

SHELTER SPACE EXPANSION AT FCDAS
REQUEST FOR QUOTE

General Information and Instructions to Offeror

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) requires the procurement and modification of a shipping container to expand the shelter space at the Fairbanks Command and Data Acquisition Station (FCDAS) located in Fairbanks, AK.

This announcement constitutes the only solicitation that will be issued. This solicitation is being conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in FAR Part 13 “Simplified Acquisition Procedures.” Be advised that this Request for Quote (RFQ) does not commit the Government to pay any cost for the preparation and submission of a quote. In addition, the Contracting Officer is the only individual who can legally obligate the Government to the expenditure of appropriated funds in connection with this procurement.

The Government anticipates a Firm, Fixed Price (FFP) contract with an applicable North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code of 236220 “Commercial and Institutional Building Construction” with a small business size standard of \$45 million per annum. This acquisition is 100% set-aside for small business.

This solicitation document and incorporated clauses and provisions are in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular 2023-02.

The provision at FAR 52.212-1, Instructions to Offerors – Commercial Products and Commercial Services applies to this acquisition.

The clause at 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Products and Commercial Services applies to the acquisition.

The clause at FAR 52.212-5, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders – Commercial Products and Commercial Services applies to this acquisition.

The Government’s points of contact for this requirement are Kirstin Banks, Contract Specialist (email: Kirstin.banks@noaa.gov) and Andrea Chiodi, Contracting Officer (email: andrea.chiodi.noaa.gov).

Questions and Comments: Contractors shall submit all questions in writing to Kirstin Banks via email to Kirstin.banks@noaa.gov and to Andrea Chiodi via email andrea.chiodi@noaa.gov. Questions shall be received no later than **3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST), Tuesday, August 22, 2023**. All questions or comments submitted shall include the solicitation number in the subject line. The Government will attempt, but does not guarantee, that it will answer questions submitted after the time and date specified above. Government responses will be provided, without identification of the questioner, via formal amendment to the RFP. Phone inquiries are not permitted.

The offeror’s quote shall be submitted no later than 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST)

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Friday, August 25, 2023 via email to the Contract Specialist (Kirstin.banks@noaa.gov) and Contracting Officer (andrea.chiodi@noaa.gov).

It is the contractor's responsibility to bring to the Government's attention any perceived ambiguities, discrepancies, or inconsistencies within the solicitation package (i.e. this document, attachments, and any document incorporated by reference).

Contractors shall complete and submit provision FAR 52.204-24, 52.204-26, 52.212-3 and 52.209-11 before NOAA makes the award, if information differs from System for Award Management (SAM) representations and certifications.

Addenda are included in this solicitation.

NOTE: PARTS 1 through 10 will be included in the award.

PART 1 – PRICING SCHEDULE

The resulting contract will be a firm, fixed price contract for the items requested in the Statement of Work (SOW). The table below outlines the CLIN structure:

CLIN	Description	Contract Type	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Extended Price
Period of Performance: Date of Award- October 30, 2023						
0001	Shelter Space Expansion	FFP	1	Lot	TBD	TBD

PART 2 – STATEMENT OF WORK

See Attachment I - Statement of Work

PART 3 – PACKAGING AND MARKING

All written deliverables shall be marked with the contractor's name, contract number, and the date of submission. All deliverables required under this contract shall be packaged, marked and shipped in accordance with Government specifications. At a minimum, all deliverables shall be marked with the contract number and Contractor name. The Contractor shall guarantee that all required materials shall be delivered in immediate usable and acceptable condition.

PART 4 – INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (FAR) CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

FAR 52.246-12 Inspection of Construction (AUG 1996)

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CAR 1352.246-70 Place of Acceptance (APR 2010)

(a) The Contracting Officer or the duly authorized representative will accept supplies and services to be provided under this contract.

(b) The place of acceptance will be:

Department of Commerce (DOC)
NOAA Fairbanks Command and Data Acquisition Station (FCDAS)
1300 Eisele Road
Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

Acceptance is communicated in writing, unless otherwise indicated by the Contracting Officer, within 30 days of receipt.

(End of Clause)

PART 5 – DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

Deliverables:

See Table – 2 of the Statement of Work for list of Deliverables

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FAR 52.211-10 Commencement, Prosecution, and Completion of Work (APR 1984):

The contractor shall be required to (a) commence work under this contract within 30 calendar days after the date the Contractor receives notice to proceed (NTP), (b) prosecute the work diligently, and (c) complete the entire work ready for use not later than the date identified in the NTP. The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.

(End of Clause)

**FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (FAR) CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY
REFERENCE**

FAR 52.211-12	Liquidated Damages – Construction (SEPT 2000)
FAR 52.211-13	Time Extension (SEPT 2000)
FAR 52.232-5	Payments under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts (MAY 2014)
FAR 52.236-15	Schedules for Construction Contracts (APR 1984)

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FAR 52.242-14	Suspension of Work (APR 1984)
FAR 52.242-15	Stop-Work Order (AUG 1989)
FAR 52.242-17	Government Delay of Work (APR 1984)

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CAR 1352.270-70 – Period of Performance (APR 2010)

(a) The base period of performance of this contract is from date of award through October 30, 2023. If an option is exercised, the period of performance shall be extended through the end of that option period.

(End of Clause)

PART 6 – CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

COMMERCE ACQUISITION REGULATION (CAR) CLAUSES IN FULL TEXT

CAR 1352.201-70 Contracting Officer's Authority:

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

(End of clause)

CAR 1352.201-72 Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) (APR 2010):

(a) <To be designated at award> is hereby designated as the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). The COR may be changed at any time by the Government without prior notice to the contractor by a unilateral modification to the contract. The COR is located at: <To be designated at award>

Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)

(b) The responsibilities and limitations of the COR are as follows:

- (1) The COR is responsible for the technical aspects of the contract and serves as technical liaison with the contractor. The COR is also responsible for the final inspection and acceptance of all

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deliverables and such other responsibilities as may be specified in the contract.

- (2) The COR is not authorized to make any commitments or otherwise obligate the Government or authorize any changes which affect the contract price, terms or conditions. Any contractor request for changes shall be referred to the Contracting Officer directly or through the COR. No such changes shall be made without the express written prior authorization of the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer may designate assistant or alternate COR(s) to act for the COR by naming such assistant/alternate(s) in writing and transmitting a copy of such designation to the contractor.

(End of clause)

Contracting Officer's Representative (COR):

Name: To be provided at Time of Award

Phone: To be provided at Time of Award

Email: To be provided at Time of Award

Government Alternate Technical Point of Contact

Name: To be provided at Time of Award

Phone: To be provided at Time of Award

Email: To be provided at Time of Award

Contracting Officer & Contract Specialist:

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PART 7 – SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Disclosure of the Magnitude of Construction: Pursuant to FAR 36.204(b), the magnitude of this requirement is between \$25,000.00 and \$100,000.00.

Modification of CONEX: All alterations of the interior and exterior of the CONEX shall take place at the contractor's location.

Installation Requirement: Installation requirements contained in Attachments: E-1 Power, E-2 Lighting, and E-3 Notes and Schedule are not included in this requirement.

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Radius Requirement:

The Contractor's place of business shall be located within the state of Alaska.

CAR 1352.237-71 Security Processing Requirements - Low Risk Contracts (APR 2010)

(a) Investigative Requirements for Low Risk Contracts. All contractor (and subcontractor) personnel proposed to be employed under a Low Risk contract shall undergo security processing by the Department's Office of Security before being eligible to work on the premises of any Department of Commerce owned, leased, or controlled facility in the United States or overseas, or to obtain access to a Department of Commerce IT system. All Department of Commerce security processing pertinent to this contract will be conducted at no cost to the contractor.

(b) Investigative requirements for Non-IT Service Contracts are:

(1) Contracts more than 180 days—National Agency Check and Inquiries (NACI).

(2) Contracts less than 180 days—Special Agency Check (SAC).

(c) Investigative requirements for IT Service Contracts are:

(1) Contracts more than 180 days—National Agency Check and Inquiries (NACI).

(2) Contracts less than 180 days—National Agency Check and Inquiries (NACI).

(d) In addition to the investigations noted above, non-U.S. citizens must have a background check that includes an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency check.

(e) Additional Requirements for Foreign Nationals (Non-U.S. Citizens). Non-U.S. citizens (lawful permanent residents) to be employed under this contract within the United States must have:

(1) Official legal status in the United States;

(2) Continuously resided in the United States for the last two years; and

(3) Obtained advance approval from the servicing Security Officer in consultation with the Office of Security headquarters.

(f) DOC Security Processing Requirements for Low Risk Non-IT Service Contracts. Processing requirements for Low Risk non-IT Service Contracts are as follows:

(1) Processing of a NACI is required for all contract employees employed in Low Risk non-IT service contracts for more than 180 days. The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) will invite the prospective contractor into e-QIP to complete the SF-85. The contract employee must also complete fingerprinting.

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(2) Contract employees employed in Low Risk non-IT service contracts for less than 180 days require processing of Form OFI-86C Special Agreement Check (SAC), to be processed. The Sponsor will forward a completed Form OFI-86C, FD-258, Fingerprint Chart, and Credit Release Authorization to the servicing Security Officer, who will send the investigative packet to the Office of Personnel Management for processing.

(3) Any contract employee with a favorable SAC who remains on the contract over 180 days will be required to have a NACI conducted to continue working on the job site.

(4) For Low Risk non-IT service contracts, the scope of the SAC will include checks of the Security/Suitability Investigations Index (SII), other agency files (INVA), Defense Clearance Investigations Index (DCII), FBI Fingerprint (FBIF), and the FBI Information Management Division (FBIN).

(5) In addition, for those individuals who are not U.S. citizens (lawful permanent residents), the Sponsor may request a Customs Enforcement SAC on Form OFI-86C, by checking Block #7, Item I. In Block 13, the Sponsor should enter the employee's Alien Registration Receipt Card number to aid in verification.

(6) Copies of the appropriate forms can be obtained from the Sponsor or the Office of Security. Upon receipt of the required forms, the Sponsor will forward the forms to the servicing Security Officer. The Security Officer will process the forms and advise the Sponsor and the Contracting Officer whether the contract employee can commence work prior to completion of the suitability determination based on the type of work and risk to the facility (*i.e.*, adequate controls and restrictions are in place). The Sponsor will notify the contractor of favorable or unfavorable findings of the suitability determinations. The Contracting Officer will notify the contractor of an approved contract start date.

(g) Security Processing Requirements for Low Risk IT Service Contracts. Processing of a NACI is required for all contract employees employed under Low Risk IT service contracts.

(1) Contract employees employed in all Low Risk IT service contracts will require a National Agency Check and Inquiries (NACI) to be processed. The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) will invite the prospective contractor into e-QIP to complete the SF-85. Fingerprints and a Credit Release Authorization must be completed within three working days from start of work, and provided to the Servicing Security Officer, who will forward the investigative package to OPM.

(2) For Low Risk IT service contracts, individuals who are not U.S. citizens (lawful permanent residents) must undergo a NACI that includes an agency check conducted by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Service. The Sponsor must request the ICE check as a part of the NAC.

(h) Notification of Disqualifying Information. If the Office of Security receives disqualifying information on a contract employee, the Sponsor and Contracting Officer will be notified. The Sponsor shall coordinate with the Contracting Officer for the immediate removal of the employee from duty requiring access to Departmental facilities or IT systems. Contract employees may be barred from working on the premises of a facility for any of the following reasons:

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- (1) Conviction of a felony crime of violence or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.
- (2) Falsification of information entered on security screening forms or of other documents submitted to the Department.
- (3) Improper conduct once performing on the contract, including criminal, infamous, dishonest, immoral, or notoriously disgraceful conduct or other conduct prejudicial to the Government regardless of whether the conduct was directly related to the contract.
- (4) Any behavior judged to pose a potential threat to Departmental information systems, personnel, property, or other assets.
- (i) Failure to comply with security processing requirements may result in termination of the contract or removal of contract employees from Department of Commerce facilities or denial of access to IT systems.
- (j) Access to National Security Information. Compliance with these requirements shall not be construed as providing a contract employee clearance to have access to national security information.
- (k) The contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph, in all subcontracts.

(End of clause)

PART 8 –CLAUSES

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (FAR) CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

FAR 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 address:

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

(End of Clause)

FAR 52.204-19	Incorporation by Reference of Representations and Certifications (DEC 2014)
FAR 52.212-4	Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Items (DEC 2022)
FAR 52.236-1	Performance of Work by the Contractor (APR 1984)
FAR 52.236-2	Differing Site Conditions (APR 1984)

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FAR 52.236-5	Material and Workmanship (APR 1984)
FAR 52.236-6	Superintendence by the Contractor (APR 1984)
FAR 52.236-7	Permits and Responsibilities (NOV 1991)
FAR 52.236-8	Other Contracts (APR 1984)
FAR 52.236-9	Protection of Existing Vegetation, Structures, Equipment, Utilities, and Improvements (APR 1984)
FAR 52.236-10	Operations and Storage Areas (APR 1984)
FAR 52.236-11	Use and Possession Prior to Completion (APR 1984)
FAR 52.236-12	Cleaning Up (APR 1984)
FAR 52.236-13	Accident Prevention (NOV 1991)
FAR 52.236-14	Availability and Use of Utility Services (APR 1984)
FAR 52.243-1	Changes- Fixed Price (AUG 1987)
FAR 52.246-21	Warranty of Construction (MAR 1994)
FAR 52.247-21	Contractor Liability for Personal Injury and/or Property Damage (APR 1984)
FAR 52.249-2	Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed-Price) (APR 2012) (Alternate I) (SEP 1996)
FAR 52.249-10	Default (Fixed-Price Construction) (APR 1984)
FAR 52.251-1	Government Supply Sources (APR 2012)

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CAR 1352.209-73	Compliance with the Laws (APR 2010)
CAR 1352.209-74	Organizational Conflict of Interest (APR 2010)
CAR 1352.228-72	Deductibles Under Required Insurance Coverage – Fixed Price (Apr 2010)

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FAR 52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required To Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (JUN 2023)

(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 products and commercial services:

(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

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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 (NOV 2021) (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) 52.232-40, Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (MAR 2023) (31 U.S.C. 3903 and 10 U.S.C. 3801).

(6) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (AUG 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).

(7) 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 products and commercial services:

[*Contracting Officer check as appropriate.*]

___ (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (JUN 2020), with *Alternate I* (NOV 2021) (41 U.S.C. 4704 and 10 U.S.C. 4655).

___ (2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (NOV 2021) (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) 52.204-27, Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application (JUN 2023) (Section 102 of Division R of Pub. L. 117-328).

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X (9) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (Nov 2021) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

__ (10) 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (OCT 2018) (41 U.S.C. 2313).

__ (11) [Reserved].

__ (12) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (OCT 2022) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

__ (13) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

__ (14) [Reserved]

X (15) (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.

__ (16) (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.

__ (17) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).

__ (18) (i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (OCT 2022) (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 (SEP 2021) of 52.219-9.

__ (19) (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.

__ (20) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (OCT 2022) (15 U.S.C. 637s).

__ (21) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (SEP 2021) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).

__ (22) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (OCT 2022) (15 U.S.C. 657f).

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X (23) (i) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (MAR 2023) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).

__ (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-28.

__ (24) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole-Source Award to, Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

__ (25) 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 (OCT 2022) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

__ (26) 52.219-32, Orders Issued Directly Under Small Business Reserves (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)).

__ (27) 52.219-33, Nonmanufacturer Rule (SEP 2021) (15U.S.C. 637(a)(17)).

X (28) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (JUN 2003) (E.O.11755).

X (29) 52.222-19, Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (DEC 2022) (E.O.13126).

X (30) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

X (31) (i) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O.11246).

__ (ii) Alternate I (FEB 1999) of 52.222-26.

X (32) (i) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

__ (ii) Alternate I (JUL 2014) of 52.222-35.

X (33) (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 (34) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

__ (35) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496).

X (36) (i) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (NOV 2021) (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).

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X (37) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (MAY 2022) (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial products or commercial services as prescribed in FAR 22.1803.)

__ (38) (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.)

__ (39) 52.223-11, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).

__ (40) 52.223-12, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

__ (41) (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.

__ (42) (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.

__ (43) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (MAY 2020) (42 U.S.C. 8259b).

__ (44) (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 (45) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (JUN 2020) (E.O. 13513).

__ (46) 52.223-20, Aerosols (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

__ (47) 52.223-21, Foams (Jun2016) (E.O. 13693).

__ (48) (i) 52.224-3 Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552 a).

__ (ii) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of 52.224-3.

X (49) (i) 52.225-1, Buy American-Supplies (OCT 2022) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83).

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___ (ii) Alternate I (OCT 2022) of 52.225-1.

X (50) (i) 52.225-3, Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act (DEC 2022) (19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, 19 U.S.C. chapter 29 (sections 4501-4732), Public Law 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 [Reserved].

___ (iii) Alternate II (DEC 2022) of 52.225-3.

___ (iv) Alternate III (JAN 2021) of 52.225-3.

___ (v) Alternate IV (Oct 2022) of 52.225-3.

___ (51) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (DEC 2022) (19 U.S.C. 2501, *et seq.*, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).

X (52) 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).

___ (53) 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. Subtitle A, Part V, Subpart G Note).

___ (54) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

___ (55) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

___ (56) 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements (FEB 2021).

___ (57) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Products and Commercial Services (NOV 2021) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 3805).

___ (58) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Products and Commercial Services (NOV 2021) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 3805).

X (59) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (OCT2018) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

___ (60) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

___ (61) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (MAY 2014) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

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___ (62) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (AUG 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

___ (63) 52.242-5, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (JAN 2017) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(13)).

___ (64) (i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (NOV 2021) (46 U.S.C. 55305 and 10 U.S.C. 2631).

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

___ (iii) Alternate II (NOV 2021) 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 products and commercial services:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

X (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).

X (7) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (JAN 2022).

X (8) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2022) (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

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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 products or commercial services. 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 (NOV 2021) (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 (NOV 2021) (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) 52.204-27, Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application (JUN 2023) (Section 102 of Division R of Pub. L. 117-328).

(vi) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to

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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.

- (vii) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).
- (viii) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2015) (E.O.11246).
- (ix) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (x) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- (xi) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (xii) 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.
- (xiii) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (xiv)
- (A) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (NOV 2021) (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).
- (xv) 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).
- (xvi) 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).
- (xvii) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (MAY 2022) (E.O. 12989).
- (xviii) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (JAN 2022).
- (xix) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2022) (E.O. 13706).
- (xx)
- (A) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (Jan 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a).
- (B) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of 52.224-3.

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(xxi) 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. Subtitle A, Part V, Subpart G Note).

(xxii) 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.

(xxiii) 52.232-40, Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (Mar 2023) (31 U.S.C. 3903 and 10 U.S.C. 3801). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (c) of 52.232-40.

(xxiv) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Nov 2021) (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 products and commercial services a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(End of clause)

FAR 52.228-5 INSURANCE-WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION (JAN 1997)

(a) The Contractor shall, at its own expense, provide and maintain during the entire performance of this contract, at least the kinds and minimum amounts of insurance required in the Schedule or elsewhere in the contract.

(b) Before commencing work under this contract, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing that the required insurance has been obtained. The policies evidencing required insurance shall contain an endorsement to the effect that any cancellation or any material change adversely affecting the Government's interest shall not be effective-

(1) For such period as the laws of the State in which this contract is to be performed prescribe;
or

(2) Until 30 days after the insurer or the Contractor gives written notice to the Contracting Officer, whichever period is longer.

(c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in subcontracts under this contract that require work on a Government installation and shall require subcontractors to provide and maintain the insurance required in the Schedule or elsewhere in the contract. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of all subcontractors' proofs of required insurance, and shall make copies available to the Contracting Officer upon request.

(End of clause)

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1352.228-70 Insurance Coverage (ARP 2010)

(a) *Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability.* The contractor is required to comply with applicable Federal and State workers' compensation and occupational disease statutes. If occupational diseases are not compensable under those statutes, they shall be covered under the employer's liability section of the insurance policy, except when contract operations are so commingled with a contractor's commercial operations that it would not be practical to require this coverage. Employer's liability coverage of at least \$100,000 shall be required, except in states with exclusive or monopolistic funds that do not permit workers' compensation to be written by private carriers.

(b) *General liability.* (1) The contractor shall have bodily injury liability insurance coverage written on the comprehensive form of policy of at least \$500,000 per occurrence.

(2) When special circumstances apply in accordance with FAR 28.307–2(b), Property Damage Liability Insurance shall be required in the amount of \$0.00.

(c) *Automobile liability.* The contractor shall have automobile liability insurance written on the comprehensive form of policy. The policy shall provide for bodily injury and property damage liability covering the operation of all automobiles used in connection with performing the contract. Policies covering automobiles operated in the United States shall provide coverage of at least \$200,000 per person and \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and \$20,000 per occurrence for property damage.

(d) *Aircraft public and passenger liability.* When aircraft are used in connection with performing the contract, the contractor shall have aircraft public and passenger liability insurance. Coverage shall be at least \$200,000 per person and \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, other than passenger liability, and \$200,000 per occurrence for property damage. Coverage for passenger liability bodily injury shall be at least \$200,000 multiplied by the number of seats or passengers, whichever is greater.

(e) *Vessel liability.* When contract performance involves use of vessels, the Contractor shall provide, vessel collision liability and protection and indemnity liability insurance as determined by the Government.

(End of clause)

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NAM 1330-52.232-72 NOAA Transition to the Invoice Processing Platform Electronics Invoice System (Feb 2023)

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Beginning October 1, 2023, when NOAA implements the Department of Commerce Business Applications Solution, the Contractor must submit payment requests electronically through the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Invoice Processing Platform (the IPP) System. The Contractor must use the IPP website to register, access, and submit payment requests. The IPP website address is <https://www.ipp.gov>.

"Payment request" means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment to the Contractor. To be considered proper, invoices must be prepared in accordance with, and contain all elements specified in, the contract payment clause (e.g., FAR 52.212-4(g), FAR 52.232-25(a)(3), FAR 52.232-26(a)(2), FAR 52.232-27(a)(2)). All supporting documents required by the Contracting Officer must be included as attachments to payment requests submitted through the IPP.

If the Contractor is unable to comply with the requirement to submit payment requests through the IPP due to a threat to national security; a matter of unusual or compelling urgency; or because the political, financial, or communications infrastructure of a foreign country does not support access to the IPP, the Contractor must request an exception in writing. Contact the Contracting Officer for more information about requesting an exception.

(End of solicitation and contract language)

NAM 1330-52.237-70 Contractor Communications

(a) A contractor employee shall be identified both by the individual's name and the contractor's name when:

Included in NOAA's locator, and

When submitting any type of electronic correspondence to any NOAA employee or stakeholder.

(b) Any written correspondence from a contractor or any contractor employee shall be printed on company/organization letterhead or otherwise clearly identify the sender as an employee of the company or organization and shall identify the contract number.

(c) Contractors and/or contractor employees shall clearly identify themselves as such in any verbal communications, whether in informal discussion or a formal meeting.

(End of solicitation and contract language)

**NAM 1330-52.237-71 NOAA Government-Contractor Relations – Non-Personal Services
Contract (Sept 2017)**

(a) The Government and the Contractor understand and agree that the services to be delivered under this contract by the Contractor to the Government are non- personal services as defined in FAR Part 37, Service Contracting, and the parties recognize and agree that no employer-employee relationship

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exists or will exist under the contract between the Government and the Contractor's personnel. It is, therefore, in the best interest of the Government to afford both parties an understanding of their respective obligations.

(b) Contractor personnel under this contract shall not: (1) Be placed in a position where they are under relatively continuous supervision and control of a Government employee. (2) Be placed in a position of command, supervision, administration, or control over Government personnel or over personnel of other Contractors performing under other NOAA contracts.

(c) The services to be performed under this contract do not require the Contractor or the Contractor's personnel to exercise personal judgement and discretion on behalf of the Government. Rather, the Contractor's personnel will act and exercise personal judgement and discretion on behalf of the Contractor.

(d) Rules, regulations, directives, and requirements that are issued by the Department of Commerce and NOAA under its responsibility for good order, administration, and security are applicable to all personnel who enter the Government installation and facilities, who are provided access to Government systems, or who travel on Government transportation. This is not to be construed or interpreted to establish any degree of Government control that is inconsistent with a non-personal services contract.

(e) Both parties are responsible for monitoring contract activities for indications of improper employee-employer relationships during performance. In the event a situation or occurrence takes place inconsistent with this contract language, the following applies: (1) The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing within 5 business days from the date of any situation or occurrence where the Contractor considers specific contract activity to be inconsistent with the intent of this contract language. The notice must include the date, nature and circumstance of the situation or occurrence, the name, function and activity of each Government employee or Contractor employee involved or knowledgeable about the situation or occurrence, provide any documents or the substance of any oral communications related to the activity, and an estimated date by which the Government is recommended to respond to the notice in order to minimize cost, delay, or disruption of performance. (2) The Contracting Officer will review the information provided by the Contractor, obtain additional information (if needed), and respond in writing as soon as practicable after receipt of the notification from the Contractor. The Contracting Officer's response will provide a decision on whether the Contracting Officer determines the situation or occurrence to be inconsistent with the intent of this contract language and, if deemed necessary, will specify any corrective action(s) to be taken in order to resolve the issue.

(End of solicitation and contract language)

NAM 1330-52.237-72 Contractor Access to NOAA Facilities (SEPT 2017)

(a)

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1. The performance of this contract requires employees of the prime contractor or its subcontractors, affiliates, consultants, or team members (“contractor employees”) to have access to and to the extent authorized, mobility within, a NOAA facility.
2. NOAA may close and or otherwise deny contractor employees access to a NOAA facility for a portion of a business day or longer for various reasons including, but not limited, to the following events:
 - i. Federal public holidays for Federal employees in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 6103;
 - ii. Fires, floods, earthquakes, and unusually severe weather, including but not limited to snow storms, tornadoes, and hurricanes;
 - iii. Occupational safety or health hazards;
 - iv. Lapse in Appropriations; or
 - v. Federal Statute, Executive Order, Presidential Proclamation, or any other unforeseen reason.
3. In such events, the contractor employees may be denied access to a NOAA facility that is ordinarily available for the contractor to perform work or make delivery, as required by the contract.

(End of solicitation and contract language)

NAM 1330-52.242.70 Submittal of Invoices (Feb 2011)

This clause applies when Invoices are submitted prior to October 1, 2023

The contractor shall prepare and submit an invoice to <To be determined at Time of Award> for approval [with a copy to the contracting officer for information]. All invoices shall be submitted by the 10th day of the subsequent month.

To constitute a proper invoice, the contractor’s invoice shall be prepared in accordance with, and contain all elements specified in, the paragraph titled, “Contractor’s Invoice,” of the applicable prompt payment provision of the contract (e.g., FAR 52.232-25, Prompt Payment; FAR 52.232-26, Prompt Payment for Fixed-Price Architect Engineer Contracts; or FAR 52.232-27, Prompt Payment for Construction Contracts). For contracts and orders for commercial items and services, paragraph (g) of FAR 52.212-4, titled, “Invoices,” applies.

If the invoice does not comply with the applicable prompt payment provision of the contract, the invoice will be returned to the contractor within seven days after the date the designated office received the invoice along with a statement as to the reasons why it is not a proper invoice.

Supplemental Invoicing Information:

The Contractor may invoice upon the receipt and Government inspection and acceptance of the CONEX Box. The CONEX Box must be on site for the Governments inspection and acceptance.

NOAA does not pay in advance of the costs incurred, services, timeframe, or receipt of materials being invoiced. Accordingly, because invoices must be based on actual costs incurred, contractors are not

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permitted to invoice for subcontractor costs until the subcontractor(s) costs have been paid by the prime contractor.

(End of solicitation and contract language)

NAM 1330-52.243-70 Requisition for Equitable Adjustments (OCT 2017)

(a) The amount of any request for equitable adjustment to contract terms shall accurately reflect the contract adjustment for which the contractor believes the Government is liable. The request shall include only costs for performing the change. All indirect costs included in the request shall be properly allocable to the change in accordance with applicable acquisition regulations.

(b) Any request for equitable adjustment to contract terms that exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold shall bear, at the time of submission, the following certificate executed by an individual authorized to certify the request on behalf of the contractor:

I certify that the request is made in good faith, and that the supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Official's Name)

(Title)

(c) The certification in paragraph (b) of this solicitation and contract language requires full disclosure of all relevant facts, including:

1. Certified cost or pricing data, if required, in accordance with subsection 15.403-4 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR); and
2. Data other than certified cost or pricing data, in accordance with subsection 15.403-3 of the FAR, including actual cost data and data to support any estimated costs, even if certified cost or pricing data are not required.

(d) The certification requirement in paragraph (b) of this solicitation and contract language does not apply to:

1. Requests for routine contract payments; for example, requests for payment for accepted supplies and services, routine vouchers under a cost-reimbursement type contract, or progress payment invoices; or
2. Final adjustments under an incentive provision of the contract.

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1330-52.222-70 NOAA Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response Policy (May 2018)

In accordance with NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 202-1106, NOAA Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response Policy, it is the policy of NOAA to maintain a work environment free from sexual assault and sexual harassment. NOAA prohibits sexual assault and sexual harassment by or of any employee, supervisor, manager, contractor, vendor, affiliate, or other individual with whom NOAA employees come into contact by the virtue of their work for NOAA.

(a) Definitions.

Contractor Employees - The term “contractor employees,” as used in this solicitation and contract language, refers to employees of the prime contractor or its subcontractors, affiliates, consultants, or team members.

Sexual Assault - The term sexual assault, as used in this solicitation and contract language, means any conduct proscribed by state or federal sexual abuse laws, including, but not limited to, those defined in chapter 109A of title 18 of the U.S. Code (sexual abuse), and assaults committed both by offenders who are strangers to the victim and by offenders who are known or related by blood or marriage to the victim.

Sexual Harassment - As defined by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination that violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature when any of the following are true:

- Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly as a term or condition of an individual's employment;
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual;
- The conduct unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

The main characteristics of sexual harassment are that the harasser's conduct is targeted against the recipient's sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation, and is unwelcome to the recipient. It may include, but is not limited to: offensive jokes, slurs, epithets or name calling, undue attention, physical assaults or threats, unwelcome touching or contact, intimidation, ridicule or mockery, insults or put-downs, constant or unwelcome questions about an individual's identity, and offensive objects or pictures.

(b) Requirements.

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1. It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that contractor employees maintain the highest degree of conduct and standards in performance of the contract. In support of this, NOAA urges its contractors to develop and enforce comprehensive company policy addressing sexual assault and sexual harassment.

2. The contractor shall include wording substantially the same as this solicitation and contract language in every subcontract so that it is binding upon each subcontractor.

3. If a contractor employee observes or is the object of sexual assault or sexual harassment, he or she is highly encouraged to report the matter, as soon as possible, to their immediate supervisor, the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), subset of the COR (e.g. Task Manager or Assistant COR), or contracting officer (CO) if a COR is not assigned to the contract. The contract employee may also contact the NOAA Civil Rights Office to obtain guidance on reporting instances of sexual assault or sexual harassment. If deemed necessary, the contractor employee may also report such instances to local law enforcement. In the case where the incident occurs while performing at a remote location, such as at sea or in the field (at a field camp or other isolated location) where the above referenced individuals are unavailable, the contractor employee should follow the reporting procedure set forth in NAO 202-1106, Section 6,.07, Reporting from Remote Locations.

1. Swift reporting allows NOAA and the contractor to take the appropriate measures to ensure that offensive behavior stops and the complainants' needs are addressed.

2. The COR (if assigned), CO, and contractor, where applicable, will work together to ensure appropriate action is taken in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, contract terms and conditions, and the contractor's written policy (where applicable).

4. The contractor shall provide all contractor employees assigned to perform under this contract with mandatory sexual assault and sexual harassment prevention and response training in compliance with the requirements of NAO 202-1106, Section 5, Prevention Training and Awareness, as part of their initial in-processing and on an annual basis thereafter. The initial training shall be completed within business days [30 unless a different number is inserted] of contract award or the date a contractor employee is assigned to perform under the contract, as applicable.

Evidence of initial training by name and date completed for each contractor employee, shall be submitted to the COR or contracting officer (if no COR assigned) within 10 business days of completion.

Evidence of annual training by name and date completed for each contractor employee shall be submitted to the COR or contracting officer (if no COR assigned) no later than March 1st of each calendar year of contract performance.

i. The mandatory sexual assault and sexual harassment training provided by the contractor shall include the required elements set forth by NOAA's Workplace Violence Program Manager. A link to

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the website including the required elements of the training is provided at:

<https://www.noaa.gov/organization/acquisition-grants/noaa-workplace-harassment-training-for-contractors-and-financial>. The website will also provide training materials and resources to assist the contractor in conducting the training. The contractor may provide training that solely addresses the NOAA required elements or may supplement existing company sexual assault and sexual harassment training in a manner that ensures all of the elements are adequately addressed.

ii. The required elements of the training and resources available to the contractor for the training may be updated by NOAA periodically. The contractor is responsible for monitoring the website and incorporating any changes to the NOAA required elements into the contractor provided training.

iii. NOAA's Workplace Violence Program Manager, COR, or CO may periodically review the contractor's training outline to ensure all required elements are included and, if necessary, any appropriate adjustments are made to the training by the contractor.

iv. Contractor employees performing on assignments in a remote location, such as at a field camp or other isolated locations, are subject to receiving the same briefing on the parameters of the order provided to NOAA employees as set forth in Section 6 of NAO 202-1106.

5. The contractor shall provide a copy of this solicitation and contract language and NAO 202-1106 to contractor employees.

(c) Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment (SASH) Helpline.

For NOAA employees, affiliates, and contractors who have experienced sexual assault or sexual harassment, NOAA has established the NOAA Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment (SASH) helpline. This helpline is designed to provide crisis intervention, referrals, and emotional support to those who are victims and/or survivors of sexual harassment or sexual assault within the workplace. Contractor employees may use the helpline to receive live, confidential, one-on-one support in an occurrence of sexual harassment or assault by a Federal Government employee.

All services are anonymous, secure, and available worldwide, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The NOAA SASH helpline is accessible through a variety of channels, including:

- Phone: 1-866-288-6558
- Website & Online Chat: <https://www.noasashhelpline.org/>
- Mobile App: NOAA SASH Helpline (available via iOS and Android App Stores)
- Text: (202) 335-0265

(d) Confidentiality.

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Any party receiving information from the filing of a complaint alleging sexual assault or sexual harassment, or while performing an investigation into such a complaint, shall keep the information confidential. “Confidentiality” means that the information shall only be shared with others who have a need to know the information to conduct their official duties.

(e) Remedies.

In addition to other remedies available to the Government, contractor employee violations of Federal requirements (e.g., law, statutes, executive orders, code, rules, regulations) applicable to sexual assault and sexual harassment and/or failure to complete the mandatory training set forth in this solicitation and contract language, may result in:

1. Requiring the Contractor to remove a contractor employee or employees from the performance of the contract;
2. Requiring the Contractor to terminate a subcontract;
3. Suspension of contract payments until the Contractor has taken appropriate remedial action;
4. Termination of the contract for default or cause, in accordance with the termination clause of this contract;
5. Suspension or debarment; or
6. Other appropriate action.

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1330-52.270-304 NOAA Acquisition and Grants Office Ombudsman (OCT 2022)

(a) The NOAAAGO Ombudsman is available to organizations to promote responsible and meaningful exchanges of information. Generally, the purpose of these exchanges will be to:

1. Allow contractors to better prepare for and propose on business opportunities.
2. Advise as to technologies and solutions within the marketplace that the Government may not be aware of, or is not fully benefiting.
3. Identify constraints in transparency.

(b) The AGO Ombudsman will objectively, reasonably, and responsibly collaborate with parties and recommend fair, impartial, and constructive solutions to the matters presented to him/her. Further, the AGO Ombudsman will maintain the reasonable and responsible confidentiality of the source of a concern, when such a request has been formally made by an authorized officer of an organization seeking to do business with, or already doing business with NOAA.

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(c) Before consulting with the AGO Ombudsman, interested parties must first address their concerns, issues, disagreements, and/or recommendations with the respective contracting officer for resolution. However, direct access to the AGO Ombudsman may be sought when an interested party questions the objectivity or equity of a contracting officer's decision, or when there is a bona fide reason to believe that reasonable, responsible, and objective consideration will not be received from an assigned contracting officer.

(d) There are several constraints to the scope of the AGO Ombudsman's authority, for instance:

1. Consulting with the AGO Ombudsman does not alter or postpone the timelines of any formal process (e.g., protests, claims, debriefings, employee employer actions, activities involving A76 competition performance decisions, judicial or congressional hearings, or proposal, amendment, modification or deliverable due dates).
2. The AGO Ombudsman cannot participate in the evaluation of proposals, source selection processes, or the adjudication of protests or formal contract disputes.
3. The AGO Ombudsman is not authorized to generate or alter laws, judicial decisions, rules, policies, or formal guidance.
4. The AGO Ombudsman is not authorized to develop or alter opportunity announcements, solicitations, contracts, or their terms or conditions.
5. The AGO Ombudsman cannot overrule the authorized decisions or determinations of the contracting officer.
6. The AGO Ombudsman has no authority to render a decision that binds AGO, NOAA, the Department of Commerce, or the U.S. Government.
7. The AGO Ombudsman is not NOAA's agent relative to the service of magistrate or judicial process and cannot be used to extend service of process to another party (whether federal, public, or a private entity).

(e) After review and analysis of a filed concern or recommendation, the AGO Ombudsman may refer the interested party to another more suitable Federal official for consideration. Moreover, concerns, disagreements, and/or recommendations that cannot be resolved by the AGO Ombudsman will need to be pursued through more formal venues.

(f) The AGO Ombudsman is not to be contacted to request copies of forms and/or documents under the purview of a contracting officer. Such documents include Requests for Information, solicitations, amendments, contracts, modifications, or conference materials.

(g) Questions regarding items (a) through (f) within this language shall be directed to ago.ombudsman@noaa.gov.

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(End of solicitation and contract language)

PART 9 – ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – Statement of Work
Attachment II – Drawings
Attachment III – Davis Bacon Wage Determination
Attachment IV – SF25 Performance Bond
Attachment V – SF25a Payment Bond

PART 10 – SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

FAR 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. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<https://acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (FAR) PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

FAR 52.204-24	Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (NOV 2021)
FAR 52.225-25	Prohibition on Contracting With Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran—Representation and Certifications (JUN 2020)

COMMERCE ACQUISITION REGULATION (CAR) PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

CAR 1352.233-71 GAO and Court of Federal Claims Protests (APR 2010)

COMMERCE ACQUISITION REGULATION (CAR) PROVISIONS IN FULL TEXT

CAR 1352.233-70 Agency Protests (APR 2010)

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(a) An agency protest may be filed with either:

(1) The contracting officer, or (2) at a level above the contracting officer, with the appropriate agency Protest Decision Authority. *See* 64 FR 16,651 (April 6, 1999).

(b) Agency protests filed with the Contracting Officer shall be sent to the following address:

Andrea Chiodi
NOAA Acquisition and Grants Office, Satellite and Information Acquisition Division
1325 East West Highway, SSMC 2
Silver Spring, MD 20910

(c) Agency protests filed with the agency Protest Decision Authority shall be sent to the following address:

Rafael Rivera
Director, Satellite and Information Acquisition Division
1325 East West Highway, SSMC 2, Room 11358
Silver Spring, MD 20910

(d) A complete copy of all agency protests, including all attachments, shall be served upon the Contract Law Division of the Office of the General Counsel within one day of filing a protest with either the Contracting Officer or the Protest Decision Authority.

(e) Service upon the Contract Law Division shall be made as follows: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the General Counsel, Chief, Contract Law Division, Room 5893, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. FAX: (202) 482-5858.

PART 11 – QUOTE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Contract Type: The Government contemplates award a firm-fixed price contract resulting from this solicitation.

Quote Due Date: Quotes shall be submitted electronically **no later than 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) Friday, August 25, 2023** via email to Kirstin Banks at kirstin.banks@noaa.gov and Andrea Chiodi at andrea.chiodi@noaa.gov and shall include the subject line “Shelter Space Expansion for NOAA FCDAS.”

Late Submissions: The Contracting Officer shall consider the time stamp when the offeror’s email submission was received by NOAA’s server. Any quote, modification or revision with a timestamp after the exact date and time specified under “Quote Due Date” may be considered late and not receive any further consideration.

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Questions and Comments: Contractors shall submit all questions in writing to Kirstin Banks via email to Kirstin.banks@noaa.gov and to Andrea Chiodi via email andrea.chiodi@noaa.gov. Questions shall be received no later than **3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) Tuesday, August 22, 2023**. All questions or comments submitted shall include the solicitation number in the subject line. The Government will attempt, but does not guarantee, that it will answer questions submitted after the time and date specified above. Government responses will be provided, without identification of the questioner, via formal amendment to the RFP. Phone inquiries are not permitted.

The Quote shall consist of one (1) soft copy, sent via e-mail with appropriate attachments, and shall consist of the following:

- a. Cover Page
- b. Representations and Certifications (Shall be submitted as described in item 4 below)
- c. Technical Description
- d. Price Quote (Shall be submitted as described in item 3 below)
- e. Amendments (Shall be submitted as described in item 5 below)

Government intends to evaluate responses/quotations and award without exchanges with Quoters. Therefore, Quoters should ensure that their initial quotes constitute their best offer in terms of both price and the technical solution being quoted.

Additional Instructions:

1. **Cover Page:** The cover page shall include total price(s); a POC (name and telephone number); business size standard/status; CAGE Code, Unique Entity ID (UEI) number and payment terms
 - a. **Page Limit:** One (1) Page
2. **Technical Description:** The Contractor must demonstrate in their technical description that they will meet the government minimum requirements identified in Attachment I: Statement of Work. (Installation requirements contained in the Attachment II drawings are not included in this requirement and shall not be included in the quote).
 - a. **Page Limit:** Five (5) Pages
3. **Price:** The Contractor shall provide an itemized list as well as a total price for all items listed in the Statement of Work. (Installation requirements contained in the Attachment II drawings are not included in this requirement and shall not be included in the quote).
 - a. **Page Limit:** None

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4. **Representations and Certifications:** Contractor shall complete and submit provision FAR 52.204-24, 52.204-26, 52.212-3 and 52.209-11, if information differs from System for Award Management (SAM) representations to Kirstin.banks@noaa.gov and andrea.chiodi@noaa.gov
 - a. **Page Limit:** None
5. **Amendment(s):** All amendments issued for this RFP shall be acknowledged by the Contractor and included in the submitted quote. To acknowledge Amendment(s) the Contractor shall fill in block 15a. and 15c. and signing block 15b on the provided SF30.
 - a. **Page Limit:** None

PART 12 – EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

In accordance with FAR 52.212-2 “Evaluation Commercial Items (NOV 2021),” a review will be conducted to determine acceptability of the submitted quote. The quote will be evaluated against the Technical Acceptability criteria below. All unacceptable quotes will be eliminated from further evaluation. For those quotes that are determined to be technically acceptable, an award will be made to the lowest price technically acceptable (LPTA) offeror.

Technical Acceptability criteria is as follows:

Within their respective quotes, Contractors shall describe their processes and demonstrate their understanding of the requirement and shall comply with the technical specifications outlined in the SOW.

- The Quoter's Technical Description shall describe how the Quoter plans to achieve the requirements identified in the SOW.

-END OF REQUEST FOR QUOTE-