

**CLAUSES**

Provision 52.212-1, Instructions to Offerors – Commercial (Oct 2018), applies to this acquisition.

Addendum to FAR 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors – Commercial Items: All provisions and clauses applicable to this solicitation can be viewed in full text using the following web addresses:

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html> and <http://www.va.gov/oal/library/vaar/>

52.212-3 Offeror Representation and Certification – Commercial Items (NOV 2021) with their offer. Provision at 52.212-3 Offeror Representation and Certification can be accessed electronically at the following web address: <http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

Clause 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions - Commercial Items (NOV 2021), applies to this acquisition.

Clause 52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items (JAN 2022) applies to this acquisition.

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

(1) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (NOV 2015)

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

(3) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Oct 2004) (Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 (19 U.S.C. 3805 note)).

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

[] (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (JUN 2020), with Alternate I (NOV 2021) (41 U.S.C. 4704 and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

[] (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.)

☒ (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).

☒ (8) 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).

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

☐ (10) [Reserved]

☐ (11)(i) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (SEP 2021) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

☐ (ii) Alternate I (NOV 2011) of 52.219-3.

☐ (12)(i) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (SEP 2021) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

☐ (ii) Alternate I (JAN 2011) of 52.219-4.

☐ (13) [Reserved]

☐ (14)(i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2020) (15 U.S.C. 644).

☐ (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020).

☐ (iii) Alternate II (NOV 2011).

☐ (15)(i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2020) (15 U.S.C. 644).

☐ (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-7.

☐ (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of 52.219-7.

☒ (16) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2018) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).

☐ (17)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (NOV 2021) (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.

☒ (18) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)).

☒ (19) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (SEP 2021) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).

☐ (20) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (Jan 1999) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).

☒ (21) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (SEP 2021) (15 U.S.C. 657f).

☐ (22) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Representation (SEP 2021) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).

☐ (23) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB) Concerns (SEP 2021) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

☐ (24) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Concerns Eligible Under the WOSB Program (SEP 2021) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

☒ (25) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (JUN 2003) (E.O. 11755).

☒ (26) 52.222-19, Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN 2022) (E.O. 13126).

☒ (27) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

☒ (28) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O. 11246).

☐ (29) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

☒ (30) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020) (29 U.S.C. 793).

☐ (31) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

☐ (32) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496).

☒ (33)(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).

☒ 52.222-55, Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026, in solicitations and contracts that include the clause at [52.222-6](#), Construction Wage Rate Requirements, or [52.222-41](#), Service Contract Labor Standards, where work is to be performed, in whole or in part, in the United States.

☐ Employment Eligibility Verification (NOV 2021). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.)

☐ (34) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (NOV 2021). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.)

☐ (35)(i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items (May 2008) (42 U.S.C.6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

☐ (ii) Alternate I (MAY 2008) of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

☐ (36)(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.

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

☐ (ii) Alternate I (JUN 2014) of 52.223-14.

☐ (38) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (MAY 2020)(42 U.S.C. 8259b).

☐ (39)(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] (40) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (JUN 2020)

[X] (41) 52.225-1, Buy American—Supplies (NOV 2021) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83).

[] (42)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act (NOV 2021) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).

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

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

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

[] (43) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (OCT 2019) (19 U.S.C. 2501, *et seq.*, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).

[X] (44) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (JUN 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

[] (45) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (FEB 2021) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

[] (46) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

[] (47) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

[] (48) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (NOV 2021) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

[] (49) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (NOV 2021) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

[X] (50) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (OCT 2018) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

[] (51) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

[] (52) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (MAY 2014) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

☐ (53) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

☐ (54)(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (NOV 2021) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631).

☐ (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) of 52.247-64.

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

☐ (2) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (Aug 2018) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

☐ (3) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

☐ (4) 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).

☐ (5) 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).

☐ (6) 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).

☐ (7) 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).

☒ (8) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (JAN 2022) (Executive Order 13658).

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

☒ 52.204-21 Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems. (DEC 2022)

☒ 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and other Covered Entities. (DEC 2022)

☒ 52.204-24, Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (DEC 2022)

[X] 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (DEC 2022)

[X] 52.204-26, Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation.

(End of Clause)

Statement regarding any Additional Provisions and Clauses, or other terms and conditions important to the requirement/procurement process consistent with commercial practices:

Provisions in full text:

52.225-18 Place of Manufacture (AUG 2018).

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

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

- (1) FPSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;
- (2) Product or Service Group (PSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;
- (3) PSG 88, Live Animals;
- (4) PSG 89, Subsistence;
- (5) PSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) PSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) PSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (8) PSC 9610, Ores;
- (9) PSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and (10) PSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

“Place of manufacture” means the place where an end product is assembled out of components, or otherwise made or processed from raw materials into the finished product that is to be provided to the Government. If a product is disassembled and reassembled, the place of reassembly is not the place of manufacture.

(b) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly—

(1) ☐ In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); or (2) ☐ Outside the United States.

(End of provision)

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):

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(End of provision)

852.252-70 Solicitation provisions or clauses incorporated by reference (JAN 2008). The following provisions or clauses incorporated by reference in this solicitation must be completed by the offeror or prospective contractor and submitted with the quotation or offer. Copies of these provisions or clauses are available on the Internet at the web sites provided in the provision at FAR 52.252-1, [Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference](#), or the clause at FAR 52.252-2, [Clauses Incorporated by Reference](#). Copies may also be obtained from the contracting officer.

FAR 12.207 - This will be a Firm Fixed Price Contract.

(End of provision)

Provisions incorporated by reference are:

- 52.203-11 Certification and Disclosure regarding payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (SEP 2007);
- 52.204-7 System for Award Management (OCT 2018)
- 52.204-17 Ownership or Control of Offeror (AUG 2020)
- 52.211-6 Brand Name or Equal (AUG 1999)
- 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors – Commercial Items (NOV 2021);

Clauses in Full Text:

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):

(End of Clause)

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(End of clause)



## Clauses Incorporated by Reference:

- 52.204-13 System for Award Management Maintenance (OCT 2018)
- 52.204-18 Commercial and Government Entity Code Maintenance (AUG 2020)
- 52.222-20 Contracts for materials, supplies, articles, and equipment exceeding \$15,000.00 (JUN 2020);
- 52.232-1 Payments (APR 1984);
- 52.232-8 Discounts for prompt payment (FEB 2002);
- 52.243-1 Changes –Fixed Price (AUG 1987);
- 852.203-70 Commercial Advertising (MAY 2020);
- 852.246-71 Inspection (OCT 2018)

Provision 52.212-2, Evaluation – Commercial Items (NOV 2021), applies to this acquisition.

- (a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered.
- (b) The following factors will be used to evaluate offers: **Technical and Price**. The Government has determined in advance that the Best Value will be the offer with the lowest evaluated price among those offers rated.

(b) Additional Instructions to offerors concerning Grey Market items-

The VHA (Veterans Health Administration) will not accept “Grey Market Goods”.

Grey market goods are defined as: Gray Market Goods also known as parallel market, is the trade of a commodity through distribution channels which, while legal, are unofficial, unauthorized, or unintended by the original manufacturer.

Products that are purchased outside of our authorized distributor network on the gray market generate a number of concerns such as: counterfeit or adulterated devices, inadequate storage conditions, tracking issues in case of a recall, loss of warranty, and most importantly patient safety. In some instances, unauthorized distributors procure products from an authorized distributor for resale.

- (c) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer’s specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

## VA RECORDS MANAGEMENT OBLIGATIONS

### A. *Applicability*

This clause applies to all Contractors whose employees create, work with, or otherwise handle Federal records, as defined in Section B, regardless of the medium in which the record exists.

### B. *Definitions*

“Federal record” as defined in 44 U.S.C. § 3301, includes all recorded information, regardless of form or characteristics, made or received by a Federal agency under Federal law or in connection with the transaction of public business and preserved or appropriate for preservation by that agency or its legitimate successor as evidence of the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the United States Government or because of the informational value of data in them.

The term Federal record:

1. includes Bay Pines VA Healthcare System records.
2. does not include personal materials.
3. applies to records created, received, or maintained by Contractors pursuant to their Bay Pines VA Healthcare System contract.
4. may include deliverables and documentation associated with deliverables.

*C. Requirements*

1. Contractor shall comply with all applicable records management laws and regulations, as well as National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) records policies, including but not limited to the Federal Records Act (44 U.S.C. chs. 21, 29, 31, 33), NARA regulations at 36 CFR Chapter XII Subchapter B, and those policies associated with the safeguarding of records covered by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a). These policies include the preservation of all records, regardless of form or characteristics, mode of transmission, or state of completion.
2. In accordance with 36 CFR 1222.32, all data created for Government use and delivered to, or falling under the legal control of, the Government are Federal records subject to the provisions of 44 U.S.C. chapters 21, 29, 31, and 33, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), as amended, and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended and must be managed and scheduled for disposition only as permitted by statute or regulation.
3. In accordance with 36 CFR 1222.32, Contractor shall maintain all records created for Government use or created in the course of performing the contract and/or delivered to, or under the legal control of the Government and must be managed in accordance with Federal law. Electronic records and associated metadata must be accompanied by sufficient technical documentation to permit understanding and use of the records and data.
4. Bay Pines VA Healthcare System and its contractors are responsible for preventing the alienation or unauthorized destruction of records, including all forms of mutilation. Records may not be removed from the legal custody of Bay Pines VA Healthcare System or destroyed except for in accordance with the provisions of the agency records schedules and with the written concurrence of the Head of the Contracting Activity. Willful and unlawful destruction, damage or alienation of Federal records is subject to the fines and penalties imposed by 18 U.S.C. 2701. In the event of any unlawful or accidental removal, defacing, alteration, or destruction of records, Contractor must report to Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. The agency must report promptly to NARA in accordance with 36 CFR 1230.

5. The Contractor shall immediately notify the appropriate Contracting Officer upon discovery of any inadvertent or unauthorized disclosures of information, data, documentary materials, records or equipment. Disclosure of non-public information is limited to authorized personnel with a need-to-know as described in the contract. The Contractor shall ensure that the appropriate personnel, administrative, technical, and physical safeguards are established to ensure the security and confidentiality of this information, data, documentary material, records and/or equipment is properly protected. The Contractor shall not remove material from Government facilities or systems, or facilities or systems operated or maintained on the Government's behalf, without the express written permission of the Head of the Contracting Activity. When information, data, documentary material, records and/or equipment is no longer required, it shall be returned to Bay Pines VA Healthcare System control or the Contractor must hold it until otherwise directed. Items returned to the Government shall be hand carried, mailed, emailed, or securely electronically transmitted to the Contracting Officer or address prescribed in the contract. Destruction of records is EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED unless in accordance with Paragraph (4).
6. The Contractor is required to obtain the Contracting Officer's approval prior to engaging in any contractual relationship (sub-contractor) in support of this contract requiring the disclosure of information, documentary material and/or records generated under, or relating to, contracts. The Contractor (and any sub-contractor) is required to abide by Government and Bay Pines VA Healthcare System guidance for protecting sensitive, proprietary information, classified, and controlled unclassified information.
7. The Contractor shall only use Government IT equipment for purposes specifically tied to or authorized by the contract and in accordance with Bay Pines VA Healthcare System policy.
8. The Contractor shall not create or maintain any records containing any non-public Bay Pines VA Healthcare System information that are not specifically tied to or authorized by the contract.
9. The Contractor shall not retain, use, sell, or disseminate copies of any deliverable that contains information covered by the Privacy Act of 1974 or that which is generally protected from public disclosure by an exemption to the Freedom of Information Act.
10. The Bay Pines VA Healthcare System owns the rights to all data and records produced as part of this contract. All deliverables under the contract are the property of the U.S. Government for which Bay Pines VA Healthcare System shall have unlimited rights to use, dispose of, or disclose such data contained therein as it determines to be in the public interest. Any Contractor rights in the data or deliverables must be identified as required by FAR 52.227-11 through FAR 52.227-20.
11. Training. All Contractor employees assigned to this contract who create, work with, or otherwise handle records are required to take [Agency]-provided records management training. The Contractor is responsible for confirming training has been completed according to agency policies, including initial training and any annual or refresher training.

[Note: To the extent an agency requires contractors to complete records management training, the agency must provide the training to the contractor.]

*D. Flowdown of requirements to subcontractors*

1. The Contractor shall incorporate the substance of this clause, its terms and requirements including this paragraph, in all subcontracts under this [contract vehicle], and require written subcontractor acknowledgment of same.
2. Violation by a subcontractor of any provision set forth in this clause will be attributed to the Contractor.

**VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for Combatting COVID-19****1. Contractor employees who work in or travel to VHA locations must comply with the following:****a. Documentation requirements:**

- 1) If fully vaccinated, contractors shall show proof of vaccination.
  - i. **NOTE:** *Acceptable proof of vaccination includes a signed record of immunization from a health care provider or pharmacy, a copy of the COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (CDC Form MLS-319813\_r, published on September 3, 2020), or a copy of medical records documenting the vaccination.*
- 2) If unvaccinated, contractors shall show negative COVID-19 test results dated within three calendar days prior to desired entry date. Test must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for emergency use or full approval. This includes tests available by a doctor's order or an FDA approved over-the-counter test that includes an affiliated telehealth service.
- 3) Documentation cited in this section shall be digitally or physically maintained on each contractor employee while in a VA facility and is subject to inspection prior to entry to VA facilities and after entry for spot inspections by Contracting Officer Representatives (CORs) or other hospital personnel.
- 4) Documentation will not be collected by the VA; contractors shall, at all times, adhere to and ensure compliance with federal laws designed to protect contractor employee health information and personally identifiable information.

**2. Contractor employees are subject to daily screening for COVID-19 and may be denied entry to VA facilities if they fail to pass screening protocols. As part of the screening process contractors may be asked screening questions found on the [COVID-19 Screening Tool](#). Check regularly for updates.**

- a. Contractor employees who work away from VA locations, but who will have direct contact with VA patients shall self-screen utilizing the [COVID-19 Screening Tool](#), in advance, each day that they will have direct patient contact and in accordance with their person or persons who coordinate COVID-19 workplace safety efforts at covered contractor workplaces. Contractors shall, at all times, adhere to and ensure compliance with federal laws designed to protect contractor employee health information and personally identifiable information.

- 3. Contractor must immediately notify their COR or Contracting Officer if contract performance is jeopardized due to contractor employees being denied entry into VA Facilities.**
- 4. For indefinite delivery contracts: Contractor agrees to comply with VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for any task or delivery orders issued prior to this modification when performance has already commenced.**