ATTACHMENT B

*Note: Firms that wish to take advantage of the socio-economic status evaluation factor **shall** submit a fully completed and signed VAAR 852.219-75: VA Notice of Limitations on Subcontracting – Certification of Compliance for services and construction. Should a firm receive an evaluation preference and be selected for award, then the clauses in this attachment - VAAR 852.219-75 and either 852.219-73 or 852.219-74 (as applicable) – will be incorporated into the resulting contract.

VAAR 852.215-71 EVALUATION FACTOR COMITTMENTS (OCT 2019)

(a) The offeror agrees, if awarded a contract, to use the service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs) or veteran-owned small businesses (VOSBs) proposed as subcontractors in accordance with 852.215-70, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned and Veteran-Owned Small Business Evaluation Factors, or to substitute one or more SDVOSBs or VOSBs for subcontract work of the same or similar value.

(b) Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8127(g), any business concern that is determined by VA to have willfully and intentionally misrepresented a company's SDVOSB/VOSB status is subject to debarment for a period of not less than five years. This includes the debarment of all principals in the business.

(End of clause)

VAAR 852.219-75 VA NOTICE OF LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING—CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION (JAN 2023) (DEVIATION)

(a) Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8127(l)(2), the offeror certifies that—

(1) If awarded a contract (see FAR 2.101 definition), it will comply with the limitations on subcontracting requirement as provided in the solicitation and the resultant contract, as follows:

(i) [] *Services*. In the case of a contract for services (except construction), the contractor will not pay more than 50% of the amount paid by the government to it to firms that are not certified SDVOSBs listed in the SBA certification database as set forth in 852.219–73 or certified VOSBs listed in the SBA certification database as set forth in 852.219–74. Any work that a similarly situated certified SDVOSB/VOSB subcontractor further subcontracts will count towards the 50% subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. Other direct costs may be excluded to the extent they are not the principal purpose of the acquisition and small business concerns do not provide the service as set forth in 13 CFR 125.6.

(ii)[X] *General construction*. In the case of a contract for general construction, the contractor will not pay more than 85% of the amount paid by the government to it to firms that are not certified SDVOSBs listed in the SBA certification database as set forth in 852.219–73 or certified VOSBs listed in the SBA certification database as set forth in 852.219–74. Any work that a similarly situated certified SDVOSB/VOSB subcontractor further subcontracts will count towards the 85% subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. Cost of materials are excluded and not considered to be subcontracted.

(iii) [] *Special trade construction contractors*. In the case of a contract for special trade contractors, the contractor will not pay more than 75% of the amount paid by the government to it to firms that are not certified SDVOSBs listed in the SBA certification database as set forth in 852.219–73 or certified VOSBs listed in the SBA certification database as set forth in 852.219–74. Any work that a similarly situated certified SDVOSB/VOSB subcontractor further subcontracts will count towards the 75% subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. Cost of materials are excluded and not considered to be subcontracted.

(2) The offeror acknowledges that this certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an Agency of the United States. The offeror further acknowledges that this certification is subject to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, and, as such, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the offeror subject to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties, including prosecution.

(3) If VA determines that an SDVOSB/ VOSB awarded a contract pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8127 did not act in good faith, such SDVOSB/VOSB shall be subject to any or all of the following:

(i) Referral to the VA Suspension and Debarment Committee;

(ii) A fine under section 16(g)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 645(g)(1)); and

(iii) Prosecution for violating 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(b) The offeror represents and understands that by submission of its offer and award of a contract it may be required to provide copies of documents or records to VA that VA may review to determine whether the offeror complied with the limitations on subcontracting requirement specified in the contract. Contracting officers may, at their discretion, require the contractor to demonstrate its compliance with the limitations on subcontracting at any time during performance and upon completion of a contract if the information regarding such compliance is not already available to the contracting officer. Evidence of compliance includes, but is not limited to, invoices, copies of subcontracts, or a list of the value of tasks performed.

(c) The offeror further agrees to cooperate fully and make available any documents or records as may be required to enable VA to determine compliance with the limitations on subcontracting requirement. The offeror understands that failure to provide documents as requested by VA may result in remedial action as the Government deems appropriate.

(d) Offeror completed certification/fill-in required. The formal certification must be completed, signed and returned with the offeror’s bid, quotation, or proposal. The Government will not consider offers for award from offerors that do not provide the certification, and all such responses will be deemed ineligible for evaluation and award.

Certification

I hereby certify that if awarded the contract, [insert name of offeror] will comply with the limitations on subcontracting specified in this clause and in the resultant contract. I further certify that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of [insert name of offeror].

Printed Name of Signee: _____

Printed Title of Signee: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Company Name and Address: _____

(End of Clause)

VAAR 852.219-73 - VA NOTICE OF TOTAL SET-ASIDE FOR CERTIFIED SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES (JAN 2023) (DEVIATION)

(a) *Definition*. For the Department of Veterans Affairs, "*Service-disabled Veteran-owned small business concern or SDVOSB*":

(1) Means a small business concern—

(i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled Veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled Veterans or eligible surviving spouses (see VAAR 802.101, Surviving Spouse definition);

(ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled Veterans (or eligible surviving spouses) or, in the case of a service-disabled Veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such Veteran;

(iii) The business meets Federal small business size standards for the applicable North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code identified in the solicitation document;

(iv) The business has been **certified** for ownership and control pursuant to **38 U.S.C. 8127, 13 CFR 128,** and is listed **as certified** in **the SBA certification database at https://veterans.certify.sba.gov/**; and

(v) The business **agrees to** comply with VAAR subpart 819.70 and Small Business Administration (SBA) regulations regarding small business size**, government contracting, and the Veteran Small Business Certification Program at 13 CFR parts 121, 125, and 128**.

(2) The term "Service-disabled Veteran" means a Veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

(3) The term "small business concern" has the meaning given that term under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

(4) The term "small business concern owned and controlled by Veterans with service-connected disabilities" has the meaning given the term "small business concern owned and

controlled by service-disabled veterans" under section 3(q)(2) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(q)(2)).

(5) The term "SDVOSB participant" or certified SDVOSB means a small business that has been certified in the SBA Veteran Small Business Certification Program and listed in the SBA certification database (see 13 CFR 128.102).

(b) *General.* **In order for a concern to submit an offer and be eligible for the award of an SDVOSB set-aside or sole source contract, the concern must qualify as a small business concern under the size standard corresponding to the NAICS code assigned to the contract and be listed as an SDVOSB participant in the SBA certification database as set forth in 13 CFR 128.**

(1) Offers received from entities that are not **certified** SDVOSBs **and listed in the SBA certification database** at the time of offer shall not be considered.

(2) Any award resulting from this solicitation shall be made to a **certified** SDVOSB **listed in the SBA certification database** who is eligible at the time of submission of offer(s) and at the time of award.

(3) The requirements in this clause apply to any contract, order or subcontract where the firm receives a benefit or preference from its designation as an SDVOSB, including set-asides, sole source awards, and evaluation preferences.

(c) *Representation.* Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8127(e), only **certified** SDVOSBs **listed in the SBA certification database** are considered eligible to receive award of a resulting contract. By submitting an offer, the prospective contractor represents that it is an eligible **and certified** SDVOSB as defined in this clause, **13 CFR 121, 125, and 128**, and VAAR subpart 819.70.

(d) *Agreement/**LOS certification**.* When awarded a contract action, including orders under multiple-award contracts, an SDVOSB agrees that in the performance of the contract, the SDVOSB shall comply with requirements in VAAR subpart 819.70 and SBA regulations on **small business size,** and government contracting programs at 13 CFR part 121 and part 125, including the non-manufacturer rule and limitations on subcontracting **(LOS)** requirements in 13 CFR 121.406(b) and 13 CFR 125.6. For the purpose of limitations on subcontracting, only **certified** SDVOSBs **listed in the SBA certification database** (including independent contractors) shall be considered eligible and/or "similarly situated" (i.e., a firm that has the same small business program status as the prime contractor). An otherwise eligible firm further agrees to comply with the required **(LOS)** certification requirements in this solicitation (see 852.219-75 or 852.219-76 as applicable). These requirements are summarized as follows:

(1) *Services.* In the case of a contract for services (except construction), the SDVOSB prime contractor will not pay more than 50% of the amount paid by the government to the prime for contract performance to firms that are not **certified** SDVOSBs **listed in the SBA certification database** (excluding direct costs to the extent they are not the principal purpose of the acquisition and the SDVOSB/VOSB does not provide the service, such as airline travel, cloud computing services, or mass media purchases). When a contract includes both services and supplies, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the service portion of the contract.

(2) *Supplies/products.* (i) In the case of a contract for supplies or products (other than from a non-manufacturer of such supplies), the SDVOSB prime contractor will not pay more than 50% of the amount paid by the government to the prime for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to firms that are not **certified** SDVOSBs **listed in the SBA certification database**. When a contract includes both supply and services, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the supply portion of the contract.

(ii) In the case of a contract for supplies from a non-manufacturer, the SDVOSB prime contractor will supply the product of a domestic small business manufacturer or processor, unless a waiver as described in 13 CFR 121.406(b)(5) has been granted. Refer to 13 **CFR** 125.6(a)(2)(ii) for guidance pertaining to multiple item procurements.

(3) *General construction.* In the case of a contract for general construction, the SDVOSB prime contractor will not pay more than 85% of the amount paid by the government to the prime for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to firms that are not **certified** SDVOSBs **listed in the SBA certification database**.

(4) *Special trade construction contractors.* In the case of a contract for special trade contractors, no more than 75% of the amount paid by the government to the prime for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, may be paid to firms that are not **certified** SDVOSBs **listed in the SBA certification database**.

(5) *Subcontracting.* An SDVOSB **subcontractor** must meet the NAICS size standard assigned by the prime contractor and be **certified and** listed in **the SBA certification database** to count as similarly situated. Any work that a first tier VIP-listed SDVOSB subcontractor further subcontracts will count towards the percent of subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. For supply or construction contracts, the cost of materials is excluded and not considered to be subcontracted. When a contract includes both services and supplies, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the portion of the contract with the preponderance of the expenditure upon which the assigned NAICS is based. For information and more specific requirements, refer to 13 CFR 125.6.

(e) *Required limitations on subcontracting compliance measurement period.* An SDVOSB shall comply with the limitations on subcontracting as follows:
[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

__X__ By the end of the base term of the contract or order, and then by the end of each subsequent option period; or

____ By the end of the performance period for each order issued under the contract.

(f) *Joint ventures.* A joint venture may be considered eligible as an SDVOSB if the joint venture complies with the requirements in **13 CFR 128.402 and the managing joint venture partner makes the representations under paragraph (c) of this clause**. A joint venture agrees that, in the performance of the contract, the applicable percentage specified in paragraph (d) of this clause will be performed by the aggregate of the joint venture participants.

(g) *Precedence.* The VA Veterans First Contracting Program, as defined in VAAR 802.101, subpart 819.70, and this clause, takes precedence over any inconsistencies between the requirements of the SBA **Veteran Small Business Certification** Program, and the VA Veterans First Contracting Program.

(h) *Misrepresentation.* Pursuant to 38 USC 8127(g), any business concern, including all its principals, that is determined by VA to have willfully and intentionally misrepresented a company's SDVOSB status is subject to debarment from contracting with the Department for a period of not less than five years (see VAAR 809.406-2 Causes for Debarment).

(End of clause)

VAAR 852.219-74 - VA NOTICE OF TOTAL SET-ASIDE FOR CERTIFIED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES (JAN 2023) (DEVIATION)

(a) *Definition.* For the Department of Veterans Affairs, "Veteran-owned small business or VOSB":

(1) Means a small business concern—

(i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more Veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more Veteran(s);

(ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more Veteran(s);

(iii) The business meets Federal small business size standards for the applicable North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code identified in the solicitation document;

(iv) The business has been verified for ownership and control pursuant to **38 U.S.C. 8127 and 13 CFR 128,** and is **certified and** listed in **the SBA certification database at https://veterans.certify.sba.gov/**; and

(v) The business **agrees to** comply with VAAR subpart 819.70 and Small Business Administration (SBA) regulations regarding small business size and government contracting**, and the Veterans Small Business Certification program at 13 CFR parts 121, 125, and 128**.

(2) "*Veteran*" is defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2).

(3) The term "*small business concern*" has the meaning given that term under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

(4) The term "*small business concern owned and controlled by Veterans*" has the meaning given that term under section 3(q)(3) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(q)(3)), except that for a VA contract the firm must be **certified and** listed in the **SBA certification database**.

(5) The term "VOSB participant" or certified VOSB means a small business that has been certified as eligible to participate in the Veteran Small Business Certification Program and listed in the SBA certification database (see 13 CFR 128.102). It includes certified service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs).

(b) *General.* **In order for a concern to submit an offer and be eligible for the award of a VOSB set-aside or sole source contract, the concern must qualify as a small business concern under the size standard corresponding to the NAICS code assigned to the contract and be certified and listed as a VOSB or SDVOSB participant in the certification database as set forth in 13 CFR 128.**

(1) Offers received from entities that are **certified VOSBs or SDVOSBs and listed in the SBA certification database** at the time of offer shall not be considered.

(2) Any award resulting from this solicitation shall be made only to a **certified** VOSB who is eligible at the time of submission of offer(s) and at time of award.

(3) The requirements in this clause apply to any contract, order or subcontract where the firm receives a benefit or preference from its designation as a VOSB, including set-asides, sole source awards, and evaluation preferences.

(c) *Representation.* Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8127(e), only **certified** VOSBs **listed in the SBA certification database** are considered eligible to receive award of a resulting contract. By submitting an offer, the prospective contractor represents that it is an eligible **and certified** VOSB as defined in this clause, **13 CFR 121, 125, and 128**, and VAAR subpart 819.70.

(d) *Agreement/**LOS certification**.* When awarded a contract action, including orders under multiple-award contracts, a VOSB agrees that in the performance of the contract, the VOSB shall comply with requirements in VAAR subpart 819.70 and SBA regulations on **small business size,** and government contracting programs at 13 CFR parts 121 and 125, including the non-manufacturer rule and limitations on subcontracting **(LOS)** requirements in 13 CFR

121.406(b) and 125.6. For the purpose of the limitations on subcontracting, only **certified VOSBs listed in the SBA certification database,** (including independent contractors) **shall be** considered eligible and/or "similarly situated" (i.e., a firm that has the same small business program status as the prime contractor). An otherwise eligible firm further agrees to comply with the required **LOS** certification requirements in this solicitation (see 852.219-75 and/or 852.219-76 as applicable). These requirements are summarized as follows:

(1) *Services.* In the case of a contract for services (except construction), the VOSB prime contractor will not pay more than 50% of the amount paid by the government to the prime for contract performance to firms that are not **certified** VOSBs **listed in the SBA certification database** (excluding direct costs to the extent they are not the principal purpose of the acquisition and the SDVOSB/VOSB does not provide the service, such as airline travel, cloud computing services, or mass media purchases). When a contract includes both services and supplies, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the service portion of the contract.

(2) *Supplies/products.* (i) In the case of a contract for supplies or products (other than from a non-manufacturer of such supplies), the VOSB prime contractor will not pay more than 50% of the amount paid by the government to the prime for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to firms that are not **certified** VOSBs **listed in the SBA certification database**. When a contract includes both supply and services, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the supply portion of the contract.

(ii) In the case of a contract for supplies from a non-manufacturer, the VOSB prime contractor will supply the product of a domestic small business manufacturer or processor, unless a waiver as described in 13 CFR 121.406(b)(5) has been granted. Refer to 13 CFR 125.6(a)(2)(ii) for guidance pertaining to multiple item procurements.

(3) *General construction.* In the case of a contract for general construction, the VOSB prime contractor will not pay more than 85% of the amount paid by the government to the prime for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to firms that are not **certified** VOSBs **listed in the SBA certification database**.

(4) *Special trade construction contractors.* In the case of a contract for special trade contractors, no more than 75% of the amount paid by the government to the prime for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, may be paid to firms that are not **certified** VOSBs **listed in the SBA certification database**.

(5) *Subcontracting.* A VOSB must meet the NAICS size standard assigned by the prime contractor and be listed in **the SBA certification database** to count as similarly situated. Any work that a first tier VIP-listed VOSB subcontractor further subcontracts will count towards the percent of subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. For supply or construction contracts, the cost of materials is excluded and not considered to be subcontracted. When a contract includes both services and supplies, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the portion of

the contract with the preponderance of the expenditure upon which the assigned NAICS is based. For information and more specific requirements, refer to 13 CFR 125.6.

(e) *Required limitations on subcontracting compliance measurement period.* A VOSB shall comply with the limitations on subcontracting as follows:
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__X__ By the end of the base term of the contract or order, and then by the end of each subsequent option period; or
____ By the end of the performance period for each order issued under the contract.

(f) *Joint ventures.* A joint venture may be considered eligible as a VOSB if the joint venture complies with the requirements in **13 CFR 128.402 and the managing joint venture partner makes the representations under paragraph (c) of this clause**. A joint venture agrees that, in the performance of the contract, the applicable percentage specified in paragraph (d) of this clause will be performed by the aggregate of the joint venture participants.

(g) *Precedence.* The VA Veterans First Contracting Program, as defined in VAAR 802.101, subpart 819.70, and this clause, takes precedence over any inconsistencies between the requirements of the SBA **Veteran Small Business Certification** Program and the VA Veterans First Contracting Program.

(h) *Misrepresentation.* Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8127(g), any business concern, including all its principals, that is determined by VA to have willfully and intentionally misrepresented a company's VOSB status is subject to debarment from contracting with the Department for a period of not less than five years (see VAAR 809.406-2, Causes for Debarment).

(End of Clause)