This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial items prepared in accordance with the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) Subpart 12, as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation that Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division (NSWCCD) intends to issue, and is a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the following Supplies and/or Services.

This requirement is for the establishment of a multi award 5-year Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) ordering period to procure ACT Brand HPC Clusters on a Brand Name basis. This includes the associated start-up services including installation, training, and annual preventative maintenance.

The provisions and clauses included and/or incorporated in this solicitation document are those in effect through the RFO effective May 6, 2026 located on https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul and the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Change DPN **20260507** effective **5/7/2026** located at https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/change_notices.html. SEE ATTACHED SOLICITATION FOR CLAUSES AND PROVISIONS. The NAICS code is **541519 (ITVAR)** and the associated PSC code are **7B21 and R425**, and the Small Business Standard is **150** for this procurement: **NOTE:** A Class Waiver is not applicable to a procurement unless the NAICS code, PSC, and NAICS Code Descriptor currently in effect, match the item(s) being procured. This procurement **IS** being set-aside for small business.

Interested parties may identify their interest to this requirement by submitting a quote and/or capabilities statement no later than 12:00 PM on 20 August 2026. It is anticipated that 2 or 3 one firm-fixed price Agreement will be issued in response to this RFQ.

All responses shall include the following.

1. Quote on company's Letterhead
2. Pricing
3. Cage Code
4. FOB Destination
5. Point of contact
6. GSA contract number (if applicable)
7. Business Size
8. Quote should be rounded off to the nearest whole dollar

Offers/quotes submitted in response to this solicitation shall not contain nor be subject to the offeror's/vendor's standard commercial terms and conditions. Any offer/quote submitted in response to this solicitation which includes the offeror's/vendor's standard commercial terms and conditions may be considered a material defect and may be rejected as being non-responsive to the solicitation.

Responses to this notice are due on or before 12:00 PM on 20 August 2026, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) to arnel.a.ngo.civ@us.navy.mil.

Point of Contact for this notice is Arnel Ngo, 757-478-2013, arnel.a.ngo.civ@us.navy.mil.

Section A - Solicitation/Contract Form

Advanced Cluster Technologies HPC Cluster

BPA TERMS AND CONDITIONS

"The Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division, (NSWCCD) invites **vendors who are Authorized resellers/distributors of Advanced Clustering Technologies, Inc. (ACT)** to enter into a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) that establishes the terms and conditions applicable to ACT HPC Clusters. As a result of this solicitation, approximately 2 to 3 vendors are needed to provide the supplies and services; however, the Government reserves the right to award to a single vendor."

1. The Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) holder shall provide supplies and services as described in CLIN 0001 to CLIN 0009 in Section B or as required on each Call, and as stated in the Minimum Requirements, if and when requested by the contracting officer for the duration of the BPA.

2. The Contracting Officers of Naval Surface Warfare Center-Carderock Division (NSWCCD) Code 02 Contracting Department are the only authorized individuals to order against this BPA.

3. The total of all BPA calls may not exceed the ceiling amount of $9,000,000.00.

4. Pricing: The prices to the Government shall be as low as or lower than those charged to the contractor's most favored customer. Purchases under the awarded BPAs will be made in accordance with FAR 12.201-1(e)(3) and DFARS 213.303-5.

5. If applicable, the requested items shall be FOB Destination and delivered to:

NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER CARDEROCK (NSWCCD)

RECEIVING OFFICER

9500 MACARTHUR BLVD

WEST BETHESDA MD 20817-5700

Or other NSWCCD facility as required and specified on the Call.

6. The BPA ordering period will begin at contract award date and proceed for a period of five (5) years, or until the total of all Calls (Ceiling) is reach, whichever occurs first. The Government is obligated only to the extent of authorized purchases actually made under the BPA.

7. Price reasonableness has been determined at the BPA Call level.

8. Each BPA Call shall utilize a Performance Work Statement (PWS) or Minimum Requirements and will include applicable attachments and deliverables (CDRLs).

9. All invoices shall be submitted electronically through DoD Wide Area Workflow Receipt and Acceptance (WAWF) system following instructions provided in Clause 252.232-7006 Invoice Instructions (NSWCCD), and all payments will be made through electronic funds transfer (EFT).

10. NSWCCD assigned technical point of contact will review invoices for payment per each call against this BPA (See Section G).

11. NSWCCD Accounting and Appropriation data will be included in each call placed under this BPA.

12. The Product Service Code (PSC) allowed for ordering against this BPA is 7B21 and R425, and North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code: 541519.

13. A limit of $900,000.00 is set for each BPA Call.

Section B - Supplies or Services & Prices or Costs

Additional Information/Notes

This will be an Unpriced, Multi-Award BPA. However, for vendor evaluation purposes, please provide price quote on all the CLINs.

Allowed Per Order
Maximum: 900,000.00 Dollars, U.S.

Government Minimum/Maximum to Order
Maximum: 9,000,000.00 Dollars, U.S.

Item	Supplies/Service	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
0001	ACT Cluster Visor Management Server NOTE: The requirements in DFARS 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation, are applicable for this line item. The contractor shall provide DoD unique identification or a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent. Pricing Arrangement: Firm Fixed Price	1	Each		
0002	ACT Login Node Server NOTE: The requirements in DFARS 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation, are applicable for this line item. The contractor shall provide DoD unique identification or a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent. Pricing Arrangement: Firm Fixed Price	1	Each		
0003	ACT Compute Mode NOTE: The requirements in DFARS 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation, are applicable for this line item. The contractor shall provide DoD unique identification or a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent. Pricing Arrangement: Firm Fixed Price	1	Each		
0004	ACT Fast Scratch Server 32TB NOTE: The requirements in DFARS 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation, are applicable for this line item. The contractor shall provide DoD unique identification or a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent. Pricing Arrangement: Firm Fixed Price	1	Each		
0005	ACT Cold Storage Server NOTE: The requirements in DFARS 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation, are applicable for this line item. The contractor shall provide DoD unique identification or a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent.	1	Each		

	Pricing Arrangement: Firm Fixed Price				
0006	10 GB Administrative Network NOTE: The requirements in DFARS 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation, are applicable for this line item. The contractor shall provide DoD unique identification or a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent. Pricing Arrangement: Firm Fixed Price	1	Each		
0007	InfiniBand Fabric Network NOTE: The requirements in DFARS 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation, are applicable for this line item. The contractor shall provide DoD unique identification or a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent. Pricing Arrangement: Firm Fixed Price	1	Each		
0008	Rack and Power Infrastructure NOTE: The requirements in DFARS 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation, are applicable for this line item. The contractor shall provide DoD unique identification or a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent. Pricing Arrangement: Firm Fixed Price	1	Each		
0009	Installation and Onsite Training Pricing Arrangement: Firm Fixed Price	1	Lot		

Section C - Description/Specifications/Statement of Work

PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT (PWS)

Advanced Cluster Technologies (ACT)- brand High Performance Computing Cluster Equipment

1.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES/INTRODUCTION:

The Hull Response and Protection Branch, Code 664, at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (NSWCCD), West Bethesda, MD, requires a contract for purchase of the materials/services needed for brand new Advanced Cluster Technologies (ACT) - high-performance computing (HPC) clusters and accessories to be installed at NSWCCD's facility at Carderock MD.

2.0 BACKGROUND:

NSWCCD Code 664 has expertise in the area of Survivability and Weapons Effects. Code 664 relies on multiple HPC clusters to perform high fidelity modeling and simulation of highly dynamic weapons effect events. Code 664 requires an additional ACT HPC cluster to allow for more computational runs and quicker turnaround time for these critical analyses.

3.0 OBJECTIVE:

To establish a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for the contractor shall provide and accomplish all materials/services required to install all ACT-brand hardware and associated software for a new HPC system in an existing unclassified and /or classified facility using personnel trained to perform computer and software installation on closed network DoD systems. The scope of work includes:

1. Cabinet Enclosure
2. Advanced Cluster Technologies (ACT) Cluster Management Server
3. ACT Login Node Server
4. ACT Compute Nodes
5. ACT Scratch Storage Server
6. ACT Cold Storage Server
7. Administrative Network
8. Infiniband Fabric Network
9. ACT Cluster Management Software Suite
10. Complete system installation with interface to the existing power supply within a Top Secret facility
11. Maintenance and Warranty on all furnished equipment and software for a period of no less than 5 years from the time of installation
12. On-site training

Detailed system specifications and minimum requirements for the HPC system are provided in the following sections.

3.1 SYSTEM MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

The ACT-brand HPC system shall be a commercially available system, production grade and scalable to meet future needs.

The HPC system shall interface with facility and existing hardware and the existing power supply.

The ACT-brand HPC system shall operate in the existing closed space with no modifications to the HVAC system or any other facility modification. The proximity of the system to the nearest HVAC register or return is not known. No circulating fans external to the enclosure will be installed. The HPC may be installed in a corner of the closed space where two adjacent sides of the enclosure may face walls with a maximum standoff distance from the wall of 36 inches.

The ACT-brand HPC system must be configured to receive power and shut down messaging due to thermal overload.

3.1.1 THERMAL MANAGEMENT

The HPC system, and all of the components within, shall be air-cooled and be configured to automatically shut down in the event of overheating. Temperature sensors shall be incorporated into the system to detect loss of cooling (e.g. high ambient air temperature) within the closed space. In the event of high ambient temperature event, the HPC system shall perform a graceful shutdown of system components. (Note: A graceful shut down is when a computer is turned off by software function and the operating system (OS) is allowed to perform its tasks of safely shutting down processes and closing connections.) All hardware must be TAA compliant and Country of Origin provided.

3.1.2 PHYSICAL SPECIFICATIONS

The HPC cabinet enclosure(s) shall contain all hardware for the HPC system:

Be compliant with EIA-310 or Open Rack Standards.

Have a minimum 40 Open Rack Unit (OU) height.

Have adequate capacity for:

- Power Distribution Units (PDUs)
- Cluster Management Server
- Login Node Server
- Compute Nodes
- 4-Port Keyboard Video Mouse (KVM)
- Network Attached Scratch Storage Server
- Network Attached Cold Storage Server
- Administrative Network
- Infiniband Fabric (NDR) Network
- Blanking panels to cover unused spaces.

3.1.3 ACT CLUSTER MANAGEMENT SERVER

There shall be a minimum of one cluster management server. The cluster management server shall have all of the following attributes:

EIA-310 Standard or Open Rack Standard Integrated solution

2x 32-core Genoa 9334 2.7GHz or similar processors approved by NSWCCD.

- Same processor type and same processor speed as the compute node servers
- Configured to have a high ratio of peak CPU memory bandwidth to peak CPU floating point capability.
- Hyper Threading disabled.

Minimum of 384 GB RAM memory

Separate boot mirrored solid state boot drives.

Minimum 2 TB storage space

Dual network adapters; Must include both InfiniBand (NDR) at 200 GB or better and Ethernet 10 GB connections.

Redundant power supply, 208V

Operating System requirements:

- Preload, RHEL cluster version 8 or higher, approved by NSWCCD.
- OS will need to connect to currently existing Windows Active Directory

Remote iKVM with in-band Management

Cluster Management Software Suite

- Web or Application based GUI for infrastructure management.

Slurm Queuing Controller

Must be compatible with the rest of the cluster hardware and software.

3.1.4 ACT LOGIN NODE SERVER

There shall be a minimum of one login node server. The login node server shall have all the following attributes:

EIA-310 Standard or Open Rack Standard Integrated solution

2x 32-core Genoa 9334 2.7GHz or similar processors approved by NSWCCD.

- Same processor type and same processor speed as the compute node servers
- Configured to have a high ratio of peak CPU memory bandwidth to peak CPU floating point capability.
- Hyper Threading disabled.

Minimum of 384 GB RAM memory

Separate boot mirrored solid state boot drives.

Minimum 2 TB storage space

Hardware redundant array of independent disks (RAID) controller

Dual network adapters; Must include both Infiniband (NDR) at 200 GB or better and Ethernet 10 GB connections.

Redundant power supply, 208V

Operating System requirements:

- Preload, RHEL cluster version 8 or higher, approved by NSWCCD.
- OS will need to connect to currently existing Windows Active Directory

Remote iKVM with in-band Management

Web or Application based GUI for infrastructure management.

Slurm scheduling

Must be compatible with the rest of the cluster hardware and software.

3.1.5 ACT COMPUTE NODE SERVER

The compute nodes quantity will match required need. Each compute node shall contain the following:

EIA-310 Standard or Open Rack Standard Integrated solution

Diskless, PXE Boot

Minimum of 6 GB of memory per compute core

2x 32-core Genoa 9334 2.7GHz per node or similar processors approved by NSWCCD.

- Same processor type and same processor speed as the login node server
- Configured to have a high ratio of peak CPU memory bandwidth to peak CPU floating point capability.
- Hyper Threading disabled.

Dual network adapter; Must include both Infiniband (NDR) at 200 GB or better and Ethernet 10 GB connections.

Redundant power supply, 208V

Remote iKVM with in-band Management

Web or Application based GUI for infrastructure management.

Slurm scheduling

Must be compatible with the rest of the cluster hardware and software.

3.1.6 ACT SCRATCH STORAGE SERVER

The scratch storage array will need to have the following capabilities listed below and be available for the cluster nodes and external user network:

EIA-310 Standard or Open Rack Standard Integrated solution

16-core Genoa 9124 3.0 GHz or similar processors approved by NSWCCD

192 GB of RAM memory

2x 1TB NVMe SSD for OS in RAID 1 configuration

10x 3.2TB NVMe for scratch in RAID 0 configuration (32TB Total)

Hardware RAID controller

Redundant power supply

Dual network adapters; Must include both Infiniband (NDR) at 200 GB or better and Ethernet 10 GB connections

Operating System

- Preload, RHEL cluster version 8 or higher, approved by NSWCCD
- OS will need to connect to currently existing Windows Active Directory

Remote iKVM with in-band Management

Web or Application based GUI for infrastructure management

Must be compatible with the rest of the cluster hardware and software

3.1.7 ACT COLD STORAGE SERVER

The attached storage array will need to have the following capabilities listed below and be available for the cluster nodes and external user network:

EIA-310 Standard or Open Rack Standard Integrated solution

16-core Genoa 9124 3.0 GHz or similar processors approved by NSWCCD

192 GB of RAM memory

2x 1TB NVMe SSD for OS in RAID 1 configuration

3.5 inch SAS/SATA bays

- 12x 18TB SAS HDDs 12GB/s 7200RPM w/ 512MB cache installed with RAID 6 configuration to allow for 160TB of usable storage.

Able to mount */home* to the login node and the compute nodes.

Contain two distinct file systems (way in which files are named and where they are placed logically for storage and retrieval).

- */work* -- a single file system with 90% of the total formatted usable disk storage and expandable.
- */home* -- a single file system (user accounts and system files) with at least 10% of the total formatted usable disk storage.

At least 6GB/s of read, write, and full duplex bandwidth (respectively) between the compute nodes and */home*.

At least 6GB/s of read, write, and full duplex bandwidth (respectively) between the compute nodes and */work*.

Hardware RAID controller

Redundant power supply

Dual network adapters; Must include both Infiniband (NDR) at 200 GB or better and Ethernet 10 GB connections.

Operating System

- Preload, RHEL cluster version 8 or higher, approved by NSWCCD
- OS will need to connect to currently existing Windows Active Directory.

Remote iKVM with in-band Management

Web or Application based GUI for infrastructure management

Must be accessible if the compute nodes are offline.

Must be compatible with the rest of the cluster hardware and software.

3.1.8 ADMINISTRATIVE NETWORK

The Administrative Network infrastructure will be used to manage and monitor all the aspect of the cluster environment locally and remotely through a 10 GB network. The Administrative Network shall contain the following:

EIA-310 Standard or Open Rack Standard Integrated solution

10GB switches and supporting infrastructure

The network will have the ability to:

- manage file system traffic, cluster utility communication, system administration, and maintenance
- remotely monitor temperatures, voltages, fans, and power supplies
- allow for remote power cycling of each node

Tightly integrated Cluster Expansion and Infrastructure Interconnect reliability, availability, and serviceability (RAS).

3.1.9 INFINIBAND FABRIC

The Infiniband fabric will be set up to have the best reliability, availability with in the cluster environment. The Infiniband fabric shall have the following minimum requirements:

NDR or similar switch approved by NSWCCD and supporting infrastructure

Need to have peak bandwidth between nodes at least 100GB/s

Enough ports to accommodate expansion in the near future for another 36 nodes

3.1.10 ACT CLUSTER MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

The cluster management software shall provide management for the hardware, the operating system, HPC software, and users in a unified framework of tools to manage the cluster. The cluster management software shall also have the following minimum requirements:

Provide a batch scheduler/workload management system (WMS) that shall work across all nodes within the cluster.

Pre-bundled OS and network optimizations for OS settings, drivers, and Infiniband (NDR), environments that are necessary for proper performance and functionality inside an HPC environment.

Allow compute nodes (as a collective whole) to be powered down without impacting the power to other system components.

Web or Application based GUI of the Cluster Management Software

3.1.11 EQUIPMENT MANUALS

CDRL A001 - The contractor shall provide at least one (1) paper copy of all documentation/manuals. All documentation shall be provided in English. At a minimum, copies of the following items are required:

Include build and tuning information for all platforms

Installation Manual

Parts Manuals

Maintenance Manual

Operation Manual

3.1.12 SOFTWARE LICENSES AND DOCUMENTATION

The contractor shall provide:

- Licenses for all installed software.
- A DVD with all software required for cluster operation as well as administration and/or user documentation for said software.

3.1.13 STATEMENTS OF VOLATILITY.

The contractor shall provide statements of volatility for each volatile component. (Note: Volatile components, contrary to non-volatile components, are computer components requiring power to maintain stored information; they retain contents while powered on but when the power is interrupted, the stored data is lost immediately or very rapidly.)

3.2 SERVICES REQUIREMENTS:

3.2.1 INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

The contractor shall provide installation of the system. Installation requirements are provided below:

All work shall be performed during the hours of 0800 and 1800 Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Work must be completed in no more than 5 consecutive business days.

Verify and test all the requirements of the master/logon server have been met with a thorough walk through with the system administrator including but not limited to:

- file shares
- cluster management software
- queuing system and integration with all nodes and applications
- user management

Verify and test all the compute nodes are fully functional with in the cluster, management, file, and queuing environments.

Verify and test all the requirements of the Network Storage server have been met with a thorough walk through with the system administrator.

Verify and test all the requirements of the Administrative Network have been configured properly with a thorough walk through with the system administrator.

Verify and test all the requirements of the Infiniband Fabric have been configured properly with a thorough walk through with the system administrator.

Verify and test the visualization node has been configured properly to work with the cluster, queuing and storage system with a thorough walk through with the system administrator.

Verify that the PDUs are set up in an AB power arrangement.

Verify and test the integration of the thermal and shutdown process with the on-site APC is

Verify and test required software with code engineers for functionality of installed software. After successful completion of the verifications and tests, above, the Government TPOC will accept the HPC system.

3.2.2 WARRANTY AND MAINTENANCE

WARRANTY:

The contractor shall provide a 5 year warranty on parts. The warranty period for parts shall be from the time the parts are installed. Warranty services include:

Installed HPC system and all associated equipment shall include a five year warranty for parts and labor. The warranty shall begin the day after final acceptance of the machine by NSWCCD. The cost for all repairs conducted under the warranty including but not limited to parts, labor, travel and shipping shall be covered under the warranty. All troubleshooting and repair work shall commence within 48 hours of the reported problem and is to be conducted onsite at NSWCCD in West Bethesda, MD.

MAINTENANCE:

Maintenance services as described below:

Technical Support

The Contractor shall perform technical assistance for operation and troubleshooting of the systems identified in the PWS via:

- Toll-free telephone/hotline number. Telephone support shall be available Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time.

- Email address. The Contractor shall respond to technical support requests, correspondence and information exchange via email. However, email service does not relieve the telephone support availability requirement.

The contractor shall provide engineering support over the phone or through email as needed to answer technical questions arising for five years after final acceptance of contract requirements. Support shall be, at a minimum, available Monday through Friday between the hours of 0800 and 1700 Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Note: At no time shall hard drives & other non-volatile parts be returned, including for warranty or maintenance purposes.

3.2.3 TRAINING: Contractor shall provide onsite training for maintaining and setting up any proprietary software used to manage and maintain the HPC system during the 5-day installation and setup.

4.0 SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: N/A

5.0 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY/INFORMATION:

With the exception of hard drives and other non-volatile parts, the Government may return and release custody of defective parts of a system.

6.0 DELIVERABLES:

The contractor shall deliver the requirements specified in the Contract Data Requirements List (CDRL), below.

Number	Name
A001	DI-TMSS-81815 COTS Manuals

7.0 PERIOD, PLACE OF PERFORMANCE, SHIPPING AND DELIVERY:

7.1 Required period of performance:

The contractor shall allow a 5-year ordering period for equipment and services; deliver and complete installation of the HPC system not be later than period of performance per call. Subsequent to delivery, the performance period for installation services will not exceed 5 days.

7,2 Place of performance:

The contractor shall provide and perform contract services at: NSWCCD Building 17, 9500 MacArthur Blvd Bethesda, MD 20817

7.3 Delivery

The contractor shall arrange for shipment and delivery of the HPC system with equipment and accessories/features described above to the above address.

The contractor shall provide a delivery schedule to the Government TPOC within 14 days after award of contract. Unless otherwise agreed to, all items shall be delivered in a single shipment.

8.0 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS: Unclassified

- Contractor shall obtain clearance to access the Carderock facility through the NSWCCD security office before arriving on site.
- Contractor is allowed only to designated locations
- Contactor is to be escorted at all times when in secure spaces

9.0 GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL POINT OF CONTACT (TPOC): TBD

Requirements

NSWCCD Code 664 has a requirement to establish a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) with authorized resellers/distributors of Advanced Cluster Technologies (ACT) brand HPC Cluster system to provide materials, hardware installation, and software maintenance services on a Brand Name basis. This is for a 5-year ordering period.

Section D - Packaging and Marking

Section E - Inspection and Acceptance

Overall Contract Inspection/Acceptance Locations

0001	Inspection and Acceptance Location Both Destination Instructions: See Performance Work Statement (PWS) for Acceptance/inspection criteria. DoDAAC: N00167 CountryCode: USA NSWC CARDEROCK CARDEROCK DIVISION, 9500 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD BETHESDA, MD 20817-5700 UNITED STATES TBD, Technical Point of Contact (TPOC) Email: TBD Telephone: TBD
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Section F - Deliveries or Performance

Overall Contract Delivery Period

Period of Performance
From 25 Aug 2026 to 24 Aug 2031

The ordering period above may include unexercised options

Contractor
Destination

Line Item	Delivery Schedule	Quantity	Address and POC	Special Handling/Notes
0001	Delivery Period From 25 Aug 2026 to 24 Aug 2031 Period of Performance From 25 Aug 2026 To 24 Aug 2031	1 Each	Ship To DoDAAC: N00167 CountryCode: USA NSWC CARDEROCK CARDEROCK DIVISION BLDG 143, 9500 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD BETHESDA, MD 20817-5700 UNITED STATES TBD, Technical Point of Contact (TPOC) Email: TBD Telephone: TBD	FoB Details Contractor Destination
0002	Delivery Period From 25 Aug 2026 to 24 Aug 2031	1 Each	Ship To DoDAAC: N00167 CountryCode: USA NSWC CARDEROCK CARDEROCK DIVISION BLDG 143, 9500 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD BETHESDA, MD 20817-5700 UNITED STATES TBD, Technical Point of Contact (TPOC) Email: TBD Telephone: TBD	FoB Details Contractor Destination
0003	Delivery Period From 25 Aug 2026 to 24 Aug 2031	1 Each	Ship To DoDAAC: N00167 CountryCode: USA NSWC CARDEROCK CARDEROCK DIVISION BLDG 143, 9500 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD BETHESDA, MD 20817-5700 UNITED STATES TBD, Technical Point of Contact (TPOC) Email: TBD Telephone: TBD	FoB Details Contractor Destination

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0005	Delivery Period From 25 Aug 2026 to 24 Aug 2031	1 Each	Ship To DoDAAC: N00167 CountryCode: USA NSWC CARDEROCK CARDEROCK DIVISION BLDG 143, 9500 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD BETHESDA, MD 20817-5700 UNITED STATES TBD, Technical Point of Contact (TPOC) Email: TBD Telephone: TBD	FoB Details Contractor Destination
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FAR Clauses Incorporated by Reference

Number	Title	Effective Date	Alternate/ Deviation	Variation Effective Date
52.247-34	F.o.b. Destination.	Jan 1991		

Section G - Contract Administration Data

DFARS Clauses Incorporated by Reference

Number	Title	Effective Date	Alternate/ Deviation	Variation Effective Date
252.232-7003	Electronic Submission of Payment Requests and Receiving Reports.	Dec 2018		

DFARS Clauses Incorporated by Full Text

252.232-7006 Wide Area WorkFlow Payment Instructions. (Jan 2023)

WIDE AREA WORKFLOW PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS (JAN 2023)

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

"Department of Defense Activity Address Code (DoDAAC)" is a six position code that uniquely identifies a unit, activity, or organization.

"Document type" means the type of payment request or receiving report available for creation in Wide Area WorkFlow (WAWF).

"Local processing office (LPO)" is the office responsible for payment certification when payment certification is done external to the entitlement system.

"Payment request" and "receiving report" are defined in the clause at 252.232-7003, Electronic Submission of Payment Requests and Receiving Reports.

(b) *Electronic invoicing.* The WAWF system provides the method to electronically process vendor payment requests and receiving reports, as authorized by Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 252.232-7003, Electronic Submission of Payment Requests and Receiving Reports.

(c) *WAWF access.* To access WAWF, the Contractor shall-

(1) Have a designated electronic business point of contact in the System for Award Management at https://www.sam.gov; and

(2) Be registered to use WAWF at https://wawf.eb.mil/ following the step-by-step procedures for self-registration available at this web site.

(d) *WAWF training.* The Contractor should follow the training instructions of the WAWF Web-Based Training Course and use the Practice Training Site before submitting payment requests through WAWF. Both can be accessed by selecting the "Web Based Training" link on the WAWF home page at https://wawf.eb.mil/

(e) *WAWF methods of document submission.* Document submissions may be via web entry, Electronic Data Interchange, or File Transfer Protocol.

(f) *WAWF payment instructions.* The Contractor shall use the following information when submitting payment requests and receiving reports in WAWF for this contract or task or delivery order:

(1) *Document type.* The Contractor shall submit payment requests using the following document type(s):

(i) For cost-type line items, including labor-hour or time-and-materials, submit a cost voucher.

(ii) For fixed price line items-

(A) That require shipment of a deliverable, submit the invoice and receiving report specified by the Contracting Officer.

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(B) For services that do not require shipment of a deliverable, submit either the Invoice 2in1, which meets the requirements for the invoice and receiving report, or the applicable invoice and receiving report, as specified by the Contracting Officer.

N/A

(iii) For customary progress payments based on costs incurred, submit a progress payment request.

(iv) For performance based payments, submit a performance based payment request.

(v) For commercial financing, submit a commercial financing request.

(2)) Fast Pay requests are only permitted when Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.213-1 is included in the contract.

[Note: The Contractor may use a WAWF "combo" document type to create some combinations of invoice and receiving report in one step.]

(3) *Document routing.* The Contractor shall use the information in the Routing Data Table below only to fill in applicable fields in WAWF when creating payment requests and receiving reports in the system.

Routing Data Table*

Field Name in WAWF	*Data to be entered in WAWF*
Pay Official DoDAAC	N62825
Issue By DoDAAC	N00167
Admin DoDAAC	N00167
Inspect By DoDAAC	N00167
Ship To Code	N00167
Ship From Code	____
Mark For Code	____
Service Approver (DoDAAC)	____
Service Acceptor (DoDAAC)	____
Accept at Other DoDAAC	____
LPO DoDAAC	____
DCAA Auditor DoDAAC	____

Other DoDAAC(s)	

*(*Contracting Officer: Insert applicable DoDAAC information. If multiple ship to/acceptance locations apply, insert "See Schedule" or "Not applicable.")*

*(**Contracting Officer: If the contract provides for progress payments or performance-based payments, insert the DoDAAC for the contract administration office assigned the functions under FAR 42.302(a)(13).)*

(4) *Payment request.* The Contractor shall ensure a payment request includes documentation appropriate to the type of payment request in accordance with the payment clause, contract financing clause, or Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.216-7, Allowable Cost and Payment, as applicable.

(5) *Receiving report.* The Contractor shall ensure a receiving report meets the requirements of DFARS Appendix F.

(g) *WAWF point of contact.*

(1) The Contractor may obtain clarification regarding invoicing in WAWF from the following contracting activity's WAWF point of contact.

usn.ncr.sea-01.mbx.wawf-hq-functional-mail-box@us.navy.mil

(2) Contact the WAWF helpdesk at 866-618-5988, if assistance is needed.

(End of clause)

Additional Regulation or Supplemental Clauses Incorporated by Full Text

G-232-H002 H002 PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS (NAVSEA) (FEB 2024) (Feb 2024)

Payment office allocation methods can be found in the table at DFARS PGI 204.7108(b)(2) (https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/pgi/pgi_htm/current/PGI204_71.htm#payment_instructions).

(End of text)

G-242-H002 HOURS OF OPERATION AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE (NAVSEA) (JUL 2021) (Jul 2021)

(a) The policy of this activity is to schedule periods of reduced operations or shutdown during holiday periods. Deliveries will not be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays except as specifically requested by the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (NSWCCD). All goods or services attempted to be delivered on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday without specific instructions from the Contracting Officer or his duly appointed representative will be returned to the contractor at the contractor's expense with no cost or liability to the U.S. Government.

(b) The federal Government observes public Holidays that have been established under 5 U.S.C. 6103. The actual date of observance for each of the holidays, for a specific calendar year, may be obtained from the OPM website at OPM.GOV or by using the following direct link: https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/federal-holidays/.

(c) Delayed Opening, Early Dismissal and Closure of Government Facilities. When a Government facility has a delayed opening, is closed or Federal employees are dismissed early (due to severe weather, security threat, security exercise, or a facility related problem) that prevents personnel from working, onsite contractor personnel regularly assigned to work at that facility shall follow the same reporting and/or departure directions given to Government personnel. The contractor shall not direct charge to the contract for such time off, but shall follow parent company policies regarding taking leave (administrative or other). Non-essential contractor personnel, who are not required to remain at or report to the facility, shall follow their parent company policy regarding whether they should go/stay home or report to another company facility. Subsequent to an early

dismissal, delayed opening, or during periods of inclement weather, onsite contractors should monitor the OPM website as well as radio and television announcements before departing for work to determine if the facility is closed or operating on a delayed arrival basis.

(d) When Federal employees are excused from work due to a holiday or a special event (that is unrelated to severe weather, a security threat, or a facility related problem), on site contractors shall continue working established work hours or take leave in accordance with parent company policy. Those contractor employees who take leave shall not direct charge the non-working hours to the contract. Contractors are responsible for predetermining and disclosing their charging practices for early dismissal, delayed openings, or closings in accordance with the FAR, applicable cost accounting standards, and the company's established policy and procedures. Contractors shall follow their disclosed charging practices during the contract period of performance, and shall not follow any verbal directions to the contrary. The Contracting Officer will make the determination of cost allowability for time lost due to facility closure in accordance with FAR, applicable Cost Accounting Standards, and the Contractor's established accounting policy and procedures.

(e) If you intend to visit the Contracts Office, it is advised that you call for an appointment at least 24 hours in advance.

(f) The hours of operation are as follows:

AREA	FROM	TO
West Bethesda, MD	0800	1400
Norfolk, VA	0800	1400
Virginia Beach, VA	0800	1400

(g) All deliveries to the Receiving Officer or Technical Point of Contact address are identified in Box 15, shall be made Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1400, local time. Deliveries will not be accepted after 1400. No deliveries will be accepted on federal government holidays.

(End of Text)

G-242-W001 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION FUNCTIONS (NAVSEA) (OCT 2018) (Oct 2018)

(a) In accordance with FAR 42.302(a) all functions listed are delegated to the ACO except the following items to be retained by the PCO:

N/A

(b) In accordance with FAR 42.302(b), the following additional functions are delegated to the ACO:

N/A

(End of Text)

G-242-H001 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTADMINISTRATION POINTS-OF-CONTACT AND RESPONSIBILITIES (NAVSEA) (OCT 2023) (Oct 2023)

(a) The Government reserves the right to administratively substitute any of the points of contact listed below at any time.

(b) The contracting officer is the only person authorized to change this contract or orders issued thereunder. The Contractor shall not comply with any order, direction or request of Government personnel - that would constitute a change - unless it is issued in writing and signed by the Contracting Officer or is pursuant to specific authority otherwise included as part of this contract. If, in the opinion of the contractor, an effort outside the existing scope of this contract is requested, the contractor shall promptly comply with the Notification of Changes clause of this contract.

(c) The points of contact are as follows:

(i) The Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO) is:

Name: Kristen Duhaime
Address: 904 Corporate Lane

Chesapeake, VA 23320
Phone: (301) 219-7629
E-mail: Kristen.m.duhaime.civ@us.navy.mil

(ii) The Contract Specialist is:

Name: Arnel Ngo
Address: 904 Corporate Lane
Chesapeake, VA 23320
Phone: (757) 478-2013
E-mail: arnel.a.ngo.civ@us.navy.mil

(f) The Technical Point of Contact (TPOC) is the contracting officer's representative for technical matters when a COR is not appointed. The TPOC is responsible for technical issues of contract administration, such as providing all items of Government Furnished Information (GFI), Government Furnished Material (GFM) and Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) if specified in the contract as well as the inspection and acceptance of all contract deliverables.

The Technical Point of Contact (TPOC) is:

Name: [*]
Address: [*Street]
[*City, State, Zip]
Phone: (Area Code) xxx- [xxxx]; FAX: (Area Code) xxx- [xxxx]
E-mail: [*]

The Alternate Technical Point of Contact (TPOC) is:

Name: [*]
Address: [*Street]
[*City, State, Zip]
Phone: (Area Code) xxx- [xxxx]; FAX: (Area Code) xxx- [xxxx]
E-mail: [*]

[*] To be completed at contract award

(End of Text)

Section H - Special Contract Requirements

Section I - Contract Clauses

FAR Clauses Incorporated by Reference

Number	Title	Effective Date	Alternate/ Deviation	Variation Effective Date
52.203-3	Gratuities.	Apr 1984		
52.203-12	Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions.	Jun 2020		
52.203-13	Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct.	Nov 2021		
52.203-19	Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements.	Jan 2017		
52.204-13	System for Award Management-Maintenance. (Deviation 2026-O0038)	Feb 2026		
52.209-10	Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations.	Nov 2015		
52.212-4	Terms and Conditions-Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (Deviation 2026-O0038)	Feb 2026		
52.222-3	Convict Labor.	Jun 2003		
52.222-50	Combating Trafficking in Persons. (Deviation 2026-O0038)	Feb 2026		
52.222-90	Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors. (Deviation 2026-O0038)	Apr 2026		
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		
52.232-39	Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations.	Jun 2013		
52.232-40	Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors.	Mar 2023		
52.233-3	Protest after Award. (Deviation 2026-O0038)	Feb 2026		
52.233-4	Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim. (Deviation 2026-O0038)	Feb 2026		
52.240-91	Security Prohibitions and Exclusions. (Deviation 2026-O0038)	Feb 2026		
52.244-6	Subcontracts for Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (Deviation 2026-O0038)	Apr 2026		

DFARS Clauses Incorporated by Reference

Number	Title	Effective Date	Alternate/ Deviation	Variation Effective Date
252.203-7000	Requirements Relating to Compensation of Former DoD Officials.	Sep 2011		
252.203-7002	Requirement to Inform Employees of Whistleblower Rights.	Dec 2022		
252.204-7004	Antiterrorism Awareness Training for Contractors.	Jan 2023		
252.204-7015	Notice of Authorized Disclosure of Information for Litigation Support.	Jan 2023		
252.204-7018	Prohibition on the Acquisition of Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services.	Jan 2023		
252.211-7008	Use of Government-Assigned Serial Numbers.	Sep 2010		
252.223-7008	Prohibition of Hexavalent Chromium.	Jan 2023		
252.225-7002	Qualifying Country Sources as Subcontractors.	Mar 2022		
252.225-7012	Preference for Certain Domestic Commodities.	Apr 2022		
252.225-7048	Export-Controlled Items.	Jun 2013		
252.225-7056	Prohibition Regarding Business Operations with the Maduro Regime.	Jan 2023		
252.225-7060	Prohibition on Certain Procurements from the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.	Jun 2023		
252.225-7972	Prohibition on the Procurement of Foreign-Made Unmanned Aircraft Systems. (DEVIATION 2024-O0014)	Aug 2024	Deviation 2024-O0014	Aug 2024
252.226-7001	Utilization of Indian Organizations, Indian-Owned Economic Enterprises, and Native Hawaiian Small Business Concerns.	Jan 2023		
252.232-7010	Levies on Contract Payments.	Dec 2006		
252.237-7010	Prohibition on Interrogation of Detainees by Contractor Personnel.	Jan 2023		
252.239-7007	Cancellation or Termination of Orders.	Sep 2019		
252.239-7010	Cloud Computing Services.	Jan 2023		
252.239-7018	Supply Chain Risk.	Dec 2022		
252.243-7001	Pricing of Contract Modifications.	Dec 1991		
252.243-7002	Requests for Equitable Adjustment.	Dec 2022		
252.246-7007	Contractor Counterfeit Electronic Part Detection and Avoidance System.	Jan 2023		
252.246-7008	Sources of Electronic Parts.	Jan 2023		
252.247-7023	Transportation of Supplies by Sea.	Oct 2024		

FAR Clauses Incorporated by Full Text

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

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):

FAR: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-48

(End of clause)

52.252-6 Authorized Deviations in Clauses. (Nov 2020)

Authorized Deviations in Clauses (Nov 2020)

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

(b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any **Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 2)** clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

(End of clause)

DFARS Clauses Incorporated by Full Text

252.211-7003 Item Unique Identification and Valuation. (Jan 2023)

ITEM UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION AND VALUATION (JAN 2023)

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

"Automatic identification device" means a device, such as a reader or interrogator, used to retrieve data encoded on machine-readable media.

"Concatenated unique item identifier" means-

(1) For items that are serialized within the enterprise identifier, the linking together of the unique identifier data elements in order of the issuing agency code, enterprise identifier, and unique serial number within the enterprise identifier; or

(2) For items that are serialized within the original part, lot, or batch number, the linking together of the unique identifier data elements in order of the issuing agency code; enterprise identifier; original part, lot, or batch number; and serial number within the original part, lot, or batch number.

"Data matrix" means a two-dimensional matrix symbology, which is made up of square or, in some cases, round modules arranged within a perimeter finder pattern and uses the Error Checking and Correction 200 (ECC200) specification found within International Standards Organization (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 16022.

"Data qualifier" means a specified character (or string of characters) that immediately precedes a data field that defines the general category or intended use of the data that follows.

"DoD recognized unique identification equivalent" means a unique identification method that is in commercial use and has been recognized by DoD. All DoD recognized unique identification equivalents are listed at *https://www.acq.osd.mil/asda/dpc/ce/ds/unique-id.html*.

"DoD item unique identification" means a system of marking items delivered to DoD with unique item identifiers that have machine-readable data elements to distinguish an item from all other like and unlike items. For items that are serialized within the enterprise identifier, the unique item identifier shall include the data elements of the enterprise identifier and a unique serial number. For items that are serialized within the part, lot, or batch number within the enterprise identifier, the unique item identifier shall include the data elements of the enterprise identifier; the original part, lot, or batch number; and the serial number.

" Enterprise " means the entity (e.g., a manufacturer or vendor) responsible for assigning unique item identifiers to items.

" Enterprise identifier" means a code that is uniquely assigned to an enterprise by an issuing agency.

"Government's unit acquisition cost" means-

(1) For fixed-price type line, subline, or exhibit line items, the unit price identified in the contract at the time of delivery;

(2) For cost-type or undefinitized line, subline, or exhibit line items, the Contractor's estimated fully burdened unit cost to the Government at the time of delivery; and

(3) For items produced under a time-and-materials contract, the Contractor's estimated fully burdened unit cost to the Government at the time of delivery.

"Issuing agency" means an organization responsible for assigning a globally unique identifier to an enterprise, as indicated in the Register of Issuing Agency Codes for ISO/IEC 15459, located at http://www.aimglobal.org/?Reg_Authority15459.

"Issuing agency code" means a code that designates the registration (or controlling) authority for the enterprise identifier.

"Item" means a single hardware article or a single unit formed by a grouping of subassemblies, components, or constituent parts.

" Lot or batch number" means an identifying number assigned by the enterprise to a designated group of items, usually referred to as either a lot or a batch, all of which were manufactured under identical conditions.

"Machine-readable" means an automatic identification technology media, such as bar codes, contact memory buttons, radio frequency identification, or optical memory cards.

"Original part number" means a combination of numbers or letters assigned by the enterprise at item creation to a class of items with the same form, fit, function, and interface.

"Parent item" means the item assembly, intermediate component, or subassembly that has an embedded item with a unique item identifier or DoD recognized unique identification equivalent.

"Serial number within the enterprise identifier" means a combination of numbers, letters, or symbols assigned by the enterprise to an item that provides for the differentiation of that item from any other like and unlike item and is never used again within the enterprise.

"Serial number within the part, lot, or batch number" means a combination of numbers or letters assigned by the enterprise to an item that provides for the differentiation of that item from any other like item within a part, lot, or batch number assignment.

"Serialization within the enterprise identifier" means each item produced is assigned a serial number that is unique among all the tangible items produced by the enterprise and is never used again. The enterprise is responsible for ensuring unique serialization within the enterprise identifier.

"Serialization within the part, lot, or batch number" means each item of a particular part, lot, or batch number is assigned a unique serial number within that part, lot, or batch number assignment. The enterprise is responsible for ensuring unique serialization within the part, lot, or batch number within the enterprise identifier.

"Type designation" means a combination of letters and numerals assigned by the Government to a major end item, assembly or subassembly, as appropriate, to provide a convenient means of differentiating between items having the same basic name and to indicate modifications and changes thereto.

"Unique item identifier" means a set of data elements marked on items that is globally unique and unambiguous. The term includes a concatenated unique item identifier or a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent.

"Unique item identifier type" means a designator to indicate which method of uniquely identifying a part has been used. The current list of accepted unique item identifier types is maintained at *https://www.acq.osd.mil/asda/dpc/ce/ds/unique-id.html*.

(b) The Contractor shall deliver all items under a contract line, subline, or exhibit line item.

(c) *Unique item identifier.*

(1) The Contractor shall provide a unique item identifier for the following:

(i) Delivered items for which the Government's unit acquisition cost is $5,000 or more, except for the following line items:

Contract Line, Subline, or Exhibit Line Item Number	Item Description
____	____
____	____
____	____

(ii) Items for which the Government's unit acquisition cost is less than $5,000 that are identified in the Schedule or the following table:

Contract Line, Subline, or Exhibit Line Item Number	Item Description
____	____

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(If items are identified in the Schedule, insert "See Schedule in this table.)

(iii) Subassemblies, components, and parts embedded within delivered items, items with warranty requirements, DoD serially managed reparables and DoD serially managed nonreparables as specified in Attachment Number ____.

(iv) Any item of special tooling or special test equipment as defined in FAR 2.101 that have been designated for preservation and storage for a Major Defense Acquisition Program as specified in Attachment Number ____.

(v) Any item not included in (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) for which the contractor creates and marks a unique item identifier for traceability.

(2) The unique item identifier assignment and its component data element combination shall not be duplicated on any other item marked or registered in the DoD Item Unique Identification Registry by the contractor.

(3) The unique item identifier component data elements shall be marked on an item using two dimensional data matrix symbology that complies with ISO/IEC International Standard 16022, Information technology - International symbology specification - Data matrix; ECC200 data matrix specification.

(4) *Data syntax and semantics of unique item identifiers.* The Contractor shall ensure that-

(i) The data elements (except issuing agency code) of the unique item identifier are encoded within the data matrix symbol that is marked on the item using one of the following three types of data qualifiers, as determined by the Contractor:

(A) Application Identifiers (AIs) (Format Indicator 05 of ISO/IEC International Standard 15434), in accordance with ISO/IEC International Standard 15418, Information Technology - EAN/UCC Application Identifiers and Fact Data Identifiers and Maintenance and ANSI MH 10.8.2 Data Identifier and Application Identifier Standard.

(B) Data Identifiers (DIs) (Format Indicator 06 of ISO/IEC International Standard 15434), in accordance with ISO/IEC International Standard 15418, Information Technology - EAN/UCC Application Identifiers and Fact Data Identifiers and Maintenance and ANSI MH 10.8.2 Data Identifier and Application Identifier Standard.

(C) Text Element Identifiers (TEIs) (Format Indicator 12 of ISO/IEC International Standard 15434), in accordance with the Air Transport Association Common Support Data Dictionary; and

(ii) The encoded data elements of the unique item identifier conform to the transfer structure, syntax, and coding of messages and data formats specified for Format Indicators 05, 06, and 12 in ISO/IEC International Standard 15434, Information Technology - Transfer Syntax for High Capacity Automatic Data Capture Media.

(5) *Unique item identifier*.

(i) The Contractor shall-

(A) Determine whether to-

(1) Serialize within the enterprise identifier;

(2) Serialize within the part, lot, or batch number; or

(3) Use a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent (e.g. Vehicle Identification Number); and

(B) Place the data elements of the unique item identifier (enterprise identifier; serial number; DoD recognized unique identification equivalent; and for serialization within the part, lot, or batch number only: original part, lot, or batch number) on items requiring marking by paragraph (c)(1) of this clause, based on the criteria provided in MIL-STD-130, Identification Marking of U.S. Military Property, latest version;

(C) Label shipments, storage containers and packages that contain uniquely identified items in accordance with the requirements of MIL-STD-129, Military Marking for Shipment and Storage, latest version; and

(D) Verify that the marks on items and labels on shipments, storage containers, and packages are machine readable and conform to the applicable standards. The contractor shall use an automatic identification technology device for this verification that has been programmed to the requirements of Appendix A, MIL-STD-130, latest version.

(ii) The issuing agency code-

(A) Shall not be placed on the item; and

(B) Shall be derived from the data qualifier for the enterprise identifier.

(d) For each item that requires item unique identification under paragraph (c)(1)(i), (ii), or (iv) of this clause or when item unique identification is provided under paragraph (c)(1)(v), in addition to the information provided as part of the Material Inspection and Receiving Report specified elsewhere in this contract, the Contractor shall report at the time of delivery, as part of the Material Inspection and Receiving Report, the following information:

(1) Unique item identifier.

(2) Unique item identifier type.

(3) Issuing agency code (if concatenated unique item identifier is used).

(4) Enterprise identifier (if concatenated unique item identifier is used).

(5) Original part number (if there is serialization within the original part number).

(6) Lot or batch number (if there is serialization within the lot or batch number).

(7) Current part number (optional and only if not the same as the original part number).

(8) Current part number effective date (optional and only if current part number is used).

(9) Serial number (if concatenated unique item identifier is used).

(10) Government's unit acquisition cost.

(11) Unit of measure.

(12) Type designation of the item as specified in the contract schedule, if any.

(13) Whether the item is an item of Special Tooling or Special Test Equipment.

(14) Whether the item is covered by a warranty.

(e) For embedded subassemblies, components, and parts that require DoD item unique identification under paragraph (c)(1)(iii) of this clause or when item unique identification is provided under paragraph (c)(1)(v), the Contractor shall report as part of the Material Inspection and Receiving Report specified elsewhere in this contract, the following information:

(1) Unique item identifier of the parent item under paragraph (c)(1) of this clause that contains the embedded subassembly, component, or part.

(2) Unique item identifier of the embedded subassembly, component, or part.

(3) Unique item identifier type.**

(4) Issuing agency code (if concatenated unique item

identifier is used).**

(5) Enterprise identifier (if concatenated unique item identifier is used).**

(6) Original part number (if there is serialization within the original part number).**

(7) Lot or batch number (if there is serialization within the lot or batch number).**

(8) Current part number (optional and only if not the same as the original part number).**

(9) Current part number effective date (optional and only if current part number is used).**

(10) Serial number (if concatenated unique item identifier is used).**

(11) Description.

** Once per item.

(f) The Contractor shall submit the information required by paragraphs (d) and (e) of this clause as follows:

(1) End items shall be reported using the receiving report capability in Wide Area WorkFlow (WAWF) in accordance with the clause at 252.232-7003. If WAWF is not required by this contract, and the contractor is not using WAWF, follow the procedures at http://dodprocurementtoolbox.com/site/uidregistry/.

(2) Embedded items shall be reported by one of the following methods-

(i) Use of the embedded items capability in WAWF;

(ii) Direct data submission to the IUID Registry following the procedures and formats at http://dodprocurementtoolbox.com/site /uidregistry/; or

(iii) Via WAWF as a deliverable attachment for exhibit line item number (fill in) ____, Unique Item Identifier Report for Embedded Items, Contract Data Requirements List, DD Form 1423.

(g) *Subcontracts*. If the Contractor acquires by subcontract, any item(s) for which item unique identification is required in accordance with paragraph (c)(1) of this clause, the Contractor shall include this clause, including this paragraph (g), in the applicable subcontract(s), including subcontracts for commercial products or commercial services.

(End of clause)

Section J - List of Attachments

Section K - Representations, Certification, & Other Statements

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Number	Title	Effective Date	Alternate/ Deviation	Variation Effective Date
52.203-11	Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions.	Sep 2024		
52.240-90	Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications. (Deviation 2026-O0038)	Feb 2026		

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Number	Title	Effective Date	Alternate/ Deviation	Variation Effective Date
252.203-7005	Representation Relating to Compensation of Former DoD Officials.	Sep 2022		
252.225-7055	Representation Regarding Business Operations with the Maduro Regime.	May 2022		
252.225-7059	Prohibition on Certain Procurements from the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region-Representation.	Jun 2023		
252.225-7973	Prohibition on the Procurement of Foreign-Made Unmanned Aircraft Systems—Representation. (DEVIATION 2024-O0014)	Aug 2024	Deviation 2024-O0014	Aug 2024

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52.209-7 Information Regarding Responsibility Matters. (Deviation 2026-O0038) (Feb 2026)

INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (FEB 2026) (DEVIATION 2026-O0038)

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

Administrative proceeding means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (*e.g.*, Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative Proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals Proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals Proceedings). This includes administrative proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include agency actions such as contract audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

Federal contracts and grants with total value greater than $10,000,000 means-

(1) The total value of all current, active contracts and grants, including all priced options; and

(2) The total value of all current, active orders including all priced options under indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity, 8(a), or requirements contracts (including task and delivery and multiple-award Schedules).

Principal means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (*e.g.*, general manager; plant manager; head of a division or business segment; and similar positions).

(b) The offeror ☐ has ☐ does not have current active Federal contracts and grants with total value greater than $10,000,000.

(c) If the offeror checked "has" in paragraph (b) of this provision, the offeror represents, by submission of this offer, that the information it has entered in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) is current, accurate, and complete as of the date of submission of this offer with regard to the following information:

(1) Whether the offeror, and/or any of its principals, has or has not, within the last five years, in connection with the award to or performance by the offeror of a Federal contract or grant, been the subject of a proceeding, at the Federal or State level that resulted in any of the following dispositions:

(i) In a criminal proceeding, a conviction.

(ii) In a civil proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in the payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of $5,000 or more.

(iii) In an administrative proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in-

(A) The payment of a monetary fine or penalty of $5,000 or more; or

(B) The payment of a reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of $100,000.

(iv) In a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding, a disposition of the matter by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault by the Contractor if the proceeding could have led to any of the outcomes specified in paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (c)(1)(ii), or (c)(1)(iii) of this provision.

(2) If the offeror has been involved in the last five years in any of the occurrences listed in (c)(1) of this provision, whether the offeror has provided the requested information with regard to each occurrence.

(d) The offeror shall post the information in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(iv) of this provision in FAPIIS as required through maintaining an active registration in the System for Award Management, which can be accessed via https://www.sam.gov (see 52.204-7).

(End of provision)

52.225-18 Place of Manufacture. (Aug 2018)

PLACE OF MANUFACTURE (AUG 2018)

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

Manufactured end product means any end product in product and service codes (PSCs) 1000-9999, except-

(1) FPSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;

(2) Product or Service Group (PSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;

(3) PSG 88, Live Animals;

(4) PSG 89, Subsistence;

(5) PSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;

(6) PSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;

(7) PSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;

(8) PSC 9610, Ores;

(9) PSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and

(10) PSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

Place of manufacture means the place where an end product is assembled out of components, or otherwise made or processed from raw materials into the finished product that is to be provided to the Government. If a product is disassembled and reassembled, the place of reassembly is not the place of manufacture.

(b) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly-

(1) ☐ In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); or

(2) ☐ Outside the United States.

(End of provision)

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252.204-7017 Prohibition on the Acquisition of Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation. (May 2021)

PROHIBITION ON THE ACQUISITION OF COVERED DEFENSE TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES-REPRESENTATION (MAY 2021)

The Offeror is not required to complete the representation in this provision if the Offeror has represented in the provision at 252.204-7016, Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation, that it "does not provide covered defense telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument."

(a) *Definitions*. "Covered defense telecommunications equipment or services," "covered mission," "critical technology," and "substantial or essential component," as used in this provision, have the meanings given in the 252.204-7018 clause, Prohibition on the Acquisition of Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services, of this solicitation.

(b) *Prohibition*. Section 1656 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Pub. L. 115-91) prohibits agencies from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service to carry out covered missions that uses covered defense telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

(c) *Procedures*. The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) at *https://www.sam.gov* for entities that are excluded when providing any equipment, system, or service to carry out covered missions that uses covered defense telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless a waiver is granted.

(d) *Representation*. If in its annual representations and certifications in SAM the Offeror has represented in paragraph (c) of the provision at 252.204-7016, Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation, that it "does" provide covered defense telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument, then the Offeror shall complete the following additional representation:

The Offeror represents that it ☐ will ☐ will not provide covered defense telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to DoD in the performance of any award resulting from this solicitation.

(e) *Disclosures*. If the Offeror has represented in paragraph (d) of this provision that it "will provide covered defense telecommunications equipment or services," the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(1) A description of all covered defense telecommunications equipment and services offered (include brand or manufacturer; product, such as model number, original equipment manufacturer (OEM) number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable).

(2) An explanation of the proposed use of covered defense telecommunications equipment and services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition referenced in paragraph (b) of this provision.

(3) For services, the entity providing the covered defense telecommunications services (include entity name, unique entity identifier, and Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code, if known).

(4) For equipment, the entity that produced or provided the covered defense telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor, if known).

(End of provision)

252.239-7009 Representation of Use of Cloud Computing. (Sep 2015)

REPRESENTATION OF USE OF CLOUD COMPUTING (SEP 2015)

(a) *Definition*. "Cloud computing," as used in this provision, means a model for enabling ubiquitous, convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction. This includes other commercial terms, such as on-demand self-service, broad network access, resource pooling, rapid elasticity, and measured service. It also includes commercial offerings for software-as-a-service, infrastructure-as-a-service, and platform-as-a-service.

(b) The Offeror shall indicate by checking the appropriate blank in paragraph (c) of this provision whether the use of cloud computing is anticipated under the resultant contract.

(c) *Representation*. The Offeror represents that it-

☐ Does anticipate that cloud computing services will be used in the performance of any contract or subcontract resulting from this solicitation.

☐ Does not anticipate that cloud computing services will be used in the performance of any contract or subcontract resulting from this solicitation.

(End of provision)

Section L - Instructions, Conditions, & Notices to Offerors or Quoters

FAR Clauses Incorporated by Reference

Number	Title	Effective Date	Alternate/ Deviation	Variation Effective Date
52.203-18	Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements-Representation.	Jan 2017		
52.204-7	System for Award Management-Registration. (Deviation 2026-O0038)	Feb 2026		
52.212-1	Instructions to Offerors-Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (Deviation 2026-O0038)	Feb 2026		

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Number	Title	Effective Date	Alternate/ Deviation	Variation Effective Date
252.204-7024	Notice on the Use of the Supplier Performance Risk System.	Mar 2023		
252.239-7017	Notice of Supply Chain Risk.	Dec 2022		

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

Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference (Feb 1998)

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

FAR: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-48

(End of provision)

52.252-5 Authorized Deviations in Provisions. (Nov 2020)

Authorized Deviations in Provisions (Nov 2020)

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

(b) The use in this solicitation of any **Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 2)** provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

(End of provision)

Additional Regulation or Supplemental Clauses Incorporated by Full Text

L-204-H003 NOTIFICATION OF USE OF NAVY SUPPORT CONTRACTORS FOR OFFICIAL CONTRACT FILES (NAVSEA) (APR 2019) (Apr 2019)

(a) NAVSEA may use a contractor to manage official contract files here in after referred to as "the support contractor", including the official file supporting this procurement. These official files may contain information that is considered a trade secret, proprietary, business sensitive or otherwise protected pursuant to law or regulation, here in after referred to as "protected information". File management services consist of any of the following: secretarial or clerical support; data entry; document reproduction, scanning, imaging, or destruction; operation, management, or maintenance of paper-based or electronic mail rooms, file rooms, or libraries; and supervision in connection with functions listed herein.

(b) The cognizant Contracting Officer will ensure that any NAVSEA contract under which these file management services are acquired will contain a requirement that

(1) The support contractor not disclose any information;

(2) Individual employees are to be instructed by the support contractor regarding the sensitivity of the official contract files;

(3) The support contractor performing these services be barred from providing any other supplies and/or services, or competing to do so, to NAVSEA for the period of performance of its contract and for an additional three years thereafter unless otherwise provided by law or regulation; and,

(4) In addition to any other rights the offeror may have, it is a third party beneficiary who has the right of direct action against the support contractor, or any person to whom the support contractor has released or disclosed Protected Information, for the unauthorized duplication, release, or disclosure of such Protected Information.

(c) Submission of a proposal will be considered as consent to NAVSEA's permitting access to any information, irrespective of restrictive markings or the nature of the information submitted, by its file management support contractor for the limited purpose of executing its file support contract responsibilities.

(d) NAVSEA may, without further notice, enter into contracts with other contractors for these services. Offerors are free to enter into separate non-disclosure agreements with the file support contractor. Contact the Procuring Contracting Officer for contractor specifics. However, any such agreement will not be considered a prerequisite before information submitted is stored in the files or otherwise encumber the government.

(End of Provision)

Section M - Evaluation Factors for Award

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52.212-2 Evaluation-Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (Deviation 2026-O0038) (Feb 2026)

52.212-2 EVALUATION--COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (NOV 2021)

(a) The Government intends to award an Agreement to the responsible quoter who (1) is the Lowest Price Technically Acceptable quotation, (2) conforms to the solicitation, (3) proposes a price that is fair and reasonable, and (4) will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered.

The following factors shall be used to evaluate quotations:

Factor 1 Price

Quotes must include a proposed price for each Contract Line-Item Number (CLIN). The Government will determine prices to be fair and reasonable in accordance with FAR Part 13.106-3 based on, but limited to, market research, current or previous purchases, prices for similar performance in a related industry, and comparison to an independent Government estimate.

Quoters responding to this solicitation are advised that, prior to award, the Government may request quoters to submit information /data to support price reasonableness such as copies of paid invoices for the same or similar items, sales history for the same or similar items, price list with effective date and/or copies of catalog pages along with any applicable discounts.

Factor 2 Technical Capability/Approach

The Government will evaluate the Quoter for acceptability of Technical Capability.

Minimum Requirements:

The following are the minimum requirements a quote must meet to be deemed acceptable for the Technical Capability factor:

1) **The quoter must present documentation showing it is an Authorized Reseller/Distributor of Advanced Clustering Technologies Inc. (ACT).**

2) A quote is deemed acceptable for the Technical Capability factor if it meets all requirements as defined in the solicitation Performance Work Statement (PWS)/Statement of Work (SOW) and/or minimum specifications.

3) Technical Capability/Approach evaluations will result in one of the following ratings:

TABLE 1 - TECHNICAL RATINGS	
Rating	**Description**
Acceptable	Quote clearly meets the minimum requirements of the solicitation.
Unacceptable	Quote does not clearly meet the minimum requirements of the solicitation.

A quote must be rated "ACCEPTABLE" for the quote to be eligible for award. An "UNACCEPTABLE" rating for Technical Capability/Approach factor will result in the entire quote being rated "UNACCEPTABLE" overall; an overall rating of

"UNACCEPTABLE" makes a quote ineligible for award. A quote must contain sufficient information to enable evaluators to determine acceptability; if there is insufficient information to determine acceptability of the quote, the quote will be rated "UNACCEPTABLE" overall.

QUESTIONS: Any questions in relation to this solicitation shall be submitted to Arnel Ngo email at arnel.a.ngo.civ@us.navy.mil.

The cut-off date for questions is 12:00 PM EDT on August 13, 2026.

(b) Options. N/A

(c) The Government shall mail or email a written notice of award to the successful quoter. Upon receipt, the quoter shall either commence performance, or have an authorized representative sign the award and return it to the Contracting Officer; a binding contract is formed upon the earlier of either of those actions.

(End of provision)