



*United States Department of State  
US Embassy Algiers*

## **Letter to Prospective Quoters**

May 11, 2022

**SUBJECT: Request for Quotations -19AG1022Q0016- Catering Services for the Embassy's National Day (Independence Day) Celebration**

Dear Prospective Quoter:

The Embassy of the United States of America invites you to submit a quotation for catering services for approximately 700 – 900 guests for the Embassy's National Day (Independence Day) Celebration.

The U.S. Government intends to select a responsible company submitting an acceptable quotation at the lowest price. We intend to award a contract based on initial quotations, without holding discussions, although we may hold discussions with companies in the competitive range if there is a need to do so.

You are encouraged to make your quotation competitive. You are also cautioned against any collusion with other potential offerors regarding quotations to be submitted. The RFQ does not commit the American Embassy to make any award. The Embassy may cancel this RFQ or any part of it.

**For a quotation to be considered, you must complete and submit the following:**

1. SF-1449
2. Section 1, Pricing
3. Section 5, Representations and Certifications and ensure compliance with FAR 52.229-11 is completed
4. Additional information as required in Section 3

See Section 3 of this Request for Quotations (RFQ) for full instructions on submitting a quotation.

Final proposals must be sent electronically to Contracting Officer Matthew Welsh at [welshmj@state.gov](mailto:welshmj@state.gov) only. **\*Do not include any other email addresses in the "To" or "CC" lines.**

**Quotations are due by Wednesday, May 25, 2022, no later than 16:00.**

The quoter should also provide a sample of the food requested in this RFQ, to be delivered to the U.S. Embassy on **May 25, 2022, at 13:00**. See Section 3 of this RFQ for additional details.

The Embassy intends to hold a site visit at the U.S. Embassy on **Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 10:00 AM**. Please email [Algiers\\_Procurement@state.gov](mailto:Algiers_Procurement@state.gov) if you would like to attend.

Direct any questions regarding this solicitation to [Algiers\\_Procurement@state.gov](mailto:Algiers_Procurement@state.gov)

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Welsh  
Contracting Officer

# SECTION 1 - THE SCHEDULE

## SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS

OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, & 30				1. REQUISITION NUMBER PR10750753	PAGE 3 OF 40	
2. CONTRACT NO.	3. AWARD/EFFECTIVE Notice to proceed	4. ORDER NUMBER	5. SOLICITATION NUMBER 19AG1022Q0016	6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE 05/11/2022		
7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL:	a. NAME Contracting Officer: <b>Matthew Welsh</b> Algiers_procurement@state.gov		b. TELEPHONE NUMBER(No collect calls)	8. OFFER DUE DATE/ LOCAL TIME 05/25/2022, 16:00		
	9. ISSUED BY Contracting Officer US EMBASSY ALGIERS 05, Chemin bachir Ibrahim, El Biar Alger	CODE	10. THIS ACQUISITION IS SMALL BUSINESS HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS	UNRESTRICTED OR WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (WOSB) ELLIGIBLE UNDER THE WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM NAICS: EDWOSB	SET ASIDE: ___ % FOR: 8 (A) SIZE STANDARD:	
11. DELIVERY FOR FOB DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED SEE SCHEDULE	12. DISCOUNT TERMS	13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700)	13b. RATING	14. METHOD OF SOLICITATION RFQ IFB RFP		
15. DELIVER TO Contracting Officer US EMBASSY ALGIERS 05, Chemin bachir Ibrahim, El Biar Alger	CODE	16. ADMINISTERED BY Contracting Officer US EMBASSY ALGIERS 05, Chemin bachir Ibrahim, El Biar Alger	CODE			
17a. CONTRACTOR/OFFERER	CODE	FACILITY CODE	18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY Algiers Financial management US EMBASSY ALGIERS 05, Chemin bachir Ibrahim, El Biar Algiers_FinancialMgt@state.gov	CODE		
17b. CHECK IF REMITTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND PUT SUCH ADDRESS IN OFFER			18b. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK 18a UNLESS BLOCK BELOW IS CHECKED SEE ADDENDUM			
19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES		21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
	Catering services for 700 Persons (with Bowls) VAT Sandwiches: Ordinary VAT  <i>(Use Reverse and/or Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary)</i>		700  120	Each  Each		
25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA				26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Govt. Use Only)		
27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4, FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA				ARE ARE NOT ATTACHED		
27b. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-4, FAR 52.212-5 IS ATTACHED. ADDENDA				ARE ARE NOT ATTACHED		
28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN ___ COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED HEREIN.			29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REF. _____ OFFER DATED _____. YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN, IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS:			
30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR			31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER)			
30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)	30c. DATE SIGNED	31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)	31c. DATE SIGNED			
		Matthew Welsh				

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32b. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE			32c. DATE	32d. PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE							
32e. MAILING ADDRESS OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE				32f. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE							
				32g. E-MAIL OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE							
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38. S/R ACCOUNT NO.		39. S/R VOUCHER NO.	40. PAID BY								
41.a. I CERTIFY THIS ACCOUNT IS CORRECT AND PROPER FOR PAYMENT				42a. RECEIVED BY ( <i>Print</i> )							
41b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER			41c. DATE			42b. RECEIVED AT ( <i>Location</i> )					
						42c. DATE REC'D ( <i>YY/MM/DD</i> )		42d. TOTAL CONTAINERS			

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SECTION 1 - THE SCHEDULE  
CONTINUATION TO SF-1449  
RFQ NUMBER-19AG1022Q0016- PRICES, BLOCK 23

The U.S. Embassy Algiers will host its National Day (Independence Day) event on the June 16, 2022. We invite qualified catering companies and hotels to submit quotes for catering services for 700 – 900 guests.

I. PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT

A. The purpose of this firm fixed price purchase contract is to provide **catering services at U.S Embassy Algiers** in accordance with the schedule of supplies and services below.

B. The contract will be for one event only.

C. VALUE ADDED TAX. Value Added Tax (VAT) is not included in the contract line-item rates. Instead, it will be priced as a separate line item in the contract and on invoices. Local law dictates the portion of the contract price that is subject to VAT; this percentage is multiplied only against that portion.

II. PRICING

1. Catering Price – The Caterer will furnish the plastic bowls, plates, and plastic utensils.

Designation	Quantity	Unit Price	Total	VAT	Grand Total
Option A: 700 Person	700				
Option B: 900 Person	900				

2. Catering Price – The Caterer will **not** furnish the plastic bowls, plates, and plastic utensils. Plastic bowls, plates, and utensils will be provided by the Embassy.

Designation	Quantity	Unit Price	Total	VAT	Grand Total
Option A: 700 Person	700				
Option B: 900 Person	900				

3. Sandwiches, fries or chips, and bottled drinks for event staff:

Designation	Quantity	Unit Price	Total	VAT	Grand Total
Sandwiches	120				

CONTINUATION TO SF-1449,  
**RFQ NUMBER-19AG1022Q0016**

SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES, BLOCK 20

III. DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

**3.1. BACKGROUND**

The United States Embassy Algiers will be holding its national day event on June 16, 2022. This event will consist of an American “Country Fair” themed reception (red, white, and blue decor) beginning at 17:30 and ending at 21:00. The location will be the Chief of Mission Residence (Ambassador’s Residence). Approximately 700 to 900 guests will attend (final count to be confirmed). The successful offeror will be responsible for providing catering services.

**3.2. FOOD**

**3.2.1** The food offered for guests of the event should include the following:

**a. Main Course:**

- Short ribs in North Carolina (NC) BBQ sauce, served on mini burger rolls OR shaved beef on mini burger rolls (served on small plastic plates)

AND

- Shrimp boiled Louisiana style with potatoes and mushroom (served in small bowls with plastic forks)

AND

- Jambalaya chicken (served in small bowls with plastic forks)

AND

- Fried chicken drumettes OR fried chicken nuggets (served on plastic plates)

AND

One gluten-free course for 100 guests.

**b. Sides**

- Mac and cheese (served in small cups with plastic forks)
- Creamy coleslaw (served in small cups with plastic forks)
- Onion Rings (served on plastic plates)

**c. Dessert (served on plastic plates)**

- Dark chocolate brownies
- Mini lemon tarts
- Mini apple pies
- Cupcakes with red/white/blue icing
- New Orleans pralines or California Almond cookies

**3.2.2** Food offered for event staff (police officers, security, and other support staff):

- a. Sandwiches and fries or chips and a drink in a bag. Sandwiches may be chicken or turkey.

**3.3. FOOD SERVICE**

Special requirements for the food service:

- a. All food items must be presented in a fashion that would make them edible by hand (i.e. finger food) or using plastic utensils and small plates or bowls, causing the least amount of untidiness for our guests. The Embassy plans to conduct a taste test prior to the award of a contract. The caterer shall ensure that the presentation of a food item at the tasting matches the final presentation on the day of the event. All food items will be photographed to ensure compliance. Caterers will need to accommodate no more than 10 people for the taste test.
- b. All food items must be labeled with the name of the dish and major ingredients in English and Arabic.
- c. If any of the eight common food allergens milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, or soybeans is contained in the food item, the ingredients must be specifically listed on the name label for the dish. The name of the food source of a major food allergen must appear next to the name of the ingredient: Examples: "lecithin (soy)," "flour (wheat)," and "whey (milk)."
- d. The caterer must provide plastic flatware (utensils) and dishware (dishes or bowls) for use by the guests (e.g. plates, cups, cutlery, etc.) at the request of the Government.
- e. The servers shall report to the venue at least two hours before the event to familiarize themselves with the layout.



### **3.4. BEVERAGE SERVICE**

There will be beverage stations throughout the event location providing an assortment of beverages for our guests. The Embassy will provide tables for the beverage stations. Each beverage station must be staffed by no fewer than two (2) servers.

The Caterer should provide:

- Juices
- Schweppes
- Ice
- Slice of lemon- Lime.
- Water

### **3.5. OTHER SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT**

The caterer must provide equipment and supplies, including:

- Tables for the use by the caterer
- Grills
- Utensils
- Glasses
- Dishes
- Trays
- All supplies necessary for the service
- “Back of the house” tables and equipment for preparing / holding / warming / serving the food.
- Cooking and heating equipment.
- 50 “cocktail” tables for use by guests
  
- The caterer shall inform the Contracting Officer or the Embassy facilities team of its power (electricity) requirements no later than two weeks prior to the event date. The request should include the number of outlets and the voltage requirement of each piece of equipment. The United States Government will not be held responsible for any damage caused by our electrical systems and the caterer assumes all liability.

### **3.6. SCHEDULE**

- a. The caterer may be required to deliver and set-up most of this equipment (everything except perishables) the day prior to the event. The entire set up must be completed no later than 15:00 on the day of the event (two hours before the start time).

- b. Time of Service: The catering contractor must be ready to serve food no later than the start of the reception at 17:30.
- c. On the day of the event, all catering equipment and material must be removed by 23:59.
- d. The Embassy reserves the option to reschedule the event at no additional costs and/or penalties provided that the caterer receives written notification five (5) calendar days in advance of the event.

### **3.7. STAFF**

The caterer must provide the necessary staff to deliver the equipment, set-up the day before the event, and remove garbage (trash) during the event.

#### **Special Requirements for Staffing:**

- a. The Offeror shall have two supervisors, one back of the House (Chef) and one Front of the House (Waiter's chef- Maître d'hôtel) on site who speaks fluent English and /or French to communicate with staff from the Embassy.
- b. On the day of the event, the staff must be dressed appropriately for a business setting in black pants with a button-down white shirt with a black bowtie. The staff must be ready to serve one hour before the official start time.
- c. For security reasons, the Offeror must provide identification information for each staff member and vehicle entering our facilities at least two weeks in advance of the setup and event. Vehicle or staff information will not be changed less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the event. Details will be provided.
- d. Staff must comply with all applicable laws of Algeria related to safety, health, sanitation, and use of food service areas and equipment.
- e. When catering personnel are performing work at the Embassy facilities, they shall comply with all rules and regulations of the facility, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations governing security, controlled access, personnel clearances and conduct with respect to health and safety and to property at the site.
- f. The Offeror and its employees shall only conduct business covered by this acquisition during periods paid for by the Embassy and will not conduct any other business on U.S. Government premises.
- g. The Offeror's staff shall immediately respond to and take corrective action for all emergencies associated with the services, including but not limited to chemical spills or fuel/motor oil spill. The Offeror's staff will ensure that there is no danger to the public health, safety or welfare due the services provided.

### **3.8. Site Visit:**

The Embassy reserves the right to conduct a site visit to inspect the quoter's food preparation facilities and kitchen, and to inspect the serving station(s)/buffet and beverage setup.

## SECTION 2 - CONTRACT CLAUSES

FAR 52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2018) is incorporated by reference. (see SF-1449, Block 27A)

- 52.212-5 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 items:

(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 (JUL 2018) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).

(3) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (AUG 2020) (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 items:

(1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (JUNE 2020), with Alternate I (OCT 1995) (*41 U.S.C. 4704* and *10 U.S.C. 2402*).

(2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (JUN 2020) (*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. (JUN 2020) (*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 2020) (*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 (JUN 2020) (*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 (JUN 2020) 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. 637(a)(14)*).
- \_\_\_(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).  
 X (28) 52.222-19, Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN 2020) (E.O.13126).  
 X (29) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).  
 X (30)  
 (i) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O.11246).  
 (ii) Alternate I (FEB 1999) of 52.222-26.  
 (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).  
 X (35)  
 (i) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (OCT 2020) (*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 (OCT 2015). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in *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 (Jun 2014) 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 (Jun 2016) (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 (JAN2021) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83).
- (49)
  - (i) 52.225-3, Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act (JAN 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).
- X (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).
- X (56) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (FEB 2002) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- (57) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Jan 2017) (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).
- X (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 (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. 55305 and 10 U.S.C. 2631).
  - (ii) Alternate I (APR 2003) of 52.247-64.
  - (iii) Alternate II (FEB 2006) of 52.247-64.

(c) Not applicable

(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)

#### 52.229-12 TAX ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PROCUREMENTS—NOTICE AND REPRESENTATION (FEB 2021)

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

*Foreign person* means any person other than a United States person.

*United States person*, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 7701(a)(30), means—

- (1) A citizen or resident of the United States;
- (2) A domestic partnership;
- (3) A domestic corporation;
- (4) Any estate (other than a foreign estate, within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. 7701(a)(31)); and

(5) Any trust if-

(i) A court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust; and

(ii) One or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

(b) This clause applies only to foreign persons. It implements 26 U.S.C. 5000C and its implementing regulations at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1 through 1.5000C-7.



(c)

(1) If the Contractor is a foreign person and has only a partial or no exemption to the withholding, the Contractor shall include the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-14, Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments, with each voucher or invoice submitted under this contract throughout the period in which this status is applicable. The excise tax withholding is applied at the payment level, not at the contract level. The Contractor should revise each IRS Form W-14 submission to reflect the exemption (if any) that applies to that particular invoice, such as a different exemption applying. In the absence of a completed IRS Form W-14 accompanying a payment request, the default withholding percentage is 2 percent for the section 5000C withholding for that payment request. Information about IRS Form W-14 and its separate instructions is available via the internet at [www.irs.gov/w14](http://www.irs.gov/w14).

(2) If the Contractor is a foreign person and has indicated in its offer in the provision [52.229-11](#), Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements—Notice and Representation, that it is fully exempt from the withholding, and certified the full exemption on the IRS Form W-14, and if that full exemption no longer applies due to a change in circumstances during the performance of the contract that causes the Contractor to become subject to the withholding for the 2 percent excise tax then the Contractor shall—

(i) Notify the Contracting Officer within 30 days of a change in circumstances that causes the Contractor to be subject to the excise tax withholding under [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#); and

(ii) Comply with paragraph (c)(1) of this clause.

(d) The Government will withhold a full 2 percent of each payment unless the Contractor claims an exemption. If the Contractor enters a ratio in Line 12 of the IRS Form W-14, the result of Line 11 divided by Line 10, the Government will withhold from each payment an amount equal to 2 percent multiplied by the contract ratio. If the Contractor marks box 9 of the IRS Form W-14 (rather than completes Lines 10 through 12), the Contractor must identify and enter the specific exempt and nonexempt amounts in Line 15 of the IRS Form W-14; the Government will then withhold 2 percent only from the nonexempt amount. See the IRS Form W-14 and its instructions.

(e) Exemptions from the withholding under this clause are described at [26 CFR 1.5000C-1\(d\)\(5\)](#) through (7). Any exemption claimed and self-certified on the IRS Form W-14 is subject to audit by the IRS. Any disputes regarding the imposition and collection of the [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) tax are adjudicated by the IRS as the [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) tax is a tax matter, not a contract issue.

(f) Taxes imposed under [26 U.S.C. 5000C](#) may not be—

(1) Included in the contract price; nor



(2) Reimbursed.

(g) A taxpayer may, for a fee, seek advice from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as to the proper tax treatment of a transaction. This is called a private letter ruling. Also, the IRS may publish a revenue ruling, which is an official interpretation by the IRS of the Internal Revenue Code, related statutes, tax treaties, and regulations. A revenue ruling is the conclusion of the IRS on how the law is applied to a specific set of facts. For questions relating to the interpretation of the IRS regulations go to <https://www.irs.gov/help/tax-law-questions>.

**(End of clause)**

ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT CLAUSES  
FAR AND DOSAR CLAUSES NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

52.252-2CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. In addition, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at: [Acquisition.gov](http://Acquisition.gov) this address is subject to change.

If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the location indicated above, use the Department of State Acquisition website at [e-CFR](http://e-CFR) to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet “search engine” (for example, Google, Yahoo or Excite) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) clauses are incorporated by reference:

<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.203-17	CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS (JUN 2020)
52.204-13	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE (OCT 2018)
52.204-18	COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE MAINTENANCE (AUG 2020)
52.225-14	INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ENGLISH VERSION AND TRANSLATION OF CONTRACT (FEB 2000)
52.228-5	INSURANCE - WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION (JAN 1997)
52.229-6	FOREIGN FIXED PRICE CONTRACTS (FEB 2013)
52.232-39	UNENFORCEABILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS (JUNE 2013)
52.204-9	PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (JAN 2011)
52.244-6	SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS and COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 2022)
[ 52.232-70	PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND INVOICE SUBMISSION (FIXED-PRICE) (AUG 1999)

(a) General. The Government shall pay the Contractor as full compensation for all work required, performed, and accepted under this contract the firm fixed-price stated in this contract.

(b) Invoice Submission. The Contractor shall submit invoices in an original 1 copy to the office identified in Block 18b of the SF-1449. To constitute a proper invoice, the invoice shall include all the items required by FAR 32.905(e).

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The Contractor shall show Value Added Tax (VAT) as a separate item on invoices submitted for payment.

(c) Contractor Remittance Address. The Government will make payment to the contractor's address stated on the cover page of this contract, unless a separate remittance address is shown below:

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(End of clause)

### SECTION 3 - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

Instructions to Offeror. Each offer must consist of the following:

FAR 52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (SEP 2021), is incorporated by reference (see SF-1449, Block 27A)

#### ADDENDUM TO 52.212-1

- I. Summary of Instructions. Each offer must consist of the following:
- A. A completed solicitation, including a completed SF-1449 cover page (blocks 12, 17, 19-24, and 30 as appropriate), and Section 1.
- B. Information demonstrating the quoter's ability to perform, including:
- Name of the quoter's Project Manager who understands written and spoken English.
  - CV of the head chef
  - CV of the Maître d'hôtel (the head server)
  - Number of waiters
  - References of the catering company for similar catering event including the number of guests and description (weddings – National Day- corporate event...)
  - Evidence that the Caterer has adequate facilities for food preparation and cooking. The Embassy reserves the right to conduct a site visit of the quoter's food preparation facilities prior to award.
  - Evidence that the quoter operates an established business with a permanent address and telephone listing.
- C. List of clients over the past 3 years, demonstrating prior experience with relevant past performance information and references (provide dates of contracts, places of performance, value of contracts, contact names, telephone and fax numbers and email addresses). If the offeror has not performed comparable services in 3 then the offeror shall provide its international experience. Offerors are advised that the past performance information requested above may be discussed with the client's contact person. In addition, the client's contact person may be asked to comment on the quoter's:
- Quality of services provided under the contract;
  - Compliance with contract terms and conditions;
  - Effectiveness of management;
  - Willingness to cooperate with and assist the customer in routine matters, and when confronted by unexpected difficulties; and
  - Business integrity / business conduct.

The Government will use past performance information primarily to assess an offeror's capability to meet the solicitation performance requirements, including the relevance and successful performance of the offeror's work experience. The Government may also use this

data to evaluate the credibility of the offeror's proposal. In addition, the Contracting Officer may use past performance information in making a determination of responsibility.

- D. Evidence that the offeror/quoter can provide the necessary personnel, equipment, and financial resources needed to perform the work;
- E. The offeror shall address its plan to obtain all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section 2). If offeror already possesses the locally required licenses and permits, a copy shall be provided.
- F. The offeror's strategic plan for providing the catering services to include but not limited to:
  - 1. A work plan taking into account all work elements in Section 1, Performance Work Statement.
  - 2. Identify types and quantities of equipment, supplies and materials required for performance of services under this contract. Identify if the offeror already possesses the listed items and their condition for suitability and if not already possessed or inadequate for use how and when the items will be obtained;
  - 3. Plan of ensuring quality of services including but not limited to contract administration and oversight; and
  - 4. If insurance is required by the solicitation, a copy of the Certificate of Insurance(s), or (2) a statement that the contractor will obtain the required insurance, and the name of the insurance provider to be used.

#### G. TESTING SESSION

Quoters must deliver the meals listed below to the Embassy on **May 25, 2022, at 13:00.**

##### 1. Main

- Short ribs in North Carolina (NC) BBQ sauce, served on mini burger rolls OR shaved beef on mini burger rolls (served on small plastic plates)

AND

- Shrimp boiled Louisiana style with potatoes and mushroom (served in small bowls with plastic forks)

AND

- Jambalaya chicken (served in small bowls with plastic forks)

AND

- Fried chicken drumettes OR fried chicken nuggets (served on plastic plates)

AND

One gluten-free course for 100 guests.

2. **Sides**

- Mac and cheese (served in small cups with plastic forks)
- Creamy coleslaw (served in small cups with plastic forks)
- Onion Rings (served on plastic plates)

3. **Dessert (served on plastic plates)**

- Dark chocolate brownies
- Mini lemon tarts
- Mini apple pies
- Cupcakes with red/white/blue icing
- New Orleans pralines or California Almond cookies

4. For each sample delivered, please provide a label on the packaging indicating the following information - for allergy reasons:

- Company Name
- Ingredients
- Plant or animal origin
- Meat: specify which
- Specify whether food will need to be heated before tasting and the number
- Specify whether boxes or containers should be returned to you after the tasting
- Specify the quantity of food or boxes that will be delivered.
- Transmit the menu and or list that will be presented

ADDENDUM TO SOLICITATION PROVISIONS  
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISIONS NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. In addition, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at [Acquisition.gov](http://Acquisition.gov) this address is subject to change.

If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the location indicated above, use the Department of State Acquisition website at [e-CFR](http://e-CFR) to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet “search engine” (for example, Google, Yahoo or Excite) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation solicitation provisions are incorporated by reference:

PROVISION TITLE AND DATE

52.204-7 SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (OCT 2018)

52.204-16 COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE REPORTING  
(AUG 2020)

52.214-34 SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (APR 1991)

52.237-1 SITE VISIT (APR 1984)

Prospective offerors/quoters should contact [Algiers\\_Procurement@state.gov](mailto:Algiers_Procurement@state.gov) for additional information or to arrange entry to the building.

The following DOSAR provision(s) is/are provided in full text:

652.206-70 ADVOCATE FOR COMPETITION/OMBUDSMAN (FEB 2015)

(a) The Department of State’s Advocate for Competition is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged first to contact the contracting office for the solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact:

(1) For solicitations issued by the Office of Acquisition Management (A/LM/AQM) or a Regional Procurement Support Office, the A/LM/AQM Advocate for Competition, at [AQMCompetitionAdvocate@state.gov](mailto:AQMCompetitionAdvocate@state.gov).

(2) For all others, the Department of State Advocate for Competition at [cat@state.gov](mailto:cat@state.gov).

(b) The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and post-award phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman, [insert name], at [insert telephone and fax numbers]. For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1696 or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 1060, SA-15, Washington, DC 20520.

(End of provision)



#### SECTION 4 - EVALUATION FACTORS

- Award will be made to the lowest priced, acceptable, responsible offeror. The quoter shall submit a completed solicitation, including Sections 1 and 5.
- The Government reserves the right to reject proposals that are unreasonably low or high in price.
- The lowest price will be determined by multiplying the offered prices times the estimated quantities in “Prices - Continuation of SF-1449, block 23”, and arriving at a grand total, including all options.
- The Government will determine acceptability by assessing the offeror's compliance with the terms of the RFQ **to include the technical information and submittals required by Section 3.**
- The Government will determine contractor responsibility by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:
  - Adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;
  - Ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
  - Satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
  - Necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them;
  - Necessary equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them; and
  - Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

ADDENDUM TO EVALUATION FACTORS  
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISION(S) NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

The following FAR provision(s) is/are provided in full text:

52.217-5 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (JUL 1990)

The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. Evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

52.225-17 EVALUATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY OFFERS (FEB 2000)

If the Government receives offers in more than one currency, the Government will evaluate offers by converting the foreign currency to United States currency using the exchange rate used by the Embassy in effect as follows:

- (a) For acquisitions conducted using sealed bidding procedures, on the date of bid opening.
- (b) For acquisitions conducted using negotiation procedures—
  - (1) On the date specified for receipt of offers, if award is based on initial offers; otherwise
  - (2) On the date specified for receipt of proposal revisions.

## SECTION 5 - REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

### 52.204-24 REPRESENTATION REGARDING CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT (OCT 2020).

The Offeror shall not complete the representation at paragraph (d)(1) of this provision if the offeror has represented that it “does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument” in paragraph (c)(1) in the provision at 52.204–26, Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation, or in paragraph (v)(2)(i) of the provision at 52.212–3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items. The Offeror shall not complete the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it “does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services” in paragraph (c)(2) of the provision at 52.204–26, or in paragraph (v)(2)(ii) of the provision at 52.212–3.

a. *Definitions.* As used in this provision—

*Backhaul, covered telecommunications equipment or services, critical technology, interconnection arrangements, reasonable inquiry, roaming, and substantial or essential component* have the meanings provided in the clause 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

a. *Prohibition.*

1. Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

(i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

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

(2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract or extending or renewing a contract with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any

system. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

(i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

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

(c) *Procedures.* The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services”.

(d) *Representation.* The Offeror represents that—

(1) It  will,  will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(1) of this section if the Offeror responds “will” in paragraph (d)(1) of this section; and

(2) After conducting a reasonable inquiry, for purposes of this representation, the Offeror represents that—

It  does,  does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(2) of this section if the Offeror responds “does” in paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

(e) *Disclosures.*

(1) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “will” in the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(i) For covered equipment—

(A) The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or a distributor, if known);

(B)A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

(C)Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

(ii)For covered services—

(A)If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B)If not associated with maintenance, the Product Service Code (PSC) of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

1. Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “does” in the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(i)For covered equipment—

(A)The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor, if known);

(B)A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

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

(ii)For covered services—

(A)If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B)If not associated with maintenance, the PSC of the service being provided; and

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

(End of provision)

#### 52.204-26 COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES REPRESENTATION (OCT 2020)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision, “covered telecommunications equipment or services” and “reasonable inquiry” have the meaning provided in the clause 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(b) *Procedures.* The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services”.

(c) *Representations.* (1) The Offeror represents that it [ ] does, [ ] does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument.

(2) After conducting a reasonable inquiry for purposes of this representation, the Offeror represents that it [ ] does, [ ] does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(End of provision)

#### 52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FEB 2021)

The Offeror shall complete only paragraph (b) of this provision if the Offeror has completed the annual representations and certification electronically in the System for Award Management (SAM) accessed through <https://www.sam.gov>. If the Offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically, the Offeror shall complete only paragraphs (c) through (v) of this provision.

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

"Covered telecommunications equipment or services" has the meaning provided in the clause [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

*Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern* means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States and who are economically disadvantaged in accordance with 13 CFR part 127. It automatically qualifies as a women-owned small business eligible under the WOSB Program.

*Forced or indentured child labor* means all work or service—

(1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or

(2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.

*Highest-level owner* means the entity that owns or controls an immediate owner of the offeror, or that owns or controls one or more entities that control an immediate owner of the offeror. No entity owns or exercises control of the highest level owner.

*Immediate owner* means an entity, other than the offeror, that has direct control of the offeror. Indicators of control include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: ownership or interlocking management, identity of interests among family members, shared facilities and equipment, and the common use of employees.

*Inverted domestic corporation*, means a foreign incorporated entity that meets the definition of an inverted domestic corporation under [6 U.S.C. 395\(b\)](#), applied in accordance with the rules and definitions of [6 U.S.C. 395\(c\)](#).

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

- (1) PSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;
- (2) Product or Service Group (PSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;
- (3) PSG 88, Live Animals;
- (4) PSG 89, Subsistence;
- (5) PSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) PSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) PSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (8) PSC 9610, Ores;
- (9) PSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and
- (10) PSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

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

*Predecessor* means an entity that is replaced by a successor and includes any predecessors of the predecessor.

*Reasonable inquiry* has the meaning provided in the clause [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

*Restricted business operations* means business operations in Sudan that include power production activities, mineral extraction activities, oil-related activities, or the production of military equipment, as those terms are defined in the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174). Restricted business operations do not include business operations that the person (as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007) conducting the business can demonstrate—

- (1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;
- (2) Are conducted pursuant to specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;
- (3) Consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;
- (4) Consist of providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;
- (5) Consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education; or

(6) Have been voluntarily suspended. "Sensitive technology"—

*Sensitive technology*—

(1) Means hardware, software, telecommunications equipment, or any other technology that is to be used specifically—

(i) To restrict the free flow of unbiased information in Iran; or

(ii) To disrupt, monitor, or otherwise restrict speech of the people of Iran; and

(2) Does not include information or informational materials the export of which the President does not have the authority to regulate or prohibit pursuant to section 203(b)(3) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)).

*Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern*—

(1) Means a small business concern—

(i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and

(ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.

(2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in [38 U.S.C. 101\(2\)](#), with a disability that is service connected, as defined in [38 U.S.C. 101\(16\)](#).

*Small business concern*—

(1) Means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

(2) *Affiliates*, as used in this definition, means business concerns, one of whom directly or indirectly controls or has the power to control the others, or a third party or parties control or have the power to control the others. In determining whether affiliation exists, consideration is given to all appropriate factors including common ownership, common management, and contractual relationships. SBA determines affiliation based on the factors set forth at 13 CFR 121.103.

*Small disadvantaged business concern*, consistent with 13 CFR 124.1002, means a small business concern under the size standard applicable to the acquisition, that—

(1) Is at least 51 percent unconditionally and directly owned (as defined at 13 CFR 124.105) by—

(i) One or more socially disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.103) and economically disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.104) individuals who are citizens of the United States; and

(ii) Each individual claiming economic disadvantage has a net worth not exceeding \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled (as defined at 13 CFR 124.106) by individuals, who meet the criteria in paragraphs (1)(i) and (ii) of this definition.

*Subsidiary* means an entity in which more than 50 percent of the entity is owned—

(1) Directly by a parent corporation; or

(2) Through another subsidiary of a parent corporation



*Successor* means an entity that has replaced a predecessor by acquiring the assets and carrying out the affairs of the predecessor under a new name (often through acquisition or merger). The term "successor" does not include new offices/divisions of the same company or a company that only changes its name. The extent of the responsibility of the successor for the liabilities of the predecessor may vary, depending on State law and specific circumstances.

*Veteran-owned small business concern* means a small business concern—

(1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

*Women-owned small business (WOSB) concern eligible under the WOSB Program* (in accordance with 13 CFR part 127), means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States.

Women-owned small business concern means a small business concern—

(1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and

(2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

(b) (1) *Annual Representations and Certifications*. Any changes provided by the Offeror in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision do not automatically change the representations and certifications in SAM

(2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically in SAM accessed through <http://www.sam.gov>. After reviewing SAM information, the Offeror verifies by submission of this offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically at FAR [52.212-3](#), Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Items, have been entered or updated in the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard(s) applicable to the NAICS code(s) referenced for this solicitation), at the time this offer is submitted and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR [4.1201](#)), except for paragraphs \_\_\_\_\_.

[Offeror to identify the applicable paragraphs at (c) through (v) of this provision that the offeror has completed for the purposes of this solicitation only, if any.

*These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.*

*Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted electronically on SAM.]*

(c) Reserved

(d) Reserved

(f) Reserved

(g) Reserved

(h) *Reserved*

(i) *Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126)*. [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being

acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at [22.1503\(b\)](#).]

(1) *Listed end products.*

Listed End Product	Listed Countries of Origin

(2) *Certification.* [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either (i)(2)(i) or (i)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]

(i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.

(ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

(j) *Reserved.*

(k) *Certificates regarding exemptions from the application of the Service Contract Labor Standards* (Certification by the offeror as to its compliance with respect to the contract also constitutes its certification as to compliance by its subcontractor if it subcontracts out the exempt services.) [The contracting officer is to check a box to indicate if paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) applies.]

(1) Maintenance, calibration, or repair of certain equipment as described in FAR [22.1003-4\(c\)](#)(1). The offeror  does  does not certify that—

(i) The items of equipment to be serviced under this contract are used regularly for other than Governmental purposes and are sold or traded by the offeror (or subcontractor in the case of an exempt subcontract) in substantial quantities to the general public in the course of normal business operations;

(ii) The services will be furnished at prices which are, or are based on, established catalog or market prices (see FAR [22.1003-4\(c\)](#)(2)(ii)) for the maintenance, calibration, or repair of such equipment; and

(iii) The compensation (wage and fringe benefits) plan for all service employees performing work under the contract will be the same as that used for these employees and equivalent employees servicing the same equipment of commercial customers.

(2) Certain services as described in FAR [22.1003-4\(d\)](#)(1). The offeror  does  does not certify that—

(i) The services under the contract are offered and sold regularly to non-Governmental customers, and are provided by the offeror (or subcontractor in the case of an exempt subcontract) to the general public in substantial quantities in the course of normal business operations;

(ii) The contract services will be furnished at prices that are, or are based on, established catalog or market prices (see FAR [22.1003-4\(d\)](#)(2)(iii));

(iii) Each service employee who will perform the services under the contract will spend only a small portion of his or her time (a monthly average of less than 20 percent of the

available hours on an annualized basis, or less than 20 percent of available hours during the contract period if the contract period is less than a month) servicing the Government contract; and

(iv) The compensation (wage and fringe benefits) plan for all service employees performing work under the contract is the same as that used for these employees and equivalent employees servicing commercial customers.

(3) If paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this clause applies—

(i) If the offeror does not certify to the conditions in paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) and the Contracting Officer did not attach a Service Contract Labor Standards wage determination to the solicitation, the offeror shall notify the Contracting Officer as soon as possible; and

(ii) The Contracting Officer may not make an award to the offeror if the offeror fails to execute the certification in paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this clause or to contact the Contracting Officer as required in paragraph (k)(3)(i) of this clause.

(l) *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)* ([26 U.S.C. 6109](#), [31 U.S.C. 7701](#)). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to the SAM to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (l)(3) through (l)(5) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of [31 U.S.C. 7701\(c\)](#) and [3325\(d\)](#), reporting requirements of [26 U.S.C. 6041](#), [6041A](#), and [6050M](#), and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(2) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government ([31 U.S.C. 7701\(c\)\(3\)](#)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR [4.904](#), the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

(3) *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)*.

TIN: \_\_\_\_\_.

TIN has been applied for.

TIN is not required because:

Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;

Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(4) *Type of organization*.

Sole proprietorship;

Partnership;

Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

Foreign government;

International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;

Other \_\_\_\_\_.

(5) *Common parent*.

Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;

Name and TIN of common parent:

Name \_\_\_\_\_.

TIN \_\_\_\_\_.

(m) *Restricted business operations in Sudan*. By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror does not conduct any restricted business operations in Sudan.

(n) Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations.

(1) Government agencies are not permitted to use appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with either an inverted domestic corporation, or a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation, unless the exception at [9.108-2\(b\)](#) applies or the requirement is waived in accordance with the procedures at [9.108-4](#).

(2) *Representation*. The Offeror represents that—

(i) It  is,  is not an inverted domestic corporation; and

(ii) It  is,  is not a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation.

(o) Prohibition on contracting with entities engaging in certain activities or transactions relating to Iran.

(1) The offeror shall e-mail questions concerning sensitive technology to the Department of State at [CISADA106@state.gov](mailto:CISADA106@state.gov).

(2) *Representation and Certifications*. Unless a waiver is granted or an exception applies as provided in paragraph (o)(3) of this provision, by submission of its offer, the offeror—

(i) Represents, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror does not export any sensitive technology to the government of Iran or any entities or individuals owned or controlled by, or acting on behalf or at the direction of, the government of Iran;

(ii) Certifies that the offeror, or any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not engage in any activities for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act; and

(iii) Certifies that the offeror, and any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not knowingly engage in any transaction that exceeds the threshold at FAR [25.703-2\(a\)\(2\)](#) with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps or any of its officials, agents, or affiliates, the property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (et seq.) (see OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List at <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/default.aspx>).

(3) The representation and certification requirements of paragraph (o)(2) of this provision do not apply if—

(i) This solicitation includes a trade agreements certification (e.g., [52.212-3\(g\)](#) or a comparable agency provision); and

(ii) The offeror has certified that all the offered products to be supplied are designated country end products.

(p) *Ownership or Control of Offeror*. (Applies in all solicitations when there is a requirement to be registered in SAM or a requirement to have a unique entity identifier in the solicitation).

(1) The Offeror represents that it  has or  does not have an immediate owner. If the Offeror has more than one immediate owner (such as a joint venture), then the Offeror shall respond to paragraph (2) and if applicable, paragraph (3) of this provision for each participant in the joint venture.

(2) If the Offeror indicates "has" in paragraph (p)(1) of this provision, enter the following information:

Immediate owner CAGE code: \_\_\_\_\_.

Immediate owner legal name: \_\_\_\_\_.

(Do not use a "doing business as" name)

Is the immediate owner owned or controlled by another entity:  Yes or  No.

(3) If the Offeror indicates "yes" in paragraph (p)(2) of this provision, indicating that the immediate owner is owned or controlled by another entity, then enter the following information:

Highest-level owner CAGE code: \_\_\_\_\_.

Highest-level owner legal name: \_\_\_\_\_.

(Do not use a "doing business as" name)

(q) *Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law.*

(1) As required by sections 744 and 745 of Division E of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235), and similar provisions, if contained in subsequent appropriations acts, The Government will not enter into a contract with any corporation that—

(i) Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or

(ii) Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(2) The Offeror represents that—

(i) It is  is not  a corporation that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and

(ii) It is  is not  a corporation that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal law within the preceding 24 months.

(r) *Predecessor of Offeror.* (Applies in all solicitations that include the provision at [52.204-16](#), Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting.)

(1) The Offeror represents that it  is or  is not a successor to a predecessor that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years.

(2) If the Offeror has indicated "is" in paragraph (r)(1) of this provision, enter the following information for all predecessors that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years (if more than one predecessor, list in reverse chronological order):

Predecessor CAGE code: (or mark "Unknown").

Predecessor legal name:\_\_\_\_\_.

(Do not use a "doing business as" name).

(s) [Reserved].

(t) *Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals*. Applies in all solicitations that require offerors to register in SAM ([12.301\(d\)\(1\)](#)).

(1) This representation shall be completed if the Offeror received \$7.5 million or more in contract awards in the prior Federal fiscal year. The representation is optional if the Offeror received less than \$7.5 million in Federal contract awards in the prior Federal fiscal year.

(2) Representation. [Offeror to check applicable block(s) in paragraph (t)(2)(i) and (ii)].

(i) The Offeror (itself or through its immediate owner or highest-level owner)  does,  does not publicly disclose greenhouse gas emissions, i.e., makes available on a publicly accessible website the results of a greenhouse gas inventory, performed in accordance with an accounting standard with publicly available and consistently applied criteria, such as the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Standard.

(ii) The Offeror (itself or through its immediate owner or highest-level owner)  does,  does not publicly disclose a quantitative greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal, i.e., make available on a publicly accessible website a target to reduce absolute emissions or emissions intensity by a specific quantity or percentage.

(iii) A publicly accessible website includes the Offeror's own website or a recognized, third-party greenhouse gas emissions reporting program.

(3) If the Offeror checked "does" in paragraphs (t)(2)(i) or (t)(2)(ii) of this provision, respectively, the Offeror shall provide the publicly accessible website(s) where greenhouse gas emissions and/or reduction goals are reported: \_\_\_\_\_.

(u)

(1) In accordance with 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), Government agencies are not permitted to use appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with an entity that requires employees or subcontractors of such entity seeking to report waste, fraud, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(2) The prohibition in paragraph (u)(1) of this provision does not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement), Form 4414 (Sensitive Compartmented Information Nondisclosure Agreement), or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(3) *Representation*. By submission of its offer, the Offeror represents that it will not require its employees or subcontractors to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse related to the performance of a Government contract to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information (e.g., agency Office of the Inspector General).

(v) *Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation*. Section 889(a)(1)(A) and section 889 (a)(1)(B) of Public Law 115-232.



(1) The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for "covered telecommunications equipment or services".

(2) The Offeror represents that—

(i) It  does,  does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument.

(ii) After conducting a reasonable inquiry for purposes of this representation, that it  does,  does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(End of Provision)

#### 52.229-11 TAX ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PROCUREMENTS – NOTICE AND REPRESENTATION (JUN 2020)

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

*Foreign person* means any person other than a United States person.

*Specified Federal procurement payment* means any payment made pursuant to a contract with a foreign contracting party that is for goods, manufactured or produced, or services provided in a foreign country that is not a party to an international procurement agreement with the United States. For purposes of the prior sentence, a foreign country does not include an outlying area.

*United States person* as defined in 26 U.S.C. 7701(a)(30) means—

(1) A citizen or resident of the United States;

(2) A domestic partnership;

(3) A domestic corporation;

(4) Any estate (other than a foreign estate, within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. 701(a)(31));

and

(5) Any trust if—

(i) A court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust; and

(ii) One or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

(b) Unless exempted, there is a 2 percent tax of the amount of a specified Federal procurement payment on any foreign person receiving such payment. See 26 U.S.C. 5000C and its implementing regulations at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1 through 1.5000C-7.

(c) Exemptions from withholding under this provision are described at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1(d)(5) through (7). The Offeror would claim an exemption from the withholding by using the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-14, Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments, available via the internet at [www.irs.gov/w14](http://www.irs.gov/w14). Any exemption claimed and self-certified on the IRS Form W-14 is subject to audit by the IRS. Any disputes regarding the imposition and collection of the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax are adjudicated by the IRS as the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax is a tax matter, not a contract issue. The IRS Form W-14 is provided to the acquiring agency rather than to the IRS.

(d) For purposes of withholding under 26 U.S.C. 5000C, the Offeror represents that—

(1) It  is  is not a foreign person; and

(2) If the Offeror indicates “is” in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, then the Offeror represents that—I am claiming on the IRS Form W-14 [\_\_\_\_\_] a full exemption, or [\_\_\_\_\_] partial or no exemption [*Offeror shall select one*] from the excise tax.

(e) If the Offeror represents it is a foreign person in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, then—

(1) The clause at FAR 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements, will be included in any resulting contract; and

(2) The Offeror shall submit with its offer the IRS Form W-14. If the IRS Form W-14 is not submitted with the offer, exemptions will not be applied to any resulting contract and the Government will withhold a full 2 percent of each payment.

(f) If the Offeror selects “is” in paragraph (d)(1) and “partial or no exemption” in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror will be subject to withholding in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements, in any resulting contract.

(g) A taxpayer may, for a fee, seek advice from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as to the proper tax treatment of a transaction. This is called a private letter ruling. Also, the IRS may publish a revenue ruling, which is an official interpretation by the IRS of the Internal Revenue Code, related statutes, tax treaties, and regulations. A revenue ruling is the conclusion of the IRS on how the law is applied to a specific set of facts. For questions relating to the interpretation of the IRS regulations go to <https://www.irs.gov/help/tax-law-questions>.

(End of provision)