SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES

NOTE: OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, AND 30.

1. REQUISITION NUMBER: 0044048632

2. CONTRACT NUMBER:

3. AWARD/EFFECTIVE DATE:

4. ORDER NUMBER:

5. SOLICITATION NUMBER: 140L3726Q0099

6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE: 06/23/2026

7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL:

a. NAME: Galby Celestin

b. TELEPHONE NUMBER *(No collect calls)*: 2083733958

8. OFFER DUE DATE/ LOCAL TIME: 07/17/2026 1700 ED

9. ISSUED BY CODE LFA

BLM FA-NTL INTRAGCY FIRE CTR(FA250)
3833 S. DEVELOPMENT AVE.
BOISE ID 83705

10. THIS ACQUISITION IS
- [x] SMALL BUSINESS
- [ ] HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS
- [ ] SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (SDVOSB)
- [ ] UNRESTRICTED OR
- [ ] WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (WOSB)
- [ ] ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (EDWOSB)
- [ ] 8(A)
- [x] SET ASIDE: 100.00 % FOR:

NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION STANDARD (NAICS): 115310

SIZE STANDARD: $34

11. DELIVERY FOR FREE ON BOARD (FOB) DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED
- [x] SEE SCHEDULE

12. DISCOUNT TERMS:

13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER THE DEFENSE PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATIONS SYSTEM - DPAS (15 CFR 700)
- [ ]

13b. RATING:

14. METHOD OF SOLICITATION
- [x] REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)
- [ ] INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)
- [ ] REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

15. DELIVER TO CODE 0011276285

See Schedule

16. ADMINISTERED BY CODE LFA

See Schedule

17a. CONTRACTOR/ OFFEROR CODE: FACILITY CODE:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY CODE:

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

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

19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
	ADMINISTERED BY: BLM FA-NTL INTRAGCY FIRE CTR(FA250) 3833 S. DEVELOPMENT AVE. BOISE ID 83705 US DELIVER TO: BLM-CA REDDING FIELD OFFICE Continued... *(Use Reverse and/or Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary)*				

25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT *(For Government Use Only)*

- [ ] 27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE (FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION) FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA [ ] 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

- [ ] 28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN _____ 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: REFERENCE _____ 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)*: Kanon Morris

31c. DATE SIGNED

19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
	6640 LOCKHEED DR REDDING CA 96002 US Delivery: 09/30/2027 Period of Performance: 03/01/2027 to 09/30/2027				
00010	The Redding Field Office, Bureau of Land Management California (BLM-CA) is acquiring maintenance treatment for 65 Acres of resprouting hazardous fuels in fire-prone areas on BLM-administered public lands in the Shingletown area of Shasta County, California IAW PWS and Maps Product/Service Code: F006 Product/Service Description: NATURAL RESOURCES/CONSERVATION- LAND TREATMENT PRACTICES				

32a. QUANTITY IN COLUMN 21 HAS BEEN

☐ RECEIVED ☐ INSPECTED ☐ ACCEPTED, AND CONFORMS TO THE CONTRACT, EXCEPT AS NOTED: _____

32b. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	32c. DATE	32d. PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

32e. MAILING ADDRESS OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	32f. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE 32g. EMAIL OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

33. SHIP NUMBER ☐ PARTIAL ☐ FINAL	34. VOUCHER NUMBER	35. AMOUNT VERIFIED CORRECT FOR	36. PAYMENT ☐ COMPLETE ☐ PARTIAL ☐ FINAL	37. CHECK NUMBER

STOCK RECORD (S/R)		40. PAID BY
38. S/R ACCOUNT NUMBER	39. S/R VOUCHER NUMBER	

41a. I CERTIFY THIS ACCOUNT IS CORRECT AND PROPER FOR PAYMENT		42a. RECEIVED BY *(Print)*	
41b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER	41c. DATE	42b. RECEIVED AT *(Location)*	
		42c. DATE RECEIVED *(MM/DD/YYYY)*	42d. TOTAL CONTAINERS

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- SECTION 1 PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT

The Redding Field Office, Bureau of Land Management California (BLM-CA) is acquiring services for HERBICIDE MAINTENANCE Treatment of 65 acres of resprouting hazardous fuels in fire-prone areas on BLM-administered public lands in the Shingletown area of Shasta County, California IAW attached PWS and Maps**.**

This acquisition is being procured as a Total Small Business Set Aside under the NAICS code 115310 Support Activities for Forestry-Fuels Management Services. The Government anticipates award of a single firm fixed price contract.

NOTICE TO OFFEROR(s): System updates may lag policy updates. The System for Award Management (SAM) may continue to require entities to complete representations based on provisions that are not included in agency solicitations, including 52.223-22, Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals—Representation, and paragraph (t) of 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Products and Commercial Services. Agencies will not consider or use these representations. Entities are not required to, nor are they able to, update their entity registration to remove these representations in SAM.

SECTION 2 CONTRACT CLAUSES

52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference Feb 1998

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

FAR Clauses: www.acquisition.gov/far/part-52
DOI Clauses: www.acquisition.gov/diar/part-1452-solicitation-provisions-and-contract-clauses
Revolutionary FAR Overhaul Clauses: www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-52

Clauses	Title	Date
52.204-13	System for Award Maintenance	DEVIATION Mar 2026
52.204-14	Service Contract Reporting Requirements	DEVIATION Mar 2026
52.204-19	Incorporation by Reference of Representations and Certifications	Dec 2014
52.209-6	Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment	DEVIATION MAY 2026
52.209-10	Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations	DEVIATION MAY 2026
52.212-4	Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial items	DEVIATION Mar 2026
52.217-8	Option to Extend Services, 30 days	Nov 1999
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52.222-37	Employment Reports on Veterans	DEVIATION MAY 2026
52.222-41	Service Contract Labor Standards	DEVIATION MAY 2026
52.222-42	Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires	MAY 2014
52.222-50	Combatting Trafficking in Persons	DEVIATION MAY 2026
52.222-54	Employment Eligibility Verification	DEVIATION MAY 2026
52.222-55	Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Ex. Order 14026	Jan 2022
52.222-62	Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706	DEVIATION MAY 2026
52.222-90	Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors	DEVIATION APR 2026
52.223-23	Sustainable Products	DEVIATION MAY 2026
52.226-8	Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving	MAY 2024
52.232-18	Availability of Funds	Apr 1984
52.232-39	Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations	Jun 2013
52.232-40	Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors	Mar 2023
52.233-3	Protest After Award	AUG 1996
52.233-4	Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim	OCT 2004
52.237-2	Protection of Government Buildings, Equipment, and Vegetation	APR 1984
52.240-91	Security Prohibitions and Exclusions	DEVIATION MAR 2026
52.242-13	Bankruptcy	JUL 1995
52.242-15	Stop-Work Order	Aug 1989
52.242-17	Government Delay of Work	APR 1984
52.243-1	Changes-Fixed-Price Alternate 1	DEVIATION OCT 2025
52.244-6	Subcontracts for Commercial Products and Commercial Services	DEVIATION MAY 2026
52.245-1	Government Property	SEP 2021
52.245-9	Use and Charges	APR 2012
52.246-4	Inspection of Services – Fixed Price	Aug 1996
52.246-25	Limitation of Liability - Services	Feb 1997

52.212-4 Terms and Conditions—Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (DEVIATION MAR 2026)
(a) *Definitions*. The clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.202-1, Definitions, is incorporated by reference.

(b) *Inspection/Acceptance*. The Contractor shall only tender for acceptance those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to inspect or test any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The Government may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or reperformance of nonconforming services at no increase in contract price. If repair/replacement or reperformance will not correct the defects or is not possible, the Government may seek an equitable price reduction or adequate consideration for acceptance of nonconforming supplies or services. The Government must exercise its post acceptance rights—

(1) Within a reasonable time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and

(2) Before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item.

(c) *Assignment*. The Contractor or its assignee may assign its rights to receive payment due as a result of performance of this contract to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution, including any Federal lending agency in accordance with the Assignment of Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3727). However, when a third party makes payment (*e.g.,* use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card), the Contractor may not assign its rights to receive payment under this contract.

(d) *Changes*. Changes in the terms and conditions of this contract may be made only by written agreement of the parties.

(e) *Disputes*. This contract is subject to 41 U.S.C. chapter 71, Contract Disputes. Failure of the parties to this contract to reach agreement on any request for equitable adjustment, claim, appeal, or action arising under or relating to this contract shall be a dispute to be resolved in accordance with the clause FAR 52.233-1, Disputes, which is incorporated in this contract by reference. The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any dispute arising under the contract.

(f) *Excusable delays*. The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence. Examples of occurrences include acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. When an excusable delay occurs, the Contractor shall—
(1) Notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as possible;
(2) Remedy the delay as quickly as possible; and
(3) Notify the Contracting Officer when the occurrence is over.

(g) Invoice. The Government will handle invoices according to the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and 5 CFR part 1315. The Contractor shall submit invoices to the address designated in the contract to receive invoices. An invoice must include the information required by 5 CFR part 1315.9(b).

(h) *Patent indemnity*. The Contractor shall indemnify the Government and its officers, employees, and agents against liability, including costs, for actual or alleged direct or contributory infringement of, or inducement to infringe, any United States or foreign patent, trademark, or copyright, arising out of the performance of this contract, provided the Contractor is reasonably notified of such claims and proceedings.

(i) *Payment—*
(1) *Items accepted*. Payment shall be made for items accepted by the Government that have been delivered to the delivery destinations set forth in this contract.
(2) *Prompt payment*. The Government will make payment in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.
(3) *Discount*. In connection with any discount offered for early payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date that appears on the payment check or the specified payment date if an electronic funds transfer payment is made.

(4) *Overpayments*. If the Contractor becomes aware of a duplicate contract financing or invoice payment or that the Government has otherwise overpaid on a contract financing or invoice payment, the Contractor shall—

(i) Remit the overpayment amount to the payment office cited in the contract along with a description of the overpayment including the—

(A) Circumstances of the overpayment (*e.g.*, duplicate payment, erroneous payment, liquidation errors, date(s) of overpayment);

(B) Affected contract number and delivery order number, if applicable;

(C) Affected line item or subline item, if applicable;

(D) Contractor point of contact; and

(ii) Provide a copy of the remittance and supporting documentation to the Contracting Officer.

(5) *Interest*. (i) All amounts that become payable by the Contractor to the Government under this contract shall bear simple interest from the date due until paid unless paid within 30 days of becoming due. The interest rate shall be the interest rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in 41 U.S.C. 7109, which is applicable to the period in which the amount becomes due, as provided in (i)(6)(v) of this clause, and then at the rate applicable for each six-month period as fixed by the Secretary until the amount is paid.

(ii) The Government may issue a demand for payment to the Contractor upon finding a debt is due under the contract.

(iii) *Final decisions*. The Contracting Officer will issue a final decision as required by FAR part 33 if–

(A) The Contracting Officer and the Contractor are unable to reach agreement on the existence or amount of a debt within 30 days;

(B) The Contractor fails to liquidate a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer within the timeline specified in the demand for payment unless the amounts were not repaid because the Contractor has requested an installment payment agreement; or

(C) The Contractor requests a deferment of collection on a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer (see FAR part 32).

(iv) If a demand for payment was previously issued for the debt, the demand for payment included in the final decision shall identify the same due date as the original demand for payment.

(v) Amounts shall be due at the earliest of the following dates:

(A) The date fixed under this contract.

(B) The date of the first written demand for payment, including any demand for payment resulting from a termination for cause.

(vi) The interest charge shall be computed for the actual number of calendar days involved beginning on

the due date and ending on-

(A) The date on which the designated office receives payment from the Contractor;

(B) The date of issuance of a Government check to the Contractor from which an amount otherwise payable has been withheld as a credit against the contract debt; or

(C) The date on which an amount withheld and applied to the contract debt would otherwise have become payable to the Contractor.

(vii) The interest charge made under this clause may be reduced under the procedures for interest credits prescribed in FAR part 32 in effect on the date of this contract.

(j) *Risk of loss*. Unless the contract specifically provides otherwise, risk of loss or damage to the supplies provided under this contract shall remain with the Contractor until, and shall pass to the Government upon—
(1) Delivery of the supplies to a carrier, if transportation is f.o.b. origin; or
(2) Delivery of the supplies to the Government at the destination specified in the contract, if transportation is f.o.b. destination.

(k) *Taxes*. The contract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes and duties.

(l) *Termination for the Government's convenience*. The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.

(m) *Termination for cause*. The Government may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the Government, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. The Government will send a cure notice to the Contractor, unless the reason for the termination is late delivery. In the event of termination for cause, the Government shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the Government improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

(n) *Title*. Unless specified elsewhere in this contract, title to items furnished under this contract shall pass to the Government upon acceptance, regardless of when or where the Government takes physical possession.

(o) *Warranty*. The Contractor warrants and implies that the items delivered under this contract are merchantable and fit for use for the particular purpose described in this contract.

(p) *Limitation of liability*. Except as otherwise provided by an express warranty, the Contractor will not be liable to the Government for consequential damages resulting from any defect or deficiencies in accepted items.

(q) *Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts*. The Contractor agrees to comply with 31 U.S.C. 1352 relating to limitations on the use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracts; 40 U.S.C. chapter 37, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards; 41 U.S.C. chapter 87, Kickbacks; 49 U.S.C. 40118, Government-financed air transportation; and 41 U.S.C. chapter 21 relating to procurement integrity.

(r) *Order of precedence*. Any inconsistencies in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

(1) The schedule of supplies/services;
(2) The Disputes, Payments, Invoice, Compliance with Laws Unique to Government Contracts, and Unauthorized Obligations paragraphs of this clause;
(3) Other contract clauses incorporated in the solicitation or contract;
(4) Addenda to this solicitation or contract;
(5) Solicitation provisions incorporated in the solicitation;
(6) Other paragraphs of this clause;
(7) Other documents, exhibits, and attachments; and
(8) The specification.

(s) *Unauthorized obligations*.

(1) Except as stated in paragraph (s)(2) of this clause, when any supply or service acquired under this contract is subject to any End User License Agreement (EULA), Terms of Service (TOS), or similar legal instrument or agreement, that includes any clause requiring the Government to indemnify the Contractor or any person or entity for damages, costs, fees, or any other loss or liability that would create an Anti-Deficiency Act violation (31 U.S.C. 1341), the following shall govern:

(i) Any such clause is unenforceable against the Government.

(ii) Neither the Government nor any Government-authorized end user shall be deemed to have agreed to such clause by virtue of it appearing in the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement. If the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement is invoked through an "I agree" click box or other comparable mechanism (e.g., "click-wrap" or "browse-wrap" agreements), execution does not bind the Government or any Government authorized end user to such clause.

(iii) Any such clause is deemed to be stricken from the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement.

(2) Paragraph (s)(1) of this clause does not apply to indemnification by the Government that is expressly authorized by statute and specifically authorized under applicable agency regulations and procedures.

(t) *Comptroller General examination of record*. This paragraph applies if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid procedures and is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold on the date of award

of this contract.

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

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices, at all reasonable times, the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR part 4, longer period required by statute, or periods specified in other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

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

(u) *Incorporation by reference*. The Contractor's representations and certifications, including those completed electronically via the System for Award Management (SAM), are incorporated by reference into the contract.

(End of clause)

52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside Nov 2020

(a) *Definition*. *Small business concern*, as used in this clause—

(1) Means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the size standards in this solicitation.

(2) *Affiliates*, as used in paragraph (a)(1) of this clause, 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.

(b) *Applicability*. This clause applies only to-

(1) Contracts that have been totally set aside for small business concerns; and

(2) Orders set aside for small business concerns under multiple-award contracts as described in 8.405-5 and 16.505(b)(2)(i)(F).

(c) General.

(1) Offers are solicited only from small business concerns. Offers received from concerns that are not small business concerns shall be considered nonresponsive and will be rejected.

(2) Any award resulting from this solicitation will be made to a small business concern.

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 Department of the Interior Regulation (48 CFR 14) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of (DEVIATION) after the name of the regulation.

(End of clause)

1452.201-70 Authorities and Delegations Sep 2011

(a) The Contracting Officer is the only individual authorized to enter into or terminate this contract, modify any term or condition of this contract, waive any requirement of this contract, or accept nonconforming work.

(b) The Contracting Officer will designate a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) at time of award. The COR will be responsible for technical monitoring of the contractor's performance and deliveries. The COR will be appointed in writing, and a copy of the appointment will be furnished to the Contractor. Changes to this delegation will be made by written changes to the existing appointment or by issuance of a new appointment.

(c) The COR is not authorized to perform, formally or informally, any of the following actions:

(1) Promise, award, agree to award, or execute any contract, contract modification, or notice of intent that changes or may change this contract;

(2) Waive or agree to modification of the delivery schedule;

(3) Make any final decision on any contract matter subject to the Disputes Clause;

(4) Terminate, for any reason, the Contractor's right to proceed;

(5) Obligate in any way, the payment of money by the Government.

(d) The Contractor shall comply with the written or oral direction of the Contracting Officer or authorized representative(s) acting within the scope and authority of the appointment memorandum. The Contractor need not proceed with direction that it considers to have been issued without proper authority. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing, with as much detail as possible, when the COR has taken an action or has issued direction (written or oral) that the Contractor considers to exceed the COR's appointment, within 3 days of the occurrence. Unless otherwise provided in this contract, the Contractor assumes all costs, risks, liabilities, and consequences of performing any work it is directed to perform that falls within any of the categories defined in paragraph (c) prior to receipt of the Contracting Officer's response issued under paragraph (e) of this clause.

(e) The Contracting Officer shall respond in writing within 30 days to any notice made under paragraph (d) of this clause. A failure of the parties to agree upon the nature of a direction, or upon the contract action to be taken with respect thereto, shall be subject to the provisions of the Disputes clause of this contract.

(f) The Contractor shall provide copies of all correspondence to the Contracting Officer and the COR.

(g) Any action(s) taken by the Contractor, in response to any direction given by any person acting on behalf of the Government or any Government official other than the Contracting Officer or the COR acting within his or her appointment, shall be at the Contractor's risk.

1452.204-70 Release of Claims (JUL 1996)

After completion of work and prior to final payment, the Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer with a release of claims against the United States relating to this contract. The Release of Claims form (DI-137) shall be used for this purpose. The form provides for exception of specified claims from operation of the release.

(End of clause)

Electronic Invoicing and Payment Requirements–Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) Feb 2021

Payment requests must be submitted electronically through the U. S. Department of the Treasury's Invoice Processing Platform System (IPP).

"Payment request" means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment by the Contractor. To constitute a proper invoice, the payment request must comply with the requirements identified in the applicable Prompt Payment clause included in the contract, or the clause 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions - Commercial Items included in commercial item contracts. The IPP website address is: https://www.ipp.gov.

Under this contract, the following documents are required to be submitted as an attachment to the IPP invoice:

1. A copy of the Contractor’s invoice, to include the finalized OF-286 invoice from the incident.
2. The contract number.
3. The invoice number.
4. Dates of transactions.
5. A description of the line items being billed
6. The unit prices for each line item.
7. Quantities for each line item.
8. Total amount of each line item.
9. Overall invoice total.
10. All receipts for travel (meals, lodging, transportation).

The Contractor must use the IPP website to register access and use IPP for submitting requests for payment. The Contractor Government Business Point of Contact (as listed in SAM) will receive enrollment instructions via email from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (FRBSTL) within 3 - 5 business days of the contract award date. Contractor assistance with enrollment can be obtained by contacting the IPP Production Helpdesk via email IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov or phone

(866) 973-3131.

If the Contractor is unable to comply with the requirement to use IPP for submitting invoices for payment, the Contractor must submit a waiver request in writing to the Contracting Officer with its proposal or quotation.

(End of Local Clause)

1510.046 Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) and/or Project Inspector (PI) Apr 1998
The COR and/or Project Inspector (PI) will be appointed by the Contracting Officer upon award of the contract. Such COR/PI will be responsible for giving the Contractor any special instructions or guidance necessary to complete delivery as required by the contract. The COR and/or PI does not have the authority to modify or in any way amend the terms of this contract

The designated COR for this project is:

To be determined at time of award

1510.301 Inspection Aug 1999

(a) Work will be subject to periodic inspections by the Government to assure satisfactory progress, to determine quantities or work performed for progress payment purposes, to be certain that work is being performed in accordance with contract specifications, and to determine if work corrections are necessary.

(b) Inspection in the form of a review of all required reports will be performed by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Accordingly, all reports, data, and documentation required by the contract will be submitted to the COR who will recommend approval/disapproval for acceptance purposes to the Contracting Officer.

(c) The Contractor shall notify the COR or the Project Inspector (PI) at least 3 days before the scheduled completion date, so the Government can schedule final inspection. The Contractor will not be granted a time extension to perform a work correction required as a result of a periodic or final inspection if such correction is necessary because of improper work by the Contractor. The Contractor or his authorized representative must be at the worksite at time of final inspection.

1510.302 Acceptance Aug 1999

Final inspection and acceptance of all items/services to be delivered under this contract shall be the responsibility of the Contracting Officer. Quality of work is subject to verification by the COR, with final payment to be withheld pending completion of any necessary rework by the Contractor.

1510.304 Pre-Work Conference Aug 1999

After award a pre-work conference shall be held between the Contractor and the COR. The date and time of the meeting shall be determined by the COR and the Contractor in consultation. Discussions relative to contract requirements and the specific responsibilities of each party will be conducted at this time.

1510.322 Procurement Office Representative Aug 1999

The Procurement Office Representative for this requirement is:

Administrative Point of Contact:
Galby Celestin
Email: gcelestin@blm.gov / galby_celestin@ios.doi.gov
Phone: 718-815-4029

Kanon Morris- CO
Telephone: 208-387-5568
Email: kanon_morris@ios.doi.gov

Green Procurement Requirements

In the performance of this service or construction contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products identified on the mandatory environmental purchasing list at the following links, if applicable:

- U.S. EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines published at www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm
- USDA Biobased product listings published at www.biopreferred.gov
- Energy Star® product listings published at www.energystar.gov/products
- FEMP Low Standby Power product listings published at http://energy.gov/eere/femp/covered-productcategories

Contractor shall comply with all reporting requirements stated in the applicable clause(s):

- 52.223-1 Biobased Product Certification (MAY 2024) (DEVIATION MAY 2026)
- 52.223-2 Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products under Service and Construction Contracts (MAY 2024) (DEVIATION MAY 2026)

SECTION 3 LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Performance Work Statement (PWS) (14 pages)
2. DOL Wage Determination, 2015-5627 Rev 26, Last Revised 05/13/2026, California Shasta Counties Wage Determination (6 pages)
3. Map Shingletown (2 pages)
4. Pricing Schedule (1 page)

SECTION 4 REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS

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):

FAR Provisions: www.acquisition.gov/far/part-52
DOI Provisions: www.acquisition.gov/diar/part-1452-solicitation-provisions-and-contract-clauses
Revolutionary FAR Overhaul Provisions: www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-52

(End of provision)

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 Department of Interior Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 14) provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

Clauses	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	DEVIATION MAR 2026
52.209-12	Certification Regarding Tax Matters.\	OCT 2020
52.240-90	Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications	DEVIATION MAR 2026

Quote Submission

Electronic Submittal: Quotes and supporting documentation, must be submitted electronically via email to Galby Celestin at gcelestin@blm.gov / galby_celestin@ios.doi.gov.

In accordance with FAR 4.1201, prospective contractors shall complete electronic annual representations and certifications at SAM accessed via representations and certifications shall be entered through

https://www.acquisition.gov.

General:
This is a Request for Quote (RFQ). An award notice will be posted on the Federal Business Opportunities website located at https://sam.gov/content/opportunities upon award. The award notice will include the awardee's name and address and total award amount.

The Offeror shall submit the completed Standard Form 1449 and acknowledge all amendments, if any, in addition to the Technical, Past Performance, and Price information requested below.

Quotes shall be submitted in two parts consisting of:

(1) Technical and Past Performance information. Part 1 should not contain any price information for this project.

(2) Price (SF1449).

(3) Bid Schedule (completed in full).

Each part shall be separate and complete in itself so that evaluation of one may be accomplished independently of the other. The Government is not responsible for locating or obtaining any information not identified in the submission.

Sufficient and detailed information must be presented in the submission to enable the Government to evaluate the quote fully in accordance with the Evaluation and Award Factors set forth in this solicitation. **The Government is not obligated to ask for additional information and in the absence of appropriate information the contractor's submission will be rated deficient**.

52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (DEVIATION MAR 2026)

(a) Submission of offers. Submit signed and dated offers to the office specified in this solicitation at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. As a minimum, offers shall include—

(1) The solicitation number;

(2) The name, address, telephone number of the Offeror;

(3) The Offeror's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and, if applicable, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator;

(4) Information necessary to evaluate the factors contained in the provision at 52.212-2 or as described in the solicitation;

(5) Responses to provisions that require Offeror completion of information, representations, and certifications (other than those collected via the System for Award Management (SAM)); and

(6) A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and any solicitation amendments.

(b) Period for acceptance of offers. The Offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for 60 calendar days from the date specified for receipt of offers, unless another time period is specified in an addendum to the solicitation.

(c) Late submissions, modifications, revisions, and withdrawals of offers.

(1) Offerors are responsible for submitting offers and any modifications or revisions to the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation.

(2) Any offer, modification, or revision received after the time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition. However, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer that makes its terms more favorable to the Government will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

(3) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that offers cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of offers by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation or other notice of an extension of the closing date, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.

(4) Offerors may withdraw their offers by written notice to the Government received at any time before award.

(d) Contract award (not applicable to Invitation for Bids). The Government intends to evaluate offers and award a contract without discussions with Offerors. Therefore, the Offeror's initial offer should contain the Offeror's best terms. However, the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions, if necessary. The Government may reject any or all offers if such action is in the public interest, accept other than the lowest offer, and waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.

(e) Debriefings. If a postaward debriefing is given to requesting Offerors, the Government will disclose the following information, if applicable:

(1) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed Offeror's offer.

(2) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful Offeror and the debriefed Offeror and past performance information on the debriefed Offeror.

(3) The overall ranking of all Offerors when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.

(4) A summary of the rationale for award.

(5) For acquisitions of commercial products, the make and model of the product to be delivered by the successful Offeror.

(6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed Offeror as to whether the agency followed source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities.

(End of provision)

52.212-2 Evaluation – Commercial Products and Commercial Services DEVIATION MAR 2026

Note: **Quotes will be evaluated based on a best value, trade-off process.**

(a) The Government will award a purchase order resulting from this solicitation to the responsible quoter whose quote is most advantageous to the Government, price and evaluation factors identified below. This acquisition is being conducted under the **Acquisition of Commercial Products and Commercial Services** of FAR Part 12.

Best Value allows the Government to consider or award to an offer who's Price might not be the lowest offer, but the offeror's proposal is more advantageous in Technical Capability and/or Past Performance. The Government may consider award to other than the lowest priced offeror or other than the highest technically rated offeror when it is in the best interest of the Government.

1. Evaluation Process:
In accordance with **FAR 12 (FAR Overhaul - Part 12 | Acquisition.GOV)** the Government will perform a **comparative evaluation** of quotes. A comparative evaluation is defined as the act of comparing one quote to another in a side-by-side fashion.

- **No Formal Scoring is required:** The Government is not required to use formal evaluation plans, precise weighting, or adjectival scoring (e.g., "Excellent" or "Blue").

- **Direct Comparison: IAW FAR 12,** Quotes will be compared against one another to determine which provides the best value. The Government will use their professional business judgment to determine if a quote's technical superiority or more favorable terms (e.g., faster delivery, longer warranty) justifies a higher price. However, the Government may first perform a price analysis. If the lowest-priced quote provides the best value, the Government may award to that quoter without further comparison to other quotes.

2. Evaluation Factors:
The following factors will be used to evaluate quotes:

- **Technical Capability:** Ability to meet the specifications in the Statement of Work. Provide a work plan, schedule, crew size, and equipment to be utilized. (Narrative no longer than 5 pages).

- **Relevant Experience (Past Performance):** At least 3 recent and relevant experiences in size and scope within the past 5 years.

  Past performance will be evaluated to assess the level of confidence the Government has that the offeror will be successful in performing the tasks outlined for this effort in the SOW based on the extent to which an offeror has successfully performed and managed contracts, similar in nature to this acquisition. The recency and relevance of past performance, source of information, context of the data, and general trends in performance will be considered. The Government will consider performance quality of the offeror's past performance by determining how well the contractor performed to establish a qualitative overall risk assessment rating for the past performance factor.

Other Sources of Information. In evaluating past performance, the Government may consider data provided by the offeror, as well as, past performance data on other projects obtained from other available sources, such as the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS), the System for Award Management (SAM) or other Government databases; interviews with COs, Contracting Officer's Representatives (CORs), and/or Project Inspectors with specific knowledge of the offeror's performance to conclude general trends in the quality of work in the offeror's performance record. While the Government may consider all available information and sources, the burden to provide complete, recent, and relevant past performance information rests with the offeror.

If a performance record is so sparse that no meaningful confidence assessment rating can be reasonably assigned, a neutral confidence rating will be assessed.

Provide past performance references can include the following information:
1. Name of Project
2. Location of Project
3. Contract Number
4. Period of Performance
5. Total cost for Project
6. Name of Agency/Entity
7. Point of Contact for Agency/Entity (including Phone & Fax Numbers)
8. Complete and thorough description of services performed (to show specific relevancy to this project). Description should include specifics about the scope of projects completed. *This information is requested to assist in evaluation of relevancy to this project in terms of type, complexity, and magnitude.*

- **Price:** Total evaluated price. Offeror to complete the Standard Form (SF) 1449 and attached Bid Schedule in full including pricing for all option years. Price should include ALL costs associated with the completion of the project per the attached Statement of Work.

Technical and past performance when combined are considered greater than price.

(b) *Options (if applicable)*. The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. The evaluation of options does not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

(c) Notice of award. A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer 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.

52.209-11 Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law (DEVIATION MAY 2026)

(a) the Government will not enter into a contract with any corporation that–

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

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

(b) The Offeror represents that–

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

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

52.219-1 Small Business Program Representations (DEVIATION JAN 2026)

(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 **115310**

(2) The small business size standard is **$34.0 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 disadvantage 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)

1452.215-71 Use and Disclosure of Proposal Information - Department of the Interior Apr 1984

(a) Definitions. For the purposes of this provision and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

> (1) "Trade Secret" means an unpatented, secret, commercially valuable plan, appliance, formula, or process, which is used for making, preparing, compounding, treating or processing articles or materials which are trade commodities.
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> (2) "Confidential commercial or financial information" means any business information (other than trade secrets) which is exempt from the mandatory disclosure requirement of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552. Exemptions from mandatory disclosure which may be applicable to business information contained in proposals include exemption (4), which covers "commercial and financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential," and exemption (9), which covers "geological and geophysical information, including maps, concerning wells."

(b) If the offeror, or its subcontractor(s), believes that the proposal contains trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, (5 U.S.C. 552), the cover page of each copy of the proposal shall be marked with the following legend:

"The information specifically identified on pages _____ of this proposal constitutes trade secrets or confidential commercial and financial information which the offeror believes to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. The offeror requests that this information not be disclosed to the public, except as may be required by law. The offeror also requests that this information not be used in whole or part by the government for any purpose other than to evaluate the proposal, except that if a contract is awarded to the offeror as a result of or in connection with the submission of the proposal, the Government shall have the right to use the information to the extent provided in the contract."

(c) The offeror shall also specifically identify trade secret information and confidential commercial and financial information on the pages of the proposal on which it appears and shall mark each such page with the following legend:

"This page contains trade secrets or confidential commercial and financial information which the offeror believes to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act and which is subject to the legend contained on the cover page of this proposal."

(d) Information in a proposal identified by an offeror as trade secret information or confidential commercial and financial information shall be used by the Government only for the purpose of evaluating

the proposal, except that (i) if a contract is awarded to the offeror as a result of or in connection with submission of the proposal, the Government shall have the right to use the information as provided in the contract, and (ii) if the same information is obtained from another source without restriction it may be used without restriction.

(e) If a request under the Freedom of Information Act seeks access to information in a proposal identified as trade secret information or confidential commercial and financial information, full consideration will be given to the offeror's view that the information constitutes trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information. The offeror will also be promptly notified of the request and given an opportunity to provide additional evidence and argument in support of its position, unless administratively unfeasible to do so. If it is determined that information claimed by the offeror to be trade secret information or confidential commercial or financial information is not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, the offeror will be notified of this determination prior to disclosure of the information.

(f) The Government assumes no liability for the disclosure or use of information contained in a proposal if not marked in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this provision. If a request under the Freedom of Information Act is made for information in a proposal not marked in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this provision, the offeror concerned shall be promptly notified of the request and given an opportunity to provide its position to the Government. However, failure of an offeror to mark information contained in a proposal as trade secret information or confidential commercial or financial information will be treated by the Government as evidence that the information is not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, absent a showing that the failure to mark was due to unusual or extenuating circumstances, such as a showing that the offeror had intended to mark, but that markings were omitted from the offeror's proposal due to clerical error.