

## COMBINED SYNOPSIS/SOLICITATION

- i. This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial items prepared in accordance with the procedures contained in FAR Part 12.6, Acquisition of Commercial Items, and FAR Part 13, Simplified Acquisition Procedures, as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; quotes are being requested and a written solicitation will not be issued.
- ii. The solicitation number is 12905B23Q0244 and is issued as a Request for Quotation (RFQ).
- iii. The solicitation document and incorporated provisions and clauses are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) Number 2023-04.
- iv. This solicitation is issued as total small business set-aside. The associated NAICS code is 334516 the small business size standard is 1,000 employees.
- v. List CLINS, item descriptions, quantities and units of measure:  
  
01- 1ea. Near Infrared Spectroscopy Analyzer
- vi. Description/Statement of Work/Specification:  
See specifications.
- vii. Date(s) and place(s) of delivery and acceptance:  
30 days after receipt of order.  
  
USDA ARS  
696 North 1100 East  
Logan, UT 84322  
  
This requirement shall be FOB Destination.
- viii. FAR Provision 52.212-1, Instructions to Offerors-Commercial, is incorporated by reference and applies to this acquisition. Please see the attached RFQ terms and conditions for the submission requirements and its addendum.
- ix. Evaluation:  
For the evaluation criteria, please see the attached RFQ terms and conditions.
- x. Offerors are required to complete in full FAR Provision 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Items, with their offer online at SAM: [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). An offeror must state in their offer if they completed FAR 52.212-3 online and that is it up-to-date and valid. See the attached RFQ terms and conditions for more requirements.

- xi. FAR Clause 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions-Commercial Items, applies to this acquisition. Please see the attached RFQ terms and conditions for its Addendum.
- xii. FAR Clause 52.212-5, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders-Commercial Items, is incorporated and applies to this acquisition. Please see the attached RFQ terms and conditions that are applicable to the acquisition.
- xiii. There are no additional contract requirement(s) or terms and conditions (such as contract financing arrangements or warranty requirements) determined by the contracting officer to be necessary for this acquisition and consistent with customary commercial practices.
- xiv. The Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) and assigned ratings are not applicable to this solicitation.
- xv. Date, time and place offers are due.

Offers are due by September 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time

Submit offers to the following e-mail address(es), by the offer due date and time:

[Michael.Sherlock@usda.gov](mailto:Michael.Sherlock@usda.gov)

Late quotes after the established deadline may be considered only if it is in the government's best interest and if it will not unduly delay award.

- xvi. Any and all questions regarding this solicitation shall be submitted in writing to [Michael.Sherlock@usda.gov](mailto:Michael.Sherlock@usda.gov) no later than 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

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**CONTRACT CLAUSES**

**FAR Clause 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): <https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far>
- Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR): <https://www.acquisition.gov/agar>

<b><u>Source</u></b>	<b><u>Clause #</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
FAR	52.204-13	System for Award Management Maintenance	Oct-2018
FAR	52.204-18	Commercial and Government Entity Code Maintenance	Aug-2020
FAR	52.204-19	Incorporation by Reference of Representations and Certifications	Dec-2014
FAR	52.212-4	Contract Terms and Conditions -- Commercial Items	Dec-2022
FAR	52.223-6	Drug-Free Workplace	May-2001
FAR	52.232-1	Payments	Apr-1984
FAR	52.232-39	Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations	Jun-2013
FAR	52.232-40	Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors	Mar-2023
FAR	52.247-34	F.o.b. Destination	Nov-1991

**FAR 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 (AGAR) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of “(DEVIATION)” after the name of the regulation.

**AGAR 452.204-70 - Modification for Contract Closeout (DEVIATION JULY 2022)**

Upon contract closeout for contracts utilizing Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP) according to FAR part 13,

**(c)** If unobligated funds in the amount of \$1000 or less remain on the contract, the Contracting Officer (CO) shall issue a unilateral modification for deobligation. The contractor will receive a copy of the modification but will not be required to provide a signature. The CO shall immediately

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proceed with contract closeout upon completion of the period of performance, receipt and acceptance of supplies or services, and final payment.

(d) If unobligated funds of more than \$1000 remain on the contract, the CO shall issue a bilateral modification for deobligation. The contractor will receive a copy of the modification and will be required to provide a signature. (The CO may also request a Release of Claims be completed by the contractor, although not required for contract and orders using SAP.) If the bilateral modification and Release of Claims are not returned to the CO within 60 days, the CO shall release the modification as unilateral and proceed with contract closeout upon completion of the period of performance, receipt and acceptance of supplies or services, and final payment.

**AGAR 452.246-70 Inspection and Acceptance. (FEB 1988)**

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

(b) Inspection and acceptance will be performed at:

USDA ARS  
696 North 1100 East  
Logan, UT 84322

**Licenses and Permits**

The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary licenses and permits, giving all notice and complying with any applicable federal, state, local, and municipal laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations in connection with the business carried on under this contract.

**Invoice Procedures**

To invoice, a vendor must first enroll in the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) by visiting: <https://www.ipp.gov/vendors/index.htm>. Once enrolled, all invoices must be submitted electronically through IPP. The IPP is a government-wide secure web-based payment information service offered free of charge to government agencies and their suppliers by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS).

One-time enrollment in IPP means that you will receive a series of e-mails from Treasury services. The first email will have the IPP Logon ID and link to the IPP application. A second e-mail, containing the password will be sent within 24 hours. Once you receive these emails, please login to the IPP application and complete the registration process.

Benefits of registering with IPP include the ability for your company to create invoices directly from a contract award and submit them electronically, as well as:

- E-mail notification when invoice(s) are paid
- Online payment history
- Remittance download

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E-mail notifications of payments are sent when a payment is distributed to your bank account and will include all pertinent payment information. The IPP Customer Support Desk is available to assist users Monday through Friday (excluding bank holidays) from 8:00AM - 6:00PM ET, including answering any questions related to accessing IPP or completing the registration process. Their tollfree number is (866) 973-3131 or they can be reached at:  
IPPCustomerSupport@fms.treas.gov .

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

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

- (1) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).
- (2) 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (Nov 2021) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).
- (3) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (Nov 2021) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).
- (4) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (Nov 2015).
- (5) 52.232-40, Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (Mar 2023) ( 31 U.S.C. 3903 and 10 U.S.C. 3801).
- (6) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (Aug 1996) ( 31 U.S.C. 3553).
- (7) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Oct 2004) (Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 ( 19 U.S.C. 3805 note)).

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

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

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

(2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Nov 2021) ( 41 U.S.C. 3509)).

(3) 52.203-15, Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Jun 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5). (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.)

(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) 52.204-27, Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application (Jun 2023) (Section 102 of Division R of Pub. L. 117-328).

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

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

(11) [Reserved].

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

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

(14) [Reserved]

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

(ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) of 52.219-6.

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

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(ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) of 52.219-7.

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

(18)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Oct 2022) ( 15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).

(ii) Alternate I (Nov 2016) of 52.219-9.

(iii) Alternate II (Nov 2016) of 52.219-9.

(iv) Alternate III (Jun 2020) of 52.219-9.

(v) Alternate IV (Sep 2021) of 52.219-9.

(19)(i) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (Mar 2020) ( 15 U.S.C. 644(r)).

(ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) of 52.219-13.

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

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

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

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

(ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) of 52.219-28.

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

(25) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole-Source Award to, Women-Owned Small Business Concerns Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (Oct 2022) ( 15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) Alternate I (Feb 1999) of 52.222-26.

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

(ii) Alternate I (Jul 2014) of 52.222-35.

(33)(i) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jun 2020) ( 29 U.S.C. 793).

(ii) Alternate I (Jul 2014) of 52.222-36.

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

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

(36)(i) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Nov 2021) ( 22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

(ii) Alternate I (Mar 2015) of 52.222-50 ( 22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

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

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

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

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

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

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(41)(i) 52.223-13, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (Jun 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

(ii) Alternate I (Oct 2015) of 52.223-13.

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

(ii) Alternate I (Jun2014) of 52.223-14.

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

(44)(i) 52.223-16, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (Oct 2015) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

(ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-16.

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

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

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

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

(ii) Alternate I (Jan 2017) of 52.224-3.

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

(ii) Alternate I (Oct 2022) of 52.225-1.

(50)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act (Dec 2022) ( 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, 19 U.S.C. chapter 29 (sections 4501-4732), Public Law 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43.

(ii) Alternate I [Reserved].

(iii) Alternate II (Dec 2022) of 52.225-3.

(iv) Alternate III (Jan 2021) of 52.225-3.

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

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

(52) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (Feb 2021) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

(53) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. Subtitle A, Part V, Subpart G Note).

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

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

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

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

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

(59) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (Oct2018) ( 31 U.S.C. 3332).

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Alternate II (Nov 2021) of 52.247-64.

(c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this

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contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial products and commercial services:

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\_\_ (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (Aug 2018) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter67).

\_\_ (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 2014) ( 29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

Employee Class	Monetary Wage-Fringe Benefits

\_\_ (3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (Aug 2018) ( 29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

\_\_ (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (May 2014) ( 29U.S.C.206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

\_\_ (5) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

\_\_ (6) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (May 2014) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

\_\_ (7) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (Jan 2022).

\_\_ (8) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (Jan 2022) (E.O. 13706).

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

(d) Comptroller General Examination of Record. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101, on the date of award of this contract, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records-Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor’s directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

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(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e)

(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1), in a subcontract for commercial products or commercial services. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause-

(i) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Nov 2021) ( 41 U.S.C. 3509).

(ii) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

(iii) 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (Nov 2021) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).

(iv) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (Nov 2021) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

(v) 52.204-27, Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application (Jun 2023) (Section 102 of Division R of Pub. L. 117-328).

(vi) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Oct 2022) ( 15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds the applicable threshold specified in FAR 19.702(a) on the date of subcontract award, the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(vii) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Apr 2015).

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- (viii) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Sep 2015) (E.O.11246).
- (ix) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Jun 2020) ( 38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (x) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jun 2020) ( 29 U.S.C. 793).
- (xi) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (Jun 2020) ( 38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (xii) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause 52.222-40.
- (xiii) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (Aug 2018) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (xiv)(A) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Nov 2021) ( 22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O 13627).
- (B) Alternate I (Mar 2015) of 52.222-50 ( 22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
- (xv) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (xvi) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (May 2014) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (xvii) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (May 2022) (E.O. 12989).
- (xviii) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (Jan 2022).
- (xix) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (Jan 2022) (E.O. 13706).
- (xx)(A) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (Jan 2017) ( 5 U.S.C. 552a).
- (B) Alternate I (Jan 2017) of 52.224-3.
- (xxi) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. Subtitle A, Part V, Subpart G Note).
- (xxii) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (Jun 2020) ( 42 U.S.C. 1792). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.

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

(xxiv) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Nov 2021) ( 46 U.S.C. 55305 and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

(2) While not required, the Contractor may include in its subcontracts for commercial products and commercial services a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(End of clause)

**ANY SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, OR ATTACHMENTS.**

Attachment 1 – Specifications

**SOLICITATION PROVISIONS**

**FAR 52.252-1 -- Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference. (Feb 1998)**

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. 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): <https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far>
- Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR): <https://www.acquisition.gov/agar>

<b><u>Source</u></b>	<b><u>Provision #</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
FAR	52.204-7	System for Award Management	Oct-2018
FAR	52.204-17	Ownership or Control of Offeror	Aug-2020
FAR	52.204-16	Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting	Aug-2020
FAR	52-204-20	Predecessor of Offeror	Aug-2020
FAR	52.204-22	Alternative Line Item Proposal	Jan-2017
FAR	52.209-2	Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations--Representation	Nov-2015
FAR	52.212-1	Instructions to Offerors -- Commercial Items	Mar-2023
FAR	52.223-1	Biobased Product Certification	May-2012

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

The Offeror shall not complete the representation at paragraph (d)(1) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it "does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument" in paragraph (c)(1) in the provision at [52.204-26](#), Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation, or in paragraph (v)(2)(i) of the provision at [52.212-3](#), Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Products or Commercial Services. The Offeror shall not complete the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it "does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services" in paragraph (c)(2) of the provision at [52.204-26](#), or in paragraph (v)(2)(ii) of the provision at [52.212-3](#).

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

*Backhaul, covered telecommunications equipment or services, critical technology, interconnection arrangements, reasonable inquiry, roaming, and substantial or essential component* have the meanings provided in the clause [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(b) *Prohibition.*

(1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

(i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract or extending or renewing a contract with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract.

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(ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(c) *Procedures.* The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for "covered telecommunications equipment or services".

(d) *Representation.* The Offeror represents that—

(1) It  will,  will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(1) of this section if the Offeror responds "will" in paragraph (d)(1) of this section; and

(2) After conducting a reasonable inquiry, for purposes of this representation, the Offeror represents that—

It  does,  does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(2) of this section if the Offeror responds "does" in paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

(e) *Disclosures.*

(1) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded "will" in the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(i) For covered equipment—

(A) The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or a distributor, if known);

(B) A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

(C) Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

(ii) For covered services—

(A) If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B) If not associated with maintenance, the Product Service Code (PSC) of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

(2) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision. If the Offeror

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has responded "does" in the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(i) For covered equipment—

(A) The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor, if known);

(B) A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

(C) Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

(ii) For covered services—

(A) If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B) If not associated with maintenance, the PSC of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

(End of provision)

**FAR 52.204-26 Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation (Oct 2020)**

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision, "covered telecommunications equipment or services" and "reasonable inquiry" have the meaning provided in the clause 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(b) Procedures. The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for "covered telecommunications equipment or services".

(c) (1) Representation. The Offeror represents that it  does,  does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument.

(2) After conducting a reasonable inquiry for purposes of this representation, the offeror represents that it  does,  does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(End of provision)

**FAR 52.209-11 Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a**

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**Felony Conviction under any Federal Law. (Feb 2016)**

(a) As required by sections 744 and 745 of Division E of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235), and similar provisions, if contained in subsequent appropriations acts, the Government will not enter into a contract with any corporation that—

(1) Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or

(2) Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(b) The Offeror represents that—

(1) It is  is not  a corporation that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and

(2) It is  is not  a corporation that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal law within the preceding 24 months.

**FAR 52.225-2 Buy American Certificate (Oct 2022)**

(a)

(1) The Offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (b) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that each domestic end product listed in paragraph (c) of this provision contains a critical component.

(2) The Offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products. For those foreign end products that do not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, the Offeror shall also indicate whether these foreign end products exceed 55 percent domestic content, except for those that are COTS items. If the percentage of the domestic content is unknown, select “no”.

(3) The Offeror shall separately list the line item numbers of domestic end products that contain a critical component (see FAR [25.105](#)).

(b) Foreign End Products:

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(4) The terms “commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item,” “critical component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” and “foreign end product” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American-Supplies.”

Line Item No.	Country of Origin	Exceeds 55% domestic content (yes/no)

[List as necessary]

(c) Domestic end products containing a critical component:

Line Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

[List as necessary]

(d) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of [part 25](#) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation

(End of provision)

**AGAR 452.219-70 Size Standard and NAICS Code Information. (SEP 2001)**

The North American Industrial Classification System Code(s) and business size standard(s) describing the products and/or services to be acquired under this solicitation are listed below:

Contract line item(s): 0001

-- NAICS Code 334516

-- Size Standard 1,000 employees

**FAR 52.212-1 - Instructions To Offerors - Commercial Items. (MAR 2023) (Addendum)**

Quotations must be prepared in accordance with the instructions in this section, providing all required documents and information in the format specified. Failure of a quotation to show compliance with these instructions may be grounds for exclusion of the quotation from further consideration. The quotation shall clearly and concisely describe the offeror's response to the requirements of the solicitation. Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any/all Amendments to this solicitation by the date and time specified in the amendment(s).

1. First Page (cover page) prepared on the company’s letterhead stationery and includes the following information:

- The solicitation number;
- The name, address, SAM Unique Entity ID number, telephone number, facsimile number, and email address of the offeror;

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- A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and agreement to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item; and
  - Names, titles, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, and email addresses of persons authorized to negotiate on the offeror's behalf with the Government in connection with this solicitation.
2. All offers are to be submitted electronically. The offeror shall provide an electronic copy via email to the contract specialist/purchasing agent in either Microsoft Word format or in Adobe PDF format.
  3. The offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for 60 calendar days from the date specified for receipt of offers, unless another time period is specified in an addendum to the solicitation.
  4. Late quotes after the established deadline may be considered only if it is in the government's best interest and if it will not unduly delay award.

**Submissions**

Please send a copy of your complete quotation to the Contract Specialist at:  
[Michael.Sherlock@usda.gov](mailto:Michael.Sherlock@usda.gov).

**Quotation Requirements**

- (1) Email quote as described above including pricing, signatures, SAM Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) #.
- (2) Acknowledgement of any solicitation amendment(s) on the SF-30 (if issued).
- (3) Active registration at SAM.gov (required at quote submission or your quote will not be accepted).
- (4) Complete fill-in certifications and annual representations for FAR 52.212-3 - Offeror Representations and Certifications -- Commercial Items, in the System for Award Management (SAM) system online.
- (5) Completed electronic annual representations and certifications at SAM.gov. Complete fill-in certification for FAR 52.204-20, FAR 52.204-24, FAR 52.204-26, and FAR 52.209-11 in your SAM.gov profile under Reps and Certs. No submission required if reps and certs are completed at SAM.gov. The government will validate this is completed at time of quote receipt. If not filled out in SAM.gov, these shall be filled out and accompanied with your quote.

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(6) Technical Submission: The technical submission shall address the following elements: Include all required information, excluding any reference to price. The proposal shall concisely describe the Offeror's response to the following:

a. Describe your company's product in detail and how it equals the salient physical, functional and/or performance characteristics specified in the specifications in Attachment 1.

**Evaluation**

The Government intends to award one contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation is the Lowest Price Technically Acceptable (LPTA) Offer. The evaluation and award procedures in FAR 13.106 apply. Technically acceptable is defined as the offeror's ability to meet all the requirements identified in the brand name or equal attachment. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers: (1) Technical Capability and (2) Price.

Factor #1: Technical Submission (Pass/Fail) - The Offeror must be deemed technically acceptable in all the following sub-factor to receive a rating of Pass for Technical Submission:

a) The Government will evaluate the characteristics of the product(s) against the performance and specifications listed in Attachment 1. (Pass or Fail)

Factor #2: Price - The Government will evaluate the offer for award purposes by adding the total price for all CLINS. The Government will evaluate the offer for price reasonableness. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. Evaluation of options does not obligate the Government to exercise them. Any quantity price discounts and discounts for prompt payment should be included in this section.

The Government intends to select one contractor for this acquisition. However, the Government reserves the right not to award a contract at all, depending on the quality of the quotations and prices submitted and the availability of funds.

The Government will evaluate proposals based on the LPTA criteria. Only the lowest priced offer will be evaluated for Technical Acceptability and Past Performance. Should the lowest priced offer not receive an acceptable technical or past performance rating, the process will continue in order of lowest priced offer until the LPTA offer with acceptable or neutral past performance is identified.

Rejection of Unreasonable Offers: The Government may reject any quotation that is evaluated to be unreasonable in terms of program commitments, including contract terms and conditions, or unreasonably high or low in cost when compared to Government estimates, such that the quotation is deemed to reflect an inherent lack of competence or failure to comprehend the complexity and risks of the program.

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**FAR 52.212-3 -- Offeror Representations and Certifications -- Commercial Items. (DEC 2022)**

The offeror shall complete only paragraphs (b) of this provision if the Offeror has completed the annual representations and certification electronically via the System for Award Management (SAM) Web site. If the Offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically, the Offeror shall complete only paragraphs (c) through (v) of this provision.

(End of Provision)