AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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☒ 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NUMBER N0017326R0007

9B. DATED *(SEE ITEM 11)* 16 Jul 2026

☐ 10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER

10B. DATED *(SEE ITEM 13)*

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☒ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☒ is extended. ☐ is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or electronic communication which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by letter or electronic communication, provided each letter or electronic communication makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA *(If required)*

See Section G - Contract Administration Data

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

CHECK ONE	
☐	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: *(Specify authority)* THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NUMBER IN ITEM 10A.
☐	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES *(such as changes in paying office, appropriation data, etc.)* SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
☐	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
☐	D. OTHER *(Specify type of modification and authority)*

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not ☐ is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (*Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)*

The purpose of this Amendment is to do the following:

a. Provide responses to questions received
b. As a result of questions received, Attachment 1-SOW, Attachment 2-Personnel Qualifications, and Attachment 3- Price Proposal Format have been updated
c. Extend proposal submission to 13 August 2026 on or before 4 P.M EST.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER *(Type or print)*		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER *(Type or print)*	
		Brandon S. Zellers	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16C. DATE SIGNED
(Signature of person authorized to sign)		*(Signature of Contracting Officer)*	06 Aug 2026

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Section A - Solicitation/Contract Form

The following changes have been made:

INFORMATION	FROM	TO
Response Due Date	07 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026

Section D - Packaging and Marking

Miscellaneous text in this section has been modified to:

D-1 PACKAGING AND MARKING All unclassified data and deliverable contract line items shall be preserved, packaged, packed and marked and must conform to normal commercial packing standards to assure safe delivery at destination.

D-2 The Contractor shall mark all shipments under this contract in accordance with the addition of ASTM-D-3951-90 "Standard Practice for Commercial Packaging" in effect on the date of the contract.

D-3 The Contractor shall comply with FED STD 313 (Symbols for Packages and Containers for Hazardous Industrial Chemical and Materials) to the extent applicable.

D-4 Technical Data and Information shall be delivered in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Data Requirements List, DD Form 1423, Exhibit A, attached hereto

Section I - Contract Clauses

Additional Information/Notes

The following clauses were added:

FAR Clauses Incorporated by Reference

Number	Title	Effective Date	Alternate/ Deviation	Variation Effective Date
52.245-1	**Government Property.**	**Sep 2021**		

DFARS Clauses Incorporated by Reference

Number	Title	Effective Date	Alternate/ Deviation	Variation Effective Date
252.245-7005	**Management and Reporting of Government Property.**	**Jan 2024**		

The following clauses were modified:

252.204-7021 **Contractor Compliance with the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification Level Requirements.** **Nov 2025**

hereby reads as follows:

CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CYBERSECURITY MATURITY MODEL CERTIFICATION LEVEL REQUIREMENTS (NOV 2025)

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

"Controlled unclassified information" means information the Government creates or possesses, or information an entity creates or possesses for or on behalf of the Government, that a law, regulation, or Governmentwide policy requires or permits an agency to handle using safeguarding or dissemination controls (32 CFR 2002.4(h)).

"Current" means-

(1) With regard to Conditional Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Status-

(i) Not older than 180 days for Conditional Level 2 (Self) assessments and Conditional Level 2 (certified third-party assessment organization (C3PAO)) assessments, with-

(A) No changes in compliance with the requirements at 32 CFR part 170 since the Conditional CMMC Status date (see 32 CFR 170.16 and 170.17); and

(B) A corresponding affirmation of continuous compliance by an affirming official (see 32 CFR 170.4); and

(ii) Not older than 180 days for Conditional Level 3 (Defense Industrial Base Cybersecurity Assessment Center (DIBCAC)) assessments, with-

(A) No changes in compliance with the requirements at 32 CFR part 170 since the Conditional CMMC Status date (see 32 CFR 170.18); and

(B) A corresponding affirmation of continuous compliance by an affirming official;

(2) With regard to Final CMMC Status-

(i) Not older than 1 year for Final Level 1 (Self), with-

(A) No changes in compliance with the requirements at 32 CFR part 170 since the Final CMMC Status date (see 32 CFR 170.15); and

(B) A corresponding affirmation of continuous compliance, not older than 1 year, by an affirming official;

(ii) Not older than 3 years for Final Level 2 (Self) assessments and Final Level 2 (C3PAO) assessments, with-

(A) No changes in compliance with the requirements at 32 CFR part 170 since the Final CMMC Status date (see 32 CFR 170.16 and 170.17); and

(B) A corresponding affirmation of continuous compliance, not older than 1 year, by an affirming official; and

(iii) Not older than 3 years for Final Level 3 (DIBCAC) assessments, with-

(A) No changes in compliance with the requirements at 32 CFR part 170 since the Final CMMC Status date (see 32 CFR 170.18); and

(B) A corresponding affirmation of continuous compliance, not older than 1 year, by an affirming official; and

(3) With regard to affirmation of continuous compliance (32 CFR 170.22), not older than 1 year with no changes in compliance with the requirements at 32 CFR part 170.

"Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) status" means the result of meeting or exceeding the minimum required score for the corresponding assessment. The potential statuses are as follows:

(1) Final Level 1 (Self).

(2) Conditional Level 2 (Self).

(3) Final Level 2 (Self).

(4) Conditional Level 2 (C3PAO).

(5) Final Level 2 (C3PAO).

(6) Conditional Level 3 (DIBCAC).

(7) Final Level 3 (DIBCAC).

"Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification unique identifier (CMMC UID)" means 10 alpha-numeric characters assigned to each CMMC assessment and reflected in the Supplier Performance Risk System (SPRS) for each contractor information system.

"Federal contract information (FCI)" means information, not intended for public release, that is provided by or generated for the Government under a contract to develop or deliver a product or service to the Government. It does not include information provided by the Government to the public, such as on public websites, or simple transactional information, such as information necessary to process payments.

"Plan of action and milestones" means a document that identifies tasks to be accomplished. It details resources required to accomplish the elements of the plan, any milestones in meeting the tasks, and scheduled completion dates for the milestones, as defined in National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-115 (32 CFR 170.21).

(b) *Framework*. The Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) is a framework for assessing a contractor's compliance with applicable information security protections (see 32 CFR part 170).

(c) *Duplication*. The CMMC assessments will not duplicate efforts from any other comparable DoD assessment, except for rare circumstances when a reassessment may be necessary, for example, when there are indications of issues with cybersecurity and/or compliance with CMMC requirements.

(d) *Requirements*. The Contractor shall-

(1)(i) Have and maintain for the duration of the contract a current CMMC status at the following CMMC level, or higher: CMMC *Level 1 (Self)* for all information systems used in performance of the contract, task order, or delivery order that process, store, or transmit FCI or CUI; and

(ii) Consult 32 CFR 170.23 related to the flowdown of the CMMC requirements, and flow down the correct CMMC level to subcontracts and other contractual instruments;

(2) Only process, store, or transmit FCI or CUI on contractor information systems that have a CMMC status at the CMMC level required in paragraph (d)(1) of this clause, or higher;

(3) Complete on an annual basis, and maintain as current, an affirmation, by the affirming official (see 32 CFR 170.4), of continuous compliance with the requirements associated with the CMMC level required in paragraph (d)(1) of this clause in the Supplier Performance Risk System (SPRS) (*https://piee.eb.mil*) for each CMMC UID applicable to each of the contractor information systems that process, store, or transmit FCI or CUI and that are used in performance of the contract;

(4) Ensure all subcontractors and suppliers complete prior to subcontract award, and maintain on an annual basis, an affirmation, by the affirming official (see 32 CFR 170.4), of continuous compliance with the requirements associated with the CMMC level required for the subcontract or other contractual instrument for each of the subcontractor information systems that process, store, or transmit FCI or CUI and that are used in performance of the subcontract; and

(5) If the Contractor has a CMMC Status of Conditional, successfully close out a valid plan of action and milestones (32 CFR 170.21) to achieve a CMMC Status of Final.

(e) *Reporting*. The Contractor shall-

(1) Submit to the Contracting Officer-

(i) The CMMC UID(s) issued by SPRS for contractor information systems that will process, store, or transmit FCI or CUI during performance of the contract; and

(ii) Any changes in the CMMC UIDs generated in SPRS throughout the life of the contract, task order, or delivery order, if applicable;

(2) Enter into SPRS the results of a current self-assessment for each CMMC UID, not covered by a C3PAO assessment or DIBCAC assessment, applicable to each of the contractor information systems that process, store, or transmit FCI or CUI and that are used in performance of the contract; and

(3) Complete in SPRS on an annual basis and maintain as current an affirmation of continuous compliance by the affirming official (see 32 CFR 170.4) for each self-assessment, C3PAO assessment, or DIBCAC assessment required under the contract in SPRS.

(f) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall-

(1) Insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (f) and excluding paragraph (e)(1), in subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including those for the acquisition of commercial products or commercial services, excluding commercially available off-the-shelf items, if the subcontract or other contractual instrument will contain a requirement to process, store, or transmit FCI or CUI; and

(2) Prior to awarding a subcontract or other contractual instrument, ensure that the subcontractor has a current CMMC certificate or current CMMC status at the CMMC level that is appropriate for the information that is being flowed down to the subcontractor based on the requirements at 32 CFR 170.23.

(End of clause)

Section J - List of Attachments

The following attachments were added:

7600 IT Award DD254

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

Miscellaneous text in this section has been modified to:

A. Submission: Quotes shall be submitted electronically via email on or before 04:00 P.M. EDT, 13 August 2026, via email to the Contract Specialist, Tamara Jenkins, at tamara.n.jenkins.civ@us.navy.mil.

B. Quote Requirements: Offerors shall provide a quote inclusive of the following:

1. Technical Understanding, Capability, and Approach/ Staffing and Personnel Qualifications

a. Technical Understanding, Capability, and Approach

The Offeror shall provide a narrative description that clearly demonstrates its capability, knowledge, and approach to meeting the Government's requirements as described in Attachment 1 - SOW. The narrative description shall include examples of specialized knowledge, capabilities, experience, and qualifications. While the narrative must demonstrate the Offeror's understanding of the requirements, Offerors must also demonstrate the feasibility of their approach to meet those requirements. Clear identification is the sole responsibility of the Offeror.

Transition Plan

The Offeror shall provide a narrative description that clearly demonstrates its capability, knowledge, and approach to meeting the Government's requirements as described in Attachment 1 - SOW. The narrative description shall include examples of specialized knowledge, capabilities, experience, and qualifications. While the narrative must demonstrate the Offeror's understanding of the requirements, Offerors must also demonstrate the feasibility of their approach to meet those requirements. Additionally, in the narrative description the Offeror must discuss its plan to familiarize themselves with the required processes and be fully operational to meet the requirements of the SOW within 30 calendar days from date of award, to include the Offeror's plan to obtain and have in place all required personnel, materials, and equipment to execute the tasks of this contract. Clear identification is the sole responsibility of the Offeror.

b. Staffing and Personnel Qualifications

Offeror's shall provide the following information in accordance with Attachment 2 - Personnel Qualifications:

i. Employee name
ii. Current level of security clearance (e.g. TS/SCI, TS, SECRET w/ SSBI, SECRET, or none) and status

ii.A **SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**
Access to classified information is not required to submit a proposal for this effort. However, prospective Offerors shall have the required facility clearance in accordance with attached DD254 (Attachment 4) at the time of proposal submission and, at a minimum, key personnel available with final DoD granted personnel security clearances required for performance of the contract. Offerors shall make a statement of compliance with all security requirements set forth in the attached DD254. An inability to meet security requirements at the time of proposal submission will result in an offer being deemed nonresponsive and eliminated from the competition

iii. Current position, title, and employer
iv. Job titles, employer, and dates, to include the month and year, of employment experience in reverse chronological order, and a narrative description of duties and responsibilities.
v. Educational history: Degrees and certifications earned, including the institution name, name/title of degree or certification earned, and year for all degrees or certifications earned.

2. Past Performance

The Offeror shall submit Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) reports with its quote for a maximum of three relevant efforts either completed or ongoing within the last five years as of the date of this solicitation release. The submitted CPARS should be for contracts of a similar scope and complexity to this solicitation. Similar scope and complexity means having performed the types of support efforts identified in the SOW for this solicitation. The Government reserves the right to review any other sources of information for evaluating past performance.

Offeror's may include Past Performance narratives for non-Governmental contracts. The contracts identified should demonstrate in-depth knowledge and successful implementation of contracts of similar scope and complexity to this solicitation. Similar scope and complexity means having performed the types of support efforts identified in the SoW for this solicitation.

If an Offeror anticipates utilizing a subcontractor, teaming arrangement, joint venture, etc., the Offeror may submit Past Performance and/or CPARS Reports for the subcontractor, teaming partner, etc, but the maximum of 3 relevant efforts still applies.

3. Price

The Offeror must submit a completed copy of Attachment 3 - Price Summary Quote Format.

4. Offeror Information

The Offeror shall submit the following company information:

i. Expiration date of quote and submitted prices
ii. Company Name
iii. Address
iv. CAGE / Unique Entity ID
v. Web Page URL
vi. Company point of contract name, phone # and e-mail address

b. Offerors must be registered in SAM (www.sam.gov) in order be considered for award.

c. The Offeror's VRI system, or external cloud system (if applicable), must meet the requirements of NIST SP 800-171. NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment: "Covered Defense Information," as defined by DFARS 252.204-7012, may be collected, developed, received, transmitted, used, or stored by or on behalf of the contractor in support of the performance of this contract. To be considered for award, Offerors are required to have a current (not older than three years) NIST SP 800-171 assessment on record for each "covered contractor information system" that is relevant to the offer. The Contracting Officer will verify prior to award that the Offeror has a summary level score of a current NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment posted in the PIEE Supplier Performance Risk System (SPRS). Contracting Officers are not responsible for the NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment; only checking SPRS. If the Offeror does not have a current NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment posted in SPRS, the Offeror may submit their assessment to webptsmh@navy.mil for posting to SPRS in the format identified in DFARS clause 252.204-7019. DFARS 252.204-7020 provides the requirements for contractors on how to submit a request for a NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment.

C. Page Limitations

1. Technical Understanding, Capability, and Approach/ Staffing and Personnel Qualifications - 25 Pages
2. Past Performance - 8 Pages
3. Price - N/A (Price Summary Quote Attachment)
4. Offeror Information - 5 Pages

Section M - Evaluation Factors for Award

The following clauses were modified:

52.212-2 Evaluation-Commercial Products and Commercial Services. (Deviation 2026-O0038) Feb 2026
hereby reads as follows:

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. Trade-off considerations may result in the determination that it is in the best interest of the Government to award to other than the lowest priced Offeror or other than the highest technically rated Offeror. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

1. Technical Understanding, Capability, and Approach/ Staffing and Personnel Qualifications:

The Government will evaluate quotes and supporting information based on how well the quote meets the requirements of the RFQ and Attachment 1, including but not limited to:

-Prior Company Experience in providing similar IT support.

-Ability to provide well-qualified, experienced personnel in accordance with Attachment 2 - Personnel Qualifications.

- Ability to provide continuity of support throughout the life of the contract.

-Ability to assume responsibility from the incumbent Contractor and provide well-qualified personnel.

- Ability to provide adequate resources (insurance, facilities) to support this type of effort.

RATING	DESCRIPTION
Outstanding	Quote demonstrates exceptional experience and capability in performing this type of requirement, and contains multiple strengths.
Good	Quote demonstrates thorough experience and capability in performing this type of requirement, and contains at least one strength.
Acceptable	Quote demonstrates adequate experience and capability in performing this type of requirement.
Marginal	Quote has not demonstrated experience and capability in performing this type of requirement.

Unacceptable	Quote does not meet requirements of the solicitation and, thus, contains one or more deficiencies and is un-awardable.

2. Past Performance:

The Government will evaluate Past Performance in accordance with FAR 12.203(2). Each Offeror will receive a past performance rating.

Rating	Description
Acceptable	Offeror's past performance demonstrates relevant experience to the Government's requirements.
Unacceptable	Offeror's Past Performance does not demonstrate relevant experience to the Government's requirements.
Neutral	Offerors without a record of relevant past performance history may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably for its past performance history.

Past performance is a measure of the degree to which the Offeror satisfied its customers in previous relevant contracts and complied with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Each Offerors (and major subcontractor, team partner, etc., if applicable) past performance will be reviewed to determine recency, relevancy and the quality of performance on the past contracts. A past performance confidence assessment rating will be assigned based on the Offerors overall record of recency, relevancy and quality of performance.

The Government will evaluate submitted CPARS reports, Past Performance Questionnaires and Previous Contract Effort Narratives, and may contact the Offerors customers to ask whether or not they believe: (1) that the Offeror is capable, efficient and effective; (2) that the Offerors performance conformed to the terms and conditions of its contract; (3) that the Offeror was reasonable and cooperative during performance; (4) that the Offeror was committed to customer satisfaction; and (5) if given a chance would they select the same or a different Contractor.

The Government may consider past performance information obtained from sources other than those identified by the Offeror to evaluate an Offerors or subcontractors' past performance, including Federal, State, and local Government agencies, Better Business Bureaus, published media and electronic databases. The lack of recent and relevant past performance information will result in the assignment of a neutral rating (i.e. neither favorable nor unfavorable) for this factor. The Government reserves the right to limit or expand the number of references it decides to contact and to contact other references than those provided by the Offeror or subcontractors.

If an Offeror receives an Past Performance rating of "Unacceptable", the Offeror will not be eligible to receive an award.

3. Price Reasonableness:

The Government anticipates making a determination of fair and reasonable price based on competitive quotes. If only one response is received, the Government may use other methods as described at FAR 12.204(a).

Based on the factors above, Technical Understanding, Capability, and Approach is more important than Past Performance, and Past Performance is more important than Price Reasonableness. When combined, the non-price factors are significantly more important than price.

Award on Initial Responses; Exchanges with Best-Suited Contractor: The Government anticipates selecting the best-suited contractor from initial responses, without engaging in exchanges with vendors. Vendors are strongly encouraged to submit their best technical solutions and price in response to this RFQ. However, the Government may engage in limited exchanges to clarify certain aspects of quotes. Once the Government determines the contractor that is the best-suited (i.e., the apparent successful contractor), the Government reserves the right to communicate with only that contractor to address

any remaining issues and revise quotes, if necessary, and finalize an award with that contractor. These issues may include technical and price. If the parties cannot successfully address any remaining issues, as determined in the sole discretion of the Government, the Government reserves the right to conduct exchanges with the next best-suited contractor and address any remaining issues and revise quotes, if necessary, and finalize an award with that contractor.

A. Basis for Award

In accordance with FAR 52.212-2, the Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The Government anticipates making a determination of fair and reasonable price based on adequate
competition. Submission shall be received not later than the response date listed above. Late submissions shall be treated in accordance with the solicitation provision at FAR 52.212-1. E-mailed submissions are the required form of submission. Receipt will be verified by the date/time stamp on e-mail. It is the sole responsibility of the Offeror to confirm that the Government received its quote prior to the due date/time.

The evaluation will be based on a complete assessment of each Offeror's Technical Understanding, Capability, and Approach / Staffing and Personnel Qualifications, Past Performance, and Price. Within the best value continuum, the Government will employ a Price/Technical Tradeoff analysis of both price and non-price factors in evaluating each quote submitted. Trade-off considerations may result in the determination that it is in the best interest of the Government to award to other than the lowest priced Offeror or other than the highest technically rated Offeror. A best value analysis will not be performed or developed for any Offeror whose quote is found to be technically unacceptable or unsatisfactory in
any other factor.

Quotes will be assessed on how well each Offeror's quote meets the solicitation requirements and the risks associated with the Offeror's approach. Determining how well the Offeror's quote meets the solicitation requirements will be accomplished in two steps. First, a determination will be made if the Offeror's quote meets the solicitation requirements. Next, the
discriminators will be identified for the quotes reflecting the unique significant strengths, strengths, weaknesses, significant weaknesses, and deficiencies of each offer. In addition, the Government will examine the impact of each discriminator and assess its relative value to the Government. In order to make a sound selection decision, the Government needs to understand the ways in which a given quote is considered technically strong, as well as the ways in which it is weak or deficient. Hence, a catalog of the significant strengths, strengths, significant weaknesses, weaknesses, and deficiencies (in terms of the evaluation criteria) will be utilized to facilitate the process of determining which quote presents the best overall value to the Government.

The Offerors will receive an overall rating value for the non-price quote evaluation factors, with the exception of the Contract Volume. Price, while being an important factor, is not in and of itself the determining factor in the selection of the successful Offeror for award of the contract contemplated by this solicitation. The Contracting Officer may reasonably determine that the superior personnel and staffing ability, technical understanding and capability, and/or management capability merits a higher price, and therefore represents the best value to the Government. The Contracting Officer, using sound business judgment, will base the selection decision on the integrated assessment of the Offeror(s)' non-price factors and price factor measured against the evaluation criteria listed below.

Award will only be made to an Offeror that has no OCI as defined in FAR 9.5 or that the Government determines has provided a satisfactory mitigation plan. Offerors are advised that Technical quotes may be evaluated without consideration of any proposed Subcontractor which is deemed to have an organizational conflict of interest and for which an unsatisfactory mitigation plan has been proposed. Failure by an Offeror that has identified a potential OCI or to submit an OCI mitigation plan with its quote shall no longer being considered for award.

The Government may, at any time, communicate with an Offeror regarding the Offeror's quote. Such communications are not and are not intended to be "discussions" as defined in FAR Part 15.