REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
(THIS IS NOT AN ORDER)

THIS RFQ [X] IS [ ] IS NOT A SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE

1. REQUEST NUMBER	2. DATE ISSUED	3. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NUMBER	4. CERT. FOR NAT. DEF. UNDER BDSA REG. 2 AND/OR DMS REG. 1	RATING
1305M326Q0184	07/06/2026			

5a. ISSUED BY WAD-NWS
7600 SAND POINT WAY NE BLDG 1
SEATTLE WA 98115

6. DELIVER BY *(Date)*
90 Days After Notice to Proceed

7. DELIVERY
[X] FOB DESTINATION [ ] OTHER *(See Schedule)*

5b. FOR INFORMATION CALL *(NO COLLECT CALLS)*

NAME	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
	AREA CODE	NUMBER
KIRSTEN KEEN	303	578-6662

8. TO:

a. NAME	b. COMPANY

c. STREET ADDRESS

d. CITY	e. STATE	f. ZIP CODE

9. DESTINATION

a. NAME OF CONSIGNEE
SAN JUAN WFO (CAROLINA) /

b. STREET ADDRESS
4000 CARR, 190
PUERTO RICO

c. CITY
CAROLINA

d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE
PR	00979

10. PLEASE FURNISH QUOTATIONS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE IN BLOCK 5a ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS *(Date)*
07/16/2026 1000 MD

IMPORTANT: This is a request for information and quotations furnished are not offers. If you are unable to quote, please so indicate on this form and return it to the address in Block 5a. This request does not commit the Government to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the submission of this quotation or to contract for supplies or service. Supplies are of domestic origin unless otherwise indicated by quoter. Any representations and/or certifications attached to this Request for Quotation must be completed by the quoter.

11. SCHEDULE *(Include applicable Federal, State and local taxes)*

ITEM NUMBER (a)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (b)	QUANTITY (c)	UNIT (d)	UNIT PRICE (e)	AMOUNT (f)
	NOTICE: THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR NON-RECEIPT OF QUOTES. IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REQUEST A CONFIRMATION OF THE QUOTE RECEIPT. UNIQUE ENTITY ID _____ CAGE CODE _____ OFFEROR MAY SUBMIT THE QUOTE ON THIS SF-18 FORM OR THEIR OWN COMPANY FORM. QUOTES WILL BE EVALUATED BASED ON RFO 52.212-2 IN ATTACHED CLAUSES & PROVISIONS. VENDORS WHO DO NOT PROVIDE Continued...				

12. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT	a. 10 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	b. 20 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	c. 30 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	d. CALENDAR DAYS NUMBER	PERCENTAGE

NOTE: Additional provisions and representations [ ] are [ ] are not attached.

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF QUOTER	14. SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN QUOTATION	15. DATE OF QUOTATION
a. NAME OF QUOTER		
b. STREET ADDRESS	16. SIGNER	
	a. NAME *(Type or print)*	b. TELEPHONE AREA CODE
c. COUNTY		
d. CITY / e. STATE / f. ZIP CODE	c. TITLE *(Type or print)*	NUMBER

NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR

ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
	ALL EVALUATION CRITERIA WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE OFFEROR MUST BE CURRENTLY REGISTERED IN THE SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD. QUOTES RECEIVED FROM CONTRACTORS WHO ARE NOT ACTIVE IN SAM WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. TOTAL SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE, FIRM-FIXED PRICE PURCHASE ORDER TO BE AWARDED TO TRADE OFF QUOTE. THE GENERAL DECISION (GD) PR20260037, REVISION 01 POSTED ON 05/18/2026 WILL BE INCORPORATED AND MAY BE VIEWED AT WWW.SAM.GOV BONDING/LOC WILL BE REQUIRED UNLESS YOUR QUOTE IS UNDER $35K. PAYMENT TERMS: NET 30				
0001	Services, non-personal, to provide all labor, equipment and materials (unless otherwise provided herein) necessary for the replacement of three (3) manhole covers and frames (new covers must match the existing manhole sizes) at the NWS WFO in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in accordance with the Statement of Work. Period of Performance: 90 Days from Notice to Proceed Product/Service Code: N056				
0002	Services, non-personal, to provide all labor, equipment and materials (unless otherwise provided herein) necessary for the replacement of the main entrance security gate at the NWS WFO in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in accordance with the Statement of Work. Period of Performance: 90 Days from Notice to Proceed Product/Service Code: N056				

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Section 2 - Combined Synopsis/Solicitation

COMBINED SYNOPSIS / SOLICITATION

THERE IS NO INCUMBENT; THIS IS A NEW REQUIREMENT.

CONSTRUCTION COMBINED SYNOPSIS/SOLICITATION

Non-personal services to replace manhole covers/frames (new frames must match the existing manhole sizes) and to replace the main entrance security gate at the National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in San Juan, PR per the attached Statement of Work.

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

Solicitation number 1305M326Q0184 is issued as a request for quotation (RFQ), for the replacement of three manhole covers/frames and main entrance security gate at the NWS in San Juan, PR.

This acquisition is set-aside for small business concerns. The associated NAICS code is 238990. The small business size standard is $19.0M.

This solicitation incorporates provisions and clauses by reference. The full text of provisions and clauses may be accessed electronically at www.acquisition.gov.

(ii) A list of line-item number(s) and items, quantities, and units of measure (including option(s), if applicable).

CLIN 0001 – Services, non-personal, to provide all labor, equipment and materials (unless otherwise provided herein) necessary for the replacement of three (3) manhole covers and frames (new covers must match the existing manhole sizes) at the NWS WFO in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in accordance with the Statement of Work.

Period of Performance: 90 Days from Notice to Proceed, but sooner is desired.

CLIN 0002 – Services, non-personal, to provide all labor, equipment and materials (unless otherwise provided herein) necessary for the replacement of the main entrance security gate at the NWS WFO in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in accordance with the Statement of Work.

Period of Performance: 90 Days from Notice to Proceed, but sooner is desired.

(iii) Description of requirements for the items to be acquired, including documentation supporting any brand name descriptions (see 12.102).

THE STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW) IS ATTACHED. MANHOLE COVER PHOTOS ARE ATTACHED. SECURITY GATE PHOTOS ARE ATTACHED.

THE DAVIS-BACON ACT GENERAL DECISION (GD) PR20260037, REVISION 01, POSTED ON 05/18/2026, WILL BE INCORPORATED AND MAY BE VIEWED AT WWW.SAM.GOV.
COMPLETE AND SIGN THE ATTACHED CONSTRUCTION ORDER CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENT OF QUOTERS DOCUMENT ALONG WITH THE QUOTE.
SEE THE ATTACHED SF 18 CONSTRUCTION TEMPLATE WITH ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH ALL QUOTERS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARD.

QUOTE PRICING MAY BE PROVIDED ON ATTACHED SF18 FORM OR ON COMPANY LETTERHEAD.

A PAYMENT BOND OR IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT WILL BE REQUIRED UNLESS YOUR QUOTE IS UNDER $35,000.00.

(iv) Date(s) and place(s) of delivery and acceptance and f.o.b. point (see part 47).

Work must begin within ninety (90) business days after receipt of Notice to Proceed. "Work" includes ordering parts and equipment not already in stock and necessary to perform the work. Project is to be completed no later than 90 Days from Notice to Proceed but sooner is desired.

The purchase order award date is an estimate. If there is a significant delay in awarding this contract, an updated quote may be requested.

Place of Performance is:
National Weather Service Forecast Office
4000 PR-190
Carolina, PR 00979.

(v) A list of solicitation provisions that apply to the acquisition can be found in the attached SF18.

(vi) A list of contract clauses that apply to the acquisition can be found in the attached SF18.

(vii) Quotes are required to be received in the contracting office no later than 10:00am MDT on THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026. All quotes must be submitted electronically via email to kirsten.keen@noaa.gov.

THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR NON-RECEIPT OF QUOTES. IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION OF THE QUOTE RECEIPT.

(viii) Any other additional information required by 5.101(c).

SITE VISIT INFORMATION
A site visit is highly recommended but not required. Quoters are urged and expected to inspect the site where services are to be performed and to satisfy themselves regarding all general and local conditions that may affect the cost of contract performance, to the extent that the information is reasonably obtainable. In no event shall failure to inspect the site constitute grounds for a claim after contract award.

To set up a time to visit the site, please contact the following:

Wilfredo Munoz, Electronic Systems Analyst
Ph: 240-653-9542 (O)
Email: wilfredo.munoz@noaa.gov

All questions during the site visit should be submitted electronically to KIRSTEN.KEEN@NOAA.GOV.

Per NOAA Deviation 2025-02/03: System updates may lag policy updates. The System for Award Management (SAM) may continue to require entities to complete representations based on provisions that are not included in agency solicitations. Contracting officers will not consider those representations when making award decisions or enforce requirements. Entities are not required to, nor are they able to, update their entity registration to remove these representations in SAM.

Deliverable	Due Date/First Instance Due	Recurring

Section 3 - Line Items and Attachments

List of Line Items

Item Number	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
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List of Attachments

Attachment Number	Title
1	1305M326Q0184 Statement of Work for RFQ 07062026
2	1305M326Q0184 Photos for Task 1 Manhole Covers 07022026
3	1305M326Q0184 Photos for Task 2 Main Entrance Security Gate 07022026
4	142020-26-0003 DBA Heavy General Decision PR20260037 05182026 07022026
5	142020-26-0003 Blueprints for WFO San Juan PR 07062026
6	1305M326Q0184 CONSTRUCTION ORDER CERTIFICATIONS

Section 4 - Contract Terms and Conditions

RFO 52.203-6 Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government. (JUN 2020) - Alternate I (NOV 2021)

RFO 52.203-17 Contractor Employee Whistleblower Rights. (NOV 2023)

RFO 52.203-19 Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements. (JAN 2017)

RFO 52.204-13 System for Award Management-Maintenance. (OCT 2018) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.209-6 Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting With Contractors Debarred, Suspended, Proposed for Debarment, or Voluntarily Excluded. (JAN 2025) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.209-10 Prohibition on Contracting With Inverted Domestic Corporations. (NOV 2015) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.212-4 Terms and Conditions-Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (NOV 2023) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside. (NOV 2020) (Deviation JAN 2026)

FAR 52.222-3 Convict Labor. (JUN 2003)

RFO 52.222-6 Construction Wage Rate Requirements. (AUG 2018) (Deviation JAN 2026)

FAR 52.222-7 Withholding of Funds. (MAY 2014)

FAR 52.222-8 Payrolls and Basic Records. (JUL 2021)

FAR 52.222-10 Compliance With Copeland Act Requirements. (FEB 1988)

RFO 52.222-11 Subcontracts (Labor Standards). (MAY 2014) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.222-12 Contract Termination - Debarment. (MAY 2014)

RFO 52.222-13 Compliance With Construction Wage Rate Requirements and Related Regulations. (MAY 2014)

FAR 52.222-14 Disputes Concerning Labor Standards. (FEB 1988)

RFO 52.222-15 Certification of Eligibility. (MAY 2014)

RFO 52.222-19 Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies. (JAN 2025) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.222-35 Equal Opportunity for Veterans. (JUN 2020) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.222-36 Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities. (JUN 2020) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.222-50 Combating Trafficking in Persons. (OCT 2025) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.222-55 Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026. (JAN 2022)

FAR 52.222-62 Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706. (JAN 2022)

RFO 52.223-2 Reporting of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts. (MAY 2024) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.223-5 Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information. (MAY 2024)

RFO 52.223-23 Sustainable Products. (MAY 2024) ((DEVIATION Jan 2026))

RFO 52.226-8 Encouraging Contractor Policies To Ban Text Messaging While Driving. (MAY 2024)

RFO 52.227-4 Patent Indemnity--Construction Contracts. (DEC 2007)

RFO 52.228-2 Additional Bond Security. (OCT 1997)

RFO 52.228-11 Individual Surety-Pledge of Assets. (FEB 2021)

RFO 52.228-14 Irrevocable Letter of Credit. (NOV 2014)

RFO 52.228-15 Performance and Payment Bonds - Construction. (JUN 2020)

RFO 52.232-5 Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts. (MAY 2014)

RFO 52.232-27 Prompt Payment for Construction Contracts. (JAN 2017)

RFO 52.232-33 Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer - System for Award Management. (OCT 2018)

RFO 52.232-40 Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors. (MAR 2023)

RFO 52.233-3 Protest after Award. (AUG 1996) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.233-4 Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim. (OCT 2004) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.236-5 Material and Workmanship. (APR 1984) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.236-7 Permits and Responsibilities. (NOV 1991) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.236-8 Other Contracts. (APR 1984) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.236-17 Layout of Work. (APR 1984) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.237-2 Protection of Government Buildings, Equipment, and Vegetation. (APR 1984)

RFO 52.240-91 Security Prohibitions and Exclusions. (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.242-14 Suspension of Work. (APR 1984)

RFO 52.243-5 Changes and Changed Conditions. (APR 1984) (Deviation JUN 2025)

RFO 52.246-6 Inspection - Time-and-Material and Labor-Hour. (MAY 2001)

RFO 52.246-12 Inspection of Construction. (AUG 1996)

RFO 52.246-21 Warranty of Construction. (MAR 1994)

CAR 1352.201-70 Contracting Officer's Authority. (MAR 2010)

CAR 1352.209-73 Compliance with the laws. (APR 2010)

CAR 1352.209-74 Organizational conflict of interest. (APR 2010)

CAR 1352.246-70 Place of acceptance. (APR 2010)

(a) The Contracting Officer or the duly authorized representative will accept supplies and services to be provided under this contract.

(b) The place of acceptance will be:

SAN JUAN WFO (CAROLINA)
4000 CARR, 190
PUERTO RICO
CAROLINA PR 00979

(End of clause)

FAR Deviations 52.222-9 Apprentices and Trainees (JUL 2005) (DEVIATION FEB 2025)

LOCAL CLAUSE Local Clause: Deobligation of Remaining Residual Balances

The Department of Commerce may closeout a contract utilizing RFO 4.308 procedures following the agency's determination that the contract has been physically completed and that final payment has been made to the contract. Physical completion occurs when all option provisions have expired, and the contractor has completed all required deliveries and/or services, which the Government has inspected and accepted. As part of the administrative closeout procedures, the Government intends to unilaterally deobilgate any unliquidated obligations (ULO) 90 days after each period of performance. Prior to doing so, the Contracting Officer (CO) (or Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) will notify the contractor of the intended amount of deobligation and ask the contractor to confirm within fourteen (14) days after notification that all invoices for the completed period of performance have been submitted and processed for payment. Upon confirmation that all invoices have been submitted and processed for payment, or upon the contractor's failure to respond to the CO/ACOs notification of intent to deobligate, the CO or ACO will unilaterally deobligate the potential ULOs by reducing the funded amount to an amount equal to the contractors invoiced/paid amount for that contract/order period of performance.

Standard Language UTILIZATION OF FEDCONNECT FOR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Commerce will utilize the FedConnect® web portal in administering this award. The contractor must be registered in FedConnect® and have access to the FedConnect® website located at https://www.fedconnect.net/Fedconnect/. For assistance in registering or for other FedConnect® questions please call the FedConnect® Help Desk at (800) 899-6665 or email at support@fedconnect.net. There is no charge for registration in or use of FedConnect®.

RFO 52.222-90 Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors ((DEVIATION April 2026))

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of clause)

RFO 52.225-9 Buy American - Construction Materials. (OCT 2022) (Deviation JAN 2026)

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

Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item-

(1) Means any item of supply (including construction material) that is-

(i) A commercial product (as defined in paragraph (1) of the definition of "commercial product" at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101);

(ii) Sold in substantial quantities in the commercial marketplace; and

(iii) Offered to the Government, under a contract or subcontract at any tier, without modification, in the same form in which it is sold in the commercial marketplace; and

(2) Does not include bulk cargo, as defined in 46 U.S.C. 40102(4), such as agricultural products and petroleum products.

"Construction material" means an article, material, or supply brought to the construction site by the Contractor or a subcontractor for incorporation into the building or work. The term also includes an item brought to the site preassembled from articles, materials, or supplies. However, emergency life safety systems, such as emergency lighting, fire alarm, and audio evacuation systems, that are discrete systems incorporated into a public building or work and that are produced as complete systems, are evaluated as a single and distinct construction material regardless of when or how the individual parts or components of those systems are delivered to the construction site. Materials purchased directly by the Government are supplies, not construction material.

Cost of components means-

(1) For components purchased by the Contractor, the acquisition cost, including transportation costs to the place of incorporation into the construction material (whether or not such costs are paid to a domestic firm), and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued); or

(2) For components manufactured by the Contractor, all costs associated with the manufacture of the component, including transportation costs as described in paragraph (1) of this definition, plus allocable overhead costs, but excluding profit. Cost of components does not include any costs associated with the manufacture of the construction material.

Critical component means a component that is mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States and deemed critical to the U.S. supply chain. The list of critical components is at FAR 25.105.

Critical item means a domestic construction material or domestic end product that is deemed critical to U.S. supply chain resiliency. The list of critical items is at FAR 25.105.

Domestic construction material means-

(1) For construction material that does not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both-

(i) An unmanufactured construction material mined or produced in the United States; or

(ii) A construction material manufactured in the United States, if-

(A) The cost of its components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States exceeds 60 percent of the cost of all its components, except that the percentage will be 65 percent for items delivered in calendar years 2024 through 2028 and 75 percent for items delivered starting in calendar year 2029. Components of foreign origin of the same class or kind for which nonavailability determinations have been made are treated as domestic. Components of unknown origin are treated as foreign; or

(B) The construction material is a COTS item; or

(2) For construction material that consists wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, a construction material manufactured in the United States if the cost of foreign iron and steel constitutes less than 5 percent of the cost of all components used in such construction material. The cost of foreign iron and steel includes but is not limited to the cost of foreign iron or steel mill products (such as bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet), castings, or forgings utilized in the manufacture of the construction material and a good faith estimate of the cost of all foreign iron or steel components excluding COTS fasteners. Iron or steel components of unknown origin are treated as foreign. If the construction material contains multiple components, the cost of all the materials used in such construction material is calculated in accordance with the definition of "cost of components".

Fastener means a hardware device that mechanically joins or affixes two or more objects together. Examples of fasteners are nuts, bolts, pins, rivets, nails, clips, and screws.

Foreign construction material means a construction material other than a domestic construction material.

Foreign iron and steel means iron or steel products not produced in the United States. Produced in the United States means that all manufacturing processes of the iron or steel must take place in the United States, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, except metallurgical processes involving refinement of steel additives. The origin of the elements of the iron or steel is not relevant to the determination of whether it is domestic or foreign.

Predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both means that the cost of the iron and steel content exceeds 50 percent of the total cost of all its components. The cost of iron and steel is the cost of the iron or steel mill products (such as bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet), castings,

or forgings utilized in the manufacture of the product and a good faith estimate of the cost of iron or steel components excluding COTS fasteners.

Steel means an alloy that includes at least 50 percent iron, between 0.02 and 2 percent carbon, and may include other elements.

"United States" means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas.

(b) *Domestic preference.* (1) This clause implements 41 U.S.C. chapter 83, Buy American, by providing a preference for domestic construction material. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. 1907, the domestic content test of the Buy American statute is waived for construction material that is a COTS item, except that for construction material that consists wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, the domestic content test is applied only to the iron and steel content of the construction materials, excluding COTS fasteners. The Contractor shall use only domestic construction material in performing this contract, except as provided in paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this clause.

(2) This requirement does not apply to information technology that is a commercial product or to the construction materials or components listed by the Government as follows:

None

(3) The Contracting Officer may add other foreign construction material to the list in paragraph (b)(2) of this clause if the Government determines that-

(i) The cost of domestic construction material would be unreasonable.

(A) *For domestic construction material that is not a critical item or does not contain critical components*.

(*1*) The cost of a particular domestic construction material subject to the requirements of the Buy American statute is unreasonable when the cost of such material exceeds the cost of foreign material by more than 20 percent;

(*2*) For construction material that is not a COTS item and does not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, if the cost of a particular domestic construction material is determined to be unreasonable or there is no domestic offer received, and the low offer is for foreign construction material that is manufactured in the United States and does not exceed 55 percent domestic content, the Contracting Officer will treat the lowest offer of foreign construction material that exceeds 55 percent domestic content as a domestic offer and determine whether the cost of that offer is unreasonable by applying the evaluation factor listed in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(A)(*1*) of this clause.

(*3*) The procedures in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(A)(*2*) of this clause will no longer apply as of January 1, 2030.

(B) *For domestic construction material that is a critical item or contains critical components*. (*1*) The cost of a particular domestic construction material that is a critical item or contains critical components, subject to the requirements of the Buy American statute, is unreasonable when the cost of such material exceeds the cost of foreign material by more than 20 percent plus the additional preference factor identified for the critical item or construction material containing critical components listed at FAR 25.105.

(*2*) For construction material that does not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, if the cost of a particular domestic construction material is determined to be unreasonable or there is no domestic offer received, and the low offer is for foreign construction material that does not exceed 55 percent domestic content, the Contracting Officer will treat the lowest foreign offer of construction material that is manufactured in the United States and exceeds 55 percent domestic content as a domestic offer, and determine whether the cost of that offer is unreasonable by applying the evaluation factor listed in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(B)(*1*) of this clause.

(*3*) The procedures in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(B)(*2*) of this clause will no longer apply as of January 1, 2030.

(ii) The application of the restriction of the Buy American statute to a particular construction material would be impracticable or inconsistent with the public interest; or

(iii) The construction material is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality.

(c) *Request for determination of inapplicability of the Buy American statute*. (1)(i) Any Contractor request to use foreign construction material in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this clause shall include adequate information for Government evaluation of the request, including-

(A) A description of the foreign and domestic construction materials;

(B) Unit of measure;

(C) Quantity;

(D) Price;

(E) Time of delivery or availability;

(F) Location of the construction project;

(G) Name and address of the proposed supplier; and

(H) A detailed justification of the reason for use of foreign construction materials cited in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this clause.

(ii) A request based on unreasonable cost shall include a reasonable survey of the market and a completed price comparison table in the format in paragraph (d) of this clause.

(iii) The price of construction material shall include all delivery costs to the construction site and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free certificate may be issued).

(iv) Any Contractor request for a determination submitted after contract award shall explain why the Contractor could not reasonably foresee the need for such determination and could not have requested the determination before contract award. If the Contractor does not submit a satisfactory explanation, the Contracting Officer need not make a determination.

(2) If the Government determines after contract award that an exception to the Buy American statute applies and the Contracting Officer and the Contractor negotiate adequate consideration, the Contracting Officer will modify the contract to allow use of the foreign construction material. However, when the basis for the exception is the unreasonable price of a domestic construction material, adequate consideration is not less than the differential established in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this clause.

(3) Unless the Government determines that an exception to the Buy American statute applies, use of foreign construction material is noncompliant with the Buy American statute or Balance of Payments Program.

(d) *Data*. To permit evaluation of requests under paragraph (c) of this clause based on unreasonable cost, the Contractor shall include the following information and any applicable supporting data based on the survey of suppliers:

Foreign and Domestic Construction Materials Price Comparison

Construction material description	**Unit of measure**	**Quantity**	**Price (dollars)***
Item 1:			
Foreign construction material.	_____	_____	_____
Domestic construction material.	_____	_____	_____
Item 2:			
Foreign construction material.	_____	_____	_____

Domestic construction material. _____ _____ _____

[Include all delivery costs to the construction site and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued)]*.

[List name, address, telephone number, and contact for suppliers surveyed. Attach copy of response; if oral, attach summary.]

[Include other applicable supporting information.]

(End of clause)

RFO 52.228-13 Alternative Payment Protections. (JUL 2000)

(a) The Contractor shall submit one of the following payment protections: Irrevocable Letter of Credit or Payment Bond

(b) The amount of the payment protection shall be 100 percent of the contract price.

(c) The submission of the payment protection is required within 10 days of contract award.

(d) The payment protection shall provide protection for the full contract performance period plus a one-year period.

(e) Except for escrow agreements and payment bonds, which provide their own protection procedures, the Contracting Officer is authorized to access funds under the payment protection when it has been alleged in writing by a supplier of labor or material that a nonpayment has occurred, and to withhold such funds pending resolution by administrative or judicial proceedings or mutual agreement of the parties.

(f) When a tripartite escrow agreement is used, the Contractor shall utilize only suppliers of labor and material that signed the escrow agreement.

(End of clause)

RFO 52.236-14 Availability and Use of Utility Services. (APR 1984) (Deviation JAN 2026)

(a) The Government will make all reasonably required utilities available to the Contractor from existing outlets and supplies, as specified in the contract.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in the contract, the Contractor shall pay for all utility costs.

(c) The Contractor, at its expense and in a workmanlike manner, shall install and maintain all necessary temporary connections, distribution lines, and all meters required to measure the amount of each utility used for the purpose of determining charges.

(d) Before final acceptance by the Government, the Contractor shall remove the temporary connections, distribution lines, meters, and associated paraphernalia.

(End of clause)

RFO 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference. (FEB 1998)

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

(End of clause)

RFO 52.252-6 Authorized Deviations in Clauses. (NOV 2020)

(a) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of (DEVIATION) after the date of the clause.

(b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Commerce Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR 1352) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of (DEVIATION) after the name of the regulation.

(End of clause)

CAR 1352.201-72 Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). (APR 2010)

(a) The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) will be identified under separate cover after award. The COR may be changed at any time by the Government without prior notice to the contractor by issuance of a new appointment letter. The location of the COR will be provided at the issuance of the COR appointment letter.
(b) The responsibilities and limitations of the COR are as follows:
(1) The COR is responsible for the technical aspects of the contract and serves as technical liaison with the contractor. The COR is also responsible for the final inspection and acceptance of all deliverables and such other responsibilities as may be specified in the contract.
(2) The COR is not authorized to make any commitments or otherwise obligate the Government or authorize any changes which affect the contract price, terms or conditions. Any contractor request for changes shall be referred to the Contracting Officer directly or through the COR. No such changes shall be made without the express written prior authorization of the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer may designate assistant or alternate COR(s) to act for the COR by naming such assistant/alternate(s) in writing and transmitting a copy of such designation to the contractor.
(End of clause)

CAR 1352.237-71 Security processing requirements-low risk contracts (APR 2010)

(a) Investigative Requirements for Low Risk Contracts. All contractor (and subcontractor) personnel proposed to be employed under a Low Risk contract shall undergo security processing by the Department's Office of Security before being eligible to work on the premises of any Department of Commerce owned, leased, or controlled facility in the United States or overseas, or to obtain access to a Department of Commerce IT system. All Department of Commerce security processing pertinent to this contract will be conducted at no cost to the contractor.

(b) Investigative requirements for Non-IT Service Contracts are:

(1) Contracts more than 180 days-National Agency Check and Inquiries (NACI).

(2) Contracts less than 180 days-Special Agency Check (SAC).

(c) Investigative requirements for IT Service Contracts are:

(1) Contracts more than 180 days-National Agency Check and Inquiries (NACI).

(2) Contracts less than 180 days-National Agency Check and Inquiries (NACI).

(d) In addition to the investigations noted above, non-U.S. citizens must have a background check that includes an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency check.

(e) Additional Requirements for Foreign Nationals (Non-U.S. Citizens). Non-U.S. citizens (lawful permanent residents) to be employed under this contract within the United States must have:

(1) Official legal status in the United States;

(2) Continuously resided in the United States for the last two years; and

(3) Obtained advance approval from the servicing Security Officer in consultation with the Office of Security headquarters.

(f) DOC Security Processing Requirements for Low Risk Non-IT Service Contracts. Processing requirements for Low Risk non-IT Service Contracts are as follows:

(1) Processing of a NACI is required for all contract employees employed in Low Risk non-IT service contracts for more than 180 days. The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) will invite the prospective contractor into e-QIP to complete the SF-85. The contract employee must also complete fingerprinting.

(2) Contract employees employed in Low Risk non-IT service contracts for less than 180 days require processing of Form OFI-86C Special Agreement Check (SAC), to be processed. The Sponsor will forward a completed Form OFI-86C, FD-258, Fingerprint Chart, and Credit Release Authorization to the servicing Security Officer, who will send the investigative packet to the Office of Personnel Management for processing.

(3) Any contract employee with a favorable SAC who remains on the contract over 180 days will be required to have a NACI conducted to continue working on the job site.

(4) For Low Risk non-IT service contracts, the scope of the SAC will include checks of the Security/Suitability Investigations Index (SII), other agency files (INVA), Defense Clearance Investigations Index (DCII), FBI Fingerprint (FBIF), and the FBI Information Management Division (FBIN).

(5) In addition, for those individuals who are not U.S. citizens (lawful permanent residents), the Sponsor may request a Customs Enforcement SAC on Form OFI-86C, by

checking Block #7, Item I. In Block 13, the Sponsor should enter the employee's Alien Registration Receipt Card number to aid in verification.

(6) Copies of the appropriate forms can be obtained from the Sponsor or the Office of Security. Upon receipt of the required forms, the Sponsor will forward the forms to the servicing Security Officer. The Security Officer will process the forms and advise the Sponsor and the Contracting Officer whether the contract employee can commence work prior to completion of the suitability determination based on the type of work and risk to the facility (i.e., adequate controls and restrictions are in place). The Sponsor will notify the contractor of favorable or unfavorable findings of the suitability determinations. The Contracting Officer will notify the contractor of an approved contract start date.

(g) Security Processing Requirements for Low Risk IT Service Contracts. Processing of a NACI is required for all contract employees employed under Low Risk IT service contracts.

(1) Contract employees employed in all Low Risk IT service contracts will require a National Agency Check and Inquiries (NACI) to be processed. The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) will invite the prospective contractor into e-QIP to complete the SF-85. Fingerprints and a Credit Release Authorization must be completed within three working days from start of work, and provided to the Servicing Security Officer, who will forward the investigative package to OPM.

(2) For Low Risk IT service contracts, individuals who are not U.S. citizens (lawful permanent residents) must undergo a NACI that includes an agency check conducted by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Service. The Sponsor must request the ICE check as a part of the NAC.

(h) Notification of Disqualifying Information. If the Office of Security receives disqualifying information on a contract employee, the Sponsor and Contracting Officer will be notified. The Sponsor shall coordinate with the Contracting Officer for the immediate removal of the employee from duty requiring access to Departmental facilities or IT systems. Contract employees may be barred from working on the premises of a facility for any of the following reasons:

(1) Conviction of a felony crime of violence or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

(2) Falsification of information entered on security screening forms or of other documents submitted to the Department.

(3) Improper conduct once performing on the contract, including criminal, infamous, dishonest, immoral, or notoriously disgraceful conduct or other conduct prejudicial to the Government regardless of whether the conduct was directly related to the contract.

(4) Any behavior judged to pose a potential threat to Departmental information systems, personnel, property, or other assets.

(i) Failure to comply with security processing requirements may result in termination of the contract or removal of contract employees from Department of Commerce facilities or denial of access to IT systems.

(j) Access to National Security Information. Compliance with these requirements shall not be construed as providing a contract employee clearance to have access to national security information.

(k) The contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph, in all subcontracts.

(End of clause)

CAR 1352.237-74 Progress reports. (APR 2010)

The contractor shall submit, to the Government, a progress report every week after the effective date of the contract, and every week thereafter during the period of performance. The contractor shall deliver progress reports that summarize the work completed during the performance period, the work forecast for the following period, and state the names, titles and number of hours expended for each of the contractor's professional personnel assigned to the contract, including officials of the contractor. The report shall also include any additional information-including findings and recommendations-that may assist the Government in evaluating progress under this contract. The first report shall include a detailed work outline of the project and the contractor's planned phasing of work by reporting period.

(End of clause)

CAR 1352.270-70 Period of performance. (APR 2010)

(a) The base period of performance of this contract must be completed within 90 days from Notice to Proceed. If an option is exercised, the period of performance shall be extended through the end of that option period.

(b) The option periods that may be exercised are as follows:
There are no option periods.

(c) The notice requirements for unilateral exercise of option periods are set out in FAR 52.217-9.

(End of clause)

NOAA Acquisition Manual 1330-52.222-70 NOAA SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY (MAY 2018)

In accordance with NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 202-1106, NOAA Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response Policy, it is the policy of NOAA to maintain a work environment free from sexual assault and sexual harassment. NOAA prohibits sexual assault and sexual harassment by or of any employee, supervisor, manager, contractor, vendor, affiliate, or other individual with whom NOAA employees come into contact by the virtue of their work for NOAA.

(a) Definitions.

Contractor Employees - The term “contractor employees,” as used in this solicitation and contract language, refers to employees of the prime contractor or its subcontractors, affiliates, consultants, or team members.

Sexual Assault - The term sexual assault, as used in this solicitation and contract language, means any conduct proscribed by state or federal sexual abuse laws, including, but not limited to, those defined in chapter 109A of title 18 of the U.S. Code (sexual abuse), and assaults committed both by offenders who are strangers to the victim and by offenders who are known or related by blood or marriage to the victim.

Sexual Harassment - As defined by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination that violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature when any of the following are true:

● Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly as a term or condition of an individual's employment;

● Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual;

● The conduct unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

The main characteristics of sexual harassment are that the harasser's conduct is targeted against the recipient’s sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation, and is unwelcome to the recipient. It may include, but is not limited to: offensive jokes, slurs, epithets or name calling, undue attention, physical assaults or threats, unwelcome touching or contact, intimidation, ridicule or mockery, insults or put-downs, constant or unwelcome questions about an individual's identity, and offensive objects or pictures.

(b) Requirements.

1. It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that contractor employees maintain the highest degree of conduct and standards in performance of the contract. In support of this, NOAA urges its contractors to develop and enforce comprehensive company policy addressing sexual assault and sexual harassment.

2. The contractor shall include wording substantially the same as this solicitation and contract language in every subcontract so that it is binding upon each subcontractor.

3. If a contractor employee observes or is the object of sexual assault or sexual harassment, he or she is highly encouraged to report the matter, as soon as possible, to their immediate supervisor, the COR, subset of the COR (e.g. Task Manager or Assistant COR), or contracting officer (CO) if a COR is not assigned to the contract. The contract employee may also contact the NOAA Civil Rights Office to obtain guidance on reporting instances of sexual assault or sexual harassment. If deemed necessary, the contractor employee may also report such instances to local law enforcement. In the case where the incident occurs while performing at a remote location, such as at sea or in the field (at a field camp or other isolated location) where the above referenced individuals are unavailable, the contractor

employee should follow the reporting procedure set forth in NAO 202-1106, Section 6.07, Reporting from Remote Locations.

4. Swift reporting allows NOAA and the contractor to take the appropriate measures to ensure that offensive behavior stops and the complainants' needs are addressed.

5. The COR (if assigned), CO, and contractor, where applicable, will work together to ensure appropriate action is taken in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, contract terms and conditions, and the contractor's written policy (where applicable).

6. The contractor shall provide all contractor employees assigned to perform under this contract with mandatory sexual assault and sexual harassment prevention and response training in compliance with the requirements of NAO 202-1106, Section 5, Prevention Training and Awareness, as part of their initial in-processing and on an annual basis thereafter. The initial training shall be completed within [ ] business days (30 unless a different number is inserted) of contract award or the date a contractor employee is assigned to perform under the contract, as applicable.

Evidence of initial training by name and date completed for each contractor employee, shall be submitted to the COR or contracting officer (if no COR assigned) within 10 business days of completion.

Evidence of annual training by name and date completed for each contractor employee shall be submitted to the COR or contracting officer (if no COR assigned) no later than March 1st of each calendar year of contract performance.

7. The mandatory sexual assault and sexual harassment training provided by the contractor shall include the required elements set forth by NOAA's Workplace Violence Program Manager. A link to the website including the required elements of the training is provided at https://www.noaa.gov/organization/acquisition-grants/noaa-workplace-harassment-training-for-contractors-and-financial. The website will also provide training materials and resources to assist the contractor in conducting the training. The contractor may provide training that solely addresses the NOAA required elements or may supplement existing company sexual assault and sexual harassment training in a manner that ensures all of the elements are adequately addressed.

8. The required elements of the training and resources available to the contractor for the training may be updated by NOAA periodically. The contractor is responsible for monitoring the website and incorporating any changes to the NOAA required elements into the contractor provided training.

9. NOAA's Workplace Violence Program Manager, COR, or CO may periodically review the contractor's training outline to ensure all required elements are included and, if necessary, any appropriate adjustments are made to the training by the contractor.

10. Contractor employees performing on assignments in a remote location, such as at a field camp or other isolated locations, are subject to receiving the same briefing on the parameters of the order provided to NOAA employees as set forth in Section 6 of NAO 202-1106.

11. The contractor shall provide a copy of this solicitation and contract language and NAO 202-1106 to contractor employees.

(c) Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment (SASH) Helpline.

For NOAA employees, affiliates, and contractors who have experienced sexual assault or sexual harassment, NOAA has established the NOAA Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment (SASH) helpline. This helpline is designed to provide crisis intervention, referrals, and emotional support to those who are victims and/or survivors of sexual harassment or sexual assault within the workplace. Contractor employees may use the helpline to receive live, confidential, one-on-one support in an occurrence of sexual harassment or assault by a Federal Government employee.

All services are anonymous, secure, and available worldwide, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The NOAA SASH helpline is accessible through a variety of channels, including:

● Phone: 1-866-288-6558

● Website & Online Chat: https://www.noaasashhelpline.org/

● Mobile App: NOAA SASH Helpline (available via iOS and Android App Stores)

● Text: (202) 335-0265

(d) Confidentiality.

Any party receiving information from the filing of a complaint alleging sexual assault or sexual harassment, or while performing an investigation into such a complaint, shall keep the information confidential. “Confidentiality” means that the information shall only be shared with others who have a need to know the information to conduct their official duties.

(e) Remedies.

In addition to other remedies available to the Government, contractor employee violations of Federal requirements (e.g., law, statutes, executive orders, code, rules, regulations) applicable to sexual assault and sexual harassment and/or failure to complete the mandatory training set forth in this solicitation and contract language, may result in:

1. Requiring the contractor to remove a contractor employee or employees from the performance of the contract;

2. Requiring the contractor to terminate a subcontract;

3. Suspension of contract payments until the Contractor has taken appropriate remedial action;

4. Termination of the contract for default or cause, in accordance with the termination clause of this contract;

5. Suspension or debarment; or

6. Other appropriate action.

(End of solicitation and contract language)

NOAA Acquisition Manual 1330-52.232-71 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PAYMENT REQUESTS (FEB 2023)

The Contractor must submit payment requests electronically through the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Invoice Processing Platform System (IPP). The Contractor must use the IPP website to register, access, and submit payment requests. The IPP website address is https://www.ipp.gov.

"Payment request" means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment to the Contractor. To be considered proper, invoices must be prepared in accordance with, and contain all elements specified in, the contract payment clause (e.g., FAR 52.212-4(g), FAR 52.232-25(a)(3), FAR 52.232-26(a)(2), FAR 52.232-27(a)(2)).

The Contractor must include the following documents as attachments to payment requests submitted through the IPP: [Contracting Officer list required invoice attachment(s); none if left blank].

If the Contractor is unable to comply with the requirement to submit payment requests through the IPP due to a threat to national security; a matter of unusual or compelling urgency; or because the political, financial, or communications infrastructure of a foreign country does not support access to the IPP, the Contractor must request an exception in writing. Contact the Contracting Officer for more information about requesting an exception.

(End of solicitation and contract language)

NOAA Acquisition Manual 1330-52.237-70 CONTRACTOR COMMUNICATIONS

(a) A contractor employee shall be identified both by the individual's name and the contractor's name when:

● Included in NOAA's locator, and

● When submitting any type of electronic correspondence to any NOAA employee or stakeholder.

(b) Any written correspondence from a contractor or any contractor employee shall be printed on company/organization letterhead or otherwise clearly identify the sender as an employee of the company or organization and shall identify the contract number.

(c) Contractors and/or contractor employees shall clearly identify themselves as such in any verbal communications, whether in informal discussion or a formal meeting.

(End of solicitation and contract language)

NOAA Acquisition Manual 1330-52.237-71 NOAA GOVERNMENT-CONTRACTOR RELATIONS - NON-PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (SEPT 2017)

(a) The Government and the contractor understand and agree that the services to be delivered under this contract by the contractor to the Government are non-personal services as defined in FAR Part 37, Service Contracting, and the parties recognize and agree that no employer-employee relationship exists or will exist under the contract between the Government and the contractor's personnel. It is, therefore, in the best interest of the Government to afford both parties an understanding of their respective obligations.

(b) Contractor personnel under this contract shall not:

1. Be placed in a position where they are under relatively continuous supervision and control of a Government employee.

2. Be placed in a position of command, supervision, administration, or control over Government personnel or over personnel of other contractors performing under other NOAA contracts.

(c) The services to be performed under this contract do not require the contractor or the contractor's personnel to exercise personal judgment and discretion on behalf of the Government. Rather, the contractor's personnel will act and exercise personal judgment and discretion on behalf of the contractor.

(d) Rules, regulations, directives, and requirements that are issued by the Department of Commerce and NOAA under its responsibility for good order, administration, and security are applicable to all personnel who enter the Government installation and facilities, who are provided access to Government systems, or who travel on Government transportation. This is not to be construed or interpreted to establish any degree of Government control that is inconsistent with a non-personal services contract.

(e) Both parties are responsible for monitoring contract activities for indications of improper employee-employer relationships during performance. In the event a situation or occurrence takes place inconsistent with this contract language, the following applies:

1. The contractor shall notify the contracting officer in writing within 5 business days from the date of any situation or occurrence where the contractor considers specific contract activity to be inconsistent with the intent of this contract language. The notice must include the date, nature and circumstance of the situation or occurrence, the name, function and activity of each Government employee or contractor employee involved or knowledgeable about the situation or occurrence, provide any documents or the substance of any oral communications related to the activity, and an estimated date by which the Government is recommended to respond to the notice in order to minimize cost, delay, or disruption of performance.

2. The contracting officer will review the information provided by the contractor, obtain additional information (if needed), and respond in writing as soon as practicable after receipt of the notification from the contractor. The contracting officer's response will provide a decision on whether the contracting officer determines the situation or occurrence to be inconsistent with the intent of this contract language and, if deemed necessary, will specify any corrective action(s) to be taken in order to resolve the issue.

(End of solicitation and contract language)

NOAA Acquisition Manual 1330-52.237-72 CONTRACTOR ACCESS TO NOAA FACILITIES (SEPT 2017)

(a)

1. The performance of this contract requires employees of the prime contractor or its subcontractors, affiliates, consultants, or team members ("contractor employees") to have access to and to the extent authorized, mobility within, a NOAA facility.

2. NOAA may close and or otherwise deny contractor employees access to a NOAA facility for a portion of a business day or longer for various reasons including, but not limited, to the following events:

i. Federal public holidays for Federal employees in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 6103;

ii. Fires, floods, earthquakes, and unusually severe weather, including but not limited to snow storms, tornadoes, and hurricanes;

iii. Occupational safety or health hazards;

iv. Lapse in Appropriations; or

v. Federal Statute, Executive Order, Presidential Proclamation, or any other unforeseen reason.

3. In such events, the contractor employees may be denied access to a NOAA facility that is ordinarily available for the contractor to perform work or make delivery, as required by the contract.

(b) In all instances where contractors are denied access or required to vacate a NOAA facility, in part or in whole, the contractor shall be responsible to ensure contractor personnel working under the contract comply. If the circumstances permit, the contracting officer will provide direction to the contractor, either directly or through the COR, which could include continuing on-site performance during the NOAA facility closure period; however, if Government oversight is required and is not available, on-site performance shall not be allowed. In the absence of such direction, the contractor shall exercise sound judgment to minimize unnecessary contract costs and performance impacts, for example, performing required work off- site if possible or reassigning personnel to other activities if appropriate.

(c) The contractor shall be responsible for monitoring the Office of Personnel Management at opm.gov, the local radio, television stations, NOAA web sites, and other communication channels. Once the facility is accessible, the contractor shall resume contract performance as required by the contract.

(d) For the period that NOAA facilities were not accessible to contractors who required access in order to perform the services, the contracting officer may—

1. Adjust the contract performance or delivery schedule for a period equivalent to the period the NOAA facility was not accessible;

2. Forego the work; or

3. Reschedule the work by mutual agreement of the parties.

(e) Notification procedures of a NOAA facility closure, including contractor denial of access, are as follows:

1. The contractor shall be responsible for notification of its employees of the NOAA facility closure to include denial of access to the NOAA facility. The dismissal of NOAA employees in accordance with statute and regulations providing for such dismissals shall not, in itself, equate to a NOAA facility closure in which contractors are denied access. Moreover, the leave status of NOAA employees shall not be conveyed or imputed to contractor personnel. Accordingly, unless a NOAA facility is closed and the contractor is denied access to the facility, the contractor shall continue performance in accordance with the contract.

2. Access to Government facilities and resources, including equipment and systems, will be limited and personnel necessary to administer contract performance may not be available. Generally, supply and service contracts that are funded beyond the date of the lapse in appropriation and do not require access to Government facilities, active administration by Government personnel or the use of Government resources in a manner that would cause the Government to incur additional obligations during the lapse in appropriation may continue. If a delivery date for a contract falls during the period of a lapse in appropriations, Government personnel may not be available to receive delivery. Contractors are directed to consult with a contracting officer before attempting to make a delivery. Contracting officers will be available throughout the lapse in appropriation period to provide guidance.

Once OMB guidance is given, CORs, in consultation with the contracting officer, will notify those contractors that are deemed by the Program Office to be performing excepted work and identify the contractor personnel requiring access to NOAA facilities. CORs will also coordinate directly with facility management or physical security personnel at respective locations to ensure that the names of contractor personnel requiring access to Government facilities during the lapse in appropriations are provided to physical security personnel.

Contractors who are not designated as performing excepted work are not allowed access to Government facilities or to utilize Government resources in a manner that would incur any additional obligation of funding on behalf of the Government during the lapse in appropriation.

3. Unless otherwise specified within the contract award, contractors requiring access to NOAA facilities outside normal business hours or outside the normal workweek shall submit a written request in writing through the COR to the contracting officer. The written request shall provide justification supporting the required access and be submitted [ ] hours/days (contracting officer insert number of days. If blank, 72 hours applies) before access to the NOAA facility is needed.

(End of solicitation and contract language)

NOAA Acquisition Manual 1330-52.243-70 REQUESTS FOR EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENT (OCT 2017)

(a) The amount of any request for equitable adjustment to contract terms shall accurately reflect the contract adjustment for which the contractor believes the Government is liable. The request shall include only costs for performing the change. All indirect costs included in the request shall be properly allocable to the change in accordance with applicable acquisition regulations.

(b) Any request for equitable adjustment to contract terms that exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold shall bear, at the time of submission, the following certificate executed by an individual authorized to certify the request on behalf of the contractor:

I certify that the request is made in good faith, and that the supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____

(Official's Name)

_____

(Title)

(c) The certification in paragraph (b) of this solicitation and contract language requires full disclosure of all relevant facts, including:

1. Certified cost or pricing data, if required, in accordance with subsection 15.403-4 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR); and

2. Data other than certified cost or pricing data, in accordance with subsection 15.403-3 of the FAR, including actual cost data and data to support any estimated costs, even if certified cost or pricing data are not required.

(d) The certification requirement in paragraph (b) of this solicitation and contract language does not apply to:

1. Requests for routine contract payments; for example, requests for payment for accepted supplies and services, routine vouchers under a cost-reimbursement type contract, or progress payment invoices; or

2. Final adjustments under an incentive provision of the contract.

(End of solicitation and contract language)

Section 5 - Other Contract Terms and Conditions

RFO 52.203-11 Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions. (SEP 2024)

RFO 52.203-18 Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements-Representation. (JAN 2017)

RFO 52.204-7 System for Award Management-Registration. (NOV 2024) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.209-11 Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law. (FEB 2016) (Deviation JAN 2026)

FAR 52.222-55 Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026. (JAN 2022)

RFO 52.223-1 Biobased Product Certification. (MAY 2024) (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.225-10 Notice of Buy American Requirement - Construction Materials. (MAY 2014)

RFO 52.240-90 Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications. (Deviation JAN 2026)

RFO 52.237-1 Site Visit. (APR 1984)

Offerors or quoters are urged and expected to inspect the site where services are to be performed and to satisfy themselves regarding all general and local conditions that may affect the cost of contract performance, to the extent that the information is reasonably obtainable. In no event shall failure to inspect the site constitute grounds for a claim after contract award.

(End of provision)

RFO 52.252-1 Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference. (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far

(End of provision)

RFO 52.252-5 Authorized Deviations in Provisions. (NOV 2020)

(a) The use in this solicitation of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR chapter 1) provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of (DEVIATION) after the date of the provision.

(b) The use in this solicitation of any Commerce Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR chapter 1352) provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of (DEVIATION) after the name of the regulation.

(End of provision)

CAR 1352.215-72 Inquiries. (APR 2010)

Offerors must submit all questions concerning this solicitation in writing to kirsten.keen@noaa.gov. Questions should be received no later than 7 calendar days after the issuance date of this solicitation. Any responses to questions will be made in writing, without identification of the questioner, and will be included in an amendment to the solicitation. Even if provided in other form, only the question responses included in the amendment to the solicitation will govern performance of the contract.

(End of clause)

CAR 1352.233-70 Agency protests. (APR 2010)

(a) An agency protest may be filed with either: (1) The contracting officer, or (2) at a level above the contracting officer, with the appropriate agency Protest Decision Authority. See 64 FR 16,651 (April 6, 1999).

(b) Agency protests filed with the Contracting Officer shall be sent to the following address: Kirsten Keen
kirsten.keen@noaa.gov

(c) Agency protests filed with the agency Protest Decision Authority shall be sent to the following address: Noah Nielsen
noah.nielsen@noaa.gov

(d) A complete copy of all agency protests, including all attachments, shall be served upon the Contract Law Division of the Office of the General Counsel within one day of filing a protest with either the Contracting Officer or the Protest Decision Authority.

(e) Service upon the Contract Law Division shall be made as follows: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the General Counsel, Chief, Contract Law Division, Room 5893, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. FAX: (202) 482-5858.

(End of clause)

CAR 1352.233-71 GAO and Court of Federal Claims protests. (APR 2010)

(a) A protest may be filed with either the Government Accountability Office (GAO) or the Court of Federal Claims unless an agency protest has been filed.

(b) A complete copy of all GAO or Court of Federal Claims protests, including all attachments, shall be served upon (i) the Contracting Officer, and (ii) the Contract Law Division of the Office of

the General Counsel, within one day of filing a protest with either GAO or the Court of Federal Claims.

(c) Service upon the Contract Law Division shall be made as follows: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the General Counsel, Chief, Contract Law Division, Room 5893, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. FAX: (202) 482-5858.

(End of clause)

Section 6 - Instructions to Offerors

RFO 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors-Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (SEP 2023) (Deviation JAN 2026)

Addendum to RFO 52.212-1 Addendum to RFO 52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS - COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (SEP 2023) (Deviation Jan 2026)

1. Email quotes are required and can be sent to kirsten.keen@noaa.gov Submit PDF or Microsoft Word format quotations to the office specified in this solicitation at or before the time specified in the solicitation.

2. Quoters shall have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) (https://sam.gov/content/home) in order to provide a quote and be eligible for award.

3. Quotes shall include:
* Signed copies of the SF 18 and SF 30(s) to acknowledge the solicitation and any applicable amendments
* Quoter's Unique Entity ID / Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code from Quoter's registration in SAM.gov
* Responses to each item listed below. Quoters should assume that the Government has no prior knowledge of them or their experience and capability.

Technical Approach.
Provide details describing Quoter's overall technical approach to this Statement of Work, conveying the Quoter's understanding of, approach to, and ability to successfully perform the requirements. A detailed technical approach write-up describing how the Quoter will perform this service is required to be submitted regardless of whether a site visit was made or not. The technical approach write-up must not be a reiteration of the Statement of Work, but describe how Quoter plans on performing the tasks listed in the attached Statement of Work (i.e., performance checklists, anticipated number of employees, anticipated hours at the facility and/or confirmation of supplies being provided, etc.).

Experience.
Provide details to demonstrate that Quoter possesses experience replacing both manhole covers/frames and security gates.

Provide details describing the Quoter's background and past performance on contracts performing the same or similar requirements as described in the Statement of Work. For any contract referenced, include a brief description of the contract requirements, length of time from project beginning through to completion, project cost management, communications between contracting parties, project management, and customer response to completed work.

Price.
The quoted prices will be evaluated but not scored. The Government will evaluate the price quote for completeness and reasonableness in relation to the requirements as described in the Statement of Work.

Section 7 - Evaluation

RFO 52.212-2 Evaluation-Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (NOV 2021) (Deviation JAN 2026)

(a) Evaluation factors. The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The following factors will be used to evaluate offers:

1. Technical Approach. The Quoter's overall technical approach will be evaluated to assess the Government's level of confidence in the Offeror’s understanding of, approach to, and ability to successfully perform the requirements as described in the Statement of Work.

2. Experience. The Quoter's background, experience, and qualifications (relevant past projects performing similar services, certifications related to current requirement, etc.) will be assessed to determine the likelihood that the Offeror can successfully perform the contract requirements.

3. Price. The quoted prices will be evaluated but not scored. The Government will evaluate the price quote for completeness and reasonableness in relation to the RFQ requirements.

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

(c) *Notice of award*. A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer furnished to the successful Offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

(End of provision)