AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES
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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.
040ADV-23-R-0014-C0003

3. EFFECTIVE DATE
07/27/2023

4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.

5. PROJECT NO. *(If applicable)*

6. ISSUED BY   CODE

GPO
732 North Capitol St NW
Washington, DC, 20401, US

7. ADMINISTERED BY *(If other than Item 6)*   CODE

Same As Issuing Office

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR *(No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)*

CODE   FACILITY CODE

(X)

9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.
040ADV-23-R-0014

[X]

9B. DATED *(SEE ITEM 11)*
06/16/2023

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.

10B. DATED *(SEE ITEM 13)*

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

[X] The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers   [ ] is extended,   [X] is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
(a)By completing items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment your desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA *(If required)*
N/A

13. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS.
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

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A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: *(Specify authority)* THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.

B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES *(such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.)* SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).

C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:

D. OTHER *(Specify type of modification and authority)*
[X]   Unilateral

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor   [X] is not,   [ ] is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION *(Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)*

AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER: 040ADV-23-R-0014

SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The RFP No.040ADV-23-R-0014 is amended as follows: see page 2

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER *(Type or print)*

16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER *(Type or print)*

Nataliya Holl, Supervisory Contracting Officer

15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR

(Signature of person authorized to sign)

15C. DATE SIGNED

16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(Signature of Contracting Officer)

16C. DATE SIGNED

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The purpose of this amendment C0003 is to provide responses to the questions receive at and after the pre-proposal conference.

Section	Questions	Responses
D.5, E.3 2., H.6	In Part I different warranty periods are mentioned. In Section D.5 a warranty period of 36-months is mentioned. In Sections E.3, 2. and H.6 a warranty period of one year is mentioned. Please clarify which warranty period is valid.	36 months should be the warranty period in all sections.
H.7, H.10	According to both clauses all reports generated and data collected shall be the property of GPO and shall not be disseminated without the express written approval of GPO. Does this mean that any Foreground IP (= all the knowledge/IP created during the project) will be owned by GPO and any Background IP (= knowledge/IP already existing at the start of the project or created outside the project) will be owned by the Contractor? We would like to see the Foreground IP remain with the Contractor but the GPO will be granted a right to use the Foreground IP.	This is referring production operating reports.
F.5	Please inform about the approximate timeframe for presentations at the Contractor's site with regard to Part A (point 2 of the of the timetable).	The approximate timeframe for the part A awards' presentations will be o/a March – June 2024 and will depend upon the period of performance for each award.
L.5 (Contractor Past Performance Information)	The Contractor is part of a group of companies under a common holding company. Please confirm if it is allowed to present references also from affiliated companies of the Contractor?	Yes.
F.4.; Page 15	What is the understanding of to ''provide all equipment on rollers''? Should it be understood, that the machines have to be on rollers? Or is e.g. a forklift moving the equipment on rollers sufficient?	The desire is for equipment to be able to be moved, if necessary.

C	What are the maximum dimension with which the machines can be handled? Is GPO able to provide a floor/hall plan? What is the available floor space for the new equipment? Which kind of power supply, pneumatics, etc. are already available at the production location? Is there any air-condition and ventilation system available (e.g. for possible adhesive vapors)?	GPO will be able to accommodate space, power, pneumatic, etc for the proposed solution.

J.1.1	Is GPO able to provide detailed drawings of input products and output products? If so, please provide
	• Input products
	   o Single paper incl. reinforcement tape: size with tolerances; exact position of print marks, page numbering... (Section J.1.1; 1.b., Page 81)
	   o Holder page: Size with tolerances; exact position, type, size of features such as print marks, serial number, barcode... (Section J.1.1; 2.3.1.2, Page 83)
	   o Holder page cassette: size, shape, number and orientation of HP's in the cassette (Section J.1.1; 2.3.1.2, Page 83)
	   o Single Paper: size with tolerances; exact position, type, size of print marks, page numbering... (Section J.1.1; 2.3.1.1, Page 83)
	   o Folded Paper: How are the pages folded; size with tolerances; exact position of the print marks, page numbering... (Section J.1.1; 2.3.1.1, Page 83)
	   o E-Cover: size with tolerances; indication of all relevant features, position of antenna
		No other than the details provided in the statement of work.

	(Section J.1.1; 2.3.1.1, Page 86)
	• Output products
	  ○ Gathering, Collating and Sewing: Location and orientation of each ply; size with tolerances from expected output product. max./min. Number of pages? (Section J.1.1; 1.b., Page 81)
	  ○ Cover Attachment and Pressing: position and orientation of individual layers (Section J.1.1; 2.3.1., Page 86)
	  ○ Folding and Trimming: size with tolerances from expected output product; final product is a folded 3-Up with/without page trim? (Section J.1.1; 3.b., Page 87)
	The punching of the books from the 3-Ups is done on a separate machine, not included in this tender? What is the size of the finished books and what is the placement on the 3-Up (Section J.1.1; 3.b., Page 87)	

L; Page 67	Are the 3 machine parts to be connected later (inline operation) or is it planned that each machine part gets a separate output?	The proposed solution will define this. GPO is open to separate processes as well as inline.
J.1.1, Page 79	What is the understanding of the requirement ''4.5 machine shifts per day, 40 hour work week''?	4.5 shifts x 10 hours per shift = 45 machine hours per day available x 4 days per week.
Section J.1.1; Page 82	Gathering, Collating and Sewing: • A minimum of 7 paper feeders are required. Is the paper feeder incl. Reinforce tape included in the 7 pcs? (Section J.1.1; 2.3.1.1, Page 83) • Is side trimming allowed/required before sewing. To what size, tolerances? (Section J.1.1; Page 81-82) Where exactly should the glue dots be placed to fix the seam. Mandatory on the spine of the book?	Yes. If trimming is required as part of the proposed solution then it is allowed. Required, No. Yes glue dots would be placed on the spine.

(Section J.1.1; 2.3.1 Page 86	Cover Attachment and Pressing: eCover Input Capacity? 2h?	Proposed Solution will define this.
Section J.1.1; 3.b., Page 87	Folding and Trimming: • Should page trimming be done after folding? To what size, tolerances? (Section J.1.1; 3.b., Page 87) Why does the 3-Up have to be unfolded by 90°. The chip could also be read when closed. Or is the purpose of opening to read out, verify the serial numbers in the HP to the chip?	Answer to this is restricted. The requirements are defined in the Statement of Work.
	On the first side of the paper to be separated (flyleaf), are there print marks on both sides or only on one side? Subject alignment of the reinforcing tape and visa pages.	There will be print marks added to support the proposed and selected solution.
	What type of cold glue (manufacturer + name) is used? Is there a data sheet for this?	Answer to this is restricted. Proposed solution should seek to provide the "best" process and recommended materials.
	Does the cold clue adhesive used need a rest period after lamination before the 3up can be formed?	Yes
Section J.1.1; 2.3.4.4, Page 84	´´Work in process (WIP) at each logical work-flow break point as relevant. ´´ Please describe more precise?	Be able to report what batch identity is at a machine or has completed at the machine.
Section J.1.1; 2.3.4, Page 86	´´Chip Verification and tracking at logical points within the manufacturing process´´ - Only verification and tracking of eCover ore also in relation to the paper set (holder page information) ? Is it necessary to detect or recognize which eCover is played to which paper set? If yes, which information on the paper set/cover are relevant?	Only detect e-cover
Section J.1.1; 3, Page 87	Before folding it´s maybe necessary to make a side cut (depending on the folding of the folded papers). Is this a topic of the machine part Folding and Trimming?	Proposed solution will define this.
	So for example, the flyleaf with the reinforcement strip is a single page of course, and the visa page is might be folded pages. So if you have a print	We want the ability to handle folded pages. We definitely understand that that there's a tolerance stack up problem once pages are folded

	mark and the print mark sensor or a vision system, there is the question from our side. You want to align it from the top side or from the bottom side. So from which side of the fold do you want to have the print mark? Also it will add tolerances. Your tolerances are pretty tough for the printing industry, so it's no problem for vision systems to get that accuracy. But if you have a folded page, of course the on the backside of the fold, the tolerance of folding is adding up, so it would be in this case maybe even better to have not folded pages to have everything a single page and your whole accuracy of each single page will be really accurate to each other.	that could potentially make this difficult. Then during when the books are actually punched out, we can work with each vendor to determine where those would need to go. We would if you offering a solution that can feed folded signatures that it will feed folded signatures and then be able to look at some site you know, look at a mark that's on the outside facing part of that form and that would be what we would be judging right because we know you don't have any that that the middle 3rd of a folded of a Tri folded piece you have no control over how that's positioned, how it's folded, how it's. And like I said, the key to including that is to make sure that the paper feeding mechanism can handle a folded signed a folded signature, not just you know for instance, you know like a friction feed wheel drive would probably have troubles with a, you know with a with a folded signature rather than a flat sheet.
	I have one question regarding the folding and trimming unit and is especially on the output. Product what is produced by the machine? What do you expect from the trimming of the product? Is a cutting of the edges of the three remaining edges, or is it?	It is not the final punching of the passport, it is simply to make it consistent 3 up strip that comes off with the understanding that that it is a rough cut. It is simple and your solution may determine it.

End of amendment 0003.