

SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEM Offeror To Complete Block 12, 17, 23, 24, & 30				1. Requisition Number SEE SCHEDULE		Page 1 Of 20				
2. Contract No. W56HZV-14-P-0109		3. Award/Effective Date 2013DEC23		4. Order Number		5. Solicitation Number		6. Solicitation Issue Date		
7. For Solicitation Information Call:		A. Name DEBORAH HOUGH			B. Telephone Number (No Collect Calls) (586)282-7296		8. Offer Due Date/Local Time			
9. Issued By U.S. ARMY CONTRACTING COMMAND WARREN, MICHIGAN 48397-5000 HTTP://CONTRACTING.TACOM.ARMY.MIL			Code W56HZV	10. This Acquisition is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted OR <input type="checkbox"/> Set Aside: % For:						
			<input type="checkbox"/> Small Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program						
			<input type="checkbox"/> Hubzone Small Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB)						
			<input type="checkbox"/> Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business	NAICS: 336992						
Email: DEBORAH.HOUGH@US.ARMY.MIL			<input type="checkbox"/> 8(A)	Size Standard:						
11. Delivery For FOB Destination Unless Block Is Marked <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See Schedule			12. Discount Terms			13a. This Contract Is A Rated Order Under DPAS (15 CFR 700)		13b. Rating NONE		
15. Deliver To SEE SCHEDULE			Code BAF500	16. Administered By DCMA SOLDIER SYSTEMS AND CAP - PHOENIX TWO RENAISSANCE SQUARE 40 NORTH CENTRAL AVE, SUITE 400 PHOENIX AZ 85004-4424						
17a. Contractor/Offeror HOWCO DISTRIBUTING CO. 6025 E. 18TH ST VANCOUVER, WA 98661-6841			Code 5E074	Facility	18a. Payment Will Be Made By DFAS-COLUMBUS CENTER DFAS-CO WEST ENTITLEMENT OPERATIONS P.O. BOX 182381 COLUMBUS, OH 43218-2381					
Telephone No. (360)693-9092			Code HQ0339							
<input type="checkbox"/> 17b. Check If Remittance Is Different And Put Such Address In Offer			<input type="checkbox"/> 18b. Submit Invoices To Address Shown In Block 18a Unless Block Below Is Checked <input type="checkbox"/> See Addendum							
19. Item No.	20. Schedule Of Supplies/Services SEE SCHEDULE (Use Reverse and/or Attach Additional Sheets As Necessary)			21. Quantity	22. Unit	23. Unit Price		24. Amount		
25. Accounting And Appropriation Data SEE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA						26. Total Award Amount (For Govt. Use Only) \$3,150.00				
<input type="checkbox"/> 27a. Solicitation Incorporates By Reference FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4, FAR 52.212-3 And 52.212-5 Are Attached. Addenda <input type="checkbox"/> Are <input type="checkbox"/> Are Not Attached.						<input type="checkbox"/> Are <input type="checkbox"/> Are Not Attached.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 27b. Contract/Purchase Order Incorporates By Reference FAR 52.212-4, FAR 52.212-5 Is Attached. Addenda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Are <input type="checkbox"/> Are Not Attached.						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Are <input type="checkbox"/> Are Not Attached.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 28. Contractor Is Required To Sign This Document And Return <u>2</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.					<input type="checkbox"/> 29. Award Of Contract: Ref. _____ 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) /SIGNED/						
30b. Name And Title Of Signer (Type Or Print)			30c. Date Signed		31b. Name Of Contracting Officer (Type Or Print) KAREN SMITH KAREN.GREWAL@US.ARMY.MIL (586)282-6857			31c. Date Signed 2013DEC23		

19. Item No.	20. Schedule Of Supplies/Services	21. Quantity	22. Unit	23. Unit Price	24. Amount

32a. Quantity In Column 21 Has Been

Received Inspected Accepted, And Conforms To The Contract, Except As Noted: _____

32b. Signature Of Authorized Government Representative		32c. Date	32d. Printed Name and Title of Authorized Government Representative				
32e. Mailing Address of Authorized Government Representative			32f. Telephone Number of Authorized Government Representative				
			32g. E-Mail of Authorized Government Representative				
33. Ship Number		34. Voucher Number	35. Amount Verified Correct For	36. Payment		37. Check Number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Partial	<input type="checkbox"/> Final			<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Final			
38. S/R Account No.		39. S/R Voucher Number	40. Paid By				
41a. I Certify This Account Is Correct And Proper For Payment			42a. Received By (Print)				
41b. Signature And Title Of Certifying Officer			41c. Date		42b. Received At (Location)		
					42c. Date Rec'd (YY/MM/DD)		42d. Total Containers

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Buyer Name: DEBORAH HOUGH
 Buyer Office Symbol/Telephone Number: CCTA-ADT-S/(586)282-7296
 Type of Contract: Firm Fixed Price
 Kind of Contract: Supply Contracts and Priced Orders
 Type of Business: Other Small Business Performing in U.S.
 Surveillance Criticality Designator: C
 Weapon System: 8 to 10 Ton Vehicle Configuration, M520-
 FMS REQUIREMENT

*** End of Narrative A0000 ***

<u>Regulatory Cite</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	52.204-4016 WARREN ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING	MAR/2013

(a) All Army Contracting Command - Warren (DTA) solicitations and awards are distributed on the Army Contracting Command - Warren Procurement Network (ProcNet) Business Opportunities website (<http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/opportunity.htm>) and are no longer available in hard copy. The Technical Data Packages (TDPs) and other documents, when available electronically, will be attachments or links to the solicitation package on ProcNet.

(b) You may need to use special software to view documents that we post on ProcNet. This viewing software is freeware, available for download at no cost from commercial websites like Microsoft and Adobe. In cases where such software is required, we provide a link from ProcNet to the commercial site where the software is available. Once you arrive at the software developer's site, follow its instructions to download the free viewer. You can then return to the ProcNet.

(c) Unless directed to do otherwise in Section L of this solicitation, you are required to submit your offer, bid, or quote electronically, via the Army Single Face to Industry (ASFI) Online Bid Response System (BRS). For detailed information about submitting your offer electronically, please see <http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/acqinfo/ebidnotice.htm>.

(d) Requirements for the online ASFI bid submission:

(1) You must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov (a Federal Government owned and operated free web site) and have a CAGE Code and CCR Marketing Partner Identification Number (MPIN).

(2) If you found the solicitation on ProcNet, use the following link to the Start Bid Page on the ASFI BRS website for this solicitation:
https://acquisition.army.mil/asfi/solicitation_view.cfm?psolicitationnbr= W56HZV-14-P-0109

(3) If you found the solicitation by searching on ASFI, you can start the online bidding process by using the Start Bid button on the ASFI Solicitation View page. You may also access the ASFI BRS by going to <https://acquisition.army.mil/asfi/> and clicking on the Contracting Opportunities Search to find the solicitation.

(4) Once in the ASFI BRS, you will be asked to enter basic information and will then be directed to upload one or more files containing your offer and information required by the solicitation.

(5) You will receive a confirmation of your bid upon completion of the bid submission process.

(6) You can find detailed BRS user instructions on the ASFI website at https://acquisition.army.mil/asfi/BRS_guide.doc.

(e) Note to offerors:

Your attention is called to the solicitation closing date and time as stated on the cover page of this solicitation, local time for the Army Contracting Command - Warren (DTA), Michigan. In accordance with FAR 15.208(a), offerors are responsible for submitting proposals, and any revisions, and modifications, so as to be received by the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified.

It is the offeror's responsibility to assure their proposal is received by the date and time specified on the cover page of this solicitation. In accordance with FAR 15.208, if your proposal was not received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure (in this case, received through ASFI) by the exact date and time specified on the cover page of this solicitation, it will be determined late. Proposal, as the term is used here, means ALL volumes and/or parts of the proposal.

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Note: There is no "expected" or "target" length of time for proposal submission; size and content may be factors, therefore offerors are strongly cautioned to submit their proposals allowing adequate time for submission.

Solicitations may remain posted on the AFSI Open Solicitation Web page after the solicitation closes. Even though the system will allow you to submit a proposal after the closing date/time, your proposal will be considered late and may not be considered for award. If you are responding to a Request for Proposal, your offer will not be considered if it is submitted after the closing date and time unless one of the exceptions is met at FAR 15.208(b). If you are responding to a Request for Quotation, your quote may be considered if it is received after the closing date, and it will not unduly delay award.

(f) Any award issued as a result of this solicitation will be distributed electronically. Awards and modifications posted on ProcNet represent complete OFFICIAL copies of contract awards and will include the awarded unit price. This is the notice required by Executive Order 12600 (June 23, 1987) of our intention to release unit prices in response to any request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 USC 552. Unit price is defined as the contract price per unit or item purchased as it appears in Section B of the contract and is NOT referring to nor does it include Cost or Pricing data/information. If you object to such release in the base contract or contract modifications, and you intend to submit an offer, notify the contracting officer in writing prior to the closing date identified in this solicitation and include the rationale for your objection consistent with the provisions of FOIA. A release determination will be made based on rationale given.

(g) If you have questions or need help using ProcNet, call our E-commerce Contracting Help Desk at (586) 282-7059, or send an email to usarmy.detroit.acc.mbx.wrn-web-page-request@mail.mil. If you have questions about the content of any specific item posted on the ProcNet, please call the contract specialist or point of contact listed for the item. For technical assistance in doing business with the Government, and doing business electronically, please visit the Procurement Technical Assistance Center website at <http://www.dla.mil/SmallBusiness/Pages/ProcurementTechnicalAssistanceCenters.aspx> to find a location near you.

End of Provision

2 52.204-4850 ACCEPTANCE APPENDIX SEP/2008

(a) Contract Number W56HZV-14-P0109 is awarded to HOWCO DISTRIBUTING CO 6025 East 18th Street Vancouver, WA. 98661 .

(b) The contractor, in its proposal, provided data for various solicitation clauses, and that data has been added in this contract.

(c) Any attachments not included within this document will be provided by Army Contracting Command - Warren directly to the administrative contracting officer (ACO) via e-mail, as required. Technical data packages that are only available on CD-ROM will be mailed by Army Contracting Command - Warren to the ACO. Within one week of this award, any office not able to obtain attachments from the Army Contracting Command - Warren website (<https://contracting.tacom.army.mil/>) and still requiring a copy, can send an email request to the buyer listed on the front page of this contract.

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(d) The following Amendment(s) to the solicitation are incorporated into this contract: -4-

[End of Clause]

3 52.201-4000 ARMY CONTRACTING COMMAND-WARREN (DTA) OMBUDSPERSON APR/2011

Information regarding the Ombudsperson for this contract is located at the following website:
<http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/acqinfo/ombudsperson.htm>

[End of Provision]

4 52.212-4003 ALL OR NONE--COMMERCIAL ITEM ACQUISITION SEP/1996
(TACOM)

This provision serves as an addendum that modifies paragraph (h) of FAR 52.212-1, entitled INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS--COMMERCIAL ITEMS. Paragraph (h) is modified to say that you must offer to provide the total quantity of the items in this solicitation. ONLY ONE AWARD WILL BE MADE AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION. OFFERS SUBMITTED FOR LESS THAN THE TOTAL QUANTITIES OF ALL THE ITEMS IN THIS

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SOLICITATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD.

[End of Clause]

5 52.214-4003 ALL OR NONE
 (TACOM)

MAR/1998

Offers in response to this solicitation must be submitted for the total quantity of the items identified in the solicitation.

- (1) ONLY ONE AWARD WILL BE MADE AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION.
- (2) OFFERS SUBMITTED FOR LESS THAN THE TOTAL QUANTITIES OF ALL THE ITEMS IN THIS SOLICITATION ARE INELIGIBLE FOR AWARD.

[End of Provision]

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ITEM NO	SUPPLIES/SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
0001	SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/COSTS SNAP - CYLINDER GP S NSN: 9999-99-999-9999 FSCM: 00000 PART NR: 249-4116				
0001AA	<p><u>PRODUCTION QUANTITY</u></p> <p>COMMODITY NAME: SNAP - CYLINDER GP S CLIN CONTRACT TYPE: Firm Fixed Price PRON: J537Y163EH PRON AMD: 01 ACRN: AA PSC: 9999 FMS COUNTRY/CASE: AF/BBN</p> <p><u>Packaging and Marking</u></p> <p><u>Inspection and Acceptance</u> INSPECTION: Origin ACCEPTANCE: Origin</p> <p><u>Deliveries or Performance</u> DOC SUPPL <u>REL CD MILSTRIP ADDR SIG CD MARK FOR TP CD</u> 001 BAF57532071040 BXXBBN L 3 <u>PROJ CD BRK BLK PT</u> BAF500 <u>DEL REL CD QUANTITY DEL DATE</u> 001 1 31-DEC-2013</p> <p>FOB POINT: Origin</p> <p>SHIP TO: (BAF500) DDSP PRELODGE 800-307-8496 UNIT MAT FIELD PT WHSE 89 BAY 1 NEW CUMBERLAND PA 17070-5001</p> <p><u>CONTRACT/DELIVERY ORDER NUMBER</u> W56HZV-14-P-0109/0000</p>	1	EA	\$ 3,150.00000	\$ 3,150.00

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PACKAGING AND MARKING

<u>Regulatory Cite</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	52.247-4016 (TACOM) HEAT TREATMENT AND MARKING OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIALS	AUG/2005

Boxes/pallets and any wood used as inner packaging made of non-manufactured wood shall be heat-treated. All non-manufactured wood used in packaging shall be heat treated to a core temperature of 56 degrees Celsius for a minimum of 30 minutes. The box/pallet manufacturer and the manufacturer of wood used as inner packaging shall be affiliated with an inspection agency accredited by the board of review of the American Lumber Standard Committee. The box/pallet manufacturer and the manufacturer of wood used as inner packaging shall ensure traceability to the original source of heat treatment.

Marking. Each box/pallet shall be marked to show the conformance to the International Plant Protection Convention Standard. The quality mark shall be placed on both ends of the outer packaging, between the end cleats or end battens; on two sides of the pallet. Foreign manufacturers shall have the heat treatment of non-manufactured wood products verified in accordance with their National Plant Protection Organization's compliance program. In addition, wood used as dunnage for blocking and bracing shall be ordered with ALSC certified marking for dunnage or the markings may be applied locally at two foot intervals.

[End of Clause]

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INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

	<u>Regulatory Cite</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	52.246-2	INSPECTION OF SUPPLIES--FIXED-PRICE	AUG/1996
2	52.246-16	RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES	APR/1984
3	52.246-4028 (TACOM)	INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE POINTS: ORIGIN	NOV/2005

The Government's inspection and acceptance of the supplies offered under this contract/purchase order shall take place at ORIGIN. Offeror must specify below the exact name, address, and CAGE of the facility where supplies to be furnished under this contract/purchase order will be available for inspection/acceptance.

INSPECTION POINT: HOWCO DISTRIBUTING CO. 5E074
(Name) (CAGE)

6025 EAST 18TH STREET VAMCOUVER, WA 98661-6841
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

ACCEPTANCE POINT: SAME AS ABOVE
(Name) (CAGE)

(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

[End of Clause]

4	52.246-4040 (TACOM)	INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE -- COUNT AND CONDITION	APR/2000
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The Government will inspect the supplies described in Section B of the contract. The inspection will be limited to count and condition only. This limited inspection does not waive any other rights of the Government under this contract.

[End of Clause]

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DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

	<u>Regulatory Cite</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	52.211-17	DELIVERY OF EXCESS QUANTITIES	SEP/1989
2	52.242-17	GOVERNMENT DELAY OF WORK	APR/1984
3	52.247-29	F.O.B. ORIGIN	FEB/2006
4	52.247-65	F.O.B. ORIGIN, PREPAID FREIGHT--SMALL PACKAGE SHIPMENTS	JAN/1991
5	52.247-60 (WARREN)	GUARANTEED SHIPPING CHARACTERISTICS	APR/2012

(a) The offeror is requested to complete subparagraph (a)(1) of this clause, for each part or component which is packed or packaged separately. This information will be used to determine transportation costs for evaluation purposes. If the offeror does not furnish sufficient data in subparagraph (a)(1) of this clause, to permit determination by the Government of the item shipping costs, evaluation will be based on the shipping characteristics submitted by the offeror whose offer produces the highest transportation costs or in the absence thereof, by the Contracting Officers best estimate of the actual transportation costs. If the item shipping costs, based on the actual shipping characteristics, exceed the item shipping costs used for evaluation purposes, the Contractor agrees that the contract price shall be reduced by an amount equal to the difference between the transportation costs actually incurred, and the costs which would have been incurred if the evaluated shipping characteristics had been accurate.

(1) To be completed by the offeror:

(i) Type of container: Wood Box ____, Fiber Box ____, Barrel ____, Reel ____, Drum ____, Other (Specify) _____;

(ii) Shipping configuration: Knocked-down ____, Set-up ____, Nested ____, Other (specify) _____;

(iii) Size of container: ____ (Length), x ____ (Width), x ____ (Height) = ____ Cubic Ft;

(iv) Number of items per container _____ each;

(v) Gross weight of container and contents ____ Lbs;

(vi) Palletized/skidded __Yes __ No;

(vii) Number of containers per pallet/skid _____;

(viii) Weight of empty pallet bottom/skid and sides _____ Lbs;

(ix) Size of pallet/skid and contents _____ Lbs* Cube _____;

(2) To be completed by the Government after evaluation but before contract award:

(i) Rate used in evaluation _____;

(ii) Tender/Tariff _____;

(iii) Item _____.

(b) The guaranteed shipping characteristics requested in subparagraph (a)(1) of this clause do not establish actual transportation requirements, which are specified elsewhere in this solicitation. The guaranteed shipping characteristics will be used only for the purpose of evaluating offers and establishing any liability of the successful offeror for increased transportation costs resulting from actual shipping characteristics which differ from those used for evaluation in accordance with paragraph (a) of this clause.

(End of Clause)

*52.247-4060, TACOM Clarification for Guaranteed Shipping Characteristics

While the Guaranteed Shipping Characteristics clause at 52.247-60 requires at item (ix) the size of pallet/skid and contents, TACOM requests that contractors use the following to calculate the data:

a. To calculate Lbs in item (ix) above: [(v) x (vii)] + (viii)

b. To calculate Cube in item (ix) above: provide length, width and height of loaded pallet in inches. This should be greater than item (iii).

(End of TACOM clause clarifying language)

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CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

LINE	MIPR/	OBLG	JO NO/	ACRN	OBLIGATED
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>GFEB</u> <u>ATA</u>	<u>STAT</u>	<u>ACCT ASSIGN</u>	<u>ACRN</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
0001AA	J537Y163EH	2	F.0000587.2.1.1.1	AA	\$ 3,150.00
011					
TOTAL					\$ 3,150.00

<u>ACRN</u>	<u>ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION</u>	OBLIGATED
<u>ACRN</u>	<u>ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA	097 2010XXXX8242 AF01 A60EE BBN002B 310A L035163344 F.0000587.2.1.1.1	021001 \$ 3,150.00
TOTAL		\$ 3,150.00

LINE	ACRN	EDI/SFIS ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION	ACRN	EDITION
0001AA	AA	097 2010XXXX8242 AF01 A60EE BBN002B	310A L035163344 F.0000587.2.1.1.1	021001

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1 252.204-0005 (DFARS PGI)	PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE (DFAS) - Line Item Specific: by Cancellation Date	SEP/2009

The payment office shall make payment using the ACRN with the earliest cancellation date first, exhausting all funds in that ACRN before disbursing funds from the next. In the event there is more than one ACRN associated with the same cancellation date, the payment amount shall be disbursed from each ACRN with the same cancellation date in the same proportion as the amount of funding obligated for each ACRN with the same cancellation date.

[End of Clause]

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SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

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1 52.204-4005	REQUIRED USE OF ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING	AUG/2012

(a) All contract awards, modifications and delivery orders issued by Army Contracting Command - Warren (DTA) will be issued electronically. The contractor has the option to receive these actions either via the Worldwide Web (WWW) or Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). Many provisions/clauses that appear "by reference," meaning only clause titles and regulation site are listed; their full texts can be found at the website <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/>

(b) In order to be eligible to receive an award under this solicitation, the successful offeror must be registered with the Department of Defense (DOD) System for Award Management (SAM). The SAM registration process may be done electronically at the World Wide Web (WWW) site: <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM>. (In order to be registered to use EDI, you must use the long form for registration. Certification information, including information on the EDI 838 TPP, must be furnished to the Contracting Officer within 60 calendar days after contract award to complete networking requirements within the Government.)

(c) Worldwide Web Distribution. The contractor will receive an electronic Notice of the Award, Modification, or Delivery Order via e-mail. If you choose the WWW option, you must download the file from the appropriate Army Contracting Command - Warren webpage:

Warren: http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/CFDATA/AWARDS/AWARD_RPT01.cfm
Rock Island - JMTC: <https://acquisition.army.mil/asfi/>
Red River Army Depot: <https://acquisition.army.mil/asfi/>
Anniston Army Depot: <https://acquisition.army.mil/asfi/>

(d) Electronic Data Interchange. If you choose to receive contract awards, modifications and delivery orders through EDI, they will be delivered electronically via the Federal Acquisition Network (FACNET). Federal Standard Version 3050 of Standard X12 from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) will be used as the format for these electronic transactions.

(1) You must complete the EDI 838 Trading Partner Profile, and must agree (i) to subcontract with a DoD certified VAN or Value Added Service (VAS) provider, or (ii) to become DoD certified as a Value Added Network (VAN). The EDI 838 Training Partner Profile is contained in the basic SAM registration form and includes portions of the registration form which are titled "Optional".

(2) You must select a VAN from the official DoD approved list. DoD Certified VANs are listed at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/ebiz/VANs.htm>. If your VAN is later removed from the official list, or if you voluntarily drop your initially selected VAN, then you must switch to a VAN that remains on the official DoD approved list. You must maintain an active account on a DoD approved VAN for the entire duration of the contract, beginning no later than the 60th day after award.

(e) Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in the contract, all data items you are required to provide under this contract must be submitted electronically. Please go to the following webpage for detailed information about submitting your offer electronically: <http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/acqinfo/ebidnotice.htm>

(f) Additional information can be obtained by sending a message to: usarmy.detroit.acc.mbx.wrn-web-page@mail.mil or by calling (586) 282-7059.

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CONTRACT CLAUSES

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1	52.211-15	DEFENSE PRIORITY AND ALLOCATION REQUIREMENTS	APR/2008
2	52.212-4	CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS--COMMERCIAL ITEMS	JUL/2013
3	52.222-1	NOTICE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LABOR DISPUTES	FEB/1997
4	52.227-1	AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT	DEC/2007
5	52.253-1	COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS	JAN/1991
6	252.204-7000	DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION	AUG/2013
7	252.204-7003	CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL WORK PRODUCT	APR/1992
8	252.204-7006	BILLING INSTRUCTIONS	OCT/2005
9	252.217-7013	GUARANTEES	DEC/1991
10	252.225-7002	QUALIFYING COUNTRY SOURCES AS SUBCONTRACTORS	DEC/2012
11	252.225-7016	RESTRICTION ON ACQUISITION OF BALL AND ROLLER BEARINGS	JUN/2011
12	252.232-7003	ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PAYMENT REQUESTS AND RECEIVING REPORTS	JUN/2012
13	252.232-7010	LEVIES ON CONTRACT PAYMENTS	DEC/2006
14	252.243-7001	PRICING OF CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS	DEC/1991
15	252.246-7000	MATERIAL INSPECTION AND RECEIVING REPORT	MAR/2008
16	252.247-7028	APPLICATION FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT SHIPPING DOCUMENTATION/INSTRUCTIONS	JUN/2012
17	52.212-5	CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS--COMMERCIAL ITEMS	SEP/2013

(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) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (FEB 2009) (22U.S.C. 7104(g)).

--Alternate I (Aug 2007) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

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

(3) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Pub. L. 108-77, 108-78).

(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 (Sep 2006), with Alternate I (Oct 1995)(41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

___ (2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Apr 2010) (Pub. L. 110-252, Title VI, Chapter 1 (41 U.S.C. 251 note)).

___ (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.)

___ (4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Jul 2013) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

___ (5) 52.204-11, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act -- Reporting Requirements (JUL 2010) (Pub. L. 111-5).

___ (6) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (Aug 2013) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

___ (7) 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Jul 2013) (41 U.S.C. 2313).

___ (8) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (MAY 2012)(section 740 of Division C of Public Law 111-117, section 743 of Division D of Public Law 111-8, and section 745 of Division D of Public Law 110-161)

___ (9) 52.219-3, Notice of Total HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (Nov 2011)(15 U.S.C. 657a).

__x_ (10) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (Jan 2011) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer)(15 U.S.C. 657a).

___ (11) [Reserved]

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- (12)(i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644).
- (ii) Alternate I (Nov 2011) of 52.219-6.
- (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2011) of 52.219-6.
- (13)(i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003)(15 U.S.C. 644).
- (ii) Alternate I (Oct 1995) of 52.219-7.
- (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of 52.219-7.
- (14) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).
- (15)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Jul 2013)(15 U.S.C. 637 (d)(4)).
- (ii) Alternate I (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.
- (iii) Alternate II (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.
- (iv) Alternate III (Jul 2010) of 52.219-9.
- (16) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)).
- (17) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (Nov 2011)(15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).
- (18) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages--Subcontracting Plan (JAN 1999) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).
- (19)(i) 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns (Oct 2008)(10 U.S.C. 2323) (if the offeror elects to waive the adjustment, it shall so indicate in its offer).
- (ii) Alternate I (June 2003) of 52.219-23.
- (20) 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program Disadvantaged Status and Reporting (Jul 2013)(Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).
- (21) 52.219-26, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program Incentive Subcontracting (Oct 2000)(Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).
- (22) 52.219-27, Notice of Total Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011)(15 U.S.C. 657 f)
- (23) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (Jul 2013)(15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).
- (24) 52.219-29 Notice of Total Set-Aside for Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB) Concerns (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
- (25) 52.219-30 Notice of Total Set-Aside for Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Concerns Eligible Under the WOSB Program (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
- (26) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (June 2003)(E.O. 11755).
- (27) 52.222-19, Child Labor Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Mar 2012) (E.O. 13126).
- (28) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999).
- (29) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Mar 2007)(E.O. 11246).
- (30) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (Sep 2010)(38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (31) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (Oct 2010)(29 U.S.C. 793).
- (32) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (Sep 2010)(38 U.S.C. 4212).

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- (33) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496).
- (34) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Jul 2012). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.)
- (35)(i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items (May 2008) (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- (ii) Alternate I (May 2008) of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- (36) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (Dec 2007) (42 U.S.C. 8259b).
- (37)(i) 52.223-16, IEEE 1680 Standard for the Environmental Assessment of Personal Computer Products (DEC 2007) (E.O. 13423).
- (ii) Alternate I (DEC 2007) of 52.223-16.
- (38) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (AUG 2011) (E.O. 13513).
- (39) 52.225-1, Buy American Act--Supplies (Feb 2009)(41 U.S.C. 10a-10d).
- (40)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American Act Free Trade Agreements -- Israeli Trade Act (NOV 2012) (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, Pub. L. 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, and 110-138).
- (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2012) of 52.225-3.
- (iii) Alternate II (MAR 2012) of 52.225-3.
- (iv) Alternate III (NOV 2012) of 52.225-3.
- (41) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (SEP 2013) (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).
- (42) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (Jun 2008) (E.o.s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
- (43) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).
- (44) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
- (45) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007)(42 U.S.C. 5150).
- (46) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002)(41 U.S.C. 255(f), 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- (47) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Oct 1995)(41 U.S.C. 255(f), 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- (48) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer -- Central Contractor Registration (Jul 2013)(31 U.S.C. 3332).
- (49) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer -- Other Than Central Contractor Registration (Jul 2013)(31 U.S.C. 3332).
- (50) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (Jul 2013)(31 U.S.C. 3332).
- (51) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996)(5 U.S.C. 552a).
- (52)(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006)(46 U.S.C. Appx 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631).
- (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) of 52.247-64.
- (c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:
- (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965, (Nov 2007)(41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 1989)(29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

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___ (3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act -- Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (Sep 2009)(29 U.S.C.206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

___ (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act -- Price Adjustment (Sep 2009)(29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

___ (5) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment--Requirements (Nov 2007) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

___ (6) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Certain Services--Requirements (Feb 2009) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

___ (7) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (JAN 2013) (E.O.13495).

___ (8) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations. (Mar 2009) (Pub. L. 110-247).

___ (9) 52.237-11, Accepting and Dispensing of \$1 Coin (Sep 2008) (31 U.S.C. 5112(p)(1)).

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

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractors 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 (Apr 2010) (Pub. L. 110-252, Title VI, Chapter 1 (41 U.S.C. 251 note)).

(ii) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Jul 2013)(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 \$650,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(iii) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (JAN 2013) (E.O. 13495). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (1) of FAR clause 52.222-17.

(iv) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Oct 2010)(E.O. 11246).

(v) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (Sep 2010)(38 U.S.C. 4212).

(vi) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (June 1998)(29 U.S.C. 793).

(vii) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496).

(viii) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965, (Nov 2007), flow down required for all subcontracts subject to the Service Contract Act of 1965 (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.)

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(c) This list must be updated during performance of the contract whenever the Contractor determines that any other material to be delivered under this contract is hazardous.

(d) The apparently successful offeror agrees to submit, for each item as required prior to award, a Material Safety Data Sheet, meeting the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.1200(g) and the latest version of Federal Standard No. 313, for all hazardous material identified in paragraph (b) of this clause. Data shall be submitted in accordance with Federal Standard No. 313, whether or not the apparently successful offeror is the actual manufacturer of these items. Failure to submit the Material Safety Data Sheet prior to award may result in the apparently successful offeror being considered nonresponsible and ineligible for award.

(e) If, after award, there is a change in the composition of the item(s) or a revision to Federal Standard No. 313, which renders incomplete or inaccurate the data submitted under paragraph (d) of this clause, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer and resubmit the data.

(f) Neither the requirements of this clause nor any act or failure to act by the Government shall relieve the Contractor of any responsibility or liability for the safety of Government, Contractor, or subcontractor personnel or property.

(g) Nothing contained in this clause shall relieve the Contractor from complying with applicable Federal, State, and local laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations (including the obtaining of licenses and permits) in connection with hazardous material.

(h) The Government's rights in data furnished under this contract with respect to hazardous material are as follows:

(1) To use, duplicate and disclose any data to which this clause is applicable. The purposes of this right are to --

(i) Apprise personnel of the hazards to which they may be exposed in using, handling, packaging, transporting, or disposing of hazardous materials;

(ii) Obtain medical treatment for those affected by the material; and

(iii) Have others use, duplicate, and disclose the data for the Government for these purposes.

(2) To use, duplicate, and disclose data furnished under this clause, in accordance with subparagraph (h)(1) of this clause, in precedence over any other clause of this contract providing for rights in data.

(3) The Government is not precluded from using similar or identical data acquired from other sources.

(End of Clause)

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52.223-11

OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCES

MAY/2001

(a) Definition. Ozone-depleting substance, as used in this clause, means any substance the Environmental Protection Agency designates in 40 CFR Part 82 as--

(1) Class I, including, but not limited to, chlorofluorocarbons, halons, carbon tetrachloride, and methyl chloroform; or

(2) Class II, including, but not limited to hydrochlorofluorocarbons.

(b) The Contractor shall label products which contain or are manufactured with ozone-depleting substances in the manner and to the extent required by 42 U.S.C. 7671j (b), (c), and (d) and 40 CFR Part 82, Subpart E, as follows:

Warning

Contains (or manufactured with, if applicable) * _____, a substance(s) which harm(s) public health and environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere.

* The Contractor shall insert the name of the substance(s).

(End of Clause)

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21 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FEB/1998

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

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/far.html> or <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/index.htm> or <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/VFAFARA.HTM>

(End of Clause)

22 52.252-6 AUTHORIZED DEVIATIONS IN CLAUSES APR/1984

(a) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of (DEVIATION) after the date of the clause.

(b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any DoD FAR SUPPLEMENT (48 CFR 2) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of (DEVIATION) after the name of the regulation.

(End of Clause)

23 252.223-7001 HAZARD WARNING LABELS DEC/1991

(a) Hazardous material, as used in this clause, is defined in the Hazardous Material Identification and Material Safety Data clause of this contract.

(b) The Contractor shall label the item package (unit container) of any hazardous material to be delivered under this contract in accordance with the Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200 et seq). The Standard requires that the hazard warning label conform to the requirements of the standard unless the material is otherwise subject to the labeling requirements of one of the following statutes:

- (1) Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act;
- (2) Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act;
- (3) Consumer Product Safety Act;
- (4) Federal Hazardous Substances Act; or
- (5) Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

(c) The Offeror shall list which hazardous material listed in the Hazardous Material Identification and Material Safety Data clause of this contract will be labeled in accordance with one of the Acts in paragraphs (b)(1) through (5) of this clause instead of the Hazard Communication Standard. Any hazardous material not listed will be interpreted to mean that a label is required in accordance with the Hazard Communication Standard.

MATERIAL (If None, Insert None.) ACT

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(d) The apparently successful Offeror agrees to submit, before award, a copy of the hazard warning label for all hazardous materials not listed in paragraph (c) of this clause. The Offeror shall submit the label with the Material Safety Data Sheet being furnished under the Hazardous Material Identification and Material Safety Data clause of this contract.

(e) The Contractor shall also comply with MIL-STD-129, Marking for Shipment and Storage (including revisions adopted during the term of this contract).

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(End of clause)

24 52.204-4009 MANDATORY USE OF CONTRACTOR TO GOVERNMENT ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION MAR/2005

(a) All references in the contract to the submission of written documentation shall mean electronic submission. All electronic submissions shall be in the formats and media described in the website:

<http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/acqinfo/ebidnotice.htm>

(b) This shall include all written unclassified communications between the Government and the Contractor except contract awards and contract modifications which shall be posted on the internet. Return receipt shall be used if a commercial application is available. Classified information shall be handled in full accordance with the appropriate security requirements.

(c) In order to be contractually binding, all Government communications requiring a Contracting Officer signature must be sent from the Contracting Officer's e-mail address. The Contractor shall designate the personnel with signature authority who can contractually bind the contractor. All binding contractor communication shall be sent from this contractor e-mail address(es).

(d) Upon award, the Contractor shall provide the Contracting Officer with a list of e-mail addresses for all administrative and technical personnel assigned to this contract.

(e) Unless exempted by the Procuring Contracting Officer in writing, all unclassified written communication after contract award shall be transmitted electronically.

[End of Clause]

25 52.223-4000 ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY, AND ENERGY STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS SEP/1978
(TACOM)

(a) The contract price includes Contractor compliance with all federal vehicle emission, fuel economy, safety, and noise requirements and standards, hereinafter referred to as requirements, affecting the supplies to be delivered under this contract which, as of the time of bid opening in the case of sealed bidding, or as of the time for receipt of Best and Final Offers (BAFOs) in the case of a negotiated solicitation, were in effect or scheduled to become effective during the term of this contract.

(b) In the event any of these requirements are subsequently changed (i.e., altered, rescinded or postponed) and such changes have not been otherwise provided for prior to the award of this contract, and compliance is mandatory upon the Contractor, and such changes cause an increase or decrease in the cost of, or time required to perform the contract, Contractor compliance with these changes shall be subject to equitable adjustment.

(c) If any of these requirements are changed as described above, but compliance is optional on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Government in writing and the Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO) shall have the right to decide whether the supplies yet to be accepted and delivered to the Government shall incorporate the optional changes. After receipt of this written notice the PCO shall provide timely written advice to the Contractor of the Government's decision and, if applicable, the effective date of such change(s). If the PCO's election constitutes a change which causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or time required to perform this contract, Contractor compliance therewith shall be subject to equitable adjustment.
