SOLICITATION, OFFER, AND AWARD (Construction, Alteration, or Repair)	1. SOLICITATION NO. 140P5326R0012	2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION ☐ SEALED BID (IFB) INVITATION FOR BID ☐ NEGOTIATED (RFP) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL	3. DATE ISSUED 07/13/2026	PAGE 1 OF 25 PAGES

IMPORTANT - The "offer" section on the reverse must be fully completed by offeror.

4. CONTRACT NO.	5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO. 0044034187	6. PROJECT NO.

7. ISSUED BY CODE PSE	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO
NPS SER EAST MABO 100 Alabama St., SW 1924 Building Atlanta GA 30303-8701	

9. FOR INFORMATION CALL	a. NAME	b. TELEPHONE NO. *(Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS)*
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SOLICITATION

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid and "bidder".

10. THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRES PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THESE DOCUMENTS *(Title, identifying number, date)*

Reconstruct the Sand Cave Boardwalk and associated pedestrian facilities at Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky. All work shall be performed in accordance with Attachment 1, NPS MACA Project Specifications (dated 1/21/2026), Attachment 2, Project Drawings, and all terms, conditions, clauses, and other documents included in Solicitation No. 140P5326R0012.

11. The contractor shall begin performance within 10 calendar days and complete it within 180 calendar days after receiving

☐ award, ☒ notice to proceed. This performance period is ☒ mandatory ☐ negotiable. ***(See*** _____ ***).***

12a. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH ANY REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS? *(If "YES", indicate within how many calendar days after award in Item 12b.)*	12b. CALENDAR DAYS
☒ YES ☐ NO	15

13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

a. Sealed offers in original and 1 copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in Item 8 by 1500 ***(hour)*** local time 08/13/2026 (date). If this is a sealed bid solicitation, offers will be publicly opened at that time. Sealed envelopes containing offers shall be marked to show the offeror's name and address, the solicitation number, and the date and time offers are due.

b. An offer guarantee ☒ is, ☐ is not required.

c. All offers are subject to the (1) work requirements, and (2) other provisions and clauses incorporated in the solicitation in full text or by reference.

d. Offers providing less than 60 calendar days for Government acceptance after the date offers are due will not be considered and will be rejected.

OFFER *(Must be fully completed by offeror)*

14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR *(Include ZIP Code)*

CODE FACILITY CODE

15. TELEPHONE NO. *(Include area code)*

16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS *(Include only if different than Item 14.)*

17. The offeror agrees to perform the work required at the prices specified below in strict accordance with the terms of this solicitation, if this offer is accepted by the Government in writing within _____ calendar days after the date offers are due. *(Insert any number equal to or greater than the minimum requirement stated in Item 13d. Failure to insert any number means the offeror accepts the minimum in Item 13d.)*

AMOUNTS

18. The offeror agrees to furnish any required performance and payment bonds.

19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

(The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the solicitation -- give number and date of each)

AMENDMENT NUMBER										
DATE.										

20a. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER *(Type or print)*

20b. SIGNATURE

20c. OFFER DATE

AWARD *(To be completed by Government)*

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Continued...

22. AMOUNT

23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN *(4 copies unless otherwise specified)*

ITEM

25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO THE UNITED STATES CODE AT

☐ 10 U.S.C. 3204(a) ( ) ☐ 41 U.S.C. 3304(a) ( )

26. ADMINISTERED BY PSE

NPS SER EAST MABO
100 Alabama St., SW
1924 Building
Atlanta GA 30303-8701

27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY

CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 28 OR 29 AS APPLICABLE

☐ 28. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT *(Contractor is required to sign this document and return* 1 *copies to issuing office.)* Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items or perform all work requirements identified on this form and any continuation sheets for the consideration stated in this contract. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be governed by (a) this contract award, (b) the solicitation, and (c) the clauses, representations, certifications, and specifications incorporated by reference in or attached to this contract.

☐ 29. AWARD *(Contractor is not required to sign this document.)* Your offer on this solicitation is hereby accepted as to the items listed. This award consummates the contract, which consists of (a) the Government solicitation and your offer, and (b) this contract award. No further contractual document is necessary.

30a. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN *(Type or print)*

31a. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER *(Type or print)*

Celinda Hicks

30b. SIGNATURE

30c. DATE

31b. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BY

31c. DATE

NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR

ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
	Period of Performance: 08/31/2026 to 03/01/2027				
00010	Mobilization & Demobilization This line item shall include all cost associated with mobilization and demobilization of the equipment necessary to complete the project. Product/Service Code: Y1PA Product/Service Description: CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATION FACILITIES (NON-BUILDING)				
00020	Reconstruct Sand Cave Boardwalk: This item consists of all labor and materials required for demolition of existing site features as well as installation of the at grade concrete trail, boardwalks & overlooks and other associated site work in accordance with the drawings and specifications. Product/Service Code: Y1PA Product/Service Description: CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATION FACILITIES (NON-BUILDING)				
00030	Option Item: Secondary Sand Cave Trail. This item consists of all labor and materials required for installation of timber steps down from main trail, single-track style aggregate trail around the sink hole, metal stair structure leading down to the bottom of the sink hole, timber cave entrance viewing deck and other associated site work in accordance with the drawings and specifications. (Option Line Item) Anticipated Exercise Date 60 Product/Service Code: Y1PA Product/Service Description: CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATION FACILITIES (NON-BUILDING)				

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A - Solicitation/Contract Form

52.240-90 Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications. (Deviation Effective Date)

(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)

B - Supplies or Services/Prices

The contractor shall provide all labor, materials, supervision and equipment necessary to perform all required work in accordance with the attached Statement of Work.

CONSIDERATION -- FIXED-PRICE

C - Description/Specifications

STATEMENT OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS

Please see attachment 1 for Project Specifications: Attachment 1 MACA PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS 1.21.26

D - Packaging and Marking

(N/A)

E - Inspection and Acceptance

52.246-12 INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION (AUG 1996)

(a) *Definition.* "Work" includes, but is not limited to, materials, workmanship, and manufacture and fabrication of components.
(b) The Contractor shall maintain an adequate inspection system and perform such inspections as will ensure that the work performed under the contract conforms to contract requirements. The Contractor shall maintain complete inspection records and make them available to the Government. All work shall be conducted under the general direction of the Contracting Officer and is subject to Government inspection and test at all places and at all reasonable times before acceptance to ensure strict compliance with the terms of the contract.
(c) Government inspections and tests are for the sole benefit of the Government and do not-
(1) Relieve the Contractor of responsibility for providing adequate quality control measures;
(2) Relieve the Contractor of responsibility for damage to or loss of the material before acceptance;
(3) Constitute or imply acceptance; or
(4) Affect the continuing rights of the Government after acceptance of the completed work under paragraph (i) of this- section.
(d) The presence or absence of a Government inspector does not relieve the Contractor from any contract requirement, nor is the inspector authorized to change any term or condition of the specification without the Contracting Officer's written authorization.
(e) The Contractor shall promptly furnish, at no increase in contract price, all facilities, labor, and material

reasonably needed for performing such safe and convenient inspections and tests as may be required by the Contracting Officer. The Government may charge to the Contractor any additional cost of inspection or test when work is not ready at the time specified by the Contractor for inspection or test, or when prior rejection makes reinspection or retest necessary. The Government shall perform all inspections and tests in a manner that will not unnecessarily delay the work. Special, full size, and performance tests shall be performed as described in the contract.
(f) The Contractor shall, without charge, replace or correct work found by the Government not to conform to contract requirements, unless in the public interest the Government consents to accept the work with an appropriate adjustment in contract price. The Contractor shall promptly segregate and remove rejected material from the premises.
(g) If the Contractor does not promptly replace or correct rejected work, the Government may-
(1) By contract or otherwise, replace or correct the work and charge the cost to the Contractor; or
(2) Terminate for default the Contractor¿s right to proceed.
(h) If, before acceptance of the entire work, the Government decides to examine already completed work by removing it or tearing it out, the Contractor, on request, shall promptly furnish all necessary facilities, labor, and material. If the work is found to be defective or nonconforming in any material respect due to the fault of the Contractor or its subcontractors, the Contractor shall defray the expenses of the examination and of satisfactory reconstruction. However, if the work is found to meet contract requirements, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment for the additional services involved in the examination and reconstruction, including, if completion of the work was thereby delayed, an extension of time.
(i) Unless otherwise specified in the contract, the Government shall accept, as promptly as practicable after completion and inspection, all work required by the contract or that portion of the work the Contracting Officer determines can be accepted separately. Acceptance shall be final and conclusive except for latent defects, fraud, gross mistakes amounting to fraud, or the Government's rights under any warranty or guarantee.

E.2 INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

Final inspection and acceptance shall be by the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) at:

Inspection**: Sand Cave Trail head and Mammoth Cave National Park entrance sign on Old Mammoth Cave Road. See Sheet G2, Overall Layout Sheet for overall layout.**

Acceptance: (Same as Above)

For the purpose of this clause, the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) named in the Designation of COR clause in this contract is the representative of the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer reserves the right to unilaterally designate other Government agents as authorized representatives. Should such occur, the Contractor will be notified by a written notice.

F - Deliveries or Performance

52.236-15 Schedules for Construction Contracts. (APR 1984) (Deviation JAN 2026)

52.242-14 Suspension of Work. (APR 1984)

NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
52.242-14	Suspension of Work	APR 1984
52.236-15	Schedules for Construction Contracts	APR 1984

F.2 52.211-10 COMMENCEMENT, PROSECUTION, AND COMPLETION OF WORK, ALT 1 (APR 1984)

The Contractor shall be required to (a) commence work under this contract within **10** calendar days after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed, (b) prosecute the work diligently, and (c) complete the entire work ready for use not later than **180 Days.** The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.

F.3 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

The effort required under this contract shall be performed at:

Sand Cave Trail head and Mammoth Cave National Park entrance sign on Old Mammoth Cave Road. See Sheet G2, Overall Layout Sheet for overall layout.

G - Contract Administration Data

IDENTIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

The Government Officials assigned to this contract are as follows:

Contracting Officer:
Name: Celinda Hicks
Email: celinda_hicks@ios.doi.gov

Contracting Specialist:
Name: Arcoiris Cuetara-Higa
Email: arcoiris_cuetara-higa@ios.doi.gov

Contracting Officer's Representative (COR):
TBD

INVOICES
DOI ELECTRONIC INVOICING AND PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS

Electronic Invoicing and Payment Requirements - Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) (February 2021)

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

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

Under this contract, the following documents are required to be submitted as an attachment to the IPP invoice: **Certified Payrolls, invoice signed by the COR, for final payment Release of Claims**

The Contractor must use the IPP website to register access and use IPP for submitting requests for payment. The Contractor Government Business Point of Contact (as listed in SAM) will receive enrollment instructions via email from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (FRBSTL) within 3 - 5 business days of the contract award date. Contractor assistance with enrollment can be obtained by contacting the IPP Production Helpdesk via email IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov or phone (866) 973-3131.

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

(End of Local Clause)

H - Special Contract Requirements

1452.201-70 Authorities and Delegations (SEP 2011)

(a) The Contracting Officer is the only individual authorized to enter into, administer, or terminate this contract and make related determinations and findings.
(b) The Contractor shall not accept any instructions from any person other than the Contracting Officer or the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) acting within the limits of the COR designation.
(c) The Government shall not be bound by any agreements or conduct of any Government personnel who are not acting within the scope of their authority.

1452.203-70 Restrictions on Endorsements (JUL 1996)

The Contractor shall not refer to the Department of the Interior, or any bureau, office, or employee, in any advertising, press release, promotional materials, or public statement that implies the Government approves or endorses the Contractor, its work, or its products.
This includes use of Government logos, emblems, seals, or the name of any bureau without prior written authorization from the Contracting Officer.

The Contractor shall include this clause in all subcontracts that involve public information materials.

1452.204-70 Release of Claims (JUL 1996)

After completion of the work, and prior to final payment, the Contractor shall furnish a release of all claims against the Government arising under or by virtue of this contract, other than claims previously submitted in writing that remain unsettled.

The release shall be in a format acceptable to the Contracting Officer. If the Contractor is unable to certify that all debts to subcontractors or suppliers have been paid, the Contracting Officer may withhold final payment until adequate evidence of settlement is provided.

1452.228-70 LIABILITY INSURANCE Department of the Interior (JUL 1996)

(a) The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the term of this contract and any extension thereof liability insurance in form satisfactory to the Contracting Officer by an insurance company which is acceptable to the Contracting Officer. The named insured parties under the policy shall be the Contractor and the United States of America. The amounts of the insurance shall be not less than as follows:

Construction
Per person: $1,000,000
Per occurrence $2,000,000
Property damage: $2,000,000

(b) Each policy shall have a certificate evidencing the insurance coverage. The insurance company shall provide an endorsement to notify the Contracting Officer 30 days prior to the effective date of cancellation or termination of the policy or certificate; or modification of the policy or certificate which may adversely affect the interest of the Government in such insurance. The certificate shall identify the contract number, the name and address of the Contracting Officer, as well as the insured, the policy number and a brief description of contract services to be performed. The contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer with a copy of an acceptable insurance certificate prior to beginning the work.

1452.236-70 PROHIBITION AGAINST USE OF LEAD-BASED PAINT. - DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (JUL 1996)
Paint containing more than .06 percent by weight of lead in paint, or the equivalent measure of lead in the dried film of paint already applied, shall not be used in the construction or rehabilitation of residential structures under this contract or any resulting subcontracts.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS-CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORTING SYSTEM (DEC 2015)

1. FAR 42.1502 direct all Federal agencies to collect past performance information on contracts. The Department of the Interior (DOI) has implemented the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) to comply with this regulation. One or more past performance evaluations will be conducted in order to record your contract performance as required by FAR 42.15.
2. The past performance evaluation process is a totally paperless process using CPARS. CPARS is a web-based system that allows for electronic processing of the performance evaluation report. Once the report is processed, it is available in the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) for Government use in evaluating past performance as part of a source selection action.
3. We request that you furnish the Contracting Officer (CO) with the name, position title, phone number, and email address for each person designated to have access to your firm's past performance evaluation(s) for the contract no later than 30 days after award. Each person granted access will have the ability to provide comments in the Contractor portion of the report and state whether or not the Contractor agrees with the evaluation, before returning the report to the Assessing Official (AO). Information in the report must be protected as source selection sensitive information not releasable to the public.
4. When your Contractor Representative(s) are registered in CPARS, they will receive an automatically generated email with detailed login instructions. Further details, systems requirements, and training information for CPARS is available at https://www.cpars.gov/.
5. Within 60 days after the end of a performance period, the AO will complete an interim or final past performance evaluation, and the report will be accessible at https://www.cpars.gov/.
a. Contractor Representatives may then provide comments in response to the evaluation, or return the evaluation without comment.
b. Your comments should focus on objective facts in the AO's narrative and should provide your views on the causes and ramifications of the assessed performance.
c. All information provided should be reviewed for accuracy prior to submission.
d. If you elect not to provide comments, please acknowledge receipt of the evaluation by indicating "No comment" in the space provided, and then selecting ¿Accept the Ratings and Close the Evaluation¿.
e. Your response is due within 60 calendar days after receipt of the CPAR. On day 15, the evaluation will become available in PPIRS-RC marked as ¿Pending¿ with or without comments and whether or not it has been closed.
f. If you do not sign and submit the CPAR within 60 days, it will automatically be returned to the Government and will be annotated: "The report was delivered/received by the contractor on (date). The contractor neither signed nor offered comment in response to this assessment."
6. The following guidelines apply concerning your use of the past performance evaluation:
a. Protect the evaluation as source selection information. After review, transmit the evaluation by completing and submitting the form through CPARS. If for some reason you are unable to view and/or submit the form through CPARS, contact the CO for instructions.
b. Strictly control access to the evaluation within your organization. Ensure the evaluation is never released to persons or entities outside of your control.
c. Prohibit the use of or reference to evaluation data for advertising, promotional material, pre-award surveys, responsibility determinations, production readiness reviews, or other similar purposes.
7. If you wish to discuss a past performance evaluation, you should request a meeting in writing to the CO no later than seven days following your receipt of the evaluation. The meeting will be held in person or via telephone or other means during your 60-day review period.
8. A copy of the completed past performance evaluation will be available in CPARS for your viewing and for Government use supporting source selection actions after it has been finalized.

I - Contract Clauses

52.222-6 Construction Wage Rate Requirements. (AUG 2018) (Deviation Effective Date)

52.222-7 Withholding of Funds. (MAY 2014)

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

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

52.222-11 Subcontracts (Labor Standards). (MAY 2014) (Deviation Effective Date)

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

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

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

52.222-15 Certification of Eligibility. (MAY 2014)

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

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

52.236-2 Differing Site Conditions. (APR 1984) (Deviation JAN 2026)

52.236-3 Site Investigation and Conditions Affecting the Work. (APR 1984) (Deviation JAN 2026)

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

52.236-6 Superintendence by the Contractor. (APR 1984) (Deviation JAN 2026)

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

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

52.236-9 Protection of Existing Vegetation, Structures, Equipment, Utilities, and Improvements. (APR 1984) (Deviation JAN 2026)

52.236-10 Operations and Storage Areas. (APR 1984) (Deviation JAN 2026)

52.236-12 Cleaning Up. (APR 1984) (Deviation JAN 2026)

52.236-13 Accident Prevention. (NOV 1991) (Deviation JAN 2026)

52.236-21 Specifications and Drawings for Construction. (FEB 1997) (Deviation JAN 2026)

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

52.222-9 Apprentices and Trainees (July 2005) (DEVIATION FEB 2025)

As prescribed in 22.407(a), insert the following clause:

Apprentices and Trainees (July 2005) (DEVIATION FEB 2025)

(a) Apprentices. (1) An apprentice will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed when employed-

(i) Pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training,

Employer, and Labor Services (OATELS) or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the OATELS; or

(ii) In the first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, even though not individually registered in the program, if certified by the OATELS or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice.

(2) The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the Contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program.

(3) Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated in paragraph (a)(1) of this clause, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

(4) Where a Contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the Contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination.

(5) Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination.

(6) In the event OATELS, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by OATELS, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the Contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(b) Trainees. (1)Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer, and Labor Services (OATELS). The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by OATELS.

(2) Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed in the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate in the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the OATELS shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate in the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate in the wage determination for the work actually performed.

(3) In the event OATELS withdraws approval of a training program, the Contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(End of clause)

52.223-2 52.223-2, Reporting of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts (MAY 2024) (DEVIATION FEB 2025)

As prescribed in 23.109(c)(2), insert the following clause:

52.223-2, Reporting of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts (MAY 2024) (DEVIATION FEB 2025)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

Biobased product means a product determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to be a commercial product or industrial product (other than food or feed) that is composed, in whole or in significant part, of biological products, including renewable domestic agricultural materials and forestry materials, or that is an intermediate ingredient or feedstock. The term includes, with respect to forestry materials, forest products that meet biobased content requirements, notwithstanding the market share the product holds, the age of the product, or whether the market for the product is new or emerging. (7 U.S.C. 8101) (7 CFR 4270.2).

USDA-designated product category means a generic grouping of products that are or can be made with biobased materials-

(1) That are listed by USDA in a procurement guideline available at https://www.biopreferred.gov/resources/categories.html; and

(2) For which USDA has provided purchasing recommendations (available at https://www.biopreferred.gov) or 7 CFR part 4270.

(b) The Contractor shall report to https://www.sam.gov, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, on the product types and dollar value of any biobased products in USDA-designated product categories purchased by the Contractor during the previous Government fiscal year, between October 1 and September 30; and

(c) Submit this report no later than-

(1) October 31 of each year during contract performance; and

(2) At the end of contract performance.

(End of clause)

52.223-10 52.223-10, Waste Reduction Program (MAY 2024) (DEVIATION FEB 2025)

52.223-10, Waste Reduction Program (MAY 2024) (DEVIATION FEB 2025)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

Recycling means the series of activities, including collection, separation, and processing, by which products or other materials are recovered from the solid waste stream for use in the form of raw materials in the manufacture of products other than fuel for producing heat or power by combustion.

Waste prevention means any change in the design, manufacturing, purchase, or use of materials or products (including packaging) to reduce their amount or toxicity before they are discarded. Waste prevention also refers to the reuse of products or materials.

Waste reduction means preventing or decreasing the amount of waste being generated through waste prevention, recycling, or purchasing recycled and environmentally preferable products.

(b) The Contractor shall establish a program to promote cost-effective waste reduction in all operations and facilities covered by this contract. The Contractor's programs shall comply with applicable Federal, State,

and local requirements, specifically including Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C.6962, et seq.) and implementing regulations (40 CFR Part 247).

(End of clause)

52.223-23 52.223-23, Sustainable Products and Services (MAY 2024) (DEVIATION FEB 2025)

As prescribed in 23.109(a), insert the following clause:

Sustainable Products and Services (MAY 2024) (DEVIATION FEB 2025)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

Biobased product means a product determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to be a commercial product or industrial product (other than food or feed) that is composed, in whole or in significant part, of biological products, including renewable domestic agricultural materials and forestry materials, or that is an intermediate ingredient or feedstock. The term includes, with respect to forestry materials, forest products that meet biobased content requirements, notwithstanding the market share the product holds, the age of the product, or whether the market for the product is new or emerging. (7 U.S.C. 8101) (7 CFR part 4270.2).

Recovered material means waste materials and by-products recovered or diverted from solid waste, but the term does not include those materials and by-products generated from, and commonly reused within, an original manufacturing process. (42 U.S.C. 6903).

Sustainable products and services means:

(1) Products containing recovered material designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (42 U.S.C. 6962) (40 CFR part 247) (https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program#products).

(2) Energy- and water-efficient products that are ENERGY STAR® certified or Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)-designated products (42 U.S.C. 8259b) (10 CFR part 436, subpart C) (https://www.energy.gov/eere/femp/search-energy-efficient-products and https://www.energystar.gov/products?s= mega).

(3) Biobased products meeting the content requirement of the USDA under the Bio Preferred® program (7 U.S.C. 8102) (7 CFR part 3201) (https://www.biopreferred.gov).

(4) Acceptable chemicals, products, and manufacturing processes listed under EPA's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program, which ensures a safe and smooth transition away from substances that contribute to the depletion of stratospheric ozone (42 U.S.C. 7671l) (40 CFR part 82, subpart G) (https://www.epa.gov/snap)

(b) Requirements.

(1) The sustainable products and services, including the purchasing program and type of product or service, that are applicable to this contract, and any products or services that are not subject to this clause, will be set forth in the statement of work or elsewhere in the contract.

(2) The Contractor shall ensure that the sustainable products and services required by this contract are-

(i) Delivered to the Government.

(ii) Furnished for use by the Government.

(iii) Incorporated into the construction of a public building or public work; and

(iv) Furnished for use in performing services under this contract, where the cost of the products is a direct cost to this contract (versus costs which are normally applied to the Contractor's general and administrative expenses or indirect costs). This includes services performed by contractors performing management and operation of Government-owned facilities to the same extent that, at the time of award, an agency would be required to comply if an agency operated or supported the facility.

(c) Resource. The Green Procurement Compilation (GPC) available at https://sftool.gov/greenprocurement provides a comprehensive list of sustainable products and services and sustainable acquisition guidance. The Contractor should review the GPC when determining which statutory purchasing programs apply to a specific product or service.

(End of clause)

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

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

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

(2) *Affiliates*, as used in paragraph (a)(1) of this clause, means business concerns, one of whom directly or indirectly controls or has the power to control the others, or a third party or parties control or have the power to control the others. In determining whether affiliation exists, consideration is given to all appropriate factors including common ownership, common management, and contractual relationships. SBA determines affiliation based on the factors set forth at 13 CFR 121.103.

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

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

(2) Orders set aside for small business concerns under multiple-award contracts as described in 8.4 and 16.5.

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

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

(End of clause)

52.219-8 Utilization of Small Business Concerns. (JAN 2025) (Deviation JAN 2026)

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

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

Service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) concern means an SDVOSB concern that meets the requirements described in 13 CFR 128.300, is certified by SBA, and is designated by SBA as an SDVOSB concern in SBS and SAM.

Small business concern means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in its field of operation and qualified as a small business under the criteria

and size standards in 13 CFR part 121, including the size standard that corresponds to the NAICS code assigned to the contract or subcontract.

Small disadvantaged business (SDB) concern means a small business concern under the size standard applicable to the acquisition, that-

(1) Is at least 51 percent unconditionally and directly owned (as defined at 13 CFR 124.105) by-

(i) One or more socially disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.103) and economically disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.104) individuals who are citizens of the United States; and

(ii) Each individual claiming economic disadvantage has a net worth not exceeding the threshold at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2) after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and

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

Veteran-owned small business (VOSB) concern means a small business concern-

(1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned and controlled by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C.101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

Women-owned small business (WOSB) concern means a small business concern-

(1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women, or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women;

(2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women; and

(3) That is certified by SBA or an approved third- party certifier in accordance with 13 CFR 127.300 and is designated by SBA as a WOSB concern in SBS and SAM.

(b) It is the policy of the United States that small business concerns, VOSB concerns, SDVOSB concerns, HUBZone small business concerns, SDB concerns, and WOSB concerns shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in performing contracts let by any Federal agency, including contracts and subcontracts for subsystems, assemblies, components, and related services for major systems. It is further the policy of the United States that its prime contractors establish procedures to ensure the timely payment of amounts due pursuant to the terms of their subcontracts with small business concerns, VOSB concerns, SDVOSB concerns, HUBZone small business concerns, SDB concerns, and WOSB concerns.

(c)(1) A joint venture qualifies as a small business concern if-

(i) Each party to the joint venture qualifies as small under the size standard for the solicitation; or

(ii) The protégé is small under the size standard for the solicitation in a joint venture comprised of a mentor and protégé with an approved mentor-protégé agreement under a SBA mentor-protégé program. (See 13 CFR 125.9(d).)

(2) A joint venture qualifies as a HUBZone small business concern if it complies with the requirements in 13 CFR 126.616(a) through (c).

(d) The Contractor hereby agrees to carry out this policy in the awarding of subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with efficient contract performance. The Contractor further agrees to cooperate in any studies or surveys as may be conducted by the Small Business Administration or the awarding agency of the as may be necessary to determine the extent of the Contractor's compliance with this clause.

(e)(1) Unless the Contractor has reason to question the representation, it may accept a subcontractor's written representations of its size and socioeconomic status as a small business or SDB, if the subcontractor represents that the size and socioeconomic status representations with its offer are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of the offer for the subcontract.

(2) Unless the Contractor has reason to question the representation, it may accept a subcontractor's representations of its size and socioeconomic status as a small business or SDB in the System for Award Management (SAM) if the subcontractor-

(i) Is registered in SAM; and

(ii) Represents that the size and socioeconomic status representations made in SAM are current, accurate and complete as of the date of the offer for the subcontract.

(3) The Contractor may not require that the subcontractor register in SAM for the purposes of representing size or socioeconomic status in connection with a subcontract.

(4) A contractor acting in good faith is not liable for misrepresentations made by its subcontractors regarding the subcontractor's size or socioeconomic status.

(5) The Contractor shall confirm that a subcontractor representing itself as a HUBZone small business concern, VOSB, SDVOSB, or WOSB concern is certified by SBA by checking SAM or SBS at https://search.certifications.sba.gov/.

(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. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): [Insert one or more Internet addresses]

(End of clause)

J - List of Documents, Exhibits and Other Attachments

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K - Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders

52.223-1 52.223-1, Biobased Product Certification (MAY 2024) (DEVIATION FEB 2025)

As prescribed in 23.109(c)(1), insert the following provision:

52.223-1, Biobased Product Certification (MAY 2024) (DEVIATION FEB 2025)

As required by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8101(4)) and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (7 U.S.C. 8102(a)(2)(F)), the offeror certifies, by signing this offer, that biobased products (within categories of products listed by the United States Department of Agriculture [at https://www.biopreferred.gov/resources/categories.html]) to be used or delivered in the performance of the contract, other than biobased products that are not purchased by the offeror as a direct result of this contract, will comply with the applicable specifications or other contractual requirements.

(End of provision)

52.219-1 Small Business Program Representations. (FEB 2024) (Deviation JAN 2026)

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

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

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

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

Small business concern-

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

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

Small disadvantaged business concern means a small business concern that-

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

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

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

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

(2) The small business size standard is [insert size standard].

(3) The small business size standard for a concern that submits an offer, other than on a construction or service acquisition, but proposes to furnish an end item that it did not itself manufacture, process, or produce (i.e., nonmanufacturer), is 500 employees, or 150 employees for information technology value-added resellers under NAICS code 541519, if the acquisition-

(i) Is set aside for small business and has a value above the simplified acquisition threshold;

(ii) Uses the HUBZone price evaluation preference regardless of dollar value, unless the offeror waives the price evaluation preference; or

(iii) Is an 8(a), HUBZone, service-disabled veteran-owned, economically disadvantaged women-owned, or women-owned small business set-aside or sole-source award regardless of dollar value.

(c) *Representations*.(1) The offeror represents as part of its offer that-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of provision)

L - Instructions,Conditions, and Notices to Bidders

52.204-7 System for Award Management-Registration. (NOV 2024) (Deviation Effective Date)

52.228-1 Bid Guarantee. (SEP 1996)

(a) Failure to furnish a bid guarantee in the proper form and amount, by the time set for opening of bids, may be cause for rejection of the bid.

(b) The bidder shall furnish a bid guarantee in the form of a firm commitment, *e.g*., bid bond supported by good and sufficient surety or sureties acceptable to the Government, postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or, under Treasury Department regulations, certain bonds or notes of the United States. The Contracting Officer will return bid guarantees, other than bid bonds, (1) to unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after the opening of bids, and (2) to the successful bidder upon execution of contractual documents and bonds (including any necessary coinsurance or reinsurance agreements), as required by the bid as accepted.

(c) The amount of the bid guarantee shall be [ ] percent of the bid price or [ ], whichever is less.

(d) If the successful bidder, upon acceptance of its bid by the Government within the period specified for acceptance, fails to execute all contractual documents or furnish executed bond(s) within 10 days after receipt of the forms by the bidder, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract for default.

(e) In the event the contract is terminated for default, the bidder is liable for any cost of acquiring the work that exceeds the amount of its bid, and the bid guarantee is available to offset the difference.

(End of provision)

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): [Insert one or more Internet addresses]

(End of provision)

PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

A. Communications

All communications regarding this RFP shall be directed to the Contract Specialist identified below.
Contract Specialist: Cuetara-Higa, Arcoiris
Email: arcoiris_cuetara-higa@ios.doi.gov

B. Set-Aside

This acquisition is a **Total Small Business Set-Aside**.

C. Site Visit

A site visit is scheduled for **07/21/2026 at 09:00 AM CDT**. Meeting location: Front of the park visitor center

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D. Proposal Contents

The offeror shall submit a **complete proposal** that includes:

1. **Signed SF 1442** and acknowledgment of all amendments (as applicable).
2. **Price proposal** (Firm-Fixed-Price) for all CLIN(s) in the Schedule.
3. **Completed Attachment 5 - LPTA Technical Acceptability Submission Template (Construction)** for MACA, REPLACE AND EXPAND SAND CAVE TRAIL.
4. **Attachment 3 - Limitations on Subcontracting Report Template.**
5. **Past Performance references** as required in Attachment 5, Section 3.

E. Proposal Due Date, Time, and Method

Proposals shall be submitted by email to **arcoiris_cuetara-higa@ios.doi.gov** no later than **08/13/2026, 3:00 PM CST**.
Email subject line shall read:

F. Construction Schedule Requirement (Mandatory Submission)

To be considered for award, the offeror **must** submit a **proposed construction schedule** that meets the following minimum requirements
The schedule **shall include**:

1. **Anticipated onsite start date (mobilization)**
2. **Major construction milestones**, including (as applicable):
    - Boardwalk fabrication
    - Concrete trail placement
    - Footbridge installation
    - Overlook/platform installation
    - Any long lead procurement activities
3. **Final completion date**, demonstrating all work completed **within 180 calendar days** from Notice to Proceed
4. **Identification of any known or anticipated schedule constraints**, including:
    - Material lead times
    - Weather windows
    - Access restrictions
    - Subcontractor availability
5. Schedule must be **realistic and logically sequenced** to support Government evaluation of feasibility.

Failure to submit a schedule containing **all required elements** will result in a **FAIL** rating under Technical Acceptability.

G. Technical Acceptability (PASS/FAIL)

To be rated Technically Acceptable (PASS), the offeror must provide **all required entries** in Attachment 5, including:

1. **Two relevant projects** completed within the last five years.
2. **Key subcontractor identification**, as applicable (or N/A for self perform).
3. **Completion of the SOW/specifications compliance checklist** with no blanks. Notes fields may remain blank **only when `Comply¿ is selected**.
4. **Proposed schedule** meeting all requirements described in Section L.F and acknowledgement of the **180-day** period of performance.

Any omission or FAIL in any PASS/FAIL area will render the proposal **Technically Unacceptable and ineligible for award**.

H. LPTA (No Tradeoffs)

Award will be made on a **Lowest Price Technically Acceptable** basis. **No tradeoffs** will be performed.

I. Clarifications

The Government may request clarification to resolve minor administrative omissions (e.g., unchecked box or missing contact information) but will **not** permit proposal revisions that change the offered technical approach or price.

M - Evaluation Factors for Award

52.217-5 Evaluation of Options. (JUL 1990) (Deviation Effective Date)

Except when it is determined in accordance with FAR 17.202(b) not to be in the Government's best interests, 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).

(End of provision)

A submission that omits any required entry in Attachment 5 will be rated Technically Unacceptable (FAIL) and will be ineligible for award. Price reasonableness will be evaluated among the lowest¿priced technically acceptable offer(s) in accordance with the evaluation factors stated in this solicitation.

M.1 Basis for Award

Award will be made to the responsible small business **offeror** whose **proposal** is determined **Technically Acceptable (PASS)** and whose **total evaluated price** is the **lowest** among those proposals determined to be fair and reasonable.

M.2 Technical Acceptability (PASS/FAIL)

Technical acceptability will be evaluated using the offeror¿s completed **Attachment 5, LPTA Technical Acceptability & Price Submission Template (Construction)**.
A **FAIL** rating in **any** PASS/FAIL element of Attachment 5, or omission of **any required entry**, will render the proposal **Technically Unacceptable** and **ineligible for award**.

M.3 Price Evaluation

Price will be evaluated for **reasonableness** based on the total firm¿fixed price for all CLIN(s).
Among proposals rated **PASS** under Section M.2, the Government will select the proposal with the **lowest evaluated price** for award.