

**AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT**

1. CONTRACT ID CODE

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0001		3. EFFECTIVE DATE	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. See Block 14	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY DLA TROOP SUPPORT DIRECTORATE OF SUBSISTENCE 700 ROBBINS AVENUE PHILADELPHIA PA 19111-5096		CODE SPE300	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE	

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)		(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. SPE30022R0006
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 2022 MAR 24
		<input type="checkbox"/>	10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
			10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
CODE	FACILITY CODE		

**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 telegram 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 telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter 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)

**13. THIS APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS.  
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. 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 NO. IN ITEM 10A.
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc. ) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

**E. IMPORTANT:** Contractor  is not,  is required to sign this document and return \_\_\_\_\_ copies to issuing office.

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

See Attached Continuation Sheet(s).

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)	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
15C. DATE SIGNED		16C. DATE SIGNED	
<i>(Signature of person authorized to sign)</i>		<i>(Signature of Contracting Officer)</i>	

There is an update on the Proposal Submission Information Section B number 3 of the Solicitation see below:

3. Offerors are to submit proposed prices in accordance with the definitions of the separate price components identified in Section VII, B of the Statement of Work. The Delivered Prices proposed must reflect those prices that were paid by the offeror for the various items during the Sunday, March 6, 2022 through Saturday, April 9, 2022 with the product invoice (quotes may be accepted in very limited circumstances per Contracting Officer discretion as stated in paragraph.

All other terms and conditions of the contract remain unchanged.

**Part 12 Clauses****STATEMENT OF WORK****CAUTION NOTICE****THE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE OF SOLICITATION SPE300-22-R-0006 IS NEW. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR OFFER.**

The awardee will be required to have a computer system capable of accepting delivery orders and processing Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) transactions. This contract will require the contractor to have electronic commerce/electronic data interchange EC/EDI capabilities.

All contractors who choose to conduct business with the Department of Defense must now be registered in the System of Award Management (SAM) database. In addition, we encourage all vendors who receive contract awards as a result of this solicitation to access the "Dynamic Small Business Search" feature of SAM to identify potential suppliers and teaming partners for this initiative. You may go to the System of Award Management at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) and click on the "Dynamic Small Business Search" button. When making your procurement decisions we encourage your consideration of local business as a means to nurture small business and local economies.

All contractors who receive awards as a result of this initiative are encouraged to utilize the SBA SUBNet database to assist them in further identifying additional small business sources of supply. Vendors may post notices of sources sought for teaming partners and subcontractors on future contracts. Small business can review this web site to identify opportunities in their area of expertise. You may access the SBA PRONet database through the SBA Website at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

**Included in their proposal submission, offerors are required to substantiate Delivered Prices for all items in the Schedule of Items, with invoices / quotes for all groups offered on. See 52.212-1 Addendum "Proposal Submission Information", para. D, item 2, for more information.**

**CONTRACTOR CODE OF BUSINESS ETHICS**

FAR Part 3.1002(a) requires all government contractors to conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity and honesty. Contractors should have a written code of business ethics and conduct within thirty days of award. To promote compliance with such code of business ethics and conduct, contractors should have an employee business ethics and compliance training program that facilitates timely discovery and disclosure of improper conduct in connection with government contracts and ensures corrective measures are promptly instituted and carried out. A contractor may be suspended and/or debarred for knowing failure by a principal to timely disclose to the Government, in connection with the award, performance, or closeout of a Government contract performed by the contractor or a subcontract awarded there under, credible evidence of a violation of federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in title 18 of the United States Code or a violation of the False Claims Act. (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733).

This solicitation and resulting contract includes FAR clause 52.203-13 - CONTRACTOR CODE OF BUSINESS ETHICS AND CONDUCT; the contractor shall comply with the terms of the clause and have a written code of business ethics and conduct; exercise due diligence to prevent and detect criminal conduct; promote ethical conduct and a commitment to compliance with the law within their organization; and timely report any violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery or gratuity violations found in title 18 of the United States Code or any violations of the False Claims Act. (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733). When FAR 52.203-13 is included in the contract, contractors must provide a copy of its written code of business ethics and conduct to the contracting officer upon request by the contracting officer.

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**Part 12 Clauses (CONTINUED)****RAPID GATE, DEFENSE BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (DBIDS) REQUIREMENT and/or OTHER SECURITY PROGRAMS**

Many bases may require enrollment in a particular system for base security such as RapidGate, the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS), or other similar system(s). Such systems manage access to Department of Defense (DoD) installations, and will not allow entry without clearance. During the contract start-up/ implementation period, the Contractor must contact all customer locations to determine whether enrollment in RapidGate, DBIDS, or another security program is required for access to each location. If RapidGate, DBIDS, or other security enrollment is required, the Contractor must take all necessary steps to obtain this in time for the start of performance under this contract. Failure to have clearance may result in a vendor being turned away from the base and being unable to complete delivery. The Contractor is responsible for any costs associated with RapidGate, DBIDS, and/or other security program enrollment and must ensure that a properly enrolled driver is available for all deliveries. We currently estimate that RapidGate or DBIDS enrollment will cost about \$250 per company and \$200 per enrolled employee for 1 year of access to multiple locations, but the cost of RapidGate, DBIDS or other security enrollment may vary, so the Contractor should contact the specific security system contractor to determine its own costs. If more than one driver is required, enrollment must be obtained for each driver. Note that enrollment can take several weeks, so an awardee that is not already enrolled must begin enrollment at the time of award notification at the latest. If difficulty or delay in enrollment is encountered during the start-up/implementation period, the Contractor MUST contact the specific security system contractor and/or the Security Officer at the applicable customer locations to resolve any issues with processing enrollment so that the Contractor will be able to deliver as required.

For additional information on current base security systems including RapidGate and DBIDS, including enrollment instructions, please visit their websites at [www.rapidgate.com](http://www.rapidgate.com) and <http://dbids.dmdc.mil/DBIDS> .

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**Part 12 Clauses (CONTINUED)****CHECKLIST - DID YOU REMEMBER TO ?????**

- ] Fill in Block 17a, of 1449?
- ] Fill in Block 17A. Continued, on the bottom of page 3?
- [ ] Indicate remittance address and Unique Entity Identifier (UID) Number block 17B. Continued, on the bottom of page 3, if different, in offer?
- [ ] **Sign** Block 30a, name in Block 30b, and date in Block 30c.?
- [ ] Sign and return any/all amendments?
- [ ] Return one (1) **COMPLETE, SIGNED & DATED** copy of the solicitation?
- [ ] Fill out all certifications and representations in solicitation or submit a copy of your firm's representations and certifications from System for Award Management ("SAM") website?
- [ ] Submit prices for **every item** listed in the Schedule of Items (Attachment 1)?
- [ ] Fill out Vendor Name & CAGE Code for Excel Spreadsheet cell "D2" in Attachment 1 for Group 1 through Group 2?
- [ ] Submit Distribution Prices for Base Excel Spreadsheet cell "H7", Tier 1 Excel Spreadsheet cell "M7", Tier 2 Excel Spreadsheet cell "N7" and Attachment 1 for Groups 1 through Group 2?
- [ ] Checked box stating you intend or do not intend to use one or more facilities as a place of performance under Federal Acquisition Regulation ("FAR") 52.215-6 Place of Performance?
- [ ] In accordance with the clause above, submit a separate list of places of performance, i.e. distribution centers / warehouse locations that will directly support the proposed customers? Warehouses that function as backups should be designated as such.
- [ ] Submit proof of a valid, current Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) License?
- [ ] Submit a valid, current USDA Good Agricultural Practices ("GAP") and Good Handling Practices ("GHP") or independent third-party certifying company audit inspection report(s) / certificate for each place of performance?
- [ ] Submit required information concerning financial arrangements under which you receive money from your Suppliers. I.e. manufacturer, grower, private label holder, or redistributor (when the Redistributor Exception applies)? Note: a negative response is required. For more information, see 52.212-1, "Proposal Submission Information", para G.
- [ ] Submit all documents electronically by emailing to Michael Szklarski, [Michael.Szklarski@dla.mil](mailto:Michael.Szklarski@dla.mil); James Barr, [James.Barr@dla.mil](mailto:James.Barr@dla.mil); and Monica Lopez, [Monica.Lopez@dla.mil](mailto:Monica.Lopez@dla.mil) or through the DLA Internet Bid Board System. ("DIBBS")?

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**CAUTION: The above checklist is for convenience purposes only. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive. Offerors are responsible for carefully reviewing the entire Solicitation to ensure proper submission of all required information.**

## **STATEMENT OF WORK**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

A. Defense Logistics Agency (“DLA”) - Troop Support (“Agency”) intends to enter into an indefinite Quantity Contract(s) (“IQC”) with a commercial firm(s) to supply a full-line of United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) Grade Number 1 or better quality Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (“FF&V”) and Shell Eggs (if required) products to Department of Defense (“DoD”, or “Troop”) and USDA (“School”) customers in the Virginia (Land) Zone. Specific quality requirements per item are included in the Schedule of Items (Attachment 1). Failure to propose the specified quality requirement per item as identified in Attachment 1 may render an offeror's proposal technically unacceptable. If the item's description in Attachment 1 does not provide a specific quality grade, the minimum quality grade that is required to meet the terms of this Solicitation is USDA Grade Number 1.

A successful offeror(s) will be required to source, purchase, store, and deliver a variety of FF&V items to DLA Troop Support customers on an ongoing basis, while at the same time maintaining acceptable fill rates, levels of customer service, and product quality. Therefore, an offeror must currently possess the physical, logistical, and financial resources to serve as a commercial distributor of a variety of FF&V items. It is neither sufficient nor acceptable for an offeror to be a third-party logistics (“3PL”) company (i.e. a company that does not intend to serve as the FF&V supplier but instead intends to subcontract out the majority of aspects required by the contract, including but not limited to ordering, warehousing, distribution, etc.). By offering, an offeror affirms its status as a current and functioning commercial distributor of FF&V items. In order to determine whether an offeror meets the technical requirement of being a current and functioning commercial FF&V distributor, the Contracting Officer will require an offeror to provide its current, valid Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (“PACA”) license. In addition, the Contracting Officer will require an offeror to submit a valid Good Agricultural Practices (“GAP”)/Good Handling Practices (“GHP”) or independent third-party certifying company audit inspection report(s) / certificate for each place of performance identified in the offeror's proposal. The audit report(s) must demonstrate that a passing score(s) was/were received. Please note that a request for the aforementioned information by the Contracting Officer will be used to make a determination of whether or not the offeror meets the technical requirement of being a current and functioning commercial distributor of FF&V. This information is not being sought to determine an offeror's likelihood of success in performing the contract as would be the case in a responsibility analysis.

B. The aforementioned zone is comprised of Two (2) Groups in the Virginia (Land) Zone. Group 1 consists of DoD Troops located in the Virginia Zone. Group 2 consists of Non-DoD School customers located in the Virginia Zone. The Agency intends to award one separate contract per Group. Offerors may submit a proposal for any single group or multiple groups. The offeror must support all of the customers in the Group for which they make an offer. Offerors are required to propose and properly substantiate pricing on all items in the Schedule of Items for each Group on which it offers. Failure to do so may result in its proposal being deemed technically unacceptable and therefore excluded from further consideration for award. Because the Contracting Officer is not obligated to initiate negotiations, each offeror shall submit its most competitive proposal for each Group it has chosen to propose on. Said proposal shall be responsive to all of the Solicitation's requirements and free from any deficiencies.

C. This solicitation is being issued as an 100% small business set aside acquisition under small business competition procedures. NAICS is 311991- Perishable Prepared Food Manufacturing and size standard is 500. A waiver of the Non-Manufacturer rule has not been requested for this acquisition because it is an acquisition for multiple items. In accordance with 13 CFR 121.406(e), if at least 50% of the estimated contract value of an acquisition for multiple items is composed of items that are manufactured by small business concerns, then a waiver of the Non-Manufacturer rule is not required. As such, for this acquisition, it is expected that items comprising at least 50% of the contract value will be manufactured by small business concerns. The contracting officer must be

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immediately notified if it appears as though this requirement will not be met.

D. This Solicitation utilizes the Lowest Price Technically Acceptable ("LPTA") Source Selection Process. It contains one (1) 24-month tier and two (2) 18-month tier periods. The length of the contract is sixty (60) months (5 years) including all tiers. As part of this selection process, the Agency will incorporate a weighting factor in its evaluation. Said factor will only be applied for evaluation purposes to the Aggregate Distribution Price. Please refer to the Addendum to FAR 52.212-2 contained in this Solicitation for additional information about how each offeror's price, and price components, will be evaluated.

E. Any award resulting from this Solicitation will be an IQC that is fixed in price subject to the applicable Economic Price Adjustment ("EPA") language. For additional information regarding the EPA, refer to Section VII of the Solicitation. An IQC will provide for an indefinite quantity, within stated limits, of specific supplies or services to be furnished during a fixed period, with deliveries to be scheduled by placing orders with the contractor (reference FAR 16.504(a)).

**II. EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF CONTRACT**

A. Any resulting contract from this Solicitation will not exceed 5 years commencing on the effective date of the contract.

**III. TIERS**

A. The 5-year contract period is divided into one (1) 24-month tier and two (2) 18-month tier periods (hereafter individually referred to as "Tiers"). Each Tier affords offerors an opportunity to provide different Distribution Prices, as defined in the EPA language of the Solicitation, per Tier. Each Distribution Price offered must be expressed as a dollar value (up to two decimal places) and NOT a percentage. If an offeror submits the latter, it will NOT be accepted. If an offeror fails to provide a Distribution Price for any of the Tiers, the Contracting Officer will assume that it is the offeror's intention that no change in Distribution Price was meant after the most recent preceding tier period that included a Distribution Price. For instance, if an offeror proposes a Distribution Price for Tier 1 of \$3.00 and fails to propose anything for Tier 2 or Tier 3, the Contracting Officer will interpret that omission as meaning that the \$3.00 Distribution Price pertains to all three Tiers.

B. Although different distribution prices may be offered for each Tiered period, the distribution prices for each tiered period will be firm-fixed at the time of award. Contract deliveries may fall outside of the tier effective periods (e.g., an order placed during Tier 1 may be delivered during Tier 2). Prices will be based on the time an order is placed, not when an order is delivered. For example, if an order is placed during Tier 1, but delivery is made during Tier 2, then the prices in effect for that order will be the Tier 1 prices.

**IV. ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE / GUARANTEED MINIMUM / MAXIMUM**

A. The following chart includes the 24-month estimated dollar value for Tier 1, and the overall 5-year period, along with the 10% and 300% guaranteed minimum and contract maximum values, respectively. Though both figures are based on estimates, the guaranteed minimum and the contract maximum are both fixed firm dollar amounts, which are calculated as a percentage of 12 months of the Tier 1 and 5-year estimated dollar values, respectively.

B. **NOTE:** The guaranteed minimum, per group, which is shown in the "Guaranteed Minimum" column below, constitutes the Agency's full legal obligation as to its ordering requirements for that group. The guaranteed minimum covers the entire contract term (inclusive of all tiers) and, once this obligation is met, there is no further ordering obligation on the part of the Agency regardless of what tier period said obligation is met within. If multiple groups are awarded under the contract, the aggregate guaranteed minimum

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and aggregate contract maximum dollar values for those groups apply to the entire contract and not on a per group basis.

Virginia Zone	24 Month	5 Year Estimate (Total Including all Tiers)	Guaranteed Minimum	300% Max (5 Years)
	Estimate (1 <sup>st</sup> Tier)			
Group 1 – Troops	\$7,500,000.00	\$18,750,000.00	\$375,000.00	\$56,250,000.00
Group 2 - Schools	\$30,400,000.00	\$76,000,000.00	\$1,520,000.00	\$228,000,000.00

The term "estimate" refers to the Agency's good faith estimate of the requirement for the specific tier periods stated.

**V. CONTRACT START-UP PERIOD**

A. For this section and all sections of the Statement of Work hereafter, the term "day or "days" is defined as "calendar days" unless otherwise noted. After an award is made, the Contractor (also referred to as the Awardee) will have up to 90 days to take steps to implement its new contract prior to initial ordering/delivery. Within 15 calendar days after the award is made, the Contractor shall submit a proposed implementation schedule to the Contracting Officer that details all of the necessary steps that are required to ensure proper contract performance. This may include but is not limited to catalog/ordering/invoice testing (STORES and/or FFAVORS), sourcing new items, finalize delivery schedule per customer location, etc. Up to an additional 75 days will be granted for actual completion of the proposed schedule. No more than 90 days after award, however, will be given to complete the schedule and have a fully functional distribution account in place for all customers covered under the contract(s). The timeline for the "start-up" period, as described above, is included in the first twenty-four (24) month base period.

**VI. ELECTRONIC ORDERING CATALOGS**

An offeror that receives an award will be required to maintain electronic catalogs that list all items available to the customers covered under this solicitation. These catalogs will be either STORES (for Troop contracts) or FFAVORS (for School contracts). Each item in the catalog shall contain the corresponding national or local stock number (as appropriate), Government item description, packaging characteristics, unit of issue, and unit price.

**A. Catalog Maintenance****1. New Items**

- (a) Prior to commencement of the first order, DLA Troop Support, its customers, and the Contractor will collaborate to identify items not found in the solicited Schedule of Items that will be required to be added to the ordering catalog. This effort is necessary to update the catalog with items that were not required previously due to seasonality and other contingent circumstances unknown to the Contracting Officer at the time of solicitation. Neither a Contractor nor customers are permitted to add new items to the catalog without initiating a new item request to the Contracting Officer, which requires a separate fair and reasonable price analysis per item.
- (b) If a customer seeks to order an FF&V item that is not a part of the catalog after the customers' ordering period commences (i.e. post "start-up" period), the Contractor will be afforded a maximum of 20 days to source the

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item, obtain a stock number from the Agency (in the event that one does not already exist), and add the item to the ordering catalog via an EDI 832 catalog transaction. The final step prior to the item being "live" on the catalog is for the Contracting Officer to determine the item's price "fair and reasonable." Once this is complete, the item should remain a constant within the contractor's inventory, subject to limited seasonal and other availability issues. When requesting all item approvals (including new additions and/or changes to an existing item, such as pack size, etc.) with the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall use the "Request for New Item" Form (Attachment 3). This form is mandatory and without it, no new items or changes to existing items will be processed by the Contracting Officer.

- (c) Upon receiving the award, it is expected that the Contractor assume the responsibility of introducing new produce items to the customers, as well as showing cost-effective alternatives to their current choices. However, the requirements will ultimately be determined by the customer(s) and added to the ordering catalog by the Contracting Officer per the process outlined below.
- (d) STORES Vendor Reconciliation Tool, the contractor will be responsible for using the Recon Tool. In an effort to improve the payment process, Contractors are required to view what the customer has or has not receipted via the DLA Troop Support STORES website: [https://www.stores.dla.mil/stores\\_web/Admin\\_Logon.aspx](https://www.stores.dla.mil/stores_web/Admin_Logon.aspx). The Contractor will have access to "un-reconciled" information, i.e., the invoice does not match the receipt because of the quantity and/or price discrepancy or because the customer has not posted a receipt. Both invoice information and receipt information will be available for review on the website by the Contractor. While the Contractor will not have the capability to update customer receipt information, update capability will be available for un-reconciled invoice information for 120 days. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure accurate invoices.

FFAVORS Vendor Invoicing Tool, the contractor will be responsible for this invoicing tool. In an effort to improve the payment process, Contractors are required to view what the customer has or has not receipted via the USDA FFAVORS website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors>. The Contractor will have access to "un-reconciled" information, i.e., the invoice does not match the receipt because of the quantity and/or price discrepancy or because the customer has not posted a receipt. Both invoice information and receipt information will be available for review on the website by the Contractor. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure accurate invoices.

**2. Catalog Pricing**

- (a) Schedule of Items Pricing: Items priced in the Schedule of Items (see Attachment 1) will be included in the ordering catalog following award. Schedule of Items will be determined fair and reasonable prior to award. The final proposed price for each item in the Schedule of Items will be fixed as the catalog price during the first two weeks of customer ordering.
- (b) Contractor-Requested Catalog Price Changes: Upon award, all items included in the Solicitation's Schedule of Items that ultimately are included in the ordering catalogs have been deemed "fair and reasonable" from a pricing standpoint by the Contracting Officer. No further analysis is necessary with regard to those prices until said prices are subject to change per a request by the Contractor under the terms of the EPA language. In accordance with said provision, a Contractor is permitted to submit a bi-weekly adjustment request for any

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items found on the catalog when consistent with actual price changes of said items encountered by the Contractor as reflected in the commercial market. When such a request occurs, the Contracting Officer is required to make an entirely new "fair and reasonable" determination of that item's new requested price. Prices are to be adjusted downward or upward, as appropriate, according to "last receipt" price, as defined under the EPA terms of this solicitation. If the new requested price cannot be found "fair and reasonable" by the Contracting Officer, the last approved price will remain effective for purposes of the ordering catalog and the Contractor shall continue support of that item(s) for Agency customers the following two-week period and beyond until a new "fair and reasonable" price is approved. The Contracting Officer's failure to approve a Contractor's request for a bi-weekly adjustment of a price will NOT result in the automatic removal of the corresponding item from the following ordering period's ordering catalog. In a circumstance where an item's price is "held over" from a prior two-week period, having not been adjusted due to the Contracting Officer's rejection of a subsequent bi-weekly price adjustment request (i.e. newly proposed price cannot be determined "fair and reasonable"), it is expected that the terms of the EPA language continue to be strictly adhered to. It is unacceptable, and a breach of said terms, if a Contractor uses a "held over" price to overcharge the Government at a point when that price exceeds the item's true price as paid by the Contractor in its business, which reflects commercial market conditions for that item. Therefore, in the "held over" scenario as described above as well as all scenarios encountered during contract performance, price decreases are expected when and where applicable. Please note that the Contracting Officer has wide discretion in managing the above-described processes and resolving any resulting issues.

- (c) Contractor-Requested Catalog Additions: Before an item is added to the catalog, the Contractor is required to submit to the Contracting Officer the "Request for New Item" Form as previously addressed (see Attachment 3). Said request shall include the stock number, Government item description including the quality grade of the item, proposed unit price with a corresponding supplier invoice or quote (quotes permitted in very limited circumstances as approved by the Contracting Officer; e.g. Contractor never purchased item before or stale prices due to seasonality), and previously agreed upon distribution price. **The request is due by 9:00 A.M. Eastern Time (ET) (standard or daylight as applicable) on the Monday prior to Wednesday's catalog updates. Please note that meeting this deadline does not guarantee that the item's price will be approved as "fair and reasonable" nor does it mean that the Contracting Officer will have been able to complete his/her review of the request prior to the time necessary to incorporate it into the following ordering period's ordering catalog.** The Contracting Officer will review the catalog addition request and upon determining the price fair and reasonable will contact the Contractor to indicate acceptance. The Contractor shall then include the item on the next scheduled Wednesday catalog update after the request is approved. Should the proposed price fail to be determined "fair and reasonable," the Contracting Officer will conduct negotiations with the Contractor. If, after negotiations, the proposed price still cannot be determined "fair and reasonable," the item will not be added to the catalog.
- (d) Pricing Requirements: The Contractor's catalog prices, as awarded, constitute the initial catalog prices. These prices are in effect during the first two ordering weeks (from Sunday at 12:00 AM (Eastern Time (ET), standard or daylight as applicable) through 11:59 PM on the Saturday of the second week following (i.e. the 14<sup>th</sup> day). The prices shall remain in effect for all subsequent ordering periods, except as otherwise adjusted in accordance with the EPA language.

**VII. ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT ("EPA") - ACTUAL MATERIAL COSTS FOR SUBSISTENCE FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES ("FF&V" or "Produce") AND SHELL EGGS MODEL****CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

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A. Warranties. For any items covered by this EPA language, the Contractor warrants that:

1. Contract Unit Price and the components of the Contract Unit Price, i.e. Delivered Price and Distribution Price, shall not include allowances for any portion of the contingency covered by this language; and
2. Price adjustments requested during the performance of the contract shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of this language.

B. Definitions. As used throughout this language the term:

1. **"Contract Unit Price"** means the total price per unit of a particular item charged to the Government for a product delivered to customers under this contract. The Contract Unit Price consists of two separate and distinct components: 1) Delivered Price, less Rebates/Discounts, and 2) Distribution Price. The unit price sum of these two components shall be rounded up or down to the nearest cent, to determine the Contract Unit Price.

2. **"Delivered Price"**

- (i) "Delivered Price" means the commercial manufacturer, grower, or private label holder price per unit charged to the Contractor, inclusive of standard freight to the Contractor's facility/facilities, for the purchase of a representative quantity of the item as compared to orders under this contract. Delivered Price is the manufacturer, grower, or private label holder price that is input into the Contractor's purchasing system as the starting basis for its pricing to customers prior to applying or deducting any additional costs or expenses, such as distribution, overhead, profit, rebates/discounts, or other costs/expenses stemming from separate financial arrangements. Delivered Price shall be substantiated with an actual invoice paid by the Contractor. In limited circumstances, quotations may be used to substantiate a Delivered Price, but only with specific approval of the Contracting Officer. The Delivered Price shall not include costs to be included in the Distribution Price.

**(A) Redistributor Exception:**

On a case by case basis, for a specific item or stock keeping unit ("SKU"), a contiguous United States (CONUS) redistributor's most recent commercial price per unit, inclusive of standard freight to the Contractor's facility/facilities to the Contractor of a representative quantity of product as compared to orders under the contract may be used to establish Delivered Price. A redistributor's commercial price may only be used to establish Delivered Price when the redistributor's price for the quantity ordered is equal to or lower than a manufacturer's, grower's, or private label holder's current market price for a representative quantity of product inclusive of rebates/discounts. The Contracting Officer must specifically approve the use of this exception. When seeking approval for the use of this exception, at a minimum, the Contractor must supply invoices from the redistributor. Quotes from the redistributor are unacceptable. Additional supporting documentation (e.g., published price list, manufacturer letter, or similar proof of price comparison) may be required. The determination of whether the supporting documentation offered is sufficient to establish a manufacturer's, grower's, or private label holder's current market price, as well as the decision to permit the use of this exception, rests solely with the Contracting Officer.

3. **"Distribution Price(s)"** means the firm-fixed price portion of the Contract Unit Price, offered as a dollar amount per unit of issue, rounded up or down to the nearest cent. The Distribution Price component includes all costs associated with the Contractor's performance that are not included in the Delivered Price, including, but not limited to: human resources,

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insurance, special packaging, overhead, profit, transportation from the Contractor's facility or other place of performance to the end customers, split-case fees, ancillary in-house processing fees, subcontractor costs, etc.

4. **"Grower"** means the business concern that raises produce for marketing.
5. **"Manufacturer"** mean the business concern that, with its own facilities, performs primary activities of processing or transforming agricultural products into the end item being acquired.
6. **"Ordering Catalog"** means the electronic listing of items and Contract unit prices available for ordering under this contract.
7. **"Ordering Period"** means from Sunday at 12:00 AM (Eastern Time (ET), standard or daylight as applicable) through 11:59 PM on the second Saturday following.(i.e. the 14<sup>th</sup> day).
8. **"Private Label Holder"** means:
  - (i) A manufacturer or grower with whom the Contractor holds an ownership and/or financial interest, or ownership and/or financial interest in a specific item(s) produced by a manufacturer or grower;
  - (ii) An entity holding an intellectual property interest, whether by ownership or license, in the label under which product is being sold in the commercial marketplace; or
  - (iii) An entity holding exclusive marketing and/or sales authority of a product, or one holding property rights in a proprietary product formula.
9. **"Rebates/Discounts"** means all rebates, discounts, product allowances, food show discounts, early payment discounts (other than qualifying early payment discounts as may be defined elsewhere in this contract), and any other rebates, discounts, economic incentives, or similar financial arrangements available at the manufacturer, grower, private label holder, or redistributor level that ultimately reduces the Contractor's price paid for a product supplied under the contract. In accordance with this language as well as other provisions of this contract, and subject to any applicable exceptions, all rebates/discounts shall be passed on to the Government via a reduced catalog price for the item to which the rebates/discounts pertain (i.e. "off invoice"). Any rebates/discounts that cannot be applied as an up-front price reduction must be submitted to the Contracting Officer via check payable to the U.S. Treasury, with an attached itemized listing of all customer purchases by line item, including contract number, call number, purchase order number and contract line item number ("CLIN").
10. **"Redistributor"** means an entity independent of the contractor that operates in the existing commercial marketplace and from which the contractor purchases product for purposes of consolidating quantities and/or obtaining lower delivered prices. Examples may include: brokers, dealers, distributors, and buying groups.
11. **"Standard Freight"** means the published list price or prevailing market rate for transportation of items ordered under this contract from the manufacturer, grower, private label holder, or redistributor (when the Redistributor Exception applies) to the Contractor's facility/facilities. Standard Freight must be documented in an invoice; however, quotes may be an acceptable form of substantiation in limited circumstances and if authorized by the Contracting Officer. Standard freight may include certain ancillary costs associated with transportation which are consistent with commercial practice in the produce industry, including, but are not limited to, pallets, temperature recording devices, any modified and controlled

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atmosphere systems and processes, etc.

- (i) In the event that the Contractor picks up its own product directly from a manufacturer, grower, private label holder, or redistributor (when the Redistributor Exception applies) on an F.O.B Origin basis, or arranges for delivery transportation from a third party source other than the manufacturer, grower, private label holder, or redistributor (when the Redistributor Exception applies), the standard freight cost shall be based on market tariffs/conditions and consistent with prevailing market rates. At no time shall that cost exceed the manufacturer's, grower's, private label holder's, or redistributor's, or such entity's carrier's freight price normally payable by the Contractor for inbound shipments of such products and quantities to the Contractor's facility(ies).

C. Price adjustments.

1. General.

- (i) All Contract Unit Prices must be fixed and remain unchanged until changed pursuant to this language or other applicable provision of the contract. Only the Delivered Price component of the Contract Unit Price is subject to adjustment under this section. After the first ordering period, if the Contractor's Delivered Price changes for any or all Contract Unit Prices, the Contract Unit Price shall be changed in the next period's ordering catalog upon the Contracting Officer's approval of the Contractor's request, which must be submitted in accordance with paragraph (iii) below, by the same dollar amount of the change in the Delivered Price, subject to the limitations in paragraphs C.2 and D, below. Any price changes approved by the Contracting Officer shall become effective at the beginning of the next ordering period. All ordering catalog unit prices computed in accordance with this section and in effect when an order is placed shall remain in effect for that order through delivery. DLA Troop Support will be charged the Contract Unit Price in effect at the time the order is placed, regardless of any changes in the Contract Unit Price occurring before delivery or in any subsequent ordering period.
- (ii) Delivered Prices included in the catalog must equal the Contractor's last receipt price for the item as reflected in an invoice (or quote in limited circumstances) for a representative quantity compared to typical Government purchases. For the purpose of the contract catalog, the "last receipt price" means the price of the product charged on the most recent invoice at the time the price change is requested. For example, if by Wednesday (i. e. the day price change requests are due to the Contracting Officer) the Contractor had recently received two invoices for the product in question, one on Monday and one on Tuesday, then the most recent invoice is the one from Tuesday (assuming it contains a representative quantity as described above). It is important to note that a Delivered Price must in almost all cases be justified using an invoice as described in this paragraph. Use of a quote is only permitted in extremely limited circumstances, such as when an item has not been purchased before by the Contractor or the price of the item is stale due to seasonality and other similar issues. Outside of those limited circumstances, which will be reviewed and approved by the Contracting Officer on a case-by-case basis, a Delivered Price will not be substantiated by using the price of an item that is the latest to arrive at the Contractor's facility but does not yet have an invoice to support it. Ultimately, the invoice (or quote in limited circumstances) justifying the Delivered Price request is subject to review by the Contracting Officer at the time the request is made.
- (iii) Updates to the Delivered Price: All notices and requests for new item Delivered Prices and price changes shall be submitted bi-weekly, no later than 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Eastern Time on Wednesday to be effective in the following ordering period's ordering catalog. Invoices submitted to support price change requests shall also identify all rebates/discounts that will be subtracted from the requested delivered prices when calculating the

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revised contract unit prices that would go on the catalog. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer of its notice/request in the form of an electronic data interchange ("EDI") 832 transaction set when using STORES or an update to FFAVORS web. The change notice shall include the Contractor's adjustment in the Delivered Price component of the applicable Contract Unit Price. Upon the Contracting Officer's acceptance of such EDI 832/FFAVORS Web price changes in accordance with paragraph (v) below, the price change transaction sets will post in the next ordering period's ordering catalog and each Contract Unit Price shall be changed by the same dollar amount of the change in the Delivered Price in the next ordering period's ordering catalog.

- (iv) All price changes, and catalog contract prices, are subject to review by the Government. The Contracting Officer may, at any time, require the submission of supporting data to substantiate any requested price change or the requested continuation of the pre-existing price for any item, including prices applicable to prior ordering periods. Upon notice from the Contracting Officer that supporting data is required, the Contractor shall promptly furnish to the Government, all supporting data, including, but not limited to, invoices, quotes, price lists, documentation regarding rebates/discounts, and any other substantiating information from the Contractor and any and all of its suppliers in the supply chain, including the manufacturer, grower, private label holder, or redistributor.
- (v) Price change requests that the Contracting Officer questions or finds to be inconsistent with the requirements of this provision shall not be posted until the Contracting Officer specifically authorizes the posting. If the Contracting Officer does not notify the Contractor by 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time each Friday that a price or a price change request is being questioned or has been found to be erroneous, the price change(s) will post to the ordering catalog effective the beginning of the following ordering period. The posting of updated prices in the ordering catalog, calculated in accordance with this section, constitutes a modification to this contract. No further contract modification is required to effect this change. Any changes that post to the ordering catalog do not constitute a waiver of any of the rights delineated elsewhere in the Solicitation, any resulting contract(s), or otherwise by law or regulation.
- (vi) Should the Contracting Officer determine that, or question whether, a price change request contained an erroneous Contract Unit Price or price change, or cannot otherwise determine the changed price(s) to be "fair and reasonable," such as when the changed price(s) is(are) higher than delivered prices for items of comparable quality which are reasonably available to the Government or Contractor from other sources, the Contracting Officer will so advise the Contractor, prior to 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Friday. If the Contracting Officer cannot determine a price fair and reasonable, and the Contracting Officer and the Contractor cannot negotiate a fair and reasonable price, the Contracting Officer may reject any price change and direct, in writing, that the item in question be retained on the catalog at the most recent previously-approved price consistent with current market conditions. In the alternative, the Contracting Officer may authorize the removal of an item.
- (vii) In the event of a price change not posting or an ordering catalog Contract Unit Price not computed in accordance with this section, resulting in an incorrectly increased or decreased Contract Unit Price, upon discovery of such occurrence the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer in writing and promptly thereafter correct its ordering catalog. In the event of an erroneous price increase in the ordering catalog, the Contractor shall submit a refund, including interest if applicable, for any amounts paid to the Contractor resulting from the erroneous price. In the event of an erroneous price decrease in the ordering catalog, the Contractor may submit a request for an equitable adjustment in the amount of the undercharge for consideration by the Contracting Officer. The request may be entertained if the Contractor can demonstrate to

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the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the error did not result from the fault or negligence of the Contractor. The Contractor will not be entitled to reimbursement if the undercharge was the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

2. Limitations. All adjustments under this section will be limited to the effect on Contract Unit Prices of actual increases or decreases in the Delivered Prices for material. There shall be no upward adjustment for --

(i) Supplies for which the Delivered Price is not affected by such changes;

(ii) Changes in the quantities of materials; and

(iii) Increases in Contract Unit Prices that the Contracting Officer determines are computed incorrectly (i.e. not adhering to the Contract Unit Price definition in this provision) and/or increases in Contract Unit Prices that the Contracting Officer determines are not fair and reasonable.

D. Upward ceiling on economic price adjustment. The aggregate of Delivered Price increases for each item under this section during the entire contract period shall not exceed 110% for Department of Defense (DoD) Troop and 110% for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) School customers, of the initial contract Delivered Price, except as provided below:

1. If at any time the Contractor has reason to believe that within the near future a price adjustment under the provisions of this language will be required that will exceed the Delivered Price ceiling for any item, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer in writing of the expected increase. In the event that the latest actual market price for an item does result in a Delivered Price that exceeds the allowable ceiling price under the contract, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer in writing or via its EDI 832/FFAVORS Web price change request no later than the time specified in paragraph C.1.(iii), above. With either such notification, the Contractor shall include a revised ceiling that the Contractor believes is sufficient to permit completion of remaining contract performance, along with appropriate explanation and documentation as required by the Contracting Officer.

2. The price change shall be posted for the following period's ordering catalog. If an actual increase in the Delivered Price would raise the price for an item above its current ceiling, and the Contracting Officer and Contractor cannot negotiate a fair and reasonable price below the ceiling or if the Contracting Officer does not issue a contract modification to raise the ceiling, the Contracting Officer may reject the price change and direct that the item be retained on the contract at the last approved price. If the Contracting Officer decides to retain the item, the contractor shall continue to perform with the item at the last approved price. In the alternative, the Contracting Officer may authorize the removal of an item. The decision regarding whether to modify the contract, retain the item, or remove the item rests solely with the Contracting Officer.

E. Downward limitation on economic price adjustments. There is no downward limitation on the aggregated percentage of decreases that may be made under this section.

F. Price Audit. The Contracting Officer may require the Contractor to submit invoices and other documentation from all subcontractors at all tiers and/or all suppliers or persons in the Delivered Price supply chain, up to and including the grower, manufacturer, and/or redistributor, for the purpose of confirming Delivered Prices charged to the Government, as well as to substantiate all rebate/ discounts applicable to orders under the contract. In performing the price audit, the Government shall have the right to examine books, records, documents and other data, to include commercial sales data, that the Contracting Officer deems necessary to verify Contractor adherence to the provisions of this section and any other terms and conditions of the contract. Such price audits may occur up to twice a year (except as provided for below) until the end of 3 years after the date of final payment under this

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contract or the time periods specified in Subpart 4.7 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation ("FAR"), whichever is earlier. In addition to price audits, the Government may conduct additional examinations of records, as required by the Contracting Officer to ensure contract compliance.

G. Final invoice. The Contractor shall include a statement on the final invoice for each order that the amounts invoiced hereunder have applied all decreases required or authorized by this section.

H. Disputes. Any dispute arising under this section shall be determined in accordance with the "Disputes" clause of the contract.

**VIII. REBATES/DISCOUNTS AND PRICE-RELATED PROVISIONS (COMPONENT PRICE MODEL FOR PRODUCE)**

A. Terms used in this provision shall have the same definition as those included in Economic Price Adjustment (EPA) language, included in Section VII.

**B. Rebates/Discounts**

1. All NAPA (North American Packaging Association) discounts, food show discounts, early payment discounts (except Qualifying Early Payment discounts discussed herein), and other discounts, rebates, allowances, economic incentives, financial arrangements, or other benefits, which reduce the Contractor's price paid for products supplied under this contract or which are otherwise attributable to products sold under this contract, shall be passed to the Government via a reduced catalog price. Any Rebates/Discounts that cannot be applied as an up-front price reduction must be submitted via check payable to the U.S. Treasury, with an attached itemized listing of all customer purchases by line item, including contract number, call number, purchase order number and contract line item number ("CLIN"). Instructions for identifying discounts, rebates, allowances or other economic incentives or benefits that shall be provided to the Government or retained by the Contractor are set forth in the submission requirements in the Business Proposal/Pricing and in the Management Reports section of the Statement of Work.
2. The Contractor shall employ prevailing commercial methods in the pursuit of discounts, rebates, allowances or other economic incentives or benefits for the Government throughout the period of performance of this contract.
3. The Contractor may retain Qualifying Early Payment discounts that meet the following conditions:
  - (i) The Early Payment discount is an incentive to encourage payment earlier than the normal payment due date;
  - (ii) The Early Payment discount is consistent with commercial practice;
  - (iii) The Early Payment discount is routinely given by the manufacturer, grower, private label holder, or redistributor to their customers, other than the Contractor, at the same discount rate and under the same conditions as provided to the Contractor;
  - (iv) The Early Payment Discount is not established, requested, or negotiated for the purpose of avoiding giving DLA Troop Support a lower cost or application of a rebate/discount resulting in a higher invoice price;
  - (v) The Early Payment discount is no more than 2 percent of the manufacturer's, grower's, private label holder's, or redistributor's invoice and the early payment is required within 10 days to obtain the discount; and
  - (vi) The contractor actually made the required payment within the time period required to receive the discount.
4. The Government may require the contractor to submit invoices and other documentation from all subcontractors (as defined in FAR Part 44.101) and/or any entity in the delivered price supply chain to substantiate or identify any Rebates/Discounts. If the

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Contracting Officer determines, after reviewing an invoice or other documentation, that a Rebate/Discount should have been, but was not, passed on to the Government, the Government shall be entitled to a refund in the amount of the overcharges, inclusive of interest. If the Contractor believes it erroneously credited a rebate/discount to the Government, Contractor may submit a request for an equitable adjustment for the amount of the undercharge. The request may be entertained if the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the error did not result from the fault or negligence of the Contractor. The Contractor will not be entitled to reimbursement if the undercharge was the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

5. The Contracting Officer, and/or authorized representative(s), shall have the right to examine and audit the Contractor's records relevant to pricing under the contract, including records related to the existence and proper accounting of rebates, discounts, etc. The Government may also review/audit the Contractor's electronic purchasing system to confirm that the Delivered Price of a product sold to the Government is accurate.
6. Failure on the part of the Contracting Officer to identify non-compliance with this provision or to challenge the Contractor's erroneous interpretation of this provision shall not constitute waiver or a defense against the Government's entitlement to any of Rebates/Discounts or any other remedies afforded by this section, the contract, or other applicable laws and regulations.

**IX. DOMESTIC NON-AVAILABILITY DETERMINATION - FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

- A. A Class Domestic Non-Availability Determination ("DNAD") for Federal Supply Class 8915, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (FF&V), dated 16 May 2008 was approved and is in effect for the DLA Troop Support/DLA Produce Long-Term Contracts. This DNAD establishes a limited Berry Amendment waiver to the requirements of DFARS 252.225-7012, Preference for Certain Domestic Commodities, which is applicable to this Solicitation. As a result of the DNAD, non-domestic FF&V may be supplied under this contract when domestic FF&V of satisfactory quality and sufficient quantity cannot be procured as and when needed at U.S. market prices. This determination will remain in effect until these circumstances have changed and the DNAD is formally rescinded.
- B. The instant DNAD as applied affects resulting contracts supporting Department of Defense customers (i.e. Troops) only.
- C. Notwithstanding this DNAD, the USDA requires that fresh produce supplied via its Federal Entitlement for the USDA School Lunch Program must be from a domestic source. Therefore, the aforementioned DNAD does not impact or negate the Government's requirement for domestic produce in its contracts supporting Non-Department of Defense customers (i.e. Schools).

**X. ADDITION OF NEW CUSTOMERS**

- A. Adding Customers within the Contract's Geographic Distribution Region/Zone:
  1. After contract award, there may be instances when new customers request support of their fresh produce requirements. Additional DoD and/or Non-DoD federal government customers that request DLA Troop Support produce support may be added to the contract without any new acquisition or competition process, if the customer(s) is/are within the geographic distribution region/zone covered by this contract.
  2. The decision as to whether a potentially new customer is within the contract region or zone and, thus, will be added to the contract without further competition and at the existing contract prices, will be the sole decision of the DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer.

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3. Pursuant to the above, the Contracting Officer will instruct the Contractor to include the customer(s) at the effective contract prices applicable to that distribution zone/region.

**B. Adding Customers outside the Contract's Geographic Distribution Region/Zone:**

1. This provision applies to the following customers:

(a) A new DoD or Non-DoD federal customer that is deemed by the Contracting Officer to be outside the contract's geographic distribution region/zone.

(b) An existing DoD or non-DoD federal customer that is deemed by the Contracting Officer to be outside the contract's geographic distribution region/zone but has been previously supported on a separate contract covering a geographic distribution region/zone.

2. The customers described in paragraph B.1., above, and their produce requirements, may be added to any contract resulting from this solicitation as follows:

(a) In the judgment of the Contracting Officer, the customer(s) at issue is/are located in an area that is considered adjacent or proximal to the geographic distribution region/zone of the resulting contract. In a circumstance where the customer is located in an area that is adjacent or proximal to multiple existing produce contracts, the decision of which contract is most satisfactory to the Government for purposes of adding the customer(s) will be the sole decision of the Contracting Officer, taking into consideration numerous factors, including but not limited to those contained in this provision. Further, to that end, it is the Contracting Officer's sole decision as to which existing contractors available in the aforementioned region/zone (s) will be solicited for the support of the customer(s).

(i) The Contracting Officer will request distribution price proposals to support the subject new customer(s). Prior to any customer being added to the resulting contract, the Contracting Officer shall determine all proposed prices to be fair and reasonable. To this end, negotiations may be required, in which the same processes and procedures contained within the instant solicitation may be employed.

(b) In the judgment of the Contracting Officer, the customer(s) at issue is/are not located in an area adjacent or proximal to the geographic distribution region/zone of the resulting contract, and/or the anticipated customer requirement is insubstantial, the customer(s) will not be added.

C. Under no circumstance may the resulting contract's maximum dollar value be exceeded with the addition of any customer(s) and its respective produce requirements.

**XI. CUSTOMER SERVICE**

A. Troop, USDA, and other customers conduct periodic food menu boards and similar meetings that the Contractor may be required to attend. At these meetings, the customers typically review their internal business practices and may request that the Contractor show new products, demonstrate produce preparation, and/or provide nutritional information.

B. The Contractor shall provide at least one full-time Customer Service representative to maintain continuous contact with all of the ordering customers, as well as at least one back-up representative.

A. As an industry expert, the Contractor shall assume the responsibility of introducing new FF&V items to the customers, as well as to show cost-effective alternatives to their current choices, if the customer so desires. (For procedures to add items, see New Items

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paragraph under the Section VI. Electronic Ordering Catalogs.) However, the decision as to which items are ultimately included in the Ordering Catalog are at the discretion of the customer(s) and the Contracting Officer.

**XII. ORDERING SYSTEMS**

A. Subsistence Total Order & Receipt Electronic System ("STORES"): DOD customers will order using the STORES catalog as applicable. The Contractor is responsible for establishing and maintaining the STORES catalog in accordance with the STORES Catalog Vendor User Guide (Attachment 4).

1. Accessed via the Internet, STORES is the Government's translator/ordering system that is capable of accepting orders from any of the Services', i.e. Army, Air Force, Navy, or Marines, individual ordering systems and translating them into an Electronic Data Interchange ("EDI") format. In addition, this information is passed to DLA Troop Support for the purposes of contractor payment and customer billing.
2. Customers will be able to order all of their requirements through STORES. The System will transmit orders to the Contractor and DLA Troop Support.
3. The Contractor is required to interface with STORES and must be able to support the following EDI transactions:

- 810 Electronic Invoice
- 820 Payment Voucher Information
- 832 Catalog (Outbound - Vendor to DLA Troop Support)
- 850 Purchase Order
- 861 Receipt
- 997 Functional Acknowledgement

**Note:** A complete description of these transaction sets is included in the "EDI Implementation Guidelines" and can be found at <http://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/Doing-Business-with-Sub/STORES/>, click STORES and EDI Requirements.

4. The Contractor shall have access to the Internet and be able to send and receive electronic mail (email).
5. Unit prices must be formatted not more than two (2) places to the right of the decimal point in all ordering catalogs. Standard rounding methods must be applied. For example, a price of \$2.215 or higher must be rounded up to \$2.22 and a price of \$2.214 or lower must be rounded down to \$2.21.
6. Contractors are required to utilize the Government's item descriptions on all electronic ordering catalogs (832 transmissions) as well as on its invoices, delivery ticket to customer and 810 invoice transaction set.
7. The Contractor will utilize the DLA Troop Support invoice reconciliation process, or other such systems as may become available, to the maximum extent, towards the goal of correcting invoices early and facilitating the payment process.
8. In the event the STORES system or the Contractor's interface is not operational, the Contractor must provide alternate ways for the customer to order (e.g., by fax, by phone, pick up orders, etc.) Be aware that even in this situation, however, it is mandatory that the Contractor subsequently place the same order through STORES when it becomes operational

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again in order to effect obligation/receipt/payment.

9. Public Key Infrastructure ("PKI")/ External Certificate Authorities ("ECA") Certificates: The Department of Defense ("DoD") PKI Certificate will be required for all DoD users. A DoD PKI certificate will be required for all contractors. The requirement for PKI certificates is implemented in accordance with DoD security policy promoting secure electronic transactions.

(a) Obtaining a PKI certificate:

- (i) Contractors who do not work on-site at a Department of Defense facility may purchase a DoD PKI certificate from one of three External Certificate Authorities ("ECAs"). The ECAs are vendors who provide digital certificates to DoD's industry partners who are using their own equipment or working in non - Governmental facilities. Certificate prices range from \$99 - \$179 per certificate per year, with volume discounts at some ECAs. A list of ECAs is available at the following web address: [https://www.transactionservices.dla.mil/daashome/pki\\_contacts.asp](https://www.transactionservices.dla.mil/daashome/pki_contacts.asp).
- (ii) Each contractor must fully comply with the DoD requirement to implement PKI in order for our information systems to remain secure and viable.

B. Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Order Receipt System ("FFAVORS"): USDA customers (School customers) will utilize the FFAVORS Web catalog as applicable. The Contractor, upon award, will be provided a User ID and password to Log in and receive orders through FFAVORS Web, a web-based ordering system. The Contractor is responsible for establishing and maintaining the FFAVORS WEB catalog in accordance with the FFAVORS Web Manual (Attachment 4).

1. Accessed via the Internet. FFAVORS WEB is the Government's ordering system for USDA Customers. It is capable of accepting orders from the schools.
2. Customers will be able to order all of their requirements through FFAVORS WEB. The system will transmit orders to the Contractor and DLA-Troop Support.
3. In the event that the FFAVORS WEB system is not operational, the Contractor must provide alternate ways for the customer to order (e.g., by fax, by phone, pick up orders). Be aware that even in this situation, however, it is mandatory that the Contractor subsequently place the same order through FFAVORS when it becomes operational again in order to effect obligation/receipt/payment.

**XIII. ORDER PLACEMENT, LEAD TIME, and ADJUSTMENTS/CANCELLATION OF ORDERS**

- A. The minimum order requirement for any resultant contract is \$150.00. This requirement shall be based on the aggregate total of orders for a specific delivery date to all customers located within a particular military base or delivery location.
- B. **Troop customers** shall place their orders to accommodate at a minimum a 2-day lead time, i.e "skip day" delivery. For example, an order placed on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> would have a required delivery date of Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Orders may be placed with a longer lead time not to exceed 21 days in advance of the requested delivery date. See Attachment 2 - Delivery Schedule.

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- C. **School customers** shall place their orders to accommodate at a minimum a 4-day lead time. For example, an order placed on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> would have a required delivery date of Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. See Attachment 2 - Delivery Schedule.
- D. All invoice pricing will be based upon the Contract Unit Price at time of order by the customer(s). Therefore, for any item ordered on a Friday to be delivered the following ordering period, pricing will be based upon the catalog price in effect the day of order (Friday in this example), regardless of whether the unit price for that item subsequently changes as part of the next ordering period's ordering catalog updates.
- E. Once submitted through the applicable electronic ordering system (i.e. STORES or FFAVORS), an order may be cancelled by a customer up to 24 hours before scheduled delivery via written notification to the Contractor and the Contracting Officer. Within less than 24 hours from delivery, an order may be cancelled by mutual agreement between the customer and the Contractor. In the event of an act of God, such as extreme weather, the specific situation regarding a cancelled delivery will be dealt with in an equitable manner by the Contracting Officer, who has the ultimate authority and discretion to resolve said issues.
- F. Adjustments - For procedures discussing adjustments to order, refer to Attachment 4 (FFAVORS and STORES manuals).

**XIV. ITEM AVAILABILITY**

- A. Contractors must have the ability to provide to the customers a wide range of FF&V items in sufficient quantities to fill all customer requirements and maintain the overall 98% contract fill rate. All supplies shall be delivered on a "fill or kill" per line item basis (i.e. If a Contractor cannot fill a line item, the line item dies). Therefore, item substitutions are not authorized.
- B. Contractors shall notify the customer within 24 hours (for Troop customers) or within 72 hours (for School customers) of required delivery date/time of the non-availability of any particular ordered item, whether in whole or in part. The customer may choose to replace the non-available item with another item from the contract catalog by placing a new, separate order for the item in STORES or FFAVORS, as applicable. Assuming the proper procedure is followed, this circumstance (i.e. replacement of a not in stock "NIS" item with a separate order for another catalog item) will not negatively impact a Contractor's fill rate.

**XV. REPACKAGING & SPLITTING OF CASES**

- A. For some items, DLA customers, particularly Schools, may require smaller pack sizes than are commonly available in the commercial marketplace. Such items are included in the instant Schedule of Items and may be added at a later date during contract performance. It is incumbent on the Contractor to determine how it will supply these items in accordance with the required pack sizes. In so doing, the Contractor may decide to split cases and repackage product at its own facility.
- B. Splitting cases and repackage product, as described in the preceding paragraph, do not constitute processing, and, therefore, do not meet the conditions of a private label holder, as defined in Section VII. Accordingly, the Contractor is prohibited from including any costs associated with its own in-house splitting of cases and repackage product in the Contractor's Delivered Price. Instead, the costs associated with in-house splitting cases and repackage product must be included in the Contractor's Distribution Price.

**XVI. PACKAGING, PACKING, LABELING, AND MARKINGS**

- A. All labeling, packaging and packing shall be in accordance with good commercial practice. Shipping containers shall comply with

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the National Motor Freight Classification and Uniform Freight Classification Code.

- B. To ensure that the carrier and the receiving activity properly handle and store items, standard commercial precautionary markings such as "KEEP REFRIGERATED" shall be used on all cases when appropriate.
- C. Protection during inclement weather is required. All products that are susceptible and sensitive to temperature must be protected by any means to prevent damage.

**XVII. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS**

- A. Contractors shall ensure all products are delivered in sanitary trucks that are of a commercially acceptable standard. All delivery trucks must be equipped with a lift gate to expedite the offloading of products. Trucks shall maintain proper temperatures in accordance with standard commercial practices. Deliveries shall be FOB Destination to all delivery points. Delivery will be completed when the Contractor has unloaded the order(s) from the vehicle and placed them on the dock, and customer receiving personnel has accepted the delivery ticket, in accordance with Section XVIII below. All items will be delivered to customer locations free of damage and with all packaging and packing intact. The Contractor shall remove all excess pallets used for delivery from the delivery point. See Attachment 2 - Delivery Schedule.
- B. Customers' delivery schedules (days and times), routes, and stop-off sequences will be coordinated and verified with the customers on a post-award basis by the Contractor immediately following award and on an annual basis as required. In general, each Troop customer receives three deliveries per week. In general, each School customer receives one delivery per week. However, these schedules may be revised as necessary on a case-by-case basis at the approval of the Contracting Officer at no additional cost to the Government.
- C. Products for individual customers/dining facilities must be segregated. Many of the military bases have more than one delivery point. All products shall be palletized and segregated by drop-off point and loaded into the delivery vehicle in reverse drop sequence. The intent is to provide expeditious off-loading capability and delivery to the customers.
- D. The Contractor shall ensure that the personnel loading and delivering the product provide professional, prompt, and efficient service to the customer. Failure to adhere to these standards will be reported to the Customer Representative and the Contracting Officer by the affected customer(s) whereby appropriate corrective action will be coordinated with the Contractor.

**XVIII. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE**

- A. Inspection and acceptance of products will be performed at destination. The inspection is normally limited to identity, count and condition; however, this may be expanded if deemed necessary by either the military Veterinary Inspector, Dining Facility Manager, Food Service Advisor/Officer, or the Contracting Officer. Delivery vehicles may be required to stop at a central location for inspection before proceeding to the assigned delivery point(s). In addition, the delivery vehicles will be inspected for cleanliness and condition. Supplies transported in vehicles that are unsanitary, or which are not equipped to maintain prescribed temperatures, may be rejected without further inspection. Failure to identify latent defects or similar issues at time of acceptance will not absolve the Contractor of its liability or preclude the customer from obtaining an appropriate remedy upon the timely discovery of said defects or issues after-the-fact. In this circumstance, the customer shall notify the Customer Representative who will coordinate with the Contracting Officer in seeking an appropriate resolution.
- B. The authorized Government receiving official at each delivery point is responsible for inspecting and accepting products as they are delivered. The delivery ticket shall not be signed prior to the inspection of each product. All overages/shortages/returns are to be noted on the delivery ticket by the receiving official and truck driver. The authorized Government receiving official's signature

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and printed name on the delivery ticket is required for acceptance of the product. The contractor MUST ensure that both the receiving official's and the truck driver's signature, printed name, and title are legible. Failure to adhere to this requirement can severely limit the Contracting Officer's judgment, which may result in disputes going against the Contractor.

C. Delivery Ticket and related information. No electronic invoice may be submitted for payment until acceptance is verified.

1. Troops: The Contractor shall provide three copies of the delivery ticket with the shipment. The first copy is provided to the receiving official (i.e. the customer) who will use the delivery ticket as the new receipt document. The Contractor (or its agent) will retain the second copy for invoicing and the Contractor will forward the final copy (Either as the driver leaves the base or faxed/emailed within 24 hours of delivery) to the Logistics Center "LC" or Industrial Supply Center "ISC" located at the prospective Base.
2. Schools: The Contractor shall provide two copies of the delivery ticket with the shipment. The first copy is provided to the receiving official (i.e. the customer) who will use the delivery ticket as the new receipt document. The second copy will be retained by the Contractor (or its agent) for invoicing.

**XIX. AUTHORIZED RETURNS**

A. The Contractor shall accept returns under the following conditions:

1. Products shipped in error.
2. Products damaged in shipment.
3. Products with concealed or latent damage.
4. Products that are recalled.
5. Products that do not meet shelf life requirements.
6. Products that do not meet the minimum quality requirements as defined for the items listed in the schedule.
7. Products delivered in unsanitary delivery vehicles.
8. Products delivered that fail to meet the minimum/maximum specified temperature.
9. Quantity excess as a result of catalog error by the Contractor.
10. Products that are not from a sanitarily approved source.
11. Products that do not comply with DFARS 252.225-7012 Preference for Certain Domestic Commodities (Berry Amendment), if no exception to this clause is applicable (see DNAD explanation above).
12. Any other condition not specified above that is deemed by the customer to be valid reasons for return, confirmed by the Contracting Officer within his/her discretion.

**XX. REJECTION/RETURN PROCEDURES**

A. In the event an item is returned for any of the reasons cited in Section XIX., the delivery ticket/invoice shall be annotated as to the item(s) rejected/returned. These items shall then be deducted from the delivery ticket/invoice. The invoice total must be adjusted to reflect the correct dollar value of the shipment. Replacements will be authorized based on the customer's needs. On an as-needed basis determined by customer need, same day re-delivery of items that were previously rejected shall be made, so that the customer's food service requirements do not go unfulfilled for that day. The re-delivered items will be delivered under a separate invoice utilizing the same call number, contract line item number, and purchase order number for the discrepant line. These re-deliveries will not constitute an emergency order requirement.

B. In the event a product is rejected after initial delivery is made, the Contractor will pick up the rejected product or make other

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disposition arrangements deemed acceptable by the customer. Credit due to the ordering activity as a result of the rejected product being returned, will be handled through a receipts adjustment process in STORES or FFAVORS, as applicable. If the Contractor has already been paid for the product, a claim will be issued through DLA TROOP SUPPORT's financial system and the Contractor shall promptly pay the claimed amount. In all cases, one (1) copy of the credit memo is to be given to the customer and one (1) copy of the credit memo is to be sent to the DLA TROOP SUPPORT Contracting Officer.

- C. It is a requirement of this solicitation that product shall be inspected upon receipt as promptly as practicable. However, failure to promptly inspect or accept supplies shall not relieve the contractor from responsibility, nor impose liability on any of the customers, for nonconforming supplies. See clause 52.212-4, paragraph (o) and addendum to clause 52.212-4, paragraph 1.

**XXI. INVOICING**

- A. Each delivery will be accompanied by the Contractor's delivery ticket/invoice. The customer shall sign all copies of the invoice/delivery ticket. **Any changes must be made on the face of the delivery ticket/invoice; attachments are not acceptable.** See Section XVIII, para. C.
- B. **No paper invoices shall be submitted to DFAS (Defense Finance and Accounting Services) for payment.** For all orders placed via STORES and sent via EDI transaction set 850, invoicing for payment is to be filed electronically using EDI transaction set 810 (see <https://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/> Select supply chains: Select Subsistence, Select Information: Select Stores & EDI Requests for EDI guidelines).
- C. For all orders downloaded via USDA's customer ordering website FFAVORS web, invoicing for payment shall be done via invoice link from FFAVORS web homepage, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-foods/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors>.
- D. All invoices submitted by the Contractor must be "clean", i.e. all debits and/or credits must be reflected on the invoice prior to its submission. The Contractor is required to ensure the accuracy of its invoices. The Reconciliation Tool in STORES and/or Invoicing Tool in FFAVORS Web provides the Contractor the ability to ensure said accuracy.
- E. **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 Contractor will be responsible for correction and re-submission.
- F. The same invoice cannot be submitted with different dollar amounts.
- G. The 810 invoices do not go through a testing phase. The Contractor immediately begins sending its invoices in once it has successfully sent its first 850 purchase order.
- H. Any manually keyed, or emergency, orders must contain the word "Emergency" in the Purchase Order field when the invoice is submitted for payment. In addition, the CALL number and contract line item number (CLIN) will be entered as "9999" on the invoice. Failure to follow this procedure may result in the rejection of the Contractor's invoice.
- I. **For catch weight items, standard rounding methods must be observed, i.e. less than .5 is rounded down; greater than or equal to .5 is rounded up. All weights must be rounded to whole pounds using standard rounding methods.** Any line submitted for other than whole numbers will be rejected and require correction and re-submission by the Contractor. Note: Currently, no catch weight items apply to this Solicitation. This does not preclude the possibility that catch weight items may be

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added in the future for certain items.

J. Unit prices and extended prices must be formatted not more than two (2) places to the right of the decimal point. Standard rounding methods must be applied. For example, a price of \$2.215 or higher must be rounded up to \$2.22 and a price of \$2.214 or lower must be rounded down to \$2.21.

K. Although invoices must be submitted electronically via an 810 Electronic Invoice; the following address must appear in the "Bill To" or "Payment Will Be Made By" block of the Contractor's invoice.

DFAS - Columbus Center (SL4701)  
Attn: DFAS-BVDP  
P. O. Box 369031  
Columbus, OH 43236-9031

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

1. Contract Number
2. Call or Delivery Order Number
3. Purchase Order Number
4. DoD Activity Address Code (DODAAC)
5. Contract line item numbers (CLINs) listed in numeric sequence (CLIN order)
6. Item nomenclature
7. Local Stock Number (LSN) or National Stock Number (NSN), as applicable
8. Quantity purchased per item in DLA Troop Support's unit of issue
9. Total dollar value on each invoice (reflecting changes to the shipment, if applicable)

L. Invoice transactions may be submitted to DLA Troop Support daily. 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 Contractor will be responsible for correction and re-submission.

M. Invoice Reconciliation. The following tools have been developed to provide an additional method for the Contractor to ensure the accuracy of its own internal accounting process.

1. For STORES: **Vendor Reconciliation Tool** - In an effort to improve the payment process, Contractors are required to view what the customer has or has not receipted via the DLA Troop Support STORES website: [https://www.stores.dla.mil/stores\\_web/Admin\\_Logon.aspx](https://www.stores.dla.mil/stores_web/Admin_Logon.aspx). The Contractor will have access to "un-reconciled" information, i.e., the invoice does not match the receipt because of the quantity and/or price discrepancy or because the customer has not posted a receipt. Both invoice information and receipt information will be available for review on the website by the Contractor. While the Contractor will not have the capability to update customer receipt information, update capability will be available for un-reconciled invoice information for 120 days. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure accurate invoices.
2. For FFAVORS: **Invoicing Tool** - In an effort to improve the payment process, Contractors are required to view what the customer has or has not receipted via the USDA FFAVORS website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors>. The Contractor will have access to "un-reconciled" information, i.e., the invoice does not match the receipt because of the quantity and/or price discrepancy or because the customer has not posted a receipt. Both invoice information and receipt information will be available for review on the website by the Contractor. It is

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the Contractor's responsibility to ensure accurate invoices.

**XXII. PRICE AUDITS**

A. Price Audits. Contractors are advised that the Government may conduct price verification analysis of the Contractor's performance on the resulting contract in the following manner:

1. At the Contracting Officer's discretion, an internal Price Verification Team in conjunction with the Contracting Officer may require the Contractor to provide copies of specific invoices from suppliers, as defined in the EPA language of this Solicitation, covering up to 100 items that were included on the catalog at a given time.
2. The Price Verification Team will request the above documentation in writing and the Contractor will have thirty (30) days after the request to furnish the documentation.
3. A report of overcharges and undercharges (if applicable) will be forwarded to the Contractor, and the Contractor may be required to pay the Government for the net amount owed for overcharges. The Government reserves all rights and remedies provided by law or under the contract in addition to recovering any overcharges. Undercharges will be evaluated by the Contracting Officer on a case-by-case basis consistent with other terms and conditions of the solicitation and resulting contract.

1. The Government may elect to expand / reduce the scope of the price verification analysis, and frequency of future analyses, as deemed appropriate by the Contracting Officer.

B. The Government reserves the right to conduct additional price audits as necessary in the opinion of the Contracting Officer to verify price accuracy and potentially recoup any overcharges. In such instances, the Contractor will be required to submit invoices and any other supporting price documentation that the Contracting Officer deems appropriate.

**XXIII. FILL RATE**

A. Order fill rates shall be calculated by the Contractor on an on-time, per order basis and tracked for monthly submission to the Contracting Officer/Account Manager. To ensure accuracy in the Contractor's reported fill rates, the Government will utilize its own internal data for comparison purposes. The fill rate shall be calculated as follows and shall not include mis-picks, damaged cases or rejected items (**No other method of calculating fill rate will be accepted**):

$$\frac{\text{Cases accepted} * 100}{\text{Cases ordered}} = \text{fill rate \%}$$

B. Definitions:

1. Cases Accepted: Product that the customer has received and receipted not including damaged cases, rejected items, or mis-picks.
2. Cases Ordered: Product ordered by a customer through STORES or FFAVORS.

C. Contractor is required to maintain at a minimum a **98.0%** fill-rate.

D. The Contractor will submit a monthly report, by customer, to the DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer with the following information:

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1. Fill Rate
2. List of all items that were Not in Stock, Returned, Damaged, and/or Mis-picked.

**XXIV. HOLIDAYS**

A. All orders are to be delivered on the specified delivery date, except for Federal holidays, as outlined below. When a scheduled delivery day falls on one of these days, delivery should occur on the next business day, unless otherwise agreed to by the customer.

New Year's Day          Labor Day  
Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday   Columbus Day  
Presidents' Day   Veterans Day  
Memorial Day   Thanksgiving Day  
Juneteenth   Christmas Day  
Independence Day

B. Note: Holidays falling on a Saturday are normally observed on the preceding day (Friday); holidays falling on a Sunday are normally observed on the following day (Monday).

**XXV. EMERGENCY ORDERS**

- A. Troop requirements can accelerate and surge during wartime, civil emergencies, natural disasters, adverse weather or other conditions. Therefore, last minute ordering may take place as necessary to fulfill customers' requirements.
- B. For Troop customers only, the Contractor will provide up to one emergency order per month per customer at no additional cost to the Government. As specified by the customer, all emergency order(s) for supplies must be same day or next day. Expeditious fulfillment of the emergency requirement is imperative. Unless otherwise noted by the Contractor, the Contractor's Tailor Vendor Logistics Specialist ("TVLS") or Customer Service Representative ("CSR") will be the point of contact for emergency orders, and will vet the appropriateness of such a request.

**XXVI. FOOD DEFENSE**

- A. DLA Troop Support Subsistence Directorate provides world-wide subsistence logistics support during peace time as well as during regional conflicts, contingency operations, national emergencies, and natural disasters. At any time, the United States Government, its personnel, resources and interests may be the target of enemy aggression to include espionage, sabotage, or terrorism. This increased risk requires DLA Troop Support to take steps to ensure measures are taken to prevent the deliberate tampering and contamination of subsistence items. The Contractor must ensure that products and/or packaging have not been tampered with or contaminated throughout the growing, storage, and delivery process. The Contractor must immediately inform DLA Troop Support Subsistence of any attempt or suspected attempt by any party or parties, known or unknown, to tamper with or contaminate subsistence supplies.
- B. As the holder of a contract with the Department of Defense, the Contractor should be aware of the vital role it plays in supporting the Agency's customers. It is incumbent upon the Contractor to take all necessary actions to secure product delivered to all military customers, as well as any applicable commercial destinations.
- C. Accordingly, the Contractor shall submit a Food Defense Plan prior to the start of performance under any resultant contract to

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describe what steps it has taken and will take to prevent product tampering and contamination. The Contractor will also describe what steps have been or will be taken that relate to overall plant security and food safety. The Contractor must describe in detail the types of measures in place or scheduled to be put in place for the performance period of this contract. (NOTE: to download a copy of the DLA Troop Support Food Defense Checklist please go to the following website: [http://www.dla.mil/Portals/104/Documents/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/FoodQuality/food\\_defense\\_check.pdf](http://www.dla.mil/Portals/104/Documents/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/FoodQuality/food_defense_check.pdf) or contact the applicable Contracting Officer or the DLA Troop Support Quality Audits & Food Defense Branch). Contractors should include specific security measures relating to, but not limited to, the following areas:

1. Employee Identification
2. Background checks where applicable
3. Control of access to plant facility, gates and doors at the facility
4. Internal Security
5. Training and security awareness
6. Product Integrity
7. Transportation Security

- D. The DLA Troop Support Produce Quality Audit Team will review Food Defense during Produce Quality Audits / Quality Systems Managements Visits (QSMVs), as part of the USDA-AMS Good Agricultural Practices ("GAP") & Good Handling Practices ("GHP") Audits (<http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp>), to verify the implementation, compliance and effectiveness of the Contractor's Food Defense Plan/Program.

**XXVII. PRODUCT QUALITY**

- A. Pathogens: The Contractor will use prevailing commercial practice for testing of pathogens including, but not limited to, E. Coli, Listeria Monocytogenes, Salmonella, Shigella, and Coagulase Positive Staph Aureus.

- B. Shelf-life: All products delivered shall be as fresh as possible and within the Growers/Packers' original shelf life (i.e., Best if Used-by-Date, Expiration Date, or other markings). Applicable products shall be identified with readable open code such as "Best-Used-by- Date", "Sell-by-Date", date of production, or similar marking indicating the end of the guaranteed freshness date. In addition, the Contractor must comply with the following shelf-life requirements for fresh-cut fresh fruits and vegetables, ready-to-eat salads, cole slaw, etc.:

1. Individual bags/containers must be marked with a 14-day shelf life from the date of production. All products must be received by the customer with at least 50% of recommended shelf life remaining. If the manufacturer-recommended shelf life is less than 14 days, the Contracting Officer must be notified in advance and approve the shelf-life. Any deviation from these requirements must be approved prior to customer delivery, in writing, by the Contracting Officer.

- C. Shell Eggs: Shell eggs must comply with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act ("FFDCA"), 21 USCS §301 et seq. and 21 CFR Part 100 - 169. Contractor's Facility and shell eggs product shall also comply with other applicable State and Federal regulations and standards (For example: 21 CFR 115.50(b)(2); 7 CFR Part 56; US Standards, Grades, and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs (AMS 56); Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs), etc.). Shell eggs must originate from a sanitarily approved source as indicated in the contract. Joint Government (DLA Troop Support /USDA-AMS) Sanitation and Food Defense Audits will be performed during DLA Produce Quality Audits/QSMVs or other visits by DLA Troop Support Quality Auditors and USDA-AMS Auditors as deemed appropriate.

1. Temperature Requirements: All refrigerated storage areas and transport ambient temperatures for shell eggs cannot

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exceed 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

2. Markings/Labeling Requirements: For cartons (6-Eggs, 12-Eggs, 18-Eggs, etc.) and loose pack (a flat which contains 30-Eggs per flat), both of which are packed into a 15 or 30-dozen case, should have the USDA Grademark (shield) on the cartons. Shell egg cases/shipping containers must be stamped with the USDA Grade AA or A stamp (depending on the declared quality). A copy of the Grading Certificate (Form, PY-210S) shall be provided with the shipment of shell eggs upon customer request, during DLA Troop Support Quality Audits, or as requested by the Contracting Officer. Shipping containers/cases shall be marked/labeled with Plant Name, Address, Date of Pack, expiration (expiration not to exceed 30 days from day eggs were packed in cartons), Size Identification, quantity, Grade, etc.

3. Shelf Life: Shell eggs shall have a minimum of 14 days' shelf life remaining when delivered to DLA customers, unless otherwise authorized by Contracting Officer and the customer.

D. Commercial standards shall be used to maintain temperatures appropriate for individual produce items during storage and delivery to DLA Troop Support customers.

1. Level of Product Quality:

(a) All items must meet or exceed the Government's item description of their assigned Government stock number and the specified US Grade.

(b) When designating an item as a match for the DLA item in the Schedule of Items listed in the instant Solicitation, the item must be:

(i) Identical in respect to packaging when the DLA unit of issue is not described by weights (e.g. pound or ounce).

(ii) Equivalent in respect to grade or fabrication.

**XXVIII. QUALITY PROGRAM**

A. A Manufacturer, Grower/, Private Label Holder or Redistributor selection or certification program shall be used to ensure standardized product quality for each item supplied and/or listed in the stock catalogs, regardless of supplier. The product quality shall be equal to that described in the pertinent item specification and/or specified US Grade Standard.

B. The Contractor shall develop and maintain a quality program for the product acquisition, warehousing, and distribution to assure the following:

1. Standardized product quality.
2. Wholesome product by veterinary standards.
3. The usage of First-In, First-Out ("FIFO") principles and/or First-Expired, First-Out ("FEFO").
4. Product shelf life managed and monitored (by date of pack/production of the item).
5. Items are free of damage.
6. Correct items and quantities are selected and delivered.
7. Ensure requirements of the Berry Amendment are met, when applicable.
8. Customer satisfaction is monitored.
9. Product discrepancies and complaints are resolved and corrective action is initiated.
10. Supplier, FDA, or DoD initiated food recalls are promptly reported to customers and DLA Troop Support Contracting

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11. Compliance with EPA and OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) requirements.
12. Distressed or salvaged items or products shall not be used.
13. Applicable food products delivered originate from a source listed as a Sanitarily Approved Food Establishment for Armed Forces Procurement and/or listed in the USDA-AMS Good Agricultural Practices ("GAP") Verification Directory or the USDA-AMS Good Handling Practices ("GHP") Verification Directory for fresh fruits and vegetables, as applicable. Bulk Fresh fruits and vegetables suppliers must be inspected and listed under the USDA-AMS GAP and/or the GHP Directory.
14. Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point ("HAACP") protocol, if applicable.
15. Commercial standards are used to maintain temperatures appropriate for individual items.

C. The Contractor shall, for all places of performance, maintain a USDA GAP/GHP certificate AND be listed in the USDA-AMS GAP or GHP Verification Directory for a full range of fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the period of contract performance. The USDA GAP/GHP certificate must demonstrate a passing score, and specifically passing with respect to the following parts: General, Wholesale Distribution (6) and Preventive Food Defense (7). Failure to obtain and maintain a USDA GAP/GHP certificate will be considered a breach of contract. Further information, including inspection requirements, can be found at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp>.

**XXIX. WAREHOUSING AND SANITATION PROGRAM/STORED PRODUCT PEST MANAGEMENT**

- A. The Contractor shall develop and maintain a sanitation program and a stored product pest management program for food and other co-located non-food items that comply with industry standard programs such as the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, part 110, Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packing, or Holding Human Food, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, 7 USCS §136 et seq., as well as all pertinent state and local laws and regulations. Records of inspections performed by the Contractor, its subcontractor, or other recognized industry association hired by the Contractor shall be maintained and made available to the Government at the Contracting Officer's request. Any findings by the Contractor or its agent documenting a critical sanitation deficiency shall be reported immediately to the Contracting Officer with an attached report of corrective action.

**XXX. PRODUCT SANITARILY APPROVED SOURCE REQUIREMENTS AND SANITARY CONDITIONS**

- A. Applicable food products (food products include bulk fresh fruits and vegetables), including pre-cut and packaged fruits, vegetables and salads, mushrooms, sprouts, etc., delivered to customers listed in this solicitation, as well as any customer added at a later date, shall originate either from an establishment (this includes suppliers/subcontractors or direct farm deliveries) listed in the "Directory of Sanitarily Approved Establishments for Armed Forces Procurements" or one which has been inspected under the guidance of the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). The USDA Guidance for fresh fruits and vegetables is the USDA-AMS Good Agricultural Practices ("GAP") Verification Directory or the USDA-AMS Good Handling Practices ("GHP") Verification Directory for fresh fruits and vegetables, as applicable. Bulk Fresh fruits and vegetables suppliers must be inspected and listed under the USDA-AMS GAP and/or the GHP Directory.
- B. Food Establishments.
1. All establishments and distributors furnishing subsistence items under DLA Troop Support contracts are subject to sanitation approval and surveillance as deemed appropriate by the Military Medical Service or by other Federal agencies recognized by the Military Medical Service. The Government does not intend to make any award for, nor accept, any subsistence products manufactured, processed, or stored in a facility which fails to maintain acceptable levels of food safety and food defense, is operating under such unsanitary conditions as may lead to product contamination or adulteration constituting a health hazard, or which has not been listed in an appropriate Government directory as a

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sanitarily approved establishment when required. Accordingly, the supplier agrees that, except as indicated in paragraphs 2 and 3 below, products furnished as a result of this contract will originate only in establishments listed in the U.S. Army Public Health Command (USAPHC ) Circular 40-1, Worldwide Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement, (Worldwide Directory) (available at <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/foodwater/ca/Pages/DoDAApprovedFoodSources.aspx>). Compliance with the current edition of DoD Military Standard 3006A, Sanitation Requirements for Food Establishments, is mandatory for listing of establishments in the Worldwide Directory. Suppliers also agree to inform the Contracting Officer immediately upon notification that a facility is no longer sanitarily approved and/or removed from the Worldwide Directory and/or other Federal agency's listing, as indicated in paragraph 2 below. Suppliers also agree to inform the Contracting Officer when sanitary approval is regained and listing is reinstated.

2. Establishments furnishing the products listed below and appearing in the publications indicated need not be listed in the worldwide directory. Additional guidance on specific listing requirements for products/plants included in or exempt from listing is provided in Appendix A of the worldwide directory.

(i) Shell eggs may be supplied from establishments listed in the USDA, Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) search engine results. The search engine can be found at [https://apps.ams.usda.gov/plantbook/Query\\_Pages/PlantBook\\_Query.asp](https://apps.ams.usda.gov/plantbook/Query_Pages/PlantBook_Query.asp)

3. Establishments exempt from Worldwide Directory listing. Refer to AR 40-657/NAVSUPINST 4355.4H/MCO P1010.31H, Veterinary/Medical Food Safety, Quality Assurance, and Laboratory Service, for a list of establishment types that may be exempt from Worldwide Directory listing. (AR 40-657 is available from National Technical Information Service, 5301 Shawnee Road, Alexandria, VA 22312; 1-888-584-8332; or download from web site: [https://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/DR\\_pubs/DR\\_a/pdf/web/r40\\_657.pdf](https://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/DR_pubs/DR_a/pdf/web/r40_657.pdf) ) For the most current listing of exempt plants/products, see the Worldwide Directory (available at: <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/foodwater/ca/Pages/DoDAApprovedFoodSources.aspx>).
4. Subsistence items other than those exempt from listing in the Worldwide Directory, bearing labels reading "Distributed By", "Manufactured For", etc., are not acceptable unless the source of manufacturing/processing is indicated on the label or on accompanying shipment documentation.
5. When the Military Medical Service or other Federal agency acceptable to the Military Medical Service determines the levels of food safety and food defense of the establishment or its products have or may lead to product contamination or adulteration, the Contracting Officer will suspend the work until such conditions are remedied to the satisfaction of the appropriate inspection agency. Suspension of the work shall not extend the life of the contract, nor shall it be considered sufficient cause for the Contractor to request an extension of any delivery date. In the event the Contractor fails to correct such objectionable conditions within the time specified by the Contracting Officer, the Government shall have the right to terminate the contract in accordance with the "Default" clause of the contract.

- C. Delivery conveyances: The supplies delivered under this contract shall be transported in delivery conveyances maintained to prevent tampering with and /or adulteration or contamination of the supplies, and if applicable, equipped to maintain a prescribed temperature. The delivery conveyances shall be subject to inspection by the government at all reasonable times and places. When the sanitary conditions of the delivery conveyance have led, or may lead to product contamination, adulteration, constitute a health hazard, or the delivery conveyance is not equipped to maintain prescribed temperatures, or the transport results in product 'unfit for intended purpose', supplies tendered for acceptance may be rejected without further inspection.

**XXXI. QUALITY SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT VISITS & PRODUCE QUALITY AUDITS**

- A. See Attachment 5, "Quality Systems Management Visits & Produce Quality Audits".

**XXXII. RECALL PROCEDURES REQUIREMENTS****CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

**Part 12 Clauses (CONTINUED)**

A. In the event that a product recall is initiated by the USDA, the Contractor, or the Contractor's supplier or manufacturer, the Contractor shall follow the procedures as outlined below:

1. Immediately notify the following personnel:

- (a) Customers that have received the recalled product.
- (b) DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer.
- (c) DLA Troop Support Account Manager.
- (d) DLA Troop Support Customer Safety Officer at (215) 737- 2922.

2. Provide the following information to the DLA Troop Support Consumer Safety Officer:

- (a) Reason for recall
- (b) Type of recall, i.e., Type I, II or III.
- (c) Description of product.
- (d) Amount of product.
- (e) List of customers that have received product.
- (f) Name and phone number of responsible person (Recall Coordinator).

3. The Contractor shall provide a Final Status Report of Recall, when completed, to the DLA Troop Support Consumer Safety Officer.

4. At the discretion of the affected customers, the Contractor shall either replace at no additional cost or adjust the invoice quantity for any recalled product.

B. In the event of a DoD All Food and Drug Acts ("ALFOODACT") notification resulting from a product recall, the Contractor shall provide the following information within 72 hours after recall notification (ALFOODACT) to their Contracting Officer (KO), Contracting Specialist, Tailored Vendor Logistics Specialist (TVLS) and/or Contracting Officer Representative (COR). Additionally, this information will be sent to the DLA Troop Support Subsistence Food Safety Office at [dscpconssafofc@dla.mil](mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil):

- 1) ALFOODACT 202X-XXX
- 2) DLA Contract Number:
- 3) Unit of Measure:
- 4) Quantity Currently in Stock:
- 5) List of customers that received product AND (a-h) for each customer:

- a. Customer name and location:
- b. DLA Purchase Order Number:
- c. Vendor Invoice Number:
- d. Item Stock number (LSN, NSN):
- e. Quantity Shipped:
- f. Date Shipped:
- g. Value of Affected Product:
- h. Amount of credit due:



**Part 12 Clauses (CONTINUED)**

- A. All offerors must possess a valid PACA license at the time they submit their initial proposals. Proof of a current, valid PACA license must be submitted with the offeror's proposal or the offer may be deemed technically unacceptable and removed from further award consideration. See Addendum to FAR 52.212-1 for further details regarding this proposal submission requirement. Additionally, upon award, the Contractor must maintain a valid PACA license throughout the life of the contract. Failure to do so may result in termination of the contract.

**XXXIV. NON-COMPETE PROVISION**

- A. The offeror warrants that upon receiving the award, it will not actively promote, engage, or market any of the customers on this acquisition away from the resultant DLA Troop Support contract and onto a fresh fruits and vegetable subsistence contract or account of any other Government agency or commercial entity. This prohibition is in effect during the life of the resultant contract, and restricts competition in the specific area or zone that is the subject of this acquisition. A violation of this term may result in the Contracting Officer terminating the contract, documenting this action as part of the awardee's past performance data, and taking other appropriate recourse as permitted by the contract or applicable regulations and law.

**XXXV. LOCAL PURCHASE (SCHOOLS)**

- A. DLA Troop Support and the USDA support the use of local purchase to the maximum extent practicable. Therefore, Contractors are encouraged to source local produce taking into consideration price, availability, quality, and other factors.
- B. For purposes of this solicitation and resulting contract, "local purchase" is defined as product purchased from growers or manufacturers within the state the customer is located, within the contract zone, or from a state bordering the state in which the customer is located.
- C. For contracts using FFAVORS catalogs, Contractors are required to include state of origin information for all products in the FFAVORS catalog. FFAVORS includes a data field for this purpose.
- D. Within 45 days after contract award, the successful Contractor(s) for schools will submit to the Contracting Officer a Local Purchase Procurement plan which will include the following elements:
1. A list of specific items that the contractor currently purchases locally;
  2. A list of local growers from which the contractor sources product;
  3. Plans to expand the purchase of local items; and
  4. A list of resources that might assist in efforts to source more local products.
- E. Contractors may be required to attend information sessions related to local sourcing and promotion of local products.

**XXXVI. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- A. The Contractor shall electronically transmit the following reports to the DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer and Account Manager on a monthly basis. All reports shall be cumulative for a one (1) month period and submitted no later than the seventh day of the following month (e.g., for the reporting period of January 1 through January 31, the reports must be received by February 7).
1. Product Line Listing (Manufacturer, Grower, Private Label Holder and Redistributor, collectively referred to as "Supplier"):

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This report shall list all items purchased along with quantity and dollar value. It shall be sorted by Supplier and annotate whether the Supplier is a large business or small business and whether the Supplier is local or non-local.

2. Fill Rate Report: The fill-rate is calculated by dividing the number of cases accepted by the customer by the number of cases ordered. No other method of calculating fill rates should be included. Mis-picks and damaged or rejected cases should not be included in this calculation. The report should specify fill rates per customer and an overall average fill-rate for all customers under the contract for the month being reported.
3. Rebates, Discounts, Allowances and Other Economic Incentives (collectively referred to as "Incentives"):
  - (a) All incentives for the prior month (i.e. the month being reported) that have been passed along to DLA Customers or that are due to the US Government shall be summarized by listing each customer and the incentive amount per line item. Also include the Supplier (see definition in section A.1. above) offering the incentive and the product usage. The total should be per customer and per order.
  - (b) Also, the Contractor must report on any and all financial arrangements under which the Contractor: (i) receives money from any of the Contractor's suppliers, and (ii) asserts that such money is not an incentive that is owed to the Government under the terms of this solicitation and the resulting contract. The Contractor must report the name of each supplier that provided money to the Contractor during the month, a brief description of each financial arrangement, and, the respective dollar amount received for each financial arrangement. If a new financial arrangement (i.e. an arrangement that was not previously provided in the Contractor's proposal under this solicitation) is reported, then the monthly report must also explain why the Contractor believes that the new financial arrangement should not be considered an incentive that would be owed to the Government under the terms of the resultant contract. This explanation is not required in the monthly report if the explanation was previously provided with the Contractor's proposal under this solicitation.
  - (c) The above reports shall be prepared in documents that include the Contractor's own letterhead. Said reports shall be signed by the appropriate official within the Contractor's organization holding the requisite authority to bind the Contractor and act on its behalf for purposes of this reporting. By signing such reports, the Contractor certifies that it understands the reporting requirements, that it understands the relevant contractual terms and conditions, and that the information provided is true and accurate.
4. DNAD: On a monthly basis, the Contractor shall create and electronically transmit an excel spreadsheet to the Contracting Officer with the stock number, item description, case count, pounds, and dollar value of non-domestic orders filled during the month. The Contractor shall code the EDI 832 Ref 03 (Foreign Source Indicator) with "Y" for each item that is foreign product and "N" for each item that is not foreign product. NOTE: The DNAD report is required only for Troop contracts because the Contractor is prohibited from providing any non-domestic products under the USDA contracts (i.e. contracts supporting School customers).
5. Financial Status Reports: In order to help track timely payments, an accounts receivable report shall be submitted on a monthly basis, at a minimum. Many Contractors elect to submit this report, in the form of a spreadsheet, on a weekly basis. The report should contain customer identification, invoice number, call number, invoice amount, amount paid, credit adjustments, and balance due. This information is necessary to help alleviate payment problems as soon as possible. However, the submission of this report does not relieve the Contractor's responsibility to monitor the STORES

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and FFAVORS Reconciliation tool, as detailed in section XXI.

6. Customer Service Report: The Contractor shall develop and provide a report summarizing all discrepancies, complaints and all positive feedback from ordering activities and the respective resolutions by providing details of each customer service incident, including any customer service visits.
7. Descending Dollar Value Report: Sorted by line item; each line is to contain, at a minimum: DLA Troop Support stock number, Item Description, pack or size, brand description, quantity, and total dollar value of units shipped. Dollar amounts will be totaled. This report shall be organized by individual customer accounts and by the total customer base in each zone.

B. The Contractor will also submit an annual report on the status of its performance regarding its Local Purchase Plan. The report will enable DLA and its customers to provide assistance as needed in identifying local sources. See Section XXXV for detailed information.

**XXXVII. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

A. Contract Authority: The DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer is the only person authorized to approve changes, or modify any requirement of the contract. Notwithstanding any provisions contained elsewhere in the contract, said authority remains solely with the DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer.

1. In the event that the Contractor effects any change at the direction of any person other than the DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer, the change will be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment will be made. The Contracting Officer must authorize any modification or costs associated with a change in writing.
2. Requests for information on matters related to this contract, such as an explanation of terms or contract interpretation, shall be submitted to the DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer.

B. Payments: DFAS Columbus Center is the payment office for this acquisition.

1. Payment of delivery orders will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of Paragraph (i) of FAR Clause 52.212-4 "Contract Terms and Conditions - Commercial Items" that is incorporated by reference into this solicitation.
2. Payment will be made within 10 days after the receipt of a proper invoice; however, payment is still subject to the terms and conditions of the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903). All 810 electronic invoices must be submitted with accurate, sufficient, clean data before any payment can be made. As previously noted, it is the Contractor's obligation to submit such an invoice and, absent such an invoice, no payment will be due for purposes of the Prompt Payment Act.
3. The Contractor is responsible to use MyInvoice for detailed summary of payments (line by line analysis) which can be found at: <https://wawf.eb.mil/>.
4. The Government intends to make payments under the resultant contract by electronic funds transfer ("EFT") based on the information contained in the System for Award Management Registration ("SAM"). FAR Clause 52.232-33, "Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer- System for Award Management" is incorporated by reference.

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**Part 12 Clauses (CONTINUED)**C. Administration:

1. The Contracting Officer from the DLA Troop Support Supplier Operations - Produce and Market Fresh Division will perform administration of the contract. The DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer must approve any changes to the resultant contract.

**52.212-4 AND ADDENDUM 52.212-4****52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions --Commercial Products and Commercial Services.**

As prescribed in [12.301\(b\)\(3\)](#), insert the following clause:

Contract Terms and Conditions --Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Nov 2021)

(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 Governmentwide 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 Federal Acquisition Regulation (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-

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- (i) Name and address of the Contractor;
- (ii) Invoice date and number;
- (iii) Contract number, 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

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overpaid on a contract financing or invoice payment, the Contractor shall-

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

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

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

(C) Affected line item or subline item, if applicable; 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 as fixed by the Secretary until the amount is paid.

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

(iii) *Final decisions.* The Contracting Officer will issue a final decision as required by [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 FAR [32.608-2](#) in effect on the date of this contract.

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(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](#).

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(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) [Reserved]

(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 User License Agreement (EULA), Terms of Service (TOS), or similar legal instrument or agreement, that includes any clause requiring the Government to indemnify the Contractor or any person or entity for damages, costs, fees, or any other loss or liability that would create an Anti-Deficiency Act violation (31 U.S.C. 1341), the following shall govern:

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

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

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

(2) Paragraph (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.

(End of clause)

**Addendum to 52.212-4 - Contract Terms and Conditions - Commercial Items.**

The following paragraph(s) of 52.212-4 are amended as indicated below:

**1. Paragraph (a), Inspection/Acceptance, is revised to add the following:**

"Inspection and acceptance of products will be performed at destination. The authorized Government receiving official for each customer is responsible for signing for and accepting products when they are delivered. The final disposition decision rests with the food service officer and/or the authorized Government receiving official.

**2. Paragraph (c), Changes, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:**

(c) Changes.

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- (1) In addition to bilateral changes, the Contracting Officer, at his/her discretion, may unilaterally invoke any of the contingency options set forth in this contract.
- (2) The Contracting Officer may at any time, by unilateral written order, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following:
  - (i) Method of shipment or packing;
  - (ii) Place, manner, or time of delivery.
- (3) If such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or time required for, performance for any part of the work under this contract, the Contracting Officer shall make equitable adjustment in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and shall modify the contract.
- (4) The Contractor must assert its right to an adjustment under this clause within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order. However, if the Contracting Officer decides that the facts justify it, the Contracting Officer may receive and act upon a proposal submitted before final payment of the contract.
- (5) Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute under the Disputes Clause. However, nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the contract.

**3. Paragraph (m), Termination for Cause.**

Delete paragraph (m) in its entirety and substitute the following:

- (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 this contract is terminated in whole or in part for cause, and the supplies or services covered by the contract so terminated are repurchased by the Government, the Government will incur administrative costs in such repurchases. The Contractor and the Government expressly agree that, in addition to any excess costs of repurchase, or any other damages resulting from such default, the Contractor shall pay, and the Government shall accept, the sum of \$1350.00 as payment in full for the administrative costs of such repurchase. This assessment of damages for administrative costs shall apply for any termination for cause following which the Government repurchases the terminated supplies or services together with any incidental or consequential damages incurred because of the termination. If it is determined that the Government improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

**CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS-COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES**

52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required To Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Products and Commercial Services.

As prescribed in 12.301(b)(4), insert the following clause:

Contract Terms and Conditions Required To Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Jan 2022)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial products and commercial services:

(1) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

(2) 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (Nov 2021) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).

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(3) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (Nov 2021) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

(4) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (Nov 2015).

(5) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (Aug 1996) ( 31 U.S.C. 3553).

(6) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Oct 2004) (Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 ( 19 U.S.C. 3805 note)).

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial products and commercial services:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

\_\_\_ (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Jun 2020), with Alternate I (Nov 2021) ( 41 U.S.C. 4704 and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

\_\_\_ (2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Nov 2021) ( 41 U.S.C. 3509)).

\_\_\_ (3) 52.203-15, Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Jun 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5). (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.)

\_\_\_ (4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Jun 2020) (Pub. L. 109-282) ( 31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

\_\_\_ (5) [Reserved].

\_\_\_ (6) 52.204-14, Service Contract Reporting Requirements (Oct 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

\_\_\_ (7) 52.204-15, Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (Oct 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

\_\_\_ (8) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (Nov 2021) ( 31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

\_\_\_ (9) 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Oct 2018) ( 41 U.S.C. 2313).

\_\_\_ (10) [Reserved].

\_\_\_ (11) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (Sep 2021) ( 15 U.S.C. 657a).

\_\_\_ (12) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (Sep 2021) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) ( 15 U.S.C. 657a).

\_\_\_ (13) [Reserved]

\_\_\_ (14) (i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2020) ( 15 U.S.C. 644).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) of 52.219-6.

\_\_\_ (15) (i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2020) ( 15 U.S.C. 644).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) of 52.219-7.

\_\_\_ (16) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Oct 2018) ( 15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).

\_\_\_ (17) (i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Nov 2021) ( 15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Nov 2016) of 52.219-9.

\_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2016) of 52.219-9.

\_\_\_ (iv) Alternate III (Jun 2020) of 52.219-9.

\_\_\_ (v) Alternate IV (Sep 2021) of 52.219-9.

\_\_\_ (18) (i) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (Mar 2020) ( 15 U.S.C. 644(r)).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) of 52.219-13.

\_\_\_ (19) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (Sep 2021) ( 15 U.S.C. 637s).

\_\_\_ (20) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (Sep 2021) ( 15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).

\_\_\_ (21) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (Sep 2021) ( 15 U.S.C. 657f).

\_\_\_ (22) (i) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (Sep 2021) ( 15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) of 52.219-28.

\_\_\_ (23) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole-Source Award to, Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business Concerns (Sep 2021) ( 15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

\_\_\_ (24) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole-Source Award to, Women-Owned Small Business Concerns Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (Sep 2021) ( 15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

\_\_\_ (25) 52.219-32, Orders Issued Directly Under Small Business Reserves (Mar 2020) ( 15 U.S.C. 644(r)).

\_\_\_ (26) 52.219-33, Nonmanufacturer Rule (Sep 2021) ( 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17)).

\_\_\_ (27) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (Jun 2003) (E.O.11755).

\_\_\_ (28) 52.222-19, Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Jan 2022) (E.O.13126).

\_\_\_ (29) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Apr 2015).

\_\_\_ (30) (i) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Sep 2016) (E.O.11246).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Feb 1999) of 52.222-26.

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- \_\_\_ (31) (i) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Jun 2020) ( 38 U.S.C. 4212).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jul 2014) of 52.222-35.
- \_\_\_ (32) (i) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jun 2020) ( 29 U.S.C. 793).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jul 2014) of 52.222-36.
- \_\_\_ (33) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (Jun 2020) ( 38 U.S.C. 4212).
- \_\_\_ (34) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496).
- \_\_\_ (35) (i) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Nov 2021) ( 22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2015) of 52.222-50 ( 22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
- \_\_\_ (36) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Nov 2021) . (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial products or commercial services as prescribed in FAR 22.1803.)
- \_\_\_ (37) (i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA–Designated Items (May 2008) ( 42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (May 2008) of 52.223-9 ( 42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- \_\_\_ (38) 52.223-11, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).
- \_\_\_ (39) 52.223-12, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).
- \_\_\_ (40) (i) 52.223-13, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (Jun 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 2015) of 52.223-13.
- \_\_\_ (41) (i) 52.223-14, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Televisions (Jun 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jun2014) of 52.223-14.
- \_\_\_ (42) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (May 2020) ( 42 U.S.C. 8259b).
- \_\_\_ (43) (i) 52.223-16, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (Oct 2015) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-16.
- \_\_\_ (44) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (Jun 2020) (E.O. 13513).
- \_\_\_ (45) 52.223-20, Aerosols (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).
- \_\_\_ (46) 52.223-21, Foams (Jun2016) (E.O. 13693).
- \_\_\_ (47) (i) 52.224-3 Privacy Training (Jan 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552 a).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jan 2017) of 52.224-3.
- \_\_\_ (48) 52.225-1, Buy American-Supplies (Nov 2021) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 83).
- \_\_\_ (49) (i) 52.225-3, Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act (Nov 2021) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter83, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jan 2021) of 52.225-3.
- \_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Jan 2021) of 52.225-3.
- \_\_\_ (iv) Alternate III (Jan 2021) of 52.225-3.
- \_\_\_ (50) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (Oct 2019) ( 19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).
- \_\_\_ (51) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (Feb 2021) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
- \_\_\_ (52) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302Note).
- \_\_\_ (53) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov2007) ( 42 U.S.C. 5150).
- \_\_\_ (54) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov2007) ( 42 U.S.C. 5150).
- \_\_\_ (55) 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements (Feb 2021).
- \_\_\_ (56) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Nov 2021) ( 41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- \_\_\_ (57) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Nov 2021) ( 41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- \_\_\_ (58) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (Oct2018) ( 31 U.S.C. 3332).
- \_\_\_ (59) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) ( 31 U.S.C. 3332).
- \_\_\_ (60) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (May 2014) ( 31 U.S.C. 3332).
- \_\_\_ (61) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) ( 5 U.S.C. 552a).
- \_\_\_ (62) 52.242-5, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (Jan 2017) ( 15 U.S.C. 637(d)(13)).
- \_\_\_ (63) (i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Nov 2021) ( 46 U.S.C. 55305 and 10 U.S.C. 2631).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) of 52.247-64.
- \_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2021) of 52.247-64.

(c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial products and commercial services:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

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- \_\_\_ (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (Aug 2018) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter67).
  - \_\_\_ (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 2014) ( 29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
  - \_\_\_ (3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (Aug 2018) ( 29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
  - \_\_\_ (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (May 2014) ( 29U.S.C.206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
  - \_\_\_ (5) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
  - \_\_\_ (6) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (May 2014) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
  - \_\_\_ (7) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (Jan 2022).
  - \_\_\_ (8) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (Jan 2022) (E.O. 13706).
  - \_\_\_ (9) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (Jun 2020) ( 42 U.S.C. 1792).
- (d) Comptroller General Examination of Record. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101, on the date of award of this contract, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records-Negotiation.
- (1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.
- (2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.
- (3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.
- (e) (1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1) in a subcontract for commercial products or commercial services. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause-
- (i) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Nov 2021) ( 41 U.S.C. 3509).
  - (ii) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).
  - (iii) 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (Nov 2021) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).
  - (iv) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (Nov 2021) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).
  - (v) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Oct 2018) ( 15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds the applicable threshold specified in FAR 19.702(a) on the date of subcontract award, the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.
  - (vi) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Apr 2015).
  - (vii) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Sep 2015) (E.O.11246).
  - (viii) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Jun 2020) ( 38 U.S.C. 4212).
  - (ix) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jun 2020) ( 29 U.S.C. 793).
  - (x) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (Jun 2020) ( 38 U.S.C. 4212).
  - (xi) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause 52.222-40.

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(xii) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (Aug 2018) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(xiii) (A) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Nov 2021) ( 22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O 13627).  
(B) Alternate I (Mar 2015) of 52.222-50 ( 22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

(xiv) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May2014) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(xv) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (May 2014) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(xvi) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Nov 2021) (E.O. 12989).

(xvii) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (Jan 2022).

(xviii) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (Jan 2022) (E.O. 13706).

(xix) (A) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (Jan 2017) ( 5 U.S.C. 552a).  
(B) Alternate I (Jan 2017) of 52.224-3.

(xx) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

(xxi) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (Jun 2020) ( 42 U.S.C. 1792). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.

(xxii) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Nov 2021) ( 46 U.S.C. 55305 and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

(2) While not required, the Contractor may include in its subcontracts for commercial products and commercial services a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (Feb 2000). As prescribed in 12.301(b)(4)(i), delete paragraph (d) from the basic clause, redesignate paragraph (e) as paragraph (d), and revise the reference to "paragraphs (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this clause" in the redesignated paragraph (d) to read "paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this clause".

Alternate II (Jan 2022) . As prescribed in 12.301(b)(4)(ii), substitute the following paragraphs (d)(1) and (e)(1) for paragraphs (d)(1) and (e)(1) of the basic clause as follows:

(d)(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, an appropriate Inspector General appointed under section 3 or 8 G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 ( 5 U.S.C. App.), or an authorized representative of either of the foregoing officials shall have access to and right to—

- (i) Examine any of the Contractor's or any subcontractors' records that pertain to, and involve transactions relating to, this contract; and
- (ii) Interview any officer or employee regarding such transactions.

(e)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause in a subcontract for commercial products or commercial services, other than—

- (i) Paragraph (d) of this clause. This paragraph flows down to all subcontracts, except the authority of the Inspector General under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) does not flow down; and
- (ii) Those clauses listed in this paragraph (e)(1). Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause-

(A) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Nov 2021) ( 41 U.S.C. 3509).

(B) 52.203-15, Whistleblower Protections Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Jun 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5).

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(C) 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (Nov 2021) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).

(D) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (Nov 2021) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

(E) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Oct 2018) ( 15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds the applicable threshold specified in FAR 19.702(a) on the date of subcontract award, the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(F) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Apr 2015).

(G) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Sep 2016) (E.O. 11246).

(H) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Jun 2020) ( 38 U.S.C. 4212).

(I) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jun 2020) ( 29 U.S.C. 793).

(J) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause 52.222-40.

(K) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (Aug 2018) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(L) \_\_\_ (1) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Nov 2021) ( 22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O 13627).

\_\_\_ (2) Alternate I (Mar 2015) of 52.222-50 ( 22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

(M) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(N) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (May 2014) ( 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(O) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Nov 2021) (Executive Order 12989).

(P) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (Jan 2022).

(Q) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (Jan 2022) (E.O. 13706).

(R) (1) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (Jan 2017) ( 5 U.S.C. 552a).

(2) Alternate I (Jan 2017) of 52.224-3.

(S) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

(T) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations. (Jun 2020) ( 42 U.S.C. 1792). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.

(U) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Nov 2021) ( 46 U.S.C. 55305 and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

Parent topic: 52.212 [Reserved]