SOLICITATION DOCUMENT

Replacement & Installation of Sliding Gates and Drop Arms
U.S. Embassy Oslo, Norway

RESQUEST FOR QUOTATION NO. 19NO6026Q0009

Issued by:

U.S. Embassy
GSO-Procurement Office
Morgedalsvegen 36,
0378 Oslo
Norway

Embassy of the United States of America
Oslo, Norway

July 1, 2026

Dear Prospective Quoter:

Subject: Request for Quotations number 19NO6026Q0009 Replacement and Installation of Sliding Gates and Drop Arms.

Enclosed is a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for replacement and installation of sliding gates and drop arms services. If you would like to submit a quotation, follow the instructions in Section 3 of the solicitation, complete the required portions of the attached document, and submit it to the address shown on Standard Form 1449 that follows this letter.

The U.S. Government intends to award a purchase order to the responsible company submitting an acceptable offer at the lowest price. We intend to award a purchase order based on initial quotations, without holding discussions, although we may hold discussions with companies in the competitive range if there is a need to do so.

All quotations must be in English and submitted by e-mail on or before **July 24, 2026, at 16:00 P.M. (local time) to** OsloGSOBids@state.gov with the subject line **"**Replacement and Installation of Sliding Gates and Drop Arms for the U.S. Embassy Oslo"**.** No quotations will be accepted after this time.

It is important to make sure the submission is made in specific size and format; in MS-Word 2007/2010 or MS-Excel 2007/2010 or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) file format. The file size must not exceed 30MB. If the file size should exceed 30MB, the submission must be made in separate files and attached to separate emails with less than 30MB each.

For a quotation to be considered, you must also complete and submit the following:

1. SF-1449
2. Section I, Pricing
3. Section 5 Representations and Certifications
4. Additional information as required in Section 3
5. Proof of SAM Registration

Offerors shall be registered in the SAM (System for Award Management) database at https://www.sam.gov prior to submittal of their offer/proposal as prescribed under FAR 4.1102. Failure to be registered at time of proposal submission may deem the offeror's proposal to be considered non-responsible and no further consideration will be given. Therefore, offerors are highly encouraged to register immediately if they are interested in submitting a response to this requirement.

All solicitation related questions should be addressed in English language via e-mail OsloGSOBids@state.gov with subject line "Replacement and Installation of Sliding Gates and Drop Arms for the U.S. Embassy Oslo" - 19NO6026Q0009" no later than July 10, 2026, 15:00 (local time).

Sincerely,

Dunagan, Melvin (DunaganMA@state.gov)
07/01/2026 14:31 GMT

Alex M. Dunagan
Contracting Officer

Enclosure:

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7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL: ▶	a. NAME OsloGSOBids@state.gov		b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No collect calls) +47 21 30 88 21	8. OFFER DUE DATE/ LOCAL TIME July 24, 2026, 16:00 P.M.

9. ISSUED BY CODE

U.S. Embassy Oslo
GSO Procurement Office
Morgedalsvegen 36
0378 Oslo, Norway

10. THIS ACQUISITION IS
- ☒ UNRESTRICTED OR
- ☐ SET ASIDE: ____ % FOR:
- ☐ SMALL BUSINESS
- ☐ WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS
- ☐ HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS
- ☐ (WOSB) ELLIGIBLE UNDER THE WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM NAICS:
- ☐ SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS
- ☐ EDWOSB
- ☐ 8 (A) SIZE STANDARD:

11. DELIVERY FOR FOB DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED
☒ SEE SCHEDULE

12. DISCOUNT TERMS

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

13b. RATING

14. METHOD OF SOLICITATION
☒ RFQ ☐ IFB ☐ RFP

15. DELIVER TO CODE

U.S. Embassy Oslo
GSO Procurement Office
Morgedalsvegen 36
0378 Oslo, Norway

16. ADMINISTERED BY CODE

17a. CONTRACTOR/ OFFERER CODE FACILITY CODE

18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY CODE

U.S. Embassy Oslo
Financial Management Office (FMO)
Morgedalsvegen 36
0378 Oslo
Norway

☐ 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
1.	Replacement and Installation of Sliding Gates and Drop Arms (see attached) *(Use Reverse and/or Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary)*				(Indicate total amount of offer)

25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

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

☐ 27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE 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 _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 HEREIN.

☐ 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*)
Dunagan, MARIN (DunaganMA@state.gov)
07/01/2026 14:31 GMT-

31c. DATE SIGNED

PREVIOUS EDITION IS NOT	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT

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. E-MAIL 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
38. S/R ACCOUNT NO.	39. S/R VOUCHER NO.	40. PAID BY		

41.a. 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 REC'D *(YY/MM/DD)*	42d. TOTAL CONTAINERS

AUTHORIZED FOR LOCAL REPRODUCTION
(REV. 02/2012)

STANDARD FORM 1449

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SECTION 1 - THE SCHEDULE
CONTINUATION TO SF-1449
RFQ NUMBER **19NO6026Q0009**
PRICES, BLOCK 23

1. DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this firm-fixed priced purchase order is to replace the existing sliding gates and drop arms in accordance with the scope of work outlined below at the U.S. Embassy Oslo, Norway. The Contractor shall provide installation and replacement services of sliding gates and drop arms, including furnishing, material, equipment and services. The prices listed below shall include all labor, materials, insurance (see FAR 52.228-3 and 52.228-5), overhead, and profit.

2. TYPE OF CONTRACT

This is as a firm fixed-price contract. The Government will pay the Contractor the fixed price for services that have been satisfactorily performed. No additional sums will be payable for any escalation in the cost of materials, equipment, or labor, or because of the contractor's failure to properly estimate or accurately predict the cost or difficulty of achieving the results required. The contract price will not be adjusted due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. The currency shall be fixed and cannot be changed by modification to the contract.

2.1 Notice to Proceed. After contract award and submission of acceptable insurance certificates, the Contracting Officer shall issue a Notice to Proceed. The Notice to Proceed will establish a date (a minimum of ten (10) days from start date listed in the Notice to Proceed unless the Contractor agrees to an earlier date) on which performance shall start.

The performance period of this contract is from the date of the notice to proceed and for six (6) weeks, including material ordering.

3. PRICING

3.1. VALUE ADDED TAX

Value Added Tax (VAT) is not included in the CLIN rates. Instead, it will be priced as a separate Line Item in the contract and on Invoices. Local law dictates the portion of the contract price that is subject to VAT; this percentage is multiplied only against that portion. It is reflected in each performance period. The portions of the solicitation subject to VAT are:

3.2. PRICING TABLE

CLIN	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	TOTAL COST
0001	Replacement and installation of sliding gates and drop arms	1	ALL	
0002	Defense Base Act Insurance (DBA) (if applicable)	1	LOT	
0003	VAT 25%	1	ALL	
	TOTAL COST *			

* Specify currency in total cost field.

4. Defense Base Act Insurance (DBA) This requirement will only apply to employees working on this contract. The U.S. Department of Labor has issued a geographic waiver of the DBA Insurance requirement for employees covered under compulsory workers' compensation laws of Norway (Law of Norway "On Mandatory State Social Security"). The waiver does not apply to any employees working under this contract who:

(a) is a citizen of the United States of America; or

(b) is a lawful resident of the United States of America; or

(c) was hired in the United States of America.

If the above waiver does not apply, the Contractor shall include Defense Base Act (DBA) insurance premium costs covering employees. The offeror may obtain DBA insurance directly from any Department of Labor approved providers at the DOL website at http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/lscarrier.htm.

CONTINUATION TO SF-1449
RFQ NUMBER **19NO6026Q0009**
SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES, BLOCK 20
DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

1. SCOPE OF WORK

The U.S. Embassy in Oslo, Norway requires the contractor to provide installation and replacement services for the replacement and upgrade of the vehicle access control system at the U.S. Embassy, Morgedalsvegen 36, 0378 Oslo, Norway.

The existing drop arms at the Embassy have ceased functioning and require complete replacement. The current vehicle gate control system, which combines hydraulic and electrical components, has experienced leaks and control issues. The Embassy intends to upgrade to a fully electric control system.

The Contractor shall perform the work as described in this Statement of Work (SOW).

2. DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT EQUIPMENT

The current system is comprised of the following components:

(A) GATE OPERATOR

- Model: SlideDriver 50VF2/3
- Part #: 222 X3ST
- Horsepower: 2 hp
- Drive Wheels: Two 8" (20 cm) Advance Drive wheel
- Gate Weight Max.: 5,000lb (2,268 kg)
- Drawbar Pull: 300lb (136 kg)
- Rate of Travel: Field adjustable, 2.2 ft/s or 3 ft/s Emergency Fast Close 3 ft/s
- Temperature Rating: -40F to 158F (-40C to 70C)
- 1 Phase Power: 208/230V 60 Hz, 220V 50Hz
- ETL Listed (UL 325): Usage Class III, IV

(B) DROP ARMS

- Model: StrongArmPark DC 10
- Arm Length Max.: 10ft
- Field adjustable Open/Close Time: 3 speeds: 1.5/2/2.5s
- Full Open Angle: Adjustable 90 degree +/- 10 degree
- Handing: Left handing standard. Easy to convert to right handing in field
- Duty Cycle: Continuous

- Uninterrupted Power Supply: Two 8 Ah batteries.
- Voltage Input: 230VAC, 1.5A, 50/60Hz
- Accessory Power: 24VDC, 12VDC and 24 VDC 1A each
- Temperature Rating: -13F to 158F (-25C to 70C)
- Communication: USB, RS-232, RS-485
- User Controls: Smart DC Controller with 70+ configurable settings. 32 LCD display and 5 tact buttons or a PC using S.T.A.R.T. software.
- Relays: Two configurable user relays:30VDC, 3Asolid state and 250VAC, 10A electromechanical. Extended 8 relay module available.
- ETL Listed (UL 325): Usage Class I, II, III, IV

3. WORK REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall remove and dispose of the existing drop arms and control system and install new drop arms and a fully electric gate control system as follows:

- Remove and dispose of the existing drop arms and gate control system in accordance with Norwegian environmental laws and regulations.
- Install a new electric gate control system, including a new PLC and a three-phase, 400V/20A electric motor. No hydraulic system must be used.
- The control system for the gates should be connected and operated with the existing system. The contractor must verify signal strength to the new PLC.
- Replace the existing smooth rotating wheel on the gate with a teethed (gear) wheel and matching teethed track.

Drop Arms:

- Remove and dispose of the existing drop arms in accordance with Norwegian environmental regulations.
- Install one set of drop arms (two arms) matching the existing length, equipped with integrated lighting (green when raised, red when lowered).
- Ensure drop arms are operable via both push buttons and remote controls. Provide four remote controls.
- Configure drop arms to open automatically for vehicles exiting the compound.

Cleaning and Waste Management:

- Dismantle and dispose of all components of the existing gate control system.
- Remove and dispose of all construction materials and waste.

- Restore all disturbed areas to their original condition.
- Transport and recycle waste in compliance with Norwegian regulations.

4. HOURS OF PERFORMANCE

The Contractor shall schedule all work during normal building hours which are defined as 08:00 to 16:00 hours, Monday to Friday, excluding local holidays and bank holidays, unless approved in advance by the Contracting Officers Representative (COR).

5. ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

5.1 General. The Contractor shall designate a representative who shall supervise the Contractor's work and be the Contractor's liaison with the U.S. Embassy/Consulate. The Contractor's employees shall be on-site only for contractual duties and not for any other business or purposes. Contractor employees shall have access to only the work area with security escorts, and other areas if required with specific permission by either the Contracting Officer or the COR.

5.2 Personnel Security. The Government reserves the right to deny access to U.S owned and U.S.-operated facilities to any individual. The Contractor shall provide the names, biographic data and police clearance on all Contractor personnel who shall be used on this contract prior to their utilization. The Government shall issue identity cards to approved Contractor personnel, each of whom shall display his/her card(s) on their uniform at all times while on Government property under this contract. These identity cards are the property of the Government. The Contractor shall return all identity cards when the workday is over and when the contract is completed, when a Contractor's employee leaves this contract, or at the request of the Government.

5.3 Standards of Conduct

5.3.1 General. The Contractor shall maintain satisfactory standards of employee competency, conduct, cleanliness, appearance and integrity and shall be responsible for taking such disciplinary action with respect to employees as may be necessary. Each Contractor employee shall adhere to standards of conduct that reflect credit on themselves, their employer, and the United States Government. The Government reserves the right to direct the Contractor to remove an employee from the worksite for failure to comply with the standards of conduct. The Contractor shall immediately replace such an employee to maintain continuity of services at no additional cost to the Government.

5.3.2 Uniforms and Personal Equipment. The contractors' employees shall wear clean, neat and complete uniforms when on duty. All employees shall wear uniforms approved by the Contracting Officers Representative (COR). The Contractor shall provide to each employee and supervisor, uniforms and personal equipment. The Contractor shall be responsible for the cost of purchasing, cleaning, pressing and repair of uniforms.

5.3.3 Neglect of duties shall not be condoned. This includes sleeping while on duty, unreasonable delays or failures to carry out assigned tasks, conducting personal affairs during duty hours and refusing to render assistance or cooperate in upholding the integrity of the worksite security.

5.3.4 The Contractor shall not condone disorderly conduct, use of abusive or offensive language, quarreling, and intimidation by words, actions, or fighting. Also included is participation in disruptive activities that interfere with normal and efficient Government operations.

5.3.5 Intoxicants and Narcotics. The Contractor shall not allow its employees while on duty to possess, sell, consume, or be under the influence of intoxicants, drugs or substances which produce similar effects.

5.3.6 Criminal Actions. Contractor employees may be subject to criminal actions as allowed by law in certain circumstances. These circumstances include but are not limited to the following actions: falsification or unlawful concealment, removal, mutilation, or destruction of any official documents or records or concealment of material facts by willful omission from official documents or records; unauthorized use of Government property, theft, vandalism, or immoral conduct; unethical or improper use of official authority or credentials; security violations; organizing or participating in gambling in any form; and misuse of weapons.

5.3.7 Key Control. The Contractor shall receive, secure, issue and account for any keys issued for access to building, offices, equipment, gates, or other areas for the purposes of this contract. Keys shall not be duplicated without the COR's approval. Where the Government determines that the Contractor or its agents have duplicated keys without permission of the COR, the Contractor shall remove the individual(s) responsible for performing work under the contract. If the Contractor has lost any keys, the Contractor shall immediately notify the COR. In either event, the Contractor shall reimburse the Government for the cost of rekeying that portion of the system compromised.

6. PERSONNEL

The Contractor shall provide trained sliding gate and drop arm mechanics who are qualified in the installation of vehicle barrier systems containing both electrical and hydraulic components as required by this contract. The contractor shall provide the appropriate tools and testing equipment for the work to be performed under this contract.

7. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Personal Injury, Property Loss or Damage (Liability). The Contractor assumes absolute responsibility and liability for any and all personal injuries or death and property damage or losses suffered due to negligence of the Contractor's personnel in the performance of this contract.

The Contractor's assumption of absolute liability is independent of any insurance policies.

Insurance. The Contractor, at its own expense, shall provide and maintain during the entire period of performance of this contract, whatever insurance is legally necessary. The Contractor shall carry the following minimum insurance:

Comprehensive General Liability:

1. Bodily Injury stated in Norwegian Kroner (NOK):

   Per occurrence: NOK 1,000,000
   Cumulative: NOK 1,000,000

2. Property Damage stated in Norwegian Kroner (NOK):

   Per occurrence: NOK 1,000,000
   Cumulative: NOK 1,000,000

7.2 Workers Compensation Insurance. The Contractor agrees to provide all employees with worker's compensation benefits as required by the laws of either the country in which the employees are working or the employee's native country, whichever offers greater benefits, following FAR 52.228-4 "Workers Compensation and War Hazzard Insurance Overseas".

8. PERMITS

The Contractor shall maintain in full force and affect all permits, licenses, and appointments required for the prosecution of work under this contract at no additional cost to the Government. The Contractor shall obtain these permits, licenses, and appointments in compliance with host country laws.

9. LOCAL LAW REGISTRATION

If the local law or decree requires that one or both parties to the contract register the contract with the designated authorities to ensure compliance with this law or decree, the entire burden of this registration shall rest upon the Contractor. Any local or other taxes which may be assessed against the contract shall be payable by the Contractor without Government reimbursement.

10. GOVERNMENT FURNISHED PROPERTY

No government furnished equipment will be provided under this contract.

11. DELIVERABLES

The following items shall be delivered under this contract:

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	DELIVERY DATE	DELIVER TO:
Insurance Certificate	1	Submit with quote	Contracting Officer
List of Personnel	1	5 days after award	COR
Manuals	ALL	Substantial Completion	COR
One-line drawings	1	Substantial Completion	COR
Warranties	ALL	Substantial Completion	COR
Invoice submittal	1	Upon project completion	COR

12 WARRANTIES

12.1 Warranties required under the contract shall be subject to the stipulations set forth in FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Products and Commercial Services.

13. MANUALS

13.1 The contractor shall provide the manufacturers user manuals for all equipment installed under this contract.

14. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND SURVEILLANCE PLAN (QASP)

14.1 This plan provides an effective method to promote satisfactory contractor performance. The QASP provides a method for the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to monitor Contractor performance, advise the Contractor of unsatisfactory performance, and notify the Contracting Officer of continued unsatisfactory performance. The Contractor, not the Government, is responsible for management and quality control to meet the terms of the contract. The role of the Government is to monitor quality to ensure that contract standards are achieved.

Performance Objective	**Scope of Work Paragraphs**	**Performance Threshold**
Services. Performs all services set forth in the scope of work.	1 to 14	All required services are performed and no more than one (1) customer complaint is received per month.

14.2 SURVEILLANCE. The COR will receive and document all complaints from Government personnel regarding the services provided. If appropriate, the COR will send the complaints to the Contractor for corrective action.

14.3 STANDARD. The performance standard is that the Government receives no more than one (1) customer complaint per month. The COR shall notify the Contracting Officer of the complaints so that the Contracting Officer may take appropriate action to enforce the inspection clause (FAR 52.212.4, Contract Terms and Conditions - Commercial Products and Commercial Services (NOV 2023), if any of the services exceed the standard.

14.4 PROCEDURES.

(a) If any Government personnel observe unacceptable services, either incomplete work or required services not being performed they should immediately contact the COR.

(b) The COR will complete appropriate documentation to record the complaint.

(c) If the COR determines the complaint is invalid, the COR will advise the complainant. The COR will retain the annotated copy of the written complaint for his/her files.

(d) If the COR determines the complaint is valid, the COR will inform the Contractor and give the Contractor additional time to correct the defect, if additional time is available. The COR shall determine how much time is reasonable.

(e) The COR shall, as a minimum, orally notify the Contractor of any valid complaints.

(f) If the Contractor disagrees with the complaint after investigation of the site and challenges the validity of the complaint, the Contractor will notify the COR. The COR will review the matter to determine the validity of the complaint.

(g) The COR will consider complaints as resolved unless notified otherwise by the complainant.

(h) Repeat customer complaints are not permitted for any services. If a repeat customer complaint is received for the same deficiency during the service period, the COR will contact the Contracting Officer for appropriate action under the Inspection clause.

SECTION 2 - CONTRACT CLAUSES

52.212-4 TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (NOV 2023) (DEVIATION JAN 2026) IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. (SEE SF-1449, BLOCK 27A)

52.229-12 TAX ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PROCUREMENTS—NOTICE AND REPRESENTATION (FEB 2021)

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

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person.

United States person, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 7701(a)(30), means–

(1) A citizen or resident of the United States;

(2) A domestic partnership;

(3) A domestic corporation;

(4) Any estate (other than a foreign estate, within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. 7701(a)(31)); and

(5) Any trust if-

(i) A court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust; and

(ii) One or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

(b) This clause applies only to foreign persons. It implements 26 U.S.C. 5000C and its implementing regulations at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1 through 1.5000C-7.

(c)

(1) If the Contractor is a foreign person and has only a partial or no exemption to the withholding, the Contractor shall include the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-14, Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments, with each voucher or invoice submitted under this contract throughout the period in which this status is applicable. The excise tax withholding is applied at the payment level, not at the contract level. The Contractor should revise each IRS Form W-14 submission to reflect the exemption (if any) that applies to that particular invoice, such as a different exemption applying.

In the absence of a completed IRS Form W-14 accompanying a payment request, the default withholding percentage is 2 percent for the section 5000C withholding for that payment request. Information about IRS Form W-14 and its separate instructions is available via the internet at www.irs.gov/w14.

(2) If the Contractor is a foreign person and has indicated in its offer in the provision 52.229-11, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements—Notice and Representation, that it is fully exempt from the withholding, and certified the full exemption on the IRS Form W-14, and if that full exemption no longer applies due to a change in circumstances during the performance of the contract that causes the Contractor to become subject to the withholding for the 2 percent excise tax then the Contractor shall–

(i) Notify the Contracting Officer within 30 days of a change in circumstances that causes the Contractor to be subject to the excise tax withholding under 26 U.S.C. 5000C; and

(ii) Comply with paragraph (c)(1) of this clause.

(d) The Government will withhold a full 2 percent of each payment unless the Contractor claims an exemption. If the Contractor enters a ratio in Line 12 of the IRS Form W-14, the result of Line 11 divided by Line 10, the Government will withhold from each payment an amount equal to 2 percent multiplied by the contract ratio. If the Contractor marks box 9 of the IRS Form W-14 (rather than completes Lines 10 through 12), the Contractor must identify and enter the specific exempt and nonexempt amounts in Line 15 of the IRS Form W-14; the Government will then withhold 2 percent only from the nonexempt amount. See the IRS Form W-14 and its instructions.

(e) Exemptions from the withholding under this clause are described at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1(d)(5) through (7). Any exemption claimed and self-certified on the IRS Form W-14 is subject to audit by the IRS. Any disputes regarding the imposition and collection of the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax are adjudicated by the IRS as the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax is a tax matter, not a contract issue.

(f) Taxes imposed under 26 U.S.C. 5000C may not be—

(1) Included in the contract price; nor

(2) Reimbursed.

(g) A taxpayer may, for a fee, seek advice from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as to the proper tax treatment of a transaction. This is called a private letter ruling. Also, the IRS may publish a revenue ruling, which is an official interpretation by the IRS of the Internal Revenue Code, related statutes, tax treaties, and regulations. A revenue ruling is the conclusion of the IRS on how the law is applied to a specific set of facts. For questions relating to the interpretation of the IRS regulations go to https://www.irs.gov/help/tax-law-questions. (End of clause)

52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. In addition, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at: Acquisition.gov this address is subject to change.

If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the location indicated above, use the Department of State Acquisition website at e-CFR to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet "search engine" (for example, Google, Yahoo or Excite) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (FAR) CLAUSES ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

CLAUSE	TITLE AND DATE
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 (OCT 2018) (DEVIATION JAN 2026)
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52.240-91 SECURITY PROHIBITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS (JAN 2026)

THE FOLLOWING FAR CLAUSES ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within the performance of the contract.

52.232-19 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (APR 1984)

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond September 30 of the current calendar year. The Government's obligation to the performance of this contract beyond that date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any

payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond September 30 of the current calendar year, until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for performance and until the Contractor receives notice of availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR CLAUSES ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

652.204-70 DEPARTMENT OF STATE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD POLICY AND PROCEDURES (FEB 2015)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the Department of State (DOS) Personal Identification Card Policy and Procedures for all employees performing under this contract who require frequent and continuing access to DOS facilities, or information systems. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause in all subcontracts when the subcontractor's employees will require frequent and continuing access to DOS facilities, or information systems.

(b) The DOS Personal Identification Card Policy and Procedures may be accessed at *http://www.state.gov/m/ds/rls/rpt/c21664.htm*

(End of clause)

CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION (JULY 2008)

Contract performance may require contractor personnel to attend meetings with government personnel and the public, work within government offices, and/or utilize government email.

Contractor personnel must take the following actions to identify themselves as non-federal employees:

1) Use an email signature block that shows name, the office being supported and company affiliation (e.g. "John Smith, Office of Human Resources, ACME Corporation Support Contractor").
2)
3) Clearly identify themselves and their contractor affiliation in meetings.

3) Identify their contractor affiliation in Departmental e-mail and phone listings whenever contractor personnel are included in those listings; and

4) Contractor personnel may not utilize Department of State logos or indicia on business cards.

(End of clause)

652.215-70 EXAMINATION OF RECORDS

(a) With respect to matters related to this contract or a subcontract hereunder, the Department of State Office of the Inspector General, or an authorized representative, shall have upon request:
(1) Complete, prompt, and free access to all Contractor and Subcontractor files (in any format), documents, records, data, premises, and employees, except as limited by law; and

(2) The right to interview any current Contractor and Subcontractor personnel, individually and directly, with respect to such matters.

(b) This clause may not be construed to require the contractor or any subcontractor to create or maintain any record that the contractor or subcontractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(c) The Contractor shall insert a clause containing all the terms of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts under this contract other than acquisitions described in Federal Acquisition Regulation 15.209(b)(1).

652.229-70 EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION STATEMENT FOR CONTRACTORS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES (JUL 1988)

This is to certify that the item(s) covered by this contract is/are for export solely for the use of the U.S. Foreign Service Post identified in the contract schedule.

The Contractor shall use a photocopy of this contract as evidence of intent to export. Final proof of exportation may be obtained from the agent handling the shipment. Such proof shall be accepted in lieu of payment of excise tax.

(End of clause)

652.232-70 PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND INVOICE SUBMISSION (FIXED-PRICE) (AUG 1999)

(a) General. The Government shall pay the Contractor as full compensation for all work required, performed, and accepted under this contract, inclusive of all costs and expenses, the firm fixed price stated in this contract.

(b) Invoice Submission. Invoice shall be submitted in the original and one copy to the office identified in Block 18b of the SF-1449. To constitute a proper invoice, the invoice shall include all the items required by FAR 52.232-25 “Prompt Payment”.

The Contractor shall show Value Added Tax (VAT) as a separate item on invoices submitted for payment.

Invoices should be sent electronically to OsloInvoices@state.gov and marked as follows:

U.S. Embassy Oslo
Attn. Financial Management Office (FMO
Ref: Contract number here)
Morgedalsvegen 36
0378 Oslo
Norway

(c) Contractor Remittance Address. The Government will make payment to the contractor's address stated on the cover page of this contract, unless a separate remittance address is shown below:

652.236-70 ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES (OCT 2017)

In addition to the safety/accident prevention requirements of FAR 52.236–13, Accident Prevention Alternate I, the contractor shall comply with the following additional safety measures.

(a) *High risk activities.* If the project contains any of the following high-risk activities, the contractor shall follow the section in the latest edition, as of the date of the solicitation, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Safety and Health manual, EM 385–1–1, that corresponds to the high-risk activity. Before work may proceed, the contractor must obtain approval from the COR of the written safety plan required by FAR 52.236–13, Accident Prevention Alternate I (see paragraph (f) of this clause), containing specific hazard mitigation and control techniques.

(1) Scaffolding;

(2) Work at heights above 1.8 meters;

(3) Trenching or other excavation greater than one (1) meter in depth;

(4) Earth-moving equipment and other large vehicles;

(5) Cranes and rigging;

(6) Welding or cutting and other hot work;

(7) Partial or total demolition of a structure;

(8) Temporary wiring, use of portable electric tools, or other recognized electrical hazards. Temporary wiring and portable electric tools require the use of a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) in the affected circuits; other electrical hazards may also require the use of a GFCI;

(9) Work in confined spaces (limited exits, potential for oxygen less than 19.5 percent or combustible atmosphere, potential for solid or liquid engulfment, or other hazards considered to be immediately dangerous to life or health such as water tanks, transformer vaults, sewers, cisterns, etc.);

(10) Hazardous materials—a material with a physical or health hazard including but not limited to, flammable, explosive, corrosive, toxic, reactive or unstable, or any operations, which creates any kind of contamination inside an occupied building such as dust from demolition activities, paints, solvents, etc.; or

(11) Hazardous noise levels as required in EM 385–1 Section 5B or local standards if more restrictive.

(b) *Safety and health requirements.* The contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with the latest edition of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Safety and Health manual EM 385–1–1, or OSHA 29 CFR part 1910 or 1926 if no EM 385–1–1 requirements are applicable, and the accepted contractor's written safety program.

(c) *Mishap reporting.* The contractor is required to report *immediately* all mishaps to the COR and the contracting officer. A "mishap" is any event causing injury, disease or illness, death, material loss or property damage, or incident causing environmental contamination. The mishap reporting requirement shall include fires, explosions, hazardous materials contamination, and other similar incidents that may threaten people, property, and equipment.

(d) *Records.* The contractor shall maintain an accurate record on all mishaps incident to work performed under this contract resulting in death, traumatic injury, occupational disease, or damage to or theft of property, materials, supplies, or equipment. The contractor shall report this data in the manner prescribed by the contracting officer.

(e) *Subcontracts.* The contractor shall insert this clause, including this paragraph (e), with appropriate changes in the designation of the parties, in subcontracts.

(f) *Written program.* The plan required by paragraph (f)

(1) of the clause entitled "Accident Prevention Alternate I" shall be known as the Site Safety and Health Plan (SSHP) and shall address any activities listed in paragraph (a) of this clause, or as otherwise required by the contracting officer/COR.

(1) The SSHP shall be submitted at least 10 working days prior to commencing any activity at the site.

(2) The plan must address developing activity hazard analyses (AHAs) for specific tasks. The AHAs shall define the activities being performed and identify the work sequences, the specific anticipated hazards, site conditions, equipment, materials, and the control measures to be implemented to eliminate or reduce each hazard to an acceptable level of risk. Work shall not begin until the AHA for the work activity has been accepted by the COR and discussed with all engaged in the activity, including the Contractor, subcontractor(s), and Government on-site representatives.

(3) The names of the Competent/Qualified Person(s) required for a particular activity (for example, excavations, scaffolding, fall protection, other activities as specified by EM 385–1–1) shall be identified and included in the AHA. Proof of their competency/qualification shall be submitted to the contracting officer or COR for acceptance prior to the start of that work activity. The AHA shall be reviewed and modified as necessary to address changing site conditions, operations, or change of competent/qualified person(s).

(End of clause)

652.237-72 OBSERVANCE OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE (FEB 2015)

(a) The Department of State observes the following days as holidays:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday
Washington's Birthday
Palm Sunday
Hold Thursday
Good Friday
Easter Sunday
Easter Monday
Norwegian Labor Day
Ascension Day
Whit Sunday
Memorial Day/Whit Monday
Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
Second Day of Christmas

Any other day designated by Federal law, Executive Order, or Presidential Proclamation.

(b) When New Year's Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day or Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is observed; if it falls on Saturday the preceding Friday is observed. Observance of such days by Government personnel shall not be cause for additional period of performance or entitlement to compensation except as set forth in the contract. If the contractor's personnel work on a holiday, no form of holiday or other premium compensation will be reimbursed either as a direct or indirect cost, unless authorized pursuant to an overtime clause elsewhere in this contract.

(c) When the Department of State grants administrative leave to its Government employees, assigned contractor personnel in Government facilities shall also be dismissed. However, the contractor agrees to continue to provide sufficient personnel to perform round-the-clock requirements of critical tasks already in operation or scheduled and shall be guided by the instructions issued by the contracting officer or his/her duly authorized representative.

(d) For fixed-price contracts, if services are not required or provided because the building is closed due to inclement weather, unanticipated holidays declared by the President, failure of Congress to appropriate funds, or similar reasons, deductions will be computed as follows:

(1) The deduction rate in dollars per day will be equal to the per month contract price divided by 21 days per month.

(2) The deduction rate in dollars per day will be multiplied by the number of days services are not required or provided.

If services are provided for portions of days, appropriate adjustment will be made by the contracting officer to ensure that the contractor is compensated for services provided.

(e) If administrative leave is granted to contractor personnel as a result of conditions stipulated in any "Excusable Delays" clause of this contract, it will be without loss to the contractor. The cost of salaries and wages to the contractor for the period of any such excused absence shall be a reimbursable item of direct cost hereunder for employees whose regular time is normally charged, and a reimbursable item of indirect cost for employees whose time is normally charged indirectly in accordance with the contractors' accounting policy.

(End of clause)

652.242-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) AUG 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer may designate in writing one or more Government employees, by name or position title, to take action for the Contracting Officer under this contract. Each designee shall be identified as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Such designation(s) shall specify the scope and limitations of the authority so delegated; provided, that the designee shall not change the terms or conditions of the contract, unless the COR is a warranted Contracting Officer and this authority is delegated in the designation.

(a) The COR for this contract is:

Mr. Rambod Fouladi, Facilities Building Engineer

652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(a) The Contractor warrants the following:

(1) That is has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;

(2) That is has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,

(3) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.

(b) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

652.243-70 NOTICES (AUG 1999)

Any notice or request relating to this contract given by either party to the other shall be in writing. Said notice or request shall be mailed or delivered by hand to the other party at the address provided in the schedule of the contract. All modifications to the contract must be made in writing by the Contracting Officer.

SECTION 3 - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (SEP 2023) (DEVIATION JAN 2026) IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (SEE SF-1449, BLOCK 27A)

ADDENDUM TO 52.212-1

A. Summary of Instructions. Each offer must consist of the following:

A.1. A completed solicitation, in which the SF-1449 cover page (blocks 12, 17, 19-24, and 30 as appropriate), and Section 1 has been filled out.

The Offeror shall include Defense Base Act (DBA) insurance premium costs covering employees. The offeror may obtain DBA insurance directly from any Department of Labor approved providers at the DOL website at *http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/lscarrier.htm]*

A.2. Information demonstrating the offeror's/quoter's ability to perform, including**:**

(1) Name of a Project Manager (or other liaison to the U.S. Embassy/Consulate) who understands written and spoken English;

(2) Evidence that the offeror/quoter operates an established business with a permanent address and telephone listing***;*** in Norway or plans to establish an office within 30 days of contract award.

If offeror has not obtained such authorization, the offeror shall provide:

a) A thorough description as to what steps you have taken to investigate all requirements to obtain authorization to perform in the country of performance.

b) Details of your findings and a description of what your organization shall actually be required to undertake to obtain licensing and requisite permit(s).

c) Any impact such authorization may have on the contractor's operating name and address.

d) Specific information concerning the period of time you anticipate it shall take to obtain appropriate authorization. Any plan reflecting a protracted period (i.e. more than 30 calendar days after award) in obtaining license(s) and/or permit(s) shall be rejected at the discretion of the Contracting Officer since further delay would otherwise harm the Government.

(3*)* The offeror shall provide proof of SAM registration to include the SAM UEI number.

4. List of clients over the past **three** years, demonstrating prior experience with relevant past performance information and references (provide dates of contracts, places of performance, value of contracts, contact names, telephone numbers and email addresses). If the offeror has

not performed comparable services in Norway then the offeror shall provide its international experience. Offerors are advised that the past performance information requested above may be discussed with the client's contact person. In addition, the client's contact person may be asked to comment on the offeror's:

- Quality of services provided under the contract;
- Compliance with contract terms and conditions;
- Effectiveness of management;
- Willingness to cooperate with and assist the customer in routine matters, and when confronted by unexpected difficulties; and
- Business integrity / business conduct.

The Government will use past performance information primarily to assess an offeror's capability to meet the solicitation performance requirements, including the relevance and successful performance of the offeror's work experience. The Government may also use this data to evaluate the credibility of the offeror's proposal. In addition, the Contracting Officer may use past performance information in making a determination of responsibility.

5. Evidence that the offeror/quoter can provide the necessary personnel, equipment, and financial resources needed to perform the work;

6. The offeror shall address its plan to obtain all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section 2). If offeror already possesses the locally required licenses and permits, a copy shall be provided.

7. The offeror's strategic plan for replacement & installation of sliding gate & drop arms services to include but not limited to:

(a) A work plan taking into account all work elements in Section 1, Performance Work Statement.

(b) Identify types and quantities of equipment, supplies and materials required for performance of services under this contract. Identify if the offeror already possesses the listed items and their condition for suitability and if not already possessed or inadequate for use how and when the items will be obtained;

(c) Plan of ensuring quality of services including but not limited to contract administration and oversight; and

(d) Insurance Certificate is required by the solicitation, a copy of the Certificate of Insurance should be submitted with your quote
or (2) a statement that the contractor will get the required insurance, and the name of the insurance provider to be used.

ADDENDUM TO SOLICITATION PROVISIONS
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISIONS NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

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. In addition, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at www.acquisitions.gov this address is subject to change.

If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the location you may also use an Internet "search engine" (for example, Google, Yahoo or Excite) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION SOLICITATION PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

PROVISION TITLE AND DATE

52.204-7 SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (NOV 2024) (DEVIATION JAN 2026)

52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (SEP 2023) (DEVIATION JAN 2026)

52.214-34 SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (APR 1991)

52.222-56 CERTIFICATION REGARDING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (OCT 2020)

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR PROVISION(S) IS/ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

652.206-70 ADVOCATE FOR COMPETITION/OMBUDSMAN (FEB 2015)

(a) The Department of State's Advocate for Competition is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged first to contact the contracting office for the solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact:

(1) For solicitations issued by the Office of Acquisition Management (A/GA/AMD) or a Regional Procurement Support Office, the A/GA/AMD Advocate for Competition, at AQMCompetitionAdvocate@state.gov.

(2) For all others, the Department of State Advocate for Competition at cat@state.gov.

(b) The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and post-award phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer,

the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman. For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1696 or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of Global Acquisitions (A/GA), Suite 1060, SA-15, Washington, DC 20520.
(End of provision)

SECTION 4 - EVALUATION FACTORS

- Award will be made to the lowest priced, acceptable, responsible quoter. The quoter shall submit a completed solicitation, including Sections 1 and 5.

- The Government will perform an initial review of proposals/quotations received to determine compliance with the terms of the solicitation. The Government may reject proposals/quotations as unacceptable proposals/quotations which do not conform to the solicitation.

- The lowest price will be determined by multiplying the offered prices times the estimated quantities in "Prices - Continuation of SF-1449, block 23", and arriving at a grand total, including all options.

- The Government reserves the right to reject proposals that are unreasonably low or high in price.

- The Government will determine acceptability by assessing the offeror's compliance with the terms of the RFQ **to include the technical information required by Section 3.**

- The Government will determine contractor responsibility by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:

  - Adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;
  - Ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
  - Satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
  - Necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them;
  - Necessary equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them; and
  - Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.
  - Insurance Certificate must be submitted with quote.

ADDENDUM TO EVALUATION FACTORS
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISION(S) NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

THE FOLLOWING FAR PROVISION(S) IS/ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

52.217-5 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (JUL 1990) (DEVIATION JAN 2026)

The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. Evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

52.225-17 EVALUATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY OFFERS (FEB 2000)

If the Government receives offers in more than one currency, the Government will evaluate offers by converting the foreign currency to United States currency using the exchange rate used by the Embassy in effect as follows:

(a) For acquisitions conducted using sealed bidding procedures, on the date of bid opening.

(b) For acquisitions conducted using negotiation procedures—

(1) On the date specified for receipt of offers, if award is based on initial offers; otherwise

(2) On the date specified for receipt of proposal revisions.

SECTION 5 - REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

52.204-90 OFFEROR IDENTIFICATION (JAN 2026)

If the Offeror will not have an active Federal Government contracts registration in the System for Award Management (https://www.sam.gov) when submitting its offer, it shall complete paragraphs (c) and (d) of this provision and include its responses with its offer.

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

Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code has the meaning provided in the clause at FAR 52.204-91, Contractor Identification, of this solicitation.

Common parent means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator means a bank account identifier to establish additional System for Award Management records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see part 32) for the same entity.

Highest-level owner means the entity that owns or controls an immediate owner of the offeror, or that owns or controls one or more entities that control an immediate owner of the offeror. No entity owns or exercises control of the highest-level owner.

Immediate owner means an entity, other than the offeror, that has direct control of the offeror. Indicators of control include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: ownership or interlocking management, identity of interests among family members, shared facilities and equipment, and the common use of employees. There may be more than one immediate owner (e.g., joint ventures).

Predecessor means an entity whose assets were acquired by the offeror or another entity (most often through merger or acquisition) and whose affairs are now carried out by the offeror or the other entity under a new name.

Taxpayer Identification Number means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the offeror to report income tax and other returns. It may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.

Unique entity identifier (UEI) has the meaning provided in the clause at FAR 52.204-91, Contractor Identification, of this solicitation.

(b) *Unique entity identifier (UEI).*

(1) The Offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "Unique Entity Identifier" followed by the UEI that identifies the Offeror's name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The Offeror shall also enter its EFT indicator, if applicable.

(2) If the Offeror does not have a UEI, it shall go to https://www.sam.gov to obtain one. The Government will independently validate the existence and uniqueness of the Offeror before assigning a UEI.

(c) *Taxpayer identification*. The Offeror shall provide with its offer the following information that is necessary to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d); reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M; and the implementing IRS regulations:

(1) Taxpayer identification number (TIN)

□ TIN: _____;

□ TIN has been applied for; or

□ TIN is not required because:

□ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;

□ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government; or

□ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(2) *Type of organization.*

□ Sole proprietorship;

□ Partnership;

□ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

□ Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

□ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

□ Foreign government;

□ International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4; or

□ Other.

(3) *Common parent.*

□ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (a) of this provision; or

□ Name and TIN of common parent:

Name: _____

TIN: _____

(4) The TIN provided in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the Offeror's TIN. The Government may use the TIN to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the Offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)).

(d) Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code.

(1) The Offeror shall provide its CAGE code with its offer with its name and location address or otherwise include it prominently in its offer. The CAGE code shall be for that name and location address. Insert the word "CAGE" before the code. The Offeror may obtain a CAGE code as indicated in the following table.

If the Offeror is…	**Then…**
Located in the United States or its outlying areas	Submit a request to the DLA CAGE Branch via https://cage.dla.mil
Located outside the United States and its outlying areas and its country is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or a sponsored nation	Contact the appropriate National Codification Bureau (https://www.nato.int/structur/ac/135/about/contacts)
Located outside the United States and its outlying areas and its country is not a member of NATO or a sponsored nation	Contact the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) (https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/scage/CageList.aspx)

(2) The Offeror shall provide the CAGE code and legal business name (Do not use a "doing business as" name) for—

(i) Its immediate owner(s), if any;

(ii) Its highest-level owner, if any; and

(iii) Any predecessor(s), or predecessor of an Offeror's predecessor, that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years.

Owner Type	**CAGE Code**	**Legal Business Name**
Immediate owner		
Highest-level owner		
Predecessor*		

* Predecessor CAGE code may be marked "Unknown."

(3) If the Offeror has more than one immediate owner (such as a joint venture), give the information for each owner (or joint venture participant). If the Offeror has more than one predecessor, provide information for each predecessor in reverse chronological order.

(End of provision)

52.204-91 CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION (NOV 2025)

Definitions. As used in this clause—

Commercial and Government Entity code means—

(1) An identifier assigned to entities located in the United States or its outlying areas by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch to identify a commercial or government entity by unique location (referred to as "CAGE code"); or

(2) An identifier assigned by a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or by the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) to entities located outside the United

States and its outlying areas that the DLA CAGE Branch records and maintains in the CAGE master file (referred to as "NCAGE code").

Unique entity identifier means an identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity.

(b) *Unique entity identifier (UEI).* The Contractor shall ensure that its UEI is maintained throughout the life of the contract.

(c) *Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code.* The Contractor shall ensure that the CAGE code is maintained throughout the life of the contract. The Contractor shall request changes to a CAGE code as indicated in the following table.

If the Contractor is…	**Then…**
Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM)	Initiate the change by updating its SAM registration
Located in the United States or its outlying areas and is not registered in SAM	Submit a change request to the DLA CAGE Branch via https://cage.dla.mil
Located outside the United States and its outlying areas and is not registered in SAM	Request a change by contacting the appropriate National Codification Bureau (https://www.nato.int/structur/ac/135/about/contacts) or NSPA (https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/scage/CageList.aspx)

(d) *Communicating changes*. The Contractor shall communicate any change to its UEI or CAGE code to the Contracting Officer within 30 days after the change, so a modification can be issued to update the UEI or CAGE code on this contract. A change in the UEI does not necessarily require a novation.

(End of clause)

52.229-11 TAX ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PROCUREMENTS – NOTICE AND REPRESENTATION (JUN 2020)

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

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person.

Specified Federal procurement payment means any payment made pursuant to a contract with a foreign contracting party that is for goods, manufactured or produced, or services provided in a foreign country that is not a party to an international procurement agreement with the United States. For purposes of the prior sentence, a foreign country does not include an outlying area.

United States person as defined in 26 U.S.C. 7701(a)(30) means—

(1) A citizen or resident of the United States;

(2) A domestic partnership;

(3) A domestic corporation;

(4) Any estate (other than a foreign estate, within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. 701(a)(31)); and

(5) Any trust if—

(i) A court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust; and

(ii) One or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

(b) Unless exempted, there is a 2 percent tax of the amount of a specified Federal procurement payment on any foreign person receiving such payment. See 26 U.S.C. 5000C and its implementing regulations at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1 through 1.5000C-7.

(c) Exemptions from withholding under this provision are described at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1(d)(5) through (7). The Offeror would claim an exemption from the withholding by using the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-14, Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments, available via the internet at ***www.irs.gov/w14*** . Any exemption claimed and self-certified on the IRS Form W-14 is subject to audit by the IRS. Any disputes regarding the imposition and collection of the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax are adjudicated by the IRS as the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax is a tax matter, not a contract issue. The IRS Form W-14 is provided to the acquiring agency rather than to the IRS.

(d) For purposes of withholding under 26 U.S.C. 5000C, the Offeror represents that—

(1) It [__]is [__]is not a foreign person; and

(2) If the Offeror indicates "is" in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, then the Offeror represents that—I am claiming on the IRS Form W-14 [____] a full exemption, or [____] partial or no exemption [*Offeror shall select one*] from the excise tax.

(e) If the Offeror represents it is a foreign person in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, then—

(1) The clause at FAR 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements, will be included in any resulting contract; and

(2) The Offeror shall submit with its offer the IRS Form W-14. If the IRS Form W-14 is not submitted with the offer, exemptions will not be applied to any resulting contract and the Government will withhold a full 2 percent of each payment.

(f) If the Offeror selects "is" in paragraph (d)(1) and "partial or no exemption" in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror will be subject to withholding in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements, in any resulting contract.

(g) A taxpayer may, for a fee, seek advice from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as to the proper tax treatment of a transaction. This is called a private letter ruling. Also, the IRS may publish a revenue ruling, which is an official interpretation by the IRS of the Internal Revenue Code, related statutes, tax treaties, and regulations. A revenue ruling is the conclusion of the IRS on how the law is applied to a specific set of facts. **For questions relating to the interpretation of the IRS regulations go to *https://www.irs.gov/help/tax-law-questions* .**

(End of provision)

52.240-90 SECURITY PROHIBITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (JAN 2026)

(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)

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR PROVISION IS PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

652.225-70 ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL (AUG 1999)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person as defined below.

United States person means any United States resident or national (other than an individual resident outside the United States and employed by other than a United States person), any domestic concern (including any permanent domestic establishment of any foreign concern), and any foreign subsidiary or affiliate (including any permanent foreign establishment) of any domestic concern which is controlled in fact by such domestic concern, as provided under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended.

(b) Certification. By submitting this offer, the offeror certifies that it is not:

(1) Taking or knowingly agreeing to take any action, with respect to the boycott of Israel by Arab League countries, which Section 8(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)) prohibits a United States person from taking; or,

(2) Discriminating in the award of subcontracts on the basis of religion.

(End of Provision)

ADDENDUM TO SOLICITATION PROVISIONS
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISIONS NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION SOLICITATION PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

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. In addition, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at www.aquisitions.gov this address is subject to change.

If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the location you may also use an Internet "search engine" (for example, Google, Yahoo or Excite) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.