Contractor On- and Off-Ramping Procedures W9124D26RA096

At any time during the effective period of the established Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts, the Government may, at its discretion, on-ramp or off-ramp contractors in accordance with RFO FAR 16.504-4. This process ensures efficient competition among vendors providing the required services and supplies under the Performance Work Statement (PWS).

<u>On-Ramping Procedures:</u> For the purpose of maintaining a current, competitive, and innovative pool of vendors, the Government, at its complete discretion, may elect to open an on-ramping window to increase the number of IDIQ awards by reopening the competition and utilizing the same basis of award established in the initial solicitation. Any resulting IDIQ(s) awarded will include the same terms and conditions as the current contract. Implementing this procedure will not affect the overall period of performance for the contract.

<u>Off-Ramping Procedures:</u>

1. Evaluation of the participation of IDIQ holders. The Government will evaluate the participation of IDIQ holders annually. These reviews will consider, at a minimum, the contractor's response rate to task order requests and the overall quality of submissions received. Pursuant to FAR 52.249-2, the Government reserves the right to terminate any IDIQ award for convenience if a contractor responds to less than 50% of task order requests, or if technical evaluations of proposals submitted in response to task order requests are deemed unacceptable 50% or more of the time.

2. Evaluation of performance and quality of awarded task orders. Pursuant to FAR 52.249-2, the Government may terminate a contract for convenience if deliverables, creative direction, or final work products materially conflict with the Agency's statutory or regulatory obligations, established communication or editorial standards, or public messaging guidelines. Termination may also occur if work products conflict with programmatic or policy objectives as defined in the Statement of Work.

   Notice: Contracting officer will provide written notice of intent to off-ramp.

   Impact on Contractors: Off-ramped contractors are prohibited from competing for new task orders but must fully perform existing ones.