


<b>SOLICITATION, OFFER, AND AWARD</b> (Construction, Alteration, or Repair)	1. SOLICITATION NO. 12445223B0004	2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEALED BID (IFB) <input type="checkbox"/> NEGOTIATED (RFP)	3. DATE ISSUED 04/11/2023	PAGE	OF	PAGES
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**IMPORTANT -- The "offer" section on the reverse must be fully completed by offeror.**

4. CONTRACT NO.		5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO. See Schedule	6. PROJECT NO.
7. ISSUED BY USDA-FS CSA EAST 12 1720 PEACHTREE ST NW STE 876S ATLANTA GA 30309-2449	CODE 4452	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO JOSE ALLENDE, jose.allende@usda.gov JAMES HUNT, james.hunt2@usda.gov	
9. FOR INFORMATION CALL: 	a. NAME JOSE ALLENDE	b. TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS) 803-561-4000	

### SOLICITATION

**NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder."**

10. THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRES PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THESE DOCUMENTS (Title, identifying no., date)

Cherokee National Forest Facilities Maintenance Across the Forest

Project Title: Cherokee National Forest Facilities Maintenance & Construction IDIQ

Scope: Facilities Maintenance and Construction

Contract Type: Multiple Award Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ); Firm Fixed Price (FFP) Construction

11. The Contractor shall begin performance _____ 0 _____ calendar days and complete it within _____ 0 _____ calendar days after receiving <input type="checkbox"/> award, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notice to proceed. The performance period is <input type="checkbox"/> mandatory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> negotiable. (See _____.)	
12a. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH ANY REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS? (If "YES", indicate within how many calendar days after award in Item 12b.)	12b. CALENDAR DAYS 10
13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:	
a. Sealed offers in original and _____ copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in Item 8 by _____ 1700 _____ (hour) local time 05/26/2023 (date). If this is a sealed bid solicitation, offers will be publicly opened at that time. Sealed envelopes containing offers shall be marked to show the offeror's name and address, the solicitation number, and the date and time offers are due.	
b. An offer guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> is, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required.	
c. All offers are subject to the (1) work requirements, and (2) other provisions and clauses incorporated in the solicitation in full text or by reference.	
d. Offers providing less than _____ 90 _____ calendar days for Government acceptance after the date offers are due will not be considered and will be rejected.	

**OFFER** (Must be fully completed by offeror)

14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR (Include ZIP Code)	15. TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code)
	16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS (Include only if different than item 14.)
CODE	FACILITY CODE

17. The offeror agrees to perform the work required at the prices specified below in strict accordance with the terms of this solicitation, if this offer is accepted by the Government in writing within \_\_\_\_\_ calendar days after the date offers are due. (Insert any number equal to or greater than the minimum requirement stated in item 13d. Failure to insert any number means the offeror accepts the minimum in item 13d.)

**AMOUNTS**

18. The offeror agrees to furnish any required performance and payment bonds.

**19. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMENDMENTS**

(The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the solicitation -- give number and date of each)

AMENDMENT NO.										
DATE.										
20a. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print)					20b. SIGNATURE			20c. OFFER DATE		

**AWARD** (To be completed by Government)

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

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22. AMOUNT	23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA	
24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN (4 copies unless otherwise specified)	ITEM	25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO <input type="checkbox"/> 10 U.S.C. 2304(c) ( ) <input type="checkbox"/> 41 U.S.C. 253(c) ( )
26. ADMINISTERED BY USDA-FS CSA EAST 12 1720 PEACHTREE ST NW STE 876S ATLANTA GA 30309-2449	27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY	

**CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 28 OR 29 AS APPLICABLE**

<input type="checkbox"/> 28. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT  (Contractor is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to issuing office.)  Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items or perform all work requirements identified on this form and any continuation sheets for the consideration stated in this contract. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be governed by (a) this contract award, (b) the solicitation, and (c) the clauses, representations,	<input type="checkbox"/> 29. AWARD  (Contractor is not required to sign this document.)  Your offer on this solicitation is hereby accepted as to the items listed. This award consummates the contract, which consists of (a) the Government solicitation and your offer, and (b) this contract award. No further contractual document is necessary.
30a. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Type or print)	31a. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)
30b. SIGNATURE	JAMES M. HUNT
30c. DATE	31b. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
	BY
	31c. DATE

**CONTINUATION SHEET**

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NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR

ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
	Delivery Location Code: 4756 USDA FOREST SERVICE CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST 2800 NORTH OCOEE STREET CLEVELAND TN 37312 US				
0001	Base, Items A-G Requisition No: 1092131				
0002	Option Items, H-I (Option Line Item) Requisition No: 1092131				
0003	The Forest Service is desiring significant maintenance to be performed on the exterior of the Unicoi Work Center Shop Building and seeking pricing for option buildings. These are multipurpose buildings and are used daily by several groups within the Forest Service. Please see below regarding general information for maintenance.  Seed Project for Contract #12445223B0004 Requisition No: 1091814				

## **PART I—THE SCHEDULE**

### **SECTION B--SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/COSTS**

#### **B.1 SCHEDULE OF ITEMS**

See attached for seed project schedules on Section J, attachments J4 and J10.

*a) **Minimum and Maximum Contract Amounts** -During the period specified in FAR clause 52.216-18, ORDERING, the Government shall place orders totaling a minimum of \$2500, but not in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold .*

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

#### **C.1 SCOPE OF CONTRACT**

See attached for J1 – SOW CNF Facilities, reference Section J.

#### **C.2 PROJECT LOCATION**

See attached for J1 – SOW CNF Facilities, reference Section J.

#### **C.3 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

The ordering period of the IDIQ contracts will be five (5) years from the effective date of the award or when the shared ceiling of \$7 Million is reached, whichever comes first.

#### **C.4 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

##### **452.211-72 Statement of Work/Specifications (FEB 1988)**

The Contractor shall furnish the necessary personnel, material, equipment, services and facilities (except as otherwise specified), to perform the Statement of Work/Specifications referenced in Section J.

##### **452.211-73 Attachments to Statement of Work/Specifications (FEB 1988)**

The attachments to the Statement of Work/Specifications listed in Section J are hereby made part of this solicitation and any resultant contract.



## **SECTION D--PACKAGING AND MARKING**

### **D.1 PACKING AND MARKING**

All shipments of materials, equipment and/or supplies shall be addressed to the Contractor and not to the Government.

### **D.2 PROJECT LABELING FOR OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

The Government singularly identifies each project with a contract number at time of award. The contract number is a unique identifier to purposely and permanently represent an awarded project. The Government issued contract number is to be referenced on all official communication starting upon notice of award.

## **SECTION E--INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE**

### **E.1 CLAUSES**

52.246-12 Inspection of Construction (AUG 1996)

## **SECTION F--DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE**

### **F.1 CLAUSES**

52.242-14 Suspension of Work (APR 1984)

52.242-15 Stop Work Order (AUG 1989)

#### **52.211-10 Commencement, Prosecution, and Completion of Work (APR 1984)**

The Contractor shall be required to (a) commence work under this contract within 10 [] calendar days after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed, (b) prosecute the work diligently, and (c) complete the entire work ready for use not later than the specified completion date for each task order . The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.

## **SECTION G--CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA**

### **G.1 Contracting Staff**

All communications pertaining to contractual and/or administrative matters under this contract shall be sent to:

Jose Allende

Contract Specialist

[Jose.Allende@usda.gov](mailto:Jose.Allende@usda.gov)

James Hunt

Contracting Officer

[James.Hunt2@usda.gov](mailto:James.Hunt2@usda.gov)

### **G.2 CLAUSES**

#### **452.215-73 Post Award Conference (NOV 1996)**

A post award conference with the successful offeror is required. It will be scheduled and held within 10 days after the date of contract award. The conference will be held at TBD.

### **G3. OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

**Task Orders – Request for Quote (RFQ) Procedures**

- a) A Task Order is a contractual instrument issued by an authorized and warranted government Contracting Officer to order work for the government.
- b) As the need exists for performance under the terms of this Contract any warranted Forest Service Contracting Officer may solicit quotes and issue task orders against this contract.
- c) Additional specifications may be provided with each RFQ.
- d) RFQs will be transmitted primarily via e-mail.
- e) RFQs may include evaluation criteria (ie: past performance, technical approach, etc.) which will require the submission of a technical proposal. All RFQs shall specify the method for award determination and indicate the required response documentation.
- f) Upon the receipt of an RFQ from the Government, the Contractor shall respond as specified.
- g) Contract holders will receive fair opportunity to be considered for each RFQ unless one of the exceptions in FAR Subpart 16.505(b)(2) applies.

## **SECTION H--SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

### **H.1 CLAUSES**

#### **452.228-71 Insurance Coverage (NOV 1996)**

Pursuant to FAR clause 52.228-5, Insurance-Work on a Government Installation, the Contractor will be required to present evidence to show, as a minimum, the amounts of insurance coverage indicated below:

(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 worker's compensation to be written by private carriers.

(b) General Liability. (1) The Contractor shall have bodily injury liability coverage written on a comprehensive form of policy of at least \$500,000 per occurrence. (2) The Contractor shall have property damage liability insurance shall be required in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ per occurrence.

(c) Automobile Liability. The Contractor shall have automobile liability insurance written on a 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 or loss.

(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 injury. Coverage for passenger injury shall be at least \$200,000 multiplied by the number of seats or passengers, whichever is greater.

**452.237-74 Key Personnel (FEB 1988)**

(a) The Contractor shall assign to this contract the following key personnel:

To be specified for each task order as applicable.

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(b) During the first ninety (90) days of performance, the Contractor shall make no substitutions of key personnel unless the substitution is necessitated by illness, death, or termination of employment. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer within 15 calendar days after the occurrence of any of these events and provide the information required by paragraph (c) below. After the initial 90-day period, the Contractor shall submit the information required by paragraph (c) to the Contracting Officer at least 15 days prior to making any permanent substitutions.

(c) The Contractor shall provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions, complete resumes for the proposed substitutes, and any additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. Proposed substitutes should have comparable qualifications to those of the persons being replaced. The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor within 15 calendar days after receipt of all required information of the decision on substitutions. The contract will be modified to reflect any approved changes of key personnel.

## PART II--CONTRACT CLAUSES

### SECTION I--CONTRACT CLAUSES

#### I.1 CLAUSES

##### **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(es):

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Clauses:

<https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far> (FAR clauses begin with 52)

Department of Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Clauses:

<https://www.acquisition.gov/agar> (AGAR clauses begin with 452)

FAR and AGAR Deviations to clauses may be viewed at: [Policies & Regulations | USDA](#)

52.202-1	Definitions (JUN 2020)
52.203-3	Gratuities (APR 1984)
52.203-5	Covenant against Contingent Fees (MAY 2014)
52.203-6	Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (JUN 2020)
52.203-7	Anti-Kickback Procedures (JUN 2020)
52.203-8	Cancellation, Rescission, and Recovery of Funds for Illegal or Improper Activity (MAY 2014)
52.203-10	Price or Fee Adjustment for Illegal or Improper Activity (MAY 2014)
52.203-12	Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (JUN 2020)
52.203-13	Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (NOV 2021)52.204-2 Security Requirements (MAR 2021) Alternate II (APR 1984)
52.204-4	Printed or Copied Double-Sided on Postconsumer Fiber Content Paper (MAY 2011)
52.204-10	Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (JUN 2020)
52.204-13	System for Award Management Maintenance (OCT 2018)
52.204-14	Service Contract Reporting Requirements (OCT 2016)
52.204-15	Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite Delivery Contracts (OCT 2016)
52.204-18	Commercial and Government Entity Code Maintenance (AUG 2020)
52.204-19	Incorporation by Reference of Representations and Certifications (DEC 2014)
52.204-23	Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (NOV 2021)
52.204-25	Protecting the Government's Interest when Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (NOV 2021)
52.209-9	Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (OCT 2018)
52.209-10	Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (NOV 2015)

- 52.210-1      Market Research (NOV 2021) 52.215-2      Audit and Records -- Negotiation (JUN 2020)
- 52.219-6      Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2020)
- 52.219-8      Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) **(DEVIATION DEC 2022)**
- 52.219-9      Small Business Subcontracting Plan (OCT 2022)
- 52.219-14      Limitations on Subcontracting (OCT 2022)
- ☒ By the end of the base term of the contract and then by the end of each subsequent option period; or
- ☐ By the end of the performance period for each order issued under the contract.
- 52.219-16      Liquidated Damages --Subcontracting Plan (SEP 2021)
- 52.222-3      Convict Labor (JUN 2003)
- 52.222-4      Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards -- Overtime Compensation (MAY 2018)
- 52.222-6      Construction Wage Rate Requirement (AUG 2018)
- 52.222-7      Withholding of Funds (MAY 2014)
- 52.222-8      Payrolls and Basic Records (JUL 2021)
- 52.222-9      Apprentices and Trainees (JUL 2005)
- 52.222-10      Compliance with Copeland Act Requirements (FEB 1988)
- 52.222-11      Subcontracts (Labor Standards) (MAY 2014)
- 52.222-12      Contract Termination - Debarment (MAY 2014)
- 52.222-13      Compliance with Construction Wage Rate Requirements and Related Regulations (MAY 2014)
- 52.222-14      Disputes Concerning Labor Standards (FEB 1988)
- 52.222-15      Certification of Eligibility (MAY 2014)
- 52.222-21      Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015)
- 52.222-26      Equal Opportunity (APR 2016)
- 52.222-27      Affirmative Action Compliance Requirements for Construction (APR 2015)
- 52.222-35      Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020)
- 52.222-36      Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020)
- 52.222-37      Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020)
- 52.222-40      Notification of Employee Rights Under National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010)
- 52.222-50      Combating Trafficking in Persons (NOV 2021)
- 52.222-54      Employment Eligibility Verification (MAY 2022)
- 52.222-55      Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers under Executive Order 14026 (JAN 2022)
- 52.222-62      Paid Sick Leave under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2022)
- 52.223-2      Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products under Service and Construction Contracts
- 52.223-5      Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information (MAY 2011) 52.223-6 Drug-Free Workplace (MAY 2001)

- 52.223-18 Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (JUN 2020)
- 52.225-13 Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (FEB 2021)
- 52.227-1 Authorization and Consent (JUN 2020)
- 52.227-2 Notice and Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement (JUN 2020)
- 52.227-4 Patent Indemnity -- Construction Contracts (DEC 2007)
- 52.228-2 Additional Bond Security (OCT 1997)
- 52.228-5 Insurance – Work on a Government Installation (JAN 1997)
- 52.228-12 Prospective Subcontractor Requests for Bonds (DEC 2022)
- 52.228-14 Irrevocable Letter of Credit (NOV 2014)
- 52.229-3 Federal, State, and Local Taxes (FEB 2013)
- 52.232-5 Payments under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts (MAY 2014)
- 52.232-17 Interest (MAY 2014)
- 52.232-27 52.232-23 Assignment of Claims (MAY 2014) Prompt Payment for Construction Contracts (JAN 2017)
- 52.232-33 Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer – System for Award Management (OCT 2018) 52.232-39 Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations (JUN 2013)
- 52.232-40
- 52.233-1 Disputes (MAY 2014) Alt 1 (DEC 1991)
- 52.233-3 Protest after Award (AUG 1996)
- 52.233-4 Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004)
- 52.236-2 Differing Site Conditions (APR 1984)
- 52.236-3 Site Investigation and Conditions Affecting the Work (APR 1984)
- 52.236-5 Material and Workmanship (APR 1984)
- 52.236-6 Superintendence by the Contractor (APR 1984)
- 52.236-7 Permits and Responsibilities (NOV 1991)
- 52.236-8 Other Contracts (APR 1984)
- 52.236-9 Protection of Existing Vegetation, Structures, Equipment, Utilities, and Improvements (APR 1984)
- 52.236-10 Operations and Storage Areas (APR 1984)
- 52.236-11 Use and Possession Prior to Completion (APR 1984)
- 52.236-12 Cleaning Up (APR 1984)
- 52.236-13 Accident Prevention (NOV 1991)
- Alternate I (NOV 1991)
- 52.236-14 Availability and Use of Utility Services (APR 1984)
- 52.236-15 Schedules for Construction Contracts (APR 1984)
- 52.236-16 Quantity Surveys (APR 1984)
- Alternate 1 (APR 1984)
- 52.236-17 Layout of Work (APR 1984)
- 52.236-21 Specifications and Drawings for Construction (FEB 1997)
- Alternate I (APR 1984)
- Alternate II (APR 1984)
- 52.242-5 Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (JAN 2017) 52.242-13 Bankruptcy (JUL 1995)
- 52.243-4 Changes (JUN 2007)

- 52.244-2 Subcontracts (JUN 2020)
- 52.244-6 Subcontracts for Commercial Products and Commercial Services (DEC 2022)  
**(DEVIATION APR 2020)**
- 52.248-3 Value Engineering – Construction (OCT 2020)
- 52.249-2 Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed-Price) (APR 2012)  
Alternate I (SEP 1996)
- 52.249-10 Default (Fixed-Price Construction) (APR 1984)  
Alternate I (APR 1984)
- 52.253-1 Computer Generated Forms (JAN 1991)
- 452.232-70 Reimbursement for Bond Premiums – Fixed-Price Construction Contracts (NOV 1996)
- 452.236-71 Prohibition Against the Use of Lead-Based Paint (NOV 1996)

Use of Premises (NOV 1996)

- 452.236-73 Archaeological or Historic Sites (FEB 1988)
- 452.236-74 Control of Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution (NOV 1996)
- 452.236-76 Samples and Certificates (FEB 1988)
- 452.236-77 Emergency Response (NOV 1996)

**52.216-18 Ordering (AUG 2020)**

(a) Any supplies and services to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by issuance of delivery orders or task orders by the individuals or activities designated in the Schedule. Such orders may be issued from \_\_\_\_ contract award \_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_ expiration of contract \_\_\_\_.

(b) All delivery orders or task orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event of conflict between a delivery order or task order and this contract, the contract shall control.

(c) A delivery order or task order is considered “issued” when—

- (1) If sent by mail (includes transmittal by U.S. mail or private delivery service), the Government deposits the order in the mail;
- (2) If sent by fax, the Government transmits the order to the Contractor's fax number; or
- (3) If sent electronically, the Government either—
  - (i) Posts a copy of the delivery order or task order to a Government document access system, and notice is sent to the Contractor; or
  - (ii) Distributes the delivery order or task order via email to the Contractor's email address.

(d) Orders may be issued by methods other than those enumerated in this clause only if authorized in the contract.

**52.216-19 Order Limitations (Oct 1995)**

(a) *Minimum order.* When the Government requires supplies or services covered by this contract in an amount of less than \$2,500 [insert dollar figure or quantity], the Government is not obligated to purchase, nor is the Contractor obligated to furnish, those supplies or services under the contract.

(b) *Maximum order.* The Contractor is not obligated to honor—



(1) Any order for a single item in excess of \_\_\_\$250,000\_\_\_\_\_ [*insert dollar figure or quantity*];

(2) Any order for a combination of items in excess of \_\_\_\$500,000\_\_\_\_\_ [*insert dollar figure or quantity*]; or

(3) A series of orders from the same ordering office within \_\_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_\_ days that together call for quantities exceeding the limitation in paragraph (b)(1) or (2) of this section.

(c) If this is a requirements contract (*i.e.*, includes the Requirements clause at subsection [52.216-21](#) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)), the Government is not required to order a part of any one requirement from the Contractor if that requirement exceeds the maximum-order limitations in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the Contractor shall honor any order exceeding the maximum order limitations in paragraph (b), unless that order (or orders) is returned to the ordering office within \_\_two (2)\_\_\_ days after issuance, with written notice stating the Contractor's intent not to ship the item (or items) called for and the reasons. Upon receiving this notice, the Government may acquire the supplies or services from another source.

#### **52.216-22 Indefinite Quantity (Oct 1995)**

(a) This is an indefinite-quantity contract for the supplies or services specified, and effective for the period stated, in the Schedule. The quantities of supplies and services specified in the Schedule are estimates only and are not purchased by this contract.

(b) Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. The Contractor shall furnish to the Government, when and if ordered, the supplies or services specified in the Schedule up to and including the quantity designated in the Schedule as the "maximum." The Government shall order at least the quantity of supplies or services designated in the Schedule as the "minimum."

(c) Except for any limitations on quantities in the Order Limitations clause or in the Schedule, there is no limit on the number of orders that may be issued. The Government may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations.

(d) Any order issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order. The contract shall govern the Contractor's and Government's rights and obligations with respect to that order to the same extent as if the order were completed during the contract's effective period; *provided*, that the Contractor shall not be required to make any deliveries under this contract after \_\_12 April 2028\_\_\_\_\_

#### **52.216-32 Task-Order and Delivery-Order Ombudsman (SEP 2019)**

(a) In accordance with 41 U.S.C. 4106(g), the Agency has designated the following task-order and delivery-order Ombudsman for this contract. The Ombudsman must review complaints from the Contractor concerning all task-order and delivery-order actions for this contract and ensure the Contractor is afforded a fair opportunity for consideration in the award of orders, consistent with the procedures in the contract.

*Alfort Belin*  
*Chief, Procurement Policy Branch*  
*707-562-9107*  
*Alfort.belin@usda.gov*

(b) Consulting an ombudsman does not alter or postpone the timeline for any other process (e.g., protests).

(c) Before consulting with the Ombudsman, the Contractor is encouraged to first address complaints with the Contracting Officer for resolution. When requested by the Contractor, the Ombudsman may keep the identity of the concerned party or entity confidential, unless prohibited by law or agency procedure.

(End of clause)

Alternate I.

(d) Contracts used by multiple agencies.

(1) This is a contract that is used by multiple agencies. Complaints from Contractors concerning orders placed under contracts used by multiple agencies are primarily reviewed by the task-order and delivery-order Ombudsman for the ordering activity.

(2) The ordering activity has designated the following task-order and delivery-order Ombudsman for this order:

*[The ordering activity's contracting officer to insert the name, address, telephone number, and email address for the ordering activity's Ombudsman or provide the URL address where this information may be found.]*

(3) Before consulting with the task-order and delivery-order Ombudsman for the ordering activity, the Contractor is encouraged to first address complaints with the ordering activity's Contracting Officer for resolution. When requested by the Contractor, the task-order and delivery-order Ombudsman for the ordering activity may keep the identity of the concerned party or entity confidential, unless prohibited by law or agency procedure.

#### **52.219-13 Notice of Set Aside of Orders (MAR 2020)**

(a) The Contracting Officer may set aside orders for the small business concerns identified in [19.000\(a\)\(3\)](#).

(b) The Contracting Officer will give notice of the order or orders, if any, to be set aside for small business concerns identified in [19.000\(a\)\(3\)](#) and the applicable small business program. This notice, and its restrictions, will apply only to the specific orders that have been set aside for any of the small business concerns identified in [19.000\(a\)\(3\)](#).

#### **52.225-9 Buy American Act-Construction Materials (OCT 2022)**

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—  
*Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item—*

(1) Means any item of supply (including construction material) that is—

- (i) A commercial product (as defined in paragraph (1) of the definition of “commercial product” at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [2.101](#));
  - (ii) Sold in substantial quantities in the commercial marketplace; and
  - (iii) Offered to the Government, under a contract or subcontract at any tier, without modification, in the same form in which it is sold in the commercial marketplace; and
- (2) Does not include bulk cargo, as defined in 46 U.S.C. 40102(4), such as agricultural products and petroleum products.

*"Construction material"* means an article, material, or supply brought to the construction site by the Contractor or a subcontractor for incorporation into the building or work. The term also includes an item brought to the site preassembled from articles, materials, or supplies. However, emergency life safety systems, such as emergency lighting, fire alarm, and audio evacuation systems, that are discrete systems incorporated into a public building or work and that are produced as complete systems, are evaluated as a single and distinct construction material regardless of when or how the individual parts or components of those systems are delivered to the construction site. Materials purchased directly by the Government are supplies, not construction material.

*Cost of components means—*

(1) For components purchased by the Contractor, the acquisition cost, including transportation costs to the place of incorporation into the construction material (whether or not such costs are paid to a domestic firm), and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued); or

(2) For components manufactured by the Contractor, all costs associated with the manufacture of the component, including transportation costs as described in paragraph (1) of this definition, plus allocable overhead costs, but excluding profit. Cost of components does not include any costs associated with the manufacture of the construction material.

*Critical component* means a component that is mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States and deemed critical to the U.S. supply chain. The list of critical components is at FAR [25.105](#).

*Critical item* means a domestic construction material or domestic end product that is deemed critical to U.S. supply chain resiliency. The list of critical items is at FAR [25.105](#).

*Domestic construction material means—*

(1) For construction material that does not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both-

- (i) An unmanufactured construction material mined or produced in the United States; or
- (ii) A construction material manufactured in the United States, if—
  - (A) The cost of its components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States exceeds 60 percent of the cost of all its components, except that the percentage will be 65 percent for items delivered in calendar years 2024 through 2028 and 75 percent for items delivered starting in calendar year 2029. Components of foreign origin of the same class or kind for which nonavailability determinations have been made are treated as domestic. Components of unknown origin are treated as foreign; or
  - (B) The construction material is a COTS item; or

(2) For construction material that consists wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, a construction material manufactured in the United States if the cost of foreign iron and steel constitutes less than 5 percent of the cost of all component used in such

construction material. The cost of foreign iron and steel includes but is not limited to the cost of foreign iron or steel mill products (such as bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet), castings, or forgings utilized in the manufacture of the construction material and a good faith estimate of the cost of all foreign iron or steel components excluding COTS fasteners. Iron or steel components of unknown origin are treated as foreign. If the construction material contains multiple components, the cost of all the materials used in such construction material is calculated in accordance with the definition of "cost of components".

*Fastener* means a hardware device that mechanically joins or affixes two or more objects together. Examples of fasteners are nuts, bolts, pins, rivets, nails, clips, and screws.

*Foreign construction material* means a construction material other than a domestic construction material.

*Foreign iron and steel* means iron or steel products not produced in the United States. Produced in the United States means that all manufacturing processes of the iron or steel must take place in the United States, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, except metallurgical processes involving refinement of steel additives. The origin of the elements of the iron or steel is not relevant to the determination of whether it is domestic or foreign.

*Predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both* means that the cost of the iron and steel content exceeds 50 percent of the total cost of all its components. The cost of iron and steel is the cost of the iron or steel mill products (such as bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet), castings, or forgings utilized in the manufacture of the product and a good faith estimate of the cost of iron or steel components excluding COTS fasteners.

*Steel* means an alloy that includes at least 50 percent iron, between 0.02 and 2 percent carbon, and may include other elements.

*"United States"* means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas.

(b) Domestic preference.

(1) This clause implements [41 U.S.C. chapter 83](#), Buy American, by providing a preference for domestic construction material. In accordance with [41 U.S.C. 1907](#), the domestic content test of the Buy American statute is waived for construction material that is a COTS item, except that for construction material that consists wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, the domestic content test is applied only to the iron and steel content of the construction materials, excluding COTS fasteners. (See FAR [12.505\(a\)\(2\)](#)). The Contractor shall use only domestic construction material in performing this contract, except as provided in paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this clause.

(2) This requirement does not apply to information technology that is a commercial product or to the construction materials or components listed by the Government as follows:

NONE

(3) The Contracting Officer may add other foreign construction material to the list in paragraph (b)(2) of this clause if the Government determines that-

(i) The cost of domestic construction material would be unreasonable.

(A) *For domestic construction material that is not a critical item or does not contain critical components.*

(1) The cost of a particular domestic construction material subject to the requirements of the Buy American statute is unreasonable when the cost of such material exceeds the cost of foreign material by more than 20 percent;

(2) For construction material that is not a COTS item and does not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, if the cost of a particular domestic construction material is determined to be unreasonable or there is no domestic offer received, and the low offer is for foreign construction material that is manufactured in the United States and does not exceed 55 percent domestic content, the Contracting Officer will treat the lowest offer of foreign construction material that exceeds 55 percent domestic content as a domestic offer and determine whether the cost of that offer is unreasonable by applying the evaluation factor listed in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(A)(1) of this clause.

(3) The procedures in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(A)(2) of this clause will no longer apply as of January 1, 2030.

(B) *For domestic construction material that is a critical item or contains critical components.*

(1) The cost of a particular domestic construction material that is a critical item or contains critical components, subject to the requirements of the Buy American statute, is unreasonable when the cost of such material exceeds the cost of foreign material by more than 20 percent plus the additional preference factor identified for the critical item or construction material containing critical components listed at FAR [25.105](#).

(2) For construction material that does not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, if the cost of a particular domestic construction material is determined to be unreasonable or there is no domestic offer received, and the low offer is for foreign construction material that does not exceed 55 percent domestic content, the Contracting Officer will treat the lowest foreign offer of construction material that is manufactured in the United States and exceeds 55 percent domestic content as a domestic offer, and determine whether the cost of that offer is unreasonable by applying the evaluation factor listed in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(B)(1) of this clause.

(3) The procedures in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(B)(2) of this clause will no longer apply as of January 1, 2030.

(ii) The application of the restriction of the Buy American statute to a particular construction material would be impracticable or inconsistent with the public interest; or

(iii) The construction material is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality.

(c) Request for determination of inapplicability of the Buy American statute.

(1) (i) Any Contractor request to use foreign construction material in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this clause shall include adequate information for Government evaluation of the request, including-

(A) A description of the foreign and domestic construction materials;

(B) Unit of measure;

(C) Quantity;

(D) Price;

(E) Time of delivery or availability;

(F) Location of the construction project;

(G) Name and address of the proposed supplier; and

- (H) A detailed justification of the reason for use of foreign construction materials cited in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this clause.
- (ii) A request based on unreasonable cost shall include a reasonable survey of the market and a completed price comparison table in the format in paragraph (d) of this clause.
- (iii) The price of construction material shall include all delivery costs to the construction site and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free certificate may be issued).
- (iv) Any Contractor request for a determination submitted after contract award shall explain why the Contractor could not reasonably foresee the need for such determination and could not have requested the determination before contract award. If the Contractor does not submit a satisfactory explanation, the Contracting Officer need not make a determination.
- (2) If the Government determines after contract award that an exception to the Buy American statute applies and the Contracting Officer and the Contractor negotiate adequate consideration, the Contracting Officer will modify the contract to allow use of the foreign construction material. However, when the basis for the exception is the unreasonable price of a domestic construction material, adequate consideration is not less than the differential established in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this clause.
- (3) Unless the Government determines that an exception to the Buy American statute applies, use of foreign construction material is noncompliant with the Buy American statute.
- (d) *Data*. To permit evaluation of requests under paragraph (c) of this clause based on unreasonable cost, the Contractor shall include the following information and any applicable supporting data based on the survey of suppliers:

Foreign and Domestic Construction Materials Price Comparison			
Construction Material Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Price (Dollars)*
Item 1			
Foreign construction material			
Domestic construction material			
Item 2			
Foreign construction material			
Domestic construction material			

*[\*Include all delivery costs to the construction site and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued)].*

*[List name, address, telephone number, and contact for suppliers surveyed. Attach copy of response; if oral, attach summary.]*

*[Include other applicable supporting information.]*

(End of clause)

### **52.228-1 Bid Guarantee (SEP 1996)**

- (a) Failure to furnish a bid guarantee in the proper form and amount, by the time set for opening of bids, may be cause for rejection of the bid.
- (b) The bidder shall furnish a bid guarantee in the form of a firm commitment, *e.g.*, bid bond supported by good and sufficient surety or sureties acceptable to the Government, postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or, under Treasury Department



regulations, certain bonds or notes of the United States. The Contracting Officer will return bid guarantees, other than bid bonds –

- (1) To unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after the opening of bids, and (2) To the successful bidder upon execution of contractual documents and bonds (including any necessary coinsurance or reinsurance agreements), as required by the bid as accepted.
- (c) The amount of the bid guarantee shall be \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the bid price or \$ \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is less.
- (d) If the successful bidder, upon acceptance of its bid by the Government within the period specified for acceptance, fails to execute all contractual documents or furnish executed bond(s) within 10 days after receipt of the forms by the bidder, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract for default.
- (e) In the event the contract is terminated for default, the bidder is liable for any cost of acquiring the work that exceeds the amount of its bid, and the bid guarantee is available to offset the difference.

#### **52.228-11 Individual Surety - Pledge of Assets (FEB 2021) (DEVIATION APR 2020)**

(a) The Contractor shall obtain from each person acting as an individual surety on a performance bond or a payment bond -

- (1) A pledge of assets that meets the eligibility, valuation, and security requirements described in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [28.203-1](#); and
  - (2) Standard Form 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety, **[except that the words “being duly sworn, depose and say” on the Standard Form 28 are replaced with the word “affirm” and the Standard Form 28 is not required to be sworn and notarized in block 12].**
- (b) The Contracting Officer may release a portion of the security interest on the individual surety's assets based upon substantial performance of the Contractor's obligations under its performance bond. The security interest in support of a performance bond shall be maintained—
- (1) Contracts for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work of the Federal Government exceeding \$150,000 (40 U.S.C. 3131). Until completion of any warranty period, or for 1 year following final payment, whichever is later.
  - (2) Contracts subject to alternative payment protection (see FAR 28.102-1(b)(1)). For the full contract performance period plus 1 year.
  - (3) Other contracts not subject to the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this clause. Until completion of any warranty period, or for 90 days following final payment, whichever is later.
- (c) A surety's assets pledged in support of a payment bond may be released to a subcontractor or supplier upon Government receipt of a Federal district court judgment, or a sworn statement by the subcontractor or supplier that the claim is correct along with a notarized authorization of the release by the surety stating that it approves of such release. The security interest on the individual surety's assets in support of a payment bond shall be maintained—
- (1) Contracts for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work of the Federal Government exceeding \$150,000 which require performance and payment bonds (40 U.S.C. 3131). For 1 year following final payment, or until resolution of all pending claims filed against the payment bond during the 1-year period following final payment, whichever is later.

- (2) Contracts subject to alternative payment protection (see FAR 28.102-1(b)(1)). For the full contract performance period plus 1 year.
- (3) Other contracts not subject to the requirements of paragraph (c)(1) of this clause. For 90 days following final payment.
- (d) The Contracting Officer may allow the Contractor to substitute an individual surety, for a performance or payment bond, after contract award. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause within the timeframe established by the Contracting Officer.

**52.228-15 Performance and Payment Bonds -- Construction (JUN 2020) (DEVIATION APR 2020)**

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

“Original contract price” means the award price of the contract; or, for requirements contracts, the price payable for the estimated total quantity; or, for indefinite-quantity contracts, the price payable for the specified minimum quantity. Original contract price does not include the price of any options, except those options exercised at the time of contract award.

(b) *Amount of required bonds.* Unless the resulting contract price is valued at or below the threshold specified in Federal Acquisition Regulation [28.102-1](#)(a) on the date of award of this contract, the successful offeror shall furnish performance and payment bonds to the Contracting Officer as follows:

(1) *Performance Bonds (Standard Form 25, **EXCEPT THAT A SEAL IS NOT REQUIRED**).* The penal amount of performance bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price.

(2) *Payment Bonds (Standard Form 25-A, **EXCEPT THAT A SEAL IS NOT REQUIRED**).* The penal amount of payment bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price.

(3) *Additional bond protection.*

(i) The Government may require additional performance and payment bond protection if the contract price is increased. The increase in protection generally will equal 100 percent of the increase in contract price.

(ii) The Government may secure the additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the penal amount of the existing bond or to obtain an additional bond.

(c) *Furnishing executed bonds.* The Contractor shall furnish all executed bonds, including any necessary reinsurance agreements, to the Contracting Officer, within the time period specified in the Bid Guarantee provision of the solicitation, or otherwise specified by the Contracting Officer, but in any event, before starting work.

(d) *Surety or other security for bonds.* The bonds shall be in the form of firm commitment, supported by corporate sureties whose names appear on the list contained in Treasury Department Circular 570, individual sureties, or by other acceptable security such as postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or, in accordance with Treasury Department regulations, certain bonds or notes of the United States. Treasury Circular 570 is published in the *Federal Register* or may be obtained from the:

U.S. Department of Treasury  
Financial Management Service



Surety Bond Branch  
3700 East West Highway, Room 6F01  
Hyattsville, MD 20782

Or via the internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/>.

(e) *Notice of subcontractor waiver of protection (40 U.S.C. 3133(c))*. Any waiver of the right to sue on the payment bond is void unless it is in writing, signed by the person whose right is waived, and executed after such person has first furnished labor or material for use in the performance of the contract.

**52.228-17 Individual Surety – Pledge of Assets (Bid Guarantee) (FEB 2021)**

(a) Offerors shall obtain from each person acting as an individual surety on a bid guarantee—

(1) A pledge of assets that meets the eligibility, valuation, and security requirements described in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [28.203-1](#); and

(2) Standard Form 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety.

(b) The Offeror shall include with its offer the information required at paragraph (a) of this provision within the timeframe specified in the provision at FAR [52.228-1](#), Bid Guarantee, or as otherwise established by the Contracting Officer.

(c) The Contracting Officer may release the security interest on the individual surety's assets in support of a bid guarantee based upon evidence that the offer supported by the individual surety will not result in contract award.

**52.236-4 Physical Data (APR 1984)**

Weather Conditions				Cleveland, TN
MONTH	PRECIP (IN)	MIN TMP (°F)	AVG TMP (°F)	MAX TMP (°F)
01	3.38	22	41.2	68
02	5.37	18	41.9	72
03	10.91	24	53.9	76
04	1.57	26	57.5	82
05	3.57	41	65.1	90
06	5.19	54	74.1	90
07	8.86	57	76.7	94
08	11.72	62	77.1	92
09	3.01	44	69.9	87
10	4.78	39	63.2	83
11	1.01	23	46.5	74
12	5.12	24	51.1	73

**52.252-6 Authorized Deviations in Clauses (NOV 2020)**

(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 Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR 4) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of “(DEVIATION)” after the name of the regulation.

## PART III--LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

### SECTION J--LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

#### J.1 ATTACHMENTS

J1 - SOW (Statement of Work) – CNF Facilities IDIQ
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J12 – DBA WD Hwy TN Multiple Counties (10)
J13 – SCA WD 2015-4339 – Sullivan & Washington County TN
J14 – SCA WD 2015-4637 – Polk County TN
J15 – SCA WD 2015-4641 – Carter & Unicoi County TN
J16 – SCA WD 2015-4665 – McMinn County TN
J17 – SCA WD 2015-4667 – Monroe County TN
J18 – SCA WD 2015-4669 – Cocke, Greene & Johnson County TN

## **PART IV--REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

### **SECTION K--REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS OR RESPONDENTS**

#### **K.1 PROVISIONS**

##### **52.236-28 Preparation of Proposals – Construction (OCT 1997)**

##### **52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications (DEC 2022) (DEVIATION DEC 2022)**

(a) (1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 236220 [insert NAICS code].

(2) The small business size standard is 39.5 million [insert size standard].

(3) The small business size standard for a concern that submits an offer, other than on a construction or service acquisition, but proposes to furnish an end item that it did not itself manufacture, process, or produce is 500 employees if the acquisition -

(i) Is set aside for small business and has a value above the simplified acquisition threshold;

(ii) Uses the HUBZone price evaluation preference regardless of dollar value, unless the offeror waives the price evaluation preference; or

(iii) Is an 8(a), HUBZone, service-disabled veteran-owned, economically disadvantaged women-owned, or women-owned small business set-aside or sole-source award regardless of dollar value.

(b) (1) If the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

(2) If the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, is not included in this solicitation, and the Offeror has an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM), the Offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The Offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

(i) ☐ Paragraph (d) applies.

(ii) ☐ Paragraph (d) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation.

(c) (1) The following representations or certifications in SAM are applicable to this solicitation as indicated:

(i) 52.203-2, Certificate of Independent Price Determination. This provision applies to solicitations when a firm-fixed-price contract or fixed-price contract with economic price adjustment is contemplated, unless—

(A) The acquisition is to be made under the simplified acquisition procedures in part 13;

(B) The solicitation is a request for technical proposals under two-step sealed bidding procedures; or

(C) The solicitation is for utility services for which rates are set by law or regulation.

(ii) 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions. This provision applies to solicitations expected to exceed \$150,000.

(iii) 52.203-18, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements-Representation. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(iv) 52.204-3, Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management.

(v) 52.204-5, Women-Owned Business (Other Than Small Business). This provision applies to solicitations that-

(A) Are not set aside for small business concerns;

(B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and

(C) Are for contracts that will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

(vi) 52.204-26, Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(vii) 52.209-2, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations-Representation.

(viii) 52.209-5, Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters. This provision applies to solicitations where the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(ix) 52.209-11, Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(x) 52.214-14, Place of Performance-Sealed Bidding. This provision applies to invitations for bids except those in which the place of performance is specified by the Government.

(xi) 52.215-6, Place of Performance. This provision applies to solicitations unless the place of performance is specified by the Government.

(xii) 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representations (Basic, Alternates I, and II).  
[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

☐ (i) 52.204-17, Ownership or Control of Offeror.

☐ (ii) 52.204-20, Predecessor of Offeror.

☐ (iii) 52.222-18, Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products.

(d) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically in SAM website accessed through <https://www.sam.gov>. After reviewing the SAM information, the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically that apply to this solicitation as indicated in paragraph (c) of this provision have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201); except for the changes identified below [offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date]. These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

**FAR Clause # Title Date Change**

Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in any updates to the representations and certifications posted on SAM.

**52.209-13 Violation of Arms Control Treaties or Agreements – Certification (NOV 2021)**

(a) This provision does not apply to acquisitions at or below the simplified acquisition threshold or to acquisitions of commercial products and commercial services as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation 2.101.

(b) Certification. [Offeror shall check either (1) or (2).]

☐ (1) The Offeror certifies that–

(i) It does not engage and has not engaged in any activity that contributed to or was a significant factor in the President's or Secretary of State's determination that a foreign country is in violation of its obligations undertaken in any arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or is not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. The determinations are described in the most recent unclassified annual report provided to Congress pursuant to section 403 of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act (22 U.S.C. 2593a). The report is available at <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-arms-control-and-international-security-affairs/bureau-of-arms-control-verification-and-compliance/>; and

(ii) No entity owned or controlled by the Offeror has engaged in any activity that contributed to or was a significant factor in the President's or Secretary of State's determination that a foreign country is in violation of its obligations undertaken in any arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or is not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. The determinations are described in the most recent unclassified annual report provided to Congress pursuant to section 403 of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act (22 U.S.C. 2593a). The report is available at <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-arms-control-and-international-security-affairs/bureau-of-arms-control-verification-and-compliance/>; or

☐ (2) The Offeror is providing separate information with its offer in accordance with paragraph (d)(2) of this provision.

(c) Procedures for reviewing the annual unclassified report (see paragraph (b)(1) of this provision). For clarity, references to the report in this section refer to the entirety of the annual unclassified report, including any separate reports that are incorporated by reference into the annual unclassified report.

(1) Check the table of contents of the annual unclassified report and the country section headings of the reports incorporated by reference to identify the foreign countries listed there. Determine whether the Offeror or any person owned or controlled by the Offeror may have engaged in any activity related to one or more of such foreign countries.

(2) If there may have been such activity, review all findings in the report associated with

those foreign countries to determine whether or not each such foreign country was determined to be in violation of its obligations undertaken in an arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or to be not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. For clarity, in the annual report an explicit certification of non-compliance is equivalent to a determination of violation. However, the following statements in the annual report are not equivalent to a determination of violation:

- (i) An inability to certify compliance.
- (ii) An inability to conclude compliance.
- (iii) A statement about compliance concerns.

(3) If so, determine whether the Offeror or any person owned or controlled by the Offeror has engaged in any activity that contributed to or is a significant factor in the determination in the report that one or more of these foreign countries is in violation of its obligations undertaken in an arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or is not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. Review the narrative for any such findings reflecting a determination of violation or non-adherence related to those foreign countries in the report, including the finding itself, and to the extent necessary, the conduct giving rise to the compliance or adherence concerns, the analysis of compliance or adherence concerns, and efforts to resolve compliance or adherence concerns.

(4) The Offeror may submit any questions with regard to this report by email to NDAA1290Cert@state.gov. To the extent feasible, the Department of State will respond to such email inquiries within 3 business days.

(d) Do not submit an offer unless—

(1) A certification is provided in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision and submitted with the offer; or

(2) In accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of this provision, the Offeror provides with its offer information that the President of the United States has

- (i) Waived application under 22 U.S.C. 2593e(d) or ©; or
- (ii) Determined under 22 U.S.C. 2593e(g)(2) that the entity has ceased all activities for which measures were imposed under 22 U.S.C. 2593e(b).

(e) Remedies. The certification in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly submitted a false certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, such as suspension or debarment, the Contracting Officer may terminate any contract resulting from the false certification.

## **52.209-7 Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (OCT 2018)**

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

“Administrative proceeding” means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (e.g., Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative Proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals Proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals Proceedings). This includes administrative proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or

grant. It does not include agency actions such as contract audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

“Federal contracts and grants with total value greater than \$10,000,000” means—

(1) The total value of all current, active contracts and grants, including all priced options; and

(2) The total value of all current, active orders including all priced options under indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity, 8(a), or requirements contracts (including task and delivery and multiple-award Schedules).

“Principal” means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (*e.g.*, general manager; plant manager; head of a division or business segment; and similar positions).

(b) The offeror ☐ has ☐ does not have current active Federal contracts and grants with total value greater than \$10,000,000.

(c) If the offeror checked “has” in paragraph (b) of this provision, the offeror represents, by submission of this offer, that the information it has entered in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS) is current, accurate, and complete as of the date of submission of this offer with regard to the following information:

(1) Whether the offeror, and/or any of its principals, has or has not, within the last five years, in connection with the award to or performance by the offeror of a Federal contract or grant, been the subject of a proceeding, at the Federal or State level that resulted in any of the following dispositions:

(i) In a criminal proceeding, a conviction.

(ii) In a civil proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in the payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more.

(iii) In an administrative proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in—

(A) The payment of a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more; or

(B) The payment of a reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000.

(iv) In a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding, a disposition of the matter by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault by the Contractor if the proceeding could have led to any of the outcomes specified in paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (c)(1)(ii), or (c)(1)(iii) of this provision.

(2) If the offeror has been involved in the last five years in any of the occurrences listed in (c)(1) of this provision, whether the offeror has provided the requested information with regard to each occurrence.

(d) The offeror shall post the information in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(iv) of this provision in FAPIS as required through maintaining an active registration in the System for Award Management, which can be accessed via <https://www.sam.gov> (see [52.204-7](#)).



## **SECTION L--INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS OR RESPONDENTS**

### **L.1 PROVISIONS**

#### **52.252-1 Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)**

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. 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):

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Provisions:

<https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far> (FAR Provisions begin with 52)

Department of Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Provisions:

<https://www.acquisition.gov/agar> (AGAR Provisions begin with 452)

FAR and AGAR Deviations to provisions may be viewed at: [Policies & Regulations | USDA](#)

- 52.204-7 System for Award Management (OCT 2018)
- 52.204-16 Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting (AUG 2020)
- 52.204-22 Alternative Line-Item Proposal (JAN 2017)
- 52.207-6 Solicitations and Offers from Small Business Concerns and Small Business Teaming Arrangements or Joint Ventures (Multiple Award Contracts) (DEC 2022)
- 52.215-1 Instructions to Offerors--Competitive Acquisition (NOV 2021)  
Alternate I (OCT 1997)
- 52.216-27 Single or Multiple Awards (Oct 1995)

#### **52.216-1 Type of Contract (APR 1984)**

The Government contemplates award of a \_\_ Firm Fixed Price Multiple Award IDIQ\_\_\_\_\_ contracts resulting from this solicitation.

#### **52.222-5 Construction Wage Rate Requirements—Secondary Site of the Work (MAY 2014)**

(a)(1) The offeror shall notify the Government if the offeror intends to perform work at any secondary site of the work, as defined in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of the FAR clause at [52.222-6](#), Construction Wage Rate Requirements, of this solicitation.

(2) If the offeror is unsure if a planned work site satisfies the criteria for a secondary site of the work, the offeror shall request a determination from the Contracting Officer.



(b)(1) If the wage determination provided by the Government for work at the primary site of the work is not applicable to the secondary site of the work, the offeror shall request a wage determination from the Contracting Officer.

(2) The due date for receipt of offers will not be extended as a result of an offeror's request for a wage determination for a secondary site of the work.

**52.222-23 Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity for Construction (FEB 1999)**

(a) The offeror's attention is called to the Equal Opportunity clause and the Affirmative Action Compliance Requirements for Construction clause of this solicitation.

(b) The goals for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered are, are as follows:

Goals for minority participation for each trade

Goals for female participation for each trade

\_\_\_\_ TBD at task order level. \_\_\_\_\_  
                    6.9% \_\_\_\_\_

These goals are applicable to all the Contractor's construction work performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, the Contractor shall apply the goals established for the geographical area where the work is actually performed. Goals are published periodically in the *Federal Register* in notice form, and these notices may be obtained from any Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs office.

(c) The Contractor's compliance with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the regulations in 41 CFR 60-4 shall be based on (1) its implementation of the Equal Opportunity clause, (2) specific affirmative actions obligations required by the clause entitled "Affirmative Action Compliance Requirements for Construction," and (3) its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade. The Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor, or from project to project, for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the regulations in 41 CFR 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

(d) The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance, U. S. Department of Labor, within 10 working days following award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the--

- (1) Name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor;
- (2) Employer's identification number of the subcontractor;
- (3) Estimated dollar amount of the subcontract;

- (4) Estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and
  - (5) Geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.
- (e) As used in this Notice, and in any contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is \_\_\_\_\_. [*Contracting Officer shall insert description of the geographical areas where the contract is to be performed, giving the State, county, and city.*]

**52.225-10 Notice of Buy American Act Requirement—Construction Materials (MAY 2014)**

(a) *Definitions.* "Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item," "construction material," "domestic construction material," and "foreign construction material," as used in this provision, are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American—Construction Materials" (Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause [52.225-9](#)).

(b) *Requests for determinations of inapplicability.* An offeror requesting a determination regarding the inapplicability of the Buy American statute should submit the request to the Contracting Officer in time to allow a determination before submission of offers. The offeror shall include the information and applicable supporting data required by paragraphs (c) and (d) of the clause at FAR [52.225-9](#) in the request. If an offeror has not requested a determination regarding the inapplicability of the Buy American statute before submitting its offer, or has not received a response to a previous request, the offeror shall include the information and supporting data in the offer.

(c) Evaluation of offers.

(1) The Government will evaluate an offer requesting exception to the requirements of the Buy American statute, based on claimed unreasonable cost of domestic construction material, by adding to the offered price the appropriate percentage of the cost of such foreign construction material, as specified in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of the clause at FAR [52.225-9](#).

(2) If evaluation results in a tie between an offeror that requested the substitution of foreign construction material based on unreasonable cost and an offeror that did not request an exception, the Contracting Officer will award to the offeror that did not request an exception based on unreasonable cost.

(d) Alternate offers.

(1) When an offer includes foreign construction material not listed by the Government in this solicitation in paragraph (b)(2) of the clause at FAR [52.225-9](#), the offeror also may submit an alternate offer based on use of equivalent domestic construction material.

(2) If an alternate offer is submitted, the offeror shall submit a separate [Standard Form 1442](#) for the alternate offer, and a separate price comparison table prepared in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (d) of the clause at FAR [52.225-9](#) for the offer that is based on the use of any foreign construction material for which the Government has not yet determined an exception applies.

(3) If the Government determines that a particular exception requested in accordance with paragraph (c) of the clause at FAR [52.225-9](#) does not apply, the Government will evaluate only those offers based on use of the equivalent domestic construction material, and the offeror shall

be required to furnish such domestic construction material. An offer based on use of the foreign construction material for which an exception was requested—

- (i) Will be rejected as nonresponsive if this acquisition is conducted by sealed bidding; or
- (ii) May be accepted if revised during negotiations.

**52.233-2 Service of Protest (SEP 2006)**

(a) Protests, as defined in section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the Government Accountability Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from  
USDA-FS CS EAST 12

James.Hunt2@usda.gov ; [Jose.Allende@usda.gov](mailto:Jose.Allende@usda.gov)

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

**52.252-5 Authorized Deviations in Provisions (NOV 2020)**

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

(b) The use in this solicitation of any Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 4) provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

**452.228-70 Alternative Forms of Security (NOV 1996)**

If furnished as security, money orders, drafts, cashier's checks, or certified checks shall be drawn payable to USDA Forest Service.

**452.237-71 Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Conference (FEB 1988)**

(a) The Government is planning a pre-proposal conference, during which potential offerors may obtain a better understanding of the work required.

(b) Offerors are encouraged to submit all questions in writing at least five (5) days prior to the conference. Questions will be considered at any time prior to or during the conference; however, offerors will be asked to confirm verbal questions in writing. Subsequent to the conference, an amendment to the solicitation containing an abstract of the questions and answers, and a list of attendees, will be disseminated.

(c) In order to facilitate conference preparations, it is requested that the person named on the Standard Form 1442 of this solicitation be contacted and advised of the number of persons who will attend.

(d) The Government assumes no responsibility for any expense incurred by an offeror prior to contract award.

(e) Offerors are cautioned that, notwithstanding any remarks or clarifications given at the conference, all terms and conditions of the solicitation remain unchanged unless they are changed by amendment to the solicitation. If the answers to conference questions, or any solicitation amendment, create ambiguities, it is the responsibility of the offeror to seek clarification prior to submitting an offer.

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(f) The conferences will be held at the following locations for the corresponding line items and Forests listed in the Schedule of Items:

Date: Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: 1100 hrs.

Location: Tellico Ranger Station, 250 Ranger Station Rd; From Tellico Plains, TN take TN-365, Cherohala Skyway 4.5 miles, turn right on Tellico River Road, continue 0.4 miles to Tellico Ranger Station entrance (250 Ranger Station Road).

Date: Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: 1100 hrs.

Location: Unicoi Work Center; After taking Exit 32 on I-40 towards Unicoi TN, take a right on Unicoi Drive and drive for 0.7 miles then turn left onto TN-107 W. Drive for 0.1 miles and take a right onto US Forest Service Road and the gated entrance to the Unicoi Work Center will be at the end of this road.

**Any questions about this solicitation must be submitted NLT 1300, Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

## **SECTION M--EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD**

### **M.1 PROVISIONS**

### **M.2 PROPOSAL EVALUATION**

**The solicitation is issued as a procurement in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 36.3.** This action will utilize the procedures of FAR Part 15 – Contracting by Negotiation. The CO will utilize the best value continuum of FAR 15.101. The tradeoff process will be used to IAW FAR 15.101. Source selection procedures will be utilized as set forth in FAR 15.3 to select firms using the best value tradeoffs method. The Government reserves the right to accept other than the lowest priced offer or to reject all offers. The Government will not award a contract to an Offeror whose proposal contains a deficiency, as defined in FAR 15.001. If there is a lower priced, conforming offer(s), the Government must determine that the added value of a more expensive offer or proposal would justify award to that Offeror.

The combined non-price factors are more important than price. The importance of price will increase if the Offerors' non-price proposals are considered essentially equal in terms of overall quality, or if price is so high as to significantly diminish the value of a non-price proposal's superiority to the Government. Award may be made to other than the lowest priced Offerors or other than the highest technically rated Offerors.

If determined to be in the Government's best interest, the Contracting Officer will award the seed projects as FFP task orders to an IDIQ awardee(s) whose proposal offers the best overall value to the Government, considering price and non-price factors.

Proposals are expected to conform to solicitation provisions and be prepared in accordance with this section. To aid in evaluation, the proposal shall be clearly and concisely written, neatly presented, indexed (cross-indexed as appropriate), and logically assembled. All pages of each part shall be appropriately numbered and identified with the name of the offeror, the date of the offer, and the solicitation number. Each volume shall be clearly marked by volume number and title.

Failure to submit any of the information requested by this solicitation may be cause for unfavorable consideration.

The Government intends to award multiple contracts for the services of up to six (6) contractors under this solicitation. Offerors will have the opportunity of selecting the options of working on both the North and the South Zone, or on just the North Zone, or just the South Zone. There will be a minimum of two contractors selected who will work in each of the North and the South

Zones. The actual number of awards will be dependent on the quality of proposals received and the overall benefit to the Government.

### **M.3 TECHNICAL EVALUATION FACTORS**

#### **Factor 1. Past Performance**

a. Submission Requirements: If a completed Contract Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) Evaluation Report or a Construction Contractor Appraisal Support System (CCASS) Evaluation Report is available, it shall be submitted with the proposal for each project included in Factor 2 for road maintenance experience.. If there is not a completed CPARS or CCASS evaluation then submit a Past Performance Questionnaires (PPQ) (RFP Attachment B) for each project included in Factor 2 for Experience. The Offeror should provide completed PPQs in the proposal.

Offerors shall not incorporate by reference into their proposal PPQs previously submitted for other RFPs. However, this does not preclude the Government from utilizing previously submitted PPQ information in the past performance evaluation. If the Offeror is unable to obtain a completed PPQ from a client for a project(s) before proposal closing date, the Offeror should complete and submit with the proposal the first page of the PPQ, which will provide contract and client information for the respective project(s). The Government may make reasonable attempts to contact the client noted for that project(s) to obtain the PPQ information. However, Offerors should follow-up with clients/references to help ensure timely submittal of questionnaires. If the client requests, questionnaires may be submitted directly to the Government's point of contact, Jose Allende at jose.allende@usda.gov.

Offerors shall provide any information on problems encountered and the corrective actions taken on projects submitted under Factor 2 – Experience. Offerors shall also address any adverse past performance issues. Explanations shall be Times New Roman 11 font (minimum) and shall not exceed two (2) double-sided 8.5" x 11" pages (or four (4) single-sided 8.5" x 11" pages) in total.

The Government reserves the right to contact references for verification or additional information. The Government's inability to contact any of the Offeror's references or the references unwillingness to provide the information requested may affect the Government's evaluation of this factor.

Submitting only performance award or additional information is not acceptable.

b. Minimum Requirement: This evaluation focuses on how well the Offeror's team performed on the relevant projects submitted under Factor 2 – Experience and may also consider past performance on other projects currently documented in known sources. In addition to the above, the Government reserves the right to obtain information for use in the evaluation of past performance from any and all sources including sources outside of the Government. Other sources may include, but are not limited to, past performance information retrieved through the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) using all CAGE/DUNS numbers of Contractors who are part of a partnership or

JV identified in the Offeror's proposal, inquiries of owner representative(s), Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS), Electronic Subcontract Reporting System (eSRS), and any other known sources not provided by the Offeror.

The Government will consider the currency and relevance of the information, the source of the information, context of the data, and general trends in the Contractor's performance. This evaluation is separate and distinct from the Contracting Officer's responsibility determination. The assessment of the Offeror's past performance will be used as a means of evaluating the Offeror's probability to successfully meet the requirements of the RFP.

Offerors lacking relevant past performance history will not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably in past performance and will receive a NEUTRAL rating.

## **Factor 2. Experience**

a. Submission Requirements: Submit a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) relevant projects in which they best demonstrate the Offeror's experience on projects that are similar in size, scope, and complexity to the Request for Proposal (RFP). At least one submitted project must be in a distant/remote setting.

To be considered relevant, projects must have been completed within the past five (5) years of the proposal issue date for this RFP. Preference will be given to those offerors that can show relevant projects.

A project is defined as work performed under a single task order or contract. For multiple/single award and IDIQ type contracts, the contract as a whole shall not be submitted as a project; rather Offerors shall submit the work performed under a task order as a project.

For all submitted projects, the description of the project shall clearly describe the scope of work performed and the relevancy to the project requirements of this RFP.

b. Minimum Requirement: The Government will evaluate the Offeror's demonstrated experience and depth of experience in performing relevant projects as defined in the solicitation submittal requirements. The assessment of the Offeror's relevant experience will be used as a means of evaluating the capability of the Offeror to successfully meet the requirements of the RFP. The Government may only review the first five (5) projects, in the order they were submitted in the proposal. Any projects submitted in excess of the first five (5) for Experience may not be considered.

If an offeror has no record of relevant experience, the government will not evaluate the offeror favorably on this factor.

Relevant projects where the Offeror and its proposed subcontractors previously worked

together may be considered more favorably than those that have not worked together.

Proposals that contain relevant facilities maintenance projects that demonstrate experience in multiple disciplines may be considered more favorably.

Proposals that contain relevant projects completed for the Forest Service may be considered more favorably.

### **Factor 3. Technical Approach to Performing the Work**

a. Submission Requirements: The Offeror shall submit the following information:

Provide a narrative describing the proposed primary firm's approach for meeting the requirements stated in the scope of work. Describe the offeror's approach to managing employees, including subcontractors, to promote quality and timely performance. The narrative needs to explain how the offeror will manage and successfully complete multiple projects across the state of Tennessee. If the experience of an entity is being claimed in Factor 2-Experience, that entity must be named in the above narrative and organizational chart if provided.

The technical approach narrative shall be Times New Roman 11 font (minimum) and limited to two (2) double-sided 8.5" x 11" page (or four (4) single-sided 8.5" x 11" pages) and up to one (1) additional page for the organizational chart.

b. Minimum Requirement: The Government will subjectively evaluate the technical approach to determine the offeror's ability to meet the requirements of this RFP. The Government will evaluate the extent to which the offeror is able to perform and complete multiple projects, across the state of Tennessee, at the same time. Proposals that demonstrate the following may be considered more favorably:

- A commitment to retain employees.
- The offeror and any proposed subcontractors have previously worked together.
- Ability to perform some or all tasks without subcontracting.
- Ability and commitment to mobilize for emergency work.
- Located in close proximity to the Forest OR company structure allows firm to provide regular and consistent service.

\*close proximity generally refers to within one hour to eight hours' driving time of common forest sites.

### **Factor 4. Price**

The Government will evaluate price for IDIQ award purposes by adding the total price for all seed projects together. The Government will evaluate the total price to determine fairness and reasonableness. The total prices will be evaluated but not scored. Reasonableness will be determined by comparison to other competitive prices received and to the Independent Government Estimate. If a price is disproportionally lower than other competitive prices, the



price may be deemed unrealistic. If necessary, the price break downs may be analyzed to determine whether the price elements are realistic for the work to be performed, reflect a clear understanding of the requirements, and are consistent with the information provided by the Offeror. Evaluation of all the seed projects will not obligate the Government to award the seed projects.