Combined Synopsis/Solicitation Notice

SUBJECT* GROUNDS MAINTENANCE | STL | JB

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONTRACTING OFFICE'S ZIP CODE*	66048
SOLICITATION NUMBER*	36C25526Q0362
RESPONSE DATE/TIME/ZONE	07-03-2026 16:00 CENTRAL TIME, CHICAGO, USA
ARCHIVE	15 DAYS AFTER THE RESPONSE DATE
RECOVERY ACT FUNDS	N
SET-ASIDE	SBA
PRODUCT SERVICE CODE*	S208
NAICS CODE*	561730
CONTRACTING OFFICE ADDRESS	Department of Veterans Affairs Network Contracting Office (NCO) 15 3450 S 4th Street Trafficway Leavenworth KS 66048
POINT OF CONTACT*	Contracting Officer Leslie Ross leslie.ross2@va.gov

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

ADDRESS	St. Louis VAMC - Jefferson Barracks 1 Jefferson Barracks Dr, St. Louis MO 63125 St. Louis VAMC - John Cochran 915 North Grand Blvd, St. Louis MO 63106
POSTAL CODE	63125
COUNTRY	USA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AGENCY'S URL	
URL DESCRIPTION	
AGENCY CONTACT'S EMAIL ADDRESS	leslie.ross2@va.gov
EMAIL DESCRIPTION	

DESCRIPTION

This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial products or commercial services prepared in accordance with part 12. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation. Offers are being requested and a separate written solicitation will not be issued.

Solicitation number36C25526Q0362 is issued as a *request for quotation (RFQ),* for *Grounds Maintenance Services*.

This acquisition *is* set-aside for small business concerns. This solicitation incorporates provisions and clauses by reference. The full text of provisions and clauses may be accessed electronically at www.acquisition.gov

SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES
OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, & 30

1. REQUISITION NO. 657-26-3-1528-0195

2. CONTRACT NO.

3. AWARD/EFFECTIVE DATE

4. ORDER NO.

5. SOLICITATION NUMBER: 36C25526Q0362

6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE: 06-24-2026

7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL:

a. NAME: Ross, Leslie | leslie.ross2@va.gov

b. TELEPHONE NO. (No Collect Calls): 913.946.1964

8. OFFER DUE DATE/LOCAL TIME: 07-03-2026 16:00 CDT

9. ISSUED BY — CODE 36C255

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3450 S 4th Street Trafficway

Leavenworth KS 66048

10. THIS ACQUISITION IS

- [ ] UNRESTRICTED OR [X] SET ASIDE: 100 % FOR:
- [X] SMALL BUSINESS
- [ ] HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS
- [ ] SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS
- [ ] WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (WOSB) ELIGIBLE UNDER THE WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM
- [ ] EDWOSB
- [ ] 8(A)

NAICS: 561730

SIZE STANDARD: Y $9.5 Million

11. DELIVERY FOR FOB DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED
- [ ] SEE SCHEDULE

12. DISCOUNT TERMS: NET 30 days

- [ ] 13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700)

13b. RATING: N/A

14. METHOD OF SOLICITATION
- [X] RFQ
- [ ] IFB
- [ ] RFP

15. DELIVER TO — CODE

St. Louis VA Medical Center
Jefferson Barracks

1 Jefferson Barracks Dr.
St. Louis MO 63125

16. ADMINISTERED BY — CODE 36C255

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Network Contracting Office (NCO) 15
3450 S 4th Street Trafficway

Leavenworth KS 66048

17a. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR — CODE — FACILITY CODE

TELEPHONE NO. — UEI: — EFT:

- [ ] 17b. CHECK IF REMITTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND PUT SUCH ADDRESS IN OFFER

18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY — CODE 36C255

Department of Veterans Affairs
Financial Services Center
http://www.fsc.va.gov/einvoice.asp

Austin TX

PHONE: 877-353-9791 FAX: 512-460-5429

18b. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK 18a UNLESS BLOCK BELOW IS CHECKED
- [ ] SEE ADDENDUM

19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES (See CONTINUATION Page)	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
	Grounds Maintenance Services for the St. Louis VA Medical Center Jefferson Barracks in accordance with the Performance Work Statement (PWS). The Government intends to award a single award Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) five (5) year contract with five (5) 12-month Ordering Periods. Individual bulk funded task orders will be issued by the NCO 15 Contracting office. The Period of Performance is 7/13/26 - 7/12/31. IMPORTANT: Please refer to Addendum to FAR 52.212-1 Instructions to Offers Offerors for additional instructions. (Use Reverse and/or Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary)				

25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (See CONTINUATION Page)

657-3660162-1528-853300-2543 0100C1090

26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Govt. Use Only)

- [X] 27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA [X] ARE [ ] ARE NOT ATTACHED.
- [ ] 27b. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-5 IS ATTACHED. ADDENDA [ ] ARE [ ] ARE NOT ATTACHED

- [X] 28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN One(1) COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED
- [ ] 29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REF. _____ OFFER DATED _____. YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS:

30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR

31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER)

30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (TYPE OR PRINT)

30c. DATE SIGNED

31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (TYPE OR PRINT): Ross, Leslie, Contracting Officer

31c. DATE SIGNED

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SECTION B - CONTINUATION OF SF 1449 BLOCKS

B.1 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

1. Contract Administration: All contract administration matters will be handled by the following individuals:

a. CONTRACTOR: /POINT OF CONTACT/TITLE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

SAM UEI NO.

b. GOVERNMENT: Contracting Officer 36C255 Leslie Ross | leslie.ross2@va.gov

Department of Veterans Affairs

Network Contracting Office (NCO) 15

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2. CONTRACTOR REMITTANCE ADDRESS: All payments by the Government to the contractor will be made in accordance with:

[X] 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System For Award Management, or
[] 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party

3. INVOICES: Invoices shall be submitted:

a. Quarterly []

b. Semi-Annually []

c. Other [X] Monthly, in arrears

4. GOVERNMENT INVOICE ADDRESS: All Invoices from the contractor shall be submitted electronically in accordance with VAAR Clause 852.232-72 Electronic Submission of Payment Requests.

Department of Veterans Affairs, Financial Services Center, Austin TX

https://www.fsc.va.gov/einvoice.asp

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS: The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the Solicitation numbered and dated as follows:

AMENDMENT NO	DATE

B.2 ITEM INFORMATION

This is a Five-Year IDIQ Contract with Ordering Periods:
The Guaranteed Minimum is $9,000.00
The Contract Ceiling for the Life of the Contract is $675,000.00

Ordering Period 1 (POP 7/13/2026 – 7/12/2027)

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
0001	Ground Maintenance Services for the St. Louis VA Medical Center Jefferson Barracks in accordance with the Performance Work Statement.	12.00	MO	_____	_____
0002	Unscheduled/Emergency Services in accordance with the Performance Work Statement **Estimated and Not Guaranteed** A SEPARATE QUOTE, APPROVAL AND TASK ORDER REQUIRED	1.0	YR	NSP	$0.00

Total Cost:_____

Ordering Period 2 (POP 7/13/2027 – 7/12/2028)

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1001	Ground Maintenance Services for the St. Louis VA Medical Center Jefferson Barracks in accordance with the Performance Work Statement.	12.00	MO	_____	_____
1002	Unscheduled/Emergency Services in accordance with the Performance Work Statement **Estimated and Not Guaranteed** A SEPARATE QUOTE, APPROVAL AND TASK ORDER REQUIRED	1.0	YR	NSP	$0.00

Total Cost:_____

Ordering Period 3 (POP 7/13/2028 – 7/12/2029)

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
2001	Ground Maintenance Services for the St. Louis VA Medical Center Jefferson Barracks in accordance with the Performance Work Statement.	12.00	MO	_____	_____
2002	Unscheduled/Emergency Services in accordance with the Performance Work Statement **Estimated and Not Guaranteed** A SEPARATE QUOTE, APPROVAL AND TASK ORDER REQUIRED	1.0	YR	NSP	$0.00

Total Cost:_____

Ordering Period 4 (POP 7/13/2029 – 7/12/2030)

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
3001	Ground Maintenance Services for the St. Louis VA Medical Center Jefferson Barracks in accordance with the Performance Work Statement.	12.00	MO	_____	_____
3002	Unscheduled/Emergency Services in accordance with the Performance Work Statement **Estimated and Not Guaranteed** A SEPARATE QUOTE, APPROVAL AND TASK ORDER REQUIRED	1.0	YR	NSP	$0.00

Total Cost:_____

Ordering Period 5
POP 7/13/2030–7/12/2031

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
4001	Ground Maintenance Services for the St. Louis VA Medical Center Jefferson Barracks in accordance with the Performance Work Statement.	12.00	MO	_____	_____
4002	Unscheduled/Emergency Services in accordance with the Performance Work Statement **Estimated and Not Guaranteed** A SEPARATE QUOTE, APPROVAL AND TASK ORDER REQUIRED	1.0	YR	NSP	$0.00

Total Cost:_____

Ordering Period 1 Total Cost:_____

Ordering Period 2 Total Cost:_____

Ordering Period 3 Total Cost:_____

Ordering Period 4 Total Cost:_____

Ordering Period 5 Total Cost:_____

Five (5) Year Total Cost:_____

B.3 DELIVERY SCHEDULE

ITEM NUMBER	SHIPPING INFORMATION		QUANTITY	DELIVERY DATE
0001-4002	SHIP TO:	St. Louis VA Medical Center Jefferson Barracks 1 Jefferson Barracks Dr St. Louis, MO 63125 4199 USA	All	See PoP

B.4 PERFORAMCE WORK STATEMENT

Routine Ground Maintenance and Emergency Landscaping Services at St. Louis VA Medical Center – Jefferson Barracks

1. Description of Services

The Jefferson Barracks campus is a 126.65-acre facility located at 1 Jefferson Barracks Dr., St. Louis, MO 63125. The contractor shall provide all labor, supervision, equipment, tools, materials, transportation, and supplies necessary to maintain the Jefferson Barracks (JB) campus grounds in a condition that is clean, safe, and visually professional. Services shall include mowing, trimming, edging, weed control, debris removal, seasonal cleanup, and limited tree/shrub maintenance as detailed in this PWS. All grounds shall present a neat, uniform, and well-maintained appearance at all times.

2. Scope

The contractor shall provide all labor, supervision, equipment, materials, and supplies necessary to maintain all lawn and landscaped areas of the Jefferson Barracks campus. Required services include mowing, trimming, edging, weed removal, seeding, fertilization, debris removal, leaf removal, and the removal of dead trees, shrubs, limbs, and other natural or man-made debris prior to mowing or as needed. All work shall maintain a clean, safe, and visually professional appearance at all facility entrances, sidewalks, roads, parking lots, and landscaped areas.

Grounds Maintenance - Growing Season Services (April 1 – October 31):

- Perform weekly mowing, maintaining grass at a height of 3.5 to 4.5 inches.
- Vertically edge all paved surfaces and bed borders; horizontal edging is not permitted.
- Line trim around all obstructions, including fencing, signs, buildings, hydrants, and landscaping beds.
- Remove trash and debris from turf, beds, sidewalks, and parking lots before each mowing cycle.
- Blow clippings off sidewalks, curbs, and paved areas; remove clippings appropriately—clippings shall not be blown back onto turf.
- Weeds shall be removed from all landscaped and paved areas by pulling or line trimming. Licensed herbicide applicators may use weed killer only in asphalt or concrete areas and must maintain all required records.
- Notify the COR immediately upon identifying any dead or diseased trees. Removal will be handled under the Unscheduled CLIN through a separate quote, approval and task order process.

Grounds Maintenance - Non-Growing Season Services (November 1 – March 31):

- Perform mowing, leaf removal, and debris removal (such as sticks, leaves, and trash that must be cleared prior to mowing) on an as needed basis during non-growing season and only when directed by the COR.

Grounds Maintenance - Chemical and Supply Responsibilities:

- The contractor shall procure and apply all required chemicals, fertilizers, mulch, seed, and other landscaping materials no less than two times per year to support performance requirements.
- The contractor shall maintain Safety Data Sheets (SDS), all chemical application records, and all state-required licenses for pesticide/herbicide use.

Grounds Maintenance - Equipment and Worksite Requirements:

- The contractor shall provide, maintain, and operate all equipment necessary to perform the required services.

- The contractor shall keep all roads, sidewalks, and parking lots free of routine debris (including everyday trash, sticks, and leaves) that accumulates daily and must be removed prior to mowing

- Work may be required in all weather conditions, including heat, cold, rain, and dusty or dirty environments.

- Any ruts or site damage caused by contractor equipment or vehicles shall be repaired and restored to match existing site conditions at the contractor's expense.

Unscheduled/Emergency Requirements:

- Unscheduled/emergency work—including but not limited to tree removal, stump removal, stump grinding, root removal, or other grounds, work outside normal scheduled services—requires Governments approval and a separate quote and will be performed only when authorized by the Government through a task order.

  Note: Quotes must be assessed as fair and reasonable. If we are unable to make that determination, the VA reserves the right to obtain the services through a separate solicitation

- Emergencies must be responded to within four (4) hours of COR contact, to include submission of contractor quote, unless otherwise specified. Work shall commence only after approval of quote and issuance of task order.

3. Quality Control

The contractor shall develop and maintain a Quality Control Plan (QCP) describing inspection procedures, checklists, corrective action processes, and communication protocols with the COR. The QCP shall be submitted within 21 calendar days of contract award. All deficiencies shall be corrected within 48 hours unless otherwise approved.

4. Quality Assurance

Contractor performance will be measured according to the Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP). The QASP provides AQLs and surveillance methods applicable to all performance objectives in this PWS.

5. Hours of Operation

The contractor is responsible for providing services between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays or when the Government facility is closed due to local or national emergencies or Government-directed facility closings. Emergency services may be performed outside these hours with COR approval.

6. Holidays

The following Federal holidays are observed, along with any other day declared by the President of the United States as a national holiday:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Washington's Birthday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Juneteenth
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

7. Security and Property Protection Requirements

The contractor must ensure all personnel obtain and maintain the required non-PIV identification before starting work and renew it annually. The contractor is responsible for safeguarding all equipment and ensuring no equipment is left unattended, running, or unsecured while on Government property.

8. Special Qualifications

The Prime Contractor and any subcontractors shall possess, at a minimum, the following qualifications:

- Technical staff qualified by professional education and technical experience to perform the work described in this PWS.
- Completion of an OSHA 10-Hour Construction Safety Course by contractor employees (recommended but not mandatory for county-level pesticide contracts).
- Valid State of Missouri licenses for pesticide and herbicide application, as applicable.
- Possession of a valid Missouri Commercial Pesticide Applicator License, achieved by passing the CORE exam and relevant category exams (e.g., Ornamental and Turf).
- Compliance with Missouri Department of Agriculture pesticide regulations, including maintenance of application records, proof of insurance or bonding, and timely recertification every three years.
- Adherence to EPA regulations governing pesticide/herbicide storage, handling, and application.
- Establishment and maintenance of a Hazard Communication Program in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.
- Full compliance with OSHA PPE standards for chemical application.

9. Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)

The COR will be appointed by separate letter and is responsible for monitoring technical performance, conducting inspections, communicating with the contractor, and interpreting technical requirements. The designation letter defines the COR's authority and limitations. The COR cannot change contract terms, pricing, or schedules.

10. Smoking Policy

The Government has instituted a No Smoking policy and prohibits the use of any tobacco products on VA property.

11. Safety Requirements

The contractor must follow all federal, state, and local safety laws, including OSHA requirements, and must provide employees with necessary protective equipment. If the Government identifies a safety violation, the contractor must correct it immediately. Failure to comply may result in the Contracting Officer stopping work and holding the contractor in default.

12. Conduct and Workplace Behavior Requirements

The contractor must ensure all personnel behave professionally and do not disrupt facility operations. The Government may require immediate removal of any worker whose conduct is unsafe, unprofessional, or otherwise unacceptable. Possession, use, or distribution of illegal substances—including federally illegal drugs such as medical marijuana—is strictly prohibited on Government property. Contractor employees must comply with all federal, state, and local laws and are prohibited from possessing weapons, firearms, or ammunition on VA property.

13. Contract Administration Data

All contract administration functions will be retained by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Contracting Officer (CO) is the only person authorized to approve changes or modify any requirements under this contract. The contractor shall communicate with the CO on all matters pertaining to contract administration. Only the CO may make commitments or issue changes that affect price, quantity, or quality of performance. Any change made at the direction of any person other than the CO shall be considered unauthorized, and no adjustment will be made to contract price for any resulting increase in costs.

14. Acronyms and Definitions

- CDR: Contract Discrepancy Report – A report issued by the Government to document unacceptable services or supplies during contract performance.

- CLIN: Contract Line-Item Number – A unit of work or service to be performed or delivered as a pay item.
- CO: Contracting Officer – Authorized individual to enter, administer, or terminate contracts.
- POC: Point of Contact – An individual authorized by the CO to perform technical or administrative functions related to the contract.
- PWS: Performance Work Statement – A document describing required outcomes or objectives rather than prescribing methods.
- QA: Quality Assurance – Government actions to ensure contractor performance meets PWS requirements.
- QASP: Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan – A document specifying methods used to monitor contractor performance.

15. Personnel

1. Non-Personal Services:

a. This is a non-personal services contract. Personnel rendering services under this contract are not subject to Government supervision or control. Contract service providers are accountable solely to the Contractor, who in turn is responsible to the Government.

2. Contractor Compliance with the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952:

a. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended, and related laws and regulations enforced by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the U.S. Department of Labor, as these relate to non-immigrant foreign nationals working under this contract or any subcontract.

The Contractor shall provide services at the locations identified in this Performance Work Statement. The Government reserves the right to add, remove, or modify locations and facilities as mission requirements evolve across current and future operational landscapes. The Contractor shall accommodate such changes within the scope of the contract without disruption to services. Any adjustments to pricing, schedule, or resources resulting from such changes shall be addressed through the contractual modification process in accordance with the applicable Changes clause.

SECTION C - CONTRACT CLAUSES

FAR Number	Title	Date
52.212-4	CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS—COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (DEVIATION OCT 2025)	NOV 2023

C.1 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):

https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far
https://www.va.gov/oal/library/vaar/

(End of Clause)

FAR Number	Title	Date
52.203-6	RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR SALES TO THE GOVERNMENT ALTERNATE I (NOV 2021)	JUN 2020
52.203-17	CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS	NOV 2023
52.203-19	PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING CERTAIN INTERNAL CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS OR STATEMENTS	JAN 2017
52.204-9	PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL	JAN 2011
52.204-13	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT—MAINTENANCE (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.209-6	PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT, OR VOLUNTARILY EXCLUDED (DEVIATION NOV 2025)	JAN 2025
52.209-10	PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH INVERTED DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS (DEVIATION NOV 2025)	NOV 2015
52.217-8	OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES **The specified rates under this clause will be those rates in effect under the contract each time an order is issued under this clause*	NOV 1999
52.219-6	NOTICE OF TOTAL SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.219-8	UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.219-14	LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.219-28	POSTAWARD SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REREPRESENTATION (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.222-3	CONVICT LABOR (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.222-35	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.222-36	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.222-37	EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON VETERANS (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.222-40	NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.222-41	SERVICE CONTRACT LABOR STANDARDS (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.222-42	STATEMENT OF EQUIVALENT RATES FOR FEDERAL HIRES	MAY 2014
52.222-43	FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT AND SERVICE CONTRACT LABOR STANDARDS-PRICE ADJUSTMENT (MULTIPLE YEAR AND OPTION CONTRACTS) (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.222-50	COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.222-54	EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.222-55	MINIMUM WAGES FOR CONTRACTOR WORKERS UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 14026 (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.222-62	PAID SICK LEAVE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13706 (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.223-2	REPORTING OF BIOBASED PRODUCTS UNDER SERVICE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.223-5	POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RIGHT-TO-KNOW INFORMATION	MAY 2024
52.223-23	SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.226-8	ENCOURAGING CONTRACTOR POLICIES TO BAN TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING	MAY 2024
52.229-3	FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES (DEVIATION)	SEP 2025
52.229-12	TAX ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PROCUREMENTS (DEVIATION SEP 2025)	FEB 2021
52.232-33	PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER—SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT	OCT 2018

52.232-40	PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENTS TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS	MAR 2023
52.233-3	PROTEST AFTER AWARD ALTERNATE I (JUN 1985) (DEVIATION NOV 2025)	AUG 1996
52.233-4	APPLICABLE LAW FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM (DEVIATION NOV 2025)	OCT 2004
52.237-2	PROTECTION OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND VEGETATION	APR 1984
52.244-6	SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES	APR 2026
852.201-70	CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE	DEC 2022
852.203-70	COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING	MAY 2018
852.204-70	PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL	MAY 2020
852.211-76	LIQUIDATED DAMAGES - REIMBURSEMENT FOR DATA BREACH COSTS ALTERNATE I	FEB 2023
852.215-70	SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS EVALUATION FACTORS (DEVIATION)	JAN 2023
852.215-71	EVALUATION FACTOR COMMITMENTS	OCT 2019
852.222-71	COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 13899 (DEVIATION) (APR 2025)	APR 2025
852.232-72	ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PAYMENT REQUESTS	NOV 2018
852.237-75	KEY PERSONNEL	OCT 2019
852.242-71	ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTING OFFICER	OCT 2020

C.2 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 6/29/2026 through 6/28/2031.

(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.

(End of Clause)

C.3 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 $2,500.00, 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 the total amount of the contract value;

(2) Any order for a combination of items in excess of the total amount of the contract value; or

(3) A series of orders from the same ordering office within two (2) 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 five (5) 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.

(End of Clause)

C.4 52.216-22 INDEFINITE QUANTITY (NOV 2025) (DEVIATION)

(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 ordering period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order, which may include order options to be exercised after the ordering period of this contract but before the end of the period of performance of the order. The contract shall govern the Contractor's and Government's rights and obligations with respect to that order, including options exercised, to the same extent as if the order were completed during the contract's ordering period; provided, that the Contractor shall not be required to make any deliveries under this contract after after contract expiration.

(End of Clause)

C.5 52.222-90 ADDRESSING DEI DISCRIMINATION BY FEDERAL CONTRACTORS (DEVIATION APR 2026)

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

Program participation means membership or participation in, or access or admission to: training, mentoring, or leadership development programs; educational opportunities; clubs; associations; or similar opportunities that are sponsored or established by the contractor or subcontractor.

Racially discriminatory diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) activities means disparate treatment based on race or ethnicity in the recruitment, employment (e.g., hiring, promotions), contracting (*e.g.*, vendor agreements), program participation, or allocation or deployment of an entity's resources.

(b) In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The Contractor will not engage in any racially discriminatory DEI activities;

(2) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports, including providing access to books, records, and accounts, as required by the Contracting Officer, for purposes of ascertaining compliance with this clause;

(3) In the event of the Contractor's or a subcontractor's noncompliance with this clause, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and the Contractor or subcontractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts;

(4) The Contractor will report any subcontractor's known or reasonably knowable conduct that may violate this clause to the Contracting Officer and take any appropriate remedial actions directed by the Contracting Officer; and

(5) The Contractor will inform the Contracting Officer if a subcontractor sues the Contractor and the suit puts at issue, in any way, the validity of this clause.

(6) The Contractor recognizes that compliance with the requirements of this clause are material to the Government's payment decisions for purposes of 31 U.S.C. 3729(b)(4).

(c) The Contractor must include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in subcontracts at any tier, including those for commercial products and commercial services, except those where the place of delivery or performance is outside the United States.

(End of Clause)

C.6 52.228-5 INSURANCE—WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION (JAN 1997)

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Clause)

C.7 SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with FAR 28.307-2 and FAR 52.228-5, the following minimum coverage shall apply to this contract:

(a) Workers' compensation and employers liability: Contractors are 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 is required, except in States with exclusive or monopolistic funds that do not permit workers' compensation to be written by private carriers.

(b) General Liability: $500,000.00 per occurrences.

(c) Automobile liability: $200,000.00 per person; $500,000.00 per occurrence and $20,000.00 property damage.

(d) The successful bidder must present to the Contracting Officer, prior to award, evidence of general liability insurance without any exclusionary clauses for asbestos that would void the general liability coverage.

(End of Clause)

C.8 52.240-91 SECURITY PROHIBITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS (NOV 2025) (DEVIATION)

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

American Security Drone Act-covered foreign entity means an entity included on a list that the Federal Acquisition Security Council (FASC) develops and maintains and publishes in the System for Award Management (SAM) at https://www.sam.gov (section 1822 of Pub. L. 118-31, 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.).

Backhaul means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (e.g., connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (e.g., microwave) or wired (e.g., fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).

Covered application means the social networking service TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited.

Covered article, as defined in 41 U.S.C. 4713(k), means:

(1) Information technology, as defined in 40 U.S.C. 11101, including cloud computing services of all types;

(2) Telecommunications equipment or telecommunications service, as those terms are defined in section 3 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153);

(3) The processing of information on a Federal or non-Federal information system, subject to the requirements of the Controlled Unclassified Information program (see 32 CFR part 2002); or

(4) Hardware, systems, devices, software, or services that include embedded or incidental information technology.

Covered foreign country means The People's Republic of China.

Covered telecommunications equipment or services means—

(1) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(2) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(3) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or

(4) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Critical technology means—

(1) Defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations;

(2) Items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, and controlled—

(i) Pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology; or

(ii) For reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening;

(3) Specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities);

(4) Nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material);

(5) Select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 121 of title 9 of such Code, or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or

(6) Emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817).

FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system means an unmanned aircraft system manufactured or assembled by an American Security Drone Act—covered foreign entity.

FASCSA order means any of the following orders issued under the Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act (FASCSA) requiring removing covered articles from executive agency information systems or excluding one or more named sources or named covered articles from executive agency procurement actions, as described in 41 CFR 201-1.303(d) and (e):

(1) The Secretary of Homeland Security may issue FASCSA orders that apply to civilian agencies, to the extent not covered by paragraph (2) or (3) of this definition. This type of FASCSA order may be referred to as a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FASCSA order.

(2) The Secretary of Defense may issue FASCSA orders that apply to the Department of Defense (DoD) and national security systems other than sensitive compartmented information systems. This type of FASCSA order may be referred to as a DoD FASCSA order.

(3) The Director of National Intelligence (DNI) may issue FASCSA orders that apply to the intelligence community and sensitive compartmented information systems, to the extent not covered by paragraph (2) of this definition. This type of FASCSA order may be referred to as a DNI FASCSA order.

Information technology, as defined in 40 U.S.C. 11101(6)—

(1) Means any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment, used in the automatic acquisition, storage, analysis, evaluation, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information by the executive agency, if the equipment is used by the executive agency directly or is used by a contractor under a contract with the executive agency that requires the use—

(i) Of that equipment; or

(ii) Of that equipment to a significant extent in the performance of a service or the furnishing of a product;

(2) Includes computers, ancillary equipment (including imaging peripherals, input, output, and storage devices necessary for security and surveillance), peripheral equipment designed to be controlled by the central processing unit of a computer, software, firmware and similar procedures, services (including support services), and related resources; but

(3) Does not include any equipment acquired by a Federal contractor incidental to a Federal contract.

Intelligence community, as defined by 50 U.S.C. 3003(4), means the following—

(1) The Office of the Director of National Intelligence;

(2) The Central Intelligence Agency;

(3) The National Security Agency;

(4) The Defense Intelligence Agency;

(5) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency;

(6) The National Reconnaissance Office;

(7) Other offices within the Department of Defense for the collection of specialized national intelligence through reconnaissance programs;

(8) The intelligence elements of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Department of Energy;

(9) The Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State;

(10) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of the Treasury;

(11) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security; or

(12) Such other elements of any department or agency as may be designated by the President, or designated jointly by the Director of National Intelligence and the head of the department or agency concerned, as an element of the intelligence community.

Interconnection arrangement means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another's network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (e.g., connecting a customer of telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.

Kaspersky Lab-covered article means any hardware, software, or service that—

(1) Is developed or provided by a Kaspersky Lab-covered entity;

(2) Includes any hardware, software, or service developed or provided in whole or in part by a Kaspersky Lab-covered entity; or

(3) Contains components using any hardware or software developed in whole or in part by a Kaspersky Lab-covered entity.

Kaspersky Lab-covered entity means—

(1) Kaspersky Lab;

(2) Any successor entity to Kaspersky Lab, including any change in name, e.g., "Kaspersky";

(3) Any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Kaspersky Lab; or

(4) Any entity of which Kaspersky Lab has a majority ownership.

National security system, as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3552, means any information system (including any telecommunications system) used or operated by an agency or by a contractor of an agency, or other organization on behalf of an agency—

(1) The function, operation, or use of which involves intelligence activities; involves cryptologic activities related to national security; involves command and control of military forces; involves equipment that is an integral part of a weapon or weapons system; or is critical to the direct fulfillment of military or intelligence missions, but does not include a system that is to be used for routine administrative and business applications (including payroll, finance, logistics, and personnel management applications); or

(2) Is protected at all times by procedures established for information that have been specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order or an Act of Congress to be kept classified in the interest of national defense or foreign policy.

Roaming means cellular communications services (e.g., voice, video, data) received from a visited network when unable to connect to the facilities of the home network either because signal coverage is too weak or because traffic is too high.

Sensitive compartmented information means classified information concerning or derived from intelligence sources, methods, or analytical processes, which is required to be handled within formal access control systems established by the Director of National Intelligence.

Sensitive compartmented information system means a national security system authorized to process or store sensitive compartmented information.

Source means a non-Federal supplier, or potential supplier, of products or services, at any tier.

Subsidiary means an entity in which more than 50 percent of the entity is owned directly by a parent corporation or through another subsidiary of a parent corporation.

Substantial or essential component means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.

Unmanned aircraft means an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft (49 U.S.C. 44801(11)).

Unmanned aircraft system means an unmanned aircraft and associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the operator to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace system (49 U.S.C. 44801(12)).

(b) *Prohibitions on providing or using specific products or services in performance of contract*. Unless a waiver or exception applies, the Contractor is prohibited from providing any products or services to the Government or using in the performance of the contract any of the following:

(1) A covered application on any information technology owned or managed by the Government, or on any information technology used or provided by the Contractor under this contract, including equipment provided by the Contractor's employees (section 102 of Division R of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-328));

(2) A Kaspersky Lab-covered article (Section 1634 of Division A of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Pub. L. 115-91));

(3) Covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system (paragraphs (a)(1)(A) of section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232)). This does not prohibit contractors from providing—

(i) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(ii) 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) Prohibition on unmanned aircraft systems manufactured or assembled by American Security Drone Act—covered foreign entities.

(1) Prohibition. The Contractor is prohibited from—

(i) Delivering any FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system, which includes unmanned aircraft (i.e., drones) and associated elements (sections 1823 and 1826 of American Security Drone Act of 2023, within the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, Pub. L. 118-31, Div. A, Title XVIII, Subtitle B, 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.);

(ii) On or after December 22, 2025, operating a FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system in the performance of the contract (section 1824 of Pub. L. 118-31); and

(iii) On or after December 22, 2025, using Federal funds to procure or operate a FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system (section 1825 of Pub. L. 118-31).

(2) *Procedures*. The Contractor shall search SAM for the FASC-maintained list of American Security Drone Act—covered foreign entities before proposing, or using in performance of the contract, any unmanned aircraft system. Also, the Contractor shall ensure any effort or expenditure associated with a FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system is consistent with a corresponding exemption, exception, or waiver determination expressly stated in the contract.

(3) *Exemptions, exceptions, and waivers*. The prohibitions in paragraph (c) of this clause do not apply where the agency has determined an exemption, exception, or waiver applies, and the contract indicates that such a determination has been made. See sections 1823 through 1825 and 1832 of Public Law 118-31 for statutory requirements pertaining to exemptions, exceptions, and waivers.

(d) *Prohibition on using or providing specific products or services or conducting certain transactions regardless of connection to contract*.

(1) *Certain telecommunications and video surveillance equipment, systems, or services*.

(i) Unless an applicable waiver has been issued by the Government, the Contractor cannot use any equipment, systems, or services 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 (paragraph (a)(1)(B) of section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232)).

(ii) This prohibition applies to using covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. This does not prohibit the contractor from using—

(A) A service that connects to the facilities of a third party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(B) 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) *Office of Foreign Assets Control Restrictions*.

(i) Except as authorized by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) in the Department of the Treasury, the Contractor shall not acquire, for use in the performance of this contract, any supplies or services if any proclamation, Executive order, or statute administered by OFAC, or if OFAC's implementing regulations at 31 CFR chapter V, would prohibit such a transaction by a person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(ii) Except as authorized by OFAC, most transactions involving Cuba, Iran, and Sudan are prohibited, as are most imports from Burma or North Korea, into the United States or its outlying areas.

(A) For lists of entities and individuals subject to economic sanctions, see OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons at *https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/specially-designated-nationals-and-blocked-persons-list-sdn-human-readable-lists*.

(B) For more information about these restrictions, as well as updates, see OFAC's regulations at 31 CFR chapter V and at *https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/office-of-foreign-assets-control-sanctions-programs-and-information*.

(C) To conduct electronic screens of potential parties to regulated transactions, see the consolidated screening list at *https://www.trade.gov/consolidated-screening-list*, which consolidates multiple export screening lists of the Departments of Commerce, State, and the Treasury.

(3) *Sudan prohibition*. The Contractor is prohibited from conducting any restricted business operations in Sudan in accordance with Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174).

(4) *Iran prohibitions*.

(i) Unless an exception applies according to paragraph (d)(4)(iii) or the Government grants a waiver, the contractor shall not engage in certain activities or transactions relating to Iran (section 6(b)(1)(A) of Iran Sanctions Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

(ii) Unless an exception applies according to paragraph (d)(4)(iii) or the Government grants a waiver, contractor shall not export certain sensitive technology to Iran, as determined by the President, and has an active exclusion in SAM (22 U.S.C. 8515).

(iii) The prohibition in paragraphs (d)(4)(i) and (d)(4)(ii) do not apply if the acquisition is subject to trade agreements and the offeror certifies that all the offered products are designated country end products or designated country construction material (see part 25).

(iv) Unless an exception applies or the Government grants a waiver, contractors are prohibited from knowingly engaging in any significant transaction (i.e., over $15,000) with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps or any of its officials, agents, or affiliates, the property and interests in property of which are blocked according to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (section 6(b)(1)(B) of Iran Sanctions Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note)).

(e) *Governmentwide exclusion and removal orders*.

(1) Unless the Government has issued an applicable waiver, contractors shall not provide or use as part of the performance of the contract any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if the covered article or the source is prohibited by an applicable FASCSA order as follows:

(i) For solicitations and contracts awarded by a Department of Defense contracting office, DoD FASCSA orders apply.

(ii) For all other solicitations and contracts, DHS FASCSA orders apply.

(2) The Contractor shall search for the phrase "FASCSA order" in the System for Award Management (SAM) at *https://www.sam.gov* to locate applicable FASCSA orders.

(3) The Government may identify in the solicitation other FASCSA orders that are not in SAM, which are effective and apply to the solicitation and resulting contract.

(4) A FASCSA order issued after the date of solicitation applies to this contract only if added by an amendment to the solicitation or modification to the contract (see FAR 40.204-1(c)).

(f)*Reasonable inquiry*. The contractor shall conduct a reasonable inquiry to determine if there are any prohibited products or services. The inquiry will look at any information in the entity's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit.

(g) *Removal of prohibited products and services*. For Federal Supply Schedules, Governmentwide acquisition contracts, multi-agency contracts or any other procurement instrument intended for use by multiple agencies, upon notification from the Contracting Officer, during the performance of the contract, the Contractor shall promptly make any necessary changes or modifications to remove any product or service produced or provided by a source that this clause prohibits.

(h) *General report*.

(1) If the Contractor identifies or is notified by any source, (including a subcontractor at any tier), that any product or service provided or used (or to be provided or used) during contract performance does not comply with any prohibition in this clause, then the Contractor shall report the following information, or as much information is known, in writing to the contracting office as identified in paragraph (h)(2) within 72 hours:

(i) Contract number and order number, if applicable;

(ii) The specific prohibition the product or service is not complying with;

(iii) A description of the products or services that the Contractor identifies or has reason to suspect is prohibited (include brand; model number, such as the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable);

(iv) The entity that produced the product or service (include entity name, unique entity identifier, Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) code, facilities responsible for design, fabrication, assembly, packaging, and test of the

product, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor (provide manufacturer codes and distributor codes used for the product));

(v) Description of the functionality of the product or service and how that functionality impacts the risk to the product or service;

(vi) An explanation of any factors relevant to determining if the product or service should be permitted by an applicable exception, exemption, or waiver (if the contractor would like the Government to consider a waiver, and asks for such a waiver);

(vii) Whether alternative products or services are available that would comply with the prohibition;

(viii) If the product or service is related to item maintenance, include the following information on the item being maintained:

(A) Brand;

(B) Model number, OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and

(C) Item description, as applicable.

(ix) Any readily available information about mitigation actions implemented or recommended.

(2) If a report must be submitted to a contracting office, the Contractor shall submit the report as follows:

(i) If a Department of Defense contracting office, the Contractor shall report to the website at *https://dibnet.dod.mil*.

(ii) For all other contracting offices, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer.

(iii) For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to both the contracting office for the indefinite delivery contract and the contracting office for any affected order.

(3) If the report provided does not contain any of the information required by paragraph (h)(1) of this clause, and the contractor later discovers new information that is required by paragraph (h)(1) of this clause, then the contractor shall submit a subsequent report within 72 hours of discovering the new information.

(4) The contractor shall also report the information in paragraph (h)(1) if the contractor wishes to ask for a waiver of the requirements of a new FASCSA order being applied through modification.

(i) *New FASCSA orders report*.

(1) During contract performance, the Contractor shall review SAM at least once every three months, or as advised by the Contracting Officer, to check for covered articles subject to FASCSA order(s), or for products or services produced by a source subject to FASCSA order(s) not currently identified under paragraph (e) of this clause.

(2) If the Contractor identifies a new FASCSA order(s) that could impact their supply chain, then the Contractor shall conduct a reasonable inquiry to identify whether a covered article or product or service produced or provided by a source subject to the FASCSA order(s) was provided to the Government or used during contract performance. The inquiry will look at any information in the entity's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit.

(3) The Contractor shall submit a report to the contracting office identified in paragraph (h)(2) of this clause if the Contractor identifies, including through any notification by a subcontractor at any tier, that a covered article or product or service produced or provided by a source was provided to the Government or used during contract performance and is subject to a FASCSA order(s). For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to both the contracting office for the indefinite delivery contract and the contracting office for any affected order. The Contractor shall report the following information within 72 hours for each covered article or each product or service produced or provided by a source, where the covered article or source is subject to a FASCSA order:

(i) Contract number and order number, if applicable;

(ii) Name of the covered article or source subject to a FASCSA order;

(iii) The specific FASCSA order the product or service does not comply with;

(iv) The elements of (h)(1)(iii) through (ix) of this clause.

(j) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (j) but excluding subparagraphs (d)(1) and (i)(1), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including subcontracts for acquiring commercial products or commercial services.

(End of Clause)

C.9 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 VAAR (48 CFR Chapter FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1)) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

(End of Clause)

C.10 VAAR 852.204-72 PERSONNEL VETTING AND CREDENTIALING (DEVIATION) (MAR 2026)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause –

VA Information system is the same as information system and means, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 5727, a discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information whether automated or manual.

VA sensitive information means all VA data, on any storage media or in any form or format, which requires protection due to the risk of harm that could result from inadvertent or deliberate disclosure, alteration, or destruction of the information and includes sensitive personal information. The term includes information where improper use or disclosure could adversely affect the ability of VA to accomplish its mission, proprietary information, records about individuals requiring protection under various confidentiality provisions such as the Privacy Act and the HIPAA Privacy Rule, and information that can be withheld under the Freedom of Information Act. Examples of VA sensitive information include the following: individually-identifiable medical, benefits, and personnel information; financial, budgetary, research, quality assurance, confidential commercial, critical infrastructure, investigatory, and law enforcement information; information that is confidential and privileged in litigation such as information protected by the deliberative process privilege, attorney work-product privilege, and the attorney client privilege; and other information which, if released, could result in violation of law or harm or unfairness to any individual or group, or could adversely affect the national interest or the conduct of Federal programs.

(b) *General*. Contractor personnel assigned to work for or on behalf of VA must undergo a background investigation commensurate with the risk and sensitivity level designation associated with the work to be performed at the level indicated in the contract. The Contractor and subcontractors shall comply with VA Directive/Handbook 0710, Personnel Security and Suitability Program, which can be accessed at: https://vaww.va.gov/vapubs/index.cfm.

(c) *Risk and Sensitivity Levels*. The following table identifies the risk and sensitivity levels that apply to any personnel providing services under this contract. *VA Administrations, organizations and staff offices will use the OPM Position Designation Tool.

Positions/Tasks Designated as Non-Sensitive Positions – Tier 1/Low Risk

Positions/Tasks Designated as Non-Sensitive Positions – Tier 2/Mod Risk
Positions/Tasks Designated as Non-Sensitive Positions – Tier 4/High Risk

Security clearances are granted to individuals with a specific requirement for access to classified material (for example, Confidential, Secret and Top Secret). Contractor personnel that are required to obtain a security clearance will be subject to a Tier 3 or Tier 5 investigation. The following sensitivity designations have been assigned for the identified Tier 3 and Tier 5 required by this contract:

Tier 3:

Tier 5:

(d) *Fitness*. The results from a background investigation are used to determine if an individual's fitness is sufficient for that individual to perform work for or on behalf of VA in the position identified in this contract. Contractor fitness determinations are made in accordance with 5 CFR Part 731.202.

Fitness requirements for employment are separate and distinct from job qualifications. If a Contractor or subcontractor employee is found to be unsuitable or unfit to provide services under this contract, the Contractor shall immediately remove the employee from working on this contract and take those necessary steps that restrict the employee's logical access to VA data, information, VA sensitive information, or information technology or VA information systems containing such data or information.

The Contractor shall advise the employee that they are not permitted to access any VA controlled building or real property in relation to this contract. The removal of an unfit Contractor or subcontractor employee does not alleviate the Contractor from satisfying the requirements of this contract. The Government will not reimburse the Contractor for any costs associated with the recruitment/replacement of an employee or subcontractor employee who is found to be unfit.

(e) *Identification Cards*. The Government will provide a Personal Identification Verification (PIV) card or other identification card, as necessary, to fit Contractor personnel who require physical access to VA facilities and/or logical access to VA data, information, VA sensitive information, or information technology or VA information systems containing such data or information. Contractor and subcontractor personnel shall prominently display their PIV/identification card on their persons while working at a VA facility and shall present their PIV/identification card for inspection upon request by a VA official. The Contractor must surrender the employee or subcontractor employee's PIV/identification card in accordance with the requirements set forth in Directive/Handbook 0735 when any of the following events occur:

1. When no longer needed for contract performance.

2. Upon completion of the Contractor/subcontractor employee's employment.

3. Upon contract completion or termination.

(f) *Lost/stolen*. Immediately upon detection, the Contractor shall report a lost or stolen PIV/identification card to the Government authorities as identified in Directive/Handbook 0735. Within 48 hours of reporting the lost/stolen PIV/identification card, the Contractor shall submit to the Program Manager an incident report that describes the

relevant facts and circumstances regarding the loss/theft. If the loss/theft was reported by the Contractor to the local police, the Contractor shall further submit a copy of the final police report to the Program Manager within 48 hours of the report being made available by the local police department. The Government will not reimburse the Contractor for any costs that result from lost/stolen PIV/identification card(s).

(g) *Regular Reporting*. The Contractor shall submit a status report to PIV Sponsor within 5 working days after the end of each calendar quarter and as requested by the Government in order to initiate contract closeout procedures. The report must provide the status of each contractor/subcontractor employee who is required to have a PIV/identification card during the performance of the contract. The report shall identify the Contractor and the contract number, and list the following status for each contractor/subcontractor employee who holds a PIV/identification card under this contract:

1. Contractor/subcontractor employee name.
2. Name of VA facility where Contractor/subcontractor employee works, if applicable.
3. Date background check submitted for Contractor/subcontractor employee.
4. Date PIV/identification card issued to Contractor/subcontractor employee.
5. Contractor/subcontractor employee's PIV/identification card number, as applicable.
6. Date Contractor/subcontractor employee no longer has need for PIV/identification card.
7. Date Contractor notified VA that PIV/identification card is no longer required.
8. Date Contractor returned PIV/identification card was returned to VA.

(h) *Flow down of clause*. The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause in subcontracts, third-party agreements, and BAA's, in which subcontractors, third-party servicers/employees, and business associates will perform functions where they will have physical access to a VA facility or logical access to VA data, information, VA sensitive information, or information technology or VA information system containing such data or information.

(End of Clause)

(End of Addendum to 52.212-4)

SECTION D - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, OR ATTACHMENTS

See attached document: Attachment A - Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan QASP.

See attached document: Attachment B - Wage Determination.

SECTION E - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

FAR Number	Title	Date
52.212-1	INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (DEVIATION OCT 2025)	SEP 2023

The following is incorporated into FAR 52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES

1. Instructions for Proposal Submission:

A. General Preparation Instructions: Offerors should review this entire solicitation before submitting an offer to ensure that their offers meet all requirements. Offerors must follow the instructions contained herein. Offerors are required to meet all solicitation requirements, including terms and conditions, representations and certifications, and technical requirements. Failure to meet a requirement will result in an offer being ineligible for award.

B. Questions: All questions regarding the solicitation must be submitted via email to Lisa.Buchanan1@va.gov and Leslie.ross2@va.gov no later than 08:00 a.m. central time on 6/29/26. The subject line of the email shall start with the RFQ reference number 36C25526Q0362 and Grounds Maintenance Services.

C. Quote Submission: All quotes must be submitted electronically, via email to Leslie.ross2@va.gov. The offeror is responsible for ensuring that the contract specialist has received their proposal on or before the deadline.

➢The proposal shall be prepared in two (2) parts: 1) price response and 2) a non-price response. The pricing response shall consist of the signed Standard Form (SF) 1449 and completion of the price schedule(s). The non-price response shall address the non-price factors.

Attachment I – Non-Price Factors:

A. Technical Capabilities:

- Offer shall provide a letter fully describing their capabilities, not exceeding five pages, that includes a description of their technical approach, methodology, and technique used to carry out the Performance Work Statement.

Note: Do not provide a recap of the Performance Work Statement. It is the responsibility of the quoter to submit sufficient information to convey their technical capability in meeting the requirements of the Performance Work Statement. Failure to provide sufficient information that demonstrates your organization's capabilities and methods in meeting the requirement will result in your technical approach being not technically acceptable.

B. Experience:

- Offeror shall provide at least three (3) years of prior experience as the Prime Contractor providing grounds maintenance service. General statements claiming experience providing grounds maintenance services that do not include specific references to prior contract work, or that do not include the information required below, are not acceptable. To demonstrate prior experience, a detailed description submitted for each year shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

  i. Contract number
  ii. Estimated annual dollar value of contract
  iii. Description of services (including location) provided and the offeror's level of responsibility and authority on the project.
  iv. Date of contract start and completion.
  v. Name, title, address, phone number, and email of customer contact. It is incumbent on the offeror to ensure the customer information is current and accurate.

Failure to provide the Prior Experience document with the proposal will render the entire proposal as non-responsive and that proposal will not be evaluated.

Note: Prior experience is not past performance. Prior experience refers to whether an offeror has done similar work before; whereas past performance describes how well the offeror has done that work. Offerors shall not list any

experience for any of their subcontractors it is considering using; only the offeror's prior experience will be considered.

C. Certificates/Licenses:

- ➢Provide a copy of the Prime Contractors and Subcontractors (if utilizing) valid State of Missouri Commercial Pesticide Applicator License.
- ➢Provide a copy of the Prime Contractors and Subcontractors (if utilizing) OSHA 10 Hour Construction Safety Course Certificate
- ➢Provide a copy of the Prime Contractors Certificate of Insurance

Attachment II- Factor B – Price/Cost

The Offeror's Price Quote shall contain the following items:

- ➢ Signed SF-1449 (Complete blocks 17a and b, and 30a, b and c). In doing so, the Offeror agrees to the contract terms and conditions as written in the RFQ.
- ➢ Completed Price Schedule: Offerors shall provide their best pricing for the Contract Line Items listed in Section B (The Cost/Price Schedule). The offeror shall price EACH line item within the pricing periods.
- ➢ Completed Acknowledgement of Amendments if issued. Ensure amendments are signed by the same official that has been authorized to sign the SF 1449.

E.1 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):

https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far
https://www.va.gov/oal/library/vaar/

(End of Provision)

FAR Number	Title	Date
52.203-11	CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE REGARDING PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS	SEP 2024
52.203-18	PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES THAT REQUIRE CERTAIN INTERNAL CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS OR STATEMENTS—REPRESENTATION	JAN 2017
52.204-7	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT—REGISTRATION (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.223-1	BIOBASED PRODUCT CERTIFICATION (DEVIATION)	NOV 2025
52.229-11	TAX ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PROCUREMENTS—NOTICE AND REPRESENTATION (DEVIATION SEP 2025)	JUN 2020
852.233-70	PROTEST CONTENT/ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION	OCT 2018
852.233-71	ALTERNATE PROTEST PROCEDURE	OCT 2018

E.2 52.212-2 EVALUATION—COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (NOV 2021)

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation on the basis of the lowest evaluated price of proposals meeting or exceeding the requirements for acceptability.

The Government will begin by reviewing each submission to ensure the minimum solicitation requirements "complete offer" have been met. The Addendum to FAR 52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS, outlines the criteria that constitutes a complete offer. Failure to submit a complete offer in the manner listed in the addendum will result in removal from further consideration for award.

All remaining quotes meeting the minimum solicitation requirements will be arranged from lowest to highest priced. The lowest priced quote will be evaluated for technical acceptability. If the lowest priced quote is considered technically acceptable the evaluation will end, and award will be made against that quote. If the lowest priced quote is not technically acceptable, the next lowest priced quote will be evaluated for technical acceptability. This process will continue until the lowest priced technically acceptable quote is found.

For the purposes of the award of this requirement, the Government intends to evaluate the Option to Extend Services under FAR 52.217-8 as follows:

The evaluation will consider the possibility that the option can be exercised at any time and can be exercised in increments of one to six months, but not for more than a total of six months during the life of the contract. The evaluation will assume that the prices for any option exercised under FAR 52.217-8 will be at the same rates as those in effect under the contract at the time the option is exercised. The evaluation will therefore assume that the addition of the price or prices of any possible extension or extensions under FAR 52.217-8 to the total price of all offers relative to each other will not affect the ranking of offers based on price, unless, after reviewing the offers, the Government determines that there is a basis for finding otherwise. This evaluation will not obligate the Government to exercise any option under FAR 52.217-8.

(b) Ordering Periods. The Government will evaluate quoters for award purposes by adding the total price for all ordering periods to the total price for the basic requirement.

(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.

(End of Provision)

E.3 52.219-1 SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REPRESENTATIONS (NOV 2025) (DEVIATION)

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

Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States and who are economically disadvantaged in accordance with 13 CFR part 127, and the concern is certified by SBA or an approved third-party certifier in accordance with 13 CFR 127.300. It automatically qualifies as a women-owned small business concern eligible under the WOSB Program.

HUBZone small business concern means a small business concern that meets the requirements described in 13 CFR 126.200, is certified by the Small Business Administration (SBA) and designated by SBA as a HUBZone small business concern in the Small Business Search (SBS) (13 CFR 126.103).

Service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) concern eligible under the SDVOSB Program means an SDVOSB concern that is designated in the System for Award Management (SAM) as certified by the Small Business Administration (SBA) in accordance with 13 CFR 128.300.

Small business concern—

(1) Means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in its field of operation, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and the size standard in paragraph (b) of this provision.

(2) *Affiliates*, as used in this definition, means business concerns, one of whom directly or indirectly controls or has the power to control the others, or a third party or parties control or have the power to control the others. In determining whether affiliation exists, consideration is given to all appropriate factors including common ownership, common management, and contractual relationships. SBA determines affiliation based on the factors set forth at 13 CFR 121.103.

Small disadvantaged business concern, means a small business concern that-

(1) Is at least 51 percent unconditionally and directly owned (as defined at 13 CFR 124.105) by one or more socially disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.103) and economically disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.104) individuals who are citizens of the United States, and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled (as defined at 13 CFR 124.106) by individuals who meet the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition.

Women-owned small business (WOSB) concern eligible under the WOSB Program (in accordance with 13 CFR part 127) means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States, and the concern is certified by SBA or an approved third-party certifier in accordance with 13 CFR 127.300.

(b)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 561730.

(2) The small business size standard is $9.5 Million.

(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 (*i.e.*, nonmanufacturer), is 500 employees, or 150 employees for information technology value-added resellers under NAICS code 541519, 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.

(c) *Representations*.

(1) The offeror represents as part of its offer that—

(i) It [ ] is, [ ] is not a small business concern; or

(ii) It [ ] is, [ ] is not a small business joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR 121.103(h) and 13 CFR 125.8(a) and (b). [*The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture*: _____.]

(2) [*Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.*] The offeror represents that it [ ] is, [ ] is not, a women-owned small disadvantaged business concern.

(3) *Women-owned small business (WOSB) joint venture eligible under the WOSB Program*. The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR 127.506(a) through (c). [*The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture:* _____.]

(4) *Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) joint venture*. The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR 127.506(a) through (c). [*The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture:* _____.]

(5) *SDVOSB joint venture eligible under the SDVOSB Program.* [*Complete only if the offeror is certified as a SDVOSB concern.*] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a SDVOSB joint venture eligible under the SDVOSB Program that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR 128.402. [*The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture:* _____.]

(6) *HUBZone joint venture eligible under the HUBZone Program. [Complete only if the offeror is a HUBZone small business concern.*] The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it [ ] is, [ ] is not a HUBZone joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR 126.616(a) through (c). *[The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture:* _____.] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the HUBZone joint venture must be certified as a HUBZone concern.

(d) *Notice*.

Under 15 U.S.C. 645(d), any person who misrepresents a firm's status as a business concern that is small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, service-disabled veteran-owned small, economically disadvantaged women-owned small, or women-owned small eligible under the WOSB Program in order to obtain a contract to be awarded under the preference programs established pursuant to section 8, 9, 15, 31, and 36 of the Small Business Act or any other provision of Federal law that specifically references section 8(d) for a definition of program eligibility, will be—

(1) Punished by imposition of fine, imprisonment, or both;

(2) Subject to administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment; and

(3) Ineligible for participation in programs conducted under the authority of the Act.

(End of Provision)

E.4 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:

Hand-Carried Address:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Leslie Ross | leslie.ross2@va.gov
Network Contracting Office (NCO) 15
3450 S 4th Street Trafficway
Leavenworth KS 66048

Mailing Address:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Leslie Ross | leslie.ross2@va.gov
Network Contracting Office (NCO) 15
3450 S 4th Street Trafficway
Leavenworth KS 66048

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

(End of Provision)

E.5 52.240-90 SECURITY PROHIBITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (NOV 2025) (DEVIATION)

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

Backhaul, covered article, covered telecommunications equipment or services, critical technology, FASCSA order, Intelligence community, interconnection arrangements, national security system, roaming, sensitive compartmented information, sensitive compartmented information system, source, and substantial or essential component have the meanings provided in the clause 52.240-91, Security Prohibitions and Exclusions.

Business operations means engaging in commerce in any form, including by acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or any other apparatus of business or commerce.

Marginalized populations of Sudan means—

(1) Adversely affected groups in regions authorized to receive assistance under section 8(c) of the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act (Pub. L. 109-344) (50 U.S.C. 1701 note); and

(2) Marginalized areas in Northern Sudan described in section 4(9) of such Act.

Restricted business operations means business operations in Sudan that include power production activities, mineral extraction activities, oil-related activities, or the production of military equipment, as those terms are defined in the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174). Restricted business operations do not include business operations that the person (as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007) conducting the business can demonstrate—

(1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;

(2) Are conducted under specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;

(3) Consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;

(4) Consist of providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;

(5) Consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education; or

(6) Have been voluntarily suspended.

Sensitive technology—

(1) Means hardware, software, telecommunications equipment, or any other technology that is to be used specifically—

(i) To restrict the free flow of unbiased information in Iran; or

(ii) To disrupt, monitor, or otherwise restrict speech of the people of Iran; and

(2) Does not include information or informational materials the export of which the President does not have the authority to regulate or prohibit pursuant to section 203(b)(3) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)).

(b) *Procedures*.

(1) *Covered telecommunications and video surveillance*. The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) at *https://www.sam.gov* for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for "covered telecommunications equipment or services."

(2) *FASCSA Orders*.

(i) The Offeror shall search in SAM for the phrase "FASCSA order" for any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if there is an applicable FASCSA order described in paragraph (e) of FAR 52.240-91, Security Prohibitions and Exclusions.

(ii) The Offeror shall review the solicitation for any FASCSA orders that are not in SAM but are effective and apply to the solicitation and resultant contract (see FAR 40.204-1(c)(2)).

(iii) FASCSA orders issued after the date of solicitation do not apply unless added by an amendment to the solicitation.

(c) *Covered telecommunications equipment or services representations*. By submission of its offer, the Offeror represents that, after conducting a reasonable inquiry (that looks at any information in the Offeror's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit)—

(1) It 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, except as waived by the solicitation, or as disclosed in paragraph (g); and

(2) It does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services, except as waived by the solicitation, or as disclosed in paragraph (g).

(d) *FASCSA Representation*. By submission of this offer, the offeror represents that it has conducted a reasonable inquiry, and that the offeror does not propose to provide or use in response to this solicitation any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if the covered article or the source is prohibited by an applicable FASCSA order in effect on the date the solicitation was issued, except as waived by the solicitation, or as disclosed in paragraph (g). A reasonable inquiry will look at any information in the offeror's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit.

(e) *Sudan certification*. By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies, after conducting a reasonable inquiry (that looks at any information in the offeror's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit), that the offeror does not conduct any restricted business operations in Sudan.

(f) *Iran Representation and Certifications*.

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision or if a waiver has been granted in accordance with FAR 40.203-3, the offeror, after conducting a reasonable inquiry (that looks at any information in the offeror's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit), by submission of its offer—

(i) Represents, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror does not export any sensitive technology to the government of Iran or any entities or individuals owned or controlled by, or acting on behalf or at the direction of, the government of Iran;

(ii) Certifies that the offeror, or any person (as defined at section 15 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-172, 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) owned or controlled by the offeror, does not engage in any activities for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Act. These sanctioned activities are in the areas of development of the petroleum resources of Iran, production of refined petroleum products in Iran, sale and provision of refined petroleum products to Iran, and contributing to Iran's ability to acquire or develop certain weapons or technologies; and

(iii) Certifies that the offeror, and any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not knowingly engage in any transaction that exceeds $15,000 with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps or any of its officials, agents, or affiliates, the property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (see OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List at *https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/default.aspx*)

(2) Exception for trade agreements. The representation and certification requirements of paragraph (f)(1) of this provision do not apply if—

(i) This solicitation includes a trade agreements notice or certification (e.g., 52.225-6, Trade Agreements Certificate); and

(ii) The offeror has certified that all the offered products to be supplied are designated country end products or designated country construction material.

(iii) The offeror shall email questions concerning sensitive technology to the Department of State at *CISADA106@state.gov*.

(g) *Disclosure*.

(1) If the Offeror is not able to represent compliance with the prohibitions in paragraphs (c) or (d), then the Offeror shall disclose within 72 hours to the contracting office identified in paragraph (g)(2) the following information for each product or service not compliant:

(i) Contract number and order number, if applicable;

(ii) Identification of whether this disclosure relates to paragraph (c) on covered telecommunication equipment or services, or to paragraph (d) on FASCSA orders;

(iii) A description of the products or services that the Contractor identifies or has reason to suspect is prohibited (include brand; model number, such as the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable);

(iv) The entity that produced the product or service (include entity name, unique entity identifier, Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) code, facilities responsible for design, fabrication, assembly, packaging, and test of the product, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor (provide manufacturer codes and distributor codes used for the product));

(v) Description of the functionality of the product or service and how that functionality impacts the risk to the product or service;

(vi) An explanation of any factors relevant to determining if the product or service should be permitted by an applicable exception, exemption, or waiver (if the offeror would like the Government to consider a waiver);

(vii) Whether alternative products or services are available that would be compliant with the prohibition;

(viii) If the product or service is related to item maintenance, include the following information on the item being maintained:

(A) Brand;

(B) Model number, OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and

(C) Item description, as applicable.

(ix) Any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

(2) If a disclosure is required to be submitted to a contracting office, the offeror shall submit the disclosure as follows:

(i) If a Department of Defense contracting office, the offeror shall submit the disclosure to the website at *https://dibnet.dod.mil*.

(ii) For all other contracting offices, the Offeror shall submit the disclosure to the Contracting Officer.

(3) If the disclosure provided does not contain any of the information required by paragraph (1), and the Offeror later discovers new information that is required by paragraph (1), then the Offeror shall submit a subsequent disclosure within 72 hours of discovering the new information.

(h) *Executive agency review of disclosures*. The Contracting Officer will review disclosures provided in paragraph (g) to determine if any applicable waiver may be sought. The Contracting Officer may choose not to pursue a waiver and may instead make an award to an Offeror that does not require a waiver.

(End of Provision)

E.6 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 VAAR Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1)) provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of “(DEVIATION)” after the name of the regulation.

(End of Provision)

E.7 VAAR 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.

(End of Provision)

(End of Addendum to 52.212-1)