Description

This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial products or commercial services prepared in accordance with the format in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 12, "Acquisition of Commercial Products and Commercial Services," as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; quotes are being requested, and a written solicitation document will not be issued.

This solicitation is issued as an RFQ. The solicitation document and incorporated provisions and clauses are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular 2026-01, dated 3/13/2026.

This solicitation is SDVOSB set-aside.

The associated North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code for this procurement is 541990, with a small business size standard of $19.5 million. The FSC/PSC is J042.

The Bedford VA Medical center located at 200 Springs Road in Bedford, MA 01730 is seeking to purchase Fire Alarm System Inspection, Testing, Maintenance, and Certification Services, with four (4) one-year option periods. Wage Determination 2015-4047, Rev 34 is applicable (see Attachment 1).

STATEMENT OF WORK

REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, INSPECTIONS, TESTING, AND CERTIFICATION FOR FIRE ALARM DETECTION SYSTEM AND NETWORK

Department of Veterans Affairs – VA Bedford Healthcare System (HCS)
200 Springs Road, Bedford, MA

The Bedford Healthcare System is requesting services for the inspection, testing, maintenance, repairs, and servicing of Fire Alarm Systems, Fire Suppression Systems, Kitchen Suppression Systems, and Fire Extinguishers. All Regularly Scheduled Services and inspection services will include the costs of all parts, labor, travel, tools, equipment and personnel necessary to perform all inspections, testing, repair, replacement, and maintenance as required during the contract period at The Bedford VAMC and all associated Community Base Outpatient Clinics (CBOC), known herein as VA Bedford HCS. All work will be in accordance with the Statement of Work, Final Contract, component manufacturer, most recent VHA, NFPA, OSHA, and The Joint Commission (TJC) codes, definitions, and requirements.

Clarification of Funds:
It is the understanding of the government and agreed upon by the contractor at the time of contract award/signature that the contractor will provide all Regularly Scheduled Services described within this SOW for the Primary Cost Associated with the contract. The Primary Cost Associated with the contract is defined as the line item listed as Fire Alarm Maintenance & Testing. The subsequent costs or line items listed by hourly rates are to be used on an as needed basis for extensive/persistent problems, renovation work, to include items being added where none were installed previously, and after-hours emergency service calls. All costs incurred by the contract will only be requested in writing, specifically by the contract COR only. All work completed requires acceptance in writing/email by the contracts assigned COR only. The line items

listed under hourly rates are not intended or approved for use for Regularly Scheduled Service, maintenance, general repairs, standard troubleshooting, regular testing, normal repairs, or standard replacements.

Places of Performance:
Apart from the VA Bedford Health Care Services (VA Bedford HCS) main facility and the Crescent House Transitional Residence Program (Crescent House), all associated Community-Based Outreach Centers (CBOC) locations are leased. Due to varying lease expiration dates with the potential for locations to move, the lease locations are fluid and may be subject to change but will remain in the same general area/county. The following six (6) locations, unless otherwise stated, will be considered for the simplification of this contract all known and identified as VA Bedford HCS.

1. VA Bedford Healthcare Center - 200 Springs Road, Bedford, MA 01730 (Middlesex County)
    - All Services (Inspection/Maintenance/Repairs/Programming – FireWorks)
2. Crescent House Transitional Residence Program (Crescent House) - 15 Veterans Way Lowell, MA 01852 (Middlesex County)
    - All Services (Inspection/Maintenance/Repairs - Fireworks System Not Installed)
3. Gloucester VA Clinic (Gloucester CBOC) - 199 Main Street Gloucester, MA 01930-6029 (Essex County)
    - Fire Extinguishers Only
4. Haverhill VA Clinic (Haverhill CBOC) - 209 Summer Street Haverhill, MA 01830-5201 (Essex County)
    - Fire Extinguishers Only
5. Lynn VA Clinic (Lynn CBOC) - 225 Boston Street Suite 107 Lynn, MA 01904-3123 (Essex County)
    - Fire Extinguishers Only
6. Lowell Vet Center - 10 George Street Suite 300 Lowell, MA 01852 (Middlesex County)
    - Fire Extinguishers Only

Period of Performance:

- The period of performance shall be 12-month Base Year with four 12-month Optional periods of performance.

Fire Alarm System Historical Information:
VA Bedford Medical Center (Primary Campus) Fire Alarm Detection System and Network has undergone multiple renovations and upgrades over the last 4-7 years. New Edwards EST3 panels were installed, new fiberoptic cabling has been installed throughout the campus connecting all 28 fire alarm panels, all new notification devices have been installed, 2 buildings have brand new sprinkler systems installed, one building has been renovated with a brand-new entire system, and all new wiring has been pulled for devices

throughout the buildings. All fire alarm panels are scheduled to be upgraded again within the next 3 years from Edwards EST3's to EST4's. (Contract not associated with this contract).
Crescent House Transitional Residence Program facility (Crescent House) Fire Alarm System has also had multiple upgrades to include the installation of an Edwards EST4 panel and remote annunciator (September 2026).
The Fire Alarm System at the Primary Campus is also connected to the Edwards FireWorks Incident Management Command and Control Platform.

General:

- The contractor will furnish all labor, parts, travel, tools and equipment necessary to perform all inspections, testing, repair, replacement and all regularly scheduled maintenance as defined and required during the period specified within this contract. All consumable parts/devices will be changed (Fire Extinguishers & Batteries) at the end of their respective serviceable lives or when they need to be removed for testing. All testing will be completed in accordance with NFPA codes in use and Joint Commission requirements.
- The contractor shall provide all labor, travel, and materials to repair or replace any equipment covered in this contract under Regularly Scheduled Maintenance; Fire Alarm components, Sprinkler System components, Suppression System components, Fire Extinguishers: due to premature failure, failure during inspection or testing, discharged due to use, or causes other than damage. End of service life or removal from service for testing (5yr test on fire extinguishers) will be included.
- Regularly Scheduled Maintenance will require the contractor to replace all equipment at the end of its service life or defective devices identified while inspecting/certifying systems to the government. Any replaced Fire Alarm System Components will be returned to the COR at the time of replacement minus batteries, fire extinguishers, and large wet system components. For the excepted components pictures of the equipment in place will suffice. Fire Extinguishers due for 5-year testing (up to 180/yr), Fire Alarm System batteries at the end of their 5-year lifespan, and Fire Alarm System Components that have failed regular scheduled testing. The contractor will be responsible for the cost of replacing approximately 180 fire extinguishers per year on average and approximately 750 by contract end.
    - 2.5lb, Dry Chemical – ABC Rated 115
    - 5lb, Dry Chemical – ABC Rated 535
    - 10lb, Dry Chemical – ABC Rated 40
    - 20lb, Dry Chemical – ABC Rated 26
    - 10lb, Carbon Dioxide – BC Rated 3
    - 6L, Wet Chemical – K Rated 4

  (Fire Extinguisher types and counts are approximate and are subject to change based on the needs of the facility)

  The contractor will also be responsible for the cost of replacing all lead acid batteries over the course of the contracts 5yrs for the entire fire alarm system and connected components. The batteries and fire extinguishers are currently in various stages of service lives, and some will be expected to be replaced shortly after contract execution.
  (Any replaced Fire Alarm System Components will be returned to the COR at the time of replacement)
- The contractor shall provide all labor and materials to perform monthly, annual and 5yr changeout of all fire extinguisher inspections and or replacements on all VA Bedford HCS fire extinguishers to

meet NFPA 10. Annual inspections to be conducted by the 15th day of the month prior to the due date to ensure timely inspection.

- Regularly Scheduled Maintenance will also include regular service, inspection, and certifications of all fire alarm system backflow preventors and check valves as required by the manufacturer, VHA, NFPA, OSHA, and The Joint Commission (TJC) codes, definitions, and requirements.

Specifications:

1) Contractor Certification Requirements

a) Contractor shall provide personnel that are factory trained for all work associated with the Fire Alarm systems at each division. Proof of certification will be provided for each employee performing work in connection with this contract.

b) Contractor shall be certified for
   i) Inspecting, maintaining, testing and servicing of
      (1) Fire Alarm Systems and associated appurtenances
      (2) Fire Suppression Systems and associated appurtenances
      (3) Sprinkler Systems
      (4) Kitchen Suppression Systems
      (5) Fire Pumps
      (6) Fire Hydrants
      (7) Backflow preventors
      (8) Post Indicators valves (PIV)
   ii) Inspecting, testing, recharging, and servicing Portable Fire Extinguishers.
   iii) Inspecting, maintenance, servicing, and installation of Fixed Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems.
   iv) Programming and maintenance of EST IRC-3, FCC, Fireworks, EST-3, and EST-4. Company must have a "C" license in the State of Massachusetts, and all personnel must have a "D" license.

c) Shall be certified in the inspection, testing, recharging and servicing of Fixed Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148 & 527 CMR 23.00.

d) Certifications shall be submitted at the start of the contract and updated quarterly, or as new personnel are assigned.

e) Contractor at minimum shall be trained for:
   i) 2 Hour Asbestos Awareness Training
   ii) 10 Hour OSHA Construction Safety
   iii) Permit Required Confined Space Trained
   iv) Medically cleared and fit tested
   v) Factory trained by major equipment manufacturers for all relevant fire alarm equipment at VAMC.

f) Contractor shall not have:
   i) A letter of concern within the last year.
   ii) A notice to cure within the last 3 years.

2) Contractor Pre-Inspections Requirements

a) Required documentation:

i) Contractor shall complete the necessary paperwork to obtain a personal identification verification PIV card with VAMC. Contractor shall also complete the IACIC Health Assessment Clearance/Allergy Screening Program form, in order to gain access to the Research areas. This form requires the date of the last tetanus vaccination and purified protein derivative (PPD) test.

b) Required VAMC Staff Training:
   (1) Contractor shall provide one (1) eight (8) hour on-site training session prior to testing or inspections. Training session for VAMC staff shall include but not be limited to
      (a) Accessing testing documentation
      (b) Reading and understanding documentation
      (c) Verifying documentation meets NFPA and TJC testing requirements.

c) Check in/out procedures:
   i) Contractor shall submit (in writing) a preliminary schedule of work for the coming work year.
   ii) Contractor shall schedule with the Safety Office, at least one week prior to arrival, to perform routine work and testing.
      (1) A list of work and testing to be completed shall be submitted to the Safety Office during scheduling.
   iii) Contractor shall notify VAMC at least 24 hours in advance of cancellation of a scheduled visit.
      (1) Contractor shall set up a new time for testing and inspecting during the notification of cancellation.
   iv) All routine work shall be performed between the hours of 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday unless otherwise requested and approved in advance by the Safety office.

   v) Government Issued contractor identification cards (PIV Badges) shall always be worn while at VA Bedford HCS. Badges will be issued and returned at the beginning/end of each visit.
   vi) Contractor shall report to the Safety Office upon arrival for:

      (1) PIV Badge issuance.

      (2) Contractor Visitor Sign-In listing their arrival time and reason for visit, neatly and legibly.

      (3) Log description of work assigned to be accomplished under the Daily Log Contract Work, neatly and legibly.

      (4) Receive the assignment of any keys needed to accomplish the given tasks.

      (5) Contractor shall notify the police dispatch at VAMC, USRO, safety office, and fire alarm monitoring, prior to commencing programming, maintenance, and/or testing and supply police dispatch at VAMC, USRO, safety office, and fire alarm monitoring with the location and duration of the programming, maintenance and/or testing.

   vii) Upon completion the contractor shall report back to the Safety Office (COR) prior to departure to:
      (1) Update the initial Log with a detailed description of work completed, the time the work was completed, identify in clear legible writing any remaining work to be completed, and when that work is planned on being completed.

      (2) Establish a plan of action with the contract COR for any work remaining and when that work will be planned on being completed.

(3) Debrief the contract COR with:

(a) Summation of the work completed

(b) Review of all testing completed

(c) List of any findings identified, and their unique identification numbers assigned per part or problem

(4) Turn over to the contract COR any service parts that were replaced.

Exceptions: Fire Extinguishers, Batteries, Large Wet System Components - pictures of these new devices installed are satisfactory

(5) Turn over any certifications and/or testing paperwork.

(6) Verify any systems taken offline for maintenance or service have been placed back into a fully operational state.

(7) Verbally review with the COR any relevant upcoming return visits.

(8) Return PIV Badge.

viii) Contractor shall check out keys with the Safety Office or Engineer work order clerk for inspection and testing purposes and shall return keys daily.
(1) During afterhours and weekend work, the contractor shall contact the Utilities System Repair Operator (USRO) for access to necessary areas.

ix) Proper personal protection equipment (PPE) shall be worn in all confined spaces.

x) Contractor will adhere to all OSHA safety regulations and follow proper Lock-out Tag-out procedures.

xi) Contractor shall debrief the Safety Office on all testing and findings at the end of each day of testing and inspecting.
(1) The contractor shall work with Safety Office to create and review a plan of action for all found deficiencies that have not been corrected prior to their departure.
(2) Any findings that are an immediate impact to life and health must be brought to the attention of the Safety Department ASAP (Safety Manager, Duty Engineer and VAP after hours).

3) Contractor Inspection & Testing Requirements

All testing and inspections shall be in compliance with current VHA, NFPA, OSHA, and TJC regulations. The more stringent regulation shall always take precedence over differing requirements.

Contractor shall provide all parts, labor, travel, and materials to repair or replace any equipment covered in this contract, to include but not limited to: Fire Alarms, Fire Sprinklers, Fixed Fire Suppression Systems, PIV, Rolling and Fire Doors, Fire Extinguishers to 100% inventory or Suppression System that are discharged due to use, premature failure, or failure during any inspection and testing procedure, this includes replacement of fusible links. Work is to be conducted in a manner which would present the least amount of disruption to the healthcare facility. Contractor shall be responsible for all damages caused by their company or their sub-contractors and repair or hire a competent contractor to make repairs for any damages caused. Financial payment is not acceptable compensation for damage repairs.

Contractor shall be on site, during or after normal business hours, within two (2) hours of notification by phone call to the contractor's business office or by notification via email in response to a failed system or alarm reset repair, unless other emergency criteria has been adopted by this agency and the contractor in writing.

Contractor shall be on site within two (2) hours of notification by phone call to the contractor's business office or by notification via email in response to an accreditation inspection.

Contractor shall be on site within twelve (12) hours notification by phone call to the contractor's business office or by notification via email in response to a service call/request for service.

Computerized lists of device types, locations, and known deficiencies will be made available to the government upon request.

a) Testing and Inspections also included in this contract to be performed by the contractor
   i) Contractor shall test a minimum of one fourth of all devices per Fire Alarm System zone each quarter per NFPA and cumulatively 100% of all devices annually.

      (1) There are approximately 490 Pull Stations, 100 Duct Detectors, 70 heat detectors, 120 Batteries, and 850 Smoke detectors, 25 backflow preventors, 750 Fire Extinguishers. This is not a complete list of all devices, see SOW Attachment A – Device Location and Testing for the complete list.

   ii) Contractor shall visually inspect and clean Smoke Detectors and Sprinkler Heads of dust and foreign material semi-annually.

   iii) Contractor shall inspect and test all Valve Supervisory Switches semi-annually in accordance with NFPA requirements.

   iv) Contractor shall test smoke detectors with auxiliary control functions annually. One fourth of all detectors with auxiliary control (door closers, elevator shut down, HVAC) shall be tested quarterly and cumulatively 100% of all devices annually. Manufacturer recommendations and current NFPA 72 requirements shall be followed.

   v) Contractor shall inspect and test each building Fire Alarm Panel for operational condition and ring through to facility fire alarm monitoring receiver and shall provide documentation to the Safety Officer. Manufacturer recommendations and current NFPA 72 requirements shall be followed.

   vi) Contractor shall inspect and maintain central station receiver for proper coding, imprinting, time accuracy, and adequate reeled paper installed. Said testing shall be done quarterly. Reeled paper shall be checked after each service call. The contractor shall supply the reeled paper to all equipment that requires it. Manufacturer recommendations and current NFPA 72 requirements shall be followed.

   vii) Contractor shall test all notification devices annually; one quarter shall be tested each quarter and cumulatively 100% shall be tested annually. Manufacturer recommendations and current NFPA 72 requirements shall be followed.

   viii) Contractor shall test the elevators at each facility in accordance with current NFPA 72. This test shall include the Phase One, Phase Two and Shunt Trip. The elevator tests shall be coordinated with the elevator contractor.

ix) Contractor shall inspect and verify operational condition and proper labeling of one fourth of all remote annunciators quarterly. All annunciators shall be tested annually. Manufacturer recommendations and current NFPA 72 requirements shall be followed.

x) Contractor shall inspect and maintain all batteries and battery charging systems in accordance with current NFPA 72. The contractor will service and replace any/all batteries connected to the fire alarm system to keep the fire alarm system in compliance with the required codes, regulations, and manufacturer recommendations. Detailed annual battery maintenance reports shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) and a copy to the Safety Office.

(1) Contractor shall be able to replace all batteries tested that fail on any given day at the time the batteries fail the test(s).

xi) Contractor shall test all manual pull stations annually. To meet NFPA Code requirements for quarterly testing of the Fire Alarm System, one-fourth of all manual pull stations will be tested each quarter, including testing of supervisory circuits.

xii) Contractor shall test Smoke Detectors, Duct Smoke Detectors, and restorable type Heat Detectors annually. To meet NFPA Code requirements for quarterly testing, one fourth of all detectors shall be tested each quarter, including testing of supervisory circuits. Testing documentation shall indicate that the HVAC shuts down, and the dampers close, when the smoke detector is activated.

xiii) Contractor shall provide labor and materials to perform testing, inspection, and recharging as necessary regardless of discharge reasons, all dry-system suppression systems.

(1) There is approximately Seven (7) dry-chemical suppression systems.

(a) Building 3 - Kitchen

(b) Building 7 – Kitchen Stoves (1-3)

(c) Building 78 – Canteen Kitchen

(d) Building 19/21 – Mass Accumulation Sites (1-2)

xiv) Contractor shall test and/or inspect all rolling doors and magnetic door hold releases in accordance with NFPA and TJC standards.

(1) There are two (2) rolling doors.

(2) There are currently approximately 142 door release devices.

xv) Contractor shall test Sprinkler System water flow devices semi-annually, two times per year. If the semi-annual tests show that the system is not reliable, quarterly testing must be initiated. One half of the water flow devices shall be tested quarterly, including testing of supervisory circuits in accordance with NFPA and TJC requirements.

xvi) Contractor shall flow, test, and document all Main Drains on all risers annually in accordance with NFPA and TJC requirements.

xvii) Contractor shall test electric motor-driven fire pumps monthly under no-flow conditions per NFPA and TJC requirements.

(1) Contractor shall test fire pumps under flow conditions annually.

(2) There is one electric fire pump.

xviii) Shall provide labor and materials to perform Three (3) and Five (5) year testing of standpipe and dry pipe systems in accordance with NFPA 25.

xix) Contractor shall annually inspect, service, and flow test all hydrants and report in accordance with NFPA 25 and NFPA 291.

(1) There are approximately 40 hydrants.

xx) Contractor shall provide annual testing of all fire extinguishers. Annual inspections shall be performed on in-service units and semi-annual inspections will be performed on all spare units. Reports shall be provided indicating units passed or failed and reason.

(1) Contractor shall provide labor and materials for all recharges, hydro testing, 5-year inspection and replacement of damaged or expired units. All new units shall be provided by the contractor with initial inspection tag and ready for use.

(2) Annual testing shall take place in the month of February.

xxi) Contractor shall provide monthly testing of all fire extinguishers in accordance with NFPA and TJC requirements.

(1) Any fire extinguishers that fail the monthly inspection shall be replaced at the time of inspection with a compliant extinguisher.

(2) Anticipate 180 failures / replacements a year. The contractor will be responsible for the replacement cost annually.

xxii) Contractor shall inspect all Fire Extinguishers within twenty-four (24) hours upon finding and notification of a missed inspection, unless other arrangements have been established through the Safety Office at the contractor's expense.

xxiii) Contractor shall remove non-restorable type Heat Detectors, circuit test electrically and mechanically and replace with a unit in accordance with NFPA requirements.

xxiv) Contractor shall provide relevant and/or necessary upgrades to the Fireworks System.

xxv) Repairs, maintenance, and all regularly scheduled service on all fire alarms, suppression, and prevention systems are to be completed by the contractor.

(1) A report of repairs, maintenance, and service shall be submitted to Safety/Engineering and Contract COR upon completion of the repair or maintenance.

(2) Replaced components shall be returned to the COR upon completion of replacement/repair less the following: fire extinguishers, batteries, and large wet system components. Pictures of replaced components will suffice.

xxvi) Contractor shall correct all deficiencies immediately. If immediate actions cannot be performed, the contractor must contact Safety/Engineering immediately and set forth an approved, by Safety/Engineering, plan of action and timeline for correction.

xxvii) Contractor shall notify COR and Safety/Engineering immediately if they are unable to perform test(s) on equipment due to lack of equipment, malfunction of the equipment, or lack of access to equipment.

(1) The contractor shall create a plan of action for correcting the malfunction and implement the corrective action immediately once approved by the safety office.

(2) Once corrective measures have been implemented and the malfunction has been corrected, immediate testing shall be performed to ensure correction works as designed and to keep the system within code compliance.

(3) If corrective action cannot be implemented to a deficiency that is deemed critical to life safety, or if a building/system is going to be offline for more than 8 hours in a 24hr period, a fire watch shall be established in accordance with NFPA requirements.

(a) Fire watch shall be the responsibility of the contractor and approved by the Safety/Engineering team.

(b) An Interim Life Safety Measure (ILSM) form must be filled out by the contractor then submitted and approved by the Safety office.

xxviii) Contractor shall include 280 hours (annually) of additional labor at normal hour's rate for use at the discretion of the VA for unforeseen problems, projects, emergency repairs, etc.

xxix) Contractor shall include 40 hours (annually) of additional labor at Level 2 technician (Programming) rate to be used only for active programming/reprogramming within Edwards FireWorks System.

xxx) Contractor shall include 60 hours (annually) of additional labor at after-hours rate for use at the discretion of the VA for unforeseen problems, projects, emergency repairs, etc.

4) Contractor Reporting & Documentation Requirements

a) Shall provide semi-annual training (4-hour ea.) to engineering and safety personnel on the operation and understanding of the EST fire Alarm system including the station fireworks system. Training will include basic panel understanding, key functions, disabling/enabling of an initiating device, global disconnects, etc.

b) The contractor shall supply a computerized list of device types with names, brands, model numbers, serial numbers (if applicable), manufactured dates, installation dates (if known), expiration/replacement dates, quantities, location/building/floor/room, and dates tested and inspected. Software shall be compatible with VA Bedford HCS existing software (preferably in a spreadsheet).

c) The contractor shall leave a list of deficiencies/missed items, in writing, during an end of work debrief with the Safety Office, which will occur at the end of every inspection/testing day.

i) Any deficiencies found during required testing, under this contract, shall be identified with a unique identifier to allow tracking of corrections through to invoicing/billing.

ii) Weekly, the contractor shall provide an updated electronic spreadsheet containing the list of deficiencies.

iii) Electronic spreadsheet shall contain at minimum:

(1) Date of inspection

(2) Unique identifier

(3) Building number

(4) Floor level

(5) Room number closest to deficiency location

(6) Deficient equipment

(7) Proposed corrective action.

(8) Timeline for correction

(9) Corrected or still deficient

(10) Date Corrected

(11) Corrective actions taken

iv) When the deficiency is repaired and/or corrected, the contractor shall include the unique identifier on a correction report, which shall be sent to Safety Office electronically.

v) Monthly meetings are to be scheduled to review deficiency list with the COR and Safety/Engineering.

vi) Contractor shall provide documentation of areas not inspected during monthly inspection and show specific cause, beyond the contactor's control, for not inspecting any device.

d) Contractor shall submit digital copies of testing, inspection, and maintenance reports within 10 days from the date of service and hard copies within 30 days. These reports shall contain but are not limited to:

i) Individual report for each NFPA and/or TJC standard the test/inspection complies with.

ii) Date the test/inspection was performed.

iii) Staff member who tested the equipment and their certification.

iv) Test/inspection that was performed on the piece of equipment.

v) The results of the test/inspection.

vi) Deficiency on the equipment with unique identifier.

vii) Corrective action taken.

e) The contractor shall submit a digital summary of all monthly testing and inspection reports.

i) The summary shall include:

(1) Building number

(2) System tested

f) Contractor shall submit twice annually a compact disk (CD)/USB drive with testing reports organized by Building and TJC life safety and environment of care standards, EC and EP numbers, i.e. Building 2 EC 02.03.05 Ep:1, Building 78 EC 02.03.05 EP: 2 etc.

g) A list of all alarms that occurred at VA Bedford HCS shall be submitted by the contractor to the COR monthly and additional reports if requested earlier.

5) PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT:

- The contractor service requirements are summarized into performance objectives that relate directly to mission essential items. The performance threshold briefly describes the minimum acceptable levels of service required for each requirement. These thresholds are critical to mission success.

Performance Objective	Standard	Performance Threshold	Method of Surveillance
The contractor shall provide timely responses to service requests.	Contractor shall be on site within 2 Hours after notification in response to a failed system or alarm reset repair. Contractor shall be on site within 12 Hours after notification in response to a regular service call/request.	**99%**	Periodic Surveillance Customer Complaint
The contractor shall debrief the Safety Office on all testing and findings at the end of each day of testing and inspecting.	Service Technician debrief reports on file with the Safety Office at end of test/inspection day.	**95%**	Periodic Surveillance Customer Complaint

The contractor shall turn over to the COR all replaced/changed out equipment minus batteries, fire extinguishers, and large components. Pictures must be provided of those components installed.	Components received by contract COR at time of replacement, prior to contractor leaving the facility (Check-Out).	**99%**	Periodic Surveillance Customer Complaint
The contractor shall create unique identifiers for all system problems and inform COR of issues	Unique identifiers received, tracked, and closed out with problem resolutions	**100%**	Periodic Surveillance Customer Complaint Billing Tracking
The contractor shall provide, semi-annual, four (4) hours of continued on-site training on testing and reporting documentation per year.	Semi-annual training agenda filed in the Safety Office after each training session	**95%**	Periodic Surveillance Customer Complaint
The Contractor shall submit digital and paper copies of testing, inspection, and maintenance reports. Digital copies within 10 days and hard copies within 30 days from the date of service.	Digital and hard copy receipt of reports cross-checked to date that testing/inspections were performed. Digital/Hard copies delivered within their respective time restraints.	**100%**	Periodic Surveillance Customer Complaint
All testing and inspections shall be in compliance with current VHA, NFPA, OSHA, and TJC regulations.	Documentation of testing/inspection to state compliance testing regulation. This will be cross-checked with new regulations.	**100%**	Periodic Surveillance Customer Complaint
The contractor shall provide twice yearly a digital inventory list of all fire alarm system components	Spreadsheets with updated and accurate inventory including device components, make, model, serial number, manufacture dates, service life, installation location with building number, room number, room/area description	**95%**	Periodic Surveillance Customer Complaint
The contractor shall provide a fully functional, properly tested, and maintained fire alarm system	No problematic consistent/repeat troubles, alerts, problems in the Fireworks System	**95%**	Fireworks Network Periodic Surveillance Customer Complaint Federal Inspections Joint Commission Inspecitons
Complete, accurate, and up-to-date information listed and displayed in digital inspection and compliance reporting platform/database	No inaccurate or blank entry data points in the database and accurate information updated each time something is replaced. All in use equipment is captured and inspected respectively.	**100%**	Periodic Surveillance Customer Complaint

END OF STATEMENT OF WORK

QUALITY ASSURANCE SURVEILLANCE PLAN (QASP)
Repairs, Maintenance, Inspections, Testing, and Certification for Fire Alarm Detection System and Network Department of Veterans Affairs – VA Bedford Healthcare System (HCS) 200 Springs Road, Bedford, MA 01730
Contract No.: [TBD] **Solicitation No.:** 36C24126Q0613 **Period of Performance:** 12-month Base Year + four 12-month Option Periods

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1. PURPOSE

This Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP) provides a systematic method for the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to evaluate contractor performance against the requirements of the Statement of Work (SOW) for fire alarm, fire suppression, kitchen suppression, and fire extinguisher inspection, testing, maintenance, and certification services at VA Bedford HCS and associated CBOCs.

This QASP does not replace, but implements, the Inspection of Services clause incorporated into the contract (FAR 52.212-4 or FAR 52.246-4, as applicable) and is used in conjunction with the COR's Contracting Officer Representative Handbook responsibilities and applicable VAAR/VAAM surveillance guidance.

Note to file: The SOW as drafted contains an embedded Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) table. This QASP supersedes and expands that table for surveillance purposes. Recommend the SOW's internal table either be removed prior to solicitation issuance or expressly cross-referenced to this QASP to avoid two governing performance documents with potentially conflicting thresholds.

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2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role	Responsibility
Contracting Officer (CO)	Retains sole authority to take contractual action (cure notices, show cause, deductions, termination). Issues COR delegation letter. Reviews QASP surveillance results for contract administration decisions.
Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)	Conducts day-to-day surveillance per this QASP; documents findings; maintains surveillance files; recommends action to CO; does NOT have authority to direct changes in scope, price, or terms.
Safety Office / Safety Manager	Receives daily debriefs, deficiency lists, and training records per SOW; provides input to COR; co-monitors life-safety-critical items.
Engineering Service	Coordinates access, keys, and building-specific logistics; may provide technical review of contractor-submitted test data.
Contractor (QC representative)	Maintains its own Quality Control Plan (QCP); self-reports deficiencies; the QASP surveillance is independent of, and not a substitute for, contractor self-inspection under its QCP.

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3. METHODS OF SURVEILLANCE

The following surveillance methods are used, applied per performance objective in Section 4:

Method	Description	Applied To
100% Inspection	COR reviews every instance of the deliverable/event	Life-safety response times, deficiency corrections, fire watch establishment, replaced-component turnover, unique identifier tracking
Periodic/Random Sampling	COR samples a statistically representative subset per period (recommend minimum 10% or all events in a randomly selected month per quarter)	Recurring administrative reports, training documentation, inventory spreadsheet accuracy
Validated Customer Complaint	Complaints from Safety Office, Engineering, or facility staff are logged and validated by COR before being counted against performance	All objectives, as a supplemental method
Periodic Inspection (Scheduled/Unscheduled)	COR or Safety Office conducts unannounced spot checks during contractor site visits	On-site conduct, PPE compliance, badge/key procedures, LOTO adherence

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4. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY (PRS)

AQL = Acceptable Quality Level. PWS/SOW paragraph references correspond to the source document provided.

#	Performance Objective	SOW Ref.	Performance Standard	AQL	Surveillance Method	Surveillance Frequency
1	Timely emergency/ failed-system response	Inspection & Testing Requests	On-site within 2 hrs of notification for failed system/alarm reset/accreditation inspection	99%	100% Inspection	Per occurrence; monthly roll-up
2	Timely routine service call response	Inspection & Testing Request	On-site within 12 hrs of notification for routine service/request	99%	100% Inspection	Per occurrence; monthly roll-up

#	Performance Objective	SOW Ref.	Performance Standard	AQL	Surveillance Method	Surveillance Frequency
3	Daily debrief completion	Pre-Inspection Request	Written debrief with Safety Office at end of each test/inspection day, including summary, findings, unique identifiers, and turnover of parts	95%	100% Inspection	Daily; monthly roll-up
4	Replaced-component turnover	Reporting Requests	Components (less batteries, extinguishers, large wet-system parts) turned over to COR at time of replacement, prior to contractor departure; pictures for excepted items	99%	100% Inspection	Per occurrence
5	Unique deficiency identifier tracking	Reporting Requests	Every deficiency assigned unique ID; tracked to closure; reconciled to invoicing	100%	100% Inspection	Continuous; verified at monthly meeting
6	Weekly deficiency spreadsheet	Reporting Requests	Updated electronic spreadsheet submitted weekly with all required data fields (date, ID, building, floor, room, equipment, corrective action, timeline, status, date corrected)	100%	Periodic Sampling (100% for completeness check; sample for data accuracy)	Weekly
7	Monthly deficiency review meeting	Reporting Requests	Meeting held monthly with COR/Safety-Engineering to review open deficiency list	100%	100% Inspection	Monthly

#	Performance Objective	SOW Ref.	Performance Standard	AQL	Surveillance Method	Surveillance Frequency
8	Digital/hard-copy report timeliness	Reporting Requests	Digital reports within 10 days of service; hard copies within 30 days	100%	100% Inspection	Per service event
9	Semi-annual training delivery	Reporting Requests / PRS	4-hour semi-annual training to Engineering/Safety on EST system and FireWorks; agenda filed with Safety Office	95%	100% Inspection	Semi-annually
10	Semi-annual CD/USB compliance package	Reporting Requests	Twice-annual submission of testing reports organized by building and TJC EC/EP numbers	100%	100% Inspection	Semi-annually
11	Quarterly device testing cadence (25% per quarter, 100% annually)	Inspection & Testing Requests	Pull stations, detectors, notification devices, annunciators tested per NFPA 72 quarterly/annual cycle	100% annual cumulative	Periodic Sampling + reconciliation at year-end	Quarterly verification; annual reconciliation
12	Fire extinguisher monthly inspection	Inspection & Testing Requests	100% monthly visual inspection; failed units replaced at time of inspection	100%	Periodic Sampling	Monthly
13	Fire extinguisher monthly, annual, 5-yr testing	Inspection & Testing Requests	Annual testing in February; 5-year hydro/recharge per schedule	100%	100% Inspection	Monthly, Annual (Feb), per 5-yr cycle
14	Missed inspection makeup	Pre-Inspection Requests	Any missed extinguisher inspection corrected within 24 hrs of discovery/notification, absent Safety	100%	100% Inspection	Per occurrence

#	Performance Objective	SOW Ref.	Performance Standard	AQL	Surveillance Method	Surveillance Frequency
			Office-approved exception			
15	Deficiency correction / plan of action	Inspection & Testing Requests	Immediate correction at no cost; if not immediate, Safety/Engineering-approved plan of action and timeline established	100%	100% Inspection	Per occurrence
16	Fire watch / ILSM for uncorrected critical deficiencies	Inspection & Testing Requests	Fire watch established per NFPA when life-safety-critical deficiency cannot be immediately corrected; ILSM form submitted and approved	100%	100% Inspection	Per occurrence
17	Battery maintenance reporting	Inspection & Testing Requests	Annual battery maintenance report to COR and Safety Office	100%	100% Inspection	Annual
18	Digital inventory list accuracy	Reporting Requests / PRS	Twice-yearly digital inventory (device type, brand, model, serial, mfr/install/expiration dates, location) with no blank/inaccurate fields	95%	Periodic Sampling	Semi-annual
19	System reliability / repeat troubles (FireWorks)	PRS	No pattern of recurring/unresolved troubles or alerts in FireWorks platform	95%	Periodic Inspection + Validated Complaint	Monthly trend review
20	Certification currency	Certification Requests	Personnel certifications	100%	100% Inspection	Quarterly

#	Performance Objective	SOW Ref.	Performance Standard	AQL	Surveillance Method	Surveillance Frequency
			current and submitted at contract start, updated quarterly or upon new personnel assignment; MA "C"/"D" licenses current			
21	Contractor conduct / site procedures	Pre-Inspection Requests	Badge issuance/return, sign-in, key checkout/return, notification of police dispatch/USRO/fire monitoring prior to work, PPE and LOTO compliance	95%	Periodic Inspection (un-announced)	Random, minimum monthly
22	As-needed labor hour utilization tracking	General	280 hrs standard labor, 40 hrs Level 2/programming, 60 hrs after-hours tracked against COR-directed use only	100%	100% Inspection	Quarterly reconciliation
23	Monthly alarm activity report	Reporting Requests	List of all alarms occurring at VA Bedford HCS submitted monthly to COR	100%	100% Inspection	Monthly
24	Regulatory compliance basis	General	All testing/inspection documentation cites the specific NFPA/TJC/OSHA/VHA standard being met; most stringent standard	100%	Periodic Sampling with technical review	Per report cycle

#	Performance Objective	SOW Ref.	Performance Standard	AQL	Surveillance Method	Surveillance Frequency
			applied where conflicts exist			

5. SURVEILLANCE DOCUMENTATION

The COR will maintain a **Surveillance Log** (electronic, retained per NARA/VA records schedule) documenting, at minimum:

- Date and PRS item(s) surveilled
- Method applied and sample basis (if sampling)
- Result (Met / Not Met / Partially Met)
- Narrative of any deficiency, including reference to SOW paragraph
- Contractor notification date and method
- Corrective action and closure date
- COR signature/date

Monthly, the COR will prepare a **Performance Summary Memo** to the CO summarizing PRS results, trends, and any recommended contract administration action. This memo supports CPARS narrative development at the required reporting interval.

6. UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE / NONCONFORMANCE PROCESS

1. **Identification** — COR documents nonconformance against the applicable PRS item in the Surveillance Log.
2. **Notification** — COR notifies the contractor in writing (email sufficient per SOW) describing the deficiency and referencing the SOW paragraph and PRS item number. Only the COR (not Safety Office or Engineering directly) issues formal deficiency notices for contract administration purposes, consistent with the SOW's "COR only" acceptance/direction language.
3. **Contractor Response** — Contractor proposes corrective action and timeline; for life-safety-critical items, correction is expected immediately or a fire watch/ILSM is invoked per SOW.
4. **COR Verification** — COR verifies correction and closes out the item in the Surveillance Log with the unique identifier (for deficiency-tracked items).
5. **Escalation** — Repeated or uncorrected nonconformance, or any nonconformance affecting life safety, is elevated to the CO for consideration of remedies under the

Inspection of Services clause, including but not limited to withholding of payment, required re-performance at no additional cost, CPARS documentation, cure notice, or termination for default, as appropriate to severity.

Note: This QASP does not itself impose financial deductions. Deduction/withholding authority derives from the Inspection of Services clause and the CO's independent judgment; if the Government intends a fixed deduction schedule (common in some VA facility-services contracts), that should be added either as a contract line item remedy or Section H clause — recommend coordinating with your CO/legal on whether to add this prior to solicitation issuance, since it is not currently reflected in the SOW.

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7. QASP REVIEW AND UPDATES

This QASP will be reviewed by the COR and CO at minimum annually (aligned with option period exercise) and updated if:

- SOW is modified via contract modification
- Surveillance data indicates PRS items are not capturing actual risk areas
- New systems/equipment are added to the fire alarm network (e.g., EST3-to-EST4 upgrade, though noted as a separate contract)

The contract period of performance:

Base: 9/1/2026 – 08/31/2027
Option Year 1: 9/1/2027 – 08/31/2028
Option Year 2: 9/1/2028 – 08/31/2029
Option Year 3: 9/1/2029 – 08/31/2030
Option Year 4: 9/1/2030 – 08/31/2031

Places of Performance:

Apart from the VA Bedford Health Care Services (VA Bedford HCS) main facility and the Crescent House Transitional Residence Program (Crescent House), all associated Community-Based Outreach Centers (CBOC) locations are leased. Due to varying lease expiration dates with the potential for locations to move, the lease locations are fluid and may be subject to change but will remain in the same general area/county. The following six (6) locations, unless otherwise stated, will be considered for the simplification of this contract all known and identified as VA Bedford HCS.

1. VA Bedford Healthcare Center - 200 Springs Road, Bedford, MA 01730 (Middlesex County)
    - All Services (Inspection/Maintenance/Repairs/Programming – FireWorks)
2. Crescent House Transitional Residence Program (Crescent House) - 15 Veterans Way Lowell, MA 01852 (Middlesex County)
    - All Services (Inspection/Maintenance/Repairs - Fireworks System Not Installed)

3. Gloucester VA Clinic (Gloucester CBOC) - 199 Main Street Gloucester, MA 01930-6029 (Essex County)
    a. Fire Extinguishers Only
4. Haverhill VA Clinic (Haverhill CBOC) - 209 Summer Street Haverhill, MA 01830-5201 (Essex County)
    a. Fire Extinguishers Only
5. Lynn VA Clinic (Lynn CBOC) - 225 Boston Street Suite 107 Lynn, MA 01904-3123 (Essex County)
    a. Fire Extinguishers Only
6. Lowell Vet Center - 10 George Street Suite 300 Lowell, MA 01852 (Middlesex County)
    a. Fire Extinguishers Only

The following solicitation provisions apply to this acquisition:

1. 52.203-11 Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (Sep 2024)
2. FAR 52.203-18 Prohibition on Contracting with Entities (JAN 2017)
3. FAR 52.209-7, Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Oct 2018) (DEVIATION NOV 2025)
4. FAR 52.212-1, "Instructions to Offerors–Commercial Products and Commercial Services"

The following provision is incorporated into 52.212-1 as an addendum to this solicitation:

52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Products and Commercial Services (SEP 2023)

(a) *North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code and small business size standard.* The NAICS code(s) and small business size standard(s) for this acquisition appear elsewhere in the Request for Quote (RFQ). However, the small business size standard for a concern that submits an quote, other than on a construction or service acquisition, but proposes to furnish an end item that it did not itself manufacture, process, or produce is 500 employees, or 150 employees for information technology value-added resellers under NAICS code 541519, if the acquisition—

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

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

(3) 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.

(b) *Submission of Quotes.* Submit signed and dated quotes to the office specified in this Request for Quote (RFQ) at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. Quotes may be submitted on letterhead stationery, or as otherwise specified in the solicitation. As a minimum, quotes must show—

(1) The solicitation number.

(2) The time specified in the solicitation for receipt of quotations;

(3) The name, address, and telephone number of the quoter;

(4) A technical description of the items being quoted in sufficient detail to evaluate compliance with the requirements in the solicitation. This may include product literature, or other documents, if necessary;

(5) Terms of any express warranty;

(6) Price and any discount terms;

(7) "Remit to" address, if different than mailing address;

(8) Certifications that the offeror shall complete electronically);

(9) Acknowledgment of Quotation Amendments;

(10) Past performance information

(11) Demonstrate ability to me perform the requirements of the Statement of Work.

(12) Demonstrate required qualifications.

(13) A signed certificate of compliance with 852.219-75 "VA Notice Limitations on Subcontracting – Certificate of Compliance for Services and Construction" **(Attachment 4)**

(14) Quotes should include a statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation. Quotes that fail to furnish required representations, or information, or reject the terms and conditions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.

Quoters shall list exception(s) and rationale for the exception(s), if any

(c) *Period for acceptance of Quotes*. The offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for 30 calendar days from the date specified for receipt of quotes, unless another time period is specified in an addendum to the solicitation.

(d) *Product samples*. When required by the solicitation, product samples shall be submitted at or prior to the time specified for receipt of quotes. Unless otherwise specified in this solicitation, these samples shall be submitted at no expense to the Government, and returned at the sender's request and expense, unless they are destroyed during preaward testing.

(e) *Multiple Quotes*. Quoters are encouraged to submit multiple quotes presenting alternative terms and conditions, including alternative line items (provided that the alternative line items are consistent with FAR subpart 4.10), or alternative commercial products or commercial services for satisfying the requirements of this solicitation. Each quote submitted will be

(f) Late submissions, modifications, revisions, and withdrawals of quotes.

(1) Quoters are responsible for submitting quotes, and any modifications, revisions, or withdrawals, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office on the date that quotes or revisions are due.

(2) Any quote received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of quotes is "late" and may not be considered unless it is received before purchase order issuance and the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late quote would not unduly delay the acquisition.

(3) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that quotes cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of quotes by the exact time specified in the Request for Quote, 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 quotes 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.

(g) *Issuance of Purchase Order*. The Government may issue a purchase order to one or more quoters as identified in the Request for Quote (RFQ). Therefore, the quoter's initial quote should contain the best terms from a price and technical standpoint. However, the Government may reject any or all quotes if such action is in the public's best interest. In addition, the Contracting Officer (CO) may issue a purchase order to other than the quoter with the lowest quoted price.

(h) *Multiple awards*. The Government may accept issue a purchase order for any item or group of items of a quotation, unless the quoter qualifies the quotation by specific limitations. Unless otherwise provided in the quotation, offers may not be submitted for quantities less than those specified in the RFQ. The Government reserves the right to issue a purchase order for a quantity less than the quantity quoted, at the unit prices quoted, unless the quoter specifies otherwise in the quote.

(i) Availability of requirements documents cited in the solicitation.

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(i) The GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions, FPMR Part 101–29, and copies of Federal specifications, standards, and product descriptions can be downloaded from the ASSIST website at https://assist.dla.mil.

evaluated separately.

(ii) If the General Services Administration, Department of Agriculture, or Department of Veterans Affairs issued this solicitation, a copy of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained from the address in paragraph (i)(1)(i) of this provision.

(2) Most unclassified Defense specifications and standards may be downloaded from the ASSIST website at https://assist.dla.mil.

(3) Defense documents not available from the ASSIST website may be requested from the Defense Standardization Program Office by—

(i) Using the ASSIST feedback module (https://assist.dla.mil/feedback); or

(ii) Contacting the Defense Standardization Program Office by telephone at 571–767–6688 or email at assisthelp@dla.mil.

(4) Nongovernment (voluntary) standards must be obtained from the organization responsible for their preparation, publication, or maintenance.

(j) *Unique entity identifier.*(Applies to all quotes that exceed the micro-purchase threshold, and quotes at or below the micro-purchase threshold if the Request for Quote (RFQ) requires the Contractor to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM).) The quoter shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "Unique Entity Identifier" followed by the unique entity identifier that identifies the Quoter's name and address. The Quoter also shall enter its Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator, if

applicable. The EFT indicator is a four-character suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the Quoter to establish additional SAM records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see FAR subpart 32.11) for the same entity. If the Quoter does not have a unique entity identifier, it should contact the entity designated at www.sam.gov for unique entity identifier establishment directly to obtain one. The Quoter should indicate that it is an planning to submit a quote for a Government Request for Quote (RFQ) when contacting the entity designated at www.sam.gov for establishing the unique entity identifier.

(k) [Reserved]

(l) *Notification.* The CO will not notify unsuccessful quoters that responded to this Request for Quotation (RFQ).

(End of provision)

Offerors must complete annual representations and certifications electronically via the System for Award Management (SAM) website located at https://sam.gov/.

5. FAR 52.212-2 Evaluation-Commercial Products and Commercial Services

ADDENDUM to 52.212-2 EVALUATION—COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES

(a) *Basis for Award.* The Government will issue a purchase order to the responsible quoter whose quotation conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. This acquisition is conducted using simplified acquisition procedures for the acquisition of commercial products and commercial services. The Government will evaluate quotations using a comparative evaluation process where quotations will be compared to one another to determine which provides the best benefit to the Government. The Government reserves the right to consider a quotation other than the lowest price that provides additional benefit(s). Each response must meet the minimum requirements of the solicitation.

(b) The following factors shall be used to evaluate quotations:

(1) *Technical*
(2) *Past Performance*
(3) *Price*

(c) *Evaluation Approach.* The Government will evaluate quotations using the comparative evaluation process where quotations will be compared to one another to determine which provides the best benefit to the Government. The Government reserves the right to consider a quotation other than the lowest price that provides additional benefit(s). Quotations may exceed minimum requirements of the solicitation. The Government reserves the right to select a quotation that provides benefit to the Government that exceeds the minimum requirements of the solicitation, but is not required to

do so. Each response must meet the minimum requirements of the solicitation. The Government is not requesting or accepting alternate quotations. The evaluation will consider the following:

(1) *Technical*: The quotation will be evaluated to the extent to which it can meet and/or exceed the Government's requirements as outlined in the solicitation and based on the information requested in the instructions to quoters section of the solicitation.

(2) Past Performance: The past performance evaluation will assess the relative risks associated with a quoter's likelihood of success in fulfilling the solicitation's requirements as indicated by the quoter's record of past performance. The past performance evaluation may be based on the contracting officer's knowledge of and previous experience with the supply or service being acquired; Customer surveys, and past performance questionnaire replies; Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) at http://www.cpars.gov/; or any other reasonable basis.

(3) *Price:* The Government will evaluate the price by adding the total of all line item prices, including all options The Total Evaluated Price will be that sum.

(d) *Options*. The Government will evaluate quotations for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. This includes options under FAR 52.217-8, Option to Extend Services, which applies to this solicitation. Evaluation of options under FAR 52.217-8 will be accomplished by adding six months of the quoter's price for the last potential period of performance under this contract to the quoter's total price. For example, if the contract includes option periods that are exercisable under FAR 52.217-9, the quoter's total price for the purpose of evaluation will include the base period, all option periods, and an additional six months of the last option period. Quoters must price only the base and option periods specified in the contract line-item numbers (CLINs) and shall not submit a price for the potential six-month extension of services under FAR 52.217-8. The Government reserves the right to exercise the option under FAR 52.217-8 before the end of any of the contractor's performance periods and will be exercised at the price and/or rates in effect at the time the clause is exercised. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

(End of Provision)

6. 52.219-1 Small Business Program Representations (FEB 2024)

7. 52.219-27, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole-Source Award to, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Concerns Eligible Under the SDVOSB Program (Feb 2024).
8. 52.229-11 Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements—Notice and Representation (JUN 2020) (DEVIATION SEP 2025).
9. 52.233-2 Service of Protest (DEVIATION NOV 2025)
   (a) Protests, as defined in section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the Government Accountability Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from _____. [Contracting Officer designate the official or location where a protest may be served on the Contracting Officer.]

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one-day of filing a protest with the GAO.

(End of provision)

10. 52.252-5 Authorized Deviations in Provisions (Nov 2020)
11. 52.252-6 Authorized Deviations in Clauses (Nov 2020)

12. As prescribed in 852.102(a), insert the following provision:

Solicitation Provisions or Clauses Incorporated by Reference (JAN 2008)

The following provisions or clauses incorporated by reference in this solicitation must be completed by the offeror or prospective contractor and submitted with the quotation or offer. Copies of these provisions or clauses are available on the Internet at the Web sites provided in the provision at FAR 52.252-1, Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference, or the clause at FAR 52.252-2, Clauses Incorporated by Reference. Copies may also be obtained from the contracting officer.

[Contracting officer shall list all FAR and 48 CFR Chapter 8 (VAAR) provisions and clauses incorporated by reference that must be completed by the offeror or prospective contractor and submitted with the quotation or offer.]

(End of provision)

852.219-75 VA Notice of Limitations on Subcontracting—Certificate of Compliance for Services and Construction.

VA Notice of Limitations on Subcontracting—Certificate of Compliance for Services and Construction (NOV 2022)

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

(1) If awarded a contract (see FAR 2.101 definition), it will comply with the limitations on subcontracting requirement as provided in the solicitation and the resultant contract, as follows: [Contracting Officer check the appropriate box below based on the predominant NAICS code assigned to the instant acquisition as set forth in FAR 19.102.]

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

(ii) □ General construction. In the case of a contract for general construction, the contractor will not pay more than 85% of the amount paid by the government to it to firms that are not VIP-listed SDVOSBs as set forth in 852.219-73or VOSBs as set forth in 852.219-74. Any work that a

similarly situated VIP-listed subcontractor further subcontracts will count towards the 85% subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. Cost of materials are excluded and not considered to be subcontracted.

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Prosecution for violating section 1001 of title 18.

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

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

(d) Offeror completed certification/fill-in required. The formal certification must be completed, signed and returned with the offeror's bid, quotation, or proposal. The Government will not

consider offers for award from offerors that do not provide the certification, and all such responses will be deemed ineligible for evaluation and award.

Certification

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

Printed Name of Signee:

Printed Title of Signee:

Signature:

Date:

Company Name and Address:

(End of clause)
Parent topic: Subpart 852.2 - Text of Provisions and Clauses

- 852.233-70 Protest Content/Alternative Dispute Resolution (SEP 2018).
- 852.233-71 Alternate Protest Procedure (SEP 2018).

52.252-1 Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998).
As prescribed in 52.107(a), insert the following provision:

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the

appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):
https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far.

https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul

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

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

https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far.

The following contract clauses apply to this acquisition:

- 52.204-7 System for Award Management—Registration (DEVIATION NOV 2025).
- 52.204-9 Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel (Jan 2011)
- 52.204-13 System for Award Management Maintenance. (DEVIATION NOV 2025)
- 52.209-9 Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (DEVIATION NOV 2025)
- 52.209-10 Prohibition on Contracting With Inverted Domestic Corporations. (DEVIATION NOV 2025).
- 52.217-8 Option to Extend Services (NOV 1999).
- 52.217-9 Option to Extend the Term of the Contract (MAR 2000).
- 52.222-90 Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors (APR 2026).
- 52.223-23 Sustainable Products. (May 2024) (DEVIATION NOV 2025).
- 52.232-40 Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (Mar 2023)
- 52.233-3 Protest after Award (DEVIATION NOV 2025).
- 52.233-4 Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (DEVIATION NOV 2025).
- 52.240-91 SECURITY PROHIBITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS (NOV 2025) (DEVIATION)

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

American Security Drone Act-covered foreign entity means an entity included on a list that the Federal Acquisition Security Council (FASC) develops and maintains and publishes in the System for Award Management (SAM) at https://www.sam.gov (section 1822 of Pub. L. 118-31, 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.).

Backhaul means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (e.g., connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (e.g., microwave) or wired (e.g., fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).

Covered application means the social networking service TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited.

Covered article, as defined in 41 U.S.C. 4713(k), means:

(1) Information technology, as defined in 40 U.S.C. 11101, including cloud computing services of all types;

(2) Telecommunications equipment or telecommunications service, as those terms are defined in section 3 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153);

(3) The processing of information on a Federal or non-Federal information system, subject to the requirements of the Controlled Unclassified Information program (see 32 CFR part 2002); or

(4) Hardware, systems, devices, software, or services that include embedded or incidental information technology.

Covered foreign country means The People's Republic of China.

Covered telecommunications equipment or services means—

(1) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(2) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(3) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or

(4) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Critical technology means—

(1) Defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations;

(2) Items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, and controlled—

(i) Pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology; or

(ii) For reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening;

(3) Specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities);

(4) Nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material);

(5) Select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 121 of title 9 of such Code, or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or

(6) Emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817).

FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system means an unmanned aircraft system manufactured or assembled by an American Security Drone Act—covered foreign entity.

FASCSA order means any of the following orders issued under the Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act (FASCSA) requiring removing covered articles from executive agency information systems or excluding one or more named sources or named covered articles from executive agency procurement actions, as described in 41 CFR 201-1.303(d) and (e):

(1) The Secretary of Homeland Security may issue FASCSA orders that apply to civilian agencies, to the extent not covered by paragraph (2) or (3) of this definition. This type of FASCSA order may be referred to as a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FASCSA order.

(2) The Secretary of Defense may issue FASCSA orders that apply to the Department of Defense (DoD) and national security systems other than sensitive compartmented information systems. This type of FASCSA order may be referred to as a DoD FASCSA order.

(3) The Director of National Intelligence (DNI) may issue FASCSA orders that apply to the intelligence community and sensitive compartmented information systems, to the extent not covered by paragraph (2) of this definition. This type of FASCSA order may be referred to as a DNI FASCSA order.

Information technology, as defined in 40 U.S.C. 11101(6)—

(1) Means any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment, used in the automatic acquisition, storage, analysis, evaluation, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information by the executive agency, if the equipment is used by the

executive agency directly or is used by a contractor under a contract with the executive agency that requires the use—

(i) Of that equipment; or

(ii) Of that equipment to a significant extent in the performance of a service or the furnishing of a product;

(2) Includes computers, ancillary equipment (including imaging peripherals, input, output, and storage devices necessary for security and surveillance), peripheral equipment designed to be controlled by the central processing unit of a computer, software, firmware and similar procedures, services (including support services), and related resources; but

(3) Does not include any equipment acquired by a Federal contractor incidental to a Federal contract.

Intelligence community, as defined by 50 U.S.C. 3003(4), means the following—

(1) The Office of the Director of National Intelligence;

(2) The Central Intelligence Agency;

(3) The National Security Agency;

(4) The Defense Intelligence Agency;

(5) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency;

(6) The National Reconnaissance Office;

(7) Other offices within the Department of Defense for the collection of specialized national intelligence through reconnaissance programs;

(8) The intelligence elements of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Department of Energy;

(9) The Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State;

(10) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of the Treasury;

(11) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security; or

(12) Such other elements of any department or agency as may be designated by the President, or designated jointly by the Director of National Intelligence and the head of the department or agency concerned, as an element of the intelligence community.

Interconnection arrangements means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another's network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (e.g., connecting a customer of telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.

Kaspersky Lab-covered article means any hardware, software, or service that—

(1) Is developed or provided by a Kaspersky Lab-covered entity;

(2) Includes any hardware, software, or service developed or provided in whole or in part by a Kaspersky Lab-covered entity; or

(3) Contains components using any hardware or software developed in whole or in part by a Kaspersky Lab-covered entity.

Kaspersky Lab-covered entity means—

(1) Kaspersky Lab;

(2) Any successor entity to Kaspersky Lab, including any change in name, e.g., "Kaspersky";

(3) Any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Kaspersky Lab; or

(4) Any entity of which Kaspersky Lab has a majority ownership.

National security system, as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3552, means any information system (including any telecommunications system) used or operated by an agency or by a contractor of an agency, or other organization on behalf of an agency—

(1) The function, operation, or use of which involves intelligence activities; involves cryptologic activities related to national security; involves command and control of military forces; involves equipment that is an integral part of a weapon or weapons system; or is critical to the direct fulfillment of military or intelligence missions, but does not include a system that is to be used for routine administrative and business applications (including payroll, finance, logistics, and personnel management applications); or

(2) Is protected at all times by procedures established for information that have been specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order or an Act of Congress to be kept classified in the interest of national defense or foreign policy.

Roaming means cellular communications services (e.g., voice, video, data) received from a visited network when unable to connect to the facilities of the home network either because signal coverage is too weak or because traffic is too high.

Sensitive compartmented information means classified information concerning or derived from intelligence sources, methods, or analytical processes, which is required to be handled within formal access control systems established by the Director of National Intelligence.

Sensitive compartmented information system means a national security system authorized to process or store sensitive compartmented information.

Source means a non-Federal supplier, or potential supplier, of products or services, at any tier.

Subsidiary means an entity in which more than 50 percent of the entity is owned directly by a parent corporation or through another subsidiary of a parent corporation.

Substantial or essential component means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.

Unmanned aircraft means an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft (49 U.S.C. 44801(11)).

Unmanned aircraft system means an unmanned aircraft and associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the operator to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace system (49 U.S.C. 44801(12)).

(b) *Prohibitions on providing or using specific products or services in performance of contract.* Unless a waiver or exception applies, the Contractor is prohibited from providing any products or services to the Government or using in the performance of the contract any of the following:

(1) A covered application on any information technology owned or managed by the Government, or on any information technology used or provided by the Contractor under this contract, including equipment provided by the Contractor's employees (section 102 of Division R of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-328));

(2) A Kaspersky Lab-covered article (Section 1634 of Division A of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Pub. L. 115-91));

(3) Covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system (paragraphs (a)(1)(A) of section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232)). This does not prohibit contractors from providing—

(i) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(ii) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(c) Prohibition on unmanned aircraft systems manufactured or assembled by American Security Drone Act—covered foreign entities.

(1) Prohibition. The Contractor is prohibited from—

(i) Delivering any FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system, which includes unmanned aircraft (i.e., drones) and associated elements (sections 1823 and 1826 of American Security Drone Act of 2023, within the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, Pub. L. 118-31, Div. A, Title XVIII, Subtitle B, 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.);

(ii) On or after December 22, 2025, operating a FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system in the performance of the contract (section 1824 of Pub. L. 118-31); and

(iii) On or after December 22, 2025, using Federal funds to procure or operate a FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system (section 1825 of Pub. L. 118-31).

(2) *Procedures*. The Contractor shall search SAM for the FASC-maintained list of American Security Drone Act—covered foreign entities before proposing, or using in performance of the contract, any unmanned aircraft system. Also, the Contractor shall ensure any effort or expenditure associated with a FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system is consistent with a corresponding exemption, exception, or waiver determination expressly stated in the contract.

(3) *Exemptions, exceptions, and waivers*. The prohibitions in paragraph (c) of this clause do not apply where the agency has determined an exemption, exception, or waiver applies, and the contract indicates that such a determination has been made. See sections 1823 through 1825 and 1832 of Public Law 118-31 for statutory requirements pertaining to exemptions, exceptions, and waivers.

(d) *Prohibition on using or providing specific products or services or conducting certain transactions regardless of connection to contract.*

(1) *Certain telecommunications and video surveillance equipment, systems, or services.*

(i) Unless an applicable waiver has been issued by the Government, the Contractor cannot use any equipment, systems, or services that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system (paragraph (a)(1)(B) of section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232)).

(ii) This prohibition applies to using covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. This does not prohibit the contractor from using—

(A) A service that connects to the facilities of a third party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(B) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(2) *Office of Foreign Assets Control Restrictions.*

(i) Except as authorized by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) in the Department of the Treasury, the Contractor shall not acquire, for use in the performance of this contract, any supplies or services if any proclamation, Executive order, or statute administered by OFAC, or if OFAC's implementing regulations at 31 CFR chapter V, would prohibit such a transaction by a person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(ii) Except as authorized by OFAC, most transactions involving Cuba, Iran, and Sudan are prohibited, as are most imports from Burma or North Korea, into the United States or its outlying areas.

(A) For lists of entities and individuals subject to economic sanctions, see OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons at https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/specially-designated-nationals-and-blocked-persons-list-sdn-human-readable-lists.

(B) For more information about these restrictions, as well as updates, see OFAC's regulations at 31 CFR chapter V and at https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/office-of-foreign-assets-control-sanctions-programs-and-information.

(C) To conduct electronic screens of potential parties to regulated transactions, see the consolidated screening list at https://www.trade.gov/consolidated-screening-list, which consolidates multiple export screening lists of the Departments of Commerce, State, and the Treasury.

(3) *Sudan prohibition.* The Contractor is prohibited from conducting any restricted business operations in Sudan in accordance with Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174).

(4) *Iran prohibitions.*

(i) Unless an exception applies according to paragraph (d)(4)(iii) or the Government grants a waiver, the contractor shall not engage in certain activities or transactions relating to Iran (section 6(b)(1)(A) of Iran Sanctions Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

(ii) Unless an exception applies according to paragraph (d)(4)(iii) or the Government grants a waiver, contractor shall not export certain sensitive technology to Iran, as determined by the President, and has an active exclusion in SAM (22 U.S.C. 8515).

(iii) The prohibition in paragraphs (d)(4)(i) and (d)(4)(ii) do not apply if the acquisition is subject to trade agreements and the offeror certifies that all the offered products are designated country end products or designated country construction material (see part 25).

(iv) Unless an exception applies or the Government grants a waiver, contractors are prohibited from knowingly engaging in any significant transaction (i.e., over $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 according to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (section 6(b)(1)(B) of Iran Sanctions Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note)).

(e) *Governmentwide exclusion and removal orders.*

(1) Unless the Government has issued an applicable waiver, contractors shall not provide or use as part of the performance of the contract 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 as follows:

(i) For solicitations and contracts awarded by a Department of Defense contracting office, DoD FASCSA orders apply.

(ii) For all other solicitations and contracts, DHS FASCSA orders apply.

(2) The Contractor shall search for the phrase "FASCSA order" in the System for Award Management (SAM) at https://www.sam.gov to locate applicable FASCSA orders.

(3) The Government may identify in the solicitation other FASCSA orders that are not in SAM, which are effective and apply to the solicitation and resulting contract.

(4) A FASCSA order issued after the date of solicitation applies to this contract only if added by an amendment to the solicitation or modification to the contract (see FAR 40.204-1(c)).

(f) *Reasonable inquiry.* The contractor shall conduct a reasonable inquiry to determine if there are any prohibited products or services. The inquiry will look at any information in the entity's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit.

(g) *Removal of prohibited products and services.* For Federal Supply Schedules, Governmentwide acquisition contracts, multi-agency contracts or any other procurement instrument intended for use by multiple agencies, upon notification from the Contracting Officer, during the performance of the contract, the Contractor shall promptly make any necessary changes or modifications to remove any product or service produced or provided by a source that this clause prohibits.

(h) *General report.*

(1) If the Contractor identifies or is notified by any source, (including a subcontractor at any tier), that any product or service provided or used (or to be provided or used) during contract performance does not comply with any

prohibition in this clause, then the Contractor shall report the following information, or as much information is known, in writing to the contracting office as identified in paragraph (h)(2) within 72 hours:

(i) Contract number and order number, if applicable;

(ii) The specific prohibition the product or service is not complying with;

(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 contractor would like the Government to consider a waiver, and asks for such a waiver);

(vii) Whether alternative products or services are available that would comply 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 implemented or recommended.

(2) If a report must be submitted to a contracting office, the Contractor shall submit the report as follows:

(i) If a Department of Defense contracting office, the Contractor shall report to the website at https://dibnet.dod.mil.

(ii) For all other contracting offices, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer.

(iii) For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to both the contracting office for the indefinite delivery contract and the contracting office for any affected order.

(3) If the report provided does not contain any of the information required by paragraph (h)(1) of this clause, and the contractor later discovers new information that is required by paragraph (h)(1) of this clause, then the contractor shall submit a subsequent report within 72 hours of discovering the new information.

(4) The contractor shall also report the information in paragraph (h)(1) if the contractor wishes to ask for a waiver of the requirements of a new FASCSA order being applied through modification.

(i) *New FASCSA orders report.*

(1) During contract performance, the Contractor shall review SAM at least once every three months, or as advised by the Contracting Officer, to check for covered articles subject to FASCSA order(s), or for products or services produced by a source subject to FASCSA order(s) not currently identified under paragraph (e) of this clause.

(2) If the Contractor identifies a new FASCSA order(s) that could impact their supply chain, then the Contractor shall conduct a reasonable inquiry to identify whether a covered article or product or service produced or provided by a source subject to the FASCSA order(s) was provided to the Government or used during contract performance. The inquiry will look at any information in the entity's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit.

(3) The Contractor shall submit a report to the contracting office identified in paragraph (h)(2) of this clause if the Contractor identifies, including through any notification by a subcontractor at any tier, that a covered article or product or service produced or provided by a source was provided to the Government or used during contract performance and is subject to a FASCSA order(s). For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to both the contracting office for the indefinite delivery contract and the contracting office for any affected order. The Contractor shall report the following information within 72 hours for each covered article or each product or service produced or provided by a source, where the covered article or source is subject to a FASCSA order:

(i) Contract number and order number, if applicable;

(ii) Name of the covered article or source subject to a FASCSA order;

(iii) The specific FASCSA order the product or service does not comply with;

(iv) The elements of (h)(1)(iii) through (ix) of this clause.

(j) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (j) but excluding subparagraphs (d)(1) and (i)(1), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including subcontracts for acquiring commercial products or commercial services.

(End of clause)

- 52.240-93 Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems. (DEVIATION NOV 2025).
- 52.244-6 Subcontracts for Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (DEVIATION APR 2026).
- 852.201-70 Contracting Officer's Representative (DEC 2022).
- 852.203-70 Commercial Advertising (MAY 2018)
- 852.204-70 Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel (MAR 2026) (DEVIATION FEB 2026).
- 852.204-71 Information and Information Systems Securing (FEB 2023).
- 852.204-72, Personnel Vetting and Credentialing. (MARCH 2026)
- 852.219-73 VA Notice to Total Set-Aside for Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (JAN 2023) (DEVIATION).
- 852.222-71 Compliance with Executive Order 13899. (DEVIATION) (APR 2025)
- 852.223-71 Safety and Health (SEP 2019).
- 852.232-72 Electronic Submission of Payment Requests (NOV 2018).
- 852.242-71 Administrative Contracting Officer (OCT 2020)
- 852.246-71 Rejected Goods (OCT 2018)
- 52.212-4 "Contract Terms and Conditions–Commercial Products and Commercial Services" (DEVIATION OCT 2025).

The following subparagraphs are applicable:

52.203-6 ALT I. Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (NOV 2021).
52.209-6 Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting With Contractors Debarred, Suspended, Proposed for Debarment, or Voluntarily Excluded (JAN 2025).
52.219-8 Utilization of Small Business Concerns (JAN 2025).
52.219-14 Limitations on Subcontracting (OCT 2022).
52.222-3 Convict Labor (June 2003).
52.222-21 Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).
52.222-26 Equal Opportunity (SEPT 2016).
52.222-35 Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020).
52.222-36 Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jun 2020).
52.222-37 Employment Reports on Veterans (Jun 2020).
52.222-40 Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010).
52.222-41 Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018).
52.222-42 Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (MAY 2014).
52.222-43 Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (AUG 2018).
52.222-50 Combating Trafficking in Persons (NOV 2021) (DEVIATION NOV 2025).
52.222-54 Employment Eligibility Verification (Jan 2025).
52.222-55 Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (Jan 2022).
52.222-62 Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (Jan 2022).
52.226-8 Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (May 2024).
52.232-33 Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (Oct 2018).
52.242-5 Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (Jan 2017).

52.203-17 Contractor Employee Whistleblower Rights (Nov 2023).
52.203-19 Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017).

SAM: Interested parties shall be registered in System for Award Management (SAM) as prescribed in FAR Clause 52.232-33. SAM information can be obtained by accessing the internet at www.sam.gov or by calling 1-866-606-8220. Interested parties not registered in SAM in sufficient time to meet the VA's requirement will be ineligible to receive a government contract. This determination will be at the discretion of the Contracting Officer.

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, including 52.223-22, Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals—Representation, Offeror Representations and Certifications— Commercial Products and Commercial Services.

The VA utilizes VISTA to issue a purchase order and liquidate invoices. Failure to register in VISTA may result in exclusion from the issuance of a VA contract. This determination will be at the discretion of the Contracting Officer. Interested parties with no prior VA contracts can apply here: https://www.cep.fsc.va.gov/

All quoters shall submit the following:
Attachment 2 - Price Schedule
Attachment 3 - Past Performance Worksheet

Questions shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer in writing via e-mail at yolanda.rankin@va.gov. Oral questions are not acceptable due to the possibility of misunderstanding or misinterpretation. The cut-off date and time for receipt of questions is **27-Jul-2026 by 12:00 PM** EST. Questions received after this date and time may not be answered. Questions shall be answered in a formal amendment to the solicitation so all interested parties can see the answers.

A site visit is planned for **23-July-2026 at 11:00AM**. We will meet at the main entrance of the **Bedford VA Medical center located at 200 Springs Road in Bedford, MA 01730. Site Visit point of contact: Chadd Tammelleo at chadd.tammelleo@va.gov and (781) 687-4197. Please coordinate attendance with Mr. Tammelleo. All questions during the site visit will need to be submitted in writing.**

Submission of your response shall be received not later than **10-August-2026** by 12pm. RFQ responses must be submitted via email to: Yolanda.Rankin@va.gov. Hand deliveries shall not be accepted.

Late submissions shall be treated in accordance with the solicitation provision at FAR 52.212-1(c).

Point of Contact

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ATTACHMENT 2

PRICE SCHEDULE

Base Year:

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
0001	Fire Alarm & Maint Testing	1	JB	$_____	$_____
0002	Technician Level 1	280	HR	$_____	$_____
0003	Technician Level 2	40	HR	$_____	$_____
0004	Emergency/After hours Service (outside 7:00am – 4:00pm M-F)	60	HR	$_____	$_____
			GRAND TOTAL		**$**_____

Option Year 1:

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1001	Fire Alarm & Maint Testing	1	JB	$_____	$_____
1002	Technician Level 1	280	HR	$_____	$_____
1003	Technician Level 2	40	HR	$_____	$_____
1004	Emergency/After hours Service (outside 7:00am – 4:00pm M-F)	60	HR	$_____	$_____
			GRAND TOTAL		**$**_____

Option Year 2:

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
2001	Fire Alarm & Maint Testing	1	JB	$_____	$_____
2002	Technician Level 1	280	HR	$_____	$_____
2003	Technician Level 2	40	HR	$_____	$_____
2004	Emergency/After hours Service (outside 7:00am – 4:00pm M-F)	60	HR	$_____	$_____

				GRAND TOTAL	**$**_____

Option Year 3:

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
3001	Fire Alarm & Maint Testing	1	JB	$_____	$_____
3002	Technician Level 1	280	HR	$_____	$_____
3003	Technician Level 2	40	HR	$_____	$_____
3004	Emergency/After hours Service (outside 7:00am – 4:00pm M-F)	60	HR	$_____	$_____
				GRAND TOTAL	**$**_____

Option Year 4:

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
4001	Fire Alarm & Maint Testing	1	JB	$_____	$_____
4002	Technician Level 1	280	HR	$_____	$_____
4003	Technician Level 2	40	HR	$_____	$_____
4004	Emergency/After hours Service (outside 7:00am – 4:00pm M-F)	60	HR	$_____	$_____
				GRAND TOTAL	**$**_____

ATTACHMENT 3

PAST PERFORMANCE WORKSHEET

1. Name of Contracting Activity, Government Agency, Commercial Firm or other Organization:	
2. Contracting Activity Address:	
3. Contract Number:	**4. Date of Contract Award:**
5. Beginning Date of Contract:	**6. Completion Date of Contract:**
7. Contract Value:	**8. Type of Contract:**
9a. Technical Point of Contact: Name: Title: Address: Telephone: Email:	**9b. Contracting Point of Contact:** Name: Title: Address: Telephone: Email:
10. Place of Performance:	
11. Description of Work (Use a continuation sheet if necessary):	
12. List any commendations or awards received:	
13. List of Major Subcontractors:	

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PAST PERFORMANCE WORKSHEET

1. Name of Contracting Activity, Government Agency, Commercial Firm or other Organization:	
2. Contracting Activity Address:	
3. Contract Number:	**4. Date of Contract Award:**
5. Beginning Date of Contract:	**6. Completion Date of Contract:**
7. Contract Value:	**8. Type of Contract:**
9a. Technical Point of Contact: Name: Title: Address: Telephone: Email:	**9b. Contracting Point of Contact:** Name: Title: Address: Telephone: Email:
10. Place of Performance:	
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