COMBINED SYNOPSIS/SOLICITATION

Parking Lot Paving and Striping, Mt. Holly, NJ WFO Service

THERE IS NO INCUMBENT; THIS IS A NEW REQUIREMENT.

(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 1305M326Q0430 is issued as a request for quotation (RFQ), to complete parking lot paving and striping. Work to be performed at the National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Mt. Holly, NJ, outlined in the attached Statement of Work. This acquisition is set-aside for small business concerns. The associated NAICS code is 238990. The small business size standard is $19.0M.

The Government intends to award a low priced, technically acceptable, single award firm fixed-price purchase order on an all or none basis with payment terms of Net 30.

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 supervision, labor, tools, materials and equipment (unless otherwise provided herein) necessary to complete the parking lot sealing and striping as per the attached Statement of Work (SOW) at the Mt. Holly, NJ Weather Forecast Office (WFO). The quoter shall provide all labor, supervision, materials, equipment, disposal, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

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

See attached Statement of Work and Department of Labor Wage Determination: 2015-4191, Modification No. 33, dated 07/30/2026, which can be found on: https://sam.gov/content/wage-determinations

INVOICES TO BE BILLED IN ARREARS VIA IPP. QUOTE PRICING MAY BE PROVIDED ON ATTACHED SF18 FORM OR ON COMPANY LETTERHEAD.

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

Period of performance shall be:
The period of performance for this contract shall not exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the date of award.

Place of Performance is
National Weather Service Forecast Office (PHI)
732 Woodlane Road
Mount Holly, NJ 08060-9615
Burlington County

(v) A list of solicitation provisions that apply to the acquisition (see 12.205(a)) can be found on the Request for Quote Form SF18 attachment in Section 5 Other Contract Terms and Conditions.

RFO 52.237-1 Site Visit (Apr 1984) (Deviation Jan 2026)
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)

A site visit is highly recommended but not required. Vendors 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. Please contact Keith.Pugh@Noaa.gov 609-261-6602 x 228 to set up a time to visit the site. All questions during the site visit should be submitted electronically to Casey.Keating@noaa.gov

(vi) A list of contract clauses that apply to the acquisition (see 12.205(b)) can be found on the Request for Quote Form SF18 attachment in Section 4 Contract Terms and Conditions.

(vii) Quotes are required to be received in the contracting office no later than 2:30 MT/MST on 08/21/2026. All quotes must be submitted electronically via email to casey.keating@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).

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.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
(THIS IS NOT AN ORDER)

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

PAGE 1 OF PAGES 32

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
1305M326Q0430	08/11/2026			

5a. ISSUED BY
WAD-SAP
325 BROADWAY, SOU6
BOULDER CO 80305

6. DELIVER BY *(Date)*
60 Days After Award

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

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

NAME	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
	AREA CODE	NUMBER
CASEY KEATING	303	578-2579

9. DESTINATION
a. NAME OF CONSIGNEE
PHILADEL WFO (MT. HOLLY) NJ

8. TO:

a. NAME	b. COMPANY

b. STREET ADDRESS
732 WOODLANE ROAD

c. STREET ADDRESS

c. CITY
MT. HOLLY

d. CITY	e. STATE	f. ZIP CODE	d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE
			NJ	08060

10. PLEASE FURNISH QUOTATIONS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE IN BLOCK 5a ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS *(Date)*
08/21/2026 1430 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	d. CALENDAR DAYS 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

AUTHORIZED FOR LOCAL REPRODUCTION
Previous edition not usable

STANDARD FORM 18 (REV. 6/1995)
Prescribed by GSA-FAR (48 CFR) 53.215-1(a)

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 THE LOW PRICED, TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE QUOTE. WAGE DETERMINATION 2015-4191 REV 33 DATED 07/30/2026 IS APPLICABLE TO THIS RFQ.				
0001	Services, non-personal, to provide all supervision, labor, tools, materials and equipment (unless otherwise provided herein) necessary to complete the parking lot sealing and striping as per the attached Statement of Work (SOW) at the Mt. Holly, NJ Weather Forecast Office (WFO). This is to provide proper protection to the vehicles, equipment, and staff. Product/Service Code: Z1AA				

Section 2 - Combined Synopsis/Solicitation 4
Section 3 - Line Items and Attachments 9
Section 4 - Contract Terms and Conditions 10
Section 5 - Other Contract Terms and Conditions 26
Section 6 - Instructions to Offerors 29
Section 7 - Evaluation 32

Section 2 - Combined Synopsis/Solicitation

Statement of Work SOW

1.0 GENERAL

1.1 BACKGROUND
The National Weather Service (NWS) Eastern Region has a requirement for pavement sealcoating and re-striping at the National Weather Service Forecast Office located in Mount Holly, NJ.
This work was performed years ago, and now the area is now showing exposed cracks which will allow water and ice to penetrate the surface and cause future damage to the surface and settlement underneath the surface. Re-striping is necessary after sealcoating surface.
This site's work area is existing asphalt pavement. Sealcoating acts as a preventative maintenance measure, extending the lifespan of pavement and helps reduce or avoid major and costly repairs down the line.
Re-striping defines clearly marked parking spaces, ensures adherence to Federal Laws (ADA Accessibility Standards), optimizes parking capacity, defines no parking areas, enhances curb appeal and improves parking lot traffic flow.

1.2 SCOPE
The scope of service includes crack repair, cleaning and sealcoating approximately 11,746 sq ft of asphalt pavement surface, and restriping of parking lot.

1.3 OBJECTIVE
The objective of sealcoating the pavement is to protect the asphalt pavement from the elements (UV, water damage, chemical spills), extend the pavement lifespan (minimizing cracking and potholes), enhancing the appearance (restoring color, creating smooth surface, curb appeal), and reducing future repair costs.
The objective of parking lot restriping is to re-establish the existing parking lot layout. There are no changes to existing parking areas or quantity of spaces; re-establish existing layout.

1.4 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS
1.4.1 Compliance Documents
The following documents provide specifications, standards, or guidelines that must be complied with in order to meet the requirements of this contract:

29 CFR 1910, Occupational Safety and Health Standards (Occupational Safety and Health Administration 1970)

1.4.2 Reference Documents
The following documents may be helpful to the contractor in performance of their work:
• ATTACHMENT 1: work area
o aerial view – overview of property

2.0 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS/TASKS

The TPOC and/or LPOC is to be contacted and briefed prior to starting any work. The contractor is not to

make any modifications to Government owned equipment under this contract without advance approvals.

The contractor shall provide the labor, tools, supplies, materials, transportation, services, and supervision required to perform all work outlined in this Statement of Work (SOW).

The contractor shall discuss their sequence of work with the TPOC and LPOC to avoid any disruptions during their planned work. The LPOC will initiate internal notifications to building occupants and those affected by any planned tasks.

The NWS has no designated area to store any hazardous or flammable chemicals or materials used in the course of the contractor's work tasks and these are not to be stored on site.
The contractor shall clean up all work areas at the end of each day.

2.1 TASK ONE: ASPHALT CLEANING and SURFACE PREPARATION
The contractor shall:
1. Clean asphalt and cracks of debris that will impede the curing of the sealer. Use of air blowers and power brooms is acceptable.
2. Remove all old loose chipping paint (prior to any sealcoating and repainting tasks).

2.2 TASK TWO: CRACK REPAIR
The contractor shall:
1. Pretreat large linear cracks wider than ¼" with hot pour crack sealant.
2. The melting kettle shall be of the double boiler, indirect heating type, thermostatically controlled using oil as a heat transfer. The sealing material shall be agitated to prevent overheating. The sealing compound shall a rubberized-asphalt non-tracking hot-pour type conforming to the following specifications: Federal Specification 3405 - ASTM D-1190-70.

2.3 TASK THREE: SEALCOATING APPLICATION
The contractor shall:
1. Thoroughly clean the area using a sweeper truck, air blowers, and power brooms to remove accumulations of dust, dirt, loose aggregate, stone and other foreign material.
2. Treat oil and gas accumulations with prep-seal.
3. Apply product when temperatures are anticipated to be above 50 degrees for a 24-hour period.
4. Mix sealer and sand thoroughly with a mechanical agitator to prevent sand from settling on the bottom of the container.
5. Apply each coat as a slurry comprised of a commercial grade sealer combined with clean dried sand; use a minimum of 2 to 4 lbs of silica sand per gallon of undiluted sealer concentrate.
• use clean, washed, angular silica sand, avoid sands with contaminants like iron, metals, clay, or trash.
• normal textured pavements: 2 to 2.5 lbs per gallon of undiluted sealer.
• rougher pavements: 4 to 4.5 lbs per gallon of undiluted sealer to properly texture and fill the surface profile.
• light traffic areas: lower end of the range, such as 2 pounds of sand per gallon, may be suitable.
• higher traffic areas: use a higher sand loading, 2 to 4 lbs per gallon for increased durability.
6. Add a 2% latex rubber solution to each gallon of sealer to increase the wearing characteristics of the sealcoat.
7. Apply coating to the pavement using squeegees. Note: one (1) coat hand applied is usually thicker

than 3 to 4 coats sprayed.
8. Apply one (1) to two (2) coats of rubberized asphalt emulsion sealer to the pavement.
• Two (2) coats are recommended for optimum results; multiple thin coats are generally better than one (1) thick coat in order for the material to cure move evenly and avoid puddling.
• In some cases, a single (1) thick coat with high solid content may be sufficient.
• High traffic areas benefit from two (2) coats for enhanced protection, traction, and aesthetics of an even surface coating.
9. Use caution when applying sealcoat adjacent to curbs, sidewalks, concrete aprons, fences and other appurtenances; take care of these specific areas using special tools.
10. Consult sealcoat manufacturer's guidelines for their recommended sand quantities and mixing procedures.

2.4 TASK FOUR: RESTRIPING
The contractor shall:
1. Restripe the parking areas and all pavement markings as currently configured.
2. Re-stripe all areas after sealcoating has cured completely.
3. Use a line striping machine for precision and consistency to create straight lines.
4. Use spray guns to re-establish symbols when using stencils.

2.5 TASK FIVE: SET-UP BARRICADES
The contractor shall:
1. Use appropriate measures to block the treated parking areas from traffic when finished. Roadways, turnarounds and parking areas generally require 12-24 hours to dry before vehicles can drive on them.
2. Clean up worksite and review all work performed with Government site manager.

3.0 CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

3.1 QUALIFIED PERSONNEL
The Contractor shall provide qualified personnel to perform all requirements specified in this SOW. All service personnel shall be trained in the proper application of products and follow manufacturer directions.

3.2 PROJECT MANAGER
The Contractor shall provide a Project Manager who shall be responsible for all Contractor work performed under this SOW. The Project Manager shall be a single point of contact for the Technical Point of Contact (TPOC).

3.3 EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION
Contractor employees visiting Government facilities shall wear an identification badge that, at a minimum, displays the Contractor name, the employee's photo, the employee's name, and badge expiration date. Visiting Contractor employees shall comply with all Government escort rules and requirements. All Contractor employees shall identify themselves as Contractor employees when their status is not readily apparent and shall display all identification and visitor badges in plain view above the waist at all times.

3.4 EMPLOYEE CONDUCT
Contractor's employees shall comply with all applicable Government regulations, policies, and

procedures (e.g., fire, safety, sanitation, environmental protection, security, “off limits” areas, etc.) when visiting or working at Government facilities. The Project Manager shall ensure Contractor employees understand and abide by Department of Commerce (DOC) established rules, regulations and policies concerning safety and security.

3.5 REMOVING EMPLOYEES FOR MISCONDUCT OR SECURITY REASONS
The Government may, at its sole discretion (in coordination with the CO where practical), direct the Contractor to remove any Contractor employee from DOC facilities for misconduct or security reasons. Removal does not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility to continue providing the services required under the contract. The CO will provide the Contractor with a written explanation to support any request to remove an employee.

4.0 OTHER APPLICABLE CONDITIONS

4.1 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE
The period of performance for this contract shall not exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the date of award.

4.2 PLACE OF PERFORMANCE
The primary place of performance will be the Department of Commerce at:
National Weather Service Forecast Office (PHI)
732 Woodlane Road
Mount Holly, NJ 08060-9615

The Service Contract Labor Standards Act applies and is the contractor’s responsibility to be in compliance with for Burlington, County NJ.

4.3 HOURS OF OPERATION
Contractor employees shall generally perform all work between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM local time, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

4.4 FEDERAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
Contractor agrees to observe all Federal Holidays, and any other day off work designated by Federal Statute, Executive Order, or Presidential Proclamation.

5.0 GOVERNMENT TERMS & DEFINITIONS
CFR Code of Federal Regulations
CO Contracting Officer
DOC Department of Commerce
LOTO lockout / tagout
LPOC Local Point of Contact
NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NWS National Weather Service
SOW Statement of Work
TPOC Technical Point of Contact

6.0 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED RESOURCES

The Government will provide the Contractor with access to the job site as necessary for performance of the work.

7.0 CONTRACTOR FURNISHED PROPERTY
The Contractor shall furnish all materials, equipment, and services necessary to fulfill the requirements of this contract, except for the Government Furnished Resources specified in this SOW.

8.0 GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE PERIOD
8.0.1 The TPOC will review deliverables prior to acceptance and provide the Contractor with notification via electronic mail that provides documented reasons for non-acceptance.

8.0.2 The TPOC will have the right to reject or require correction of any deficiencies found in the deliverables that are contrary to the information contained in the Contractor's accepted proposal. In the event of a rejected deliverable, the Contractor will be notified in writing of the specific reasons for rejection.

8.0.3 The TPOC will have three (3) business days to review deliverables and make comments. The Contractor shall have seven (7) business days to make corrections and redeliver.

9.0 DELIVERABLES
The Project Manager shall provide a service report to the TPOC via electronic mail. This report shall include a summary of all Contractor work performed including photographic documentation of completed work, warranty information, and any Contractor concerns or recommendations.

10.0 GOVERNMENT POINT(S) OF CONTACT
TBD

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
0001	Services, non-personal, to provide all supervision, labor, tools, materials and equipment (unless otherwise provided herein) necessary to complete the parking lot sealing and striping as per the attached Statement of Work (SOW) at the Mt. Holly, NJ Weather Forecast Office (WFO). This is to provide proper protection to the vehicles, equipment, and staff. Product/Service Code: Z1AA				

List of Attachments

Attachment Number	Title
1	1305M326Q0430 Attachment 1 Site Photos
2	1305M326Q0430 Wage Determination

Section 4 - Contract Terms and Conditions

FAR 52.222-3 Convict Labor. (JUN 2003)

FAR 52.222-41 Service Contract Labor Standards. (AUG 2018)

FAR 52.222-43 Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts). (AUG 2018)

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

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

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

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 52.204-9 Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel. (JAN 2011)

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

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

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

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

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

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

RFO 52.223-3 Hazardous Material Identification and Safety Data. (FEB 2021) (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 52.232-33 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 52.237-2 Protection of Government Buildings, Equipment, and Vegetation. (APR 1984)

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

RFO 52.244-6 Subcontracts for Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (OCT 2025) (DEVIATION April 2026)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CLAUSES FULL TEXT INFORMATION

FOR FULL TEXT OF COMMERCE ACQUISITION CLAUSES OR PROVISIONS YOU MAY TO GO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:
http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/textidx?sid=2d08a6e69af3b9bb1a7be4eae370d256&c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title48/48cfrv5_02.tpl#1300

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®.

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)

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

(a) Definitions. The clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.202-1, Definitions, is incorporated by reference.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) *Excusable delays*. The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence. Examples of occurrences include acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. When an excusable delay occurs, the Contractor shall-

(1) Notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as possible;

(2) Remedy the delay as quickly as possible; and

(3) Notify the Contracting Officer when the occurrence is over.

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

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

(i) *Payment*-

(1) *Items accepted*. Payment shall be made for items accepted by the Government that have been delivered to the delivery destinations set forth in this contract.

(2) *Prompt payment*. The Government will make payment in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(3) *Discount*. In connection with any discount offered for early payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date that appears on the payment check or the specified payment date if an electronic funds transfer payment is made.

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

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

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

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

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

(D) Contractor point of contact; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) The date fixed under this contract.

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

(vi) The interest charge shall be computed for the actual number of calendar days involved beginning on the due date and ending on-

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

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

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

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

(j) *Risk of loss*. Unless the contract specifically provides otherwise, risk of loss or damage to the supplies provided under this contract shall remain with the Contractor until, and shall pass to the Government upon-

(1) Delivery of the supplies to a carrier, if transportation is f.o.b. origin; or

(2) Delivery of the supplies to the Government at the destination specified in the contract, if transportation is f.o.b. destination.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) The schedule of supplies/services;

(2) The Disputes, Payments, Invoice, Compliance with Laws Unique to Government Contracts, and Unauthorized Obligations paragraphs of this clause;

(3) Other contract clauses incorporated in the solicitation or contract;

(4) Addenda to this solicitation or contract;

(5) Solicitation provisions incorporated in the solicitation;

(6) Other paragraphs of this clause;

(7) Other documents, exhibits, and attachments; and

(8) The specification.

(s) *Unauthorized obligations*.

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

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

(ii) Neither the Government nor any Government-authorized end user shall be deemed to have agreed to such clause by virtue of it appearing in the EULA,

TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement. If the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement is invoked through an "I agree" click box or other comparable mechanism (e.g., "click-wrap" or "browse-wrap" agreements), execution does not bind the Government or any Government authorized end user to such clause.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of clause)

RFO 52.222-42 Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires. (MAY 2014)

In compliance with the Service Contract Labor Standards statute and the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (29 CFR part 4), this clause identifies the classes of service employees expected to be employed under the contract and states the wages and fringe benefits payable to each if they were employed by the contracting agency subject to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 5341 or 5332.

This Statement is for Information Only: It Is Not A Wage Determination

Employee class Monetary wage - Fringe benefits

NA 6 Grounds Maintenance $21.96 p/hr +30%

(End of clause)

RFO 52.222-90 Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors (APR 2026) (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 52.252-2 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/far/index.html

(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)

Section 5 - Other Contract Terms and Conditions

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

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)

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

CAR 1352.215-72 Inquiries. (APR 2010)

Offerors must submit all questions concerning this solicitation in writing to Casey.Keating@noaa.gov. Questions should be received no later than 5 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:
Casey Keating
Contracting Officer
Western Acquisitions Division
325 Broadway, SOU6
Boulder, CO 80305-3328

(c) Agency protests filed with the agency Protest Decision Authority shall be sent to the following address: Noah Nielsen
Branch Chief, NWS Contracts
Western Acquisitions Division
U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA
NOAA Building 1
7600 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115-6349

(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)

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

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)

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)

A site visit is highly recommended but not required. Vendors 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. Please contact Keith.Pugh@Noaa.gov 609-261-6602 x 228 to set up a time to visit the site. All questions during the site visit should be submitted electronically to Casey.Keating@noaa.gov

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/far/index.html

(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)

Section 6 - Instructions to Offerors

Addendum to RFO 52.212-1 Instructions to Quoters-Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Sep 2023) (Deviation Jan 2026)

NOTICE TO QUOTERS: Instructions for submitting quotations under this request for quote must be followed. Failure to provide all information to aid in the evaluation may be considered non-responsive. Quotes that are non-responsive may be excluded from further evaluation and rejected without further notification to the quoter.

1. Email quotes are required and can be sent to casey.keating@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 (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 UEID/CAGE CODE
* Responses to each item listed below. Quoters should assume that the Government has no prior knowledge of them or their experience and capability.

1. Technical Acceptability/Capability. No more then 2/3 pages.
Provide details describing the Quoter’s overall technical approach to convey the Quoter’s understanding of, approach to, and ability to successfully perform the requirements as described in the Statement of Work. 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 how Quoter’s company 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.).

The Quoter’s past performance on contracts performing the same or similar requirements as described in the Statement of Work. Include a brief description of the contract requirements, quality and timeliness of delivery of goods and services, cost management, communications between contracting parties, proactive management, and customer satisfaction.

2. Past Experience. No more then 2/3 pages.
The quoter's past experience on at least 2 related contracts should be provided to determine, as appropriate, successful performance of contract requirements, date of project start and completion (must have been completed within the last two years), quality and timeliness of delivery of goods and services, cost management, communications between contracting parties, proactive management and customer satisfaction.

3. License. No more then 1 page.

The quoter must confirm they are licensed and insured to perform this work.

4. Price.
Quotes should include best and final pricing for all labor and materials to complete the Statement of Work.

The total estimated price range for this procurement is $18,000.00 - $22,000.00. The Government may select a quote for award with a price below, at, or exceeding this figure, depending on which quote is the lowest-priced technically acceptable.

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

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

(1) The solicitation number;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

makes its terms more favorable to the Government will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) A summary of the rationale for award.

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

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

(End of provision)

Section 7 - Evaluation

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

Quotes will be evaluated based on the factors set forth in paragraph (a) using Lowest Price, Technically Acceptable (LPTA) procedures. Each evaluation criteria will be assessed as does not meet, meets, exceeds and not applicable if not provided. See instructions for what is required each quote to include, if any of the instruction requirements are not met than the quote may not be accepted or evaluated.

a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Quoter whose quote, conforming to the solicitation, is determined to be technically acceptable and offers the lowest evaluated price. Award will be made without tradeoffs. Evaluation will be based on the following pass/fail criteria:

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. Qualifications. The Quoter must be licensed and ensured for this type of work.
4. Price. The Government intends to award a LPTA, single firm-fixed-price contract. Evaluation will start with the lowest priced quote and move upwards until a quote receives a "pass" rating for factors 1 though 3.

(b) Options. The Government will evaluate quotes for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that a quote is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

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

(End of provision)