

SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS
OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, & 30

1. REQUISITION NUMBER: 1000032882 PAGE 1 OF 22
 2. CONTRACT NO.: SPE300-15-D-S646
 3. AWARD/EFFECTIVE DATE: 2015 SEP 20
 4. ORDER NUMBER
 5. SOLICITATION NUMBER: SPE300-15-R-0012
 6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE: 2014 DEC 03

7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL:  a. NAME
 b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No collect calls)
 8. OFFER DUE DATE/ LOCAL TIME

9. ISSUED BY: DLA TROOP SUPPORT, DIRECTORATE OF SUBSISTENCE, 700 ROBBINS AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA PA 19111-5095 USA
 Local Admin: Anthony Knight PSPTPD9 Tel: 215-737-3303 Fax: 215-737-7474 Email: ANTHONY.KNIGHT@DLA.MIL
 CODE: SPE300
 10. THIS ACQUISITION IS: UNRESTRICTED OR SET ASIDE: _____ % FOR:
 SMALL BUSINESS WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (WOSB) ELIGIBLE UNDER THE WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM
 HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS EDWOSB NAICS: 311991
 SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS 8 (A) SIZE STANDARD:5000

11. DELIVERY FOR FOB DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED: SEE SCHEDULE
 12. DISCOUNT TERMS: Net 10 days
 13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700)
 13b. RATING
 14. METHOD OF SOLICITATION: RFQ IFB RFP

15. DELIVER TO: SEE SCHEDULE
 CODE:
 16. ADMINISTERED BY: SEE BLOCK 9, Criticality: PAS: None
 CODE: SPE300

17a. CONTRACTOR/ OFFEROR: BEC INC DBA EMPACADORA HILL BROTHERS, CARRETERA 876 KM 2.5, TRUJILLO ALTO PR 00976-0000 USA
 CODE: 1PXM0 FACILITY CODE:
 18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY: DEF FIN AND ACCOUNTING SVC, BSM, P O BOX 182317, COLUMBUS OH 43218-2317 USA
 CODE: SL4701
 TELEPHONE NO.: 7877611576

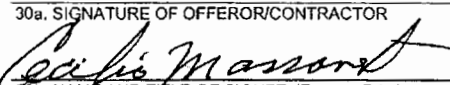
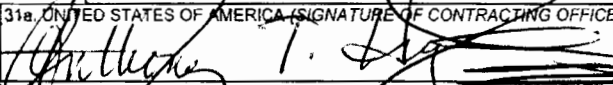
17b. CHECK IF REMITTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND PUT SUCH ADDRESS IN OFFER
 18b. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK 18a UNLESS BLOCK BELOW IS CHECKED. SEE ADDENDUM

19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
	See Schedule				

25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA
 26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Govt. Use Only): \$6,500,000.00

27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4, FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA ARE ARE NOT ATTACHED.
 27b. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-4, FAR 52.212-5 IS ATTACHED. ADDENDA ARE ARE NOT ATTACHED.

28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN 1 COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED
 29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REF. _____ OFFER DATED 0000-00-00 YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH, HEREIN IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS.

30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR: 
 30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or Print): Cecilio Massanet President
 30c. DATE SIGNED: 08/14/2015
 31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER): 
 31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or Print): ANTHONY T. HUGHES
 31c. DATE SIGNED: 2015 AUG 14

SOLICITATION/CONTRACT FORM

Solicitation SPE300-15-R-0012 and each of the following amendments are incorporated into subject contract:

All documents submitted under solicitation SPE300-15-R0012 by v and are hereby incorporated as part of subject contract, including:

- Final offered delivered price to be utilized for first week of ordering
- Distribution prices fixed throughout base period.

PERFORMANCE PERIOD:

A. Effective Period of the Contract:

Base Period (2-Years) September 20, 2015 thru September 19, 2017.

Option Period 1 (2-Years) September 20, 2017 thru September 19, 2019.

ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE/GUARANTEED MINIMUM/MAXIMUM

A. The following chart includes a maximum of 2-year base period estimated dollar value and a 4-year maximum dollar value. The guaranteed minimum and maximum, although based on estimates, are a firm dollar amount calculated as a percentage of the estimated dollar value; the minimum contract dollar value below constitutes the Government’s legal ordering obligation under the contract. The maximum contract dollar value is the legal limit of dollars that can be obligated against this contract.

B.

Puerto Rico Zone	2 - Year (Base Period)	4 - Year Estimate (Total Including Option Period)	10%Min (Base)	(4 Years)
Group 1 (DOD)	\$430,000.00	\$860,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$2,150,000.00
Group 2 (Schools)	\$870,000.00	\$1,740,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$4,350,000.00
Total	\$1,300,000.00	\$2,600,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$6,500,000.00

The term “2- year Estimate” refers to the Government’s good faith estimate of the requirement for the base period.

The minimum contract dollar value is \$130,000.00

The maximum contract dollar value is \$6,500,000.00

I. START-UP PERIOD

The Contractor’s startup period will take place prior to the first order. The Contractor shall submit a proposed implementation schedule to the Contracting Officer within fifteen (15) days after award highlighting the steps that will be taken to implement a fully functional distribution account, including all EDI transactions for all customers covered by this solicitation. An

additional thirty (30) days will be granted for actual implementation. No more than forty-five (45) days after award will be permitted for each contractor to have fully functional distribution accounts in place for all customers.

II. ORDERING CATALOGS

The following represents Epacadora Hill Brothers’s offer:

- The existing delivered prices on current catalogs are to be utilized for first week of ordering.
- Distribution prices are fixed for the entirety of this contract as follows:

Distribution Price	Group 1 Troop	Group 2 Non DoD Schools
Base Period - Puerto Rico Schools		
Option 1 - Puerto Rico Schools		

SUPPLIES OF SERVICES AND PRICES

ITEMS: Full-Line Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

FOB TERMS: FOB Destination for all items

CONTRACT #'s: Commencing 9/20/2015, USDA School Customers in Puerto Rico will order under contract number **SPE300-15-D-S646** and Troop Customers in Puerto Rico will order under contract number **SPE300-15-D-0007**. Empacadora Hill Brothers (1PXM0) will invoice in accordance with customer’s orders.

CATALOG PRICING:

All catalog pricing is valid from Sunday thru Saturday. Catalog updates must be received no later than 12:00 Noon ET the preceding Wednesday.

Unit Prices shall be formulated in accordance with the unnumbered Economic Price Adjustment (EPA) – Actual Material Costs and shall not extend more than two (2) places beyond the decimal point. The unit price for each item is determined by the “Delivered Price” plus the “Distribution Price”. Changes in the Delivered Price are governed by DLAD unnumbered Economic Price Adjustment (EPA) – Actual Material Costs. The Distribution Price is the price reflected on the current catalogs.

All pricing will be firm at time of order.

DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATION

The minimum order placement for skip day deliveries is as follows:

<u>Order Placement</u>	<u>Delivery Day</u>
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday

Thursday Monday
Friday Tuesday

For all items in which split cases can be accommodated, Epacadora Hill Brothers will not up-charge the units on broken case lots.

Epacadora Hill Brothers will not invoke any additional charges for emergency orders (defined as an order that is placed for same day delivery).

The USDA School Customers are required to place orders no later than 72 hours before delivery date.

PACKAGING AND MARKING

All packaging and packing shall be in accordance with good commercial practice. Labeling shall be in accordance with commercial labeling complying with Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated there under. Shipping containers shall be in compliance with the national Motor Freight Classification and Uniform Freight classification.

INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

Inspection and acceptance of products will be performed at destination. Each ordering facility will be responsible for accepting and rejecting products as required. All food items must be inspected for count, condition and identity and approved by the ordering activities' authorized personnel receiving the delivery before final acceptance is made.

DELIVERIES AND PERFORMANCE

The following is the designated plant location for the performance of this contract for all contract line items:

BEC Co. Inc. DBA (Epacadora Hill Brothers)
Carretera 876 Km 2.5 Saint Just
Trujillo Alto, PR 00976

INVOICING

All invoicing for USDA School customers is to be submitted electronically via the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Order Receipt System (FFAVORS.)

For Troop customers, all invoicing for payment is to be filed electronically using EDI transaction set 810. No paper invoices shall be submitted to DFAS for payment. All invoices submitted by prime vendor must be "clean", i.e. all debits and/or credits must be reflected on the invoice prior to its submission.

Invoice transactions may be submitted to DLA Troop Support daily; however it cannot be stressed enough that all internal debit/credit transactions must be completed prior to the submission of the invoice. Invoice lines that do not contain the correct invoice data and/or contain incorrect quantities delivered or prices charged will be rejected. The vendor will be responsible for correction and re-submission.

The same invoice cannot be submitted with different dollar amounts.
The following address must appear in the “bill to” or “payment will be made by” block of the contractor’s invoice:

DFAS-BVDP
P.O. Box 369031
Columbus, OH 43236-9031
Code: SL4701

Each invoice shall contain sufficient data for billing purposes. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Contract number, call or delivery order number, and purchase order number;
2. Customer DoDAAC;
3. Contract line listed in numeric sequence (also referred to as clin order);
4. Item nomenclature;
5. LSN or NSN;
6. Quantity purchased per item in DLA Troop Support’s unit of issue;
7. Clearly identified and annotated changes on all copies (clean invoices must be submitted);
and
8. Total dollar value on each invoice [reflecting changes to the shipment, if applicable].

The following Clauses are included in this contract:

FAR - 52.212-1 -- Instructions to Offerors -- Commercial Items. (Apr 2014)

(a) *North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code and small business size standard.* The NAICS code and small business size standard for this acquisition appear in Block 10 of the solicitation cover sheet (SF 1449). However, the small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, but which proposes to furnish an item which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b) *Submission of offers.* Submit signed and dated offers to the office specified in this solicitation at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. Offers may be submitted on the SF 1449, letterhead stationery, or as otherwise specified in the solicitation. As a minimum, offers must show --

- (1) The solicitation number;
- (2) The time specified in the solicitation for receipt of offers;
- (3) The name, address, and telephone number of the offeror;
- (4) A technical description of the items being offered in sufficient detail to evaluate compliance with the requirements in the solicitation. This may include product literature, or other documents, if necessary;
- (5) Terms of any express warranty;
- (6) Price and any discount terms;

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

(8) A completed copy of the representations and certifications at FAR 52.212-3 (see FAR 52.212-3(b) for those representations and certifications that the offeror shall complete electronically);

(9) Acknowledgment of Solicitation Amendments;

(10) Past performance information, when included as an evaluation factor, to include recent and relevant contracts for the same or similar items and other references (including contract numbers, points of contact with telephone numbers and other relevant information); and

(11) If the offer is not submitted on the SF 1449, include a statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation. Offers that fail to furnish required representations or information, or reject the terms and conditions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.

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

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

(e) *Multiple offers.* Offerors are encouraged to submit multiple offers presenting alternative terms and conditions or commercial items for satisfying the requirements of this solicitation. Each offer submitted will be evaluated separately.

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

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

(2)

(i) Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition; and—

(A) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government

infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of offers; or

(B) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of offers; or

(C) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, it was the only proposal received.

(ii) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer, that makes its terms more favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

(3) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the offer wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.

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

(5) Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers. Oral offers in response to oral solicitations may be withdrawn orally. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers, subject to the conditions specified in the solicitation concerning facsimile offers. An offer may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for receipt of offers, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer.

(g) *Contract award (not applicable to Invitation for Bids)*. The Government intends to evaluate offers and award a contract without discussions with offerors. Therefore, the offeror's initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. However, the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if later determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary. The Government may reject any or all offers if such action is in the public interest; accept other than the lowest offer; and waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.

(h) *Multiple awards*. The Government may accept any item or group of items of an offer, unless the offeror qualifies the offer by specific limitations. Unless otherwise provided in the Schedule, offers may not be submitted for quantities less than those specified. The Government reserves the right to make an award on any item for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit prices offered, unless the offeror specifies otherwise in the offer.

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

(1)

(i) The GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions, FPMR Part 101-29, and copies of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained for a fee by submitting a request to--

GSA Federal Supply Service Specifications Section

Suite 8100
470 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20407
Telephone (202) 619-8925)

Facsimile (202 619-8978).

(ii) If the General Services Administration, Department of Agriculture, or Department of Veterans Affairs issued this solicitation, a single copy of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained free of charge by submitting a request to the addressee in paragraph (i)(1)(i) of this provision. Additional copies will be issued for a fee.

(2) Most unclassified Defense specifications and standards may be downloaded from the following ASSIST websites--

(i) ASSIST (<https://assist.dla.mil/online/start/>).

(ii) Quick Search (<http://quicksearch.dla.mil/>).

(iii) ASSISTdocs.com (<http://assistdocs.com>).

(3) Documents not available from ASSIST may be ordered from the Department of Defense Single Stock Point (DoDSSP) by—

(i) Using the ASSIST Shopping Wizard (<https://assist.dla.mil/wizard/index.cfm>);

(ii) Phoning the DoDSSP Customer Service Desk (215) 697-2179, Mon-Fri, 0730 to 1600 EST; or

(iii) Ordering from DoDSSP, Building 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Telephone (215) 697/2197, Facsimile (215) 697-1462.

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

(j) *Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number.* (Applies to offers exceeding \$3,000, and offers of \$3,000 or less if the solicitation requires the Contractor to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database. The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "DUNS" or "DUNS+4" followed by the DUNS or DUNS+4 number that identifies the offeror's name and address. The DUNS+4 is the DUNS number plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned at the discretion of the offeror to establish additional SAM records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see FAR Subpart 32.11) for the same concern. If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one. An offeror within the United States may contact Dun and Bradstreet by calling 1-866-705-5711 or via the Internet at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. An offeror located outside the United States must contact the local Dun and Bradstreet office for DUNS number. The offeror should indicate that it is an offeror for a Government contract when contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

(k) *System for Award Management.* Unless exempted by an addendum to this solicitation, by submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the SAM database prior to award, during performance and through final payment of any contract resulting from this solicitation. If the Offeror does not become registered in the SAM database in the time prescribed by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered Offeror. Offerors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via the SAM database accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>.

(l) *Debriefing.* If a post-award debriefing is given to requesting offerors, the Government shall disclose the following information, if applicable:

- (1) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed offeror's offer.
- (2) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful and debriefed offeror and past performance information on the debriefed offeror.
- (3) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.
- (4) A summary of rationale for award;
- (5) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror.
- (6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed offeror as to whether source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed by the agency.

52.212-4 -- Contract Terms and Conditions -- Commercial Items (May 2015)

(a) *Inspection/Acceptance.* The Contractor shall only tender for acceptance those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to inspect or test any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The Government may require repair or replacement of

nonconforming supplies or reperformance of nonconforming services at no increase in contract price. If repair/replacement or reperformance will not correct the defects or is not possible, the government may seek an equitable price reduction or adequate consideration for acceptance of nonconforming supplies or services. The Government must exercise its post-acceptance rights --

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

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

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

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

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

(e) *Definitions.* The clause at FAR 52.202-1, Definitions, is incorporated herein by reference.

(f) *Excusable delays.* The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence such as, acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to the Contracting Officer of the cessation of such occurrence.

(g) *Invoice.*

(1) The Contractor shall submit an original invoice and three copies (or electronic invoice, if authorized) to the address designated in the contract to receive invoices. An invoice must include --

(i) Name and address of the Contractor;

(ii) Invoice date and number;

(iii) Contract number, contract line item number and, if applicable, the order number;

(iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price and extended price of the items delivered;

(v) Shipping number and date of shipment, including the bill of lading number and weight of shipment if shipped on Government bill of lading;

(vi) Terms of any discount for prompt payment offered;

(vii) Name and address of official to whom payment is to be sent;

(viii) Name, title, and phone number of person to notify in event of defective invoice; and

(ix) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The Contractor shall include its TIN on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(x) Electronic funds transfer (EFT) banking information.

(A) The Contractor shall include EFT banking information on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(B) If EFT banking information is not required to be on the invoice, in order for the invoice to be a proper invoice, the Contractor shall have submitted correct EFT banking information in accordance with the applicable solicitation provision, contract clause (e.g., 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer— System for Award Management, or 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer— Other Than System for Award Management), or applicable agency procedures.

(C) EFT banking information is not required if the Government waived the requirement to pay by EFT.

(2) Invoices will be handled in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

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

(i) Payment.

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

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

(3) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). If the Government makes payment by EFT, see 52.212-5(b) for the appropriate EFT clause.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(D) Contractor point of contact.

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

(6) Interest.

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

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

(iii) Final decisions. The Contracting Officer will issue a final decision as required by 33.211 if—

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

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

(C) The Contractor requests a deferment of collection on a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer (see 32.607-2).

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

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

(A) The date fixed under this contract.

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

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

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

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

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

(vii) The interest charge made under this clause may be reduced under the procedures prescribed in 32.608-2 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation in effect on the date of this contract.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(q) *Other compliances.* The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, executive orders, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this contract.

(r) *Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts.* The Contractor agrees to comply with 31 U.S.C. 1352 relating to limitations on the use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracts; 18 U.S.C. 431 relating to officials not to benefit; 40 U.S.C. chapter 37, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards; 41 U.S.C. chapter 87, Kickbacks; 41 U.S.C. 4712 and 10 U.S.C. 2409 relating to whistleblower protections; 49 U.S.C. 40118, Fly American; and 41 U.S.C. chapter 21 relating to procurement integrity.

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

- (1) The schedule of supplies/services.
- (2) The Assignments, Disputes, Payments, Invoice, Other Compliances, Compliance with Laws Unique to Government Contracts, and Unauthorized Obligations paragraphs of this clause.
- (3) The clause at 52.212-5.
- (4) Addenda to this solicitation or contract, including any license agreements for computer software.
- (5) Solicitation provisions if this is a solicitation.
- (6) Other paragraphs of this clause.
- (7) The Standard Form 1449.
- (8) Other documents, exhibits, and attachments.
- (9) The specification.

(t) System for Award Management (SAM).

(1) Unless exempted by an addendum to this contract, the Contractor is responsible during performance and through final payment of any contract for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the SAM database, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in the SAM database after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to review and update on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates its information in the SAM database to ensure it is current, accurate and complete. Updating information in the SAM does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document.

(2)

(i) If a Contractor has legally changed its business name, "doing business as" name, or division name (whichever is shown on the contract), or has transferred the assets used in performing the contract, but has not completed the necessary requirements regarding novation and change-of-name agreements in Subpart 42.12, the Contractor shall provide the responsible Contracting Officer a minimum of one business day's written notification of its intention to:

(A) Change the name in the SAM database;

(B) Comply with the requirements of Subpart 42.12 of the FAR;

(C) Agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer. The Contractor must provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.

(ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (t)(2)(i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (t)(2)(i)(C) of this clause, and, in the absence of a properly executed novation or change-of-name agreement, the SAM information that shows the Contractor to be other than the Contractor indicated in the contract will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of Payment" paragraph of the electronic funds transfer (EFT) clause of this contract.

(3) The Contractor shall not change the name or address for EFT payments or manual payments, as appropriate, in the SAM record to reflect an assignee for the purpose of assignment of claims (see FAR Subpart 32.8, Assignment of Claims). Assignees shall be separately registered in the SAM database. Information provided to the Contractor's SAM record that indicates payments, including those made by EFT, to an ultimate recipient other than that Contractor will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of payment" paragraph of the EFT clause of this contract.

(4) Offerors and Contractors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via SAM accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>.

(u) Unauthorized Obligations.

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

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

(ii) Neither the Government nor any Government authorized end user shall be deemed to have agreed to such clause by virtue of it appearing in the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement. If the EULA, TOS, or similar legal instrument or agreement is invoked through an "I agree" click box or other comparable mechanism (e.g., "click-wrap" or "browse-wrap" agreements), execution does not bind the Government or any Government authorized end user to such clause.

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

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

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

FAR - 52.216-19 -- Order Limitations. (Oct 1995)

(a) *Minimum order.* When the Government requires supplies or services covered by this contract in an amount of less than \$100, the Government is not obligated to purchase, nor is the Contractor obligated to furnish, those supplies or services under the contract.

(b) *Maximum order.* The Contractor is not obligated to honor --

(1) Any order for a single item in excess of \$25,000;

(2) Any order for a combination of items in excess of \$100,000 or

(3) A series of orders from the same ordering office within 7 days that together call for quantities exceeding the limitation in subparagraph (b)(1) or (2) of this section.

(c) If this is a requirements contract (*i.e.*, includes the Requirements clause at subsection 52.216-21 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)), the Government is not required to order a part of any one requirement from the Contractor if that requirement exceeds the maximum-order limitations in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the Contractor shall honor any order exceeding the maximum order limitations in paragraph (b), unless that order (or orders) is returned to the ordering office within 1 days after issuance, with written notice stating the Contractor's intent not to ship the item (or items) called for and the reasons. Upon receiving this notice, the Government may acquire the supplies or services from another source.

FAR - 52.217-9 -- Option to Extend the Term of the Contract. (Mar 2000)

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within 60 days; provided that the Government gives the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least 180 days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the Government to an extension.

(b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed 24(months) or 2(years).

FAR - 52.251-1 -- Government Supply Sources (Apr 2012)

The Contracting Officer may issue the Contractor an authorization to use Government supply sources in the performance of this contract. Title to all property acquired by the Contractor under such an authorization shall vest in the Government unless otherwise specified in the contract. The provisions of the clause at FAR 52.245-1, Government Property, apply to all property acquired under such authorization.

DFARS - 252.203-7002 Requirement to Inform Employees of Whistleblower Rights (SEP 2013)

(a) The Contractor shall inform its employees in writing, in the predominant native language of the workforce, of contractor employee whistleblower rights and protections under 10 U.S.C. 2409, as described in subpart [203.9](#) of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement.

(b) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (b), in all subcontracts.

DLAD - 52.215-9023 Reverse Auction (OCT 2013)

The Contracting Officer may utilize on-line reverse auctioning as a means of conducting price discussions under this solicitation. If the Contracting Officer does not conduct a reverse auction, award may be made on the basis of initial offers or following discussions not using reverse auctioning as a pricing technique. If the Contracting Officer decides to use on-line reverse auctioning to conduct price negotiations, the Contracting Officer will notify Offerors of this decision and the following provisions will apply:

(a) The award decision will be made in accordance with the evaluation factors as set forth in the solicitation. The reverse on-line auction will be used as a pricing technique during discussions to establish the final offered prices from each Offeror. These prices will be used in conjunction with the evaluation factors stated elsewhere in the solicitation in order to make the award decision in accordance with the basis for award stated in the solicitation.

(b) Following the decision to conduct discussions using reverse auctioning as a pricing technique, the Contracting Officer or his/her representative will provide Offerors determined to be in the competitive range with information concerning the auction process.

(c) Prior to conducting the reverse auction, the Contracting Officer may hold discussions with the Offerors concerning matters appropriate for discussion, such as issues involving technical proposals or unbalanced pricing.

(d) Unless auction instructions indicate that only Offeror's rankings will be displayed, the lowest Offeror's price(s) for each round of the reverse auction will be disclosed to other Offerors and anyone else having authorized access to the auction. This disclosure is anonymous, meaning that each Offeror's identity will be concealed from other Offerors (although it will be known to the Government; only a generic identifier will be used for each Offeror's proposed pricing, such as "Offeror A" or "lowest-priced Offeror"). By submitting a proposal in response to the solicitation, Offerors agree to participate in the reverse auction and that their prices may be disclosed, including to other Offerors, during the reverse auction.

(e) An Offeror's final auction price at the close of the reverse auction will be considered its final price proposal revision. No price revisions will be accepted after the close of the reverse auction, unless the Contracting Officer decides that further discussions are needed and final price proposal revisions are again requested in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 15.307, or the Contracting Officer determines that it would be in the best interest of the Government to re-open the auction.

(f) The following requirements apply when the Government uses a commercial web-based product to conduct the reverse auction:

(1) Each Offeror identified by the Contracting Officer as a participant in the reverse auction will be contacted by Defense Logistic Agency's commercial reverse auction service provider to advise the Offeror of the event and to provide an explanation of the process.

(2) In order for an Offeror to participate in the reverse auction, such Offeror must agree with terms and conditions of the entire solicitation, including this provision, and agree to the commercial reverse auction service provider's terms and conditions for using its service. Information concerning the reverse auction process and the commercial service provider's terms and conditions is embedded within the email notification sent by the on-line reverse auction pricing tool system administrator.

(3) Offerors shall secure the passwords and other confidential materials provided by the commercial reverse auction service provider or the Government and ensure they are used only for purposes of participation in the reverse auction. Offerors shall keep their own password and other Offeror's pricing in confidence until after contract award.

(4) The reverse auction system currently in use designates offers as "Lead," meaning the current low price in that auction, or "Not Lead," meaning not the current low price in that auction. In the event of a tie offer, the reverse auction provider's system designates the first offer of that price as "Lead" and the second or subsequent offer of that price as "Not Lead." Offerors shall not submit a tie offer, since this is inconsistent with the purpose of the reverse auction. If a tie offer is submitted and no evaluation factors other than price were identified in the solicitation, the "Not Lead" Offeror that submitted the tie offer must offer a changed price; otherwise its offer will be ineligible for award if their final price in the auction is the tie offer price. If evaluation factors in addition to price were listed in the solicitation, tie offers that are "Not Lead" will be considered and evaluated in accordance with those evaluation factors.

(5) Any Offerors unable to enter pricing through the commercial reverse auction service provider's system during a reverse auction must notify the Contracting Officer or designated representative immediately. The Contracting Officer may, at his/her sole discretion, extend or re-open the reverse auction if the reason for the Offeror's inability to enter pricing is determined to be without fault on the part of the Offeror and outside the Offeror's control.

(6) The reverse auction will be conducted using the commercial reverse auction service provider's website as embedded in the email notification. Offerors shall be responsible for providing their own computer and internet connection.

(7) Training:

(i) The commercial reverse auction service provider and/or a Government representative will provide familiarization training to Offerors' employees; this training may be provided through written material, the commercial reverse auction service provider's website, and/or other means.

(ii) An employee of an Offeror who successfully completes the training shall be designated as a "Trained Offeror." Only Trained Offerors may participate in a reverse auction. The Contracting Officer reserves the right to request that Offerors provide an alternate Offeror employee to become a Trained Offeror.

The Contracting Officer also reserves the right to take away the Trained Offeror's designation from any Trained Offeror who fails to abide by the solicitations or commercial reverse auction service provider's terms and conditions.

DLAD - 52.246-9004 Product Verification Testing (MAR 2014)

(a) In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 52.246-2, "Inspection of Supplies-Fixed Price, and the procedures below, the Government may perform product verification testing (PVT) on some or all items under the contract.

(b) The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that supplies are manufactured, produced, and subjected to all tests required by applicable material specifications/drawings specified in the purchase description of the contract. The Government reserves the right to conduct PVT to ascertain if any or all requirements of the purchase identification description contained elsewhere herein are met prior to final acceptance.

(c) When required, PVT will be performed at a Government-designated testing laboratory at Government expense. When specified by the contracting activity, the cognizant Government quality assurance representative (QAR) is responsible for notifying the Contractor of PVT invocation and execution.

(1) Upon notification to the contractor that PVT is invoked, the Contractor shall not ship and/or deliver any material under this contract unless directed to do so in writing by the Contracting Officer or until notified of acceptable PVT results.

(2) The Government reserves the right to reject the lot or withhold payment if the Contractor ships prior to Government approval of the PVT applicable to that lot.

(3) The Government will normally notify the Contractor of the results of the PVT within 20 working days after receipt of the samples by the Government-designated testing facility; failure to notify the contractor of the results within 20 working days does not affect the respective rights or obligations of the Contractor and the Government except as specifically stated in this clause.

(d) When PVT has been invoked and upon Contractor presentation of a production lot prior to acceptance, the QAR will preliminarily inspect and then select a random sample from such lot(s) for PVT.

(1) The QAR has the authority to reject tendered lots which are not in conformance to contract requirements rather than select a sample for PVT. The QAR shall notify the contractor of such rejection and the Contractor shall propose corrective action, if appropriate.

(2) Under the direction of the QAR, selected PVT samples shall be shipped by the Contractor at Government expense with a copy of the Department of Defense (DD) form 250 and a DD form 1222. The packaging will be marked as follows: "Product Verification Test Samples, Contract number _____, lot/item number _____." Upon shipment of the PVT samples, the QAR shall submit the original unsigned DD form 250, along with a copy of the DD form 1222, to the procuring contracting officer (PCO).

(e) Samples subjected to PVT are deemed to be part of the contract quantity.

(1) Samples which pass testing and are not destroyed during evaluation will be returned to the Contractor at the Government's expense and will be included as part of the total contract quantity.

(2) Samples which pass testing and are destroyed during evaluation will not be returned to the Contractor. The Government will consider the destroyed samples as part of the contract quantity for payment and delivery. The Contractor will deliver the remaining lot quantity minus the destroyed sample units.

(3) If samples fail testing, such failure will result in rejection of the entire contract lot from which the samples were taken. These samples will not be included as part of the total contract quantity. At the Government's discretion, parts failing any test criteria may be retained and not be returned to the Contractor without liability from the Government to the Contractor.

(f) These subparagraphs pertain only to contracts and bilateral purchase orders.

(1) The Government will evaluate the test results and the QAR shall notify the contractor of the acceptance or rejection of the lot based upon the PVT results. The Government is not required to accept/reject the supplies tendered until after receipt of the PVT results.

(2) The Government shall have the option to require the Contractor to screen the entire tendered lot or contract quantity for any defects noted during preliminary inspection or by the PVT. Any defects found shall be corrected before re-tendering any lot for acceptance by the Government. Upon retendering a lot, the Government has the right to request documentation establishing that the screening was performed and that all parts conform to contract requirements. Furthermore, the Government may subject any retendered lot to additional PVT.

(3) If the Government rejects a lot tendered for acceptance based upon preliminary inspection or a failure to pass PVT, the Contractor shall be deemed to have failed to make delivery within the meaning of the Default clause of this contract. In such case, the Government reserves all rights and remedies to which it is otherwise entitled by law, regulation, or this contract.

(g) These subparagraphs pertain only to unilateral purchase orders.

(1) The Government will evaluate the test results and the QAR shall notify the contractor of acceptance or rejection of the lot. If the Government fails to act within the period set for notification (see(c)(3) above), the required delivery date will be deemed to have been extended by an amount of time equal to the Government's delay. The Government is not required to accept/reject the supplies tendered until after receipt of the PVT results.

(2) If a lot is rejected at either preliminary inspection or based upon the results of PVT, the order may be cancelled for delivery of nonconforming goods with no liability from the Government to the unilateral purchase order awardee. The Government has the option to permit the unilateral purchase order awardee to retender the lot after screening for, and correcting, any defects noted by the QAR during the preliminary inspection or based on the results of the PVT. Upon retendering the lot, the Government has

the right to request documentation establishing that the screening was performed and that all items conform to contract requirements. Furthermore, the Government may subject this lot to additional PVT.

Alternate I (MAR 2014) When acquiring heat and die number requirements, identified by the contract description or specification, use the following additional paragraphs (a)(1) and (b)(1).

(a)(1) The QAR will select samples on a random basis from each "heat" or "die number" lot which is included in the production lot or contract lot tendered for acceptance.

(b)(1) If the test results indicate nonconformities in the chemical or mechanical properties, the nonconformities shall be the cause for rejection of the entire "heat" or "die number" lot included in the production or contract lot. Any "heat" or "die number" lot that is rejected may not be re-tendered for Government inspection and acceptance.

Alternate II (MAR 2014) When acquiring instrument bearings, use paragraphs (a)(1) and (b)(1) in addition to the basic clause.

(a)(1) When PVT is a requirement, the Contractor shall notify the PCO and the QAR in writing at least 30 calendar days before anticipated completion of manufacture of the contract quantity or first manufacturing lot. This is to allow for sufficient time for scheduling and PCO coordination with the Government test facility.

(b)(1) The PCO may waive the requirement for PVT where supplies being offered are identical to supplies that were accepted by the Government within a period of two years prior to the date of current solicitation. Offerors offering such products, who wish to rely on such prior acceptance by the Government, must furnish evidence with the offer that prior Government acceptance is presently appropriate for the products to be furnished hereunder by indicating below the information for identical supplies accepted by the Government.

Government agency _____

Contract number _____

Date of Contract _____

National stock number (NSN) _____

Specification/Part Number _____

(2) In all cases, the PCO reserves the right to make final waiver determination.

(3) The contract delivery schedule shall be reduced by 30 calendar days (time allotted for submission and approval of PVT sample(s)) if submission of PVT sample(s) is waived by the Government.

(End of Clause)