to this RFQ shall be due not later than the date and time indicated on the cover page to this RFQ. Questions in response to this solicitation must be received in writing by email by the date and time stated on the cover page of this RFQ. No questions will be accepted after this date.  
NOTE: Offerors are responsible for ensuring timely delivery of quotations.
  - (iii) The Offerors must submit the Standard Form (SF) 1449, attached to the RFQ, with blocks 17a, 21, 22, 24, 30a, 30b & 30c with an original signature of a person authorized on behalf of the Offeror to sign.
  - (iv) Government Obligation: The US Government is not obligated to make an award or to pay for any costs incurred by the Offeror in preparation of a quotation in response hereto.
  - (v) Additionally, Offerors should register in the System for Award Management (SAM) by visiting the following site and obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number from Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) by using the online web form (<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>) process.
3. In case of any disagreements or discrepancies between the terms and conditions of this RFQ and the FAR, the latter shall prevail.
4. The Offeror shall follow the instructions contained in this RFQ and supply all information and signatures/certifications, as required. Failure to furnish all information requested may disqualify a quotation.
5. The offeror must set forth full, accurate and complete information as required by this RFQ. The penalty for making false statements to the Government is prescribed in 18 U.S. C. 1001. USAID reserves the right to perform a pre-award survey which may include, but is not limited to: (1) interviews with individuals to establish their ability to perform contract duties under the project conditions; (2) a review of the Offeror's financial condition, business and personnel procedures, etc.; and (3) site visits to the Offeror's institution.
6. **Government Obligation.** The US Government is not obligated to make an award or pay for any costs incurred by the offeror in preparation of a proposal in response hereto.

**L.3 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE PRICE PROPOSAL**

Offerors must submit a separate price proposal which should include sufficient information to support the proposed prices, i.e. a detailed budget in Excel spreadsheet format (with unlocked formulas) a price breakdown (no more than two (2) pages of prices; budget notes and supporting documents (e.g. documents that support the calculation of costs included in the spreadsheets) that demonstrate how costs were calculated to arrive at the firm-fixed price.

**END OF SECTION L**

## **PART IV - EVALUATION BASIS FOR AWARD**

### **SECTION M – EVALUATION BASIS FOR AWARD**

#### **M.1 GENERAL INFORMATION**

(a) This acquisition will utilize the Lowest Priced Technically Acceptable (LPTA) procedure to make a best value award. A decision on the technical acceptability of each offeror's quotations will be made. For those offerors which are determined to be technically acceptable, award will be made to that vendor with the lowest overall price. While the Government will strive for maximum objectivity, the technical go/no go process, by its nature, is subjective; therefore, professional judgment is implicit throughout the evaluation process. The Government intends to make an award based on the initial quotations. If further questions are required, the contracting officer may contact the offeror or offerors. Award will be made to the responsible offeror whose quotation conforms to all solicitation requirements, such as terms and conditions, technical requirements, and also provides the best value to the Government based on the results of the evaluation described in paragraph (b) below.

(b) The LPTA evaluation process will be accomplished as follows: (1) Technical Acceptability. Each offeror's technical quotations will be evaluated to determine if the offeror provides a sound, compliant approach that meets the requirements of the Section C of this RFQ and demonstrates a thorough knowledge and understanding of those requirements. An evaluation rating of Technically Acceptable / Non-Acceptable will be assigned upon completion of the technical quotations evaluation. If an Offeror receives a technical rating of "Non-Acceptable" they will not be considered for contract award. Technical quotations shall be limited to no more than 2 pages using Microsoft Word format, 12pt times New Times Roman font, double-spaced with 1 inch margins.

(2) Price Quotations: The offeror's Price quotations will be evaluated by CLIN level and the offerors with the lowest overall Price will be ranked accordingly.

(i) If adequate price competition is not obtained or if price reasonableness cannot be determined using price analysis of Government-obtained information, additional information in accordance with FAR 15.4 may be required to support the proposed price.

ii) Balance: In addition, offerors are cautioned against submitting an offer that contains unbalanced pricing. Unbalanced pricing exists when, despite an acceptable total evaluated price, the price of one or more contract line items including the Basic ordering period and out-year ordering periods, is significantly overstated or understated as indicated by the application of analysis techniques. The Government will analyze offers to determine whether there are unbalanced separately priced line items or sub-line items. Prices submitted will be compared and evaluated to assure that a logical progression exists as related to price and quantity changes within each offeror's response to the pricing structure in the line items. Offers that are determined to be unbalanced may be rejected if the lack of balance poses an unacceptable risk to the Government.

(iii) Quotations shall be evaluated, for award purposes, based upon the total price proposed for the basic requirements (basic award) and all options. The sum of all the CLINs (Basic Year and Options) will represent the total evaluated price. Offeror's are advised that the evaluation of options shall not obligate the government to exercise such options.

**M.2 PRICE EVALUATION**

Proposed prices shall be evaluated for completeness, reasonableness, allowability, and allocability. This analysis is intended to determine the degree to which the costs included in the price proposal are fair and reasonable. An overall evaluated price will be determined and will be used as part of the tradeoff analysis in determining source selection.

**M.3 CONTRACT AWARD**

The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror submitting the Lowest Priced, Technically Acceptable (LPTA) offer that satisfies all terms and conditions of this solicitation.

Technical Evaluation Ratings	
Rating	Description
Acceptable	Quotation clearly meets the minimum requirements of the solicitation.
Unacceptable	Quotation does not clearly meet the minimum requirements of the solicitation.

**END OF SECTION M**