52.214-31 Facsimile Bids.

As prescribed in 14.201-6(v), insert the following provision:

Facsimile Bids (Dec 1989)

(a) *Definition*. "Facsimile bid," as used in this *solicitation*, means a bid, modification of a bid, or withdrawal of a bid that is transmitted to and received by the Government via electronic equipment that communicates and reproduces both printed and handwritten material.

(b) Bidders *may* submit facsimile bids as responses to this *solicitation*. These responses *must* arrive at the place and by the time, specified in the *solicitation*.

(c) Facsimile bids that fail to furnish required representations or information or that reject any of the terms, conditions, and provisions of the *solicitation may* be excluded from consideration.

(d) Facsimile bids *must* contain the required *signatures*.

(e) The Government reserves the right to make award solely on the facsimile bid. However, if requested to do so by the *Contracting Officer*, the apparently successful bidder agrees to promptly submit the complete original signed bid.

(f) Facsimile receiving data and compatibility characteristics are as follows:

(1) Telephone number of receiving facsimile equipment:

(2) Compatibility characteristics of receiving facsimile equipment (*e.g.*, make and model number, receiving speed, communications protocol):_____

(g) If the bidder chooses to transmit a facsimile bid, the Government will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the facsimile bid including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Receipt of garbled or incomplete bid.

(2) Availability or condition of the receiving facsimile equipment.

- (3) Incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment.
- (4) Delay in transmission or receipt of bid.
- (5) Failure of the bidder to properly identify the bid.
- (6) Illegibility of bid.
- (7) Security of bid data.

(End of provision)

Parent topic: <u>52.214 [Reserved]</u>