

SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS <i>OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, & 30</i>				1. REQUISITION NUMBER PR11023549	PAGE 1 OF 1 of # 71		
2. CONTRACT NO.	3. AWARD/EFFECTIVE DATE	4. ORDER NUMBER	5. SOLICITATION NUMBER 19GH1022Q0014	6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE October 04, 2022			
7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL:	a. NAME Megan M. Peiler, Contracting Officer		b. TELEPHONE NUMBER(No collect calls) 233-302-741759	8. OFFER DUE DATE/ LOCAL TIME November 04, 2022 @ 16:00 PM			
9. ISSUED BY Contracting Officer U.S. Embassy Accra Ghana P.O. Box 194 Accra, Ghana Tel. +233 (0) 302 741759		CODE	10. THIS ACQUISITION IS <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNRESTRICTED OR <input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> (WOSB) ELLIGIBLE UNDER THE WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM NAICS: <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	<input type="checkbox"/> 13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700)		13b. RATING			
15. DELIVER TO US Embassy Accra Fourth Circular Road, Cantonments – Accra, Ghana		CODE	16. ADMINISTERED BY GSO Procurement & Contracting Unit US Embassy Accra, Ghana				
17a. Contractor/Offendor	CODE	FACILITY CODE	18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY Financial Management Officer American Embassy Accra P. O. Box 194 Cantonments, Accra, Ghana				
<input type="checkbox"/> 17b. CHECK IF REMITTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND PUT SUCH ADDRESS IN OFFER		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
	Internet Services Please See Attached: <i>(Use Reverse and/or Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary)</i>						
25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA						26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Govt. Use Only)	
X 27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA						X 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						ARE <input type="checkbox"/> ARE NOT ATTACHED	
X 28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN <u> 1 </u> 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 HEREIN.				29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REF. _____ Your _____ 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	
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SECTION 1 - THE SCHEDULE

CONTINUATION TO SF-1449, RFQ NUMBER 19GH1022Q0014, PRICES BLOCK 23

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Contractor shall complete all work, including furnishing all labor, material, equipment, and services, unless otherwise specified herein, required under this contract for stated services within the time specified herein. The price listed below shall include all labor, materials, overhead, and profit. In consideration of satisfactory performance of all scheduled services required under this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a firm fixed price for all services.

II. BASE PERIOD

The contract will be for a one-year period from the date of the contract award and a notice to proceed with four (4) option years.

1. The Contractor shall furnish all engineering, labor, tools, equipment, materials, supplies and services to provide the required circuit as specified under Section 1, hereof.

2. Prices. In consideration of satisfactory performance of the services required under this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a firm fixed price (FFP) per month as stated in the schedule below in Ghanaian Cedis.

2.1 VALUE ADDED TAX

VALUE ADDED TAX. Value Added Tax (VAT) is not applicable to this contract and shall not be included in the CLIN rates or Invoices because the U.S. Embassy has a tax exemption certificate from the host government.

2.2. The firm fixed-prices are in Ghanaian Cedis.

BASE YEAR: February 12, 2022 – February 11, 2023

Contract Line Item #	Description of Services	Number of Months	Monthly Price	Total Firm-Fixed Price
0001	Dedicated Internet Network (DIN) One (1) Dedicated Internet channel at minimum 100,000 Kbps (100Mbps) providing fault tolerance in the last mile, utilizing a /24 subnet. HSRP protocol is required.	12		
0002	Initial Installation (Non-Reoccurring)	N/A		
SUB-TOTAL				
TOTAL FOR BASE YEAR				

OPTION YEAR 1(OY1): February 12, 2023 – February 11, 2024

Contract Line Item #	Description of Services	Number of Months	Monthly Price	Total Firm-Fixed Price
0003	Dedicated Internet Network (DIN) One (1) Dedicated Internet channel at minimum 100,000 Kbps (100Mbps) providing fault tolerance in the last mile, utilizing a /24 subnet. HSRP protocol is required.	12		
SUB-TOTAL				
TOTAL FOR OPTION YEAR 1				

OPTION YEAR 2(OY2): February 12, 2024 – February 11, 2025

Contract Line Item #	Description of Services	Number of Months	Monthly Price	Total Firm-Fixed Price
0004	Dedicated Internet Network (DIN) One (1) Dedicated Internet channel at minimum 100,000 Kbps (100Mbps) providing fault tolerance in the last mile, utilizing a /24 subnet. HSRP protocol is required.	12		
SUB-TOTAL				
TOTAL FOR OPTION YEAR 2				

OPTION YEAR 3(OY3): February 12, 2025 – February 12, 2026

Contract Line Item #	Description of Services	Number of Months	Monthly Price	Total Firm-Fixed Price
0005	Dedicated Internet Network (DIN) One (1) Dedicated Internet channel at minimum 100,000 Kbps (100Mbps) providing fault tolerance in the last mile, utilizing a /24 subnet. HSRP protocol is required.	12		
SUB-TOTAL				
TOTAL FOR OPTION YEAR 3				

OPTION YEAR 4(OY4): February 12, 2026 – February 11, 2027

Contract Line Item #	Description of Services	Number of Months	Monthly Price	Total Firm-Fixed Price
0006	Dedicated Internet Network (DIN) One (1) Dedicated Internet Network at minimum 100,000 Kbps (100Mbps) providing fault tolerance in the last mile, utilizing a /24 subnet. HSRP protocol is required.	12		
SUB-TOTAL				
TOTAL FOR OPTION YEAR 4				

GRAND TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE, INCLUDING ALL OPTION YEARS	
Base Period Total Price	
First Option Year Total Price	
Second Option Year Total Price	
Third Option Year Total Price	
Fourth Option Year Total Price	
GRAND TOTAL FIRM-FIXED PRICE FOR BASE YEAR PLUS ALL OPTION YEARS	

CONTINUATION TO SF-1449, RFQ NUMBER 19GH1022Q0014

SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES, BLOCK 20
DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

I. SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this firm fixed price contract is to obtain VPN, Internet Services, and Circuitry for the U.S. Embassy Accra.

The local Telecommunication's Internet Service Provider (ISP) contracting firm must provide internet services and dedicated leased line channels and circuitry for connecting American Embassy Accra as shown below in this technical paper.

THIS IS THE LIST OF REQUIRED SERVICES:

SERVICE: DIN – EMBASSY – Agencies	
NAME:	Dedicated Internet Network for all U.S. Mission's Agencies at the US Embassy Accra
DESCRIPTION:	One(1) dedicated Internet channel at minimum 100,000Kbps (100Mbps) providing fault tolerance in the last mile, utilizing a /24 subnet. HSRP protocol is required.
TYPE OF SERVICES:	Dedicated Internet Channel
LOCATION:	U.S. Embassy Accra #24 Fourth Circular Road Cantonments, Accra, Ghana

THE PROVIDED INTERNET SERVICE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Internet Services Quality
 - This internet circuit shall be high-end, professional grade service that differs from the residential service. U.S Embassy requires dedicated (not shared or bundled) Internet Bandwidth, 24/7, "always-on" with unlimited usage. Fiber optic, terrestrial connectivity is preferred. The local ISP access circuit to the Post must meet the following specifications/requirements for connectivity.
 - Internet Service Provider (ISP) must provide Fiber Optic connectivity to the very end at the U.S. Embassy, Accra compound Telecommunications Service Entrance Facilities (TSEF) Room.

- Internet Service Provider (ISP) digital bandwidth is the amount or volume of data that may be sent through the channel, measured in kilobits per second (Kbps), without distortion. Required Bandwidth connection is defined in each service description.

- A /28 subnet static Public IP addresses for VPN equipment, network mask, and default gateway IP address.
ISP interface connectors: LC fiber connector (MM-multimode) – Gigabit interface. Internet Service Provider (ISP) must provide all data media converters or transmission devices in all cases.

- ISP availability: "Always on". Bandwidth sharing between other non-Embassy customers is not allowed. Connection Ratio must be 1/1.

- ISP connection: IPs must NOT use Network Address Translation (NAT).

- ISP must permit all IP protocols (including but not limited to ICMP, UDP, TCP, and IPSEC) to transit without filters or proxies. Unfiltered access to the Internet is required without ISP firewall blocking or stateful inspection.

- ISP must permit installation of Customer VPN encryption devices on circuit.

- ISP must permit ping and trace route traffic from 169.252.0.0/16 and 169.253.0.0/16 to the ISP connection (LC fiber Gigabit MM router interface which terminates Customer VPN encryption device).

- High quality performance, the following parameters in a vendor's Service Level Agreement (SLA) should be used:

- a. Packet Loss \leq .5%
- b. Availability of 99.9%.

- Network Devices

- The network devices shall comply with the following characteristics:

- Must not have ZTE, Huawei, Xiaomi and affiliated branded products in use on the internet connection. U.S Embassy, Accra may not enter into contract (or extend or renew contract) with an entity that uses above mentioned equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential

component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

- Services provided by the Internet Service Provider (ISP) must be delivered with RJ-45 interface connectors with a 10/100baseT interface.
 - Internet Service Provider (ISP) must provide routers and Data media converters or transmission devices in all cases.
 - Power standard sources must be dual voltage (110v/60hz and 220v/50hz)
 - Devices must be Rack mountable in a standard Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) rack.
 - One separate or individual physical interface connector is required per service.
- Service Support and Contingencies
 - ISP must warrant service support 7X24X365.
 - ISP must warrant service support on site if necessary 7X24X365, services must be coordinated directly with Embassy's Contracting Office Representative (COR) or Information Technology (IT) representative from the Embassy Information Systems Center (ISC).
 - ISP should have direct connection capability with major United States of America (U.S.A) telecommunication providers (ISPs) at Internet tier 1 level, having alternative line channels or backups in case of main Internet path malfunctioning, if local conditions permit.
 - ISP must provide a central Information Technology (IT) point of contact (POC) in order to promptly coordinate technical issues during the initial installation process.
 - The ISP shall install a redundant cable or Fiber Optic infrastructure known as backup line with channel state inspection mechanism, in order to verify service connectivity and provide immediate lease line backup connectivity services to the Embassy.
 - The awarded ISP must provide online web access data traffic analysis graphs capabilities. Graphs must be updated on a daily basis. Graphs must retain traffic history behavior for at least one year.

- The awarded ISP must provide a central Information Technology (IT) point of contact (POC) in order to promptly coordinate technical issues during the initial installation process.

II. GENERAL:

A. The Department of State has a requirement for one full period, full duplex, clear channels, digital circuits and Internet leased lines capable of supporting synchronous traffic. For clear channel circuits, they shall be completely transparent, with no bits added to or deleted from the bit stream provided to the interface of the Department of State equipment.

B. These digital services shall be via Optic Fiber. The service shall be for the exclusive use of the Department of State, 24-hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year.

C. The Contractor shall coordinate the service and shall be responsible for the technical sufficiency of the circuit, including services necessary to establish, operate, and restore the circuit. Except for modems and terminal equipment furnished by the Government, the Contractor shall provide all equipment, materials, and supplies required to provide the service which includes the Data Service Unit (DSU) configured with Data Communications Equipment (DCE) interface. If required, signal element timing shall be provided by the Contractor's facility.

D. The Contractor shall provide sufficient technical support to ensure uninterrupted end-to-end service between such terminal points as are covered in this contract. The Contractor shall provide, properly adjust, and maintain the circuit for continuous Department of State use. The Contractor shall ensure that the circuit complies with service changes, additions, or deletions as required under this contract.

E. The contractor shall use the following for interface standards:

OVERSEAS: RS-530 electrical/mechanical where available, or RS-422 electrical interface and RS-449 mechanical interface will be required between the DSU/CSU and the Department of State furnished equipment located at the U.S. Embassy Accra.

F. Services: This is a firm fixed-price contract for the lease of one full period, full duplex, clear channel, digital circuits and internet leased lines capable of supporting synchronous traffic. For the clear channel circuits, they shall be completely transparent to 100,000 kbps data or different if specified on the service requirements, with no bits added to or deleted from the bit stream provided to the interface of the Department of State equipment.

G. Bit Error Rate Test (BERT): The bit error rate (BER) for the service shall not be greater than 1 in 10 to the 6 bits for 99.7% of the time, for all time.

H. Acceptable Level of Performance: The Standard of Performance (SP) for this contract is 99.7% percent availability per month (100 percent less 0.3 percent each month for corrective and preventive maintenance).

I. The Contractor shall supply a Data Service Unit(s) (DSUs) configured with a Data Communications Equipment (DCE) interface. Signal element timing shall be provided as follows: (1) timing to the American Embassy will be provided by the Contractor's facility.

J. The Contractor shall use the following for interface standards:

OVERSEAS: RS-530 electrical/mechanical where available, or RS-422 electrical interface and RS-449 mechanical interface will be required between the DSU/CSU and the Department of State furnished equipment located at the DEMAC.

NOTE: Where applicable for digital service and for information purposes:

K. Services. This is a firm fixed-price contract for the lease of one full period, full duplex, clear channels, digital circuits and internet leased lines capable of supporting synchronous traffic. For the clear channel circuits, they shall be completely transparent to 2,048 kbps data or different if specified on the service requirements, with no bits added to or deleted from the bit stream provided to the interface of the Department of State equipment.

L. Term of Contract: The required circuits shall be installed and delivered to the Destination Point on or before 60 Days after Contract Award. Upon successful installation and acceptance by the Government of the required circuit under Section C, the contractor shall be provided, in writing, notice to proceed and shall provide contractual services for a twelve (12) month period, commencing on the date specified in the notice to proceed.

M. Acceptable Level of Performance. The Standard of Performance (SP) for this contract is 99.7% percent availability per month (100 percent less 0.3 percent each month for corrective and preventive maintenance).

N. Inspection and Acceptance. Unless specified in the Contract, the Government shall require a period not to exceed 24 hours in order to perform testing to determine acceptance of the required circuit under Section C. The U.S. destination point or the U.S. foreign post shall conduct the testing.

O. Term of Contract: The required circuits shall be installed and delivered to the Destination Point on or before 60 Days after Contract Award. Upon successful installation and acceptance by the Government of the required circuit under Section C, the Contractor shall be provided, in writing, notice to proceed and shall provide contractual services for a twelve (12) month period, commencing on the date specified in the notice to proceed.

P. The Contractor agrees that the work and services set forth in this contract shall be performed during the period commencing the effective date of this contract and shall continue through the end of the twelve month period of service (CLIN 1 through 8), excluding the exercise of any option.

Q. Reserved.

R. An Invoice, suitable for payment, shall contain, but not limited to, the following information:

1. Name of Contractor;
2. Date of Invoice;
3. Original Invoice Number (Consecutive numbers);
4. Contract number;
5. Task or Delivery Order number, as applicable;
6. Government Specific Accounting and Appropriation Data (Funding Cite.)
(Example: 19X0113-2015-X75041-180100-5327-2332);
7. Contract Line Item Number (CLIN) of item or service provided;
8. Description of the item, or service actually provided;
9. Period of performance of service or date item is provided;
10. Block/Space reserved for COR acceptance signature and date;
11. Signature, Name and Phone number of Company representative authorized to sign invoices;
12. Remit to address
13. Name, phone number and Mailing address to whom any disputed invoices should be addressed;
14. Credits with explanation and period covered.

Failure to submit Invoices which do not identify this information shall be returned without payment to the Contractor for correction.

S. The circuit described above is exempt, under Article 34 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, from the Special Access Surcharges or foreign taxes, including Value Added Taxes.

T. Authorized Instruction to Contractor

a. No person or agency other than the Contracting Officer (CO) is authorized to give instruction, orders or directions on behalf of the Government to the Contractor or his employees, unless such person or agency is authorized in writing by the CO to so act. The authority of such person or agency is strictly limited to the written authorization provided by the CO. The duty is upon the Contractor to determine the authority of such person or agency. Any questions regarding the authority of such person or agency should be directed to the CO in writing.

b. Contracting Officer's Representative (COR): The CO may designate and authorize a representative(s) to act on his/her behalf under this contract. Such representative(s) as may be appointed shall be designated by a letter from the CO and a copy of the letter shall be given to the Contractor. The COR shall represent the CO as specified in his/her delegation of authority letter. The COR shall not be authorized to issue change orders or adjustments. Changes in the Scope of Work/Specifications or any increase or decrease in the work called for by this contract shall be made by the CO by an executed modification to this contract.

U. Government-Furnished Equipment (GFE): Cisco routers will be provided by U.S. Embassy Accra.

V. Release of Information

1. The Contractor's organization shall clear with the Information Office listed below any public release of information on this contract. This information includes news stories, articles, sales literature, advertisements, radio-TV spots, etc.

2. The request for public release of information should be addressed to:

***U.S. Embassy
ATTN: IMO Bridget Tambe
#24 Fourth Circular Road
Accra, Ghana***

3. Limited Use of Data and Information. Performance of this contract may require the Contractor to access and use data and information proprietary to the Government agency or agency personnel, or which is of such a nature that its dissemination or use, other than in performance of this contract would be adverse to the interests of the Government or others. The Contractor and Contractor personnel shall not divulge or release data or information developed or obtained in performance of this contract, until made public by the Government, except to authorized Government personnel or upon written approval of the Contracting Officer. The Contractor will not use, disclose, or reproduce proprietary data which bears a restrictive legend, other than as required in the performance of this contract. Nothing herein shall preclude the use of any data independently acquired by the Contractor without such limitations or prohibit an agreement at no costs to the Government between the Contractor and the data owner provides for greater rights to the Contractor.

W. Circuit Downtime and Credits

Credits shall be assessed against the Contractor in those instances where the circuit during any given month or year that fail to achieve and sustain the minimum acceptance standards stated above.

1. Definitions:

Circuit Availability Acceptance Level: Yearly Circuit Availability Acceptance Level is computed by 365 calendar days times 24 (hours per day) times 99.7% acceptance level equals 8,716.20 hours annum. ($365 \times 24 = 8760 \times 99.7\% = 8,733.72$). Monthly Circuit Availability is computed by the calendar days per month times 24 (hours per day) times 99.7% acceptance level (example: $31 \times 24 = 744 \times 99.7\% = 741.76$).

Downtime: That period of time when the circuit becomes non-operational or unusable for communication or transfer of data or failures to meet the minimum acceptance standards. The maximum cumulative Annual downtime that shall be acceptable for corrective or preventative maintenance is 26.28 hours ($8760 \times .3\%$). The maximum cumulative Monthly downtime that

shall be acceptable for corrective or preventative maintenance shall be .3% of the total available hours for the month (example: $31 \times 24 = 744 \times .3\% = 2.23$ hours).

Period of Downtime: Downtime shall commence at the time first attempt for contact is made by the Government (or its representative) to the Contractor's Point of Contact and shall be annotated on the Remedy Ticket and shall continue until the circuit is returned into Service by the Government.

Downtime Credits: Monetary value returned to the Government for failure to meet the Circuit availability requirements. Downtime Credits shall be assessed based on cumulative downtime time with the minimum assessment being one hour. Downtime credit shall be equal to the hourly or daily rate (as applicable) as identified in the schedule in Section B. There are two (2) situations when circuit Downtime Credits can be accumulated:

- 1) Below Availability Level,
- 2) Extended Downtime.

2. Credit for Circuit Downtime by Situation

Below Availability Level: If the downtime accumulated for a circuit adds up to 26.28 ($8760 \times 0.3\%$) cumulative hours or more during any one contract year (365 calendar days) or depending on the number of hours for the month (example $744 \times .3\%$) cumulative hours per month (example: 31 calendar day month) the Contractor shall grant a hourly credit to the Government for each hour of downtime. Each additional one hour increment or portion thereof will be assessed as an additional hour.

Extended Downtime Credit(s): Cumulative time of more than 18 hours but not greater than 24 hours for any one outage shall be assessed at a daily rate. Any increment of 24 hours beyond the initial 24 hours of any one outage shall be assessed at the standards for the hourly rate up to 12 hours, however between 12 and 24 hours the credit shall be assessed at the daily rate.

3. Exceptions to Cumulating of Downtime

Cumulating of circuit downtime shall include all unscheduled downtime deemed to be the responsibility of the Contractor, with the following exceptions:

a. When the failure to perform arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor or Sub-contractor as defined in the Termination for Default clause in Section I of this contract.

b. Malfunction of equipment, frequency fading and interference, errors of commission and/or omission by the Contractor or Sub-contractor, and commercial power surges or failures are considered to be normal hazards of the industry and therefore do not qualify as causes beyond the control of the Contractor or Sub-contractor. The Contractor shall be charged with credits for all reported outages determined "no trouble found" or "came clear while testing" but which exceed 45 minutes.

The Contracting Officer shall make final determination as to whether downtime is the responsibility of the Contractor. If requested by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall provide documentation to support claims of excusable downtime. For downtime determined to be the Contractor's responsibility, the Contracting Officer may elect to assess a credit for each instance of non-performance.

4. Payment Reduction for Downtime Credits

When Circuit Downtime credit(s) is owed to the Government, the total number of creditable hours shall be accumulated for the month and will be deducted from the payment due the Contractor in the month they accrued.

5. Trouble Escalation Procedure

a. The Government shall refer the problem to the carrier after performing tests as prescribed in the Trouble Analysis procedure. Obtain the name of the carrier test person and a carrier ticket number; record this information on the Government's Remedy Ticket.

b. After the trouble has been referred to the carrier for two (2) hours, recall the carrier for an update on the current trouble. Record the carrier's response, the name of the individual you talked with, and the carrier ticket number on the Remedy Ticket.

c. After the trouble has been referred to the carrier for four (4) hours, recall the carrier for an update on the current trouble. If the carrier's response is not satisfactory escalate the trouble to the carrier's management. Record the carrier's response, the name of the individual you talked with, and the carrier ticket number on the Remedy Ticket.

d. After the trouble has been referred to the Contractor for six (6) hours the COR shall escalate the trouble to the Contractor's manager; also notify IRM/IMO and the Contracting Officer and the STATE IRM/ISC Office. Record the contractor's response, the name of the individual you talked with, the Contractor ticket number, and the names of the IRM managers that were notified on the Remedy Ticket.

e. Continue to status the Contractor for the remainder of the outage or until you have received a problem resolved status.

6. Technological Refreshment

After contract award, the Government may; pursuant to FAR clause 52.212-4 - Contract Terms and Conditions –Commercial Items, paragraph (c), Changes; request changes within the scope of the contract. These changes may be required to improve performance or react to changes in technology.

The Contractor may propose for the Government's technological refreshment, substitutions or additions for any provided products or services that may become available as a result of technological improvements. The Government may, at any time during the term of this contract or any extensions thereof, modify the contract to acquire products which are similar to those under the contract and that the Contractor has, or has not, formally announced for marketing purposes. This action is considered to be within the scope of the contract. At the option of the Government, a demonstration of the substitute product may be required. The Government is under no obligation to modify the contract in response to the proposed additions or substitutions.

Such substitutions or additions may include any part of, or all of, a given product(s) provided that the following conditions are met and substantiated by documentation in the technological refreshment proposal:

- a. The proposed product(s) shall meet all of the technical specifications of this document and conform to the terms and conditions cited in the contract.
- b. The proposed product(s) shall have the capacity, performance, or functional characteristics equal to or greater than, the current product(s).
- c. The proposal shall discuss the impact on hardware, services, and delivery schedules. The cost of the changes not specifically addressed in the proposal shall be borne entirely by the Contractor.
- d. Contractor has the right to withdraw, in whole or in part, any technological refreshment proposal prior to acceptance by the Government. Contractor will use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that prices for substitutions or additions are comparable to replaced or discontinued products. If a technological refreshment proposal is accepted and made a part of this contract, an equitable adjustment, increasing or decreasing the contract price, may be required and any other affected provisions of this contract shall be made in accordance with FAR clause 52.212-4, paragraph (c), Changes, and other applicable clauses of the contract.

7. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND SURVEILLANCE PLAN (QASP)

This plan provides an effective method to promote satisfactory contractor performance. The QASP provides a method for the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to monitor Contractor performance, advise the Contractor of unsatisfactory performance, and notify the Contracting Officer of continued unsatisfactory performance. The Contractor, not the Government, is responsible for management and quality control to meet the terms of the contract. The role of the Government is to monitor quality to ensure that contract standards are achieved.

Performance Objective	Scope of Work Para	Performance Threshold
<u>Services.</u> Performs all Internet services set forth in the scope of work.	1. thru 6.	All required services are performed and no more than one (1) customer complaint is received per month.

Attachment 1 to Description/Specifications/Statement of Work, Government furnished Property

1.Modems

2.Terminal Equipment

SECTION 2 - CONTRACT CLAUSES

FAR 52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (NOV 2021) is incorporated by reference. (see SF-1449, Block 27A)

52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required To Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items. (Jul 2021)

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

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

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

(3) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (NOV 2021) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- X (4) [52.204-10](#), Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (JUN 2020) (Pub. L. 109-282) ([31 U.S.C. 6101 note](#)).
- (5) [Reserved].
- (6) [52.204-14](#), Service Contract Reporting Requirements (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).
- (7) [52.204-15](#), Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).
- X (8) [52.209-6](#), Protecting the Government’s Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (JUN 2020) ([31 U.S.C. 6101 note](#)).
- (9) [52.209-9](#), Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (OCT 2018) ([41 U.S.C. 2313](#)).
- (10) [Reserved].
- (11)
- (i) [52.219-3](#), Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (MAR 2020) ([15 U.S.C. 657a](#)).
- (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-3](#).
- (12)
- (i) [52.219-4](#), Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (MAR 2020) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) ([15 U.S.C. 657a](#)).
- (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-4](#).
- (13) [Reserved]
- (14)
- (i) [52.219-6](#), Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2020) ([15 U.S.C. 644](#)).
- (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-6](#).
- (15)
- (i) [52.219-7](#), Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2020) ([15 U.S.C. 644](#)).
- (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-7](#).
- (16) [52.219-8](#), Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2018) ([15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(2\)](#) and (3)).
- (17)
- (i) [52.219-9](#), Small Business Subcontracting Plan (JUN 2020) ([15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(4\)](#)).
- (ii) Alternate I (NOV 2016) of [52.219-9](#).
- (iii) Alternate II (NOV 2016) of [52.219-9](#).
- (iv) Alternate III (JUN 2020) of [52.219-9](#).
- (v) Alternate IV (JUN 2020) of [52.219-9](#)
- (18)
- (i) [52.219-13](#), Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (MAR 2020) ([15 U.S.C. 644\(r\)](#)).
- (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-13](#).
- (19) [52.219-14](#), Limitations on Subcontracting (MAR 2020) ([15 U.S.C. 637\(a\)\(14\)](#)).
- (20) [52.219-16](#), Liquidated Damages-Subcontracting Plan (JAN 1999) ([15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(4\)\(F\)\(i\)](#)).
- (21) [52.219-27](#), Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (MAR 2020) ([15 U.S.C. 657f](#)).
- (22)

- (i) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (NOV 2020) (*15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)*).
- (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-28.
- (23) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business Concerns (MAR 2020) (*15 U.S.C. 637(m)*).
- (24) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Women-Owned Small Business Concerns Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (Mar2020) (*15 U.S.C. 637(m)*).
- (25) 52.219-32, Orders Issued Directly Under Small Business Reserves (MAR 2020) (*15 U.S.C. 644(r)*).
- (26) 52.219-33, Nonmanufacturer Rule (MAR 2020) (*15U.S.C. 637(a)(17)*).
- (27) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (JUN 2003) (E.O.11755).
- X (28) 52.222-19, Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN2020) (E.O.13126).
- (29) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).
- (30)
- (i) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O.11246).
- (ii) Alternate I (FEB 1999) of 52.222-26.
- (31)
- (i) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020) (*38 U.S.C. 4212*).
- (ii) Alternate I (JUL 2014) of 52.222-35.
- (32)
- (i) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020) (*29 U.S.C. 793*).
- (ii) Alternate I (JUL 2014) of 52.222-36.
- X (33) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020) (*38 U.S.C. 4212*).
- (34) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496).
- X (35)
- (i) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (OCT 2020) (*22 U.S.C. chapter 78* and E.O. 13627).
- (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of 52.222-50 (*22 U.S.C. chapter 78* and E.O. 13627).
- (36) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015). (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.)
- (37)
- (i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA–Designated Items (May 2008) (*42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)*). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- (ii) Alternate I (MAY 2008) of 52.223-9 (*42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)*). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- (38) 52.223-11, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).
- (39) 52.223-12, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).
- (40)

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

— (ii) Alternate I ([OCT 2015](#)) of [52.223-13](#).

— (41)

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

— (ii) Alternate I (Jun2014) of [52.223-14](#).

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

— (43)

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

— (ii) Alternate I ([JUN 2014](#)) of [52.223-16](#).

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

— (45) [52.223-20](#), Aerosols ([JUN 2016](#)) (E.O. 13693).

— (46) [52.223-21](#), Foams (Jun2016) (E.O. 13693).

— (47)

(i) [52.224-3](#) Privacy Training ([JAN 2017](#)) (5 U.S.C. 552 a).

— (ii) Alternate I ([JAN 2017](#)) of [52.224-3](#).

— (48) [52.225-1](#), Buy American-Supplies ([JAN2021](#)) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 83](#)).

— (49)

(i) [52.225-3](#), Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act ([JAN 2021](#))([41 U.S.C.chapter83](#), [19 U.S.C. 3301](#) note, [19 U.S.C. 2112](#) note, [19 U.S.C. 3805](#) note, [19 U.S.C. 4001](#) note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).

— (ii) Alternate I ([JAN 2021](#)) of [52.225-3](#).

— (iii) Alternate II ([JAN 2021](#)) of [52.225-3](#).

— (iv) Alternate III ([JAN 2021](#)) of [52.225-3](#).

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

X (51) [52.225-13](#), Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases ([FEB 2021](#)) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

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

— (53) [52.226-4](#), Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov2007) ([42 U.S.C. 5150](#)).

— (54) [52.226-5](#), Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov2007) ([42 U.S.C. 5150](#)).

— (55) [52.229-12](#), Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements ([FEB 2021](#)).

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

— (57) [52.232-30](#), Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Jan 2017) ([41 U.S.C. 4505](#), [10 U.S.C. 2307\(f\)](#)).

X (58) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (OCT2018) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

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

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

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

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

— (63)

(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. 55305 and 10 U.S.C. 2631).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(e)

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

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

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

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

(iv) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (NOV 2021) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(xiii)

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

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

(xiv) [52.222-51](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May2014) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

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

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

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

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

(xix)

(A) [52.224-3](#), Privacy Training (Jan 2017) ([5 U.S.C. 552a](#)).

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

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

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

(xxii) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. 55305 and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

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

(End of clause)

52.204-25 Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (Nov 2021)

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

Backhaul means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (e.g., connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (e.g., microwave) or wired (e.g., fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).

Covered foreign country means The People's Republic of China.

Covered telecommunications equipment or services means—

(1) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(2) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(3) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or

(4) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Critical technology means—

(1) Defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations;

(2) Items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, and controlled-

(i) Pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology; or

(ii) For reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening;

(3) Specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities);

(4) Nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material);

(5) Select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 121 of title 9 of such Code, or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or

(6) Emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817).

Interconnection arrangements means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another's network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (*e.g.*, connection of a customer of telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.

Reasonable inquiry means an inquiry designed to uncover any information in the entity's possession about the identity of the producer or provider of covered telecommunications equipment or services used by the entity that excludes the need to include an internal or third-party audit.

Roaming means cellular communications services (*e.g.*, voice, video, data) received from a visited network when unable to connect to the facilities of the home network either because signal coverage is too weak or because traffic is too high.

Substantial or essential component means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.

(b) *Prohibition.*

(1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. The Contractor is prohibited from providing to the Government any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (c) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR [4.2104](#).

(2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract, or extending or renewing a contract, with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (c) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR [4.2104](#). This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract.

(c) *Exceptions.* This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—

(1) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

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

(d) Reporting requirement.

(1) In the event the Contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the Contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the Contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the Contracting Officer, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information; in the case of the Department of Defense, the Contractor shall report to the website at <https://dibnet.dod.mil>. For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer for the indefinite delivery contract and the Contracting Officer(s) for any affected order or, in the case of the Department of Defense, identify both the indefinite delivery contract and any affected orders in the report provided at <https://dibnet.dod.mil>.

(2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause

(i) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: the contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

(ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the Contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(e) *Subcontracts.* The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e) and excluding paragraph (b)(2), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial products or commercial services.

(End of clause)

52.229-12 TAX ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PROCUREMENTS – NOTICE AND REPRESENTATIONS (FEB 2021)

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

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

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

- (1) A citizen or resident of the United States;
- (2) A domestic partnership;
- (3) A domestic corporation;
- (4) Any estate (other than a foreign estate, within the meaning of [26 U.S.C. 7701\(a\)\(31\)](#)); and
- (5) Any trust if-
 - (i) A court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust; and

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

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

(c)

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

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

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

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

(d) The Government will withhold a full 2 percent of each payment unless the Contractor claims an exemption. If the Contractor enters a ratio in Line 12 of the IRS Form W-14, the result of Line 11 divided by Line 10, the Government will withhold from each payment an amount equal to 2 percent multiplied by the contract ratio. If the Contractor marks box 9 of the IRS Form W-14 (rather than completes Lines 10 through 12), the Contractor must identify and enter the specific exempt and nonexempt amounts in Line 15 of the IRS Form W-14; the Government will then withhold 2 percent only from the nonexempt amount. See the IRS Form W-14 and its instructions.

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

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

- (1) Included in the contract price; nor
- (2) Reimbursed.

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

(End of clause)

ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT CLAUSES
FAR AND DOSAR CLAUSES NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. In addition, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at: Acquisition.gov this address is subject to change.

If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the location indicated above, use the Department of State Acquisition website at e-CFR to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet “search engine” (for example, Google, Yahoo or Excite) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) clauses are incorporated by reference:

<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.204-9	PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (Jan 2011)
52.204-13	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE (OCT 2018)
52.204-18	COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE MAINTENANCE (AUG 2020)
52.204-25	PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT (NOV 2021)
52.225-14	INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ENGLISH VERSION AND TRANSLATION OF CONTRACT (FEB 2000)
52.228-3	WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INSURANCE (DEFENSE BASE ACT) (JUL 2014)
52.228-5	INSURANCE - WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION (JAN 1997)
52.229-6	FOREIGN FIXED PRICE CONTRACTS (FEB 2013)
52.232-39	UNENFORCEABILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS (JUNE 2013)
52.232-40	PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENTS TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS (DEC 2013)
52.244-6	SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JUL 2021)

The following FAR clause(s) is/are included in full text:

52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract.

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

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract or within 30 days after funds for the option year become available, whichever is later.

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

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

52.232-19 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (APR 1984)

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond ***September 30 of the current calendar year***. The Government's obligation for performance of this contract beyond that date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond ***September 30 of the current calendar year***, until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for performance and until the Contractor receives notice of availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

The following DOSAR clause(s) is/are provided in full text:

652.215-70 EXAMINATION OF RECORDS

(a) With respect to matters related to this contract or a subcontract hereunder, the Department of State Office of the Inspector General, or an authorized representative, shall have upon request:

- (1) Complete, prompt, and free access to all Contractor and Subcontractor files (in any format), documents, records, data, premises, and employees, except as limited by law; and
- (2) The right to interview any current Contractor and Subcontractor personnel, individually and directly, with respect to such matters.

(b) This clause may not be construed to require the contractor or any subcontractor to create or maintain any record that the contractor or subcontractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(c) The Contractor shall insert a clause containing all the terms of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts under this contract other than acquisitions described in Federal Acquisition Regulation 15.209(b)(1).

CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION (JULY 2008)

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

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

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

(End of clause)

652.232-70 PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND INVOICE SUBMISSION (FIXED-PRICE) (AUG 1999)

(a) General. The Government shall pay the contractor as full compensation for all work required, performed, and accepted under this contract the firm fixed-price stated in this contract.

(b) Invoice Submission. The contractor shall submit invoices in an original and three (3) to the office identified in Block 18b of the SF-1449. To constitute a proper invoice, the invoice shall include all the items required by FAR 32.905(e).

(c) Contractor Remittance Address. The Government will make payment to the contractor's address stated on the cover page of this contract, unless a separate remittance address is shown below:

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

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

(b) The COR for this contract is the **Computer Specialist**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Complying or agreeing to comply with requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(6) Compliance by a U.S. person resident in a foreign country or agreement by such person to comply with the laws of that country with respect to his or her activities exclusively

therein, and such regulations may contain exceptions for such resident complying with the laws or regulations of that foreign country governing imports into such country of trademarked, trade named, or similarly specifically identifiable products, or components of products for his or her own use, including the performance of contractual services within that country, as may be defined by such regulations.

652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(a) The contractor warrants the following:

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3 - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

FAR 52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (NOV 2021), is incorporated by reference (see SF-1449, Block 27A)

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

ADDENDUM TO 52.212-1

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

1. List of clients over the past 5 years, demonstrating prior experience with relevant past performance information and references (provide dates of contracts, places of performance, value of contracts, contact names, telephone and fax numbers and email addresses). If the offeror has not performed comparable services in Ghana then the offeror shall provide its international experience. Offerors are advised that the past performance information requested above may be discussed with the client's contact person. In addition, the client's contact person may be asked to comment on the offeror's:

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

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

2. Evidence that the offeror/quoter can provide the necessary personnel, equipment, and financial resources needed to perform the work;
3. The offeror shall address its plan to obtain all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section 2). If offeror already possesses the locally required licenses and permits, a copy shall be provided.
4. The offeror's strategic plan for Internet services to include but not limited to:
 - (a) A work plan taking into account all work elements in Section 1, Performance Work Statement.

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

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

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

ADDENDUM TO SOLICITATION PROVISIONS
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISIONS NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

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

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THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION SOLICITATION PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

52.204-7 SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (OCT 2018)

52.204-16 COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE REPORTING (AUG 2020)

52.214-34 SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (APR 1991)

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR PROVISION(S) IS/ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

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

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

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

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

(b) The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and post-award phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman, Jason D. Halleck, at +233302741542 and +233302741389. For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1696 or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 1060, SA-15, Washington, DC 20520.

(End of provision)

Additional Instructions:

- A. Separate charges, in any form, are not solicited. For example, proposals containing any charges for failure of the Government to exercise any options will be rejected. The Government shall not be obligated to pay any charges other than the contract price, under Article 34 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, from the Special Access Surcharges or foreign taxes, including Value Added Taxes.
- B. Unless otherwise provided in this solicitation, the definitions for all telecommunications terms used herein are contained in Federal Standard 1037A (FED-STD-1037A), Glossary of Telecommunication Terms, dated June 26, 1986.
- C. The price offered shall include costs and profit as proposed by the offeror for performing all the requirements of the completed contract as set forth in this solicitation. The costs and profit should take into consideration magnitude and realism (from both a technical and cost perspective).
- D. If any services are to be offered at no cost to the Department of State, the bidder shall so indicate by entering either "No Charge" or "N/C" in the space provided in Section B for that item. Failure to enter either a price or one of the no charge notations, i.e., leaving the space blank, may render the bid non-responsive, additionally entering "Not Separately Priced" or "NSP" is not acceptable.
- E. Each CLIN shall be separately priced. Failure to enter either a price or one of the no charge notations, i.e., leaving the space blank, may render the quotation unacceptable, additionally entering "Not Separately Priced" or "NSP" is not acceptable.

F. Acceptance of Quotations. The Government reserves the right to reject, as unacceptable, quotations deleting or altering technical requirements which are considered by the Government to be beyond the state of the art or impossible of attainment.

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

1. A pre-proposal conference to discuss the requirements of this solicitation will be held via Microsoft teams on October 24, 2022 10:00AM GMT, All prospective offerors who wish to participate must return a pre-proposal conference registration form to AccraProcurement@State.Gov on or before October 20, 2022 12:00 pm GMT.

2. Offerors are urged to submit written questions at least three days before the scheduled pre-proposal conference date to the email address: AccraProcurement@State.Gov

3. Attendees may also bring written questions to the proposal conference; however, if the answer requires research, there is no guarantee that the question will be able to be answered at that conference.

4. The Government's statements at the pre-proposal conference shall not be considered to be a change to the solicitation unless a written amendment is issued.

5. Following the conference, all prospective offerors who received a copy of the solicitation will be provided a copy of all questions presented in writing prior to the conference, along with answers. If the answer requires a change to the solicitation, a solicitation amendment will also be issued.

SECTION 4 - EVALUATION FACTORS

The Government intends to establish a single indefinite quantity contract that includes a one-year base year plus four (4) 12-month options, resulting from this solicitation to the responsible contractor whose quotation conforms to the solicitation and represents the best value to the Government, price and other factors considered utilizing FAR 13 Comparative Evaluation.

This selection process will utilize FAR 13 procedures.

After preliminary consideration of all offers, the Department will no longer consider offers that do not meet basic standards to be eligible for award. The offers that remain will be subject to a comparative evaluation.

The preliminary evaluation process shall include the following:

COMPLIANCE REVIEW. The Government will perform an initial review of proposals/quotations received to determine completeness and compliance with the terms of the solicitation. The Government may reject as unacceptable proposals/quotations that do not conform to the solicitation. Offers must provide evidence that minimum technical requirements as expressed in the statement of work, section 1 are met as a condition to entering into the comparative evaluation phase of the acquisition.

Comparative Evaluation

A comparative evaluation will be performed in accordance with FAR 13.106-2(b)(3). A comparative evaluation is defined as the act of comparing two or more offers in response to the RFQ. The item-by-item comparison is performed by comparing each offer to directly to one another to determine which provides the best value to the Department utilizing **technical, past performance criteria and price** as described below. **This is NOT a low price technically acceptable or trade-off process. This solicitation neither requires nor prohibits the selection of the lowest priced acceptable offer.**

Evaluation Criteria

Technical: Technical will be evaluated on the basis of a direct comparison to other offers to discern if there is any kind of technical quality superiority that would support an award to a higher priced offer. Technical discriminators by requirement may include:

MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS	Non-Price/Quality Discriminators
Speed - The bandwidth available across all lines of service (OpenNet VPN, OpenNet Extension, Dedicated Internet Network, Internet) as established in the solicitation.	Bandwidth in excess of required minimums
Number of IP Addresses	Number of addresses in excess of required minimums
Mode of Transportation	Extent of fiber optics interface connectors usage
Line Quality	Evidence of reliability in achieving a. Packet Loss <=.5% b. Availability of 99.9%.

Past Performance: Past performance will be evaluated on the basis of a direct comparison to other offers to discern if there is any significant past performance superiority that would support an award to a higher priced offer. Past performance as a discriminator may be appropriate where based on the offeror's performance record, the Government has a high expectation that the offeror will successfully perform the required effort.

Price will be evaluated to ensure the proposed price is fair and reasonable. The price will be determined by multiplying the offered prices times the estimated quantities in "Prices - Continuation of SF-1449, block 23", and arriving at a grand total, including all options. The Government reserves the right to reject proposals that are unreasonably low or high in price.

RESPONSIBILITY DETERMINATION. The Government will determine contractor responsibility by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:

- Adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;
- Ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
- Satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- Necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them;
- Necessary equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them; and
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.
- SAM Registration.

ADDENDUM TO EVALUATION FACTORS
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISION(S) NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

THE FOLLOWING FAR PROVISIONS ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

52.217-5 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (JUL 1990)

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

52.225-17 EVALUATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY OFFERS (FEB 2000)

If the Government receives offers in more than one currency, the Government will evaluate offers by converting the foreign currency to United States currency using the exchange rate used by the Embassy in effect as follows:

- (a) For acquisitions conducted using sealed bidding procedures, on the date of bid opening.
- (b) For acquisitions conducted using negotiation procedures—
 - (1) On the date specified for receipt of offers, if award is based on initial offers;
otherwise
 - (2) On the date specified for receipt of proposal revisions.

SECTION 5 - REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

52.204-24 Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (Nov 2021)

The Offeror shall not complete the representation at paragraph (d)(1) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it "does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument" in paragraph (c)(1) in the provision at [52.204-26](#), Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation, or in paragraph (v)(2)(i) of the provision at [52.212-3](#), Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Products or Commercial Services. The Offeror shall not complete the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it "does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services" in paragraph (c)(2) of the provision at [52.204-26](#), or in paragraph (v)(2)(ii) of the provision at [52.212-3](#).

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

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

(b) *Prohibition.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(e) *Disclosures.*

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

(i) For covered equipment—

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

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

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

(ii) For covered services—

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

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

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

(i) For covered equipment—

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

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

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

(ii) For covered services—

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

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

(End of provision)

52.204-26 COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES - REPRESENTATION (OCT 2020)

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

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

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

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

(End of provision)

52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS-COMMERCIAL ITEMS (MAY 2022)

The Offeror shall complete only paragraph (b) of this provision if the Offeror has completed the annual representations and certification electronically in the System for Award Management (SAM) accessed through <https://www.sam.gov>. If the Offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically, the Offeror shall complete only paragraphs (c) through (v) of this provision.

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

"Covered telecommunications equipment or services" has the meaning provided in the clause [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States and who are economically disadvantaged in accordance with 13 CFR part 127. It automatically qualifies as a women-owned small business eligible under the WOSB Program.

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.

Highest-level owner means the entity that owns or controls an immediate owner of the offeror, or that owns or controls one or more entities that control an immediate owner of the offeror. No entity owns or exercises control of the highest level owner.

Immediate owner means an entity, other than the offeror, that has direct control of the offeror. Indicators of control include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: ownership or interlocking management, identity of interests among family members, shared facilities and equipment, and the common use of employees.

Inverted domestic corporation, means a foreign incorporated entity that meets the definition of an inverted domestic corporation under [6 U.S.C. 395\(b\)](#), applied in accordance with the rules and definitions of [6 U.S.C. 395\(c\)](#).

Manufactured end product means any end product in product and service codes (PSCs) 1000-9999, except—

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

(2) Product or Service Group (PSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;

- (3) PSG 88, Live Animals;
- (4) PSG 89, Subsistence;
- (5) PSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) PSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) PSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (8) PSC 9610, Ores;
- (9) PSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and
- (10) PSC 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.

Predecessor means an entity that is replaced by a successor and includes any predecessors of the predecessor.

Reasonable inquiry has the meaning provided in the clause [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

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 (as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007) 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. "Sensitive technology"—

Sensitive technology—

(1) Means hardware, software, telecommunications equipment, or any other technology that is to be used specifically—

(i) To restrict the free flow of unbiased information in Iran; or

(ii) To disrupt, monitor, or otherwise restrict speech of the people of Iran; and

(2) Does not include information or informational materials the export of which the President does not have the authority to regulate or prohibit pursuant to section 203(b)(3) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)).

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—

(1) 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.

(2) *Affiliates*, as used in this definition, means business concerns, one of whom directly or indirectly controls or has the power to control the others, or a third party or parties control or have the power to control the others. In determining whether affiliation exists, consideration is given to all appropriate factors including common ownership, common management, and contractual relationships. SBA determines affiliation based on the factors set forth at 13 CFR 121.103.

Small disadvantaged business concern, consistent with 13 CFR 124.1002, means a small business concern under the size standard applicable to the acquisition, that—

(1) Is at least 51 percent unconditionally and directly owned (as defined at 13 CFR 124.105) by—

(i) One or more socially disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.103) and economically disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.104) individuals who are citizens of the United States; and

(ii) Each individual claiming economic disadvantage has a net worth not exceeding \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled (as defined at 13 CFR 124.106) by individuals, who meet the criteria in paragraphs (1)(i) and (ii) of this definition.

Subsidiary means an entity in which more than 50 percent of the entity is owned—

(1) Directly by a parent corporation; or

(2) Through another subsidiary of a parent corporation

Successor means an entity that has replaced a predecessor by acquiring the assets and carrying out the affairs of the predecessor under a new name (often through acquisition or merger). The term "successor" does not include new offices/divisions of the same company or a company that only changes its name. The extent of the responsibility of the successor for the liabilities of the predecessor may vary, depending on State law and specific circumstances.

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 small business (WOSB) concern eligible under the WOSB Program (in accordance with 13 CFR part 127), means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States.

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 in SAM

(2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically in SAM accessed through <http://www.sam.gov>. After reviewing SAM 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(s) applicable to the NAICS code(s) referenced for this solicitation), at the time this offer is submitted and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201), except for paragraphs

_____.

[Offeror to identify the applicable paragraphs at (c) through (v) 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 electronically on SAM.]

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract is for supplies to be delivered or services to be performed in the United States or its outlying areas, or when the contracting officer has applied [part 19](#) in accordance with [19.000\(b\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#). 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, that it is, is not a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR124.1002.

(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.

(6) WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a women-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(5) of this provision.] The offeror represents that-

(i) It is, is not a WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program, has provided all the required documents to the WOSB Repository, and no change in circumstances or adverse decisions have been issued that affects its eligibility; and

(ii) It is, is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 127, and the representation in paragraph (c)(6)(i) of this provision is accurate for each WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name or names of the WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program and other small businesses that are participating in the joint venture: _____.] Each WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the WOSB representation.

(7) Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program in (c)(6) of this provision.] The offeror represents that-

(i) It is, is not an EDWOSB concern, has provided all the required documents to the WOSB Repository, and no change in circumstances or adverse decisions have been issued that affects its eligibility; and

(ii) It is, is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 127, and the representation in paragraph (c)(7)(i) of this provision is accurate for each EDWOSB concern participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name or names of the EDWOSB concern and other small businesses that are participating in the joint venture: _____.] Each EDWOSB concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the EDWOSB representation.

Note: Complete paragraphs (c)(8) and (c)(9) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(8) *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.

(9) *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: _____

(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 changes in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage have occurred since it was certified in accordance with 13 CFR Part 126; and

(ii) It is, is not a HUBZone 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 each HUBZone small business concern participating in the HUBZone joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the names of each of the HUBZone small business concerns participating in the HUBZone joint venture: _____.] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the HUBZone 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 <http://uscode.house.gov/> U.S.C. 1352). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$150,000.) 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.

(f) *Buy American Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [52.225-1](#), Buy American-Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)

(1)

(i) The Offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product.

(ii) The Offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products.

(iii) The terms "domestic end product," "end product," "foreign end product," and "United States" are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Supplies."

(2) Foreign End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(3) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR [part 25](#).

(g)

(1) *Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-3, Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act, is included in this solicitation.)

(i)

(A) The Offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product.

(B) The terms "Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end product," "domestic end product," "end product," "foreign end product," "Free Trade Agreement country," "Free Trade Agreement country end product," "Israeli end product," and "United States" are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act."

(ii) The Offeror certifies that the following supplies are Free Trade Agreement country end products (other than Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end products) or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act."

Free Trade Agreement Country End Products (Other than Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian End Products) or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(iii) The Offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act." The Offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products.

Other Foreign End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(iv) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR [part 25](#).

(2) *Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate I.* If Alternate I 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 as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act":

Canadian End Products:

Line Item No.

[List as necessary]

(3) *Buy American-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-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act":

Canadian or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(4) *Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate III.* If Alternate III to the clause at [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 Free Trade Agreement country end products (other than Bahrainian, Korean, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end products) or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act":

Free Trade Agreement Country End Products (Other than Bahrainian, Korean, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian End Products) or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(5) *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)(5)(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:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR [part 25](#). For line items covered by 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 statute. 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 the threshold at [9.104-5\(a\)\(2\)](#) 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 products.*

Listed End Product	Listed Countries of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____

(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 Labor Standards* (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 Labor Standards 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.

(1) *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 the SAM to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (1)(3) through (1)(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 CFR1.6049-4;

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 the offeror does not conduct any restricted business operations in Sudan.

(n) *Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations.*

(1) Government agencies are not permitted to use appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with either an inverted domestic corporation, or a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation, unless the exception at 9.108-2(b) applies or the requirement is waived in accordance with the procedures at 9.108-4.

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

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

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

(o) Prohibition on contracting with entities engaging in certain activities or transactions relating to Iran.

(1) The offeror shall e-mail questions concerning sensitive technology to the Department of State at CISADA106@state.gov.

(2) *Representation and Certifications.* Unless a waiver is granted or an exception applies as provided in paragraph (o)(3) of this provision, by submission of its offer, the offeror-

(i) Represents, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror does not export any sensitive technology to the government of Iran or any entities or individuals owned or controlled by, or acting on behalf or at the direction of, the government of Iran;

(ii) Certifies that the offeror, or any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not engage in any activities for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act; and

(iii) Certifies that the offeror, and any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not knowingly engage in any transaction that exceeds the threshold at FAR 25.703-2(a)(2) with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps or any of its officials, agents, or affiliates, the property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (et seq.) (see OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List at <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/default.aspx>).

(3) The representation and certification requirements of paragraph (o)(2) of this provision do not apply if-

(i) This solicitation includes a trade agreements certification (e.g., 52.212-3(g) or a comparable agency provision); and

(ii) The offeror has certified that all the offered products to be supplied are designated country end products.

(p) *Ownership or Control of Offeror.* (Applies in all solicitations when there is a requirement to be registered in SAM or a requirement to have a unique entity identifier in the solicitation).

(1) The Offeror represents that it has or does not have an immediate owner. If the Offeror has more than one immediate owner (such as a joint venture), then the Offeror shall respond to paragraph (2) and if applicable, paragraph (3) of this provision for each participant in the joint venture.

(2) If the Offeror indicates "has" in paragraph (p)(1) of this provision, enter the following information:

Immediate owner CAGE code: _____.

Immediate owner legal name: _____.

(Do not use a "doing business as" name)

Is the immediate owner owned or controlled by another entity: Yes or No.

(3) If the Offeror indicates "yes" in paragraph (p)(2) of this provision, indicating that the immediate owner is owned or controlled by another entity, then enter the following information:

Highest-level owner CAGE code: _____.

Highest-level owner legal name: _____.

(Do not use a "doing business as" name)

(q) Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law.

(1) As required by sections 744 and 745 of Division E of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235), and similar provisions, if contained in subsequent appropriations acts, The Government will not enter into a contract with any corporation that—

(i) Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or

(ii) Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(2) The Offeror represents that—

(i) It is is not a corporation that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and

(ii) It is is not a corporation that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal law within the preceding 24 months.

(r) *Predecessor of Offeror.* (Applies in all solicitations that include the provision at [52.204-16](#), Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting.)

(1) The Offeror represents that it is or is not a successor to a predecessor that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years.

(2) If the Offeror has indicated "is" in paragraph (r)(1) of this provision, enter the following information for all predecessors that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years (if more than one predecessor, list in reverse chronological order):

Predecessor CAGE code: (or mark "Unknown").

Predecessor legal name: _____.

(Do not use a "doing business as" name).

(s) [Reserved].

(t) *Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals.* Applies in all solicitations that require offerors to register in SAM ([12.301\(d\)\(1\)](#)).

(1) This representation shall be completed if the Offeror received \$7.5 million or more in contract awards in the prior Federal fiscal year. The representation is optional if the Offeror received less than \$7.5 million in Federal contract awards in the prior Federal fiscal year.

(2) Representation. [Offeror to check applicable block(s) in paragraph (t)(2)(i) and (ii)].

(i) The Offeror (itself or through its immediate owner or highest-level owner) does, does not publicly disclose greenhouse gas emissions, i.e., makes available on a publicly accessible website the results of a greenhouse gas inventory, performed in accordance with an accounting standard with publicly available and consistently applied criteria, such as the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Standard.

(ii) The Offeror (itself or through its immediate owner or highest-level owner) does, does not publicly disclose a quantitative greenhouse gas emissions reduction

goal, i.e., make available on a publicly accessible website a target to reduce absolute emissions or emissions intensity by a specific quantity or percentage.

(iii) A publicly accessible website includes the Offeror's own website or a recognized, third-party greenhouse gas emissions reporting program.

(3) If the Offeror checked "does" in paragraphs (t)(2)(i) or (t)(2)(ii) of this provision, respectively, the Offeror shall provide the publicly accessible website(s) where greenhouse gas emissions and/or reduction goals are reported:_____.

(u)

(1) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions), Government agencies are not permitted to use appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with an entity that requires employees or subcontractors of such entity seeking to report waste, fraud, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(2) The prohibition in paragraph (u)(1) of this provision does not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement), Form 4414 (Sensitive Compartmented Information Nondisclosure Agreement), or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(3) *Representation.* By submission of its offer, the Offeror represents that it will not require its employees or subcontractors to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse related to the performance of a Government contract to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information (*e.g.*, agency Office of the Inspector General).

(v) *Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation.* Section 889(a)(1)(A) and section 889 (a)(1)(B) of Public Law 115-232.

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

(2) The Offeror represents that—

(i) It does, does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument.

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

(End of Provision)

52.229-11 TAX ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PROCUREMENTS – NOTICE AND REPRESENTATION (JUN 2020)

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

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

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

United States person as defined in 26 U.S.C. 7701(a)(30) means—

- (1) A citizen or resident of the United States;
- (2) A domestic partnership;
- (3) A domestic corporation;
- (4) Any estate (other than a foreign estate, within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. 701(a)(31)); and
- (5) Any trust if—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of provision)

ADDENDUM TO SOLICITATION PROVISIONS
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISIONS NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

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. In addition, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at Acquisition.gov this address is subject to change.

If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the location indicated above, use the Department of State Acquisition website at e-CFR to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet “search engine” (for example, Google, Yahoo or Excite) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation solicitation provisions are incorporated by reference:

52.225-25 PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES ENGAGING IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OR TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO IRAN (JUN 2020)

The following DOSAR provision is provided in full text:

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

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

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

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

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

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

(2) Discriminating in the award of subcontracts on the basis of religion.

(a) RESERVED