

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ACQUISITION MANUAL (GSAM)

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(This edition includes the consolidation of all GSAM Changes through Change 9.)

INTRODUCTION

The General Services Administration Acquisition Manual (GSAM) consolidates the General Services Administration (GSA) agency acquisition rules and guidance.

Distinguishing Regulatory Material

The GSAM incorporates the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) as well as internal agency acquisition policy. GSAR material is shaded. The shading helps users to distinguish and identify those parts that are regulatory from those that apply internally to GSA.

The shaded parts are those subject to section 22 of the Office Federal Procurement Policy Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. 418b). GSA must publish these rules in the Federal Register and codify them in 48 CFR Chapter 5 in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3051 et seq.) and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.). The rules that require publication fall into two major categories:

- (1) Those that affect GSA's business partners (e.g., prospective offerors, contractors).
- (2) Those that apply to acquisition of leasehold interests in real property. The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) does not apply to leasing actions. GSA establishes regulations for lease of real property under the authority of 40 U.S.C. 490 note.

Separating regulatory material from internal directives decreases the number of rules subject to publication in the Federal Register. It also provides greater flexibility and responsiveness because an internal directive is easier and quicker to update or change.

Addressed to the Contracting Officer

Both the GSAR and GSAM address the contracting officer, except where specifically indicated. "You" means the contracting officer.

Compliance with Internal Directives

Non-shaded material is nonregulatory, but occasionally includes requirements that are mandatory for GSA personnel. These requirements are necessary to ensure uniformity or for other reasons.

Consolidation of Acquisition Directives

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PART 501—GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ACQUISITION REGULATION SYSTEM

Subpart 501.1—Purpose, Authority, Issuance

501.101 Purpose.

(a) The General Services Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) contains agency acquisition policies and practices, contract clauses, solicitation provisions, and forms that control the relationship between GSA and contractors and prospective contractors.

(b) The GSAR addresses rules directly to you, the contracting officer, unless otherwise indicated.

501.103 Authority.

GSA's Senior Procurement Executive issues the GSAR under the authority of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

501.104 Applicability.

(a) *General.* The GSAR applies to contracts for supplies or services, including construction.

(b) *Acquisition of leasehold interests in real property.* [Part 570](#) establishes rules for the acquisition of leasehold interests in real property. Other provisions of 48 CFR Chapter 5 (GSAR) do not apply to leases of real property unless specifically cross-referenced in [Part 570](#).

(c) *Relationship to statute.* Some GSAR rules implement and interpret laws and other authorities affecting procurement. A GSAR rule specifically directed by statute has the force and effect of law.

(d) *GSAR/FAR Relationship.* The GSAR may deviate from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) if authorized. If the GSAR does not implement the FAR, the FAR alone governs.

501.105 Issuance.

501.105-1 Publication and code arrangement.

The GSAR is published in the following sources:

- (a) Daily issue of the Federal Register.
- (b) Annual Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), as Chapter 5 of Title 48.
- (c) GSA Acquisition Manual distributed within GSA.
- (d) GSA Home Page at <http://www.gsa.gov>. Click on either "Government Agencies" or on "Business and Industry," then click on "Acquisition."

501.105-2 Arrangement of regulations.

(a) The GSAR numbers and captions policies and procedures to correspond to how they appear in the FAR, e.g., 1.104 in the FAR is 501.104 in the GSAR.

(b) GSAR rules not implementing the FAR have numbers beginning with 70, e.g., part 570, subsection 515.209-70.

(c) The GSAR may have gaps in its numbering scheme because a FAR rule may not require GSAR implementation.

501.105-3 Copies.

The GSAR in CFR form may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

501.106 OMB Approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

GSAR Reference	OMB Control No.	GSAR Reference	OMB Control No.
509.105-1(a)	3090-0007	552.211-78	3090-0204
511.104-70	3090-0203	552.211-82	3090-0204
511.204(d)	3090-0246	552.214-71	3090-0200
511.404(a)(1)	3090-0204	552.216-70	3090-0243
511.404(a)(2)	3090-0204	552.216-72	3090-0248
511.404(a)(5)	3090-0204	552.216-73	3090-0248
514.201-7(a)	3090-0200	552.219-72	3090-0252
516.203-4(a)(1)	3090-0243	552.232-72	3090-0205
516.506	3090-0248	552.232-72	3090-0080
519.708(b)	3090-0252	552.237-70	3090-0197
522.406-6	1215-0149	552.237-71	3090-0006
523.370	3090-0205	552.238-70	3090-0250
532.111(c)	3090-0080	552.238-72	3090-0262
532.905-70	9000-0102	552.238-74	3090-0121 3090-0250
532.905-71	3090-0080	552.242-70	3090-0027
537.110(a)	3090-0197	552.246-70	3090-0027
537.110(b)	3090-0006	552.246-71	3090-0027
538.273(a)(1)	3090-0250	552.249-71	3090-0227
538.273(a)(3)	3090-0262	GSA-72-A	3090-0121
538.273(b)(1)	3090-0121	GSA-527	3090-0007
542.1107	3090-0027	GSA-618-D	1215-0149
546.302-70	3090-0027	GSA-1142	3090-0080
546.302-71	3090-0027	GSA-1364	3090-0086
549.502(b)	3090-0027	GSA-1678	3090-0027
552.211-8	3090-0204	GSA-2419	9000-0102
552.211-77	3090-0246	570.702(c)	3090-0086

501.170 General Services Administration Acquisition Management System.

(a) *Description.* The General Services Administration Acquisition Management System consists of the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) and agency and Service non-regulatory acquisition guidance documents.

(b) *Format.* For users' convenience, the General Services Administration Acquisition Manual (GSAM) contains the GSAR and nonregulatory agency acquisition guidance. The GSAM adheres to GSAR numbering and drafting conventions. GSAR material is shaded. Non-shaded material is non-regulatory. The shading distinguishes regulatory material from material that applies internally to GSA.

(c) *Agency policy.* Although GSAM requirements are not all regulatory, occasionally the requirements are mandatory for GSA personnel. The mandatory requirements reflect agency policy which must be followed to ensure uniformity or for other reasons.

(d) *Applicability.* The GSAM applies to contracts for supplies or services, including construction.

(e) *Acquisition of leasehold interests in real property.* [Part 570](#) establishes requirements for the acquisition of leasehold interests in real property. Other provisions of the GSAM do not apply to leases of real property unless specifically cross-referenced in [Part 570](#).

(f) *Availability.* The GSAM is available on the GSA Home Page at <http://www.gsa.gov>. Click on either "Government Agencies" or on "Business and Industry," then click on "Acquisition." You may also link to the GSAM on Insite at <http://insite.gsa.private>. Click on "Business Hot Links," then on "Acquisition."

501.171 Other GSA publications.

501.171-1 GSA orders and handbooks.

(a) Heads of contracting activities (HCA's) may issue internal agency guidance, as described in FAR 1.301(a)(2), in the form of a GSA order or handbook.

(b) GSA orders and handbooks must not unnecessarily repeat, paraphrase, or otherwise restate the FAR, GSAR, or GSAM.

(c) The handbook, Writing GSA Internal Directives (OAD P 1832.3B), prescribes policies and procedures for issuing GSA orders and handbooks.

501.171-2 Acquisition letters.

(a) Acquisition letters provide interim policies and procedures pending incorporation in GSA orders or handbooks.

(b) Acquisition letters expire one year after issuance, unless the letter indicates an earlier expiration date.

(c) The Senior Procurement Executive and HCAs, or designees, may issue acquisition letters.

(d) The issuing official must coordinate each acquisition letter with appropriate offices including Acquisition Policy, Counsel, and the Inspector General. Any proposed policy or procedure that affects the operation of the small business program, must be coordinated with the Office of Small Business Utilization (E).

(e) The issuing activity must identify each acquisition letter with an assigned number. The number should begin with the issuing office correspondence symbol, followed by the last two digits of the calendar year when issued, then numbered consecutively beginning with 1. For example, FC-97-5 would be the fifth acquisition letter issued by FSS in fiscal year 1997).

(f) The body of an acquisition letter should contain the following paragraphs, as appropriate:

- (1) Purpose.
- (2) Background.
- (3) Effective date.
- (4) Termination date.
- (5) Cancellation.
- (6) Applicability (offices to which the acquisition letter applies)
- (7) Reference to regulations (FAR or GSAR), handbooks, or orders.
- (8) Instructions/procedures.

(g) The issuing office is responsible for distributing its acquisition letters to affected contracting activities and the Office of Acquisition Policy. In addition copies should be distributed to:

- (1) For acquisition letters issued by the Office of Acquisition Policy or a Central Office Service:
 - (i) Associate General Counsel.
 - (ii) The Administrative Policy and Information Management Division (CAI).
- (2) For acquisition letters issued by a Region:
 - (i) Regional Counsel.
 - (ii) The regional clearance office as defined in the handbook, Writing GSA Internal Directives (OAD P 1832.3B).
 - (iii) Central office contracting activities, if appropriate.

(h) If an acquisition letter is distributed only electronically, then the issuing office may issue a notice to affected contracting activities, the Office of Acquisition Policy, and Associate General Counsel or Region Counsel in lieu of distributing paper copies. The notice must identify the subject, number, and location of the letter.

(i) Each issuing office must report on acquisition letters issued and canceled on a quarterly basis to the Office of Acquisition Policy. The Office of Acquisition Policy will issue a consolidated index of all acquisition letters issued or cancelled.

Subpart 501.4—Deviations from the FAR and GSAR

501.402 Policy.

Uniformity is a goal of GSA's Acquisition Regulation System. Despite this desire for uniformity, a contracting activity may take any of the following actions:

- (a) Develop and test new procedures and techniques.
- (b) Adopt alternate procedures in the public interest for unique programmatic or managerial requirements.
- (c) Deviate from a regulatory provision implementing a statutory requirement provided the deviation does not violate the underlying statute. Deviations must not be used to defeat the FAR and GSAR approval requirements.

501.403 Individual deviations.

(a) An individual deviation affects only one contract action.

(1) The Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) must approve an individual deviation to the FAR. The authority to grant an individual deviation may not be re-delegated. A copy of the deviation must be provided to GSA's Senior Procurement Executive (SPE).

(2) An individual deviation to the GSAR must be approved by the HCA. The authority to grant an individual deviation may be re-delegated to the Contracting Director.

(b) If GSA delegates authority to another agency and requires compliance with the GSAR as a condition of the delegation, the Contracting Director in the agency receiving the delegation may approve individual deviations from the GSAR unless the agency head receiving the delegation designates another official.

(c) Send a copy of each deviation to GSA's SPE (V).

501.404 Class deviations.

(a) A class deviation affects more than one contract action. A deviation for any solicitation that will result in multiple awards or any solicitation under the multiple award Federal Supply Schedule program is considered to be a class deviation. Each award under such a solicitation is considered an individual contract action.

(1) A class deviation to the FAR must be forwarded by the cognizant HCA to GSA's SPE for approval. Prior to approving a class deviation to the FAR, the SPE will consult with the Chairman of the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC) in accordance with FAR 1.404(a)(1).

(2) A class deviation to the GSAR must be forwarded by the cognizant HCA to GSA's SPE for approval.

(3) When an HCA knows that a proposed class deviation will be required on a permanent basis, the HCA should propose or recommend an appropriate FAR and/or GSAR revision.

(b) If GSA delegates authority to another agency and requires compliance with the GSAR as a condition of the delegation, the HCA in the agency receiving the delegation may approve class deviations from the GSAR unless the agency head receiving the delegation designates another official.

(c) Send a copy of each deviation to GSA's SPE (V).

(d) A request for class deviations must be supported by statements that fully describe the need for and the nature of the deviation.

(e) Class deviations from the GSAR:

(1) Expire in 12 months if not extended.

(2) May be rescinded earlier by GSA's SPE or by officials designated under paragraph (a) of this section without prejudice to any action taken previously.

501.404-70 Contract action.

Contract action. A contract action, for the purpose of determining whether an individual or class deviation is appropriate, has the same meaning as that used for reporting contract actions to Federal Procurement Data System–Next Generation (FPDS-NG). A contract action includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) Initial letter contract.
- (b) Definitive contract superseding letter contract.
- (c) New definitive contract.
- (d) Purchase order/BPA calls using simplified acquisition procedures.
- (e) Orders under single award indefinite delivery contracts.
- (f) Orders under BOA.
- (g) Order/modification under Federal schedule contract.
- (h) Modification.
- (i) Termination for Default.
- (j) Termination for Convenience.
- (k) Order under multiple award contract.
- (l) Initial load of Federal schedule contract.

501.404-71 Deviations to the nonregulatory GSAM.

Handle individual and class deviations to the nonregulatory (unshaded) part of the GSAM as stated in [501.403](#) and [501.404](#).

Subpart 501.6—Career Development, Contracting Authority, and Responsibilities

501.601 General.

HCA's are contracting officers by virtue of their position. Other contracting officers are appointed under FAR 1.603 and GSA's contracting officer warrant program (See [501.603](#)).

501.602 Contracting officers.**501.602-2 Responsibilities.**

(a) *Fund sufficiency.* A requisition or purchase request signed by an authorized individual is evidence that sufficient money for the purchase is available in the fund cited.

(b) *GSA revolving funds.* A requisition for indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contracts requiring a guaranteed minimum quantity must specify enough funds to pay for the guaranteed minimum.

(c) *GSA funds, other than revolving funds.*

(1) The requisitioning activity must certify that additional funds are available before contract or purchase order award if the purchase exceeds the dollar amount on the requisition by 10 percent or \$50, whichever is greater.

(2) If a requisition is not used, e.g., lease of real property, you must ensure funds are available before awarding the contract.

(d) *Other Federal agencies' funds.* A GSA buying activity must not exceed a fund limitation on a customer agency's purchase request unless authorized by supply support agreements. If a purchase request indicates insufficient funds to cover all costs, the customer agency must provide additional funds. Regardless of which Central Office or Regional buying activity will make the acquisition, the office initially receiving the requirement requests the additional funds.

501.602-3 Ratification of unauthorized commitments.

(a) *Authority to ratify.* Under FAR 1.602-3, you may ratify unauthorized contractual commitments if the HCA approves the ratification action. An HCA may not redelegate approval authority.

(b) *Criminal investigation.* Generally, the Government is not bound by commitments made by persons with no contracting authority. Unauthorized commitments may violate laws or regulations. They constitute serious employee misconduct and may warrant disciplinary action. If unauthorized commitments involve any type of misconduct that might be punishable as a criminal offense, either you or the employee's supervisor must report the matter immediately to the Office of the Inspector General with a request for a complete investigation.

(c) *Documentation required for ratification.* The individual who made the unauthorized commitment gives the contracting director all records and documents about the commitment and a complete written statement of facts, including all the following:

- (1) Why normal acquisition procedures were not followed.
- (2) Why the contractor was selected.
- (3) Other sources considered.
- (4) Description of work or products.
- (5) Estimated or agreed-upon contract price.
- (6) Appropriation citation.
- (7) Status of contract performance.

(d) *Documentation waivers.* Under exceptional circumstances, a contracting director may waive the requirement that the individual who made the unauthorized commitment must initiate and document the request for ratification. In such a case, the individual who does initiate the request for ratification must provide a written determination stating that an unauthorized commitment was made and identifying the individual who made it. For example, an exceptional circumstance may occur when the person who made the unauthorized commitment is no longer available to attest to the circumstances.

(e) *Processing a ratification.* (1) You must process the request for ratification. Prepare a summary statement of facts addressing the limitations in FAR 1.602-3(c) and recommend whether or not the procurement should be ratified. Include a recommendation for other disposition if you advise against ratification.

(2) Submit to the HCA all the following:

- (i) Request for ratification.
- (ii) Your statement of facts and recommendation(s).
- (iii) Concurrence of assigned legal counsel (except when you recommend payment based on quantum merit or quantum valebant).
- (iv) If applicable, recommendation for payment on a quantum merit or quantum valebant basis (see [501.602-3\(f\)](#)).
- (v) Recommendation for corrective action to prevent recurrence.

(f) *Payment based on quantum merit or quantum valebant.*

(1) If ratification is not permissible due to legal improprieties, you may recommend that payment be made under either:

- (i) Services rendered on a quantum merit basis (the reasonable value of work or labor).
- (ii) Goods furnished on a quantum valebant basis (the reasonable value of goods sold and delivered).

(2) To base payment on either of these conditions, there must be a showing that the Government has received a benefit (See FAR 1.602-3(d)).

(3) You must obtain the approval of assigned counsel before making any payment on a quantum merit or quantum valebant basis.

(g) *HCA action.* The HCA either:

(1) Approves the ratification request in writing and sends the approval to you for issuance of the necessary contractual documents.

(2) Forwards a recommendation for payment on a quantum merit or quantum valebant basis to assigned counsel for approval.

(3) Returns an unjustified request or recommendation with a written explanation why the request or recommendation is denied.

(h) *Files.* The HCA maintains a separate file containing a copy of each request to ratify an unauthorized contractual

commitment and the response. The HCA must make this file available for review by the Senior Procurement Executive and the Inspector General.

501.603 Selection, appointment, and termination of appointment.

501.603-1 General.

(a) *Contracting officer warrant program (COWP)*. GSA's COWP establishes criteria for the selection, appointment, and termination of appointment of GSA contracting officers. It ensures that a GSA organization has qualified individuals as contracting officers who meet the organization's needs for contracting authority. Factors considered in determining the number of contracting officers appropriate for a given organization include volume of actions, work complexity, and organizational structure.

(b) *Training and education*. The COWP establishes acquisition training requirements for all personnel who exercise contracting officer authority consistent with the intent of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 and Governmentwide training requirements. COWP incorporates the Governmentwide core curriculum and requires that personnel warranted above the simplified acquisition level meet the same educational standards that apply to personnel in the 1102 contracting series.

(c) *Deviations*. The Senior Procurement Executive must approve, in writing, any deviation from the policies, procedures, and requirements of the COWP.

(d) *Definitions*.

“Contracting experience” means personal and substantial involvement in purchasing, renting, leasing, or otherwise obtaining goods or services from nonfederal sources and includes any of the following functions: preparing and issuing purchase orders including selection of sources, issuing requests for quotations or solicitations, evaluating bids or proposals, selecting sources, participating in price negotiations, and all aspects of contract administration.

“Contracting Officer Warrant Board” means a group of senior-level acquisition employees who receive, evaluate, and process requests for appointment of contracting officers at the basic, simplified acquisition, intermediate, and senior levels.

“Test control officer” means a GSA employee, designated by the Head of the Contracting Activity, with responsibility for administering tests for acquisition courses for GSA employees.

Designated test control officers must be employed in organizations that are independent of operational activities with acquisition personnel.

(e) *Responsibilities*. (1) GSA's Senior Procurement Executive:

(i) Establishes the policies, procedures, and requirements that govern COWP.

(ii) Approves/disapproves deviations from any of the COWP requirements.

(2) Each HCA establishes procedures for administering COWP in his or her organization. The HCA:

(i) Appoints contracting officers in accordance with FAR 1.603 and designates officials to appoint contracting officers in accordance with [501.603-3\(a\)](#).

(ii) Establishes and budgets for training plans for contracting personnel.

(iii) Monitors contracting officers' performance.

(iv) Establishes controls to ensure compliance with laws, regulations, procedures, and good management practice.

(v) Appoints the chairperson of the Contracting Officer Warrant Board (COWB) if a COWB has been established to process requests for contracting officer appointments.

(vi) Determines the number of contracting officer warrants necessary for a particular work unit and the grade levels at which the warrant authority will be granted.

(f) *Applicability*. COWP applies to all contracting officers except those appointed under the Inspector General Act (Pub. L. 95-452). Contracting authority is not required for any of the following:

(1) Using the imprest fund.

(2) Signing training authorizations for public course offerings.

(3) Signing travel documents.

(4) Ordering printing and duplicating services from Government sources.

(5) Ordering supplies from GSA stock through GSA *Advantage!* or other electronic means.

(6) Signing Government Bills of Lading.

(7) Signing machine-loaded orders to replenish warehouse stock or to place orders under the Special Order Program.

(8) Signing system-generated delivery orders against definite quantity contracts for motor vehicles.

(9) Signing memoranda of agreement with other Federal agencies.

(10) Authorizing interagency transfers of funds.

(11) Using the Government telephone systems for commercial long distance and local service and/or approving payments for such services.

(12) Using the Federal Supply Service (FSS) nationwide contract for express small package transportation services and/or approving payments for such services.

(13) Certifying receipt and acceptance of goods or services (this does not apply to certified invoices under 513.70).

(14) Submitting a Standard Form 145, Telephone Service Request (TSR), to the Federal Technology Service (FTS).

(g) *Warrant levels.* COWP warrant levels are based on the dollar value of individual transactions (e.g., contract, modification, supplemental agreement) and not the aggregate contract value. If the basis of award involves evaluating options, the option periods are included in the contract value to determine the warrant level required for award. If an action includes both additions and deductions, the aggregate, absolute value of the changes determines the warrant level required for award (e.g., the value of an action that adds \$35,000 of work and deducts \$80,000 is \$115,000). HCAs may further limit warrant authorities.

Warrant Level	Authority Per Order Against Established Source Contract	Open Market Contracting Authority
Micro-purchase	\$2,500	\$2,500
Basic	In accordance with (IAW) contract terms and conditions or \$25,000 at HCA's discretion	\$25,000
Simplified Acquisition	IAW contract terms and conditions or \$100,000 at HCA's discretion	\$100,000 using simplified acquisition procedures (\$100,000 average net annual rent for real property leases)
Intermediate	IAW contract terms and conditions or \$1,000,000 at HCA's discretion	\$1,000,000 (\$1,000,000 average net annual rent for real property lease)
Senior	IAW contract terms and conditions	Unlimited
Telephone services (FTS employees only)*		Unlimited

* **NOTE:** For issuing TSR's for tariff services to regulated local exchange carriers on, or in conjunction with, existing telephone systems.

501.603-2 Selection.

(a) *Experience requirements.*

Warrant Level	Experience Required
Micro-purchase	Must possess clear understanding of policies and procedures applicable to micro-purchases
Basic	At least 1 year of current (within last 3 years) contracting experience with progressively broader assignments

Warrant Level	Experience Required
Simplified Acquisition	At least 2 years of current (within the last 5 years) contracting experience with progressively broader assignments
Intermediate	At least 3 years of current (within the last 7 years) contracting experience with progressively broader assignments
Senior	At least 4 years of current (within the last 10 years) contracting experience with progressively broader assignments

(b) *Training requirements.* (1) Contracting officer candidates must complete minimum training requirements. The preferred source for training is the Governmentwide contract for acquisition training established by the Federal Supply Service. However, training may be provided by other Federal Government training organizations, accredited colleges and universities, or the private sector, provided that the course uses the approved student and instructor textbooks and tests that are part of the Governmentwide acquisition curriculum.

(2) Courses may be taught by qualified GSA employees. The HCA (or his/her designee) is responsible for determining if an employee is qualified to serve as an instructor. Courses to be taught by qualified employees are subject to the following conditions:

(i) The course must use the approved training materials for student and instructor texts and course tests for the Governmentwide curriculum.

(ii) The instructor must have completed a 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree that included at least 24 semester hours in accounting, business, finance, law, contracts, purchasing, economics, industrial management, marketing, quantitative methods, or organization and management.

(iii) The instructor must have on-the-job experience in the course subject.

(iv) The instructor must demonstrate good teaching skills, and have experience in making presentations.

(v) Course tests must be administered by a GSA test control officer and scored by the Office of Acquisition Policy (MV). Instructors may not serve as test control officers for the same course. A current list of GSA test control officers is contained on GSA Insite at: <http://insite.gsa.private/acqwork>.

(3) Employees who complete courses in the Governmentwide acquisition curriculum from sources other than contractors on the Federal Supply Service acquisition training contract or an accredited college or university are cautioned that such courses may not be eligible for college credit unless the training organization has received a positive credit recommendation from American Council of Education. This includes training provided by designated GSA employees.

(4) The minimum training requirements apply to all contracting officers appointed on or after the date when the Governmentwide acquisition courses become available.

(i) Individuals holding a permanent warrant issued before the Governmentwide acquisition courses became available are not required to take additional training, other than the training required for continuing education. However, such contracting officers should give priority to completing any new COWP training requirements in fulfilling the continuing education requirement.

(ii) Individuals holding an interim warrant issued before the Governmentwide acquisition curriculum became available must complete the new training requirements prior to receiving a permanent warrant. A training course received before availability of the Governmentwide curriculum may be used to satisfy a new course requirement if it meets both of the following conditions: the interim warrant holder completed and received training credit from GSA for the course before availability of the Governmentwide acquisition curriculum, and the course is accepted as equivalent to one of the new required training courses (see [501.603-2\(f\)](#)).

(c) *Minimum training requirements.* (1) Micro-Purchase level candidates must receive on-the-job orientation or formal training in simplified acquisition procedures. Personnel who have completed any of the following courses meet the requirement: Small Purchases/Schedule Contracts, Simplified Acquisitions, Introduction to Contracting, Interactive Customer Assistance CD-ROM micro-purchase training, GSA disk titled “GSA Purchase Card Program, IMPAC (VISA).”

(2) Basic level candidates for:

(i) Fleet manager warrants must complete the Basic Fleet Management Procurement course (40 hours).

(ii) Fleet sales warrants must complete only the Fleet Sales course (40 hours) when commercial contractors will conduct fleet sales.

(iii) Building manager warrants must complete the COR Mentor training course in addition to other courses required at this warrant level. The COR Mentor is a self-paced, on-line training course available at: <http://www.faionline.com>.

(3) Candidates for warrants at the simplified acquisition, intermediate, or senior levels currently serving and classified in 1102 or 1170 positions or in positions whose primary responsibility involved contracting for an uninterrupted period of 3 years do not have to take the basic level courses.

(4) Personal property sales warrant candidates who are classified in 1104 positions, excluding marketing positions, for an uninterrupted period of 3 years are not required to take the Personal Property Utilization and Disposal course.

(5) All Contracting Officer Representatives (CORs):

(i) With or without warrant authority, must complete those portions of the COR Mentor training course that correspond to the duties assigned to them by you. The COR Mentor is available at <http://www.faionline.com>. Each COR must complete this training within a reasonable time after appoint-

ment as a COR. The COR must provide you with copies of completion certificates for each duty completed under the COR Mentor.

(ii) Seeking warrant authority must also complete all courses required at the applicable warrant level.

(iii) For construction contracting seeking warrant authority limited to the issuance of change orders up to \$25,000, must complete the COR Mentor and Construction Contracting courses.

(6) TSR-issuer candidates must receive on-the-job orientation or formal training on the proper procedures for issuing TSRs and on the responsibilities and obligations of contracting officers.

(7) Contracting officers with dual warrant authority (e.g., with authority to dispose of and to acquire goods and services) must complete the mandatory training required for both types of warrant authority, based on the appropriate warrant level.

(8) Other warrant level training is outlined in [Figure 501-1](#).

(d) *Testing out of a course.* [Reserved]

(e) *Educational requirements.* Effective January 1, 2000, applicants for permanent warrants above the simplified acquisition level must meet the stated education requirements prior to receiving a warrant. HCAs may, at their discretion, make this requirement effective prior to January 1, 2000. These requirements apply to all candidates for permanent warrants, regardless of job series.

(1) *Applicants at grades 5 through 12.* Applicants for permanent warrants above the simplified acquisition level, who are at grades 5 through 12, must either have completed a 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor’s degree or have completed 24 semester hours in any combination of the designated fields.

(2) *Applicants at grades 13 and above.* Applicants for permanent warrants above the simplified acquisition level, who are at grade 13 or above, must have completed a 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor’s degree that included or was supplemented by at least 24 semester hours in any combination of the designated fields. The Senior Procurement Executive may waive one, but not both, of these educational requirements (i.e., either the requirement for a 4-year course of study or the requirement for 24 semester hours in designated fields), for applicants at grades 13 and above. The applicant must demonstrate significant analytical and decision-making capabilities, an acceptable job performance record, and qualifying experience.

(3) The designated educational fields are:

- (i) Accounting.
- (ii) Business.
- (iii) Finance.
- (iv) Law.
- (v) Contracts

- (vi) Purchasing
- (vii) Economics.
- (viii) Industrial management.
- (ix) Marketing.
- (x) Quantitative methods.
- (xi) Organization and management.

(f) *Course equivalencies.* (1) For employees who completed training prior to availability of the Governmentwide core curriculum, the following is a list of the courses contained in the Governmentwide curriculum and the course equivalencies that GSA will recognize. GSA cannot guarantee that other Federal agencies will accept the same substitutes.

Governmentwide Curriculum Course	Equivalent GSA Course
Acquisition or Procurement Planning I	Introduction to Contracting plus Procurement Planning
Acquisition or Procurement Planning II	No equivalent
Contract Formation I	Contracting by Negotiation

Governmentwide Curriculum Course	Equivalent GSA Course
Contract Formation II	Source Selection
Contract Administration I	Contract Administration
Contract Administration II	Advanced Contract Administration plus Contract Termination
Price Analysis	Price Analysis
Cost Analysis	Cost Analysis
Intermediate Contract Pricing	No equivalent
Contract Law	Contract Law
Negotiation Techniques	Negotiation Techniques

(2) GSA employees who have successfully completed a GSA approved course are not required to complete the equivalent course in the Governmentwide curriculum for warrant purposes in GSA. There are no GSA courses considered equivalent to Acquisition or Procurement Planning II or Intermediate Contract Pricing.

FIGURE 501-1. WARRANT COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Courses	Hrs	Contracting Officer Categories				Warrant Levels			
		DP	DR	R	All other CO's	B	SA	Int	Sr
Acquisition or Procurement Planning I	80							XI	XI
Simplified Acquisitions	40					X	XI		
Contract Formation I	40							XI	XI
Contracting by Sealed Bidding	40							XI	XI
Contract Administration I	40						X	XI	XI
Price Analysis	40							XI	XI
Cost Analysis	40							XI	XI
Negotiation Techniques	40							X	XI
Acquisition or Procurement Planning II	40								X
Contract Formation II	40								X
Contract Administration II	40							X	XI
Contract Law	80							X	XI
Intermediate Contract Pricing	80							X	X
Contracting for Architect/Engineer Services	40							XI	XI
Construction Contracting	40							XI	XI
Federal Real Property Leasing or Basic Lease Contracting	40						X	XI	XI
Cost and Price Analysis of Lease Proposals	40							XI	XI
Real Estate Law or Federal Real Property Lease Law	40							X	XI
Real Estate Appraisal Principles	40								X
Techniques of Negotiating Federal Real Property Leases	40						X	XI	XI
Personal Property Sales	80					X	X	X	X
Personal Property Utilization & Disposal	32					X	X	X	X
Disposal by Negotiation	24							X	X
Disposal Contract Law	40								X

FIGURE 501-1. WARRANT COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Courses	Hrs	Contracting Officer Categories				Warrant Levels			
		DP	DR	R	All other CO's	B	SA	Int	Sr
Utilization & Disposal of Real Property	32		■					X	X
Fleet Sales (fleet sales personnel only)	40	■							X

■ Indicates required courses
 ■ Indicates the course is required only for personnel handling the type of contract addressed in the training
 X Means the course is required for a permanent warrant
 I Means the course is required for an interim warrant
 DP Personal property disposal contracting officer

DR Real property disposal contracting officer
 R Realty leasing contracting officer
 B Basic warrant
 SA Simplified acquisition warrant
 Int Intermediate warrant
 Sr Senior warrant

(3) Acceptance of course equivalencies extends only to GSA-approved courses successfully completed prior to availability of the Governmentwide curriculum. Requests to consider course equivalencies for training taken thereafter will not be considered or approved.

(4) Employees who attended courses approved as course equivalencies, prior to availability of the Governmentwide curriculum, are not required to complete the corresponding course in the Governmentwide curriculum. GSA Insite at: <http://insite.gsa.private/acqwork> contains a list of course equivalencies for GSA courses.

(5) Employees are cautioned that GSA's determination concerning the acceptability of GSA-approved courses is not binding on other Federal agencies. Employees who wish to qualify for senior 1102 positions in other Federal agencies may want to complete the courses contained in the Governmentwide core curriculum, as fulfillment of the mandatory training requirements for 1102 positions at grades 13 and above, to ensure acceptability across Government.

501.603-3 Appointment.

(a) *Authority to make micro-purchases or issue TSR's.*

(1) HCAs may authorize division directors or higher level officials to delegate contracting authority to employees to:

(i) Make purchases not to exceed \$2,500 (micro-purchases).

(ii) Issue TSRs for tariff services on, or in conjunction with, existing telephone systems, to regulated local exchange telephone companies. (Officials so designated by the HCA may not redelegate their authority.)

(2) Memoranda delegating authority to issue TSRs must state that the authority does not apply to Rate Stabilization Plans or orders for new Centrex service on a site level basis, except for new locations that require interim, temporary, small or emergency service.

(3) Branch chiefs or equivalent or Regional FTS Program Support Branch Chiefs may request delegations of contracting authority for issuing TSRs. The memorandum requesting appointment must include all the following:

(i) Candidate's name, title, and organizational location.

(ii) Brief explanation of why authority is needed.

(iii) Brief description of the candidate's qualifications.

(iv) Statement that the candidate has received the required training.

(b) *Authority to make other purchases.*—(1) *Nominations for appointment.*

(i) The chairperson of COWB, or other designee established by the HCA, submits nominations for appointment.

(ii) Nominations are submitted on GSA Form 3410, Request for Appointment and must be accompanied by one of the following: a GSA Form 3409, Personal Qualifications Statement for Appointment as a Contracting Officer; a Standard Form 171, Personal Qualifications Statement, prepared and signed by the candidate; or a resume detailing the candidate's experience, education, and training relevant to the position.

(2) *Certificate of Appointment.* (i) HCA's appoint contracting officers at the basic, simplified acquisition, intermediate, or senior level using Standard Form 1402, Certificate of Appointment. [Appendix 501A](#) provides suggested language for use in preparing SF 1402's. The examples shown in [Appendix 501A](#) are not meant to limit the issuance of warrants to only those contained in the Appendix.

(ii) The HCA gives the original Certificate of Appointment to the appointed contracting officer for display at his or her duty station.

(3) *Types of appointments.* Candidates are nominated for either an interim or permanent appointment.

(i) *Interim appointments.* Interim appointments are for a specified period of time. Personnel who hold interim simplified acquisition warrants must complete all training required for a permanent warrant within 1 year of the interim appointment. Personnel who hold interim warrants above the simplified acquisition level must complete all training and formal education required for a permanent warrant within 3 years of the interim appointment. A candidate for an interim warrant must have completed all courses required for an

interim warrant and have the necessary experience prior to appointment.

(ii) *Permanent appointments.* A permanent appointment is made to a candidate who meets all requirements for experience, education, and training at the time the appointment is made. Permanent appointments may be made for a specified period if the need for contracting authority is limited to that time period.

(c) *Training required for continued appointment for other than micro-purchase, TSR, or interim warrants.* (1) To maintain competency, you must complete formal or informal acquisition-related training as follows. The training may be accomplished through completion of a training class or through any of the examples cited in [501.603\(c\)\(2\)](#) below.

(i) 16 hours every two years (for basic or simplified acquisition level warrants).

(ii) 40 hours every 2 years (for intermediate or senior level warrants).

(2) To meet this requirement, you may attend:

(i) In-house training sessions.

(ii) Courses designed to broaden procurement knowledge (e.g., Contract Quality Assurance, Evaluating Contractor Performance, Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures), including repeat courses taken for refresher training.

(iii) Courses related to procurement (e.g., Ethics, Standards of Conduct).

(iv) Lectures, seminars, or conferences conducted by nationally-recognized acquisition organizations or professional associations (e.g., National Contract Management Association, National Institute of Governmental Purchasing) or write papers or articles for these groups.

(v) Training to acquire knowledge of the product or service you are responsible for procuring (i.e., courses and in-house training sessions; attending contractor sponsored seminars, conferences, and trade shows; and site visits to a contractor's place of manufacture/performance to learn about manufacturing/operations processes).

(3) If you successfully complete a professional certification program offered by a nationally-recognized acquisition organization such as NCMA, NIGP, NAPM, or equivalent organization, you fulfill the continuing education requirements for contracting officers for a period of 3 years. The 3-year period begins on the effective date of your professional certification.

(d) *Authority to make purchases for domestic and national security emergencies.* (1) If you have already been appointed as a contracting officer, you may enter into contracts on behalf of a GSA organization different from the organization speci-

fied in your Certificate of Appointment in response to a domestic or national security emergency (see GSA Order, National Emergency Management Program (ADM P 2400.18)).

(2) An HCA may grant higher contracting authority for use during emergencies in a basic or intermediate warrant.

(3) An HCA may appoint contracting officers with authority limited to entering into contracts required to respond to domestic or national security emergencies.

501.603-4 Termination.

(a) An appointing official may terminate your appointment at any time. Return the terminated warrant document to the appointing official if your appointment is terminated. At the HCA's discretion, a contracting officer whose appointment is terminated may retain the original warrant certificate.

(b) Your supervisor or other management official within your organization must notify the HCA if you:

(1) Resign.

(2) Transfer to another agency or are reassigned to another office in GSA.

(3) Are terminated, or otherwise disciplined, for malfeasance or incompetence.

(4) No longer need your appointment.

(5) Failed to comply with any of the experience and training requirements.

(c) Anyone within your supervisory chain-of-command may suspend your appointment temporarily pending a final determination by the HCA:

(1) If there is reason to believe that you failed to exercise sound business judgment.

(2) For other improprieties in carrying out your responsibilities as a contracting officer.

Subpart 501.7—Determinations and Findings

501.707 Signatory authority.

(a) The FAR frequently refers to determinations made by the agency head. Under section 309 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act, the Administrator authorized HCA's to act as agency head to facilitate procurement of property and services under Title III of the Act. (See GSA Delegation of Authority Manual, ADM P 5450.39C.)

(b) An HCA normally signs a class D&F.

(c) If a statute precludes an agency head redelegating authority, the Administrator must sign the D&F (See, for example, FAR 6.302-7).

Appendix 501A—Suggested Language for Certificates of Appointment for Contracting Officer Warrant Program

Basic Acquisition—\$25,000:

(1) Making and administering purchases and contracts up to and including \$25,000 per individual transaction and (2) placing and administering orders against contracts established by GSA or another Federal agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of such contracts when the contract authorizes or requires GSA to place orders.

Contracting Officer's Representative/COR—\$25,000:

Issuing change orders under contracts if designated to act as Contracting Officer's Representative for the contract provided the dollar value of the individual transaction does not exceed \$25,000 and is within the scope of the contract.

Contracting Officer's Representative—\$25,000 With Special \$25,000 A/E Ordering Authority:

(1) Issuing change orders under contracts if designated to act as Contracting Officer's Representative for the contract provided the dollar value of the individual transaction does not exceed \$25,000 and is within the scope of the contract, and (2) issuing orders and/or order modifications against established A/E contracts not to exceed \$25,000 per individual order and/or order modification.

Task and Delivery Orders:

Placing and administering task and delivery orders against contracts established by GSA and another Federal agency in accordance with the terms and conditions when the contracts authorize or require GSA to place orders.

Simplified Acquisition—\$100,000:

(1) Awarding and administering purchases and contracts using simplified acquisition procedures up to and including \$100,000 per individual transaction, and (2) placing and administering orders against contracts established by GSA or another Federal agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of such contracts when the contract authorizes or requires GSA to place orders.

Leasing/Simplified Acquisition—\$100,000:

Awarding and administering contracts for (1) the advertising of proposed real estate transactions in newspapers, (2) the acquisition of leasehold interests in real property provided the dollar value of individual contract actions do not exceed \$100,000 average net annual rent, and (3) the alteration of space in buildings which GSA has leased provided the alterations do not exceed \$100,000 and are acquired from the lessor.

Intermediate Acquisition—\$1,000,000:

(1) Awarding and administering contracts provided the dollar value of individual contract actions do not exceed \$1,000,000, and (2) placing and administering orders against contracts established by GSA or another Federal agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of such contracts when the contract authorizes or requires GSA to place orders.

Leasing/Intermediate Acquisition—\$1,000,000:

Awarding and administering contracts for (1) the advertising of proposed real estate transactions in newspapers, (2) the acquisition of leasehold interests in real property provided the dollar value of individual contract actions do not exceed \$1,000,000 average net annual rent, and (3) the alteration of space in buildings which GSA has leased provided the alterations do not exceed \$1,000,000 and are acquired from the lessor.

Senior-Unlimited Acquisition:

(1) Awarding and administering contracts without limitation as to the dollar value of individual contract actions, and (2) placing and administering orders against contracts established by GSA or another Federal agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of such contracts when the contracts authorize or require GSA to place orders.

Leasing/Senior-Unlimited Acquisition:

Awarding and administering contracts for (1) the advertising of proposed real estate transactions in newspapers, (2) the acquisition of leasehold interests in real property without limitation as to the dollar value of individual contract actions, and (3) the alteration of space in buildings which GSA has leased provided the alterations are acquired from the lessor.

Leasing/Special:

Awarding and administering contracts for (1) the advertising of proposed real estate transactions in newspapers, (2) the acquisition of leasehold interests in real property without limitation as to the dollar value of individual contract actions, (3) the alteration of space in buildings which GSA has leased provided the alterations are acquired from the lessor, (4) the acquisition of a building(s) and/or site(s), and (5) the outleasing of space in buildings under GSA's control.

Disposal—Basic-\$25,000:

Entering into and administering agreements for the disposal of property not to exceed \$25,000 per individual transaction subject to the limitations contained in the Federal Property Management Regulations and awarding and admin-

istering contracts for advertising of proposed disposal transactions in newspapers.

Disposal—Intermediate With Intermediate Acquisition:

(1) Awarding and administering contracts provided the dollar value of individual contract actions do not exceed \$1,000,000, (2) placing and administering orders against contracts established by GSA or another Federal agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of such contracts when the contract authorizes or requires GSA to place orders, (3) entering into and administering agreements for the disposal of property not to exceed \$1,000,000 per individual transaction subject to the limitations contained in the Federal Property Management Regulations.

Disposal—Senior-Basic Acquisition:

(1) Making and administering purchases and contracts up to and including \$25,000 per individual transaction, (2) placing and administering orders against contracts established by GSA or another Federal agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of such contracts when the contract authorizes or requires GSA to place orders, and (3) entering into and administering agreements for the disposal of property without limitation as to the dollar value of individual transactions subject to the limitations contained in the Federal Property Management Regulations.

Disposal—Senior-Intermediate Acquisition

(1) Making and administering purchases and contracts up to and including \$1,000,000 per individual transaction,

(2) placing and administering orders against contracts established by GSA or another Federal agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of such contracts when the contract authorizes or requires GSA to place orders, and (3) entering into and administering agreements for the disposal of property without limitation as to the dollar value of individual transactions subject to the limitations contained in the Federal Property Management Regulations.

Disposal—Senior-Senior Acquisition

(1) Making and administering purchases and contracts without limitation as to the dollar value of individual contract actions, (2) placing and administering orders against contracts established by GSA or another Federal agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of such contracts when the contract authorizes or requires GSA to place orders, and (3) entering into and administering agreements for the disposal of property without limitation as to the dollar value of individual transactions subject to the limitations contained in the Federal Property Management Regulations.

Disposal—Basic-Fleet Sales Utilizing Commercial Contractors \$25,000:

Entering into and administering agreements for the sale of Government vehicles not to exceed \$25,000 per individual transaction when the sale will be conducted by a commercial contractor, subject to the limitations contained in the Federal Property Management Regulations.

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PART 502—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS**Subpart 502.1—Definitions****502.101 Definitions.**

“Agency competition advocate” means the GSA Competition Advocate in the Office of Acquisition Policy.

“Assigned counsel” means the attorney employed by the Office of General Counsel (including offices of Regional Counsel) assigned to provide legal review or assistance.

“Contracting activity competition advocate” means the individual designated in writing by the head of the contracting activity (HCA). This authority may not be redelegated. The HCA must ensure that the designated competition advocate is not assigned any duty or responsibility that is inconsistent with the advocacy function. The identity of the designated official shall be communicated to procuring staff and the Senior Procurement Executive.

“Contracting director” means:

(a) Except in FSS, a director of a Central Office or Regional office Division responsible for performing contracting or contract administration functions.

(b) In FSS, a director of a Commodity Center or FSS Bureau.

“Contracting officer’s representative (COR), contracting officer’s technical representative (COTR), or contract administrator” means a Government employee designated in writing by the contracting officer to perform specific limited activities for the contracting officer, such as contract administration.

“Debarring official” or “suspending official” means the Senior Procurement Executive or a designee.

“Head of the contracting activity” means the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy (MV); Commissioners of the Federal Technology Service (FTS); Federal Supply Service (FSS), or Public Buildings Service (PBS); or Regional Administrators. The Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy serves as the HCA for Central Office contracting activities outside of FTS, FSS, and PBS.

“Senior procurement executive” means the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy.

“Senior program official” means a person reporting to, and designated by, the HCA to have overall program responsibility for determining how the agency will meet its needs. The official should have a position of authority over the participating offices. Examples include Assistant Regional Administrators or Deputy Commissioners.

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PART 503—IMPROPER BUSINESS PRACTICES AND PERSONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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PART 503—IMPROPER BUSINESS PRACTICES AND PERSONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Subpart 503.1—Safeguards

503.101 Standards of conduct.

503.101-3 Agency regulations.

GSA Standards of Conduct appear at 5 CFR 6701.

503.104 Procurement integrity.

503.104-3 Definitions.

“Federal agency procurement” as used in FAR 3.104 and in this section, also means acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property.

503.104-4 Statutory and related prohibitions, restrictions, and requirements.

The supervisor must remind a departing employee of the post-employment restrictions in FAR 3.104-4(d) and 3.104-8.

503.104-5 Disclosure, protection, and marking of contractor bid or proposal information and source selection information.

(a) *Persons authorized access to information.* (1) The following persons may access contractor bid or proposal information and source selection information to accomplish their responsibilities in a procurement action:

(i) Requirements generators, including client agency representatives, and program and technical experts who develop statements of work, specifications or similar documents.

(ii) Contracting personnel supporting you.

(iii) Personnel serving on technical evaluation boards or source selection evaluation boards.

(iv) Supervisors in your chain of command.

(v) Secretarial, clerical and administrative personnel of the contracting activity responsible for the procurement.

(vi) Small Business Technical Advisors.

(vii) Small Business Administration (SBA) personnel who review determinations not to set-aside acquisitions, determine the small business status of offerors under FAR 19.302, process applications for Certificates of Competency under FAR 19.6, review subcontracting plans, or award contracts under the 8(a) program.

(viii) Personnel in the Credit and Finance Section of Region 6 and other personnel who support you in making contractor responsibility determinations.

(ix) Contract auditors in the Office of Inspector General and Regional Inspector General’s offices.

(x) Department of Labor (DOL) personnel who process preaward EEO clearances under FAR 22.805.

(xi) Attorneys in the Office of General Counsel and Regional Counsel’s offices.

(xii) Personnel involved in contract approval.

(2) The Senior Procurement Executive may authorize additional classes of persons access to contractor bid or proposal information or source selection information.

(3) You may authorize access to contractor bid or proposal information or source selection information if necessary to conduct the procurement. This includes release of information to outside evaluators under 515.305-71. Limit access to only that information the person needs to do his or her job.

(4) You may use GSA Form 3617, Record of Authorization of Access to Contractor Bid or Proposal Information or Source Selection Information, to maintain a list of individuals authorized access by the contracting activity.

(b) *Procedures for marking and protecting information.* Any individual who prepares, makes, or controls contractor bid or proposal information and source selection information must:

(1) Mark documents as prescribed in FAR 3.104-5(c). You may use GSA Form 3611, Cover Page Source Selection Information, as the cover page for a document that contains source selection information. Mark each page of the document if you use this form.

(2) Provide physical security for documents in the office environment during, and after, duty hours.

(3) Secure interoffice mailing of documents by using opaque envelopes, “double wrapping” with more than one envelope, and sealing envelopes securely.

(4) Maintain strict control over oral communications about the acquisition.

(c) *Requests for information from Congress.* For requests from a member of Congress, see [505.403](#).

(d) *Responsibilities of departing employees.* The supervisor must advise each departing employee who participated personally and significantly in a procurement of continuing responsibilities under:

(1) Subsection 27(a) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Act (41 U.S.C. 423), which prohibits disclosing procurement information (see FAR 3.104-4(a)).

(2) Subsection 27(d) of the OFPP Act, which establishes post-employment restrictions (see FAR 3.104-4(d)).

(3) Other statutes and regulations concerning prohibited conduct (see FAR 3.104-1(b)).

503.104-9 Contract clauses.**Acquisitions Of Leasehold Interests In Real Property,**

Insert a clause substantially the same as the clause at [552.203-70](#), Price Adjustment for Illegal or Improper Activity, in solicitations and contracts for and modifications to leasehold interests in real property exceeding \$100,000.

503.104-10 Violations or possible violations.

(a) The contracting director is the individual designated under FAR 3.104-10(a)(1) to receive information related to a conclusion that a reported or possible violation has no impact on a procurement.

(b) If the HCA receives information describing an actual or possible violation, the HCA must take all the following actions:

- (1) Refer the matter immediately to the Inspector General.
- (2) Determine what action to take on the procurement under FAR 3.104-10(b)–(g).
- (3) Notify the Administrator if he or she determines under FAR 3.104-10(f) that urgent and compelling circumstances, or other Government interests, justify the award or modification.

(c) If a contracting officer has not been appointed, the contracting director performs the contracting officer actions defined in FAR 3.104-10.

Subpart 503.2—Contractor Gratuities to Government Personnel

503.203 Reporting suspected violations of the Gratuities clause.

(a) Under 5 CFR 6701.107 employees must report immediately a suspected violation of the Gratuities clause to each of the following:

- (1) You.
- (2) Assistant Inspector General for Investigations or the Regional Inspector General for Investigations.
- (3) Deputy Standards of Conduct Counselor.

(b) The report must describe the circumstances under which the Gratuities clause has been violated and include all pertinent documents.

(c) The Office of Inspector General will investigate and, if appropriate, forward a report and recommendation to the Department of Justice, the Senior Procurement Executive, or the Office of General Counsel.

503.204 Treatment of violations.

(a) The Senior Procurement Executive, or designee, makes determinations under FAR 3.204. The Senior Procurement Executive, or designee, takes all the following actions:

- (1) Coordinates with legal counsel.
- (2) Initiates proceedings under FAR 3.204(a) by notifying the contractor that GSA is considering action against the contractor for a violation of the Gratuities clause. Notice is sent by a certified letter to the last known address of the party, its counsel, or agent for service of process. In the case of a business, notice is sent to any partner, principal officer, director, owner or co-owner, or joint venture.

(3) Presumes receipt if no return receipt is received within 10 calendar days after mailing the notice.

(b) The contractor has 30 calendar days to exercise its rights under FAR 3.204(b), unless the Senior Procurement Executive, or designee, grants an extension.

(c) If there is a dispute of fact material to making a determination, the Senior Procurement Executive, or designee, may refer the matter to an agency fact-finding official designated by the Chairman of the GSA Board of Contract Appeals. Referrals for fact-finding are not made in cases arising from a conviction or indictment as defined in FAR 9.403. If a referral is made, the fact-finding official takes all the following actions:

- (1) Gives the contractor an opportunity to dispute material facts relating to the determinations under FAR 3.204(a)(1) and (2).
- (2) Conducts proceedings under rules consistent with FAR 3.204(b).
- (3) Schedules a hearing within 20 calendar days of receipt of the referral. The contractor or GSA may request an extension for good cause.

(4) Delivers to the Senior Procurement Executive, or designee, written findings of fact (together with a transcription of the proceedings, if made) within 20 calendar days after the hearing record closes. The findings must resolve any material disputes of fact by a preponderance of the evidence.

(d) The Senior Procurement Executive, or designee, may reject the findings of the fact-finding official only if the findings are clearly erroneous or arbitrary and capricious.

(e) In cases arising from conviction or indictment, or in which there are no disputes of material fact, the Senior Procurement Executive, or designee, conducts the hearing required by FAR 3.204(b).

(f) If the Gratuities clause was violated, the contractor may present evidence of mitigating factors to the Senior Procurement Executive, or designee, either orally or in writing, in accordance with a schedule the Senior Procurement Executive, or designee, establishes. The Senior Procurement Executive, or designee, exercises the Government's rights under FAR 3.204(c) only after considering mitigating factors.

Subpart 503.3—Reports of Suspected Antitrust Violations

503.303 Reporting suspected antitrust violations.

Report evidence of suspected antitrust violations in acquisitions to the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations or the Regional Inspector General for Investigations. When appropriate, the Office of Inspector General will investigate and prepare a report and recommendation to the Attorney General and to the Senior Procurement Executive for suspension or debarment consideration.

Subpart 503.4—Contingent Fees

503.404 Contract clause.

Insert [552.203-5](#), Covenant Against Contingent Fees, in solicitations and contracts for the acquisition of leasehold interests in real property expected to exceed \$100,000.

503.405 Misrepresentations or violations of the Covenant Against Contingent Fees.

Employees who suspect or have evidence of violations of the Covenant Against Contingent Fees clause must report the matter to you as well as to the Office of Inspector General. If appropriate, the Office of Inspector General will forward a report and recommendation to the Department of Justice.

Subpart 503.5—Other Improper Business Practices

503.570 Advertising.

503.570-1 Policy.

GSA policy precludes contractors from referring to GSA contracts in commercial advertising in a manner that states or implies the Government approves or endorses the product or service or considers it superior to other products or services. The intent of this policy is to prevent the appearance of Government bias toward any product or service.

503.570-2 Contract clause.

Insert the clause at [552.203-71](#), Restriction on Advertising, in solicitations and contracts, including acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property, if the contract amount is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

Subpart 503.7—Voiding and Rescinding Contracts

503.702 Definition.

“Notice” means a letter sent by certified mail with a return receipt requested to the last known address of a party, its counsel, or agent for service of process. In the case of a business, such notice may be sent to any partner, principal officer, director, owner or co-owner, or joint venturer. If no return receipt is received within 10 calendar days of mailing, receipt is presumed.

“Voiding and rescinding official” means the Senior Procurement Executive or designee.

503.705 Procedures.

(a) Contracting officer’s actions:

(1) If a contract is tainted by misconduct, consult with assigned counsel to determine if the Government has a common law remedy such as avoidance, rescission, or cancellation.

(2) If the contractor has a final conviction for a violation under 18 U.S.C. 201-224, you may refer the matter to the voiding and rescinding official under FAR 3.705.

(i) In the referral, identify the final conviction and include the information required by FAR 3.705(d)(2) through (5).

(ii) Coordinate the referral with the Office of Inspector General to determine whether to recommend debarment.

(3) You may postpone a decision to exercise the Government’s common law right to void, rescind, or cancel a contract until completion of legal proceedings against the contractor.

(b) Voiding and rescinding official’s actions:

(1) The voiding and rescinding official reviews the referral and coordinates with assigned counsel and the contracting activity.

(2) If the official decides to declare void and rescind a contract and to recover the amounts expended and the property transferred, the official takes both the following actions:

(i) Issues the notice required by FAR 3.705.

(ii) Conducts the hearing contemplated by FAR 3.705(c)(3).

(3) In case of a dispute of material fact about the agency decision, the official refers the matter to the fact-finding official designated by the Chairman of the GSA Board of Contract Appeals. The voiding and rescinding official makes this referral if the dispute of fact relates to any of the following:

(i) Contracts affected by the final conviction.

(ii) Amounts expended and property transferred by the Government under the affected contracts.

(iii) Identity and value of any tangible benefits received by the Government under the affected contracts.

(4) The voiding and rescinding official issues GSA's final decision under FAR 3.705(e) after receiving the fact-finding official's report, if a referral was made. The voiding and rescinding official may reject the fact-finding official's findings only if they are clearly erroneous or arbitrary and capricious.

(5) The official coordinates the final decision with the contracting activity and provides the activity a copy of the decision.

(c) *Fact-finding official's actions:* The fact-finding official takes all the following actions:

(1) Gives the contractor an opportunity to dispute material facts.

(2) Conducts the proceedings under rules consistent with FAR 3.705(c)(3).

(3) Schedules a hearing within 20 calendar days after receiving the referral. The official may grant extensions for good cause at the request of the contractor or GSA.

(4) Delivers written findings of fact to the voiding and rescinding official (together with a transcription of the proceeding, if made) within 20 calendar days after the hearing record closes. The findings must resolve any material disputes of fact by a preponderance of the evidence.

Subpart 503.8—Limitations on Payment of Funds to Influence Federal Transactions

503.806 Processing suspected violations.

Submit evidence of suspected violations of 31 U.S.C. 1352, Limitation on the Use of Appropriated Funds to Influence Certain Federal Contracting and Financial Transactions, to the Assistant Inspector General for Investigation or the Regional Inspector General for Investigation. When appropriate, the Office of Inspector General will investigate and prepare a report and recommendation to the Department of Justice.

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PART 504—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Subpart 504.1—Contract Execution

504.101 Contracting officer's signature.

You must sign contracts and contract modifications manually. In your absence, another contracting officer may sign for you. Always type or stamp the name and title of the person actually signing the document on the document below the signature.

504.103 Contract clause.

Agency procedures do not require use of the clause at FAR 52.204-1, Approval of Contract, in solicitations and contracts.

Subpart 504.2—Contract Distribution

504.201 Procedures.

(a) Send documentation to the paying office on all contracts for which GSA generates a delivery or task order.

(1) For Federal Supply Service contracts entered into the FSS-19 system, send a system generated contract listing.

(2) For all other contracts, send a "Duplicate Original" of the entire contract or modification.

(b) Certify that the "Duplicate Original" is a true copy of the contract or modification by writing your signature, in ink, on the award or modification form (i.e., SF 26, 33, 1442, etc.). Certify all contracts except:

(1) Leases of real property.

(2) Schedule contracts.

(3) Standard or GSA multipage purchase/delivery/task order carbon forms.

504.203 Taxpayer identification number information.

The FAR 4.203 procedure for attaching the completed FAR provision at 52.204-3 as the last page of the contract sent to the paying office does not apply to leases of real property (See [504.903](#)) or FSS schedule contracts.

Subpart 504.4—Safeguarding Classified Information Within Industry

504.402 General.

(a) This subpart:

(1) Prescribes procedures for safeguarding classified information required to be disclosed to contractors in connection with the solicitation of offers, and the award, performance, and termination of contracts.

(2) Implements the requirements of the Department of Defense's Industrial Security Regulation (ISR) and Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information (ISM). By agreement, the Department of Defense (DoD) will act for, and on behalf of, GSA in rendering security services required for safeguarding classified information released by GSA to U.S. industry.

(b) As used in this subpart, the term:

(1) "Contractor(s)" means prospective contractors, sub-contractors, vendors, and suppliers.

(2) "U.S. industry" means those industries (including educational and research institutions) located within the United States, its possessions, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

504.470 Requests for release of classified information.

(a) Prepare, in triplicate, Section I of GSA Form 1720, Request for Release of Classified Information to U.S. Industry (illustrated in Subpart 553.3) before soliciting offers or negotiating with a contractor if disclosing classified information.

(b) Sign the form as requesting officer and obtain approval from your immediate supervisor.

(c) Forward all copies of the completed form to the Office of Management Services (CA).

504.470-1 Authorization for release.

(a) CA determines if a contractor has been issued a DoD facility security clearance and completes the appropriate parts of Section 11, of GSA Form 1720. CA returns the original and one copy of the completed form to you.

(b) Do not disclose or make classified information accessible to a contractor until CA gives you the completed form. If only Item 14b, Section 11, of the form has been checked, follow the instructions on the reverse side of the form. CA will advise you if a contractor is ineligible for a security clearance.

504.470-2 Termination of authorization for release.

When circumstances support withdrawal or revocation of a security clearance, CA informs you of the termination of authorization to release classified information and provides instructions on actions required to safeguard, withhold, or obtain the return of classified information. Reasons for termination include any of the following:

- (a) Failure of the contractor to maintain the physical standards required by the ISM.
- (b) Information indicating either that the contractor no longer:
 - (1) Is eligible for clearance.
 - (2) Requires access to classified information.

504.471 Processing security requirements checklist (DD Form 254).

(a) Prepare DD Form 254, Contract Security Classification Specification (illustrated in FAR 53.303-DD-254), for contracts involving contractor access to classified information. This identifies for DoD and contractors the areas of classified information involved. You may use written notice of classification for research or service contracts.

(b) Obtain instructions or guidance on completing DD Form 254 from CA.

504.472 Periodic review.

(a) You must review DD Form 254 whenever a change in the phase of performance occurs or at your discretion. Review the form at least once a year to determine if the classified information can be downgraded or declassified.

(b) Inform the contractor of the results of the review by one of the following means:

- (1) Issuance of a revised specification.
- (2) Written instructions instead of DD Form 254, if authorized.
- (3) Written notification if the review results in no change in the classification specifications.

(c) Prepare a final checklist upon termination or completion of the contract.

504.473 Recurring procurement.

Prepare a new DD Form 254 only if a change occurs in either of the following:

- (a) End item.
- (b) Previous security classification.

504.474 Control of classified information.

(a) Record, mark, handle, and transmit classified information in accordance with instructions in the handbook, Information Security (ADM P 1025.2D).

(b) Get the consent of the originating agency before releasing classified information to a contractor.

504.475 Return of classified information.

(a) You must recover classified information unless it has been destroyed as provided in paragraph 19 of the ISM. The Government agency that provided classified information to a GSA contractor is responsible for the return of the information.

(b) You must ensure that classified information furnished to prospective offerors, offerors, or contractors is returned immediately after any of the following:

- (1) After bid opening or closing date for receipt of proposals by non-responding offerors.
- (2) After contract award by unsuccessful offerors.
- (3) Upon termination or completion of the contract.
- (4) Upon notification that authorization to release classified information has been withdrawn.
- (5) After notification that a facility:
 - (i) Does not have adequate means to safeguard classified information.
 - (ii) Has had its security clearance revoked or inactivated.
- (6) Whenever otherwise instructed by the authority responsible for the security classification.

504.476 Breaches of security.

You or any other GSA employee responsible for the information must refer the facts of an unauthorized disclosure of classified information promptly to CA.

Subpart 504.5—Electronic Commerce in Contracting**504.500 Scope of Subpart.**

This subpart provides policy and procedure for use of GSA's Electronic Posting System (EPS).

504.502 Policy.

(a) The EPS is GSA's primary vehicle for disseminating synopses and written solicitations. GSA intends that the EPS will substitute for, not supplement, paper copies of solicitations. (Note that FAR 2.101 defines "in writing" or "written" to include "electronically transmitted and stored information.")

(b) This policy does not apply to orders placed against existing contracts, including Federal Supply Service schedule contracts.

(c) Nothing in this policy limits your authority to obtain oral quotations or proposals as authorized by regulation (e.g., FAR 13.106-1 or FAR 15.203(f)).

504.570 Procedures for using the EPS.

(a) You must use the EPS to issue any synopsis required by FAR Part 5 or GSAR [Part 505](#).

(b) You must issue each written solicitation on the EPS, except as provided in paragraphs [\(c\)\(2\)](#) and [\(d\)](#) below.

(c) Although GSA intends that the EPS will substitute for paper copies of solicitations, web-based transactions are not practical in some industries or in some geographic areas at this time.

(1) If you expect that electronic access to a solicitation will result in adequate competition, distribute the solicitation only through the EPS. Include the following notice in the related synopsis:

GSA is issuing this solicitation only electronically. Interested parties may access the solicitation at <http://www.eps.gov>. This site provides instructions for downloading the solicitation file.

(2) If you believe that distribution of paper copies is necessary to ensure adequate competition, document the file to justify distribution of paper copies. Include the notice in paragraph [\(c\)\(1\)](#) above in the related synopsis, leaving out the first sentence.

(d) In some cases, release of construction drawings must be controlled to ensure adequate security. In other cases, an exhibit or attachment incorporated in a solicitation may not be available electronically. In either of these cases, you must explain in both the synopsis and the solicitation how interested parties may obtain a copy. In addition to the notice required by paragraph [\(c\)](#), include a notice substantially the same as below in both the synopsis and solicitation. Tailor the notice as necessary for the particular acquisition.

This solicitation incorporates documents which are not available electronically. See [*Identify the solicitation section that lists the subject documents*]. Interested parties may request copies of these documents by writing the Contracting Officer at the address in [*Identify address block in the solicitation*].

(e) The *Electronic Posting System Manual* provides detailed instructions for using the EPS. The Manual is available at <http://www.eps.gov/buyer.html>.

Subpart 504.6—Contract Reporting**504.602-70 Reporting to the Federal Procurement Data System—Next Generation (FPDS-NG).**

The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 405(d), requires all Federal agencies to report information on contract actions to the Federal Procurement Data System—Next Generation (FPDS-NG). Federal agencies are required to report all transactions over \$2,500 and modifications to those transactions regardless of dollar value, in accordance with FAR 4.602(c)(1). Addition-

ally, Federal agencies participating under the Small Business Demonstration Program, in accordance with FAR 4.602(c)(2), are required to report as an individual contract action all awards, regardless of dollar value, in the designated industry groups. With the implementation of FPDS-NG, the General Services Procurement Data System (GPDS) was discontinued and all transactions are reported directly to FPDS-NG.

(a) *Reporting requirements.* Detailed specification of FPDS-NG data reporting requirements is contained in the FPDS-NG Reports document (available at <http://www.fpds-ng.com/downloads.html>). Reporting offices are encouraged to utilize automated information systems for FPDS-NG data reporting, provided that the systems contain all required FPDS-NG data elements via the machine-to-machine process and the automated acquisition system has received the proper certification from the FPDS-NG system manager.

(b) *Responsibilities.*—(1) *Senior Procurement Executive.* The Senior Procurement Executive—

(i) Exercises overall responsibility for policy matters relating to reporting by GSA contracting activities to the FPDS-NG;

(ii) Provides GSA officials with information necessary for the management, evaluation and oversight of GSA procurement activity. Provides GSA officials with policy guidance required to implement reporting requirements, and periodic changes to reporting requirements, prescribed by OFPP;

(iii) Approves reporting procedures, including use of GSA automated data systems, for reporting data to the FPDS-NG;

(iv) Ensures complete and accurate data reporting, including correction of error listings, for data submitted by Central Office staff offices and ensures that GSA contracting activities are in compliance with all special data reporting requirements specified in the FPDS-NG Validations and Data Dictionary (available at

<http://www.fpds-ng.com/downloads.html>);

(v) Assists the Heads of Services in establishing procedures to ensure complete and accurate reporting of procurement data to the FPDS-NG by their respective services, and developing appropriate training to ensure accurate reporting by contracting offices; and

(vi) Evaluates the completeness and accuracy of FPDS-NG data reporting through information retrievals.

(2) *Heads of Services.* The Head of each Service—

(i) Establishes procedures within the Service to ensure complete and accurate reporting of procurement data to the FPDS-NG by all contracting offices within the Service;

(ii) Communicates reporting procedures provided by the Senior Procurement Executive to all contracting

offices within the Service that do not report procurement data through an automated system;

(iii) Ensures, for all contracting offices within the Service using automated systems for reporting procurement data, that user manuals for the systems incorporate all data elements required for FPDS-NG reporting. User manuals for automated systems, edit checks incorporated into these systems, and conversion programs for extraction of data in a format suitable for transmission to the FPDS-NG, will be subject to periodic review by the Senior Procurement Executive to validate conformance with FPDS-NG reporting requirements;

(iv) Implements changes to reporting procedures when advised of changes to FPDS-NG reporting requirements by the Senior Procurement Executive;

(v) Designates FPDS-NG Coordinators to manage and monitor the submission and editing of FPDS-NG Data; and

(vi) Conducts training for contracting office personnel, where necessary, to ensure complete and accurate procurement data reporting.

(3) *Regional Heads of Contracting Activities (HCAs)*. The Regional Heads of Contracting Activities (the Regional Administrators)—

(i) Exercise responsibility for complete and accurate reporting of procurement data submitted to the FPDS-NG, including data input and correction of error records, for all contracting offices that are not within the responsibility of the Heads of Services;

(ii) Periodically evaluates the completeness and accuracy of FPDS-NG data reporting in all regional contracting offices through use of information retrievals; and

(iii) Designates FPDS-NG Regional Coordinators to manage and monitor the submission and editing of FPDS-NG data.

(4) *Heads of Staff Offices*. The Heads of Staff Offices will ensure that staff offices report procurement data to the FPDS-NG in accordance with established procedures.

504.602-71 Federal Procurement Data System—Public Access to Data.

(a) *The FPDS database*. The General Services Administration awarded a contract for creation and operation of the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) database. That database includes information reported by departments and agencies as required by Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 4.6. One of the primary purposes of the FPDS database is to provide information on Government procurement to the public.

(b) *Fee for direct hook-up*. To the extent that a member of the public requests establishment of real-time integration of reporting services to run reports from another application, a one-time charge of \$2,500 for the original integration must be paid by the requestor. This one-time charge covers the setup and certification required for an integrator to access the FPDS database and for technical assistance to help integrators use the web services. The fee will be paid to the FPDS contractor and credited to invoices submitted to GSA by the FPDS contractor.

Subpart 504.8—Government Contract Files

504.800 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes a standard contract file format for all contracts that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, except leases of real property. You may also apply this subpart to purchases using simplified acquisition procedures.

504.802 Contract files.

(a) *File standardization*. Place all information and documentation required by FAR 4.802 and 4.803 in the contract file. Organize the file in the standard contract file format in [504.803](#).

(b) *Responsibility for files*. You are responsible for the official file. Those initiating documents about the contract must forward the documents to you for inclusion in the file. You are accountable for contract files transferred to the records center and for knowing where the National Archives and Records Administration placed the files.

(c) *Transfer of responsibility for contract files*. (1) When responsibility for a contract transfers from you to another contracting officer, e.g., transfer of assignments or redelegation of contract administration (intraoffice or interoffice), you must prepare a detailed listing by file number and name to identify the file(s) to be transferred.

(2) Retain a copy of the listing and send a copy to your successor as advance notice of the files to be transferred.

(3) Retain duplicates of the files transferred until your successor acknowledges receipt of the files.

(4) Send the files to be transferred to your successor by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by another method

requiring your successor's signature to acknowledge receipt. Send two copies of the listing with the transferred files.

(5) Your successor must sign one copy of the listing, certifying receipt of the files listed, and return the signed copy to you.

504.803 Contents of contract files.

(a) *Arrangement.* (1) Tab the contract file.

(2) File items in reverse order starting with item (1) on the bottom of the file and item (27) on the top.

(3) File documents within a tab chronologically with the most recent document on top.

(4) Place documents too voluminous for an individual tab in a separate file. Annotate the tab with the location of the file.

(5) Omit any tab not required for the contract.

(b) *Tab contents.* The following instructions apply to contract actions up to award. Contracting activities may develop further guidance on tabbing postaward actions tailored to their requirements. Tab the contract file as specified below:

(1) Requisition or request for contractual action. Include the certification of the accuracy and completeness of data supporting a recommendation by technical or requirements personnel to use other than full and open competition. (See FAR 6.303-1(b).)

(2) Specifications, drawings, and other technical documents.

(3) Acquisition plan including, if applicable, the determination required by OMB Circular A-76 and concurrence of the cognizant competition advocate.

(4) Determination and findings required by FAR 1.7 and [501.7](#), or justification required by FAR 6.303, including the certification of accuracy and completeness of the justification.

(5) Department of Labor Wage Determination.

(6) Small business determinations.

(7) Source list.

(8) Statement as to synopsis of proposed procurement under FAR 5.2 or other required advertisements under [505.2](#).

(9) Presolicitation notice.

(10) IFB/RFP and amendments.

(11) Abstract of bids or proposals including identification of the low bidder or offeror, discounted price, etc.

(12) Cost or pricing data and information other than cost or pricing data. Include the waiver and documentation supporting the waiver if the requirement for submission of cost or pricing data is waived, as provided in FAR 15.403-1(b)(4).

(13) Field pricing report (see FAR 15.404-2).

(14) Price or cost analysis report prepared under FAR 15.404. Include:

(i) Supporting technical analyses, other than those supporting an audit report.

(ii) Profit or fee analysis required by FAR 15.404-4 and [515.404-4](#).

(iii) An independent Government estimate, if required.

(15) Documentation required by FAR 15.406, written to permit reconstruction of the acquisition's major events.

(16) Certificate of current cost or pricing data, if applicable.

(17) Pre-award survey.

(18) EEO compliance review.

(19) "No bid" or "no proposal" correspondence.

(20) Unsuccessful bids or proposals. Include a copy of each rejected bid and unacceptable proposal.

(21) Mistakes in bids and protests. Include all correspondence and determinations relating to Mistakes in bids disclosed before award or protests.

(22) Actions taken on late bids or proposals.

(23) Contract action. Include:

(i) Successful bid or proposal and all pertinent correspondence applicable to the contract action, including evidence of submission of contract award data to paying office (see [504.201](#)).

(ii) Subcontracting plans incorporated in and made a material part of a contract, as required by FAR 19.705-5(a)(5).

(24) Evidence of legal review, if required.

(25) Approvals. Include, as applicable:

(i) GSA Form 1535, Recommendation for Award.

(ii) Documentation of approval of subcontracting plan.

(iii) Record of individuals authorized access to contractor bid or proposal information or source selection information (see [503.104-5\(a\)\(4\)](#)).

(26) Notices of award.

(27) SF 279, FPDS Individual Contract Action Report, or system-generated equivalent.

(c) *Index.* (1) Place an index of the file tabs in the file. Mark items that do not apply. If necessary, briefly explain why. You may use the GSA Form 3420, Contract/Modification File Checklist File Format (Award), for the index.

(2) Include subheadings under a tab if required by your office.

504.804-5 Detailed procedures for closing out contract files.

The administrative contracting officer (ACO) must forward the statement required by FAR 4.804-5(b) and the contract files to the cognizant procuring contracting officer (PCO). The ACO must follow the procedures outlined in [504.802\(c\)](#) when transferring files to the PCO.

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504.805 Storage, handling, and disposal of contract files.

Your accountability for contract files ends when the following three conditions exist:

- (a) The files' retention period expires.
- (b) You receive the notice of disposal from the National Archives and Records Administration.
- (c) The records liaison officer whose organization has functional responsibility for the files approves disposal.

Subpart 504.9—Information Reporting to the Internal Revenue Service

504.903 Payment information.

(a) The Office of Finance reports to IRS on payments made to certain contractors for services performed and to lessors for providing space in buildings. This is required by 26 U.S.C. 6041 and 6041A and implemented in 26 CFR. To assist Finance, you must indicate on obligating documents you send them (e.g., purchase, delivery, or task orders; contracts; the GSA Form R-620 for leases; or certified invoices) all the following information:

- (1) Contractor's organizational structure (e.g. corporation, partnership).
- (2) Contractor's taxpayer identification number (TIN).
- (b) Make reports required by 26 U.S.C. 6050M through the FPDS.

Subpart 504.70—Uniform Procurement Instrument Identification

504.7001 Uniform procurement instrument identification.

This subpart:

- (a) Prescribes procedures for identifying contracts, orders, and other procurement instruments regardless of dollar threshold.
- (b) Applies to all contracting activities, except:
 - (1) FSS's procurement activities, except FSS Property Management Division (FBP) which must comply with these procedures.
 - (2) Real property leasing.

504.7001-1 Policy.

(a) Use the uniform procurement instrument identification system for procurement instruments listed in [504.7001-5\(c\)](#). Do not use it for:

- (1) Purchases made through certified invoice procedures (see [513.370](#)).
- (2) Imprest fund purchases.
- (3) Purchases made with the Governmentwide commercial purchase card.
- (b) Complete the contract number block provided on the applicable forms. If a space is not reserved for the prescribed number, place the number in the upper right-hand corner of the form.
- (c) Each contracting office must maintain records to ensure continuity and control of procurement instrument identification numbers. (See [504.7002](#).)

504.7001-2 Basic procurement instrument identification number.

The basic procurement instrument identification number normally is assigned at award. The contracting office may assign a number when it receives a procurement request to facilitate procurement tracking. The basic procurement instrument identification number stays the same throughout the life of the procurement instrument. It consists of 14 alphanumeric characters as follows:

Character(s)	Content	Content Description Location	Example
1-2	Agency Designation Code	Always "GS"	GS
3-4	Region/Central Office Identification Code	504.7001-5(a)	02
5	Service/Office Code	504.7001-5(b)	P
6-7	Last Two Digits of Fiscal Year of Number Assignment		99
8-9	Preparing Contracting Office Code	Located in FPDS-NG GSA Detailed Contracting Office List	PF
10	Instrument Code	504.7001-5(c)	L
11-14	Serial Number	504.7001-5(d)	0002

504.7001-3 Order and call instrument identification number.

Delivery or task orders under indefinite delivery contracts and schedule contract orders are identified by placing an 13-character alphanumeric identification number in the order number block of the order form as shown in the table below.

The basic indefinite delivery or schedule contract number is placed in the contract number block of the order form.

Character(s)	Content	Content Description Location	Example
1-2	Agency Designation Code	Always "GS"	GS
3	Service/Office Code	504.7001-5(b)	P
4-5	Region/Central Office Identification Code	504.7001-5(a)	01
6-7	Last Two Digits of Fiscal Year of Number Assignment		98
8-9	Preparing Contracting Office Code	Located in FPDS-NG GSA Detailed Contracting Office List	PB
10-13	Serial Number (in sequence as issued by the contracting office)	504.7001-5(d)	B096

504.7001-4 Supplemental procurement instrument identification number.

Modifications to the basic contract instrument and to calls/orders against contracts are numbered with a four character alphanumeric number. The supplemental identification numbering system applies to all modifications to contracts and to call/orders against contracts.

Character(s)	Content	Description	Example
1	Office Issuing Modification	A = Administrative Office P = Purchasing Office	A
2	Action Type	A = Administrative Change C = Change Order O = Other S = Supplemental Agreement (bilateral signatures)	S
3-4	Serial Number	01-99 AI-A9 to ZI-Z9 AA-AZ to ZA-ZZ	B2

504.7001-5 Codes for instrument identification numbers.

(a) *Region/Central Office Codes.*

- 00 Central Office
- 01 Region 1
- 02 Region 2
- 03 Region 3
- 04 Region 4

- 05 Region 5
- 06 Region 6
- 07 Region 7
- 08 Region 8
- 09 Region 9
- 10 Region 10
- 11 National Capital Region

(b) *Preparing Service/Office Codes.*

- B Office of the Chief Financial Officer
- F Federal Supply Service
- G GSA Board of Contract Appeals
- C Office of the Chief People Officer
- I Office of Chief Information Officer
- J Office of Inspector General
- L Office of General Counsel
- M Office of Governmentwide Policy
- P Public Buildings Service
- T Federal Technology Service

(c) *Procurement Instrument Type Codes.*

- A Agreements, including basic agreements, basic ordering agreements, and blanket purchase agreements.
- B Reserved.
- C Contracts, including letter contracts; contracts referencing basic agreements, or basic ordering agreements, excluding indefinite delivery contracts.
- D Indefinite delivery contracts, including definite quantity, requirements, and indefinite quantity.
- E Sales contracts.
- F-L Reserved.
- M Purchase orders (open market simplified acquisition)—manual.
- N Reserved.
- P Purchase orders (open market simplified acquisition)—automated.
- Q-R Reserved.
- S Schedule contract.
- T-Z Reserved.

(d) *Serial Number Codes.* (1) A separate series of numbers may be used for each basic instrument type (see [504.7001-2](#) and [504.7001-5\(c\)](#)).

(2) For delivery or task orders, each order issued by contracting office must receive a consecutive serial number. That is, orders are numbered in sequence as issued by the contracting office; not in sequence under any individual contract.

(3) At the beginning of each fiscal year, the first number assigned is 0001.

(4) Alphanumeric characters are serially assigned after the numeric series is exhausted.

(5) The allowable numeric and alphanumeric sequences, excluding alpha I and O are:

(i) 0001 through 9999.

(ii) AOO1 through A999, BOO1 through B999.

(iii) and so on to ZOO1 through Z999.

(6) Each issuing office is responsible for controlling serial number assignments.

504.7002 Procurement contract register.

GSA Form 2728, Procurement Contract Register, or an automated register, is used to ensure continuity and control of procurement instrument identification numbers.

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PART 505—PUBLICIZING CONTRACT ACTIONS

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PART 505—PUBLICIZING CONTRACT ACTIONS

Subpart 505.1—Dissemination of Information

505.101 Methods of disseminating information.

(a) In Regions with a Business Service Center (BSC), you may post the notice required by FAR 5.101(a)(2) at the BSC.

(b) Use GSA's Electronic Posting System (EPS) to issue each synopsis required by FAR Part 5 or GSAR [505](#). When synopsising a solicitation, include the appropriate notice(s) required by [504.570\(c\)](#) and [\(d\)](#).

(c) For acquisitions involving real property:

If the acquisition is not exempt under FAR 5.202 or GSAR 505.202 , and...	Then you must publicize the proposed acquisition...
(1) The acquisition is for real property appraisal services estimated to cost \$25,000 or more.	(1) Either: (i) In local newspapers. (ii) In the Commerce Business Daily (CBD) through the EPS.
(2) The acquisition is for leasehold interests in real property estimated to exceed 10,000 square feet (except lease construction on a preselected site).	(2) Either: (i) In local newspapers. (ii) In the CBD through the EPS.
(3) The acquisition is for a leasehold interest in a building to be constructed on a preselected site.	(3) In the CBD through the EPS.

(d) You may publicize proposed leases of 10,000 square feet or less in local newspapers if it will serve to promote competition.

Subpart 505.2—Synopses of Proposed Contract Actions

505.202 Exceptions.

The Administrator has determined under section 18(c)(3) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. 416 (c)(3)) and Section 8(g)(3) of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(3)) that:

(a) Synopsising in the CBD is not always appropriate for acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property (except lease construction on a designated site) or real property appraisal services. You may publicize such contract actions following the procedures in [505.101](#) and [505.203](#).

(b) It is not appropriate or reasonable to publish an advance notice of any of the following:

(1) Acquisitions of works of art, including the design, execution and installation of the artwork, under the Art-in-Architecture Program.

(2) Supplemental agreements to leases of real property involving any of the following:

(i) Expansion requests within the scope of a lease (See [570.403](#)).

(ii) Lease extensions under the conditions defined in [570.405](#).

(iii) Building alterations within the scope of a lease (see [570.5](#)).

505.203 Publicizing and response time.

(a) If you publicize in local newspapers under [505.101\(c\)](#), ensure that the notice appears in local newspapers at least 3 calendar days before issuance of the solicitation. Except as provided in paragraph [\(b\)](#) of this section, allow at least these minimum response times:

(1) For leasehold interests in real property, 20 calendar days between solicitation issuance and the date established for receipt of initial offers.

(2) For real property appraisal services valued at less than either the Trade Agreements Act (TAA) threshold or the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) threshold, 10 calendar days between solicitation issuance and the date established for receipt of initial offers. The lower of the two thresholds governs.

(3) For real property appraisal services valued at or over the TAA threshold or the NAFTA threshold, 40 calendar days from when the notice appears to receipt of initial offers. If the acquisition falls in a general category identified in an annual forecast, the period may be reduced to as few as 10 days. The lower of the two thresholds governs.

(b) The following exceptions to the publicizing and response times in paragraph [\(a\)](#) of this section apply only to proposed acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property:

(1) For a proposed acquisition conducted using simplified lease acquisition procedures (see [570.2](#)), consider the individual acquisition and establish a reasonable response time.

(2) In cases of urgency, provide as much time as possible and document the file.

505.270 Synopsis of amendments to solicitations.

Synopses in the CBD any solicitation amendment when the amendment either:

- (a) Increases the anticipated value of the proposed acquisition above the dollar threshold requiring synopsis.
- (b) Alters the scope of the proposed acquisition so that increased interest of contractors can be reasonably anticipated.

Subpart 505.3—Synopses of Contract Awards

505.303 Announcement of contract awards.

Compliance with [505.303-70](#) fulfills the reporting requirements of FAR 5.303(a).

505.303-70 Notification of proposed substantial awards and awards involving congressional interest.

(a) *Applicability.* This subsection applies to any proposed award exceeding or estimated to exceed:

- (1) 100,000 for a contract under the 8(a) program.
- (2) 500,000 for a supply contract unless it involves any

of the following:

- (i) Motor vehicles.
- (ii) Supplies with not readily identifiable points of origin.
- (iii) Supplies with foreign production points.

(3) 500,000 for a design (Architect/Engineer) or construction contract.

(4) 100,000 for any other contract, or class of contract, if a Member of Congress has specifically requested notification of award to a contractor in their district or State.

(b) *Notification Procedures.* (1) The Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs (S) will provide in writing to the HCA the names of Members of Congress who wish to be notified of any award under subparagraph [\(a\)\(4\)](#) of this subsection.

(2) Notify S either by:

- (i) Electronic mail.
- (ii) Facsimile.
- (iii) Hand delivery.

(3) Except for awards under urgent and compelling circumstances, you must provide the notice to S on the day of award and 24 hours before telephonic notice (if applicable) is provided to the contractor. If you cannot meet this timeframe, the contracting director must telephonically notify S.

(4) For awards under subparagraph [\(a\)\(4\)](#) of this subsection, provide a copy of the notice to the Regional congressional liaison office.

(c) *Contents of notice.* (1) Identify the contractor by name and address [including county and Congressional district, if known]. Include the contractor's point of contact and telephone number.

(2) Identify the type of contract and contractor by using these codes:

- DQ For definite quantity contract
- SC For schedule contract
- TC For indefinite delivery contract other than schedules
- S For small business concern, other than HUBZone
- HS For HUBZone small business concern
- SD For small disadvantaged business concern, other than HUBZone
- WO For women-owned small business concern
- O For other than a small business concern
- VO For veteran-owned small business concern
- SDV For service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern

(3) Briefly describe the supplies or services acquired, the duration of the contract period, and the dollar value of the award.

(4) Include your name and telephone number.

(5) For definite quantity awards:

(i) Indicate the quantity and unit, in parentheses, and dollar value for each production point. If items have multiple but unspecified production points or the number of production points exceed 10, write "multiple" and indicate immediately after, in parentheses, the total number of production points.

(ii) If applicable, identify the receiving agency next to the applicable quantity and state if any portion is for overseas use.

(iii) If available, identify by name and telephone number a point-of-contact for each production point.

(6) If the award involves Congressional interest, include the following statement:

"CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:

[Name of Congressman/Senator]

[Indicate State/District]

[Describe interest]"

(7) The notification to S will contain sensitive preaward information. Label the notice accordingly. S and regional Congressional liaison offices are responsible for the security of such information and will establish procedures governing its release before official notification of award. Unless otherwise authorized by you, the release of such information before award is limited to Members of Congress and their staff.

(d) *Release of awards.* (1) The Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs will identify notifications which require priority processing. S will release such notices at the time and date specified by the Associate Administrator.

(2) Unless notified to the contrary, you may release awards described in (a) of this section, or information related to them, after two full workdays (48 hours) from the time and date of notification to S. The date/time stamp on the e-mail, facsimile transmission, or hand delivery receipt establishes the time and date of notification.

Subpart 505.4—Release of Information

505.403 Requests from Members of Congress.

(a) Consult with legal counsel if the response would disclose either:

- (1) Classified material.
- (2) Confidential business information.
- (3) Contractor bid or proposal information or source selection information as defined in FAR 3.104-3.
- (4) Information prejudicial to a competitive acquisition.

(b) If the response involves proprietary or source selection information, include the caution notice prescribed in [503.104-5\(b\)\(1\)](#). Best practice is to use the GSA Form 3611 for clarity and visibility.

(c) Refer the proposed response to the HCA and inform the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs of the action taken.

Subpart 505.5—Paid Advertisements

505.502 Authority.

(a) *Newspapers*. The HCA, or designee, must approve publication of paid newspaper advertisements. Approval is not required if FAR 5.101 or [505.101](#) requires publication. Document the contract file with the regulatory citation or written approval to support the use of paid newspaper advertisements.

(b) *Other media*. Advance approval is not required to advertise in other media.

505.503 Procedures.

(a) *Substitute form*. Unless you make an award or order via electronic commerce or by using the Governmentwide commercial purchase card, use GSA Form 300, Order for Supplies or Services, instead of SF 1449.

(b) *Invoice receipt by contracting officer*. Under a class deviation from FAR 5.503(d), after receiving an invoice and proof of advertising from a publisher, radio or television station, or advertising agency, take all the following actions:

- (1) Certify the invoice for payment.
- (2) Submit the invoice to Finance.
- (3) Retain the proof of advertising in the contract file.

(c) *Invoice receipt by receiving official*. If a receiving official receives an invoice from a publisher, radio or television station, or advertising agency, he or she takes all the following actions:

- (1) Prepares a receiving report.
- (2) Submits the invoice and receiving report to Finance for payment.
- (3) Gives you a copy of the receiving report for retention in the contract file.

505.504 Use of advertising agencies.

Use the services of commercial advertising agencies only if you determine that the services rendered by those agencies can either:

- (a) Increase competition for contracts.
- (b) Improve the effectiveness of GSA advertising and marketing programs.

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PART 506—COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

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PART 506—COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS**Subpart 506.2—Full and Open Competition
After Exclusion of Sources****506.202 Establishing or maintaining alternative sources.**

An HCA signs determinations and findings required by FAR 6.202.

**Subpart 506.3—Other than Full and Open
Competition****506.303 Justifications.****506.303-1 Requirements.**

(a) *Proposing a class justification.* If you determine that the facts supporting other than full and open competition would be present in other GSA contracting activities, you should propose a class justification. Recommend through

appropriate channels that the Senior Procurement Executive approve a class justification for all GSA contracting activities. This does not apply to justifications based on the authority of 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(7), which does not permit class justifications.

(b) *Justifications based on 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(7).* For a justification based on the authority of 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(7) (see FAR 6.302-7), submit the justification for the Administrator's approval through the Senior Procurement Executive.

(c) *Justifications for contract actions subject to the Agreement on Government Procurement.* When you acquire eligible products without full and open competition using the authority in FAR 6.302-3(a)(2)(i) or 6.302-7, furnish a copy of the approved justification to the Senior Procurement Executive. The Senior Procurement Executive will transmit the justification to the U.S. Trade Representative.

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PART 507—ACQUISITION PLANNING

Subpart 507.1—Acquisition Plans

507.103 Agency-head responsibilities.

(a) The HCA must ensure that requirements personnel:

(1) Promote and provide for full and open competition by following the procedures in:

(i) FAR part 10 for conducting market research.

(ii) FAR part 11 and GSAM part [511](#) for describing agency needs.

(2) Through market research and description of agency needs as described in FAR parts 10 and 11 and GSAM part [511](#), encourage offers of commercial items or, if suitable commercial items are not available, nondevelopmental items, to meet agency needs.

(3) Follow the principles in FAR part 7, GSAM part [507](#) and GSA Order, Acquisition Planning (OGP 2800.1) (see Appendix 507A), as appropriate, for each acquisition that requires either a limited or comprehensive acquisition plan.

(4) Consider using metric measures consistent with 15 U.S.C. 205 et seq. during the acquisition planning phase. See GSAM [511.002](#) and GSA Order, GSA Metric Program (ADM 8000.1C).

(5) Follow the procedures in FAR part 23, GSAM part [523](#), and GSA Order, GSA Affirmative Procurement Program (OGP 2851.1) (see [Appendix 523A](#)) to specify needs and develop plans, drawings, work statements, specifications, or other product descriptions that promote use of environmentally preferable and energy-efficient products and services.

(6) Do not initiate any purchase request for performance of an inherently governmental function by a contractor (See FAR 7.5 and GSAM [507.5](#)).

(7) Use knowledge gained from prior acquisitions to further refine requirements and acquisition strategies. Seek increased use of performance-based contracting methods and fixed-price contracts in follow-on acquisitions for services.

(8) To the maximum extent practicable, both:

(i) Structure contract requirements to facilitate competition by and among small business concerns.

(ii) Avoid unnecessary and unjustified bundling that precludes small business participation as contractors (FAR 7.107).

(9) Coordinate with the contracting officer in performance of these responsibilities.

(b) The HCA may designate an official to make the determination required by FAR 37.204 and GSAM [537.2](#) prior to issuance of a solicitation for advisory and assistance services involving the analysis and evaluation of proposals submitted in response to a solicitation.

(c) You have responsibility for:

(1) Coordinating with requirements personnel to ensure effective market research and description of agency needs that meet the objectives in paragraph [\(a\)](#) above.

(2) Promoting and providing for full and open competition or, as provided in FAR part 6, maximum practicable competition.

(3) Following the principles in FAR part 7, GSAM part [507](#) and GSA Order, Acquisition Planning (OGP 2800.1) (see Appendix 507A), as appropriate, for each acquisition that requires either a limited or comprehensive acquisition plan.

(4) Reviewing, prior to contracting, both:

(i) The acquisition history of the supplies and services.

(ii) The description of the supplies, including, when necessary for adequate description, a picture, drawing, diagram, or other graphic representation.

(5) Unless the HCA designates another official, making the determination required by FAR 37.204 and GSAM [537.2](#) prior to issuing a solicitation for advisory and assistance services involving the analysis and evaluation of proposals submitted in response to a solicitation.

(6) Not entering into any contract for performance of an inherently governmental function by a contractor.

(7) Using knowledge gained from prior acquisitions to further refine requirements and acquisition strategies. Seek to enable increased use of performance-based contracting methods and fixed-price contracts in follow-on acquisitions for services.

Subpart 507.3—Contractor Versus Government Performance

507.307 Appeals.

GSA Order, Implementation of the OMB Circular A-76 Productivity Improvement Program (ADM P. 5400.40) contains appeal procedures.

Subpart 507.5—Inherently Governmental Functions

507.503 Policy.

(a) Concurrent with the transmittal of each statement of work or any modification to a statement of work, the requirements official must provide you a written determination that none of the functions to be performed are inherently governmental. The determination must address the degree to which conditions and facts restrict the discretionary authority, decision-making responsibility, or accountability of Government officials using the contractor services or work products.

(b) The HCA resolves any disagreement regarding the requirements official's determination, following the guide-

lines in FAR 7.5. The HCA may delegate this authority to a level not lower than the contracting director.

**Appendix 507A—Acquisition Planning
GSA Order OGP 2800.1**

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GSA ORDER

SUBJECT: Acquisition planning

1. *Purpose.* This order establishes operating procedures and assigns responsibilities for acquisition planning for the General Services Administration (GSA).

2. *Cancellation and Replacement.* APD 2800.13B is canceled on the effective date of this order. This order also replaces GSAM sections 507.101, 507.102, and 507.104–507.107 as well as GSAM Appendix 507A on the effective date of this order.

3. *Effective Date.* This order applies to all applicable acquisitions (see paragraph 7) where the solicitation is issued on or after January 31, 2004.

4. *Background.*

a. Successful program management delivers the right solutions at best value, on time and within budget. Acquisition planning is critical to successful program management. By improving our acquisition planning process and discipline we will improve the value delivered for the taxpayer's dollar. Adequate planning at the time the requirement becomes known can eliminate problems at the time of award and during contract administration, thereby shortening procurement lead-time and improving customer satisfaction.

b. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 7 implements the statutory requirement for acquisition planning.

c. Although this order and the requirement for *written* acquisition plans apply to acquisitions that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT) as defined at FAR section 2.101, FAR section 7.102 requires planning on all acquisitions. Each contracting activity is responsible for ensuring compliance with this requirement.

d. The FAR may be found online at <http://www.acqnet.gov/far>. The General Services Administration Acquisition Manual (GSAM) is available at <http://www.gsa.gov> under the Office of Governmentwide Policy's Acquisition Policy link.

5. *Explanation of changes.* This revision:

a. Establishes additional coordination and concurrence requirements for acquisitions estimated to exceed the SAT.

b. Requires a comprehensive acquisition plan for an information technology (IT) services or supply action estimated to exceed \$20 million, including options.

c. Clarifies that, with the advice and assistance of the contracting officer and, when appropriate, a planning team, the requiring office (see paragraph 6f) is responsible for preparing acquisition plans when GSA is the funding agency.

d. Draws more attention to the IT Capital Planning requirements of the Clinger-Cohen Act (40 U.S.C. 1422).

e. Requires more deliberation by acquisition planners prior to placing an order against a Federal Supply Schedule contract or a single or multiple award indefinite delivery-indefinite quantity contract.

f. Authorizes the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) to delegate certain approval authorities to an appropriate level below the Assistant Commissioner or Assistant Regional Administrator after coordination with the Senior Procurement Executive (SPE).

6. *Definitions.*

a. *Competition Advocate*, per GSAM subpart 502.1, means the GSA Competition Advocate in the Office of Acquisition Policy or the contracting activity competition advocate with the duties and responsibilities outlined in FAR section 6.502.

b. *Contracting Director* means—

(1) Except for the Federal Supply Service (FSS), a Director of a Central Office or Regional Office Division responsible for performing contracting or contract administration.

(2) In FSS, a Director of a Contracting Division or FSS Bureau.

c. *Head of Contracting Activity (HCA)* means—

(1) For GSA Central Office Staff Offices—the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy (MV).

(2) For the Federal Technology Service (FTS), Federal Supply Service (FSS), or Public Buildings Service (PBS) Central Office functions—the respective service Commissioner.

(3) For Regional Offices—the respective Regional Administrators.

d. *Planner*, at GSA, means the person residing in the requiring office (see paragraph f below) that initiates, coordinates and prepares the written acquisition plan. The person may be in an individual program office or have responsibility for a number of such offices.

e. *Planning team* means a team of individuals formed to prepare the individual elements of a comprehensive acquisition plan. The team must be composed of representatives from contracting, budget, legal, appropriate technical offices (including requiring office or customer), and small business technical advisors. The team may include representatives from other areas as well. The planning team may be pre-selected or formed on an ad hoc basis.

f. *Requiring Office or Requirement(s) Office* means the internal GSA office that establishes and funds the agency need. If an organization outside GSA establishes and funds the need, then the requiring office will be the GSA office that is managing the acquisition for that outside organization.

g. *Senior Procurement Executive (SPE)* means the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy (MV).

h. *Senior Program Official (SPO)* means a person reporting to, and designated by, the HCA to have overall program responsibility for determining how the agency will meet its needs. The official should have a position of authority over the offices participating in the planning. Some examples are:

(1) Regions—the Assistant Regional Administrators for the Federal Technology Service, Public Buildings Service, and Federal Supply Service.

(2) Central Office—the Assistant Commissioners for the Federal Technology Service, Public Buildings Service, and Federal Supply Service.

7. *Applicability.* This order applies to all acquisitions exceeding the SAT, including the following:

a. New definitive contracts (including contracts for supplies, services, construction, repair and alteration, and deregulated utilities.)

b. Letter contracts.

c. An award exercising an un-priced or unevaluated option.

d. Task or delivery order against:

(1) Federal Supply Schedule contracts.

(2) Blanket purchase agreements (BPA).

(3) Single or multiple award indefinite delivery indefinite quantity contracts.

e. Establishing a Federal Supply Schedule program (such as Schedule 70), but not to individual contracts awarded under such a schedule.

f. Leaseshold interests in real property.

8. *Policy and the kinds of plans GSA requires.*

a. All acquisitions, regardless of dollar value, require acquisition planning. Acquisitions over the SAT must have a written acquisition plan before a solicitation is issued, unless the requirement for a written plan is waived (see paragraphs 8d and 11). Failure to do acquisition planning or concerns about funding availability are not justification for entering into a contract without full and open competition.

b. Contracting officers must submit an electronic copy of each written acquisition plan or summary of an oral plan to the Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy at: acquisitionplans@gsa.gov within 7 days of its approval.

c. *Written plans.* (1) *Comprehensive acquisition plan.* This plan covers the acquisition process from the identification of the need or advance notice of need, through contract or order closeout. It is the most detailed plan and required for:

(a) IT acquisitions in excess of \$20 million, including options.

(b) All other types of acquisitions in excess of \$50 million, including options.

(c) Any dollar value acquisition that meets one or more of the following:

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- (i) Complex, critical to agency strategic objectives and mission, highly visible or politically sensitive.
- (ii) An acquisition with which GSA has little or no experience that may result in a need for greater oversight or risk management.
- (iii) Actions using significantly changed methods (e.g., methods of procurement such as lease versus purchase, or methods of performance such as contractor versus Government personnel).
- (iv) New construction, or repair and alteration prospectus budget line items.
- (v) Any acquisition that requires contract bundling (See FAR section 7.107).

(2) *Limited acquisition plan.* If the acquisition is in excess of the SAT¹ including options, and does not meet any of the criteria for a comprehensive acquisition plan, a written limited acquisition plan is required. The plan covers the acquisition from purchase request or advance notice of need through contract award or order placement.

d. *Oral plan.* Even if the requirement for a written plan is waived, the planner must still obtain approval for the plan. The planner also must write a summary of the oral plan, including the name of the approver, and the nature of the urgency if that was the reason for the waiver. The summary must be included in any justification for using other than full and open competition required by FAR 6.302-2(c), or in the basis for using an exception to the fair opportunity process required by FAR 16.505(b)(4). The summary may be prepared after award if preparation before award would unreasonably delay the acquisition.

9. *Responsibilities.* In addition to the responsibilities identified in paragraphs 10 and 11, the following applies:

a. *Senior Procurement Executive (SPE).* The SPE has overall responsibility for the GSA acquisition system, including prescribing agency-wide procedures for acquisition planning. The SPE:

- (1) Coordinates with the HCA when the HCA proposes to delegate approval authority under this order to a level lower than the SPO defined in paragraph 6h.
- (2) Has the authority to waive the requirements of this order for IT supplies and services that exceed \$20 million.
- (3) Coordinates with the HCA on waivers described in paragraph 9b(2).

b. *Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA).* The HCA has overall responsibility for implementing and maintaining acquisition planning to ensure adherence to this order and GSAM 507.103(a). In addition, the HCA:

- (1) May require higher-level review and approval or additional concurrences within their organization for either limited or comprehensive acquisition plans.
- (2) May waive the requirements of this order, except for IT supplies and services that exceed \$20 million, for programs and classes of contracts or orders if the HCA determines that the service or staff office already has a detailed system in place that addresses the elements of the written acquisition plan. All waivers must be coordinated in advance with the SPE.
- (3) May issue guidance to identify types of acquisitions (programs, classes of contracts or orders) appropriate, within the requirements and thresholds of this order, for either limited or comprehensive acquisition plans.
- (4) May re-delegate the authority to make the determination that bundling is necessary and justified in FAR 7.107(b). If the results of a market survey support a determination that bundling is necessary and justified, the contracting officer may approve the justification. If the contracting officer assisted in the market survey, the justification must be approved at least one level above the contracting officer.
- (5) May authorize the development of standard outlines for use in programs or classes of contracts or orders that are repetitive and noncomplex.
- (6) May delegate approval authority (paragraph 10) under this order to the SPO or may redelegate to a level lower than the SPO after coordination with the SPE.
- (7) Determines, on either an individual contract, program, or class basis, appropriate coordinations and concurrences for acquisition plans when an organization outside GSA establishes and funds the need (see paragraph 9c(1)).

c. *Planner.* (1) *Duties.* The planner, with the advice and assistance of the contracting officer, is responsible for the preparation and maintenance of plans, and for obtaining and documenting all necessary concurrences and coordinations. For comprehensive acquisition plans, the planner must also have the advice and assistance of a planning team. If an organization outside GSA establishes and funds the need, the HCA determines appropriate coordinations and concurrences and the planner will reside in the GSA office that is managing the acquisition for that outside organization; if there is no such GSA office, then the contracting officer will perform the planner duties.

- (2) The planner must:

1. For leases, the threshold is the Simplified Lease Acquisition Threshold (SLAT) as defined in GSAM section 570.102.

- (a) Comply with the requirements at GSAM 507.103(a).
 - (b) Coordinate with the Small Business Technical Advisor (SBTA). When substantial bundling is contemplated (see FAR 7.107(e)), coordination with the Office of Small Business Utilization is also required.
 - (c) Coordinate with local representatives of the Chief Financial Office/Budget Officer. (Not required for establishing a Federal Supply Schedule program.)
 - (d) Coordinate with local representatives of the Chief Information Officer if the action involves IT services or supplies for use by GSA to ensure compliance with the requirements of GSA Order CIO 2135.1, GSA Information Technology (IT) Capital Planning and Investment Control. (Not required for establishing a Federal Supply Schedule program.)
 - (e) Obtain concurrence of contracting director. For limited acquisition plans, concurrence is required only when the requirement is received in the last month of the fiscal year and award is anticipated before the end of the current fiscal year.
 - (f) Obtain concurrence of contracting officer.
 - (g) Coordinate with the Office of General Counsel (for comprehensive acquisition plans).
- (3) The planner must review the plan at least annually as well as update the plan for major changes, both before and after contract award, obtaining new coordinations, concurrences, and approval. Examples of major changes are those that affect competition or the ability of small businesses to effectively compete, significant changes to the acquisition strategy, budget, milestones, contract administration, or scope of the contract.

10. *Approvals.* All calculations include options. The HCA may require higher-level approvals than those shown. If the acquisition plan calls for an exception to the fair opportunity process required by FAR 16.505(b)(1), the acquisition plan must be approved at a level no lower than the SPO.

	Non-commercial item acquisition (over SAT)	Leases, and Commercial item acquisition (SAT to \$5 million)	Leases, and Commercial item acquisition (over \$5 million)	Construction (SAT to \$5 million)	Construction (over \$5 million)
Limited acquisition plan	HCA ^{Note 1 & 3}	Senior manager in the requirements office ^{Note 2 & 4}	HCA ^{Note 1 & 3}	Senior manager in the requirements office ^{Note 2 & 4}	HCA ^{Note 1 & 3}
Oral limited acquisition plan	Contracting director	Contracting director	Contracting director	Contracting director	Contractingdirector
Comprehensive acquisition plan	HCA ^{Note 1}	HCA ^{Note 1}	HCA ^{Note 1}	HCA ^{Note 1}	HCA ^{Note 1}
Oral comprehensive acquisition plan	SPO	SPO	SPO	SPO	SPO

Note 1. May be delegated to the SPO. May be delegated to an appropriate level below the SPO after coordination with the SPE.

Note 2. Unless designated at a higher level by the HCA.

Note 3. When GSA is not the funding agency, the contracting director may approve.

Note 4. When GSA is not the funding agency, the contracting officer may approve.

11. *Waivers.*

a. When the requirement for a written acquisition plan is waived, an oral acquisition plan is still required. See paragraph 8d for oral plan requirements.

b. Except for HCA authority under paragraph 9b, only the following may be waived:

	Recurring annual acquisitions	Cases of unusual and compelling urgency	IT over \$20 million (including options)
Limited acquisition plan	Contracting director ^{Note 1 & 2}	Contracting director ^{Note 1 & 3}	(Not applicable)
Comprehensive acquisition plan		SPO ^{Note 4}	SPE

Note 1. For acquisitions funded by other agencies this also applies. In either case, the HCA may designate a higher level than the contracting director.

Note 2. Does not apply to acquisitions of IT supplies and services over \$20 million, including options.

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Note 3. If the acquisition plan calls for an exception to the fair opportunity process required by FAR 16.505(b)(1), only the SPO may waive.

Note 4. Except for acquisitions of IT supplies and services over \$20 million, including options.

12. *Plan content.*

a. FAR Part 7 prescribes the content of the comprehensive acquisition plan. The plan shall cover each item in FAR section 7.105 (and 7.106 and 7.107 if applicable). Where a particular element is not applicable, state so. See also paragraph 12c.

b. *Limited Acquisition Plans.* The following is prescribed:

(1) Acquisition background and objectives, including a statement of need, applicable conditions, cost, capability or performance, and delivery or performance-period requirements. (See FAR 7.105(a)(1)–(5).

(2) Plan of action, including sources, competition, source selection procedures, contracting considerations, budgeting and funding, product or service descriptions, environmental and energy conservation objectives, contract administration, acquisition milestones, and individuals preparing the plan. (See FAR 7.105(b)(1)–(6), (16), (18), (20) and (21)).

c. In addition, GSA prescribes the following for both limited and comprehensive acquisition plans:

(1) For performance based contracting methods when using a services contract, as defined at FAR section 37.101. The plan must include:

(a) A discussion of the performance based contracting elements that will be used and whether these will be sufficient to report the award as performance based in the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS).

(b) Identification of the office (and individual(s) if known at the time of acquisition planning) responsible for quality assurance surveillance (e.g., monitoring the contractor's compliance with the quality assurance plan).

(c) If performance based contracting methods will not be used, discuss the rationale for why such methods are not suitable (not required if GSA is not the funding agency).

(2) The basis for the Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition, if applicable and reference the following:

(a) Justification document.

(b) Synopsis requirements or the exception to synopsis that applies.

(c) Approving official (see FAR section 6.304).

(d) Date of approval.

(3) For orders proposing an exception to fair opportunity procedures required by FAR 16.505(b)(2), state the basis for the exception and reference the contracting officer's justification required by FAR 16.505(b)(4).

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Subpart 508.6—Acquisition from Federal Prison Industries, Inc.

508.604 Ordering procedures.

508.604-70 Delinquent delivery orders.

(a) Establish delivery schedules based on the lead time required by Federal Prison Industries (FPI).

(b) You may use delinquent orders as the reason for requesting clearance to procure from other sources until FPI can make deliveries.

508.605 Clearances.

Cite FPI clearance numbers in solicitations and award documents.

Subpart 508.7—Acquisition from Nonprofit Agencies Employing People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

508.705 Procedures.

508.705-4 Compliance with orders.

(a) Until all deliveries are made on a delinquent order, take one of the following actions:

(1) For an excusable delay, extend the contract delivery schedule without obtaining consideration.

(2) For an inexcusable delay, review and adjust contract prices following normal procedures.

(b) If the central non-profit agency (CNA) delays acting on a request for, or refuses to grant, a purchase exception, refer the matter to the contracting director for resolution.

508.705-70 Adding items to the Procurement List.

(a) If a CNA expresses interest in adding an item to the Procurement List, provide the CNA with both:

(1) The most recent solicitations issued for the commodity or service.

(2) The award price(s) for the commodity or service.

(b) The Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (the Committee), at the CNA's request may assign the supply or service to the CNA for development by a workshop.

(c) Before issuing a solicitation, ask the CNA about the status of any item in which the Committee has expressed interest.

(d) The Committee may request that a procurement be delayed pending Committee action. The contracting activity must consult with the Office of Small Business Utilization (E) before rejecting such a request.

508.705-71 Central non-profit agency performance capability.

(a) Include on the purchase document both the annual requirement and the estimated monthly requirement.

(b) With the permission of the Committee, you may verify the workshop's ability to satisfy the Government's estimated monthly requirement by requesting a preaward survey. If the CNA cannot satisfy the Government's requirement, you may request a purchase exception only for those quantities the CNA cannot provide in a timely manner.

508.706 Purchase exceptions.

Cite CNA purchase exception numbers in solicitations and award documents.

Subpart 508.8—Acquisition of Printing and Related Supplies

508.802 Policy.

The Director of the Reproduction and Visual Arts Division in the Office of Communications (X) is both GSA's:

(a) Central printing authority.

(b) Liaison with the Joint Committee on Printing and the Public Printer on all matters related to printing.

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Subpart 509.1—Responsible Prospective Contractors

509.104 Standards.

509.104-3 Application of standards.

Past performance on subcontracting plan goals. You can obtain information to evaluate an offeror's past performance on subcontracting plan goals from the following sources:

- (1) The Small Business Administration
- (2) Information on prior contracts from contracting officers and administrative contracting officers.
- (3) Offeror's references.
- (4) Past performance information collected under FAR 42.1500.

509.105 Procedures.

509.105-1 Obtaining information.

(a) *From a prospective contractor.* In making a determination of responsibility, you may use the GSA Form 527, Contractor's Qualifications and Financial Information, to obtain information regarding financial capability from a prospective contractor.

(b) *From Government personnel.* Solicit and consider information from all appropriate activities, including legal counsel, quality control, contract management, credit and finance, and the auditor before determining that an offeror is responsible. "Auditor" is either:

- (1) The Assistant Inspector General for Auditing (Central Office only).
- (2) The Regional Inspector General for Auditing.
- (3) Chief, Credit and Finance Section, the Heartland Region (for an evaluation of a prospective contractor's financial competence and credit).

509.105-2 Determinations and documentation.

(a) Provide written notification to a prospective contractor you determine not responsible. Include the basis for the determination. Notification provides the prospective contractor with the opportunity to correct any problem for future solicitations.

(b) Due to the potential for de facto debarment, avoid making repeated determinations of nonresponsibility based on the same past performance information.

(c) To provide for timely consideration of the need to institute action to debar a contractor, submit a copy of each nonresponsibility determination, other than those based on capacity or financial capability, to the debarring official.

509.106 Preaward surveys.

509.106-2 Requests for preaward surveys.

Federal Supply Service (FSS). Contracting activities in FSS may use GSA Form 353, Performance Evaluation & Facilities Report, in lieu of SF 1403 through 1406. Complete Section I in accordance with instructions in [553.370-353-I](#).

Subpart 509.2—Qualifications Requirements

509.206 Acquisitions subject to qualification requirements.

509.206-2 Contract clause.

Insert [552.209-70](#), Product Removal from Qualified Products List, in solicitations and contracts containing FAR 52.209-1, Qualification Requirements.

Subpart 509.3—First Article Testing and Approval

509.302 General.

(a) If FSS requires first article testing and approval, it usually requires that the contractor perform testing and that the first article:

- (1) Be produced at the same facility where production quantities will be produced.
- (2) Serve as the manufacturing standard.

(b) In FSS, coordinate the need for first article testing and approval with the Quality Assurance Division (FQA). FQA provides the information to complete FAR 52.209-3 or 52.209-4.

509.306 Solicitation requirements.

(a) The clauses at FAR 52.209-3 and 52.209-4 do not cover all the solicitation requirements described in FAR 9.306. If a solicitation contains a testing and approval requirement, you must address the requirements in FAR 9.306 paragraphs (d), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j). For FSS, the clauses prescribed in [509.308](#) address the requirement in FAR 9.306(h).

(b) In FSS solicitations that contain FAR 52.209-3, First Article Approval—Contractor Testing, or FAR 52.209-4, First Article Approval—Government Testing, insert [552.209-71](#), Waiver of First Article Testing and Approval Requirement.

509.308 Contract clauses.**509.308-1 Testing performed by the contractor.**

In FSS solicitations and contracts that will require the contractor to perform testing, insert [552.209-72](#), Supplemental Requirements for First Article Approval—Contractor Testing, and FAR 52.209-3, Alternate I.

509.308-2 Testing performed by the Government.

In FSS solicitations and contracts that will have the Government responsible for first article testing, insert [552.209-73](#), Supplemental Requirements for First Article Approval—Government Testing, and FAR 52.209-4, Alternate I.

Subpart 509.4—Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility**509.401 Applicability.**

This subpart applies to all the following:

- (a) Acquisitions of personal property, nonpersonal services (including construction), space in buildings, transportation services (Federal Property Management Regulation (FPMR) Subpart 101-40.4).
- (b) The purchase, sale, and disposal of real property.
- (c) Contracts for disposal of personal property (FPMR Subpart 101-45.6).
- (d) Covered transactions as defined at the General Services Administration Property Management Regulations (GSPMR) 105-68.110(a).

509.403 Definitions.

“Fact-finding official,” means the Chairman of the Debarment and Suspension Board within the GSA Board of Contract Appeals or a designee.

“Notice” means a letter sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of a party, its counsel, or agent for service of process. In the case of a business, such notice may be sent to any partner, principal officer, director, owner or co-owner, or joint venturer. If no return receipt is received within 10 calendar days of mailing, receipt will then be presumed.

509.405 Effect of listing.**509.405-1 Continuation of current contracts.**

(a) Consider terminating a current contract under any of the following circumstances:

(1) Any of the circumstances giving rise to the debarment or suspension also constitute a default in the contractor’s performance of the contract.

(2) The contractor presents a significant risk to the Government in completing the contract.

(3) The conduct that provides the cause of the suspension, proposed debarment, or debarment involved a GSA contract.

(b) Determine which of the following is in the Government’s best interest:

(1) Terminate the contract for either convenience or cause.

(2) Cancel under appropriate contract clauses (e.g., [552.238-73](#), Cancellation).

(3) Use other available alternatives under:

(i) FAR 3.2 and [503.2](#).

(ii) FAR 3.7 and [503.7](#).

(c) Before making a decision, consult with legal counsel and consider these factors:

(1) Seriousness of the cause for debarment or suspension.

(2) Extent of contract performance.

(3) Potential costs of termination and reprocurement.

(4) Need for or urgency of the requirement, contract coverage, and the impact of delay for reprocurement.

(5) Availability of other safeguards to protect the Government’s interest until completion of the contract.

(6) Availability of alternate competitive sources to meet the requirement (e.g., other multiple award contracts, readily available commercial items, etc.).

(d) The debarring official is the designee under FAR 9.405-1(c).

509.405-2 Restrictions on subcontracting.

The debarring official is the designee under FAR 9.405-2(a).

509.406 Debarment.**509.406-1 General.**

The debarring official is the designee under FAR 9.406-1(c).

509.406-3 Procedures.

(a) *Investigation and referral.* (1) Refer to the debarring official matters involving serious contract improprieties or performance deficiencies. Performance deficiencies that continue over a period of time or apply to more than one contract may warrant debarment consideration.

(2) Refer possible criminal or fraudulent activities to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). See 5 CFR 6701.107, Reporting Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Corruption. If, after investigation, the OIG believes a cause for debarment exists, it will refer the matter to the debarring official for consideration of debarment action.

(b) *Reports.* Include in referrals to the debarring official a report that contains at least the following:

(1) The recommendation and supporting rationale.

(2) A list of parties to be considered for possible debarment, including the contractor, principals, and affiliates. Include last known home and business addresses, zip codes, and DUNS Number.

(3) A statement of facts.

(4) Copies of documentary evidence and a list of witnesses. Include addresses and telephone numbers. Determine their availability to appear at a fact-finding proceeding and identify the subject matter of their testimony.

(5) GSA's acquisition history with the contractor. Include recent experience, copies of the pertinent contracts, and an explanation of impact debarment would have on GSA programs. OIG referrals do not require this explanation; the debarring official will obtain the information directly from the contracting activity(s).

(6) A list of any known active or potential criminal investigations, criminal or civil proceedings, or administrative claims before the Board of Contract Appeals.

(7) A statement regarding the impact of the debarment action on GSA programs. This statement is not required for referrals by the Inspector General; the debarring official will obtain a statement directly from the contracting activity(s).

(c) *Review.* The debarring official will review the report, and after coordinating with assigned legal counsel, either:

(1) Initiate debarment action.

(2) Decline debarment action.

(3) Request additional information.

(4) Refer the matter to the OIG for further investigation and development of a case file.

(d) *Decisionmaking process.* (1) The debarring official will provide:

(i) Notice of declinations, proposed debarments, and decisions to the referring activity.

(ii) Notice of proposed debarment to each party being considered for debarment.

(iii) Decision notices to each party after considering information in the administrative record and information and argument submitted by the affected party or parties.

(2) A party proposed for debarment:

(i) Has 30 calendar days after receipt of the notice to respond to the debarring official or the debarment becomes final.

(ii) May request and receive a copy of the administrative record that was the basis for the proposed debarment. If information is withheld, the party will be notified and provided the reason.

(iii) May request the opportunity to present information and argument in person to the debarring official. The debarring official will schedule an oral presentation within 20 calendar days of receipt of the request, unless a longer period of time is requested by the party. An oral presentation is informal and a transcript usually is not made. The party may supplement the oral presentation with written information and arguments.

(iv) May identify to the debarring official material facts in dispute and the bases. For an action other than one based on a conviction or civil judgment, a party may request review and a written finding by a fact-finding official.

(3) The debarring official will determine whether there is a genuine dispute of material fact. If so, the debarring official refers the matter to a fact-finding official, who will take the following action as appropriate:

(i) Schedule a hearing within 20 calendar days after receipt of a request to resolve disputed facts.

(ii) Grant extensions for good cause.

(iii) Provide notice of scheduled hearing.

(iv) Conduct hearings under rules consistent with FAR 9.406-3(b)(2).

(v) Resolve facts in dispute and provide the debarring official with written findings of fact based on a preponderance of the evidence. The fact-finding official provides the written findings of fact (together with a transcription of the proceeding, unless waived) within 20 calendar days after the hearing record closes.

509.407 Suspension.**509.407-1 General.**

The suspending official is the designee under FAR 9.407-1(d).

509.407-3 Procedures.

(a) *General.* The procedures in [509.406-3](#) apply to suspension actions except as noted in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Fact-finding.* (1) Fact-finding will not be conducted in an action:

(i) Based on an indictment.

(ii) When the suspending official finds no genuine dispute of material facts.

(2) If the action is not based on an indictment, the suspending official must coordinate with the Department of Justice or state prosecutorial authority through OIG. Based on the advice received, the suspending official will determine if fact-finding would impair substantial interests of the Federal or state Government. In an action not based on an indictment, a suspended party may:

(i) Identify to the suspending official material facts in dispute and the bases.

(ii) Request review and a written finding by a fact-finding official to resolve genuine disputes of material fact. For procedures involving a genuine dispute of material fact, see [509.406-3\(d\)\(3\)](#).

Subpart 509.5—Organizational and Consultant Conflicts of Interest**509.503 Waiver.**

The Senior Procurement Executive is the designee under FAR 9.503.

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PART 511—DESCRIBING AGENCY NEEDS

511.001 Definitions.

“Dual systems” mean the use of both inch-pound and metric systems. For example, an item is designed, produced, and described in inch-pound values with soft metric values also shown for information or comparison purposes.

“Hard metric” means measurement, design, and manufacture using the metric system of measurement, but does not include measurement, design, and manufacture using English system measurement units which are subsequently expressed in the metric system of measurement.

“Hybrid systems” mean the use of both inch-pound and hard metric values in specifications, standards, supplies, and services; e.g., an engine with internal parts in metric dimensions and external fittings or attachments in inch-pound dimensions.

“Metric system” means the International System of Units of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures. The units are listed in Federal Standard 376A, “Preferred Metric Units for General Use by the Federal Government.”

“Soft metric” means the result of mathematical conversion of inch-pound measurements to metric equivalents in specifications, standards, supplies, and services. The physical dimensions are not changed.

511.002 Policy.

511.002-70 GSA Metric Program.

(a) FAR 11.002(b) and GSA Order, GSA Metric Program (ADM 8000.1B), establish policy for using the metric system in procurements. Consistent with this policy, use specifications and purchase descriptions stated in metric units of measurement whenever metric is the accepted industry system.

(b) Whenever possible adopt the following:

(1) Internationally or domestically developed voluntary standards that use metric measurements.

(2) Commercially developed metric specifications.

(c) If metric is not the accepted industry system, use specifications and purchase descriptions stated in soft metric, hybrid, or dual systems during transition. Replace these with hard metric measurements as soon as practical.

(d) For an industry in transition to metric, the head of each Central Office Service responsible for nationwide programs must develop policies promoting and encouraging the use of soft metric, hybrid, or dual systems.

(e) *Construction*: For construction of Federal facilities, you may use specifications for concrete masonry units and recessed lighting fixtures expressed in the metric system. However, you may not use specifications for these that can be satisfied only by hard-metric.

(f) *Exceptions*. (1) The head of each Central Office Service responsible for nationwide programs may grant an exception to the use of metric system measurements under any of the following conditions:

(i) Use of the metric system is impractical.

(ii) Use of the metric system is inefficient.

(iii) Use of the metric system would cause harm to the program mission.

(2) Exceptions to the use of metric system measurements may be made on an individual or class basis. Exceptions for procurements over the simplified acquisition threshold must be in writing and prepared in accordance with GSA Order, GSA Metric Program (ADM 8000.1B).

(3) The Administrator of GSA may allow use of hard metric specifications for concrete masonry units and recessed lighting fixtures in accordance with GSA Order, GSA Metric Program (ADM 8000.1B).

511.002-71 Construction metrication ombudsman.

(a) GSA’s Construction Metrication Ombudsman is in the Office of the Senior Procurement Executive.

(b) The Construction Metrication Ombudsman:

(1) Reviews and responds to complaints from prospective bidders, subcontractors, suppliers, or their designated representatives related to GSA guidelines and regulations on any of the following:

(i) The use of the metric system in contracts for construction of Federal buildings.

(ii) For services and materials required for incorporation in individual projects to construct Federal Buildings.

(2) Ensures that GSA implements the metric system of measurement in a manner consistent with both:

(i) Policy and guidance issued by the Secretary of Commerce.

(ii) The Metric Conversion Act of 1975, as amended.

(c) The Ombudsman’s authority does not replace the authority of the General Accounting Office.

511.002-72 Procedures for procuring products containing recovered materials and environmentally preferable products.

Specification managers must follow the procedures in [523.4](#) and GSA’s Affirmative Procurement Program ([Appendix 523A](#)) when preparing plans, drawings, specifications, standards, and purchase descriptions.

Subpart 511.1—Selecting and Developing Requirements Documents

511.103 Market acceptance.

You may require offerors to meet market acceptance criteria under FAR 11.103 to satisfy GSA needs.

511.104 Use of brand name or equal purchase descriptions.

(a) A brand name or equal purchase description must avoid specifying characteristics that do not materially affect the intended end use and which unnecessarily restrict competition.

(b) When you use a brand name or equal purchase description, best practice is to cite the known acceptable brand name products in current manufacture, rather than only a single brand name product. For example, cite the acceptable brand name products identified during market research.

(c) You may require samples for “or equal” offers, but not for “brand name” offers.

(d) Provide for full consideration and evaluation of “or equal” offers against the salient characteristics specified in the purchase description. Do not reject offers for minor differences in design, construction, or features which do not affect the suitability of the product for its intended use.

511.104-70 Solicitation provisions.

(a) Include the following immediately after each brand name or equal item description, with instructions for the offeror to complete the information:

Offering on:

Manufacturer’s Name _____

Brand _____

Model or Part No. _____

(b) If the solicitation does not require samples for “or equal” offers, include the following notice in the list of brand name or equal items or component parts:

Notice

If you offer other than brand name items identified in this solicitation, you must provide adequate information for GSA to determine the equality of the product(s) offered.

(c) If you use brand name or equal purchase descriptions for some component parts of an end item, you may limit the application of the provision at FAR 52.211-6 to the specified components.

Subpart 511.2—Using and Maintaining Requirements Documents

511.204 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

(a) *Construction services.* Insert the clause at [552.211-71](#), Standard References, in solicitations and contracts for construction services when you expect the contract amount to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, and the solicitation meets either of the following conditions:

(1) The solicitation cites documents or publications not furnished with the solicitation.

(2) The solicitation incorporates documents or publications by reference.

(b) *Federal specifications.* Insert the clause at [552.211-72](#), Reference to Specifications in Drawings, in solicitations and contracts citing Federal specifications which contain drawings.

(c) *Supply contracts that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.* (1) Include the clause at [552.211-73](#), Marking, in solicitations and contracts for supplies when deliveries may be made to both civilian and military activities and the contract amount is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(2) Include the clause at [552.211-74](#), Charges for Marking, in solicitations and contracts that include the clause at [552.211-73](#) or a similar clause.

(3) Include the clause at [552.211-75](#), Preservation, Packaging and Packing, in solicitations and contracts for supplies expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold. You may also include the clause in contracts estimated to be at or below the simplified acquisition threshold when appropriate. Use Alternate I in solicitations and contracts for—

(i) FSS Schedule 70 and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule containing information technology Special Item Numbers; or

(ii) Federal Supply Schedules for recovery purchasing (see [538.7102](#)).

(4) Insert a clause substantially the same as the clause at [552.211-76](#), Charges for Packaging and Packing, in solicitations and contracts for supplies to be delivered to GSA distribution centers.

(d) *Supply contracts.* Include the clause at [552.211-77](#), Packing List, in solicitations and contracts for supplies, including purchases over the micropurchase threshold. Use Alternate I in solicitations and contracts for—

(1) FSS Schedule 70 and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule containing information technology Special Item Numbers; or

(2) Federal Supply Schedules for recovery purchasing (see [538.7102](#)).

Subpart 511.4—Delivery or Performance Schedules

511.401 General.

(a) *Other than multiple award schedules.* Preferred practice is to state time of delivery in solicitations and contracts as “required” time of delivery or shipment, expressed in specific periods from receipt by the contractor of a notice of award or an order.

(b) *Multiple award schedules.* (1) In multiple award schedule solicitations, preferred practice is to state delivery times as “desired.” Require offerors to indicate a definite number of days for delivery.

(2) In negotiations, secure the best possible delivery time regardless of the “desired” delivery time(s) in the solicitation. For example, some offers comply with the Government’s desired delivery time but others cite substantially shorter delivery times. Negotiate with the former to bring them in line with the latter. Negotiate variable delivery time offers (e.g., 30-90 days) to keep the timespan to a minimum. If the span applies to several items or several quantity breaks for one item, you may segregate the items or item quantity breaks into smaller groups and assign more specific delivery times.

(c) *Unusually short delivery times.* A requisitioning office that requests an unusually short delivery time must provide satisfactory written justification. A sound justification is particularly important where the time specified is so short that it may limit competition and possibly result in higher prices. Examples of justifications include:

(1) Furniture is required to outfit quarters scheduled for occupancy on a specific date.

(2) Construction material is required to meet job progress schedules.

(3) Supplies are required at a port to meet scheduled ship departures.

(d) *Early delivery.* When the requisitioning office needs a portion of the total delivery early, consider whether to:

(1) Require that portion by the early date and the balance later.

(2) Include the portion required early and the balance as separate items in the same solicitation.

(3) Procure the two portions separately.

(e) *Multiple delivery time requirements.* If a solicitation contains a mix of items that require different delivery times, specify the delivery periods separately. When practical, group

items with similar delivery time requirements according to delivery times in the solicitation.

511.404 Contract clauses.

(a) *Supply contracts.*

(1) *Single award schedules.* Insert [552.211-8](#), Time of Delivery, in solicitations and contracts instead of the clause at FAR 52.211-8. If you need to show different delivery times for different items or groups of items, use Alternate I.

(2) *Multiple award schedules.* Insert [552.211-78](#), Commercial Delivery Schedule (Multiple Award Schedule), in solicitations issued and contracts awarded under the multiple award schedule program.

(3) *Shelf-life items.* Use the following clauses in solicitations and contracts that require delivery of shelf-life items within a specified number of months from the date of manufacture or production (see 101-27.206-2 of the Federal Property Management Regulation):

(i) Insert [552.211-79](#), Acceptable Age of Supplies, if the required shelf-life period is 12 months or less, and lengthy acceptance testing may be involved. For items having a limited shelf-life, substitute Alternate I when required by the director of the commodity center concerned.

(ii) Insert [552.211-80](#), Age on Delivery, if the required shelf-life period is more than 12 months, or when source inspection can be performed within a short time period.

(4) *Stock replenishment contracts.* Insert [552.211-81](#), Time of Shipment, in solicitations and stock replenishment contracts that do not include the Availability for Inspection, Testing and Shipment/Delivery clause at [552.211-83](#) and require shipment within 45 calendar days after receipt of the order. If shipment is required in more than 45 days, use Alternate I.

(5) *Notice of shipment.* Include [552.211-82](#), Notice of Shipment, in solicitation and contracts for supplies when you need to have a notice of shipment from the contractor.

(6) *Indeterminate testing time.* Insert [552.211-83](#), Availability for Inspection, Testing and Shipment/Delivery, in solicitations and contracts that provide for source inspection by Government personnel and that require lengthy testing for which time frames cannot be determined in advance. If the contract is for stock items, use Alternate I.

(b) *Construction contracts.* Insert the clause at [552.211-84](#), Non-Compliance with Contract Requirements, in solicitations and contracts for construction when you expect the contract amount to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

Subpart 511.6—Priorities and Allocations**511.600 Scope of subpart.**

FAR Subpart 11.6 implements the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS), a Department of Commerce (DOC) regulation (15 CFR part 700) to assure timely delivery of industrial resources (products, materials, and services) in support of approved national defense, energy, and civil emergency preparedness (Homeland Security) programs. Pursuant to DPAS Delegation 3, DOC delegated GSA the authority to use the DPAS in support of the GSA Federal Supply system. This subpart implements the DPAS within GSA.

511.601 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

“Approved program” means a program determined as necessary or appropriate for priorities and allocations support to promote the national defense by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, or the Department of Homeland Security Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response under the authority of the Defense Production Act, the Stafford Act, and Executive Order 12919, or the Selective Service Act and related statutes, and Executive Order 12742. See Schedule 1 of 15 CFR part 700 for a list of Delegate Agencies, approved programs, and program identification symbols at <http://www.bis.doc.gov/DefenseIndustrialBasePrograms/OSIES/DPAS/Default.htm>.

“Authorized person” means a Delegate Agency, or other entity either permitted under 15 CFR part 700, or explicitly authorized by DOC to issue DPAS rated orders.

“Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS)” means the regulation published at 15 CFR part 700 that requires preferential treatment for certain contracts and orders placed by a Delegate Agency in support of an approved program.

“Delegate Agency” means an agency of the U.S. Government authorized by delegation from DOC to place priority ratings on contracts or orders needed to support approved programs.

“Rated order” means a prime contract, a subcontract, a purchase order, or a delivery or task order in support of an approved program issued in accordance with the provisions of the DPAS regulation (15 CFR part 700).

511.602 General.

(a) The purpose of the DPAS is to assure the timely availability of industrial resources to meet current national defense, energy, and civil emergency preparedness program requirements and to provide an operating system to support rapid industrial response in a national emergency. The primary statutory authority for the DPAS is Title I of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, with additional authority from the Selective Service Act of 1948, and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Executive Orders 12919 and 12742 delegate this authority to the DOC to administer the DPAS. The DOC is further authorized to redelegate to heads of other departments and agencies (Delegate Agencies) authority under the DPAS for the priority rating of contracts and orders in support of approved programs. Within the DOC, the Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security (SIES) is assigned the implementation, administration, and compliance responsibilities for the system.

(b) The DPAS is published in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 CFR part 700. This regulation provides an overview, a detailed explanation of operations and procedures, and other implementing guidance, including information on special priorities assistance and compliance.

(c) Orders placed under DPAS are “rated orders.” Rated orders must receive preferential treatment only as necessary to meet delivery requirements. Rated orders are identified by a rating symbol of either “DX” or “DO” followed by a program identification symbol. All “DO” rated orders have equal priority with each other and take preference over unrated orders. All “DX” rated orders have equal priority with each other and take preference over “DO” rated orders and unrated orders. A program identification symbol indicates which approved program is supported by the rated order.

(d) Only authorized persons may place an order containing a DPAS priority rating.

(e) Within GSA, the Federal Supply Service (FSS) has been delegated the authority to issue rated orders to meet approved national defense, energy, and civil emergency preparedness program requirements of the supply distribution program. The Commissioner, FSS, shall issue additional guidance, as may be necessary, to ensure effective implementation of its delegated DPAS authority, such as the exclusions listed in paragraph F(2) of the 1998 DOC DPAS Delegation 3.

(f) Executive Order 12919 defines the jurisdictional limitations as set forth in 15 CFR 700.18(b).

511.603 Procedures.

(a) A DPAS rating may be placed against an entire contract at time of award or an individual order issued under an existing, otherwise unrated, contract.

(b) When a DPAS rating is placed against an entire contract, the contracting officer must include the clause and provision prescribed at FAR 11.604, as well as the elements listed in paragraphs (c)(1) through (c)(3) of this section (see 15 CFR 700.12).

(c) When a DPAS rating is placed against an individual order issued under an existing, otherwise unrated, contract, the order must include the following elements (see 15 CFR 700.12):

(1) The appropriate priority rating symbol (*i.e.*, either “DO” or “DX”) along with the program identification symbol. As required by the 1998 DOC DPAS Delegation 3 to GSA, when GSA contracting officers place DO rated orders, they will use program identification symbol K1. When placing a DX rated order for other agencies, GSA contracting officers will use the requesting agency program identification symbol. When a Delegate Agency places its own orders, it uses its own program identification symbol. (See Schedule 1 of 15 CFR part 700 for a listing of Delegate Agencies, approved programs, and program identification symbols.)

(2) A required delivery date. The words “as soon as possible” or “immediately” do not constitute a required delivery date. A specific date or a specified number of days ARO (after receipt of order) is acceptable.

(3) The written signature on a manually placed order, or the digital signature or name on an electronically placed order of an individual authorized to place rated orders.

(4) A statement that reads substantially as follows: “This is a rated order certified for national defense use, and you are required to follow all the provisions of the Defense Priorities and Allocations System regulation (15 CFR part 700).”

(d) Multiple and Single Award Schedule contracts are not rated at time of award. Individual DPAS rated orders must include the elements listed in paragraphs (c)(1) through (c)(4) of this section.

511.604 Solicitation provision and contract clause.

The contracting officer must insert in full text the clause at 552.211-15, Defense Priorities and Allocations System Requirements, in Single and Multiple Award Schedule solicitations and resultant contracts, except where the contract is wholly for products, materials, or services excluded from DPAS applicability (see 15 CFR 700.18).

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PART 512—ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS

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512.203 Procedures for solicitation, evaluation, and award.

Federal Supply Schedule contracts. For Federal Supply Schedule contracts, use the policies in FAR Part 12 and [Part 512](#) in conjunction with the policies and procedures in FAR Part 38 and [Part 538](#). Use [515.70](#) if you require samples.

Subpart 512.3—Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses for the Acquisition of Commercial Items

512.301 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses for the acquisition of commercial items.

(a) *Solicitation provisions and clauses.* Insert these provisions or clauses in solicitations or solicitations and contracts, respectively, in accordance with the instructions provided:

(1) [552.212-70](#), Preparation of Offer (Multiple Award Schedule), in solicitations and contracts issued under the multiple award schedule program.

(2) [552.212-71](#), Contract Terms and Conditions Applicable to GSA Acquisition of Commercial Items, when listed clauses apply. The clause provides for incorporation by reference of terms and conditions which are, to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with customary commercial practice. If necessary, tailor this clause.

(3) [552.212-72](#), Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders Applicable to GSA Acquisitions of Commercial Items, when listed clauses apply. The clause provides for the incorporation by reference of terms and conditions required to implement provisions of law or executive orders that apply to commercial item acquisitions.

(4) [552.212-73](#), Evaluation-Commercial Items (Multiple Award Schedule), in multiple award schedule solicitations. Use this provision instead of FAR 52.212-2.

(b) *Use of required provisions and clauses.* Use only those provisions and clauses prescribed in this part. Unless the use of a provision or clause prescribed elsewhere in the GSAR is consistent with customary commercial practice for the item being acquired, disregard contrary instructions. Provisions and clauses prescribed in this part will be revised to reflect the applicability of new statutes and executive orders.

(c) *Discretionary use of GSAR provisions and clauses.* Consistent with the limitations contained in FAR 12.302(c), include in solicitations and contracts by addendum other GSAR provisions and clauses.

(d) *Use of additional provisions and clauses.* The Senior Procurement Executive must approve the use of a provision or clause that is either not:

(1) Prescribed in the FAR or GSAR for use in contracts for commercial items.

(2) Consistent with customary commercial practice.

512.302 Tailoring of provisions and clauses for the acquisition of commercial items.

Waivers under FAR 12.302(c)

(a) *Individual contract.* The contracting officer's supervisor approves the request.

(b) *Class of contracts.* The contracting director approves the request.

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PART 513—SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES

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When you use an oral solicitation for an action over the micro-purchase threshold and the Service Contract Act applies, provide information on the Act and the applicable wage determination to potential contractors as part of the oral solicitation.

Subpart 513.1—Procedures

513.106-1 Soliciting competition.

(a) “Urgency”, as used in FAR 13.106-1(a)(1)(iii) and 13.106-1(b), includes situations which, if not corrected immediately, will result in unnecessary expenditure of funds, property damage, personal injury, or interruption of agency functions.

(b) To avoid unnecessarily restricting competition for urgent requirements, consider the following actions:

- (1) Inviting prospective offerors to visit the site.
- (2) Informing them orally of the exact requirements.
- (3) Requesting them to prepare quotations.

513.106-3 Award and documentation.

(a) *File documentation and retention.* You may use GSA Form 2010, Small Purchase Tabulation Source List/Abstract, to document written and oral quotations.

(b) *Special situations.* Document the basis for rejecting a lower quotation if quotes or offers were evaluated based on price alone.

Subpart 513.3—Simplified Acquisition Methods

513.301 Governmentwide commercial purchase card.

(a) GSA Order, Guidance on Use of the Credit Card for Purchases (CFO 4200.1), establishes procedures for using the Governmentwide commercial purchase card to make purchases and payments.

(b) Use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card is a payment method, not an acquisition method. You must comply with all procedures and documentation requirements that apply to the procurement action.

513.302 Purchase orders.

513.302-70 Purchase order and related forms.

(a) See GSA Order, Guidance on Use of the Credit Card for Purchases (CFO 4200.1), for forms required for purchase card actions.

(b) Use GSA Form 300 or 300-1 (pin-feed format), Order for Supplies and Services, instead of OF 347, Order for Supplies or Services, when making purchases payable through the National Electronic Accounting and Reporting (NEAR) System.

(1) This form may also be used to make other purchases when a specific form is not prescribed. It may be used as a delivery or task order instead of SF 1449, Solicitation/Contract/Order for Commercial Items.

(2) Prepare and process GSA Form 300 following the instructions at [553.370-300-I](#). Use GSA Form 300A or 300-A(1) (pin-feed format), order for Supplies or Services (continuation), if additional space is needed.

(c) Use GSA Form 1458, Motor Vehicle Shop Work Order, Repair and Purchase Order, instead of the OF 347 when making purchases in connection with the maintenance, servicing or repair of GSA fleet management vehicles.

(d) Use GSA Form 3186, Order for Supplies or Services or GSA Form 3186-B, Order for Supplies or Services (EDI), instead of OF 347, Order for Supplies or Services, when making simplified acquisitions or placing orders against established contracts through the FSS-19 system.

(1) Use GSA Form 3186 for mail orders placed against established contracts.

(2) Document the file for a delivery, task, or purchase order transmitted to contractors electronically using Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) procedures by generating a GSA Form 3186-B.

(e) Use GSA Form 8002B, Motor Vehicle Delivery Order, to order fleet management vehicles. Do not use this form as a purchase order for simplified acquisitions. Use GSA Form 8002A to notify the consignee of the status of motor vehicle requisitions.

(f) The contracting director is responsible for safeguarding books of Standard Form 44’s and establishing procedures to account for purchases. Do not authorize use of this form if the seller’s accounting system requires production of an invoice as a matter of routine. Consider other authorized methods, giving preference to use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card.

513.303 Blanket purchase agreements (BPAs).**513.303-3 Preparation of BPAs.**

(a) *Description of agreement.* Describe limitations, if any, on the geographic area to be served.

(b) *Delivery tickets.* Instruct the contractor to include the name of the individual placing the order on the delivery ticket. The individual receiving the item or service must sign and date the delivery or service ticket. Both the supplier and the receiving office must retain a copy of the delivery ticket.

(c) *Invoices.* If you have exhausted all efforts to get a supplier to accept one of the invoicing statements outlined in FAR 13.303-3(a)(6), you may deviate in order to permit the submission and payment of invoices for each delivery under the BPA. Document your efforts and the contractor's refusal.

(d) *Processing invoices.* The designated billing office must time-stamp invoices to indicate the date of receipt. The ordering office must forward an invoice to the appropriate Finance Division within 5 workdays of its receipt or acceptance of the supplies or services. An exception applies if the BPA provides for the accumulation of invoices for a specified period. If this exception applies, the ordering office must forward the accumulated invoices within 5 workdays after the specified period for accumulation. Mark all invoices to indicate that purchases were made under a BPA.

513.305 Imprest funds and third party drafts.**513.305-2 Agency responsibilities.**

Imprest fund cashiers must be designated and must operate in accordance with GSA Order, GSA Imprest Fund Operations Policy (CFO 4268.1), and FAR 13.305.

513.305-3 Conditions for use.

An imprest fund cashier in Alaska may disburse up to \$600 for an emergency transaction.

513.305-4 Procedures.

(a) If the office maintains its own imprest fund, use SF 1164, Claim for Reimbursement for Expenditures on Official Business, or SF 1165, Receipt for Cash—Subvoucher, for a written order.

(b) The GSA Form 49 may be used if required by contracting activity directives. Include the endorsement required by FAR 13.305-4(d).

513.307 Forms.

You may use the GSA Form 3521, Blanket Purchase Agreement, to prepare a blanket purchase agreement.

513.370 Certified invoice procedure.**513.370-1 Applicability.**

If advantageous to the Government, you may acquire supplies or services on the open market from suppliers using a vendor's invoice instead of a purchase order.

513.370-2 Limitations.

(a) Purchases are subject to FAR Part 13 and [Part 513](#) and these limitations:

(1) The amount of any one purchase must not exceed the micro-purchase threshold.

(2) Neither the supplier nor the Government require a purchase order.

(3) The individual making the purchase does not have a Governmentwide commercial purchase card or the card is not accepted by the supplier.

(4) Appropriate invoices can be obtained from the supplier.

(b) For purchases of hand and measuring tools or stainless steel flatware, see also [525.570](#).

(c) If you use certified invoice procedures, you still must:

(1) Verify price reasonableness using the conditions contained in FAR 13.202(a).

(2) Certify that the quality and quantity of items/services furnished comply with the verbal agreement made with the supplier.

(d) Authorized individuals without warrants may solicit quotations. However, a contracting officer must approve in advance the placement of an order. Approval must be in writing on GSA Form 2010 or other documentation unless the geographic distance makes it impracticable. In those cases, the contracting officer may provide telephonic approval. The authorized individual must document the file accordingly.

513.370-3 Invoices.

(a) If you use these procedures, you must require the suppliers to immediately submit properly prepared itemized invoices.

(b) Upon receipt of the invoice, the receiving office must take all the following actions:

(1) Time-stamp the invoice to indicate the date the invoice is received.

(2) Verify the accuracy of the invoiced amount.

(3) Verify that the supplies or services have been received and accepted. Whenever possible, require that inspection and acceptance or rejection occur within 7 calendar days of delivery or completion.

(c) Before certifying the invoice and forwarding it to the appropriate Finance Division, you or a designated representative must obtain a certification of receipt and acceptance from the individual that actually inspected and accepted the supplies or services.

(d) Within 5 workdays after receipt of the invoice or acceptance of the supplies or services, whichever is later, forward the invoice stamped with the Certified Invoice Stamp.

(1) Complete the accounting information, received and accepted dates, taxpayer identification number (TIN), type of business (corporation, sole proprietorship/partnership, or other), and certification, and affix the ACT number label.

(2) If a Certified Invoice Stamp is not available, place the following statement on the invoice along with the ACT number label, accounting information, TIN, and the type of business. (**Note:** In some organizations, the ACT number label is affixed by a budget or executive office within the service or staff office.)

“I certify that these goods and/or services were received on [Date] and accepted on [Date]. An oral purchase was authorized and no confirming order has been issued.”

Signature of Contracting/Ordering Officer

Print name and telephone no.

Date invoice received

Subpart 513.4—Fast Payment Procedure

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GSA contracting activities are not authorized to use fast payment procedures.

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PART 514—SEALED BIDDING

Subpart 514.2—Solicitation of Bids

514.201 Preparation of invitations for bids.

514.201-1 Uniform contract format.

Include the following notice in each solicitation:

“The information collection requirements contained in this solicitation/contract, are either required by regulation or approved by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act and assigned OMB Control No. 3090-0163.”

514.201-2 Part I—The Schedule.

(a) When you use Standard Form 33, Solicitation, Offer and Award, include the following cautionary notice:

“Notice to Bidders—Use Item 13 of the Standard Form 33, Solicitation, Offer and Award, to offer prompt payment discounts. The Prompt Payment clause of this solicitation sets forth payment terms. Do not insert any statement in Item 13 which requires payment sooner than the time stipulated in the Prompt Payment clause. EXAMPLE: If you insert “NET 20” in Item 13, GSA will reject your offer as nonresponsive because the entry contradicts the 30 day payment terms specified in the Prompt Payment clause.”

(b) When you use any other authorized form (e.g., Standard Form 1447, Solicitation/Contract), include the notice in (a) above. Change the reference to the form number, form title, and item number accordingly.

514.201-6 Solicitation provisions.

When you will consider all or none bids, insert the provision at [552.214-70](#), “All or None” Offers, in the solicitation. For requirements or indefinite quantity contracts, use Alternate I. Do not include this provision in solicitations when you require the bidder to submit bids on all items and will make only one award.

514.201-7 Contract clauses.

(a) *Stock replenishment contracts.* For some stock replenishment contracts, individual contractors may be unable to furnish the Government’s monthly requirements. You may determine that progressive awards will be more expedient. In such cases, insert a clause substantially the same as the clause at [552.214-71](#), Progressive Awards and Monthly Quantity Allocations, in the solicitation and contract.

(b) *Examination of Records.* (1) Insert [552.215-70](#), Examination of Records by GSA, in solicitations and contracts for supplies or services that exceed \$100,000, and acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property that exceed the simplified lease acquisition threshold, that meet at least one of the following conditions:

- (i) Involve the use or disposition of Government-furnished property.
- (ii) Provide for advance payments, progress payments based on cost, or guaranteed loan.
- (iii) Contain a price warranty or price reduction clause.
- (iv) Include an economic price adjustment clause where the adjustment is not based solely on an established, third party index.
- (v) Are requirements, indefinite-quantity, or letter contracts as defined in FAR part 16.
- (vi) Contain the provision at FAR 52.223-4, Recovered Materials Certification.

(2) You may modify the clause to define the specific area of audit (e.g., the use or disposition of Government-furnished property). Legal Counsel and the Assistant Inspector General-Auditing or Regional Inspector General-Auditing, as appropriate, must concur in any modifications to the clause.

514.201-70 GSA Form 1602.

You may use GSA Form 1602, Notice Concerning Solicitation, to do any of the following:

- (a) Describe the type of contract, the duration of the contract, and the type of supplies or services being procured.
- (b) Direct the attention of prospective bidders to special requirements which, if overlooked, may result in rejection of the offer.
- (c) Highlight significant changes from previous solicitations covering the same supplies or services.
- (d) Include other special notices, as appropriate.

514.202 General rules for solicitation of bids.**514.202-4 Bid samples.****(a) Solicitation requirements.**

(1) When you require bid samples, require bidders to submit samples produced by the manufacturer whose products will be supplied under the contract.

(2) The FAR limits use of bid samples to cases where you cannot describe some characteristics of a product adequately in the specification or purchase description. This usually applies to subjective characteristics. You may determine that you need to examine objective characteristics of bid samples to determine the responsiveness of a bid. Base your determination on past experience or other valid considerations. In the solicitation, separately list “Subjective Characteristics” and “Objective Characteristics.”

(3) A sample provision appears at [552.214-72](#), Bid Sample Requirements. You may use this provision as shown or modify it to fit the circumstances of a procurement.

(b) Handling and disposition of samples.

(1) Retain samples from accepted bids for the period of contract performance. If you have no outstanding claims regarding the contract, dispose of the samples at the end of the contract term following the bidder’s instructions.

(2) If you anticipate a claim regarding the contract, retain the bid samples until the claim is resolved.

(3) Retain samples from unsuccessful bids until you make award. After award, dispose of these samples following the bidder’s instructions.

(c) Using bid samples. Include the information required by FAR 14.202-4(e) in the solicitation. Provide the number, size, and full description of samples with instructions on how to submit bids. List the characteristics that you will examine. The list needs to include any aspect of the bid sample the acquisition team will examine to determine the product(s) acceptability.

514.203 Methods of soliciting bids**514.203-1 Transmittal to prospective bidders.**

Prospective bidders, as used in FAR 14.203-1, include both of the following:

(a) The incumbent contractor, except when its written response to the notice of contract action under FAR Subpart 5.2 states a negative interest.

(b) Bidders that responded to recent solicitations for the same or similar items.

514.205 Solicitation mailing lists.**514.205-1 Establishment of lists.**

FSS must use the computerized central solicitation mailing list maintained by Region 7 for supplies and services for procurements expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold. Other GSA contracting activities may maintain local lists. Contracting activities that maintain local mailing lists must inform their enterprise development staff of the list and provide related information.

514.211 Release of acquisition information.

Before award, limit access to information concerning the Government cost estimate to Government personnel whose official duties require knowledge of the estimate. After award, you may reveal the total amount of the Government estimate upon request. Do not release the basis for calculating the estimate at any time.

514.213 Annual submission of representations and certifications.

The Commissioners of the Federal Supply Service, Public Building Service, and Federal Technology Service may establish procedures for contracting activities in their respective organizations. This includes authority to assign responsibility for centrally requesting, receiving, storing, verifying and updating offerors’ annual submissions.

514.270 Aggregate awards.**514.270-1 Definition.**

“Aggregate award” means an arrangement whereby two or more separately-priced line items are combined for award to that bidder whose bid will result in the lowest overall cost to the Government for the line items as a group. The individual price for each item does not have to be the lowest bid received. (See also the definition of a “line item” in FAR 3.302.)

514.270-2 Justification for use.

(a) GSA usually solicits prices and reserves the right to make award for individual line items. In some cases it serves GSA's best interest to combine two or more line items for an aggregate award. Such cases include when:

(1) Users desire uniformity of design, style, and finish, (e.g., suites of household furniture).

(2) The articles will be assembled and used as a unit, and different manufacturers' components may not be interchangeable.

(3) Users have high demand for certain articles, but demand for related articles is insufficient to attract competitive bids (e.g., various sizes of socket wrenches).

Awarding the low-demand articles in conjunction with the high-demand articles may encourage competition.

(4) One location (delivery point) has a large requirement, and another location has a requirement too small to individually attract competitive bids.

(5) Awarding and administering numerous small contracts for similar articles or services is impractical.

(b) Before deciding to combine items for aggregate award, consider the following factors:

(1) The capability of bidders to furnish the types and quantities of supplies or services in the aggregate.

(2) How grouping delivery points will affect bidders.

(3) Which combinations will accurately project the lowest overall cost to the Government.

(c) Do not use an aggregate award if it will significantly restrict the number of eligible bidders.

514.270-3 Evaluation factors for award.

Clearly state in the solicitation the basis for evaluating bids for aggregate award. Require bidders to submit a price on each item within the group or a percentage to be added or subtracted from a list price. Advise bidders that failure to submit prices as required within a group makes a bid ineligible for award for that group.

514.270-4 Grouping line items for aggregate award.

(a) Type of contract. While this section addresses supply contracts (articles and delivery points), the same principles apply to service contracts (types of services and service areas).

(b) Effect on competition. Provide for full and open competition when you group items for award. Grouping items for award may preclude a significant number of firms from bidding. This occurs if firms are unable to provide all the types or quantities of supplies or services, or make deliveries to the various delivery points included in the prospective aggregate group.

(c) Grouping different articles. Include only related articles in an aggregate group. Related articles are those normally manufactured or produced by a majority of prospective bidders. Grouping unrelated articles often restricts competition unnecessarily.

(d) Grouping geographic locations or delivery points. Consider the following guidelines before deciding to group different geographic locations or delivery points:

(1) A delivery point may have sufficient requirements so that individual shipments involve economic production runs and carload or truckload quantities. In this case, list it as a separate line item.

(2) The types of bidders (i.e., small or large firms, manufacturers or distributors, etc.) who respond to previous solicitations can provide important information. For example, if previous bidders are distributors with franchises in certain territories, grouping different territories could tend to restrict competition.

(3) Transportation costs can affect competition and pricing. They may constitute a significant portion of the total delivered cost. Obtain the advice and assistance of transportation specialists before grouping geographic locations or delivery points. Depending upon the supplies being acquired:

(i) Grouping widespread geographic locations or delivery points may reduce competition or result in higher prices. It can cause you to lose "area pricing" advantages provided by a supplier with a single production point.

(ii) Conversely, for many small commercial items (hand tools, locks, etc.), manufacturers may quote the same price for delivery anywhere in the U.S.

(iii) Tariff boundaries can also affect how manufacturers price deliveries to different areas.

514.270-5 Evaluation methodologies for aggregate awards.

(a) *Definite quantity contracts without options.* For definite quantity contracts without options, the evaluated bid price is the total bid price, as adjusted for any price-related factors identified in the solicitation. This reflects the actual cost to the Government and will identify the most advantageous bid.

(b) *Indefinite quantity contracts, requirements contracts, and options.* Indefinite quantity and requirements contracts use estimated quantities. Options involve the probability of whether and when the options will be exercised. These situations may result in unbalanced bids (see FAR 15.404-1(g)), leading to inaccurate evaluation of the projected cost and award to other than the most advantageous bid. To avoid unbalanced bids, GSA has two preferred methods for evaluating bids for aggregate awards: weight factors and price list.

(1) *Weight factors method.* Assign a weight to each item in a group. The weight is based on the portion of quantities that item represents. To evaluate bids, multiply each unit price by its weight factor, then total the results.

(2) *Price list method.* Establish prices for bidders to use as a base for preparing their bids. Prepare a list that identifies a base price for each item in a group. Bidders bid a percentage factor to add to or subtract from the base price.

514.270-6 Guidelines for using the weight factors method.

(a) Use the weight factors method when you have reliable estimates for the quantities needed in an acquisition. Reliable estimates of quantities form the foundation for:

(1) Accurate evaluation of the projected cost of each bid.

(2) An appropriate determination of which bid is most advantageous to the Government for the aggregate group.

(b) Assign a weight factor to each item in a group. Develop the weight factor by calculating the portion of the total quantity in a defined group that each item represents.

(c) To evaluate bid prices, first multiply the price bid for each item (unit price X quantity) by its weight factor. Then, add the subtotals together to project the cost for the aggregate group.

(d) You may reduce estimated quantities to smaller numbers by a common denominator. This may help facilitate the computations involved in evaluating bids.

(e) Consider all price-related factors you identified in the solicitation. Award to the responsive and responsible bidder with the lowest evaluated overall cost to the Government for the aggregate group. This represents the most advantageous bid.

514.270-7 Guidelines for using the price list method.

(a) *General.* The price list method helps avoid unbalanced bidding when you need to make aggregate awards, but lack accurate estimates of anticipated quantities. This method establishes base prices for bidders to use in preparing their bids.

(b) *Solicitation requirements.* When you use the price list method, in the solicitation:

(1) Include the price list.

(2) Include an estimate of requirements.

(3) Require the bidder to express its price as “net” or as a percentage added to or subtracted from the list prices for each group. Require the bidder to quote only one percentage factor for each group. This means that the bidder provides one percentage factor that applies to every item in a group; not a separate percentage for each item. “Net” indicates the bidder chooses to submit the list prices as its bid.

(4) Identify the percentage factor in (3) above as a price related evaluation factor.

(c) *Developing list prices.* You may develop price lists using one or more of the following sources:

(1) Industry published prices.

(2) Industry surveys.

(3) Government cost estimates based on knowledge of the supplies or services and previous contract prices.

(d) *First time use for an item or service.* The first time you use list prices for an item or service, give prospective bidders an opportunity to review the proposed list. Also provide information on how GSA will use the list prices. You may provide this information in a draft solicitation.

(e) *Balanced prices.* Ensure that the list prices for the grouped items bear a reasonable and balanced relationship to one another. You may use prices from previous awards made using the weight factors method to develop price lists. Review those prices first to ensure they did not result from unbalanced bidding.

(f) *Evaluation and award.* Consider all price-related factors identified in the solicitation. Award to the responsive and responsible bidder whose percentage factor produces the most favorable price to the Government. This represents the most advantageous bid.

(g) *Example.* The following illustrates a bidding schedule arrangement for a group of items for aggregate award under the price list method:

Drills, Twist, High Speed, under Federal Specification (no. and date)_ and Amendment (no. and date), Wire gauge sizes, straight shank, short length, Type C					
Item No.	National Stock Number	Drill Size	Est. Quantity	Unit	List Price
Group I (Items 1 through 5)					
1	5133-00-189-9246	1	2,800	Pkg	\$11.16
2	5133-00-189-9247	2	2,400	Pkg	\$11.16
3	5133-00-189-9248	3	2,800	Pkg	\$10.44

Drills, Twist, High Speed, under Federal Specification (no. and date)_ and Amendment (no. and date), Wire gauge sizes, straight shank, short length, Type C					
Item No.	National Stock Number	Drill Size	Est. Quantity	Unit	List Price
4	5133-00-189-9249	4	1,600	Pkg	\$10.80
5	5133-00-189-9250	5	2,000	Pkg	\$10.80
The bid on each item above is the list price shown minus/plus _____ percent. (Bidder, insert "net" or a single percentage amount in the blank space and cross out minus or plus, as appropriate.)					

(h) *Special considerations for contracts for store stock items.* Show estimated quantities only if estimates of demand for each item within a group can be derived from Government records or verified contractor sales reports. Use only current estimates. If you cannot estimate the Government's needs, the solicitation may include past orders. (See CG Decision, B-209037, 82-2 CPD para 323 (1982).)

(i) *Special considerations for repair and alteration contracts.* In the solicitation:

(1) List the estimated quantities for work to be performed during both normal working hours and outside of normal working hours.

(2) State the percent of work anticipated to be performed during normal working hours.

(3) List the unit prices for work to be performed during both normal working hours and outside of normal working hours.

(4) Define "normal" in terms of hours and days of the week.

(5) Advise bidders of the previous year's total expenditures or portions of that total attributable to the listed items.

(6) If you provide quantity estimates, state that the estimates are for information only and do not constitute guarantees or commitments to order items under the contract.

(7) Solicit two percentage factors for the line item unit prices listed: one for the unit prices for work performed during normal working hours and the second for the unit prices for work performed outside of normal working hours.

(8) You may require multiple percentages when the solicitation further groups unit prices by trade or business category.

(9) For the evaluated bid price, add together (i) and (ii):

(i) The percentage of work performed during normal work hours multiplied by the total estimate adjusted by the bidder's percentage factor for that portion of the work, plus

(ii) The percentage of work performed during other than normal working hours multiplied by the total estimate adjusted by the bidder's percentage factor for that portion of the work.

(10) Consider other price-related factors identified in the solicitation. Make award to the responsible and responsive bidder submitting the lowest overall evaluated bid price for the aggregate group. This represents the most advantageous bid.

Subpart 514.3—Submission of Bids

514.303 Modification or withdrawal of bids.

(a) If you receive a telegraphic modification or withdrawal of a bid by telephone under the circumstances in FAR 14.303(a), record the identity of the telegraph office employee telephoning the message.

(b) The receipt required by FAR 14.303(b) for withdrawal of a bid in person should read:

I am a bona fide agent for or representative of _____ (Bidder's name and address) . I am authorized to withdraw the bid on IFB No. _____ scheduled for opening on _____, and acknowledge receipt of the unopened bid.

Name and telephone no.

Date

514.304 Late bids, late modifications of bids, or late withdrawal of bids.

Upon receiving a late bid, the bid custodian records it on the duplicate copy of the list of bidders. The bid custodian then immediately notifies the responsible contracting officer of the bid. You must arrange for pick-up or delivery of the bid.

514.370 Copies of bids required.

Require each bidder to submit an original and at least one copy of its bid. This requirement does not apply to bids transmitted and received through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation.

Subpart 514.4—Opening of Bids and Award of Contract

514.401 Receipt and safeguarding of bids.

(a) You may designate the Regional BSC to receive and safeguard bids and modifications until the time specified for opening. Handle bids as follows:

(1) Authorized personnel mark the envelope (or other covering) of each package identified as a bid or modification with a time-stamp or the place, date, and time of receipt. They then deliver the bid by special handling to the bid custodian.

(2) Deposit hand-carried bids into the designated locked bid box, safe, or secured, restricted-access electronic bid box. At least once daily and immediately preceding the time scheduled for bid opening, the bid custodian removes and time stamps the bids. If a bidder hands a bid to the bid cus-

todian or other GSA employee, the custodian or employee time stamps the bid immediately.

(3) When the solicitation authorizes telegraphic or facsimile bids and modifications, the bid custodian seals each in an envelope immediately upon receipt. The custodian labels the envelope with appropriate identification.

(4) For each invitation, the bid custodian prepares a bidders' list using GSA Form 1378, Record of, and Receipt for, Bids and Responses, or the appropriate bid abstract form. The list includes the name and address of all responses, including any bid modifications, received before bid opening time. The list also indicates withdrawn bids.

(5) The bid custodian records each bid and modification delivered before bid opening on the bidders' list on the day of receipt. The custodian stores bids and modifications in a suitable secured cabinet.

(b) At the scheduled bid opening time, the bid custodian delivers all bids received in response to the invitation, with the original and one copy of the bidders' list, to the bid opening official or designee. The bid opening official or designee acknowledges receipt of the bids by signing the copy of the form and returning it to the bid custodian. The original list becomes part of the contract file.

(c) When a BSC is designated to receive bids, the BSC Director may designate an individual(s) working at a PBS Field Office as a bid custodian, provided all the following conditions are met:

(1) The Field Office has adequate space and facilities.

(2) The individual(s) designated as a bid custodian has been trained.

(3) The Field Office has a Small Business Technical Advisor.

(4) The bid custodian(s) must submit monthly reports to the BSC Director. The BSC Director forwards these reports to the Office of Enterprise Development (E).

514.402 Opening of bids.

514.402-1 Unclassified bids.

(a) *Location of bid openings.* Public bid openings take place in the BSC if the bid custodian is in the BSC. If the bid opening occurs elsewhere, inform your BSC. Give the BSC the invitation number and the location of the bid opening.

(b) *Bid opening officer.* (1) You may appoint a qualified employee of the contracting office as assistant bid opening officer as provided in FAR 14.402-1(b).

(2) The distance between the BSC and the contracting office may make it impracticable for you to conduct bid opening. In this case, you may request the HCA and the Associate Administrator for Enterprise Development (E) in Central Office, or the BSC Director in the Region, to authorize a qualified BSC employee to open, read, and record bids.

(c) Bid openings are open to business representatives, members of the press, and the general public.

(d) Preferred practices for conducting bid openings.

(1) To ensure that bid opening occurs at the exact time specified, verify the accuracy of the timepiece to be used.

(2) For the information of bidders present, provide an audible announcement approximately one-minute prior to bid opening.

(3) Announce audibly when the exact time of opening arrives. In the announcement, identify the invitation(s) scheduled for opening.

(4) For construction contracts that provide for bid alternates, announce the amount of funds available for the award before opening bids.

(5) Open the bids in full view of the parties present.

(6) When practicable and feasible, announce the following information from each bid: the bidder's name, item and unit price bid, and other pertinent information, such as delivery and discount terms.

(7) For bids submitted in multiple copies, one copy remains in the bid opening room for public examination until the bid abstract is substituted. The contracting activity uses the original. For bids submitted in original only, see FAR 14.402-1(c). The contracting activity retains all supplemental financial forms or other information submitted with a bid. Do not provide supplemental information for public examination.

(8) Forward any negotiable instruments submitted as bid guarantees to the Finance Division following procedures established by the Chief Financial Officer. After award, cancellation of the solicitation, or rejection of all bids, direct the Finance Division to refund the amount of the bid guarantee to unsuccessful bidders. You may authorize return of a bid guarantee before award when requested by a bidder who is not in contention for the award. Retain other forms of bid guarantees (e.g., bid bonds, letters of credit, corporate and individual sureties, etc.) in the contract file.

(9) Prepare a record of the opening for the contract file. Include the names of persons attending the bid opening and the firms or organizations they represent.

(10) Verify the entries on all copies of a bid. Resolve any suspected mistake(s) following the procedures in FAR 14.407.

(11) Retain the envelopes in which bids and bid modifications are received until all awards are made. After award, retain those with notations concerning abnormal receipt or opening for identification in the solicitation file. You may destroy the remainder.

514.403 Recording of bids.

(a) As soon as practicable, make a copy of the abstract of bids and any amendments available for public examination at the location of the bid opening. Make the abstract available

for public examination for at least 30 calendar days. Include late bids determined eligible for consideration on the bid abstract or, if necessary, in an amendment.

(b) In abstracts for aggregate awards, record: unit prices, weight factors, totals for each aggregate group, and any other information required for bid evaluation.

(c) For building services, contracting activities in PBS may use GSA Form 3471, Abstract of Offers, instead of the Standard Form 1409, Abstract of Offers.

514.404 Rejection of bids.

514.404-1 Cancellation of invitations after opening.

The HCA, or designee, makes any determinations required by FAR 14.404-1.

514.404-2 Rejection of individual bids.

(a) You may use the “Remarks” Item on GSA Form 1535, Recommendation for Award(s), or other appropriate documentation to record findings with respect to rejected bids.

(b) Document any bid rejected for nonresponsiveness, nonresponsibility, ineligibility, or because the bid after evaluation is no longer low. Examples of bids which may no longer be low after evaluation include aggregate bids, “all or none” bids, bids evaluated for freight costs, and bids evaluated using Buy American differentials.

(c) For sensitive or controversial bid rejections, include all supporting documentation to justify awards. This includes copies of the bid to be rejected and the proposed awardee, statements from or records of conversations with the requisitioning activity, plant facilities and financial responsibility reports, and other relevant correspondence or reports (Certificates of Competency, copies of Congressional correspondence or other high level interest, etc.).

514.407 Mistakes in bids.

514.407-3 Other mistakes disclosed before award.

(a) Delegation of authority by head of the agency. Under FAR 14.407-3(e), contracting directors (see [502.101](#)) are authorized, without power of redelegation, to make:

(1) The determinations regarding corrections and withdrawals under FAR 14.407-3(a), (b), and (c).

(2) The corollary determinations not to permit withdrawal or correction under FAR 14.407-3(d).

(b) Legal review and approval. Assigned counsel must approve determinations by the contracting director and contracting officer regarding mistakes in bid.

514.407-4 Mistakes after award.

The contracting director and assigned counsel review and approve your determinations under FAR 14.407-4(b) and (c).

514.408 Award.

514.408-6 Equal low bids.

To determine the status of bidders (small/large/labor surplus area) in a tie-bid situation, use the bidders’ status as of the date they signed their bids.

514.408-70 Awards involving related cases referred to higher authority.

Avoid any action which might prejudice the freedom of the higher authority to act on any case referred for review. This includes partial awards to the same bidder under the same solicitation.

514.408-71 Forms for recommending award(s).

Contracting activities may use GSA Form 1535, Recommendation for Award(s), and GSA Form 1535-A, Recommendation for Award(s), Continuation Sheet, to document proposed awards. One or more awards may be set forth on each form. Contracting activities have the discretion to use other means of documentation that meet their needs for information to support an award recommendation.

514.409 Information to bidders.

514.409-1 Award of unclassified contracts.

You may use GSA Form 3577, Notice of Unsuccessful Offeror of Contract Award, to notify unsuccessful bidders other than either of the following:

(a) Any apparent low bidders not selected for award.

(b) Unsuccessful bidders from designated countries for acquisitions subject to the Trade Agreements Act or North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (NAFTA) Implementation Act.

514.409-70 Restriction on disclosure of inspection or test data.

Before award, disclose inspection or test data only to Government officials that require the information for bid evaluation. This applies whether the data was prepared by the Government or an outside inspection or testing agency. For requests received after award, see FAR 24.2.

514.470 Multiple bids.

(a) You must consider all bids received from a person, firm, or its affiliates for award if responsive and otherwise acceptable.

(b) You may accept a bid offering two or more products for the same item if it is the lowest cost responsible and responsive bid.

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515.204 Contract format.

515.204-1 Uniform contract format.

(a) The uniform contract format is not required for leases of real property.

(b) Each solicitation and contract must include the two notices in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this subsection, except that acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property, must include only the notice in (b)(1):

(1) The information collection requirements contained in this solicitation/contract are either required by regulation or approved by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act and assigned OMB Control No. 3090-0163.”

(2) GSA’s hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Requests for preaward debriefings postmarked or otherwise submitted after 4:30 p.m. will be considered submitted the following business day. Requests for postaward debriefings delivered after 4:30 p.m. will be considered received and filed the following business day.”

515.205 Issuing solicitations.

Potential sources, as used in FAR 15.205, include both of the following:

(a) The incumbent contractor, except when its written response to the notice of contract action under FAR Subpart 5.2 states a negative interest.

(b) Offerors that responded to recent solicitations for the same or similar items.

515.207 Handling proposals and information.

(a) *Unclassified Proposals.* In most cases, the best practice is to require offerors to submit proposals and modifications to the issuing contracting office. You may chose to use the local Business Service Center (BSC) for receipt and safeguarding of proposals. If so, make appropriate arrangements with the BSC.

(b) *Classified Proposals.* Handle classified proposals and quotations according to [504.4](#), 41 CFR Part 105-60, and GSA Freedom of Information Act procedures at <http://www.gsa.gov/staff/c/ca/FOIA/FoiaProc/mainpage.html>.

(c) *Recording of offers.* Abstracts help to summarize key aspects of proposals when you receive multiple responses to a solicitation (see FAR 4.803(a)(10)).

(1) You may use GSA or Standard Forms prescribed for abstracting bids in sealed bidding to abstract proposals or

quotations in competitively negotiated procurements. You may modify the forms to include the information necessary for evaluation.

(2) Abstracts contain contractor bid or proposal information and source selection information. See FAR 15.201, 15.207, 15.306, 15.5, and 24.2 about disclosing information.

515.209 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

515.209-70 Examination of records by GSA clause.

Clause for other than multiple award schedules

(a) For other than multiple award schedule (MAS) contracts, insert the clause at [552.215-70](#), Examination of Records by GSA, in solicitations and contracts over \$100,000, including acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property, that meet any of the conditions listed below:

(1) Involve the use or disposition of Government-furnished property.

(2) Provide for advance payments, progress payments based on cost, or guaranteed loan.

(3) Contain a price warranty or price reduction clause.

(4) Involve income to the Government where income is based on operations under the control of the contractor.

(5) Include an economic price adjustment clause where the adjustment is not based solely on an established, third party index.

(6) Are requirements, indefinite-quantity, or letter type contracts as defined in FAR Part 16.

(7) Are subject to adjustment based on a negotiated cost escalation base.

(8) Contain the provision at FAR 52.223-4, Recovered Material Certification.

(b) You may modify the clause at [552.215-70](#) to define the specific area of audit (e.g., the use or disposition of Government-furnished property, compliance with the price reduction clause). Counsel and the Assistant Inspector General-Auditing or Regional Inspector General-Auditing, as appropriate, must concur in any modifications to the clause.

Clause for multiple award schedules

(c) Insert the clause at [552.215-71](#), Examination of Records by GSA (Multiple Award Schedule), in solicitations and contracts for MAS contracts.

(d) With the Senior Procurement’s Executive approval, you may modify the clause at [552.215-71](#) to provide for post-award access to and the right to examine records to verify that the pre-award/modification pricing, sales or other data related to the supplies or services offered under the contract which formed the basis for the award/modification was accurate, current, and complete. The following procedures apply:

(1) Such a modification of the clause must provide for the right of access to expire 2 years after award or modification.

(2) Before modifying the clause, you must make a determination that absent such access there is a likelihood of significant harm to the Government and submit it to the Senior Procurement Executive for approval.

(3) The determinations under paragraph (d)(2) must be made on a schedule-by-schedule basis.

515.210 Forms.

515.210-70 GSA Form 1602.

You may use GSA Form 1602, Notice Concerning Solicitation, to do any of the following:

(a) Describe the type of contract, the duration of the contract, and the type of supplies or services being procured.

(b) Direct the attention of prospective offerors to special requirements which, if overlooked, may result in rejection of the offer.

(c) Highlight significant changes from previous solicitations covering the same supplies or services.

(d) Include other special notices as appropriate.

Subpart 515.3—Source Selection

515.300 Scope of subpart

In addition to the policies and procedures of FAR 15.3, [Appendix 515A](#), Source Selection Procedures, provides guidance and advice on various source selection techniques.

515.305 Proposal evaluation.

(a) *Restrictions placed on a proposal by the submitter.* If you receive a proposal with more restrictive conditions than those in the provision at FAR 52.215-1(e), ask whether the submitter is willing to accept the conditions of the paragraph at FAR 52.215-1(e). If the submitter refuses, consult with legal counsel on whether to accept the proposal as marked or return it.

(b) *Actions before releasing proposals.* Before releasing any proposal to an evaluator you must take all the following actions:

(1) Obtain the signed original “Conflict of Interest Acknowledgment and Nondisclosure Agreement” from each Government and nongovernment individual serving as an evaluator. Use the Acknowledgment/Agreement in [Figure 515.3-1](#).

(i) For employees of other Executive agencies, replace the reference in paragraph (c) of the Acknowledgment/Agreement to GSA’s supplemental standards with a reference to the applicable agency.

(ii) For nongovernment evaluators, substitute paragraph (c) of the Acknowledgment/Agreement with the language below and delete paragraph (h):

“(c) I have read and understand the requirements of subsection 27(a) and 27(b) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 423).”

(2) Attach to each proposal a cover page bearing the following notice:

Government Notice for Handling Proposals

To anyone receiving this proposal or proposal abstract:

- (1) This proposal must be used and disclosed for evaluation purposes only.
- (2) You must apply a copy of this Government notice to any reproduction or abstract of this proposal.
- (3) You must comply strictly with any authorized restrictive notices which the submitter places on this proposal.
- (4) You must **not** disclose this proposal outside the Government for evaluation purposes except to the extent authorized by, and in accordance with, the procedures in 48 CFR 515.305-71.

(c) *Cost or price evaluation—MAS.* When evaluating prices under MAS, compare an offeror’s price to GSA with its price to other customers. In this comparison, consider discounts for early payment to the extent provided in [552.232-8](#), Discounts for Prompt Payment.

(d) *Past performance evaluation information:*

(1) You must use information from the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) at [www.ppirs.gov](#) when evaluating an offeror’s past performance. In addition, you may also obtain information through:

(i) Questionnaires tailored to the circumstances of the acquisition,

(ii) Interviews with program managers and contracting officers, or

(iii) Other sources.

(2) You may obtain information to evaluate an offeror’s past performance on subcontracting plan goals and small disadvantaged business participation, monetary targets, and notifications under FAR 19.1202-4(b) from the following sources:

FIGURE 515.3-1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Conflict of Interest Acknowledgment and Nondisclosure Agreement	
<p>For proposals submitted in response to GSA solicitation no. _____, I agree to the following:</p> <p>(a) To the best of my knowledge and belief, no conflict of interest exists that may either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Diminish my capacity to impartially review the proposals submitted. (2) Or result in a biased opinion or unfair advantage. <p>(b) In making the above statement, I have considered all the following factors that might place me in a position of conflict, real or apparent, with the evaluation proceedings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) All my stocks, bonds, other outstanding financial interests or commitments. (2) All my employment arrangements (past, present, and under consideration). (3) As far as I know, all financial interests and employment arrangements of my spouse, minor children, and other members of my immediate household. <p>(c) I have read and understand the requirements of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch (5 CFR, part 2635) and Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the General Services Administration (5 CFR, part 6701).</p> <p>(d) I have a continuing obligation to disclose any circumstances that may create an actual or apparent conflict of interest. If I learn of any such conflict, I will report it immediately to the Contracting Officer. I will perform no more duties related to evaluating proposals until I receive instructions on the matter.</p> <p>(e) I will use proposal information for evaluation purposes only. I understand that any authorized restriction on disclosure placed on the proposal by the prospective contractor, prospective subcontractor, or the Government applies to any reproduction or abstracted information of the proposal.</p> <p>(f) I will use my best efforts to safeguard proposal information physically. I will not disclose the contents of, nor release any information about, the proposals to anyone other than:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The Source Selection Evaluation Board or other panel assembled to evaluate proposals submitted in response to the solicitation identified above. (2) Other individuals designated by the Contracting Officer. <p>(g) After completing evaluation, I will return to the Government all copies of the proposals and any abstracts.</p> <p>(h) GSA Appropriations Act restriction: These restrictions are consistent with and do not supersede, conflict with, or otherwise alter the employee obligations, rights, or liabilities created by Executive Order No. 12958; section 7211 of title 5, United States Code (governing disclosures to Congress); section 1034 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by the Military Whistleblower Protection Act (governing disclosure to Congress by members of the military); section 2302(b)(8) of title 5, United States Codes, as amended by the Whistleblower Protection Act (governing disclosures of illegality, waste, fraud, abuse or public health or safety threats); the Intelligence Identities Protection Act of 1982 (50 U.S.C. 421 et seq.) (governing disclosures that could expose confidential Government agents); and the statutes which protect against disclosure that may compromise the national security, including sections 641, 793, 794, 798, and 952 of title 18, United States Code, and section 4(b) of the Subversive Activities Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 783(b)). The definitions, requirements, obligations, rights, sanctions, and liabilities created by said Executive order and listed statutes are incorporated into this agreement and are controlling.</p>	
<p>_____ (Enter name of evaluator and organization)</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>

- (i) The Small Business Administration.
- (ii) Information on prior contracts from contracting officers and administrative contracting officers.
- (iii) Offeror's references.
- (iv) Past performance information collected under FAR 42.15 and available through PPIRS.

515.305-70 Use of outside evaluators.

(a) *Conditions.* To use outside evaluators, you must meet the restrictions in FAR 37.203 and [537.2](#).

(b) *Limitations on disclosing proposal information.* You may disclose proposal information outside the Government before the Government's decision as to contract award only to the extent authorized in this section. Disclosure and handling must comply with FAR 3.1 and [503.1](#).

(c) *Solicitation notice.* Include in the solicitation a notice substantially as follows:

Notice About Releasing Proposals

- (1) The Government intends to disclose proposals received in response to this solicitation to nongovernment evaluators.
- (2) Each evaluator will sign and provide to GSA a "Conflict of Interest Acknowledgment and Nondisclosure Agreement."

(d) *Relationship to the Freedom of Information Act.* Release of a proposal outside the Government for evaluation does not constitute the release of information under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

515.306 Exchanges with offerors after receipt of proposals.

Limit access to Government cost estimates to Government personnel whose official duties require knowledge of the estimate. During negotiations, you may disclose part or all of the Government estimate under FAR 15.306(e) when necessary to arrive at a fair and reasonable price. After award, you may

reveal the total amount of the independent Government estimate.

Subpart 515.4—Contract Pricing

515.403 Obtaining cost or pricing data.

515.403-4 Requiring cost or pricing data

(10 U.S.C. 2306a and 41 U.S.C. 254b).

To determine if a contract action meets the threshold at FAR 15.403-4 for requesting cost and pricing data, consider the value of the action plus any priced options. Exercise of a priced option is not a price adjustment and does not require submission of cost and pricing data.

515.404-2 Information to support proposal analysis.

(a) “Field pricing assistance” is provided by the Assistant Inspector General-Auditing, or the Regional Inspector General-Auditing, as appropriate.

(b) Follow the procedures in GSA Order, Audit resolution and follow-up system, Ch. 3 (ADM P 2030.2B) for handling contract audit reports.

515.404-4 Profit.

(a) *Structured approach for determining profit or fee objectives.* Base the analysis of profit factors on information available to the Government before negotiations. Obtain such information from proposals, audit data, performance reports, preaward surveys and the like. The structured approach helps establish a profit objective. It also provides a basis for documenting the objective, including an explanation of any significant departure from this objective in reaching a final agreement. Prepare documentation commensurate with the dollar value and complexity of the proposed procurement.

(b) *Exemptions from requirement to use the structured approach.*

(1) The following types of procurements are exempt from the structured approach:

(i) Management contracts for operation and/or maintenance of Government facilities.

(ii) Contracts primarily requiring delivery of material supplied by subcontractors.

(iii) Termination settlements.

(iv) Cost-plus-award-fee contracts.

(v) Contracts and contract modifications of \$100,000 or less in value.

(vi) Architect-engineer and construction contracts.

(2) You may request exemptions for other contracts having unusual pricing situations where you determine the structured approach is unsuitable. Document your justification in writing. The HCA must approve all such exemptions.

(c) *Other methods for exempted procurements.* Under exempted procurements, you may use other methods for

establishing profit objectives. In general, use methods supported in a manner similar to the structured approach (profit factor breakdown and documentation of profit objective). Exclude factors within the structured approach that do not apply to the procurement.

(d) *Profit-analysis factors.* Consider the following factors when you negotiate profit. Use the weight ranges listed after each factor when you use the structured approach.

	Profit Factors	Weight Ranges in Percent
Contractor Effort	Material acquisition	1 to 4
	Conversion direct labor	4 to 12
	Conversion related indirect cost: Other costs General management	1 to 3 2 to 5
Other Factors	Contract cost risk	0 to 7
	Capital investments	-2 to +2
	Federal socioeconomic programs	-.5 to +.5
	Cost-control and other past accomplishments	-2 to +2
	Independent development and additional factors	-2 to +2

(e) *GSA Form 1766.* You may use GSA Form 1766, Structured Approach Profit/Fee Objective, to help compute the profit objective. Measure the Contractor Effort by assigning a profit percentage within the designated weight ranges to each element of cost recognized.

(f) *Facilities capital cost of money.* If you allow facilities capital cost of money as an item of cost, either as a part of your price/cost objective in a firm fixed price type contract or as an allowable cost in a flexibly priced type contract, e.g., cost reimbursement or fixed price incentive type contract, reduce the profit/fee objective as follows. After you develop a dollar profit/fee amount for the requirement, subtract from that aggregate dollar profit/fee amount any dollar amount allowed for facilities capital cost of money. The remainder is the profit/fee objective.

(g) *Calculating profit dollars.* After computing a total dollar profit for Contractor Effort, calculate the specific profit dollars for the categories under Other Factors. Do this by multiplying the total Government cost objective, excluding any cost of money for facilities capital, by the specific weights assigned to the elements in Other Factors.

(h) *Common factors.* In determining the value of each factor, consider the definition, description, and purpose of the factors prescribed in FAR 15.404-4(d) and this subsection.

(1) *General management.* Management problems surface in various degrees. Consider the management expertise exercised to solve them as an element of profit. For example, a new program for an item that involves advanced state of the

art techniques may involve more problems and require more managerial time and abilities of a higher order than a follow-on contract. If an initial contract creates more problems and merits a higher profit weight, then a follow-on should merit a downward adjustment, as many of the problems should have been solved. Evaluate the underlying managerial effort involved on a case-by-case basis.

(2) *Other costs.* Include all other direct costs of contractor performance under this item (e.g., travel and relocation, direct support, and consultants). When you analyze these costs, consider:

- (i) Their significance.
- (ii) Their nature.
- (iii) How much they contribute to contract performance.

(3) *Contract cost risk.* When you select the proper contract type, the reward for risk by contract type will usually fall into the ranges below.

(i) *Cost-reimbursement type contracts.* 0–3 percent. A cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract does not normally justify a reward for risk in excess of 0 percent. Only a contract that contains cost risk features such as ceilings on overhead might merit a higher weight. Such cases may justify up to 1 percent. Cost-plus-incentive-fee contracts fill the remaining portion of the 0 to 3 percent range. For these, assign weightings based on such factors as confidence in target cost, share ratio of fee(s), etc.

(ii) *Fixed-price type contracts.* 3–7 percent. This weight range is wide enough to accommodate the many types of fixed-price arrangements. Assign weightings based on the cost risk assumed. Only firm fixed-price contracts should reach the top end of the range.

(iii) *Subcontracting program.* The contractor's subcontracting program may significantly impact the contractor's risk under a contract. It could affect risk in terms of both cost and performance. Consider this in selecting a weight for cost risk. The prime contractor may effectively transfer cost risk to a subcontractor. This merits a risk evaluation below the range that would otherwise apply for the contract type proposed. However, you should not evaluate risk lower when a substantial portion of the contract cost represents subcontracts, but without any substantial transfer of contractor's risk.

(iv) *Definitizing letter contracts, unpriced change orders, and unpriced orders under basic ordering agreements.* Consider the effect on risk as a result of partial performance before definitization. Some circumstances may effectively reduce the contractor's total risk, while others may have no effect. Determine an equitable profit weight for all recognized costs, both those incurred and future costs. Consider all attendant circumstances, not just the portion of costs incurred or percentage of work completed before definitization.

(v) *Service contracts.* Apply a weight range of 0 to 4 percent for cost risk. A firm fixed-price contract, not priced on a labor-hour method, may warrant high consideration for contractor cost risk. It may merit a weight up to 4 percent. Conversely, a cost-plus-fixed-fee service contract normally warrants a zero cost risk factor.

(4) *Capital investments.* In evaluating this factor for profit weights, consider the following:

(i) *Facilities.* (A) To evaluate how this factor contributes to the profit objective, you need to know the level of facilities use needed for contract performance, the source of financing for the facilities, and the overall cost effectiveness of the facilities offered.

(B) Contractors who furnish their own facilities that significantly contribute to lower total contract costs, warrant additional profit. Contractors who rely on the Government to provide or finance facilities warrant less profit. Evaluate situations between the above examples on their merits and make either a positive or negative profit weight adjustment, as appropriate.

(C) You do not need to adjust the profit when a contractor who owns a large quantity of facilities will perform a contract that does not benefit from these facilities, or when a contractor's use of its facilities has a minimum cost impact on the contract.

(ii) *Payments.* Consider the frequency of payments by the Government to the contractor. Assess the impact the contract will have on the contractor's cash flow. Generally, payments more frequent than monthly merit negative consideration, with maximum reduction as the contractor's working capital approaches zero. Payments less frequent than monthly merit positive consideration, with additional consideration for payments less frequent than the contractor's or the industry's normal practice.

515.404-70 Nonprofit organizations.

(a) The structured approach for determining profit or fee objectives was designed for other than nonprofit organizations. However, if modified as below, you may use it to establish fee objectives for nonprofit organizations (See FAR 31.701). Do not apply the modifications as a deduction to historical fee levels. Instead apply them as a reduction in the fee objective calculated under the structured approach.

(b) For contracts with nonprofit organizations, subtract an adjustment of up to 3 percent from the total profit-fee objective. In developing this adjustment, consider each of the following factors:

- (1) Tax position benefits.
- (2) Granting of financing through letters of credit.
- (3) Facility requirements of the nonprofit organization.
- (4) Other factors that may work to the advantage or disadvantage of the contractor as a nonprofit organization.

515.405 Price negotiation.

If a contractor insists on a price or demands a profit or fee that you consider unreasonable as outlined in FAR 15.405(d), refer the matter to one level above the contracting officer for resolution.

515.408 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.**MAS Requests for Information Other Than Cost or Pricing Data**

(a) You should use Alternate IV of the FAR provision at 52.215-20, Requirements for Cost or Pricing Data or Information Other Than Cost or Pricing Data, for MAS contracts to provide the format for submission of information other than cost or pricing data for MAS contracts. To provide uniformity in requests under the MAS program, you should insert the following in paragraph (b) of the provision:

(1) An offer prepared and submitted in accordance with the clause at [552.212-70](#), Preparation of Offer (Multiple Award Schedule).

(2) Commercial sales practices. The Offeror shall submit information in the format provided in this solicitation in accordance with the instructions at [Figure 515.4-2](#) of the GSA Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR 515.4-2), or submit information in the Offeror's own format.

(3) Any additional supporting information requested by the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer may require additional supporting information, but only to the extent necessary to determine whether the price(s) offered is fair and reasonable.

(4) By submission of an offer in response to this solicitation, the Offeror grants the Contracting Officer or an authorized representative the right to examine, at any time before initial award, books, records, documents, papers, and other directly pertinent records to verify the pricing, sales and other data related to the supplies or services proposed in order to determine the reasonableness of price(s). Access does not extend to Offeror's cost or profit information or other data relevant solely to the Offeror's determination of the prices to be offered in the catalog or marketplace.

(b) Insert the following format for commercial sales practices in the exhibits or attachments section of the solicitation and resulting contract (see FAR 12.303).

COMMERCIAL SALES PRACTICES FORMAT				
Name of Offeror _____		SIN(s) _____		
<p>NOTE: Please refer to Clause 552.212-70, Preparation of Offer (Multiple Award Schedule), for additional information concerning your offer. Provide the following information for each SIN (or group of SINs or SubSIN for which information is the same).</p>				
<p>(1) Provide the dollar value of sales to the general public at or based on an established catalog or market price during the previous 12-month period or the offerors last fiscal year: \$ _____. State beginning and ending of the 12 month period. Beginning _____ ending _____. In the event that a dollar value is not an appropriate measure of the sales, provide and describe your own measure of the sales of the item(s).</p>				
<p>(2) Show your total projected annual sales to the Government under this contract for the contract term, excluding options, for each SIN offered. If you currently hold a Federal Supply Schedule contract for the SIN the total projected annual sales should be based on your most recent 12 months of sales under that contract.</p>				
SIN _____		\$ _____		
SIN _____		\$ _____		
SIN _____		\$ _____		
<p>(3) Based on your written discounting policies (standard commercial sales practices in the event you do not have written discounting policies), are the discounts and any concessions which you offer the Government equal to or better than your best price (discount and concessions in any combination) offered to any customer acquiring the same items regardless of quantity or terms and conditions? YES ___ NO ___ (See definition of “concession” and “discount” in 552.212-70.)</p>				
<p>(4) (a) Based on your written discounting policies (standard commercial sales practices in the event you do not have written discounting policies), provide information as requested for each SIN (or group of SINs for which the information is the same) in accordance with the instructions at Figure 515.4-2, which is provided in this solicitation for your convenience. The information should be provided in the chart below or in an equivalent format developed by the offeror. Rows should be added to accommodate as many customers as required.</p>				
Column 1 Customer	Column 2 Discount	Column 3 Quantity/Volume	Column 4 FOB Term	Column 5 Concessions
<p>(b) Do any deviations from your written policies or standard commercial sales practices disclosed in the above chart ever result in better discounts (lower prices) or concessions than indicated? YES ___ NO ___ . If YES, explain deviations in accordance with the instructions at Figure 515.4-2, which is provided in this solicitation for your convenience.</p>				
<p>(5) If you are a dealer/reseller without significant sales to the general public, you should provide manufacturers’ information required by paragraphs (1) through (4) above for each item/SIN offered, if the manufacturer’s sales under any resulting contract are expected to exceed \$500,000. You must also obtain written authorization from the manufacturer(s) for Government access, at any time before award or before agreeing to a modification, to the manufacturer’s sales records for the purpose of verifying the information submitted by the manufacturer. The information is required in order to enable the Government to make a determination that the offered price is fair and reasonable. To expedite the review and processing of offers, you should advise the manufacturer(s) of this requirement. The contracting officer may require the information be submitted on electronic media with commercially available spreadsheet(s). The information may be provided by the manufacturer directly to the Government. If the manufacturer’s item(s) is being offered by multiple dealers/resellers, only one copy of the requested information should be submitted to the Government. In addition, you must submit the following information along with a listing of contact information regarding each of the manufacturers whose products and/or services are included in the offer (include the manufacturer’s name, address, the manufacturer’s contact point, telephone number, and FAX number) for each model offered by SIN:</p> <p>(a) Manufacturer’s Name. (b) Manufacturer’s Part Number. (c) Dealer’s/Reseller’s Part Number. (d) Product Description. (e) Manufacturer’s List Price. (f) Dealer’s/Reseller’s percentage discount from list price or net prices.</p>				
(End of Format)				

(c) Include the instructions for completing the commercial sales practices format in [Figure 515.4-2](#) in solicitations issued under the MAS program.

FIGURE 515.4-2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL SALES PRACTICES FORMAT

If you responded “YES” to question (3), on the COMMERCIAL SALES PRACTICES FORMAT, complete the chart in question (4)(a) for the customer(s) who receive your best discount. If you responded “NO”, complete the chart in question (4)(a) showing your written policies or standard sales practices for all customers or customer categories to whom you sell at a price (discounts and concessions in combination) that is equal to or better than the price(s) offered to the Government under this solicitation or with which the Offeror has a current agreement to sell at a discount which equals or exceeds the discount(s) offered under this solicitation. Such agreement shall be in effect on the date the offer is submitted or contain an effective date during the proposed multiple award schedule contract period. If your offer is lower than your price to other customers or customer categories, you will be aligned with the customer or category of customer that receives your best price for purposes of the Price Reductions clause at [552.238-75](#). The Government expects you to provide information required by the format in accordance with these instructions that is, to the best of your knowledge and belief, current, accurate, and complete as of 14 calendar days prior to its submission. You must also disclose any changes in your price list(s), discounts and/or discounting policies which occur after the offer is submitted, but before the close of negotiations. If your discount practices vary by model or product line, the discount information should be by model or product line as appropriate. You may limit the number of models or product lines reported to those which exceed 75% of actual historical Government sales (commercial sales may be substituted if Government sales are unavailable) value of the special item number (SIN).

Column 1—Identify the applicable customer or category of customer.

A “customer” is any entity, except the Federal Government, which acquires supplies or services from the Offeror. The term customer includes, but is not limited to original equipment manufacturers, value added resellers, state and local Governments, distributors, educational institutions (an elementary, junior high, or degree granting school which maintains a regular faculty and established curriculum and an organized body of students), dealers, national accounts, and end users. In any instance where the Offeror is asked to disclose information for a customer, the Offeror may disclose information by category of customer if the Offeror’s discount policies or practices are the same for all customers in the category. (Use a separate line for each customer or category of customer.)

Column 2—Identify the discount.

The term “discount” is as defined in solicitation clause [552.212-70](#), Preparation of Offer (Multiple Award Schedule). Indicate the best discount (based on your written discounting policies or standard commercial discounting practices if you do not have written discounting policies) at which you sell to the customer or category of customer identified in column 1, without regard to quantity; terms and conditions of the agreements under which the discounts are given; and whether the agreements are written or oral. Net prices or discounts off of other price lists should be expressed as percentage discounts from the price list which is the basis of your offer. If the discount disclosed is a combination of various discounts (prompt payment, quantity, etc.), the percentage should be broken out for each type of discount. If the price lists which are the basis of the discounts given to the customers identified in the chart are different than the price list submitted upon which your offer is based, identify the type or title and date of each price list.

The contracting officer may require submission of these price lists. To expedite evaluation, offerors may provide these price lists at the time of submission.

Column 3—Identify the quantity or volume of sales.

Insert the minimum quantity or sales volume which the identified customer or category of customer must either purchase/order, per order or within a specified period, to earn the discount. When purchases/orders must be placed within a specified period to earn a discount indicate the time period.

Column 4—Indicate the FOB delivery term for each identified customer.

See FAR 47.3 for an explanation of FOB delivery terms.

Column 5—Indicate concessions regardless of quantity granted to the identified customer or category of customer.

Concessions are defined in solicitation clause [552.212-70](#), Preparation of Offers (Multiple Award Schedule). If the space provided is inadequate, the disclosure should be made on a separate sheet by reference.

If you respond “YES” to question 4(b) in the Commercial Sales Practices Format, provide an explanation of the circumstances under which you deviate from your written policies or standard commercial sales practices disclosed in the chart on the Commercial Sales Practices Format and explain how often they occur. Your explanation should include a discussion of situations that lead to deviations from standard practice, an explanation of how often they occur, and the controls you employ to assure the integrity of your pricing. Examples of typical deviations may include, but are not limited to, one time goodwill discounts to charity organizations or to compensate an otherwise disgruntled customer; a limited sale of obsolete or damaged goods; the sale of sample goods to a new customer; or the sales of prototype goods for testing purposes. If deviations from your written policies or standard commercial sales practices disclosed in the chart on the Commercial Sales Practices Format are so significant and/or frequent that the Contracting Officer cannot establish whether the price(s) offered is fair and reasonable, then you may be asked to provide additional information. The Contracting Officer may ask for information to demonstrate that you have made substantial sales of the item(s) in the commercial market consistent with the information reflected on the chart on the Commercial Sales Practices Format, a description of the conditions surrounding those sales deviations, or other information that may be necessary in order for the Contracting Officer to determine whether your offered price(s) is fair and reasonable. In cases where additional information is requested, the Contracting Officer will target the request in order to limit the submission of data to that needed to establish the reasonableness of the offered price.

(End of Figure)

(d) Insert the clause at [552.212-72](#), Price Adjustment—Failure to Provide Accurate Information, in solicitations and contracts under the MAS program.

(e) You should use Alternate IV of FAR 52.215-21, Requirements for Cost or Pricing Data or Information Other Than Cost or Pricing Data—Modifications, to provide for submission of information other than cost or pricing data for MAS contracts. To provide for uniformity in requests under the MAS program, you should insert the following in paragraph (b) of the clause:

(1) Information required by the clause at [552.243-72](#), Modifications (Multiple Award Schedule).

(2) Any additional supporting information requested by the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer may require additional supporting information, but only to the extent necessary to determine whether the price(s) offered is fair and reasonable.

(3) By submitting a request for modification, the Contractor grants the Contracting Officer or an authorized representative the right to examine, at any time before agreeing to a modification, books, records, documents, papers, and other directly pertinent records to verify the pricing, sales and other data related to the supplies or services proposed in order to determine the reasonableness of price(s). Access does not extend to Contractor's cost or profit information or other data relevant solely to the Contractor's determination of the prices to be offered in the catalog or marketplace.

Subpart 515.5—Preaward, Award, and Postaward Notifications, Protests, and Mistakes

515.506 Postaward debriefing of offerors.

For purposes of determining the date of receipt of a request for a postaward debriefing, GSA's hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Requests received after 4:30 p.m. will be considered received the following business day.

515.570 Release of information concerning unsuccessful offerors.

Consult FAR 24.2, 41 CFR part 105-60, and GSA Freedom of Information Act procedures at <http://www.gsa.gov/staff/c/ca/FOIA/FoiaProc/mainpage.html>. to determine what information you may disclose.

Subpart 515.6—Unsolicited Proposals

515.601 Definitions.

“Coordinating office,” as used in this subpart, means:

(a) The Senior Procurement Executive for all Central Office activities.

(b) The office designated in writing by the Regional Administrator in the Regions.

515.606 Agency procedures.

Coordinating offices serve as agency points of contact and establish procedures for controlling the receipt, evaluation, and timely disposition of proposals consistent with FAR 15.6.

515.606-2 Evaluation.

Complete the evaluation as soon as practicable, normally within 45 calendar days. Communicate the results of the evaluation to the submitter.

515.609 Limited use of data.

When you release an unsolicited proposal for evaluation, use the “Conflict of Interest Acknowledgment and Nondisclosure Agreement” in [Figure 515.3-1](#).

Subpart 515.70—Use of Bid Samples

515.7000 General.

Except as provided in [515.7002](#) and 515.7003, the policy and procedures in FAR 14.202-4 and [514.202-4](#) apply to negotiated acquisitions. When referring to FAR 14.202-4 and [514.202-4](#), the term “bid” means “offer” or “proposal.” The terms “bidder” and “invitation” or “invitation for bids” are used synonymously with “offeror” and “solicitation” or “RFP”.

515.7001 Policy.

(a) The terms “responsiveness” and “nonresponsive” do not apply to negotiated acquisitions. FAR 14.202-4(b)(2) and (4) do not apply to the use of bid samples under this subpart.

(b) Instead of FAR 14.202-4(b)(2) and (4), apply the following:

(1) Use bid samples in the technical evaluation of proposals to both:

(i) Determine the acceptability of the samples to meet GSA's requirement.

(ii) Ensure compliance with all subjective and objective characteristics listed in the solicitation.

(2) If you conduct written or oral discussions, you may exclude a proposal from further consideration for award only if you meet all the following conditions:

(i) You discussed with the offeror any deficiencies found in the samples.

(ii) You gave the offeror an opportunity to correct those deficiencies.

(iii) The sample still fails to conform to each of the characteristics listed in the solicitation. (See FAR 15.609 and 15.610).

515.7002 Procedures.

(a) *Unsolicited samples.* The reference to FAR 14.404-2(d) in FAR 14.202-4(g) does not apply. Use the following when contracting by negotiation:

“However, qualifications in the proposal that are at variance with the Government’s requirements, constitute deficiencies. Resolve these as provided in FAR 15.306.”

(b) *Solicitation requirements.* (1) Use the clause at FAR 52.214-20. The second sentence in paragraph (c) of the clause does not apply. Substitute a sentence substantially as follows:

“Failure of the bid samples to conform to all the required characteristics listed in the solicitation constitutes a deficiency in the proposal (see FAR 15.306).”

(2) In addition to listing subjective characteristics that you cannot adequately describe in the specification, you may list and evaluate objective characteristics. To include objective characteristics, you must determine that examination of such characteristics is essential to the acquisition of an acceptable product. Base your determination on past experience or other valid considerations.

(c) FAR 52.215-1(c)(3) applies to samples received after the time set for receipt of offers.

Appendix 515A—Source Selection Procedures

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[This Appendix will replace GSA Order, Source Selection Procedures (APD P 2800.2). The source selection procedures are being updated based on the FAR Part 15 rewrite.]

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PART 516—TYPES OF CONTRACTS

Subpart 516.2—Fixed Price Contracts

516.203 Fixed-price contracts with economic price adjustment.

516.203-3 Limitations.

(a) For multiple award schedule contracts, you should:

(1) Include an economic price adjustment (EPA) clause only in multiyear solicitations and contracts.

(2) Document in the acquisition plan the determination required by FAR 16.203-3.

(3) Provide supporting rationale in the contract file to include an EPA clause in a 1-year solicitation or contract.

(b) The contracting director must approve any of the following actions:

(1) A determination to include an EPA clause in a 1-year solicitation or contract or to provide for price increases during the first 12 months of a multiyear contract.

(2) The use in a contract of any EPA clause that you did not include in the initial solicitation. This includes any clause that provides for price adjustment during the first 12 months of a multiyear contract.

(c) The contracting director may raise the price ceiling (the aggregate of permitted price increases during a 12-month period) during the contract period when both of the following conditions are met:

(1) A supplier or suppliers request that the ceiling be raised.

(2) Analysis of current market conditions reveals that most suppliers of similar supplies or services are affected. If the price ceiling is raised, you must amend the contract to reflect the revised ceiling.

516.203-4 Contract clauses.

(a) *Multiple award schedules.* Do not use FAR 52.216-2, 52.216-3, or 52.216-4 in negotiated acquisitions based on discounts from established commercial catalogs or pricelists. Instead, use:

(1) [552.216-70](#), Economic Price Adjustment—FSS Multiple Award Schedule Contracts, in a 1-year solicitation or contract.

(2) [552.216-70](#) (Alternate I) in multiyear solicitations and contracts.

(b) *Stock or Special Order Program Contracts.* In multi-year solicitations and contracts, after making the determination required by FAR 16.203-2, use [552.216-71](#), Economic Price Adjustment-Stock and Special Order Program Contracts, or a clause prepared as authorized in paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this subsection.

(1) If the contract includes one or more options to extend the term of the contract, use the clause with its Alternate I or a clause substantially the same as [552.216-71](#) with its Alternate I suitably modified.

(2) In a contract requiring a minimum adjustment before the price adjustment mechanism is effectuated, use the basic clause with Alternate II or with Alternate I and Alternate II.

(3) If the Producer Price Index is not an appropriate indicator for price adjustment, modify the clause to use an alternate indicator for adjusting prices. Similarly, if other aspects of [552.216-71](#) are not appropriate, use an alternate clause following established procedures.

(c) *Adjustments based on cost indexes of labor or material.*

(1) If you decide to provide for adjustments based on cost indexes of labor or material, prepare a clause that defines each of the following elements:

(i) The type of labor and/or material subject to adjustment.

(ii) The labor rates, including any fringe benefits and/or unit prices of materials that may be increased or decreased.

(iii) The index(es) that will be used to measure changes in price levels and the base period or reference point from which changes will be measured.

(iv) The period during which the price(s) will be subject to adjustment.

(2) The contracting director must approve use of this clause.

Subpart 516.4—Incentive Contracts

516.406 Contract clauses.

The contracting director must approve any award fee clause.

Subpart 516.5—Indefinite-Delivery Contracts

516.506 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

(a) In solicitations and contracts for stock or special order program items, when the contract authorizes FSS and other activities to issue delivery or task orders, insert the clause at [552.216-72](#), Placement of Orders. If only FSS will issue delivery or task orders, insert the clause with its Alternate I.

(b) In solicitations and contracts for single or multiple award schedule program items, insert the clause at [552.216-72](#), Placement of Orders, with its Alternate II.

(c) In solicitations and contracts for FSS Schedule 70 and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule containing information technology Special Item Numbers, use [552.216-72](#), Placement of Orders, Alternate III, instead of Alternate II.

(d) In solicitations and contracts for Federal Supply Schedules for recovery purchasing (see [538.7102](#)), use [552.216-72](#), Placement of Orders, Alternate IV, instead of Alternate II.

(e) If the clause at [552.216-72](#) is prescribed, insert the provision at [552.216-73](#), Ordering Information, in solicitations for stock items and in other FSS solicitations. Use [552.216-73](#) Alternate II when [552.216-72](#) Alternate II, Alternate III, or Alternate IV are prescribed.

Subpart 516.6—Time-and-Materials, Labor-Hour, and Letter Contracts

516.603 Letter contracts.

516.603-3 Limitations.

Architect-engineer (A-E) services.

(a) *Requirement for a price proposal.* Before you award a letter contract, the proposed A-E must provide a price proposal for the non-design effort.

(b) *Contents of each letter contract.* You must include the following information in the letter contract:

(1) The scope. If you include the design effort, only authorize the A-E to perform those services that are independent of the design effort (for example, feasibility studies, existing facility surveys or site investigation, etc.). Do not authorize the A-E to begin the design effort before the letter contract is definitized.

(2) A definitization schedule. Include dates for each of the following:

(i) Submission of the design fee proposal.

(ii) Start of negotiations.

(iii) Definitization. This date must be no later than 90 days after the date of the letter contract.

(3) A limitation on the Government's liability for the non-design effort to be performed under the contract. Insert this amount in FAR 52.216-24, Limitation of Government Liability.

(c) *Unilateral price decision.* If you must issue a unilateral price decision, the maximum contract amount must not exceed a reasonable price for the excludable items plus the 6 percent statutory fee limitation for the project.

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PART 517—SPECIAL CONTRACTING METHODS

Subpart 517.1—Multiyear Contracting

517.101 Authority.

(a) In addition to the multiyear authority described in FAR 17.101, GSA is authorized to enter into contracts for periods not to exceed:

(1) Five years for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of fixed building equipment in federally owned buildings (40 U.S.C. 490(a)(14)).

(2) Ten years for public utility services (40 U.S.C. 481(a)(3)).

(3) Five years for contracts awarded under the Information Technology Fund (40 U.S.C. 757(c)).

(b) You may award contracts under the authority of paragraph (a)(1) or paragraph (a)(2) of this section without a cancellation clause.

517.109 Contract clauses.

Use of FAR 52.217-2, Cancellation Under Multi-year Contracts, is optional in multiyear contracts authorized by 40 U.S.C. 490(a)(14) for maintenance and repair of fixed equipment in federally-owned buildings and services and 40 U.S.C. 481(a)(3) for public utility services.

Subpart 517.2—Options

517.200 Scope of subpart.

(a) This subpart applies to all GSA contracts for supplies and services, including:

(1) Services involving construction, alteration, or repair (including dredging, excavating, and painting) of buildings, bridges, roads, or other kinds of real property.

(2) Architect-engineer services.

(b) If a requirement in this subpart is inconsistent with FAR 17.2, this subpart takes precedence.

517.202 Use of options.

(a) *Supplies or services.* (1) You should use options when they meet one or more of the following objectives:

(i) Reduce procurement lead time and associated costs.

(ii) Ensure continuity of contract support.

(iii) Improve overall contractor performance.

(iv) Facilitate longer term contractual relationships with those contractors that continually meet or exceed quality performance expectations.

(2) An option is normally in the Government's interest in the following circumstances:

(i) You anticipate a need for additional supplies or services during the contract term.

(ii) Multiyear contracting authority is not available or its use is inappropriate and you anticipate a need for additional supplies or services beyond the initial contract term.

(iii) There is a need for continuity of supply or service support.

(iv) Funds are not available for the entirety of the Government's needs, but are likely to become available during the contract term.

(v) The initial contract will be used to evaluate the performance of an emerging small business.

(3) Do not use an option if the market price is likely to change substantially and an economic price adjustment clause inadequately protects the Government's interest.

(b) *Construction.* For limitations on the use of options, see [536.213](#) and [536.270](#).

517.203 Solicitations.

A solicitation that includes an option to extend should inform offerors that the contract could result in a long term contractual relationship subject to both of the following conditions:

(a) Continuing need by GSA.

(b) Level of contract performance that at least meets GSA's quality performance expectations.

517.204 Contracts.

(a) *Information technology contracts.* Notwithstanding FAR 17.204(e), the 5 year limitations apply also to information technology contracts unless a longer period is authorized by statute.

(b) *Requests to exceed 5-year limitation.* A request to exceed the 5-year limitation specified in FAR 17.204(e) must provide all the following information:

(1) Clearly explain the contract(s) and organization(s) covered by the request.

(2) Support the need for and reasonableness of the extension. Consider factors such as the following:

(i) The results of market research.

(ii) Stability of the requirement(s).

(iii) Benefits to the Government.

(iv) Use of a performance-based contracting approach.

(v) Availability of funds to cover estimated cancellation costs as well as costs for the first contract period.

(vi) Customary commercial practice.

(vii) Mechanisms to adjust for economic fluctuations.

(c) *Approval authority.* Requests to exceed the 5-year limitations specified in FAR 17.204(e) must be approved by:

(1) The head of the contracting activity for individual contracts.

(2) GSA's Senior Procurement Executive for classes of contracts.

517.207 Exercise of options.

Before exercising an option, you must:

(a) Synthesize it unless you meet of the following conditions:

(1) The option was evaluated as part of the original competition.

(2) The contract action meets an exception in FAR 5.202.

(b) Conclude that the contractor's performance under the contract met or exceeded the Government's expectation for quality performance, unless another circumstance justifies an extended contractual relationship.

(c) Determine that the option price is fair and reasonable.

517.208 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

(a) For solicitations under FSS's Stock or Special Order Program, insert a provision substantially the same as the provision at [552.217-70](#), Evaluation of Options, if both of the following conditions apply:

(1) The solicitation contains an option to extend the term of the contract.

(2) The contract will be fixed price and contain an economic price adjustment clause.

(b) Insert the provision at [552.217-71](#), Notice Regarding Option(s), or a similar provision, in solicitations that include an option for increased quantities of supplies or services or an option to extend.

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PART 519—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

519.001 Definitions.

“Office of Small Business Utilization staff” is the staff with responsibility for supporting small business activities. In Central Office, this is the Office of Small Business Utilization, (OSBU) (E) and the Small Business Technical Advisors (SBTAs). In the Regions, this staff may be a separate office (e.g., Small Business Utilization Centers (SBUCs).

Subpart 519.2—Policies

519.201 General policy.

(a) The Associate Administrator, Office of Small Business Utilization (AAOSBU) is the Director of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization in GSA.

(b) The Office of Small Business Utilization, (OSBU) (E) appoints small business technical advisors (SBTAs), in writing, after consultation with HCAs. Each Central Office Service and each Region has at least one SBTA. All references to SBTA in this part refer to the SBTA designated to support his/her service or region, whichever is applicable.

519.202 Specific policies.

519.202-1 Encouraging small business participation in acquisitions.

(a) The acquisition planner is required to coordinate with the Small Business Technical Advisor or Small Business Specialist any acquisition that:

- (1) Requires submission of a GSA Form 2689, Procurement Not Set Aside, under GSAM 519.502-70.
- (2) Involves contract bundling (see FAR 19.202-1(e)).
- (3) Is \$5,000,000 or more (See FAR 7.104(d)(2)).
- (4) Exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold, if you decide not to set the acquisition aside for HUB-Zone Small Businesses (See 519.1305(a)).

(b) Bundled acquisitions (See Appendix F).

(1) If the planner and contracting officer have failed to recognize that the acquisition is bundled, the small

business specialist shall notify the Office of Small Business Utilization.

(2) When substantial bundling is contemplated (see FAR 7.107(e)), coordination with the Office of Small Business Utilization is also required.

519.202-2 Locating small business sources.

(a) Confer with the appropriate SBTA when you need help to identify additional small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concern sources to solicit for a requirement. The SBTA will coordinate with the Small Business Administration (SBA) Procurement Center Representative (PCR).

(b) The SBTA should query Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database link, “Dynamic Small Business Search,” at www.ccr.gov.

Subpart 519.3—Determination of Small Business Status for Small Business Programs

519.302 Protesting a small business representation.

If SBA determines that an offeror is not a small business concern and there is evidence that the offeror knowingly misrepresented itself as a small business concern:

(a) Contracting activities in Central Office must refer the matter to the Inspector General (J).

(b) Regional contracting activities must refer the matter to the Regional Inspector General.

519.305 Protesting a representation of disadvantaged business status.

If SBA determines that a small business concern is not disadvantaged and there is evidence that the offeror knowingly misrepresented its disadvantaged status:

(a) Contracting activities in Central Office must refer the matter to the Inspector General (J).

(b) Regional contracting activities must refer the matter to the Regional Inspector General.

519.306 Protesting a firm’s status as a HUBZone small business concern.

If SBA determines that an offeror is not a HUBZone small business concern and there is evidence that the offeror knowingly misrepresented itself as such:

- (a) Contracting activities in Central Office must refer the matter to the Inspector General (J).
- (b) Regional contracting activities must refer the matter to the Regional Inspector General.

519.307 Protesting a firm’s status as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned small business concern.

If SBA determines that an offeror is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern and there is evidence that the offeror knowingly misrepresented itself as such:

- (a) Contracting activities in Central Office must refer the matter to the Inspector General (J).
- (b) Regional contracting activities must refer the matter to the Regional Inspector General.

Subpart 519.4—Cooperation With the Small Business Administration

The Associate Administrator for the Office of Small Business Utilization is the focal point for interfacing with SBA. Refer issues relating to small business programs through the designated SBTA.

Subpart 519.5—Set-asides for Small Business

519.502 Setting aside acquisitions.

519.502-1 Requirements for setting aside acquisitions.

(a) A contracting activity that is meeting goals under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program must contract for construction, trash/garbage collection services, and landscaping and pest control services estimated to exceed \$25,000, and architectural and engineering services estimated to exceed \$50,000, using unrestricted procedures (see FAR 19.10 and 519.10.). If this circumstance applies, do not use the procedures in 519.502-70. You may make awards under the 8(a) program, or set aside for HUBZone small business or service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

(b) Once a contracting activity acquires a product or service successfully on the basis of a set-aside, the activity must acquire all future requirements for that product or service using set-aside procedures. If you determine that you no longer can reasonably expect to receive offers from at least two responsible small business concerns and make awards at fair market prices, use the procedures in FAR 19.506 to with-

draw a repetitive set-aside. However, the availability of Federal Prison Industries, Inc. and Nonprofit Agencies Employing People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (JWOD) mandatory sources which may not have existed at the time of the original requirement are sufficient reason to discontinue setting aside a continuing requirement.

519.502-70 Review of non-set-aside determinations.

Acquisition expected to exceed \$100,000.

(a) *GSA Form 2689, Procurement Not Set Aside.* If you decide that an acquisition expected to exceed \$100,000 cannot be set aside for small business, record your decision on GSA Form 2689. Submit the form to the SBTA for review.

(b) *Reviews and timeframes.*

If...	Then...
(1) The acquisition meets any one of the following conditions: (i) It will be a multiple award schedule contract. (ii) The estimated value does not exceed \$500 million, including options. (iii) The contract will cover only one region or designated locations in one region (at any dollar value).	The SBTA provides a copy of the GSA Form 2689 to the SBA representative for review. The SBTA and the SBA representative must complete their review within 5 workdays after the SBTA receives the Form, or request an extension from you.
(2) The acquisition, excluding multiple award schedule contracts, meets either one of the following conditions: (i) The estimated value exceeds \$500 million (including options) and contract performance will occur in two or more regions. (ii) Based on political sensitivity or importance to GSA, the Associate Administrator for the Office of Small Business Utilization designates the acquisition for review.	The SBTA provides a copy of the GSA Form 2689 to the AAOSBU for review and comment on the decision. After the AAOSBU review, the SBTA submits the GSA Form 2689 to the SBA representative for review. The AAOSBU and SBTA each have 5 workdays to review the decision. All reviews and comments must be completed within 10 workdays after the SBTA receives the Form, or the SBTA must request a time extension from you.

(c) *Disagreements.* If a reviewing official disagrees with your decision not to set-aside an acquisition, the SBTA must provide you the rationale for the disagreement or provide you with additional small business sources that are interested in and capable of fulfilling the requirement. Review and consider any information provided by the SBTA before making a decision.

(d) *Resolving disagreements.* The Contracting Director resolves disagreements between you and the SBTA. To

resolve disagreements with the SBA representative, see FAR 19.505.

519.503 Setting aside a class of acquisitions for small business.

(a) *Definition.* A class set-aside is an item (or service), a group of related items under a Federal Supply Class (FSC), or a whole FSC set aside for exclusive small business participation on more than a one-time basis. If the item or group of items constitute only a small portion of an FSC, this definition still applies.

(b) *Determinations.* If you have procurement responsibility for the class of items or services involved, prepare the determination required by FAR 19.503. The determination can apply to either a total or partial set-aside.

519.506 Withdrawing or modifying small business set-asides.

If you and the SBTA disagree over the withdrawal or modification of a set-aside, the SBTA must notify the AAOSBU at the same time the matter is referred to the SBA PCR.

519.508 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

Insert [552.219-70](#), Allocation of Orders—Partially Set-Aside Items, in solicitations and requirements type supply contracts that are partially set aside for small business.

Subpart 519.6—Certificates of Competency and Determinations of Responsibility

519.602 Procedures.

519.602-3 Resolving differences between the agency and the Small Business Administration.

(a) Within 5 business days after requesting the SBA Area Office to refer an intention to issue a Certificate of Competency to SBA Headquarters for review, forward the information in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this subsection to the AAOSBU through your designated SBTA. This period may be extended by mutual agreement.

(1) Copies of all correspondence between GSA and SBA concerning the case. Include the initial referral notice of nonresponsibility.

(2) Copies of all technical documents sent to SBA (for example, the solicitation, preaward surveys, or any abstract of offers). Include any new information and justify your decision to continue the appeal.

(b) After considering all the facts and conferring with the applicable contracting activity, the AAOSBU will decide whether or not to file a formal appeal. Before deciding not to appeal, the AAOSBU must notify the concerned activity. The AAOSBU also must notify you of the OSBU decision regarding the appeal.

(c) For decisions on cases over \$25,000,000, the AAOSBU shall confer with the contracting activity before responding to SBA regarding either of the options in FAR 19.602-3(b)(1)(i) and (ii).

Subpart 519.7—The Small Business Subcontracting Program

519.700-70 Additional responsibilities.

In addition to FAR 19.705 responsibilities, your preaward responsibilities include:

(a) Developing target goals for sealed bid solicitations when practicable.

(b) Following FAR 15.306, conducting discussions with individual offerors, as appropriate, concerning the subcontracting plans submitted for a negotiated solicitation.

519.702 Statutory Requirements.

In addition to the exemptions in FAR 19.702(b), other exemptions to the requirement for subcontracting plans include contracts with:

(a) Unicor (Federal Prison Industries).

(b) Nonprofit agencies of the National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH awarded under the provisions of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act.

519.705 Responsibilities of the contracting officer under the subcontracting assistance program.

519.705-2 Determining the need for a subcontracting plan.

(a) When you calculate the applicable threshold, consider the actual or estimated value of the contract for the entire term of the contract, including any option period(s). This also applies to schedule contracts and other indefinite delivery type contracts. Consider the estimated value of all orders expected to be placed during the term plus all options.

(b) FAR 19.705-2(d) permits you to require submission of subcontracting plans with initial offers under a negotiated acquisition. You must require all offerors (other than small business concerns) to submit subcontracting plans with their initial offers when a negotiated acquisition meets all conditions listed below:

(1) You anticipate receiving individual subcontracting plans (not commercial plans).

(2) You will award on the basis of trade-offs among cost or price and technical and/or management factors under FAR 15.101-1.

(3) The acquisition is not a commercial item acquisition.

(4) The acquisition offers more than minimal subcontracting opportunities.

(5) An offeror's subcontracting plan is identified as an evaluation factor in the solicitation.

(c) Nothing in paragraph (b) above limits your ability to request subcontracting plans with initial offers under other negotiated acquisitions when you decide such action is appropriate under FAR 19.705-2(d). For example, such action may be appropriate for multiple award schedules where GSA may have responsibility for negotiating commercial plans.

(d) Notify the AAOSBU after receipt of offers if you determine that an apparent successful offeror's proposal has no subcontracting opportunities.

(1) Coordinate the notice through your Small Business Technical Advisor. In a regional contracting activity, also coordinate the notice through the regional small business staff.

(2) Obtain AAOSBU concurrence on the determination prior to contract award.

519.705-3 Preparing the solicitation.

(a) If an acquisition, excluding any multiple award schedule contract, will cover two or more Regions and is estimated to exceed \$500 million (including options):

(1) In addition to the SBA PCR, provide the SBTA and Office of Small Business Utilization (E) a reasonable period of time to review any solicitation requiring submission of a subcontracting plan and to submit advisory findings before issuing the solicitation. Ensure that evaluation criteria contained in the solicitation do not unnecessarily limit subcontracting opportunities for small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

(2) For a negotiated acquisition, if you believe that the acquisition provides substantial subcontracting opportunities, consider including the offeror's subcontracting plan as an evaluation factor for award. This may be most appropriate in acquisitions when you expect individual plans or master plans. You should consult with your SBTA or regional SBUC to obtain any needed assistance with developing subcontracting plan evaluation criteria before incorporating the plan into the solicitation as an evaluation factor.

Target goals in sealed bidding

(b) Unrealistic target goals tend to inhibit competition or increase acquisition costs if goals are too high. Target goals that offer no challenge to potential contractors reflect poorly on GSA's commitment to ensure maximum practicable use of small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns as subcontractors.

(c) In establishing target goals for sealed bid solicitations, avoid using mechanical formulas or similar approaches that may be considered arbitrary. Reviewing historical performance by contractors performing similar work is valid, but

you should consider each solicitation independently in terms of the potential for subcontracting. Use as many information sources as practical, including your own knowledge of the supplies or services. Factors to consider in setting targets include:

- (1) Manufacturing processes involved.
- (2) Availability and location of potential subcontractors.
- (3) The basis for establishing subcontracting relationships.
- (4) The diversity in prevailing economic conditions in the place of contract performance.

(d) If you cannot establish realistic target goals, do not state specific targets in the solicitation.

(1) Establishing realistic target goals is likely to be a problem in contracting for supplies because the place of contract performance may not be known prior to contract award.

(2) Even if you can predict the area of contract performance because a particular industry is concentrated there, the diversity of manufacturing processes may affect the amount of subcontracting and how subcontracting relationships are established. For example, some manufacturers may use formal teaming arrangements or long term relationships versus nonrepetitive purchase orders.

519.705-4 Reviewing the subcontracting plan.

(a) You may provide offerors a model subcontracting plan when you determine it appropriate, *e.g.*, when it may facilitate evaluation or negotiation. You may use the model plan developed by the Office of Small Business Utilization (E) in [Appendix 519A](#). Include the following notice on the transmittal, if you provide a model in response to a single request, or in the solicitation, if you include it as an attachment:

Notice to Offerors: "GSA provides this model plan as a tool. You must adapt this model plan to fit your subcontracting situation. The plan is NOT a fill-in-the-blank form and you must remove instructional language. This model does not establish minimum requirements for an acceptable plan. The model reflects objectives GSA encourages contractors to adopt."

(b) Performance under other contracts is an indicator of an offeror's understanding of the reasons for the law and benefits of the program.

(1) If an offeror prepared a subcontracting plan for another contract, contact the contracting officer responsible for administering the earlier plan to determine if the offeror met the plan's objectives and submitted required reports in a timely manner.

(2) Consider overall compliance in your evaluation, not just whether or not the offeror met the goals established in the plan.

(3) Submission of timely reports is an indication the offeror takes its responsibilities seriously.

(c) Be flexible and guard against using arbitrary criteria when reviewing a subcontracting plan. If an offeror has not submitted a previously-approved commercial or master subcontracting plan, such detailed review may not be necessary. You may use the Subcontracting Plan Evaluation Checklist at [Appendix 519B](#) to identify potential weaknesses that should be called to the offeror's attention.

(1) Remember that a positive goal is required to establish a gauge for measuring results and to provide an incentive for continuing efforts to increase the dollar value of subcontracts placed with small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns. Carefully scrutinize any subcontracting category (e.g., small business, HUBZone small business, etc.) where the offeror does not specify a goal and accept it only after assuring that no subcontracting opportunities exist. If you accept any category with no goal:

(i) You must document the file explaining why you accepted it.

(ii) The subcontracting plan must include an assurance that the contractor will make every effort to continue seeking subcontracting opportunities in the category that lacks a goal.

(2) One measure of the adequacy of a subcontracting plan is that it provides a challenge to the offeror and then builds upon previous achievements in subsequent contracts.

(3) Include in the contract file your basis for determining the subcontracting plan's acceptability.

(d) You can not tell the offeror what its goals must be. You may tell the offeror what GSA's national goals are. Ensure that an offeror's subcontracting plan reflects realistic goals and provide the maximum opportunity practicable to small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns to participate as subcontractors. If necessary, obtain information from the offeror to substantiate the offeror's proposed goals, past performance with respect to subcontracting, and the proposed good faith effort. This information may include the names of proposed subcontractors and other such data.

(e) When you receive subcontracting plans with initial offers, provide an opportunity to the SBTA to review the subcontracting plans of those offers in the competitive range. Allow the SBTA 5 workdays for review. Consider the SBTA's comments in developing your negotiation strategy.

Negotiating Goals and Other Aspects of Plans

(f) For complex or large dollar value procurements, when an offeror proposes miniscule or minimally acceptable goals for small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns, ensure that the off-

eror has included all subcontracts that contribute to contract performance (see FAR 52.219-9(d)(1)).

(g) Develop a strategy for negotiating the subcontracting plan and goals just as you would for negotiating a contract. Be forceful in negotiating the subcontracting plan and, whenever possible, offer recommendations for subcontracting potential with small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns. Suggest organizations the offeror may contact to identify potential sources. For example, offerors may contact any of the following:

(1) Local SBA offices. These can provide an offeror assistance in accessing the Central Contractor Registration database to conduct market research and confirm the eligibility for SBA's procurement preference programs.

(2) Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agencies (MBDA's). An offeror can ask for access to the MBDA's Profile System. Refer offerors to Internet address <http://www.mbda.gov> for more information.

(3) GSA Regional small business staffs and SBTAs, as well as Office of Small Business Utilization.

(4) State, county, and city government minority business offices.

(5) Small, minority, women-owned, and veteran business associations by accessing Internet address www.gsa.gov/smallbusiness.

(6) Local chambers of commerce.

(7) Trade associations, professional organizations, and Procurement Technical Assistance Centers.

(8) www.vetbiz.gov

(h) In developing a negotiation strategy, consider whether the offeror's plan is realistic and does more than merely restate the elements required by FAR clause 52.219-9. Question aspects of the plan that do not appear to be realistic or do not demonstrate a serious attempt to address requirements.

Commercial plans

(i) Obtain from the contractor copies of any commercial plan for the company's fiscal year and approval document from another GSA contracting activity or another Federal agency. Incorporate these documents in the contract.

(j) If GSA is the first agency to enter into a contract with a company during the company's fiscal year, you must approve the commercial plan, ensure receipt of the SF 295, and evaluate compliance with the plan. If contract administration is delegated, the Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) generally is assigned responsibility for receiving the SF 295 and evaluating compliance. Subsequent GSA contracts awarded during the company's same fiscal year and incorporating the previously approved plan will not require submission of subcontracting reports.

(k) If the commercial plan was approved by another agency, the first GSA contracting officer entering into a con-

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tract with the company during the company's same fiscal year in which the plan was approved requires the contractor to submit the SF 295 report and monitors receipt of the report. GSA requires no other monitoring or evaluation of this plan.

519.705-5 Awards involving subcontracting plans.

(a) For each contract that requires a subcontracting plan, both the SBTA and SBA PCR review the apparent successful offeror's subcontracting plan. When you make multiple awards under a solicitation, submit the subcontracting plans of all apparent successful offerors.

(1) Except as noted in (b) below, provide the SBTA a copy of the plan at least 5 workdays before the anticipated award date.

(2) Consider any recommendations the SBTA or SBA PCR provides about whether to accept or reject a subcontracting plan. In the case of an unresolved disagreement, notify the AAOED and consider any subsequent advice the AAOED provides.

(b) For contracts that meet either of the conditions listed below, the AAOSBU (through your designated SBTA or Regional SBUC) will review the SBTA's and SBA PCR's recommendations. Provide the SBTA a copy of the plan at least 10 days before the anticipated award date. The SBTA and SBA PCR have 5 workdays to review and comment on the plan and the AAOSBU (through your designated SBTA or Regional SBUC) has 5 workdays to review their recommendations. All reviews must be completed in 10 workdays unless you grant an extension.

(1) Contract performance will occur in two or more Regions and the estimated value of the acquisition exceeds \$500 million (including options), excluding multiple award schedule contracts.

(2) Based on political sensitivity or importance to GSA, the AAOSBU designates the procurement for review.

(c) *Notification letter for individual contract plans.* After approval of an individual contract plan, using the format below, send a letter to the contractor transmitting copies of the SF 294 and SF 295. Send the letter with the award package or as soon as practicable after award.

Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code

Re: Subcontracting Plan Reports for Contract No. _____

Dear _____:

Your individual contract plan submitted for the subject contract has been approved. You must submit subcontracting reports on Standard Form (SF) 294, Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts, and Standard Form (SF) 295, Summary Subcontract Report.

Use the SF 294 to report subcontracting activity under this contract. Submit the report semiannually by April 30 for the reporting period October 1–March 31 and by October 30 for the reporting period April 1–September 30. A separate report is required at contract completion. If requested by the Contracting Officer, you must furnish the name and size status of your subcontractor(s), and the dollar amount of the subcontract(s).

Use the SF 295 to report total subcontracting activity under all of your GSA contracts. Submit the report annually for the period October 1–September 30 (the Government fiscal year). The report is due on or before October 30th of each year. A new reporting cycle begins October 1st of each year.

Send the SF 294 report to: *[insert address of contracting office administering the contract]*, with a copy to: *[insert address of SBTA in Region or Central Office service where contract was awarded]*.

In addition to the Commercial Market Representative (CMR), forward the SF 295 to *[insert the address of the contracting officer administering the contract]* and to: GSA Office of Small Business Utilization (E), 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405.

The SF 294 and SF 295 report forms are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Contracting Officer

Enclosures (SF 294 and SF 295)

(d) *Notification letter for commercial plans.* After approval of a commercial plan, send a letter to the contractor transmitting copies of the SF 295 using the format below. Send the letter with the award package or as soon as practicable after award.

Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code

Re: Subcontracting Plan Reports for Contract No. _____

Dear _____:

Your commercial plan, submitted in connection with the subject contract has been approved by *[insert name, address, and telephone number of approving official]*. You must submit subcontracting reports on Standard Form (SF) 295, Summary Subcontract Report.

The SF 295 is an annual report due on or before October 30th of each year. The reporting period is October 1–September 30, i.e., the Government fiscal year. The report should summarize subcontracting activity under all contracts awarded during the current fiscal year that are covered by this commercial plan.

If at any time during contract performance you are unable to identify capable small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns, please contact the Office of Small Business Utilization by telephone at (202) 501-1021 or by facsimile at (202) 208-5938.

In addition to the Commercial Market Representative (CMR), forward the SF 295 to both: *[insert address of contracting office administering the contract]*; and send a copy to: GSA Office of Small Business Utilization (E), 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405.

The SF 295 report forms are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Contracting Officer

Enclosure (SF 295)

519.705-6 Postaward responsibilities of the contracting officer.

In addition to responsibilities described in FAR 19.705-6, you must give the SBTA and the Office of Small Business Utilization (E) a copy of the notice of award and the successful offeror's subcontracting plan within five days of contract award or contract modification when applicable. The notice of award must contain all the following:

- (a) Contractor's name, address, and phone number.
- (b) Subcontracting plan administrator's name, address, and phone number.
- (c) Contract number.
- (d) Place of performance.
- (e) Dollar amount of contract award.
- (f) Period of contract performance.
- (g) Description of items/services (including FPDS-NG Product/Service Code).
- (h) Contracting Officer's name, address, and phone number.
- (i) Administrative contracting office address and phone number.
- (j) Type of plan.
- (k) Approved goals stated both as percentages of total subcontracting planned and in dollars.
- (l) A notation, "Awarded under the Energy Policy Act of 1992", if the contract will be used to measure GSA achievements under Section 3021 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

519.705-7 Liquidated damages.

(a) *Initial assessment.* Provide your SBTA an information copy of your initial assessment that the contractor did not make a good faith effort to comply with the plan.

(b) *Final decision.* Before making a final decision, consider all pertinent available information including the contractor's response, if any, to your notification letter required by FAR 19.705-7 that the contractor did not comply with the plan. Document your decision in a "final decision", which is appealable by the contractor under the "Disputes" clause of the contract. Provide your SBTA a copy of your final decision assessing liquidated damages. In addition to the FAR provisions, include in the final decision letter:

- (1) A description of the contractor's failure.
- (2) Reference to the appropriate contract terms.
- (3) A statement of the factual areas of agreement and disagreement.
- (4) A statement of your decision with supporting rationale.
- (5) A demand for liquidated damages.
- (6) An explanation of the contractor's appeal rights.

(c) *Funds withheld from payments.* If funds to collect liquidated damages are withheld from payments due, the funds may be returned to the applicable GSA account along with other funds that were obligated but not expended. If a commercial plan is involved, or if all payments have been made under a contract with an individual contract plan, instruct the contractor to submit a check to GSA. The GSA Office of Finance will transfer the funds to the Treasury Department for deposit in the general receipts account.

(d) Copy to the SBTA your final decision assessing liquidated damages.

519.706 Responsibilities of the cognizant administrative contracting officer.

(a) If you administer a contract with an individual contract plan, you must also monitor receipt of SF 294 reports.

(b) On all contracts with a subcontracting plan (individual or commercial), you must monitor receipt of the SF 295 reports.

(c) Review reports for progress in meeting subcontracting goals by comparing the applicable report with the plan. If percentage goals are not met, require the contractor to explain the shortfall in the "Remarks" block of the subcontracting report. You may also require the contractor to submit evidence of its outreach efforts to locate and provide subcontracting opportunities to small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, women-owned small, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

(d) If an SF 294 or SF 295 is not received within 10 days of the due date, contact the contractor and request that the report be submitted immediately. For contracts with individual contract plans, pay particular attention to the final SF 294 required at contract completion. Issue to contractors who do not respond to the first notice a second notice by certified mail indicating:

- (1) The named report has not been received.
- (2) The contractor's failure to submit the report is a material breach of its contract (see FAR 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan).

(3) If the report is not received within 10 days from the date of the notice, you will consider withholding payments until the report is received or terminating the contract for default. To ensure that the facts support a termination for default, the notice should provide the contractor with the

opportunity to show cause why the contract should not be terminated for default. [Note: These statements do not apply to leases of real property unless the terms of the lease expressly provide for withholding of payment or termination under this circumstance.]

(4) Failure to submit the report may affect the contractor's ability to receive future awards from GSA (see FAR 9.104-3(c)) and willful failure to perform or a history of failure to perform may result in debarment from future contracting with the Government for a period of time (see FAR 9.406-2(b)).

(5) That the report should be submitted to you and a copy of the report must be sent to the Office of Small Business Utilization (E), if it is an SF 295 report, or to the appropriate SBTA, if it is an SF 294 report.

519.708 Contract clauses.

519.708-70 Solicitation provisions.

Insert the following provisions as directed:

(a) [552.219-71](#), Notice to Offerors of Subcontracting Plan Requirements, on the cover page of solicitations containing the clause at FAR 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan.

(b) [552.219-72](#), Preparation, Submission, and Negotiation of Subcontracting Plans, in solicitations requiring submission of the subcontracting plan with initial offers.

(c) [552.219-73](#), Goals for Subcontracting Plan as follows:

(1) Use the basic provision in sealed bid solicitations containing FAR 52.219-9 if you are able to establish realistic target goals.

(2) Use Alternate I in:

(i) Sealed bid solicitations if you cannot establish target goals.

(ii) Negotiated solicitations that include FAR 52.219-9, but do not include [552.219-72](#).

Subpart 519.8—Contracting With the Small Business Administration (The 8(a) Program)

519.803 Selecting acquisitions for the 8(a) program.

519.803-70 Contracting officer evaluation of recommendations for 8(a) set-aside(s).

(a) If you disagree with a recommendation by the Associate Administrator for the Office of Small Business Utilization or the SBTA to set aside a procurement for award under the 8(a) program, discuss the matter with the official who made the recommendation.

(b) If you decide not to award the contract under the 8(a) program, forward a copy of the documentation required by FAR 19.202-1(e)(4) to the Office of Small Business Utilization (E) within 10 working days.

(c) Once a contracting activity acquires a product or service successfully on the basis of an 8(a) set-aside, the activity must acquire all future requirements for that product or service using 8(a) set-aside procedures. However, the availability of Federal Prison Industries, Inc. and Nonprofit Agencies Employing People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (JWOD) mandatory sources which may not have existed at the time of the original requirement are sufficient reason to discontinue setting aside a continuing requirement. If you determine that acquiring the product or service as an 8(a) set-aside is no longer in the Government's best interest, use the procedures in FAR 19.506 to withdraw a repetitive set-aside.

519.803-71 Withdrawing or modifying 8(a) set-asides.

If you and the SBTA disagree over the withdrawal or modification of a set-aside, the SBTA must notify the Associate Administrator for Office of Small Business Utilization at the same time the matter is referred to the SBA PCR.

519.870 Direct 8(a) contracting.

519.870-1 Authority and applicability.

(a) Under a May 6, 1998, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was subsequently renamed Partnership Agreement and signed March 4, 2004, (formerly referred to as the Direct 8(a) MOU), SBA delegated to GSA its authority under Section 8(a)(1)(a) of the Small Business Act to enter into prime contracts and Section 8(a)(1)(B) to subcontract the performance of the contracts to eligible 8(a) participants. To implement the MOU, GSA obtained a class deviation to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) permitting direct 8(a) contracting.

(b) The delegation streamlines the acquisition process for requirements not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT) by eliminating offering letters and acceptance letters. For acquisitions over the SAT, this delegation expedites the contracting process by shortening the period of SBA's acceptance of the requirement for the 8(a) program from 15 working days to 5 working days, and eliminating the requirement for multiple copies of the award document, SBA's signature, and the tripartite agreement.

(c) This authority applies to all 8(a) acquisitions conducted by FSS, FTS, and PBS. It does not apply to FSS's multiple award schedule program.

519.870-2 Acquisitions at or under the SAT.

(a) For acquisitions over the micropurchase threshold but not over the SAT, use the simplified acquisition procedures of FAR Part 13 to issue purchase orders or contracts to 8(a) participants.

(b) You are not required to send offering letters to, nor obtain acceptance letters from, SBA.

(c) Use CCR “Dynamic Small Business Search” to establish that the selected 8(a) firm is a current program participant.

(d) Establish the price with the selected 8(a) firm and prepare and issue a purchase order or contract in accordance with FAR Part 13.

(e) Forward to the SBA District Office serving the 8(a) firm a copy of the purchase order or contract within 5 days after the order is issued.

519.870-3 Acquisitions exceeding the SAT.

(a) In addition to the requirements of FAR 19.804-2, the offering letter must:

(1) State that the requirement is being offered under the GSA/SBA Memorandum of Understanding.

(2) Ask SBA to fax or e-mail its acceptance letter to you.

(b) SBA will determine the eligibility of the firm(s) and advise you within 5 working days of the receipt of the request. If SBA determines the firm is ineligible, then submit information on the next low offeror or next apparent successful offeror (as applicable) to the cognizant SBA district office.

(c) SBA must transmit its decision whether to accept the requirement to you in writing within 5 working days of receipt of the offering letter.

(d) If you do not receive an acceptance or rejection of the offering from SBA within 5 days of SBA’s receipt of the offering letter, you may assume that SBA has accepted the requirement and proceed with the acquisition.

(e) The acceptance letter includes all elements of eligibility (e.g., determination of adverse impact, North American Industry Classification System code appropriateness, and program eligibility) of the recommended 8(a) contractor. SBA will make a final determination of size eligibility for the procurement as of the date of the 8(a) concern's initial offer which includes price.

(f) When required by FAR 15.4, obtain cost or pricing data directly from the 8(a) contractor.

519.870-4 Sole source requirements.

(a) For a sole source 8(a) requirement over the simplified acquisition threshold, the selected contractor is responsible for negotiating with you within the time you establish. If the 8(a) contractor does not negotiate within the established time and you cannot allow additional time, notify SBA. When you receive SBA’s approval, proceed with the acquisition from other sources.

(b) You have authority to negotiate directly with the 8(a) participant. However, if requested by the 8(a) participant, the SBA may participate in negotiations.

(c) Prepare the contract award or order to the 8(a) firm using your contracting activity’s normal, non-8(a) procedures

for similar acquisitions (e.g., contract type and dollar amount), except for the following:

(1) The award form must cite 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(5) and 15 U.S.C. 637(a) as the authority for use of other than full and open competition.

(2) Include SBA’s requirement number on the contract for acquisitions exceeding the SAT.

(3) Use a single award document between GSA and the 8(a) contractor. As such, a single signature by the Contracting Officer who is identified as having concurrent authority under the MOU to enter into 8(a) contracts will suffice (i.e., an SBA signature is not required). The “Issued by” block must identify the awarding GSA office. Your title must include SBA and the appropriate GSA business line, as illustrated below:

Contracting Officer for

SBA and GSA/(Name of Business Line)

(4) For a contract, have the 8(a) contractor sign the award document as the prime contractor. Place the 8(a) contractor’s name and address in the “awarded to” or “contractor name” block on the appropriate forms. At your discretion, you may also have the contractor sign a purchase order (See FAR 13.302-3).

519.870-5 Competitive requirements.

(a) Advertise competitive 8(a) acquisitions in Government Point of Entry (GPE), <http://www.fedbizopps.gov> in accordance with FAR 5.101(a)(1) and GSAR [505.101](#). Provide a copy of the announcement to the SBA’s coordinating office.

(b) Prepare the contract or order, and signatures, using the procedures in [519.870-4\(c\)](#).

519.870-6 Contract administration.

(a) Awards under the MOU are subject to 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(21). These contracts and orders contain the clause at [552.219-74](#), Section 8(a) Direct Award, that requires the 8(a) contractor to notify the SBA and the Contracting Officer when ownership of the firm is being transferred.

(b) For any contract or purchase order awarded pursuant to this MOU, you must coordinate contract termination and novation proceedings with SBA prior to initiating action.

519.870-7 Reporting.

(a) Under the MOU, GSA must report quarterly to SBA on direct (8) actions. GSA will make these reports to SBA through the Office of Small Business Utilization (E).

(b) Each business line (FSS, FTS, PBS)) will be responsible for electronically reporting to E within 10 days at the close of each fiscal year quarter the following information for each direct 8(a) contract, order, and modification:

- (1) Contractor’s name.
- (2) Contract number.

- (3) SBA requirement number (for new contract awards only).
- (4) Dollar amount obligated.
- (5) Contract type.
- (6) Contract period.
- (7) If applicable, the modification number, modification award date, modification dollar amount.

(c) To facilitate reporting and avoid duplication of effort, GSA has developed a pre-programmed retrieval from the Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation (FPDS-NG). Each business line must designate a point of contact to access the system and retrieve the report. The report will have all of the required data fields except the “requirement number” which is provided by SBA to the contracting officer for new contract awards (not modifications or orders) over the SAT. The designated point of contact will need to obtain the “requirement number” for new actions that appear on the report and add the “requirement number” in the blank field provided for any new contracts over the SAT.

519.870-8 Contract clauses.

(a) Insert the following clauses in solicitations, contracts, and orders issued under the MOU:

- (1) Insert the clause at [552.219-74](#), Section 8(a) Direct Award.
- (2) Insert the clause at FAR 52.219-14, Limitation on Subcontracting.
- (3) Insert the clause at FAR 52.219-18, Notification of Competition Limited to Eligible 8(a) Concerns. Substitute the paragraph below for paragraph (c) of the clause. Add the word “Deviation” at the end of the clause title.

“(c) Any award resulting from this solicitation will be made directly by the Contracting Officer to the successful 8(a) offeror selected through the evaluation criteria set forth in this solicitation.”

(b) Do not use the clauses at FAR 52.219-11, Special 8(a) Contract Conditions, FAR 52.219-12, Special 8(a) Subcontract Conditions, or FAR 52.219-17, Section 8(a) Award.

Subpart 519.10—Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program

519.1007 Procedures.

519.1007-70 Designated industry goals.

(a) *GSA goals.* GSA goals for designated industry groups are as follows:

Designated Industry	Small Business Goal	Emerging Small Business Goal
Construction under North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes that comprise Subsectors 236, 237, and 238 (excluding dredging)	40%	15%
Architect-Engineer (A-E) services (including surveying and mapping) under NAICS codes 541310, 541330, 541360, or 541370 (limited to FPDS-NG service codes C111 through C216, C219, T002, T004, T008, T009, T014, and R404) awarded under the Brooks A-E Act selection procedures	40%	15%
Refuse systems and related services, including portable sanitation services, under NAICS codes, 562111, 562119, or 562219 limited to FPDS-NG service code S205	40%	15%
Exterminating and Pest Control Services under NAICS 561710	40%	15%
Landscaping Services under NAICS 561730	40%	15%

(b) *Calculating goal achievement.* All prime contract awards to small business or emerging small business, including awards under the 8(a) program, sole source and the HUB-Zone Act of 1997, count toward goal attainment. Contract awards made to fulfill the 15 percent goal for emerging small business also count toward attainment of the 40 percent goals for small business.

(c) *Good faith effort for emerging small business awards.* GSA must make a good faith effort to award not less than 15 percent of the value of awards in the designated industry groups to emerging small business.

(d) *Monitoring goal achievement.* The Senior Procurement Executive will monitor goal achievement on an annual basis through the Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation. The Senior Procurement Executive will provide reports to the Office of Small Business Utilization (E) for forwarding to the Small Business Administration (SBA). These annual reviews and reports are due to SBA no later than January 31 of each year. GSA will measure goal achievement for the preceding 12 month period.

(e) *Notification of changes to procedures.* The Senior Procurement Executive will provide notice of changes to agency solicitation procedures based on goal attainment through an annual GSA Acquisition Letter.

Subpart 519.11—[Reserved]**519.1007-71 Procedures.**

(a) The reserve program applies only to new awards. Modifications within the scope of work of contracts having an initial award value in excess of the \$25,000 for construction and trash/garbage collection service or \$50,000 for A-E service are not subject to the reserve program.

(b) Unrestricted procurements are those procurements that will not be set aside for small business under Subpart 19.5 (but must be considered for 8(a) and HUBZone set aside before conducting a full and open competition). You may make procurements of construction or trash/garbage collection services with an estimated value in excess of \$25,000 and procurements of A-E services with an estimated value in excess of \$50,000 on an unrestricted basis as long as annual review shows that GSA, as an agency, has attained the 40 percent goals. The 40 percent goal applies to each of the 3 subsectors in construction, to trash/garbage collection services, to A-E services, exterminating and pest control services, and landscaping services.

(c) If goal attainment, for GSA as an agency, in any individual NAICS code or product service code drops below 40 percent, the Senior Procurement Executive will reinstate small business set-asides even if the major group met the 40 percent goal. Competition will be restricted to small business, in accordance with FAR 19.5, on future procurements by the GSA contracting activities (e.g., Regions) that failed to attain the goal. Other GSA contracting activities that meet the goals will continue to use unrestricted procedures. You may continue to use unrestricted procedures if GSA fails to meet the 15 percent goal for emerging small businesses.

(d) *Contract award documents.* For each procurement awarded under the program, include the following statement on the award document:

“This procurement is being made under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.”

(e) The Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program does not apply to construction (including repair and alteration) services acquired from a lessor under the terms and conditions of a lease for space in buildings.

Subpart 519.12—Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program**519.1201 General.**

A solicitation may separately contain source selection evaluation factors or subfactors for small and women-owned small business concerns. However, any factor or subfactor for SDB concerns must comply with FAR 19.12 and this subpart.

519.1202 Evaluation factor or subfactor.**519.1202-2 Applicability**

In addition to the exceptions in FAR 19.1202-2, do not evaluate the extent of participation of SDB concerns in performance of multiple award schedule contracts when all fair and reasonable offers from responsible sources are accepted.

519.1202-4 Procedures.

An offeror may receive credit under the evaluation factor only for proposed SDB participation by a prime contractor, joint venture partner, teaming arrangement member, or subcontractor in the authorized North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Industry Subsectors.

519.1203 Incentive subcontracting with small disadvantaged business concerns.

(a) To include monetary incentives in a contract under FAR 19.1203, you must have funds available for the incentives and obligate these at the time of contract award.

(b) Do not provide for monetary incentives under FAR 19.1203 in a contract that includes an award fee.

Subpart 519.13—Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Program**519.1305 HUBZone set-aside procedures.**

(a) *Reviews and timeframes.* For an acquisition that exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold, if you decide not to set the acquisition aside for HUBZone Small Businesses,

submit your written decision to the SBTA for review. The following reviews and timeframes apply:

If...	Then...
(1) The acquisition meets any one of the following conditions: (i) It will be a multiple award schedule contract. (ii) The estimated value does not exceed \$500 million, including options. (iii) The contract will cover only one region or designated locations in one region (at any dollar value).	The SBTA provides a copy of the decision not to set aside for HUBZone small business concerns to the SBA representative for review. The SBTA and the SBA representative must complete their review within 5 workdays after the SBTA receives the decision, or request an extension from you.
(2) The acquisition, excluding multiple award schedule contracts, meets either one of the following conditions: (i) The estimated value exceeds \$500 million (including options) and contract performance will occur in two or more regions. (ii) Based on political sensitivity or importance to GSA, the Associate Administrator for the Office of Small Business Utilization designates the acquisition for review.	The SBTA provides a copy of the decision to the AAOSBU for review and comment. After the AAOSBU review, the SBTA submits the decision to the SBA representative for review. The AAOSBU and SBTA each have 5 workdays to review the decision. All reviews and comments must be completed within 10 workdays after the SBTA receives the decision, or the SBTA must request a time extension from you.

(b) *Disagreements.* If a reviewing official disagrees with your decision not to set-aside an acquisition, the SBTA must provide you the rationale for the disagreement or provide you with additional HUBZone small business sources that are interested in and capable of fulfilling the requirement. Review and consider any information provided by the SBTA before making a decision.

(c) *Resolving disagreements.* The Contracting Director resolves disagreements between you and the SBTA. Disagreements with the SBA representative, are resolved consistent with FAR 19.1305(e).

(d) *Setting aside a class of acquisitions.* (1) *Definition.* A HUBZone small business class set-aside means an item, a group of related items under a Federal Supply Class (FSC), or a whole FSC set aside for exclusive HUBZone small business participation on more than a one-time basis. If the item or group of items constitute only a small portion of an FSC, this definition still applies.

(2) *Determination.* If you have procurement responsibility for the class of items involved, prepare the determination required by FAR 19.503.

(3) *Withdrawing or modifying HUBZone small business concern set-asides:* If you and the SBTA disagree over

the withdrawal or modification of a HUBZone small business set-aside, the SBTA must notify the AAOSBU at the same time the matter is referred to the SBA PCR.

Subpart 519.14—Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Procurement Program

519.1405 Service-disabled veteran-owned small business set-aside procedures.

(a) Setting aside a class of acquisitions.

(1) *Definition.* A SDVOSB class set-aside means an item, a group of related items under a Federal Supply Class (FSC), or a whole FSC set aside for exclusive SDVOSB participation on more than a one-time basis, including an item or group of items which constitute only a small portion of an FSC.

(2) *Determination.* If you have procurement responsibility for the class of items involved, prepare the determination required by FAR 19.503.

(b) Withdrawing or modifying *SDVOSB* concern set-asides: If you and the SBTA disagree over the withdrawal or modification of a SDVOSB set-aside, the SBTA must notify the AAOSBU at the same time the matter is referred to the SBA PCR.

519.1405-70 Additional Responsibilities—Service Disabled Veteran Executive Order

Executive Order 13360 (69 FR 62549, October 26, 2004) gives additional responsibilities to GSA to:

(a) Develop a strategy to implement the policy set forth in Executive Order 13360. This policy states that agencies shall provide the opportunity for service-disabled veteran businesses to significantly increase the Federal contracting and subcontracting of such businesses. To achieve that objective, agencies shall more effectively implement section 15(g) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)), which provides that the President must establish a goal of not less than 3 percent for participation by service-disabled veteran businesses in Federal contracting, and section 36 of that Act (15 U.S.C. 657f), which gives agency contracting officers the authority to reserve certain procurements for service-disabled veteran businesses.

(b) GSA must make its strategy publicly available and report annually to the Administrator of the Small Business Administration on implementation of the agency's strategy.

(c) The Administrator of General Services Administration shall:

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(1) Establish a Government-wide Acquisition Contract reserved for participation by service-disabled veteran businesses; and

(2) Assist service-disabled veteran businesses to be included in Federal Supply Schedules.

(d) GSA maintains a service-disabled veteran-owned small business website, (www.gsa.gov/service-disabled.)

This website targets the GSA acquisition community and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses by providing current information about the program and other information such as Frequently Asked Questions.

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GSA provides this plan as a tool. It does not establish minimum requirements for an acceptable plan. The model reflects objectives GSA encourages contractors to adopt. GSA expects offerors to thoroughly review the requirements set forth in FAR 19.704, Subcontracting plan requirements, and FAR clause 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan, before submitting their contracting plans.

The model is not intended to replace any existing corporate plan which is more extensive. If you need assistance to locate small business sources, contact [Insert name of organization and phone number]. Please note that the General Services Administration has subcontracting goals of ___% for small business, ___% for HUBZone Small Business, ___% for Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB), ___% for Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB), ___% for veteran-owned small business (VOSB), and ___% for service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) for fiscal year ___.

Identification Data:

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Type of Plan: _____

Date Prepared: _____ Solicitation Number: _____

Item/Service: _____

Period of Plan: _____

TYPE OF PLAN: (Check only one).

- _____ INDIVIDUAL PLAN: *In this type of plan, all elements are developed specifically for this contract and apply for the full term of this contract.*
- _____ MASTER PLAN: *In this type of plan, goals are separately developed for this contract in an individual plan; all other elements are standard. The master plan must be approved once every three years. Once incorporated into a contract with specific goals, it is valid for the life of the contract.*
- _____ COMMERCIAL PLAN: *This type of plan is used when the contractor sells large quantities of off-the-shelf commodities to many Government agencies. Plans and goals are negotiated with the initial agency on a company-wide basis rather than for individual contracts. The plan is effective only during year approved. The contractor must provide a copy of the initial agency approval, and must submit an annual SF 295 to GSA with a breakout of subcontracting prorated for GSA. Contractors must submit a new commercial plan on an annual basis. The subcontracting plan must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the currently in effect subcontracting plan.*

I. GOALS ((percentage and dollars)

State separate dollar and percentage goals for small business, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged business, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business in the following format. For individual plans, goals for each option must be provided. Express all dollar goals as a percentage of total planned subcontracting dollars..

A. Estimated dollar value of all planned subcontracting, i.e., to all types of business concerns under this contract is:

Estimated Dollar Value of All Planned Subcontracting				
Base	1 st Option	2 nd Option	3 rd Option	4 th Option
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

B. Estimated dollar value and percentage of total planned subcontracting to large business concerns (all business concerns classified as other than small):

Subcontracting to Large Business Concerns				
Base	1 st Option	2 nd Option	3 rd Option	4 th Option
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
%	%	%	%	%

C. Estimated dollar value and percentage of total planned subcontracting to small business concerns is: (Include HUB-

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Subcontracting to Small Business Concerns				
Base	1 st Option	2 nd Option	3 rd Option	4 th Option
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
%	%	%	%	%

D. Estimated dollar value and percentage of total planned subcontracting to HUBZone small business concerns is:

Subcontracting to HUBZone Small Business Concerns				
Base	1 st Option	2 nd Option	3 rd Option	4 th Option
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
%	%	%	%	%

E. Estimated dollar value and percentage of total planned subcontracting to small disadvantaged business concerns is:

Subcontracting to Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns				
Base	1 st Option	2 nd Option	3 rd Option	4 th Option
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
%	%	%	%	%

F. Estimated dollar value and percentage of total planned subcontracting to women-owned small business concerns is:

Subcontracting to Women-Owned Small Business Concerns				
Base	1 st Option	2 nd Option	3 rd Option	4 th Option
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
%	%	%	%	%

G. Estimated dollar value and percentage of total planned subcontracting to veteran-owned small business concerns is:

Subcontracting to Veteran-Owned Small Business Concerns				
Base	1 st Option	2 nd Option	3 rd Option	4 th Option
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
%	%	%	%	%

H. Estimated dollar value and percentage of total planned subcontracting service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns is:

Subcontracting to Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Concerns				
Base	1 st Option	2 nd Option	3 rd Option	4 th Option
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
%	%	%	%	%

II. PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES TO BE SUBCONTRACTED UNDER THIS CONTRACT, AND THE

TYPES OF BUSINESSES SUPPLYING THEM, ARE: (Check all that apply).

Business Category or Size								
Product Service	NAI CS	Large	Small Bus.	HUB Small	SDB	WOS B	VOS B	SDV OSB

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

III. DESCRIPTION OF METHOD USED TO DEVELOP THE SUBCONTRACTING GOALS AND DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD USED TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL SOURCES

- A. Explain the methods used to develop the subcontracting goals for small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.
- B. Explain how the product and service areas to be subcontracted were established, how the areas to be subcontracted to small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns were determined.
- C. How the capabilities of small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled, veteran-owned small business concerns were determined.
- D. Identify all source lists used in the determination process.

IV. STATEMENT OF INDIRECT AND OVERHEAD COSTS

- A. Indirect and overhead costs ___ HAVE BEEN or ___ HAVE NOT BEEN included in the dollar and percentage subcontracting goals stated above. (Check one.)
- B. If indirect and overhead costs HAVE BEEN included, explain the method used to determine the proportionate share of such costs to be allocated as subcontracts to

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small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

V. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

FAR 52.219-9(d)(7) requires information about the company employee who will administer the subcontracting program. Please provide the name, title, address, phone number, position within the corporate structure and the duties of that employee.

Name:

Title:

Address:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Facsimile Number:

Duties: The Program Administrator's general overall responsibility for the Contractor's subcontracting program, i.e., developing, preparing, and executing individual subcontracting plans and monitoring performance relative to this particular plan. These duties may include, but are not limited to the following activities.

A. Developing and promoting company/division policy statements that demonstrate the company's/division's support for awarding contracts and subcontracts to small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, and women-owned small business concerns.

B. Developing and maintaining bidders' lists of small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns from all possible sources.

C. Ensuring periodic rotation of potential subcontractors on bidders' lists.

D. Assuring that small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns are included on the bidders' list for every subcontract solicitation for products and services they are capable of providing.

E. Ensuring that subcontract procurement "packages" are designed to permit the maximum possible participation of

small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

F. Reviewing subcontract solicitations to remove statements, clauses, etc., which might tend to restrict or prohibit small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business participation.

G. Ensuring that the subcontract bid proposal review board documents its reasons for not selecting any low bids submitted by small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

H. Overseeing the establishment and maintenance of contract and subcontract award records.

I. Attending or arranging for the attendance of company counselors at Business Opportunity Workshops, Minority Business Enterprise Seminars, Trade Fairs, etc.

J. Directly or indirectly counseling small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns on subcontracting opportunities and how to prepare bids to the company

K. Providing notice to subcontractors concerning penalties for misrepresentations of business status as small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, or service-disabled veteran-owned small business for the purpose of obtaining a subcontract that is to be included as part or all of a goal contained in the contractor's subcontracting plan.

L. Conducting or arranging training for purchasing personnel regarding the intent and impact of Public Law 95-907 on purchasing procedures.

M. Developing and maintaining an incentive program for buyers which supports the subcontracting program.

N. Monitoring the company's performance and making any adjustments necessary to achieve the subcontract plan goals.

O. Preparing and submitting timely reports.

P. Coordinating the company's activities during compliance reviews by Federal agencies.

VI. EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITY

FAR 52.219-9(d)(8) requires a description of the efforts your company will make to ensure that small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns will have an equitable opportunity to compete for subcontracts. These efforts may include, but are not limited to the following activities:

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A. Outreach efforts to obtain sources:

- _____ Contacting minority and small business trade associations
- _____ Contacting business development organizations
- _____ Requesting sources from the CCR website at <http://www.ccr.gov/> "Dynamic Small Business Search"
- _____ Attending small, minority, and women-owned business procurement conferences and trade fairs

B. Internal efforts to guide and encourage purchasing personnel:

- _____ Presenting workshops, seminars and training programs
- _____ Establishing, maintaining and using small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business source lists, guides and other data for soliciting subcontracts
- _____ Monitoring activities to evaluate compliance with the subcontracting plan

C. Additional efforts: (Please describe.)

VII. CLAUSE INCLUSION AND FLOWDOWN

FAR 52.219-9(d)(9) requires that your company provide assurances that it will include the clause at FAR 52.219-8, "Utilization of Small Business Concerns," in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities.

FAR 52.219-9(d)(9) also requires that your company agrees in this plan that it will require all subcontractors, except small business concerns, that receive subcontracts in excess of \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction) to adopt a plan complies with the requirements of FAR 52.219-9, "Small Business Subcontracting Plan."

[Insert company name] agrees that the clause will be included and that the plans will be reviewed against the minimum requirements for such plans. The acceptability of percentage goals for small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns must be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the supplies and services involved, the availability of potential small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business subcontractors and prior experience. Once the plans are negotiated, approved, and

implemented, the plans must be monitored through the submission of periodic reports, including Standard Form (SF) 294 and SF 295 reports.

In accordance with policy letters published by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, such assurance must describe the offer's procedures for the review, approval and monitoring for compliance with such subcontracting plans.

VIII. REPORTING AND COOPERATION

FAR 52.219-9(d)(10) requires that your company (1) cooperate in any studies or surveys as may be required, (2) submit periodic reports which show compliance with the subcontracting plan; (3) submit Standard Form (SF) 294, "Subcontracting Reports for Individual Contracts," and SF 295,

"Summary Subcontract Report," in accordance with the instructions on the forms; and (4) ensure that subcontractors agree to submit SF 294 and SF 295.

Both the Associate Administrator for the Office of Small Business Utilization and the Small Business Technical Advisor must receive the report(s) within 30 days after the close of each calendar period. That is:

Calendar Period	Report Due	Date Due	Send Report To
10/01-03/31	SF 294	04/30	Contracting Officer/Small Business Technical Advisor
04/01-09/30	SF 294	10/30	Contracting Officer/Small Business Technical Advisor
10/01-09/30	SF 295*	10/30	Contracting Officer/Associate Administrator for Office of Small Business Utilization

*SF 295 Must be submitted to SBA's Commercial Market Representative

Small Business Technical Advisor address is: (To be completed by Contracting Officer)	Associate Administrator for Office of Small Business Utilization address is: (To be completed by Contracting Officer)
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IX. RECORDKEEPING

FAR 52.219-9(d)(11) requires a list of the types of records your company will maintain to demonstrate the procedures adopted to comply with the requirements and goals in the subcontracting plan. These records include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern source lists, guides, and other data identifying such vendors.

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B. Organizations contacted for small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business sources.

C. On a contract-by-contract basis, records on all subcontract solicitations over \$100,000 which indicate for each solicitation:

C1. Whether small business concerns were solicited, and if not, why not.

C2. Whether HUBZone small business concerns were solicited, and if not, why not.

C3. Whether small disadvantaged business concerns were solicited, and if not, why not.

C4. Whether women-owned small business concerns were solicited, and if not, why not.

C5. Whether veteran-owned small business concerns were solicited, and if not, why not.

C6. Whether service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns were solicited, and if not, why not.

C7. Reasons for the failure of solicited small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, and HUBZone small business concerns to receive the subcontract award.

D. Records to support other outreach efforts, e.g., contacts with minority and small business trade associations, attendance at small, HUBZone small, minority, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business procurement conferences and trade fairs.

E. Records to support internal activities to (1) guide and encourage purchasing personnel, e.g., workshops, seminars, training programs, incentive awards; and (2) monitor activities to evaluate compliance.

F. On a contract-by-contract basis, records to support subcontract award data including the name, address and business size of each subcontractor. (This item is not required for company or division-wide commercial plans).

G. Other records to support your compliance with the subcontracting plan: (Please describe)

X. TIMELY PAYMENTS TO SUBCONTRACTORS

FAR 52.219-8(a) requires your company to establish and use procedures to ensure the timely payment of amounts due

pursuant to the terms of your subcontracts with small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

[Insert company name] has established and uses such procedures:

XI. DESCRIPTION OF GOOD FAITH EFFORT

Maximum practicable utilization of small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns as subcontractors in Government contracts is a matter of national interest with both social and economic benefits. When a contractor fails to make a good faith effort to comply with a subcontracting plan, these objectives are not achieved, and 15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F) directs that the contractor must pay liquidated damages. In order to demonstrate your compliance with a good faith effort to achieve the small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business subcontracting goals, outline the steps your company plans to take. These steps will be negotiated with the contracting officer prior to approval of the plan.

The offeror is advised that submission of the subcontracting plan and Standard Form 294 and/or Standard Form 295 will be made a material part of the contract.

XII. SIGNATURES REQUIRED

This subcontracting plan was submitted by:

Signature:
Typed Name:
Title:
Date:

This subcontracting plan was accepted by:

Signature:
Typed Name:
Title: Contracting Officer
Date:

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Appendix 519B—Subcontracting Plan Evaluation Checklist

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PART I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

1. Contracting Officer (CO): Address: Phone: FAX: E-mail:	2. Administrative CO: Address: Phone: FAX: E-mail:	3. Contractor: Address: Phone: FAX: E-mail:
4. Sub. Plan Administrator: Address: Phone: FAX: E-mail:	5. Place of Performance (if different from no. 3):	6. Type of Contract (fill in both A and B) A. <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Item B. <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Sealed Bid <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiated
7. Solicitation No.:	9A. Date of Award: 9B. Contract Period: 9C. Contract Dollar Value:	10. Type of Plan (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Plan
8. Contract No.:		
11. Description of Supplies or Services:		

PART II. ACCEPTABILITY OF GOALS

Goals Established	Percent	Dollar Amount	Contracting Officer		SBTA		SBA PCR	
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Total subcontracting planned	100							
Small business (include HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, and women-owned small), veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns)								
HUBZone small (% of total)								
Small disadvantaged business (% of total)								
Women-owned small (% of total)								
Veteran-owned small (% of total)								
Service-disabled veteran-owned small (% of total)								

PART III. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS UNDER FAR CLAUSE 52.219-9

Element	Contracting Officer		SBTA		SBA PCR	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) Does the offeror propose separate small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business percentage goals?						
(2) Does the offeror express the goals as a percentage of total planned subcontracting dollars?						
(3) Does the offeror provide a statement of the total dollars planned to be:						

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PART III. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS UNDER FAR CLAUSE 52.219-9 (CONTINUED)

Element	Contracting Officer		SBTA		SBA PCR	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(a) Subcontracted under an individual plan or total projected sales and the total value of projected subcontracts to support the sales for a commercial plan?						
(b) Subcontracted to small business concerns?						
(c) Subcontracted to HUBZone small business concerns?						
(d) Subcontracted to small disadvantaged business concerns?						
(e) Subcontracted to women-owned small business concerns?						
(f) Subcontracted to veteran-owned small business concerns?						
(g) Subcontracted to service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns?						
(4) Does the offeror furnish a description of the major product and service areas to be subcontracted?						
(5) Does the offeror furnish a description of the major product and service areas where small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, veteran-owned small, service-disabled veteran-owned business small, and women-owned small business concerns will be considered for subcontract awards?						
(6) Does the offeror provide a statement of the method used to develop goals?						
(7) Does the offeror describe the method used to identify potential sources for solicitation purposes?						
(8) Does the offeror include a statement as to whether or not it includes indirect or overhead costs as an element in developing goals?						
(9) Where costs are elements in developing goals, does the offeror describe the method used in determining a proportionate share of the indirect and overhead?						
(10) Does the offeror provide the name and description of the duties of the individual who will administer the subcontracting plan?						
(11) Does the offeror describe the efforts it will make to assure that small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns have an equitable opportunity to compete for subcontracts?						
(12) Does the offeror provide for the flow down of the clause entitled "Utilization of Small Business Concerns?"						
(13) Does the offeror require subcontractors to adopt subcontracting policies and subcontracting plans in accordance with the Small Business Act, as amended, and implementing regulations for all appropriate subcontracts?						
(14) Does the offeror provide assurance that it will:						
(a) Cooperate in any studies or surveys as may be required?						
(b) Submit periodic reports act to determine compliance with the plan?						
(c) Submit SF 294 and SF 295 reports following the instructions on the forms, paragraph (j) of the clause at FAR 52.219-9, and provided by GSA?						
(d) Ensure that its subcontractors, that are required to adopt a subcontracting plan, agree to submit SF 294 and SF 295 reports?						
(15) Does the offeror provide assurance that the following types of records will be maintained:						

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PART III. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS UNDER FAR CLAUSE 52.219-9 (CONTINUED)

Element	Contracting Officer		SBTA		SBA PCR	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(a) Source lists, guides, and other data that identify small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business source lists?						
(b) List of organizations contacted for small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business sources?						
(c) List of solicitations resulting in awards over \$100,000 that identify whether small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns were solicited (or reasons why not) and explain, if applicable, why award was not made to a small business concern?						
(d) Contacts with trade associations?						
(e) Contacts with business development associations?						
(f) Contacts with conferences and trade fairs to locate small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns?						
(g) Records to support internal activities to promote and implement the subcontracting initiatives?						
(h) For each contract, records supporting award data submitted to the Government, including the name, address, and business size of each subcontractor? Commercial plans do not have to provide this assurance.						

PART IV. FACTORS TO CONSIDER UNDER GSAR [552.219-72](#) OR [552.219-73](#)

Element	Contracting Officer		SBTA		SBA PCR	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) If the offeror identifies previous contracts with subcontracting plans, does the record indicate any significant achievements, <i>i.e.</i> , sustained increase in the number of dollars awarded to small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns or the total number of subcontracts?						
(2) Does the offeror describe its strategies used to involve small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns in subcontracting opportunities, <i>i.e.</i> , public announcements (newspaper or FedBizOpps notices or radio commercials), set-asides, counseling, long-term arrangements, contacts with local or national advocacy groups or trade associations, or workshops?						
(3) Does the offeror express or manifest an interest in diversifying or increasing the amount of subcontracting (<i>i.e.</i> , are subcontracting opportunities (1) only in very limited areas, (2) varied if the offeror has several plants in different locations, or (3) basically unchanged from previous contracts)?						
(4) Does the offeror have a program that seeks out new small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns instead of relying upon them to come to the offeror?						

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PART IV. FACTORS TO CONSIDER UNDER GSAR [552.219-72](#) OR [552.219-73](#)

Element	Contracting Officer		SBTA		SBA PCR	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(5) Does the offeror include specific examples of new concerns that were added to its subcontractor base as a result of (1) attendance at trade fairs or business conferences, (2) contacts with local or national advocacy groups or trade associations, (3) advance planning notices in newspapers, radio announcements, or FedBizOpps, (4) counseling, or (5) workshops?						
(6) Is the official responsible for administering the subcontracting plan a senior official?						
(7) Does this official review and approve required subcontracting plans of major subcontractors?						
(8) Does the offeror have a written policy statement that is distributed and provides guidance to employees involved in making purchasing decisions?						
(9) Does the offeror provide training to these employees concerning these policies?						
(10) Does the offeror, as part of its subcontracting program, establish annual goals for subcontracting to small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small, veteran-owned small, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns?						
(11) Does the offeror, as part of its subcontracting program, evaluate accomplishments under each of these goals and adjust the goals annually?						

Contracting Officer's Comments *(Include assessment of compliance with subcontracting plans on previous Federal contracts):*

Contracting Officer

Date

Small Business Technical Advisor (SBTA) Comments *(Include SBTA's name and date of comments, as well as observations concerning compliance with subcontracting plans and timely submission of SF 294 and SF 295 reports on previous Federal contracts):*

SBTA

Date

SBA Procurement Center Representative (PCR) Comments *(Include PCR's name and date of comments, if any):*

PCR

Date

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Contracting Officer's Record of Discussion with Offeror:

Decision: Plan is [] Acceptable [] Unacceptable _____
Contracting Officer Date

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Appendix 519F—GSA Acquisition Alert—Contract Bundling

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MEMORANDUM FOR GSA ACQUISITION WORKFORCE ASSOCIATES

FROM: EMILY W. MURPHY
CHIEF ACQUISITION OFFICER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT BUNDLING

If you are considering consolidating into a single contract action (*e.g.* task or delivery order, single award contract, or multiple award contract) two or more existing contracts that are already performed by or could be performed by small business, then your acquisition planning must address contract bundling. Sound acquisition planning is the key to addressing contract bundling issues.

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), the General Services Administration Acquisition Manual (GSAM), and the Acquisition Planning Order prescribe policies and procedures pertaining to contract bundling. GSAM 507.103(a) states that you must “structure contract requirements to facilitate competition by and among small business concerns” and that you must “avoid unnecessary and unjustified bundling that precludes small business participation as contractors”. This applies to both *contracts and orders* (see GSA Order OGP 2800.1, Acquisition Planning).

Bundling. Bundling means consolidating 2 or more procurement requirements for goods or services previously provided or performed under separate smaller contracts into a solicitation of offers for a single contract that is likely to be unsuitable for award to a small-business concern due to:

1. The diversity, size, or specialized nature of the elements of the performance specified.
2. The aggregate dollar value of the anticipated award.
3. The geographical dispersion of the contract performance sites, or
4. Any combination of the factors described in 1 - 3 above. **FAR 2.101**

The bundling definition in the FAR states that a “single contract” includes multiple award IDIQ contracts (to two or more sources), issued under a single solicitation for the same or similar supplies or services. It also includes an order placed under a Federal Supply Schedule IDIQ contract. It also includes an order placed against a task-order contract or delivery-order contract awarded by another agency. Separate smaller contract means a contract that has been performed by one or more small business concerns or was suitable for award to one or more small business concerns. **FAR 2.101**

Steps to take once you realize you may have a bundled requirement:

- (1) *Small business impact.* Identify the incumbent contractors and contracts affected by the bundling. Assess the impact of bundling on small businesses. FAR 7.105(b)(1), 10.001 (a)(3)(vi), and (c).
- (2) *Market research.* Conduct market research to determine whether bundling is necessary and justified. [FAR 7.105(a)(1) and 10.001(a)(3)(vi). Consult with your GSA Small Business Technical Advisor/Small Business Specialist (SBTA/SBS) and the SBA procurement center representative (PCR). **FAR 10.001(c)(1)**
- (3) *Bundling determination.* Write a determination documenting that bundling would have sufficient “measurably substantial benefits”. If the market research authority was delegated to the contracting officer, the bundling determination must be approved one level above the contracting officer. If other than the contracting officer conducts the market research, the contracting officer may approve it. However, when bundling is necessary and the minimum “measurably substantial benefits” are not met, the

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determination must show benefits critical to the agency mission, maximum practical participation by small businesses, and be signed by the Deputy Administrator. **FAR 7.107; GSA Acquisition Planning Order OGP 2800.1 paragraph 9.b.(4)**

(4) *Acquisition plan.* Prepare a written comprehensive acquisition plan. Use the Acquisition Planning Wizard at apw.gsa.gov. Identify the incumbent contractors and the effect on small businesses. Include the bundling determination. Address the extent and results of the market research and indicate the impact on the various elements of the acquisition plan. If this also is "substantial bundling" document the additional required strategies in the acquisition plan. **FAR 7.105(b)(1), 7.107(e) and (f); The GSA Acquisition Planning Order paragraph 8.c.(1)(v)**

(5) *Source selection evaluation factors.* For solicitations involving bundling that offer a significant opportunity for subcontracting, the contracting officer must include two factors:

- Past performance indicating the extent to which the offeror attained applicable goals for small business participation under contracts that required subcontracting plans. FAR 15.304(c)(3)(iii)

- For the offeror's proposed use of small businesses as subcontractors and their past performance in meeting subcontracting goals. FAR 15.304(c)(5)

(6) *30 day notice.* At least 30 days before releasing your solicitation (or placing an order without a solicitation):

- Notify any affected incumbent small business concerns of the government's intention to bundle the requirement, and how the concerns may contact the appropriate SBA representative. FAR 10.001(c)(1)

- Provide a copy of the proposed acquisition package to your SBA PCR through your Small Business Specialist/Small Business Technical Advisor. If this is "substantial bundling" also provide it to the Office of Small Business Utilization (E).

FAR 19.202-1(e), and GSA Acquisition Planning Order paragraph 9.c.(2)(b)

(7) *Size status of joint ventures.* Apply size standards to individual persons or concerns, not to the combined assets, of the joint venture. FAR 19.101 "affiliates" paragraph 7(i)(A)

Please also note that the acquisition planner must coordinate all acquisition plans for requirements over the simplified acquisition threshold with their GSA small business technical advisor/small business specialist (SBTA/SBS), unless the requirement will be reserved or set-aside for small business under Part 19. GSA Acquisition Planning Order paragraph 9.c.(b)

For more information, see attached Frequently Asked Questions. Questions concerning this Acquisition Alert should be directed to Ms. Rhonda Cundiff at (202) 501-0044.

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Appendix 519F—GSA Acquisition Alert—Contract Bundling

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONTRACT BUNDLING

Question: Who checks whether a contract or order would be considered bundled?

Answer: Ideally, it should be the acquisition team but the ultimate responsibility is the contracting officer.

Question: Where in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) can I find bundling regulations?

Answer:

Part	Section
2	Definitions of “bundled contract” and “bundling” at 2.101
7	7.103(s), 7.104(d), 7.105(b)(1), and especially 7.107
8	8.404(c)(2)
10	10.001(a)(2)(iv), 10.001(a)(3)(vi) and 10.001(c)
15	15.304(c)(3)(iii) and (c)(5)
16	16.505(a)(7)
19	19.101 definition of “affiliates” in paragraph (7)(i)(A), 19.201(d)(5)(i) and (d)(11), 19.202-1(e)(1)(iii) and (2)(v).

References to bundling are also found in the GSA Acquisition Planning Order (OGP 2800.1, found at GSAM Appendix 507A), which requires a written comprehensive acquisition plan for bundled acquisitions.

Question: Is bundling prohibited?

Answer: No, after conducting market research, it may be determined that bundling is necessary and justified because the agency will derive sufficient “measurably substantial benefits”. If a cost comparison analysis will be performed in accordance with OMB Circular A-76, then this substitutes for the determination. Even if there are insufficient “measurably substantial benefits”, GSA’s Deputy Administrator can determine the bundling is necessary and justified. See FAR 7.107(a), (c), and (h)

Question: What are “measurably substantial benefits”?

Answer: “Measurably substantial benefits” from bundling may include, individually or in any combination or aggregate the following benefits:

- Cost savings or price reductions.
- Quality improvements that will save time or improve or enhance performance or efficiency.
- Reduction in acquisition cycle times.
- Better terms and conditions.
- Any other benefits.

The bundling determination must quantify identified benefits and explain how their impact would be measurably substantial. FAR 7.107(b)

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Question: How much must the “measurably substantial benefits” be?

Answer: “Measurably substantial benefits” must be equivalent to:

- (1) 10% of the estimated contract value (including options) if the value is \$75 million or less; or
- (2) 5% of the estimated contract value (including options) or \$7.5 million, whichever is greater, if the value exceeds \$75 million.

Reduction in administrative or personnel costs is not sufficient justification for bundling, unless the cost savings are expected to be at least 10% of the estimated value (including options) of the bundled requirement. FAR 7.107(b) and (d)

Question: When assessing cost savings that are expected to be at least 10% of the estimated value (including options) of the bundled requirement, what must be considered?

Answer: The contracting officer must consider the cost that has been charged (or where data is available, could be charged) by small business concerns for the same or similar work. FAR 7.107(g)

Question: Does the bundling definition apply to contracts that will be awarded and performed entirely outside of the United States?

Answer: No FAR 2.101

Question: What is “substantial bundling”?

Answer: Substantial bundling is “bundling” resulting in a contract or order of:

- \$7 million or more for the Department of Defense;
- \$5 million or more for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Department of Energy, and the General Services Administration;
- \$2 million or more *for all other agencies.*

If the strategy contemplates the award of multiple contracts or orders, these thresholds apply to the cumulative maximum potential value, including options.

Question: What more do I have to do for a contract that is substantially bundled?

Answer: In cases involving substantial bundling, you not only need “measurably substantial benefits”, your acquisition strategies must:

- Identify the specific benefits anticipated to be derived from bundling;
- Include an assessment of the specific impediments to participation by small business concerns as contractors that result from bundling;
- Specify actions designed to maximize small business participation as contractors, including provisions that encourage small business teaming;
- Specify actions designed to maximize small business participation as subcontractors (including suppliers) at any tier under the contract, or order, that may be awarded to meet the requirements;
- Include a specific determination that the anticipated benefits of the proposed bundled contract or order justify its use; and
- Identify alternative strategies that would reduce or minimize the scope of the bundling, and the rationale for not choosing those alternatives. FAR 7.107(e)

Question: Does bundling apply when several contracts are consolidated but awards as a small business set-aside?

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Answer: No. The bundling definition answers this question. You can consolidate two or more requirements for supplies or services previously provided or performed under separate smaller contracts, into a solicitation for a single contract as long as it is likely that it is suitable for award to a small business concern. A small business set-aside is a likely award to a small business. FAR 2.101

Question: Are there any contract reporting requirements for contract bundling?

Answer: Yes, FAR 4.601(e) & (f) require identification through Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation (FPDS-NG) bundled contracts with a total contract value (including options) exceeding \$5,000,000.

Question: Who makes the call on when a bundling review is necessary: the requiring activity, the Contracting Officer, the Small Business Specialist/Small Business Technical Adviser or Office of Small Business Utilization (OSBU)?

Answer: The planner and contracting officer are supposed to recognize a bundled procurement, and take the steps outlined in these FAQs. If they have failed to recognize that the acquisition is bundled, the small business specialist shall notify the Office of Small Business Utilization. FAR 7.104.

Question: Does the review level on orders placed against contracts apply to the thresholds of the requiring agencies or the thresholds of the agencies placing the orders?

Answer: The review levels apply to the requiring agency. For example, if agency A is requesting that agency B place an order against a Multiple Award Schedule contract, the threshold for agency A applies. GSA Acquisition Letter V-05-05 Purchases on Behalf of other Agencies.

Question: Are Architect and Engineering contracts exempt from the bundling definition?

Answer: No.

Question: Is there any additional guidance available other than these FAQs?

Answer: Yes, Department of Defense has guidance at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/news/contractconsolidation.pdf>

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PART 522—APPLICATION OF LABOR LAWS TO GOVERNMENT ACQUISITIONS

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PART 522—APPLICATION OF LABOR LAWS TO GOVERNMENT ACQUISITIONS

522.001 Definition.

“Agency labor advisor,” as used in this part, means the Director of the GSA Acquisition Policy Division, Office of Acquisition Policy.

Subpart 522.1—Basic Labor Policies

522.101 Labor relations.

522.101-1 General.

(a) GSA personnel performing official duties must maintain GSA’s impartiality in disputes between labor and contractor management by refraining from involvement in or expressing a position on:

- (1) Labor negotiations between contractors and unions.
- (2) The merits of any dispute between labor and a contractor’s management.

(b) The Office of General Counsel (OGC) and the agency labor advisor:

- (1) Serve as focal points on contractor labor relations.
- (2) Initiate contact on contractor labor relations matters with national offices of labor organizations, Government departments, agencies or other governmental organizations.
- (3) Serve as a clearinghouse for information on labor laws applicable to Government acquisitions.
- (4) Respond to questions involving FAR Part 22, this part, or other contractor labor relations matters concerning GSA acquisition programs. OGC determines the agency’s legal position.

522.101-3 Reporting labor disputes.

Submit reports to the agency labor advisor.

522.103 Overtime.

522.103-4 Approvals.

You are the “agency approving official.”

522.103-5 Contract clauses.

Insert FAR 52.222-1, Notice to the Government of Labor Disputes, in solicitations and contracts for items on the DoD Master Urgency List.

Subpart 522.3—Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

522.302 Liquidated damages and overtime pay.

(a) *Your responsibilities.* (1) Provide instructions to the appropriate Finance Office whether or not to withhold funds

from contract payments pending your final administrative determination.

(2) Notify the Finance Office of your final decision to assess liquidated damages.

(3) After your final decision, provide instructions to either immediately release to the contractor any funds in excess of the amount specified in your decision or initiate the collection of additional funds (see paragraph (c) of this section).

(b) *Procedures for the collection of liquidated damages.*

(1) Initiate collection action by either:

(i) Withholding funds from payments due on the contract.

(ii) Issuing a demand for payment, if no funds were withheld or the amount withheld was less than the liquidated damages.

(2) Indicate in your demand letter your intent to offset from the contractor’s other Government contracts if payment is not made.

(3) Provide the Finance Office with a:

(i) Copy of the demand letter.

(ii) Request that it initiate collection action under 41 CFR Part 105-55, Collection of Claims Owed the United States, if payment is not made in accordance with the demand letter.

Subpart 522.4—Labor Standards for Contracts Involving Construction

522.404 Davis-Bacon Act wage determinations.

522.404-6 Modifications of wage determinations.

The contracting director may request extensions under FAR 22.404-6(b)(6).

522.406 Administration and enforcement.

522.406-6 Payrolls and statements.

Statements from Prime Contractors or Subcontractors that Personally Perform Work

(a) Weekly payrolls and statements of compliance with respect to payment of wages are not required from a prime contractor or a subcontractor that personally performs work.

(b) Instead, a prime contractor or a subcontractor that personally performs work must submit weekly certified statements clearly showing the following information:

- (1) The individual's contractual relationship.
- (2) The scope and date(s) the individual performed the work.
- (3) The individual received no wages for the labor performed.
- (4) No mechanics or laborers were employed in the prosecution of the work.

(c) Use GSA Form 618-D, Statement to be Submitted When Work is Performed Personally, to furnish this information.

522.406-7 Compliance checking.

At a minimum, you must assure that a compliance check is made before making final payment.

522.406-8 Investigations.

If a compliance check uncovers information warranting a labor standards investigation, submit a request to the Regional Inspector General for Investigations.

522.406-9 Withholding from or suspension of contract payments.

If you decide to assess liquidated damages, follow the procedures in [522.302](#).

522.406-11 Contract terminations.

If you terminate a contract or subcontract for labor standards violations, submit the report required by FAR 22.406-11.

522.406-13 Semiannual enforcement reports.

Contracting activities must submit semiannual enforcement reports to the agency labor advisor. Submit reports within 15 calendar days after the end of the reporting period.

Subpart 522.6—Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act

522.608 Procedures.

Before notifying or furnishing information to DOL under FAR 22.608(b), coordinate with legal counsel.

Subpart 522.8—Equal Employment Opportunity

522.803 Responsibilities.

Submit questions on the applicability of EO 11246 and implementing regulations to assigned legal counsel.

522.804 Affirmative action programs.

522.804-1 Nonconstruction.

(a) The requirements of FAR 22.804 also apply to each contractor and subcontractor with 50 or more employees who either:

- (1) Serves as a depository of Government funds.
- (2) Is a financial institution serving as an issuing and paying agent for U.S. savings bonds and savings notes.

(b) Contractors, subcontractors, and financial institutions must develop a written affirmative action compliance program for each of its establishments even if the amount held is less than \$50,000.

522.805 Procedures.

(a) To determine whether the contract meets the threshold in FAR 22.805(a), include the value of the basic contract plus priced options. A contract modification exercising a priced option is not a contract award under FAR 22.805(a)(1)(i) and does not require a preaward clearance.

(b) Submit preaward review requests directly.

Furnishing information to contractors

(c) In addition to the poster required by FAR 22.805(b), provide each nonexempt contractor a copy of SF 100.

522.807 Exemptions.

The agency labor advisor submits a request for exemption.

Subpart 522.10—Service Contract Act of 1965, As Amended

522.1003 Applicability.

522.1003-3 Statutory exemptions.

The Service Contract Act of 1965, as amended, applies to local office relocation moves if transportation costs are incidental to the principal purpose of the contract. Such contracts do not meet the statutory exemption cited in FAR 22.1003-3(c). (See Federal Property Management Regulation 101-40.109-2(b)(2).)

522.1003-4 Administrative limitations, variations, tolerances, and exemptions.

Coordinate with assigned legal counsel before submitting a request under FAR 22.1003-4 to the agency labor advisor.

522.1003-7 Questions concerning applicability of the Act.

You may submit a question regarding the applicability of the Act to assigned legal counsel. If the question cannot be answered, the agency labor advisor will forward it to the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division.

522.1007 Requirement to submit Notice (SF98/98a).

Authorized GSA personnel may access wage determinations on-line. See your Regional or Service, Service Contract Act (SCA) Wage Rate Liaison for information on using the on-line capability.

522.1011 Response to notice by Department of Labor.**522.1011-2 Requests for status or expediting of response.**

You may request an expedited wage determination or check on the status of a request by contacting the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, directly.

522.1021 Requests for hearing.

If you are considering requesting a substantial variance, you should coordinate with assigned legal counsel and the agency labor advisor. The agency labor advisor submits any request.

Subpart 522.13—Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era**522.1303 Waivers.**

Submit each waiver request to the agency labor advisor. The agency labor advisor forwards the request to the appropriate office for concurrence and approval.

Subpart 522.14—Employment of Workers With Disabilities**522.1403 Waivers.**

Submit each waiver request to the agency labor advisor. The agency labor advisor forwards the request to the appropriate office for concurrence and approval.

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PART 523—ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

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PART 523—ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

Subpart 523.3—Hazardous Materials Identification and Material Safety Data

523.303 Contract clause.

(a) Insert [552.223-70](#), Hazardous Substances, in solicitations and contracts for packaged items subject to the Federal Hazardous Substances Act and the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

(b) Insert [552.223-71](#), Nonconforming Hazardous Materials, in solicitations and contracts for supplies that contain hazardous materials.

523.370 Solicitation provision.

Insert [552.223-72](#), Hazardous Material Information, in any solicitation that provides for delivery of hazardous materials on an f.o.b. origin basis.

Subpart 523.4—Use of Recovered Materials

523.403 Policy.

(a) GSA's Affirmative Procurement Program ([Appendix 523A](#)) establishes agency policy and procedures for the procurement of products containing recovered materials. In implementing the Program, contracting activities will:

(1) Communicate to industry that markets exist for environmentally preferable products (See FAR 23.7), including products containing recovered materials.

(2) Ensure that product specifications do not impede the acquisition of products containing recovered materials.

(3) Purchase EPA designated products to the maximum extent practicable.

(4) Identify other product categories that offer opportunities for the purchase of environmentally preferable products. To the maximum extent practicable, and consistent with applicable provisions of Federal procurement law, acquire these products before non-environmentally preferable products.

(b) To the extent permitted by law, and where economically feasible, E.O. 13101 applies to the acquisition and management of federally owned and leased space.

(1) Solicitations for services, leased space, and construction must include environmental and recycling provisions.

(2) These provisions should include specifications promoting, and maximizing, the use of environmentally prefera-

ble products, including products containing recovered materials, by contractors and subcontractors.

(c) Purchases by construction contractors or their subcontractors are included in this program.

(d) You must use applicable minimum content standards in all acquisitions that include an EPA designated product. In addition to new acquisitions, this includes:

(1) Delivery orders placed against established source contracts that identify environmentally preferable products.

(2) Orders from such sources as the GSA/Federal Supply Service Environmental Products Guide or GSA Supply Catalog.

523.404 Procedures.

Under FAR 23.404(b)(3), the Agency Environmental Executive must approve any purchase of designated products that does not meet or exceed EPA guidelines and standards.

523.404-70 Preference programs for other than EPA designated products.

(a) The statutory requirements associated with affirmative procurement programs only apply to products covered by EPA guidelines. GSA must also meet goals established under E.O. 13101 to maximize the number of recycled products purchased. Contracting activities should conduct market research and analysis for routinely procured products to identify additional opportunities to establish product preferences through:

(1) Minimum material content requirements in applicable product descriptions.

(2) Description of services to be performed.

(b) Alternatively, the contracting activity may require that offerors provide a product incorporating some recovered material, without specifying a percentage, that will allow the product to meet the required standard of performance. Do this only if market research indicates that industry is capable of producing a product with recovered material, but the specification manager cannot identify an appropriate minimum content requirement.

523.405 Solicitation provision and contract clause.

In FAR clause 52.223-9, instruct the contractor to submit the required certification to you. The contracting activity must forward a copy to the agency Environmental Executive, by November 1 of each year, of each certification received in the preceding fiscal year.

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**Appendix 523A—GSA Affirmative Procurement Program
GSA Order OGP 2851.1**

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Washington, DC 20405

OGP 2851.1
March 15, 2000

GSA ORDER

SUBJECT: GSA Affirmative Procurement Program

1. *Purpose.* This Order establishes the GSA Affirmative Procurement Program for purchase and use of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) items containing recovered materials, environmentally preferable, and biobased products.
2. *Cancellations.* GSA Affirmative Procurement Program dated June 19, 1996, and Acquisition Letter MV-93-9, Acquisition of Environmentally Preferable Products, are canceled.
3. *Background.* GSA, as a Federal procuring agency, is required to procure and use products containing post-consumer content (recycled material) by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Section 6002, and Executive Order (EO) 13101, "Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition." EO 13101 also requires Federal agencies to procure and use environmentally preferable and biobased products. Both RCRA Section 6002 and EO 13101 require Federal agencies to develop and implement an Affirmative Procurement Program to facilitate the procurement of these products.
4. *Nature of revision.* This revision updates GSA's Affirmative Procurement Program to comply with current statutory, Executive Order and EPA requirements.
5. *Implementation.* Heads of Contracting Activities (HCAs) that are responsible for acquiring personal property, nonpersonal services (including construction), and leasehold interests in real property, will develop implementation plans within 180 days of the date of this order to comply with the attached GSA Affirmative Procurement Program. This order is not intended to restrict Federal Supply Schedule contracting programs.

Sue McIver
Acting Deputy Associate Administrator
for Acquisition Policy

Paul M. Lynch
GSA Environmental Executive

Attachment

U.S. General Services Administration Affirmative Procurement Program

March 15, 2000

A Program for Compliance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Executive Order (EO) 13101 requiring the purchase and use of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) items containing recovered materials, “environmentally preferable,” and biobased products.

Preface

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), as a Federal procuring agency, is required to procure and use products containing post-consumer content (recycled material) by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Section 6002, and Executive Order (EO) 13101, “Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition.” EO 13101 also requires Federal agencies to procure and use “environmentally preferable” and biobased products. Both RCRA Section 6002 and EO 13101 require each Federal agency to develop and implement an Affirmative Procurement Program (APP) to facilitate the procurement of these products.

The APP seeks to promote markets for products containing recycled materials, thereby reducing the quantity of solid waste requiring disposal. Procurement and use of “environmentally preferable” and biobased products promotes the technologies to develop products that effectively compete with the traditional products already familiar to us. The Federal Government is the largest purchasing agent in the U.S.; therefore, it is important that we maximize the procurement and use of these new environmental products in order to help increase and expand the market.

Implementing these guidelines to the maximum extent possible provides for:

- (1) The opportunity for GSA to demonstrate its commitment to the environment by becoming a leader in the procurement and use of environmental products.
- (2) Increased demand for these products, creating markets for recycled materials.
- (3) Decreased demand for virgin products.
- (4) Reduction in landfill space required and associated costs.
- (5) Direct or indirect cost savings from the procurement of designated products containing recycled content versus traditional virgin products.
- (6) Benefits associated with some products containing recycled content that possess improved properties over traditional virgin products.
- (7) Development of new environmental technologies.

Each GSA region and Central Office service and staff office must participate in the GSA APP to the maximum extent feasible. Questions regarding this program may be directed to the Office of Acquisition Policy (MV) or the GSA Environmental Executive.

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GSA Affirmative Procurement Program

1. Purpose

The GSA Affirmative Procurement Program (APP) establishes policy and procedures to assist GSA procurement and program offices promote the purchase of products containing recycled material, “environmentally preferable” products and services, and biobased products in accordance with the requirements of RCRA, Section 6002, EO 13101, and Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Letter 92-4.

2. Policy

(a) All GSA procurement and requisitioning offices will procure and use products containing recycled materials, “environmentally preferable” products and services, and biobased products to the maximum extent feasible. GSA will procure and use those products:

(1) Specified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) items and their associated Recovered Materials Advisory Notices (RMANs). The list of CPG items is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg>.

(2) Designated as environmentally oriented in the GSA Federal Supply Service “Environmental Products and Services Guide.” This guide is available at the FSS Environmental Homepage at <http://pub.fss.gsa.gov/environ>.

(3) To be designated as biobased products on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Biobased Products List. The APP will be updated once this list becomes available.

(b) Many of these products are already available through various GSA supply programs.

(c) Each region and Central Office service and staff office must implement this program tailored to its own needs. Each Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) will develop an implementation plan that, at a minimum, addresses key program elements that are required by law. To facilitate program implementation, the appendices include an APP Fact Sheet, sample determination format, a summary of legislative and regulatory requirements, and definitions. The list of EPA-designated CPG items and RMANs is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg>.

3. Applicability

The APP applies to 100 percent of GSA purchases of EPA-designated CPG items unless the item is not available competitively within a reasonable time frame, does not meet appropriate performance standards, or is only available at an unreasonable price. This program applies to all regions and to Central Office services and staff offices that are responsible

for acquiring personal property, nonpersonal services (including construction), and leasehold interests in real property. The program applies to GSA offices purchasing items for internal use or consumption (e.g., office supplies, carpet, etc.) as well as to contracts that provide for contractor operation of a Government-owned or -leased facility and contracts that provide for contractor or other support services at Government-owned or -operated facilities. This APP applies to the acquisition and management of Federally owned and leased space and the acquisition and management of all leased space and construction of new Federal buildings.

4. Background

(a) RCRA Section 6002, EO 13101, and OFPP Letter 92-4 require each procuring agency to develop and implement an affirmative procurement program. A procuring agency is defined as:

“...any Federal agency, or any State agency, or agency of a political subdivision of a State which uses appropriated Federal funds for such procurement, or any person contracting with any such agency with respect to work performed under such contract.” [The term “person” is defined in such a way as to include contractors.]

(b) The OFPP letter and the order further require that this program be cost-effective. The letter defines a “Cost-Effective Procurement Preference Program” as one “...that favors, where price and other factors are equal, the procurement of products and services that are more environmentally-sound or energy-efficient than other competing products and services.”

(c) Any solicitation or contract that is for, or specifies the use of, an EPA-designated CPG item must include the appropriate solicitation provision and contract clause (FAR 52.223-4 and 52.223-9).

(d) There are 3 situations when GSA may justify not purchasing an EPA-designated CPG item or “environmentally preferable” product:

(1) It is not available competitively within a reasonable time frame.

(2) It does not meet appropriate performance standards.

(3) It is only available at an unreasonable price.

(e) References to environmental issues are included in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) at Parts 7 (Acquisition Planning), 10 (Market Research), 11 (Describing Agency Needs), 23 (Environment, Conservation, Occupational Safety, and Drug-Free Workplace), and 42 (Contract Administration). Similar references may also be found in the General Services Administration Acquisition Manual (GSAM) at [Parts 508](#), [511](#), and [523](#).

5. EPA-Designated CPG Items and RMANs

(a) RCRA and the Executive order require EPA to designate CPG items and their accompanying RMANs. All procuring agencies must comply with the EPA guidance. The RMAN for each product line describes the minimum amount or a range of recycled material that must be present in the particular product purchased.

(b) The EPA-designated CPG items and associated RMANs are subject to additions and revisions by EPA. The web site at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg> will be updated accordingly.

6. Affirmative Procurement Key Program Elements

(a) For compliance with RCRA, Section 6002 and EO 13101, an APP is to address the following key program elements:

- (1) Preference Program
- (2) Promotion Program
- (3) Procedures for estimation, certification and verification
- (4) Performance measures or procedures (for annual review and monitoring)

(b) At a minimum, each APP implementation plan must incorporate these program elements.

7. Preference Program

(a) Each HCA will develop a plan to implement the procurement preference program for each of the EPA-designated CPG items, “environmentally preferable” products and services, and biobased products. Many such products are available through GSA’s Federal Supply Schedules. **Give preference to these when price, performance and availability are equal to traditional products and services.**

(b) Competition between environmental products and services required by RCRA and EO 13101 and traditional products and is encouraged when adequate competition is not available for the former based on market research. Award may be made to the traditional product or service based on one of the exemptions. While the EPA web site lists manufacturers and suppliers for the CPG items, newly introduced products or services may not have sufficient manufacturers and suppliers to provide a satisfactory level of competition.

(c) The procurement originator is responsible for defining product performance requirements. When the solicitation includes a recycled product, the originator must ensure that it meets the minimum recycled content required by EPA.

(d) If a contracting officer consistently experiences a problem procuring a CPG item that meets the RMAN requirements for recycled content, he or she should contact the GSA Environmental Executive for assistance.

(e) For purchases at or under the micropurchase threshold, procurement originators and purchasers are encouraged to consider aggregating when this method would promote economy and efficiency. When aggregating results in a requirement that exceeds the purchasing authority of an individual, another purchaser with adequate authority must execute the action.

8. Promotion Program

(a) The GSA Office of Acquisition Policy (MV) and the GSA Environmental Executive will actively promote GSA’s policy to purchase recycled products and will provide guidance to the services and regional offices on implementing the program. MV and the GSA Environmental Executive will:

(1) Promote the GSA preference program in trade publications, recycling/environmental journals, and procurement publications.

(2) Develop and provide standard language for solicitations and statements of work.

(3) Develop and provide information and training to procurement and program offices regarding GSA’s preference program for recycled products through conferences, workshops, and meetings.

(4) Provide vendor and product information by means of:

(a) Multi-use File for Interagency News (MUFFIN).

(b) GSA *Advantage!* on-line shopping service.

(c) FSS publications such as the “Environmental Products and Services Guide,” applicable Federal Supply Schedules, “Marketips,” and other customer catalogs.

(b) Each HCA will implement a promotional program that:

(1) Informs suppliers about the recycled product lines in GSA’s preference program.

(2) Educates procurement and program offices about requirements to procure recycled products.

(3) Incorporates life cycle cost analysis whenever feasible and appropriate to assist in selecting an EPA-designated CPG item.

(4) Provides GSA and its contractors information on sources of recycled products.

(5) Encourages contractors to use electronic commerce/electronic data interchange (EC/EDI).

(6) Requires contractors to maximize the use of double-sided recycled content paper for submitting written acquisition documents.

9. Vendor Estimation, Certification and Verification

(a) The GSA Federal Supply Service, Government Printing Office (GPO) and Department of Defense (DoD)/Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) have established their own system regarding certification and verification of EPA-designated

CPG items. Products purchased from these sources will need no further action.

(b) When conducting open market procurements in excess of the micropurchase threshold, the following procedures apply:

(1) *Estimation and Certification.* (a) In solicitations that are for, or specify the use of, recovered materials:

(i) The contracting officer must include FAR 52.223-4, Recovered Material Certification.

(ii) A vendor responding to the solicitation must provide the required certification with its offer.

(b) In contracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold that are for, or specify the use of, an EPA-designated item:

(i) The contracting officer must include FAR 52.223-9, Certification and Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items.

(ii) The contractor must provide the required certification and estimate at contract completion.

(2) *Verification.* The GSA Environmental Executive shall periodically review vendor certification documents as part of the annual review and monitoring process. These reviews will assist in verifying GSA's compliance with EO 13101.

10. Annual Review, Monitoring and Reporting

(a) RCRA and EO 13101 require the GSA Environmental Executive to:

(1) Ensure that GSA procures and uses the maximum amount feasible of EPA-designated CPG items.

(2) Submit an annual status report to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive.

(b) The annual status report must address:

(1) CPG item purchases.

(2) Status of review of product specifications, descriptions and standards regarding new products.

(3) Justification as to why CPG products were not purchased or submit a plan as to how GSA will increase purchases.

(c) The GSA Environmental Executive will relay to regional and Central Office services and staff offices strengths and weaknesses of the GSA APP identified by this process.

(d) Regions and Central Office services and staff offices are required to participate and cooperate in all tracking mechanisms and review processes developed and implemented by the GSA Office of Acquisition Policy and Environmental Executive. The GSA Environmental Executive will initiate specific procedures for gathering procurement data, develop a monitoring strategy and transmit these to the responsible service and regional offices.

11. Determination

(a) The following conditions may justify not purchasing an EPA-designated CPG item or a product that does not meet the content level described in EPA's web site at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg> (for certain product lines GSA may exceed the amount of recycled material specified in the RMAN):

(1) It is not available competitively within a reasonable time frame.

(2) It does not meet appropriate performance standards.

(3) It is only available at an unreasonable price. EPA defines an unreasonable price "... as a price that is greater than the price of a competing product made from virgin materials. EPA further interprets the reasonable price provision of RCRA Section 6002(c)(1)(C) to mean that there are no projected or observed long-term or average increases over the price of competing virgin items. This interpretation is supported in the preamble to the OFPP Policy Letter 92-4 (57 FR 53364), which provides that there is no legal mandate to provide a price preference for products containing recovered materials over similar virgin products."

(b) For acquisitions exceeding the micropurchase threshold, each determination must be documented in writing, citing the appropriate justification(s), and providing an explanation. The contracting officer must:

(1) Sign and date the determination.

(2) Retain the original determination in the official contract file.

(3) Provide a copy of the determination to the GSA Environmental Executive.

(c) [Appendix B](#) provides a sample format for determinations. Either the procurement originator or the contracting officer may initiate the determination.

12. Specification Control

(a) The procurement originator is responsible for reviewing product performance specifications, product descriptions, and standards of EPA-designated CPG items during the acquisition planning stage. Specifications and standards regarding a CPG product line must relate to the performance of that product. Product specifications and standards that prevent the purchase of CPG items or "environmentally preferable" products must be revised or eliminated in the actual procurement specifications. Product specifications, where appropriate, must:

(1) Express preference for purchase of products with recovered materials.

(2) Eliminate requirements for virgin materials.

(3) Eliminate requirements excluding use of recovered materials.

(4) Specify performance requirements.

(5) Eliminate performance standards having more stringent requirements than necessary.

(b) Questions regarding product performance and availability should be directed to the GSA Environmental Executive.

13. Awards

(a) The GSA Environmental Executive administers the annual GSA Environmental Awards program in which the Administrator recognizes employees for their successful efforts in waste prevention, recycling, and affirmative procurement. Requests for nominations will appear in “GSA Update” periodically. Any GSA employee may submit nominations (e.g., procurement, program, environmental personnel, supervisors, or co-workers). In completing your nomination, consider the following suggestions:

- (1) Provide a clear and concise description of the environmental initiative.
- (2) Show how success was measured.
- (3) Document success with data.

14. Goals

The GSA Environmental Executive will establish annual agency-wide environmental goals, which will focus on the requirements of EO 13101 and the current environmental initiatives established by the Administration and GSA. Environmental goals will be updated as necessary. The GSA Environmental Executive will distribute information on goals to services and regions to allow them to plan the coming fiscal year initiatives.

15. Waste Prevention Opportunities

The GSA Environmental Executive will update services and regions on the latest waste prevention opportunities on a regular basis and establish a clearinghouse of best practices in the environmental arena.

Appendix A

GSA Affirmative Procurement Program Fact Sheet

What is the GSA Affirmative Procurement Program?

The GSA Affirmative Procurement Program (APP) was developed to fulfill the requirements of both the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Section 6002 and Executive Order (EO) 13101, “Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Federal Acquisition.” It ensures that we procure and use “environmentally preferable” products and those containing recycled materials to the maximum extent feasible. GSA will focus its attention on the procurement and use of those products specified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) items and the companion publications “Recovered Materials Advisory Notices” (RMANs) (see <http://www.epa.gov/cpg>).

Why must GSA comply with RCRA Section 6002 and EO 13101?

RCRA requires all Federal agencies to purchase an EPA-designated CPG item when either (1) the purchase of such item or a “functionally equivalent” one exceeds \$10,000, or (2) applicable purchases or acquisitions made in the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000. This \$10,000 threshold applies to each procuring agency as a whole; therefore, all GSA contracting officers and requisitioning offices are required to comply.

How will the GSA APP be implemented?

Each service and region will determine the best way to implement this program, but every GSA employee is responsible for purchasing EPA-designated CPG items whenever feasible. Each region and Central Office service and staff office must also measure their success in meeting environmental goals.

Does the APP apply to micropurchases?

Yes. You must give preference to EPA-designated CPG items, “environmentally preferable” products and services, and biobased products when price, performance, and availability are equal to traditional products and services. The list of EPA-designated CPG items is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg>. Many EPA-designated CPG items with appropriate recovered material content levels and “environmentally preferable” products and services are available in the GSA Federal Supply Service “Environmental Products and Services Guide” which is available at <http://pub.fss.gsa.gov/environ>. The United States Department of

Agriculture (USDA) will be developing a Biobased Products List and this APP will be updated once this list becomes available. Neither the clauses in paragraph 9 nor the written determination required in paragraph 11 of the APP apply to micropurchases.

Exactly what products is GSA required to buy and use?

We will concentrate our efforts to buy and use the products designated by EPA as CPG items. These items are manufactured from recycled materials and range from office products to construction materials. A complete listing of these items appears at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg>. We will also procure and use “environmentally preferable” products, especially cleaning products and paints and other chemicals with appropriate Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) content levels. Many of these are available at <http://pub.fss.gsa.gov/environ>.

What is a “Recovered Materials Advisory Notice” (RMAN)?

The RMAN is the amount of recycled content that a CPG item must contain in order to fulfill the objective of RCRA and EO 13101. Before EPA designates a certain product line for inclusion as a CPG item, they do extensive research into the product availability, efficacy, and costs at a specified level of recycled content. For example, suppose you want to buy copier paper containing 100% recycled content; it may be so costly or scarce that its purchase and use wouldn’t be feasible. However, EPA has determined that copier paper containing 30% recycled content is widely available and competitively priced. Therefore 30% recycled content for copier paper becomes the EPA RMAN.

How does the GSA APP impact our contracts and contractors?

Under covered contracts, procurement originators must write specifications to ensure the following: preference for recovered material and elimination of requirements for virgin materials; preference for purchase of products with recovered materials and elimination of requirements that exclude the use of recovered materials; and, performance standards that do not contain more stringent requirements than necessary. Additionally, contracting officers must include the necessary Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision and clause in solicitations for covered contracts (FAR 52.223-4 and FAR 52.223-9).

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Are there any situations when we are excused from purchasing a CPG item?

There are only 3 situations when GSA may justify not purchasing an EPA-designated CPG item:

(1) It is not available competitively within a reasonable time frame.

(2) It does not meet appropriate performance standards.

(3) It is only available at an unreasonable price.

For acquisitions exceeding the micropurchase threshold, contracting officers must submit a written determination citing the appropriate justification(s) and providing an explanation to the GSA Environmental Executive (see sample format at [Appendix B](#) of the GSA APP).

Where can I obtain more information about the GSA APP?

If you have specific questions regarding the environmental aspects of this program, contact the GSA Environmental Executive on (202) 501-0971. For acquisition related questions, contact the GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP) on (202) 501-1224.

Who is responsible for reporting GSA's success in implementing this APP?

The GSA Environmental Executive makes annual reports to the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive.

**Appendix B
Format for Determination**

Procurement Request No. _____

The following CPG item(s):

were not procured due to (check all that apply):

- Not available competitively within a reasonable time frame.
- Does/Do not meet appropriate performance standards.
- Only available at an unreasonable price.
- Attending small, minority, and women-owned business procurement conferences and trade fairs

Explanation:

(Signature)

Procurement Originator

Date

Approved:

(Signature)

Contracting Officer

Date

Copy to:
GSA Environmental Executive

Appendix C

Summary of Legislative and Regulatory Requirements

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

In 1976, RCRA was enacted to replace the Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1965. The primary function of RCRA is to ensure the safe and environmentally acceptable management of solid waste. Two preferred methods of solid waste management are recycling and resource recovery, and both can be encouraged through Federal procurement policies promoting purchasing and using products made from recovered materials.

Executive Order (EO) 13101. On September 14, 1998, the President of the United States issued EO 13101, “Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Federal Acquisition.” The order expands Federal waste prevention and recycling programs and reiterates Federal procurement policies mandated by RCRA. The order also requires Federal agencies to procure other “environmentally preferable” products and services. EO 13101 specifies that Federal agencies, that have not already done so must develop and implement, to the extent practicable, affirmative procurement programs within 90 days after the effective date of the order.

The main goals of Section 6002 of RCRA and EO 13101 are to:

- Promote cost-effective waste prevention activities and recover materials reusable by Federal agencies.
- Stimulate private sector markets for recovered materials through preferential (designated) item procurement.
- Spur private sector new technologies development, thereby creating new business and employment opportunities, through the use of recycled and “environmentally preferable” products.
- Conserve waste disposal capacity through cost-effective waste prevention and recycling programs.
- Establish Federal waste prevention and recycling leadership.

GSA’s Affirmative Procurement Program (APP) incorporates the requirements of RCRA and the Executive order pertaining to affirmative procurement.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA has issued Federal procurement guidelines containing regulatory requirements binding on Federal agencies. The guidelines also contain recommendations for Federal agencies to develop and implement affirmative procurement programs. For each guideline, EPA requires procuring agencies to incorporate the designated item into their APPs. EPA’s guidelines are codified at 40 CFR 247. Agencies have one year from the time of issuance to comply with additional guidelines.

A complete reference of EPA Procurement Guidelines for the current CPG items is available electronically on the EPA web site at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg>.

OFPP Policy Letter 92-4. OFPP Policy Letter 92-4, “Procurement of Environmentally-Sound and Energy-Efficient Products and Services,” establishes Executive branch policies for the acquisition and use of environmentally-sound, energy-efficient products and services. OFPP’s Policy Letter requires procuring Federal agencies, when drafting or reviewing specifications for guideline items, to assure they:

- (1) Do not exclude the use of recovered materials;
- (2) Do not unnecessarily require the item to be manufactured from virgin materials; and
- (3) Require the use of recovered materials and environmentally-sound components to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the intended use of the item.

Federal agencies must use product descriptions and prepare contract specifications reflecting cost-effective procurement and use of designated recycled products, encouraging bidders to supply products containing recycled material.

An electronic copy of this letter is available on: <http://www.arnet.gov>. Click the “Reference Corner” and then the “Office of Federal Procurement Policy Letters.”

Appendix D

Definitions

Acquisition—acquiring by contract with appropriated funds for supplies or services (including construction) by and for the use of the Federal Government through purchase or lease, whether the supplies or services are already in existence or must be created, developed, demonstrated and evaluated. Acquisition begins at the point when agency needs are established and includes the description of requirements to satisfy agency needs, solicitation, selection of sources, contract award and financing details, contract performance and administration, and those technical and management functions directly related to the process of fulfilling agency needs by contract. [EO 13101] **Note:** The term acquisition also applies to the act of obtaining items of supply from established Federal supply sources, such as GSA/FSS and DoD/DLA, through the automated or manual requisitioning process.

Affirmative Procurement Program (APP)—a program assuring that EPA-designated Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) items composed of recovered materials and “environmentally preferable” and biobased products will be purchased to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with Federal law and procurement regulations. [RCRA, Section 6002, EO 13101]

Biobased Product—a commercial or industrial product (other than food or feed) that utilizes biological products or renewable domestic agricultural (plant, animal, and marine) or forestry materials.

Certification—written documentation provided by offerors/bidders/vendors certifying that the percentage of recovered materials contained in products or used in the performance of the contract is at least the amount required by applicable specifications or other contractual requirements. Certification on multi-component or multi-material products should verify the percentage of postconsumer waste and recycled material contained in the major constituents of the product. [EPA Guidelines]

Cost-Effective Procurement Preference Program—a procurement program favoring more environmentally-sound or energy-efficient products and services than other competing products and services, where price and other factors are equal. [OFPP Policy Letter 92-4]

Designated Item—an available EPA guideline item or category of items, made with recovered material, advancing the purpose of RCRA when purchased. [RCRA, Section 6002]

Environmentally Preferable—products or services having a lesser or reduced [negative] effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services, serving the same purpose. This comparison may consider raw materials acquisition, production, manufactur-

ing, packaging, distribution, reuse, operation, maintenance, or disposal of the product or service. [EO 13101]

Environmentally-Sound—a product or service less damaging to the environment when used, maintained, and disposed of in comparison to a competing product or service. [OFPP Policy Letter 92-4]

Estimation—quantitative determination made by vendors of the total percentage of recovered material contained in offered products. Estimations should be based on historical or actual percentages of recovered materials in products sold in substantial quantities to the general public or on other factual basis. EPA recommends procuring agencies maintain records of these documents for three years by product type, quantity purchased, and price paid. [EPA Guidelines]

Executive Agency or Agency—an Executive agency as defined in 5 U.S.C. 105. For the purpose of EO 13101, military departments, as defined in 5 U.S.C. 102, are covered under the auspices of the Department of Defense. [EO 13101]

Federal Supply Source—any supply source managed by a Federal agency such as the General Services Administration’s Federal Supply Service, the Government Printing Office, or the Department of Defense’s Defense Logistics Agency.

Life Cycle Assessment—the comprehensive examination of a product’s environmental and economic aspects and potential impacts throughout its lifetime, including raw material extraction, transportation, manufacturing, use, and disposal. [EO 13101]

Life Cycle Cost—the amortized annual cost of a product, including capital costs, installation costs, operations costs, maintenance costs, and disposal costs discounted over the lifetime of the product. [EO 13101]

Minimum Content Standard—the minimum recovered material content specifications set to assure the recovered material content required is the maximum available without jeopardizing the intended item use or violating the limitations of the minimum content standards set forth by EPA’s guidelines. [RCRA, Section 6002]

Performance Specification—a specification stating the desired product operation or function, but not specifying its construction materials. [EPA Guidelines]

Postconsumer Material—a material or finished product that has served its intended use and has been discarded for disposal or recovery, having completed its life as a consumer item. “Postconsumer material” is a part of the broader category of “recovered material.” [EO 13101]

Postconsumer Waste—a material or product, discarded for disposal after passing through the hands of a final user, having served its intended purpose. Postconsumer waste is

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part of the broader category of “recycled material.” [OFPP Policy Letter 92-4 and 40 CFR 247.101(e)]

Practicable—capable of performing in accordance with applicable specifications, available at a reasonable price and within a reasonable period of time, and while maintaining a satisfactory level of competition with other products. [EPA Guidelines]

Preference—when two products or services are equal in performance characteristics and price, the Government, in making purchasing decisions, will favor the more environmentally-sound or energy-efficient product. [OFPP Policy Letter 92-4]

Preference Standard—the highest practicable minimum content standards for products. When minimum content is impractical to calculate, preference is for the presence of a recovered material or an environmentally oriented trait (i.e., retread tires).

Procurement Guidelines—regulations issued by EPA pursuant to Section 6002 of RCRA: (1) identifying items produced (or that can be produced) with recovered materials, where procurement of such items will advance the objectives of RCRA; and (2) providing recommended practices for the procurement of such items. [RCRA, Section 6002]

Procuring Agency—any federal or State agency, or agency of a State’s political subdivision using appropriated Federal funds for a procurement, or any person contracting with any such agency with respect to work performed under a contract. [EPA Guidelines]. The term “person” means an individual, trust, firm, joint stock company, corporation (including a government corporation), partnership, association, State, municipality, commission, political subdivision of a State, or any interstate body and shall include each department, agency, and instrumentality of the United States.

[42 U.S.C. 6903 (15)]

Recovered Material—waste materials and by-products recovered or diverted from solid waste, excluding those materials and by-products generated from, and commonly reused within, an original manufacturing process. [EO 13101 and 42 U.S.C. 6903 (19)]

Recycled Material—a material utilized in place of raw or virgin material in product manufacturing consisting of materials derived from postconsumer waste, industrial scrap,

material derived from agricultural wastes, and other items, all of which can be used in new product manufacture. [EPA Guidelines and OFPP Policy Letter 92-4]

Recycling—the series of activities, including collection, separation, and processing, by which products or other materials are recovered from the solid waste stream for use in the form of raw materials in the manufacture of new products other than fuel for producing heat or power by combustion. [EO 13101]

Solid Waste—garbage, refuse, sludges, and other discarded solid materials, including those from industrial, commercial, and agricultural operations, and from community activities. This excludes solids or dissolved materials in domestic sewage or other significant pollutants in water resources, such as silt, dissolved or suspended solids in industrial waste water effluents, dissolved materials in irrigation return flow, etc. [EPA Guidelines]

Specification—a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for materials, products, or services including the minimum requirement for materials’ quality and construction and any equipment necessary for an acceptable product. In general, specifications are in the form of written descriptions, drawings, prints, commercial designations, industry standards, and other descriptive references. [EPA Guidelines]

Verification—procedures used by procuring agencies to confirm both vendor estimates and certifications of the percentages of recovered material contained in the products supplied to them or to be used in the performance of a contract. [EPA Guidelines]

Virgin Material—a mined or harvested raw material to be used in manufacturing.

Waste Prevention—any change in the design, manufacturing, purchase, or use of materials or products (including packaging) to reduce their amount or toxicity before they are discarded. Waste prevention also refers to the reuse of products or materials. [EO 13101]

Waste Reduction—preventing or decreasing the amount of waste being generated through waste prevention, recycling, or purchasing recycled and “environmentally preferable” products. [EO 13101]

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PART 524—PROTECTION OF PRIVACY AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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PART 524—PROTECTION OF PRIVACY AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**Subpart 524.1—Protection of Individual
Privacy****524.103 Procedures.**

See 41 CFR part 105-64 and GSA Order, Privacy Act Program (OAD P 1878.8), when contracting for the design, development, or operation of a system of records on individuals.

Subpart 524.2—Freedom of Information Act**524.203 Policy.**

See 41 CFR part 105-60 and GSA Freedom of Information Act procedures at <http://www.gsa.gov/staff/c/ca/FOIA/FoiaProc/mainpage.html> for requirements on making records available under the Freedom of Information Act.

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PART 525—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

Subpart 525.1—Buy American Act— Supplies

525.103 Exceptions

(a) The HCA is authorized to make the determination required by FAR 25.103(a). The HCA may not redelegate this authority.

(b) For the determination under FAR 25.103(b)(2)(i):

If the estimated value of the supplies...	Then...
(1) Exceeds \$100,000.	Only the HCA may make the determination. The HCA may not redelegate this authority.
(2) Does not exceed \$100,000.	The HCA may redelegate authority to make the determination.

Subpart 525.2—Buy American Act— Construction Materials

525.202 Exceptions.

(a) The HCA is authorized to make the determination required by FAR 25.202(a)(1). The HCA may not redelegate this authority.

(b) For the determination under FAR 25.202(a)(2):

If the estimated cost of materials...	Then...
(1) Exceeds \$100,000.	Only the HCA may make the determination. The HCA may not redelegate this authority.
(2) Does not exceed \$100,000.	The HCA may redelegate authority to make the determination.

Subpart 525.3—Balance of Payments Program

525.302 Policy.

525.302-70 Procurements for agencies under the Foreign Assistance Act.

GSA procurements made directly for other agencies of items to be used outside the United States are made under the Balance of Payments Program. The only exception is if GSA contracts as the agent for an agency governed by the Foreign Assistance Act (22 U.S.C. 2151 *et seq.*). If this exception applies, the contract will be governed by the policies and procedures of the agency instead of FAR 25.3 and [525.3](#). For example, GSA sometimes acts as agent for the Agency for International Development and the Bureau of International Narcotics Matters.

Subpart 525.5—Evaluating Foreign Offers— Supply Contracts

525.570 Procurement of hand or measuring tools or stainless steel flatware for DoD.

(a) “Stainless steel flatware” means special order and stock items of stainless steel flatware purchased for DoD, including, but not limited to, the following National Stock Numbers (NSN):

7340-00-060-6057	7340-00-241-8171
7340-00-205-3340	7340-00-559-8357
7340-00-205-3341	7340-00-688-1055
7340-00-241-8169	7340-00-721-6316
7340-00-241-8170	7340-00-721-6971

(b) Purchases of hand or measuring tools or stainless steel flatware exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold by DoD must be domestic end products. In the case of stainless steel flatware, the Secretary of the Department concerned can make an exception. The individual must determine that a satisfactory quality and sufficient quantity produced in the United States or its possessions are not available when needed at domestic market prices.

(c) If GSA solicitations of hand or measuring tools or stainless steel flatware include DoD requirements, GSA will apply the DoD restrictions. The bases for applying the DoD restriction to GSA acquisitions are:

(1) DoD's restrictions apply to requisitions of such items from the GSA stock program.

(2) The impracticality of establishing a dual supply system to satisfy the requirements of civilian and military agencies.

(3) GSA may reject any offer when it is considered necessary for reasons of national interest.

Subpart 525.6—Trade Sanctions

525.602 Exceptions.

Forward any determination under FAR 25.602(b)(1) to the Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA Acquisition Policy Divi-

sion, for forwarding to the United States Trade Representative.

Subpart 525.11—Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses

525.1101 Acquisition of Supplies.

If you include DoD requirements for hand or measuring tools or stainless steel flatware in the solicitation for an acquisition estimated to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, insert [52.225-70](#), Notice of Procurement Restriction—Hand or Measuring Tools or Stainless Steel Flatware, in the solicitation and resulting contract(s).

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PART 527—PATENTS, DATA, AND COPYRIGHTS**Subpart 527.4—Rights in Data and Copyrights****527.409 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.**

Architect-engineer services and construction contracts involving architect-engineer services. Insert the following in solicitations and contracts for architect-engineer services and construction contracts involving architect-engineer services:

(a) Insert [552.227-70](#), Government Rights (Unlimited), instead of FAR 52.227-17, Rights in Data-Special Works, in contracts, except if [552.227-71](#) is prescribed.

(b) If the Government requires sole property rights and exclusive control over the design and data, insert [552.227-71](#), Drawings and Other Data to Become Property of Government, instead of FAR 52.227-17.

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PART 528—BONDS AND INSURANCE

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PART 528—BONDS AND INSURANCE

Subpart 528.1—Bonds and Other Financial Protections

528.101 Bid guarantees.

528.101-1 Policy on use.

(a) *Construction contracts.* Do not require bid guarantees for contracts awarded under Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 637(a)).

(b) *Building service contracts.* Require bid guarantees for building service contracts over \$100,000 if you determine under [528.103-2](#) that a performance bond is essential to protect the Government's interest.

(c) *All other contracts.* Refer to FAR 28.101 for guidance on the use of bid guarantees.

528.102 Performance and payment bonds and alternative payment protections for construction contracts.

528.102-1 General.

The performance and payment bond requirements in FAR 28.102-1 apply to contracts awarded under Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act unless the requirement has been waived by SBA under Section 8(a)(2) of the Small Business Act, as amended.

528.103 Performance and payment bonds for other than construction contracts.

528.103-2 Performance bonds.

(a) Do not require performance bonds for building service contracts unless you make a written determination explaining why the bond is essential to protect the Government's interest and justifying the additional cost of the bonding requirement.

(b) Do not require a performance bond for building service contracts awarded under Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act as amended (15 U.S.C. 637(a)), or contracts awarded to workshops for the blind or other severely handicapped under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. 46-48c).

(c) Consider the circumstances and determine the penal amount of the performance bond on a case-by-case basis.

528.103-3 Payment bonds.

(a) You may require payment bonds for other than construction contracts if the contracting director determines, under FAR 28.103-3, that such a requirement is in the Government's interest.

(b) Consider the circumstances and determine the penal amount of the payment bond on a case-by-case basis.

528.106 Administration.

528.106-6 Furnishing information.

The HCA or designee performs the functions outlined in FAR 28.106-6(c).

Subpart 528.2—Sureties and Other Security for Bonds

528.202 Acceptability of corporate sureties.

Corporate surety bonds must be manually signed by the Attorney-in-Fact or officer of the surety company and the corporate seal affixed. You may waive failure of the surety to affix the corporate seal as a minor informality. (See B-184120, July 2, 1975, 75-2 CPD 9.)

528.202-70 Acceptability of bonds and sureties.

Verify the acceptability of the surety on a bond by placing the words "Acceptability of Bond Verified," and sign immediately thereunder, on the bond or on a properly identified attachment. Retain the bond with the original of the contract. You may use the Notice to Proceed to notify the contractor that the bond(s) has been accepted.

528.203 Acceptability of individual sureties.

Refer evidence of possible criminal or fraudulent activities by an individual surety first to the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations or to the appropriate Regional Inspector General for Investigations. The Office of Inspector General may conduct an investigation and, when appropriate, refer the matter to the Senior Procurement Executive. Include in referrals the information required by [528.203-7](#).

528.203-7 Exclusion of individual sureties.

(a) The Senior Procurement Executive or designee excludes individuals from acting as a surety on bonds under FAR 28.203-7.

(b) Include the following, as a minimum, in referrals for consideration of exclusion:

- (1) The basis for exclusion (see FAR 28.203-7(b)).
- (2) A statement of facts.
- (3) Copies of supporting documentary evidence.
- (4) The individuals' names and current or last known home and or business addresses, including zip codes.
- (5) A statement of GSA's history with such individuals, if any.
- (6) A statement concerning any known active or potential criminal investigations or court proceedings.

528.204 Alternatives in lieu of corporate or individual sureties.

Security deposited instead of corporate or individual sureties on bonds must be safeguarded immediately after they are received, as provided in procedures issued by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (see GSA Order, Accounting Operations—Accounts Receivable and Credit and Finance Operations, and Related Activities (PFM P 4253.1)). United States bonds or notes received in the District of Columbia must be deposited with the Treasurer of the United States, as provided in FAR 28.204-1.

Subpart 528.3—Insurance**528.301 Policy.**

Insurance requirements must be adequate, just, and reasonable. They should be predicated on potential loss or damage, not necessarily on the value of the contract.

528.310 Contract clause for work on a Government installation.

(a) Insert the clause at [552.228-70](#), Workers' Compensation Laws, in each solicitation and contract that meets all the following conditions:

(1) The contract amount is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(2) The contract will require work to be performed on Government property.

(b) In the case of an owner-controlled insurance program, or wrap-up insurance, the clause will be a part of the policy holder's requirements.

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PART 529—TAXES**Subpart 529.4—Contract Clauses****529.401 Domestic contracts.****529.401-70 Purchases at or under the simplified acquisition threshold.**

Insert [552.229-70](#), Federal, State, and Local Taxes, in purchases and contracts estimated to exceed the micropurchase threshold, but not the simplified acquisition threshold.

529.401-71 Contracts for supplies and services usable by the DC Government.

Insert [552.229-71](#), Federal Excise Tax—DC Government, in solicitations and contracts that permit the District of Columbia Government to place orders.

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PART 530—COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION

**Subpart 530.2—Subpart 530.2 CAS
Program Requirements**

530.201-5 Waiver.

Submit waiver requests to the Senior Procurement Executive.

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PART 531—CONTRACT COST PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES

Subpart 531.1—Applicability

531.101 Objectives.

The Senior Procurement Executive is the designee under FAR 31.101.

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PART 532—CONTRACT FINANCING

Subpart 532.1—Non-Commercial Item Purchase Financing**532.111 Contract clauses for non-commercial purchases.**

(a) *Invoice requirements.* Insert [552.232-70](#), Invoice Requirements, or something substantially the same, in all solicitations and contracts for supplies, services, construction, architect-engineer services, or the acquisition of leasehold interests in real property that require the submission of invoices for payment. Delete subparagraph (b) of the clause if an Accounting Control Transaction (ACT) number is not required for payment.

(b) *Adjusting payments.* Insert [552.232-71](#), Adjusting Payments, in all solicitations and contracts for recurring building services expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(c) *Final payment.* Insert [552.232-72](#), Final Payment, in all solicitations and contracts for recurring building services expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

532.112 Payment of subcontractors under contracts for non-commercial items.**532.112-1 Subcontractor assertions of nonpayment.**

If you determine under FAR 32.112-1 that a contractor's certification of payment is inaccurate in any material respect, report the matter to the Office of Inspector General. If appropriate, the Office of Inspector General will forward a report and recommendation to the Department of Justice.

Subpart 532.2—Commercial Item Purchase Financing**532.206 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.**

(a) *Discounts for prompt payment.* Include [552.232-8](#), Discounts for Prompt Payments, in multiple award schedule solicitations and contracts instead of the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.232-8. Use Alternate I in solicitations and contracts for—

(1) FSS Schedule 70 and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule containing information technology Special Item Numbers (SINs); or

(2) Federal Supply Schedules for recovery purchasing (see [538.7102](#)).

(b) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at [552.232-81](#), Payments by Non-Federal Ordering Activities, in solicitations and schedule contracts for—

(1) FSS Schedule 70 and Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing information technology SINs; or

(2) Federal Supply Schedules for recovery purchasing (see [538.7102](#)).

(c) The contracting officer shall insert the provision at [552.232-82](#), Contractor's Remittance (Payment) Address, in all Federal Supply Schedule solicitations and contracts.

(d) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at [552.232-83](#), Contractor's Billing Responsibilities, in all Multiple Award Schedule solicitations and contracts.

Subpart 532.4—Advance Payments for Non-Commercial Items**532.402 General.**

Prepare the findings and determinations required by FAR 32.402(e) in coordination with the contract finance office. The HCA approves the findings, determinations and authorization for advance payments.

532.407 Interest.

The contract finance office will give you the interest rate to be charged on the unliquidated balance of advance payments.

Subpart 532.5—Progress Payments Based on Costs

532.501 General.

532.501-2 Unusual progress payments.

The HCA must approve or disapprove requests for “unusual” progress payments.

532.501-70 Use of benchmarks with progress payments based on costs.

(a) In unusual circumstances, you may request that specified benchmarks, such as submission and acceptance of a pre-production or pilot model, be achieved before making progress payments based on costs. If you do this, the HCA must make a written determination that use of benchmarks is in the best interest of the Government. The solicitation and each resulting contract must then include a provision specifying which benchmarks must be achieved before progress payments are made.

(b) Do not use benchmarks in a manner that will convert progress payments based on costs into progress payments based on a percentage or stage of completion.

532.502 Preaward matters.

532.502-2 Contract finance office clearance.

(a) The contract finance office director provides the approval required by FAR 32.502-2.

(b) Before providing for progress payments based on costs, request the Credit and Finance Section, the Heartland Region, to provide advice and assistance about a contractor’s financial condition and the adequacy of his accounting system and controls.

532.503-5 Administration of progress payments.

Ensure that the contract finance office:

(a) Has adequate administrative and fiscal procedures to accomplish the fiscal aspects of FAR 32.503-5.

(b) Gives you the date and amount of each progress payment to a contractor.

(c) Provides you written recommendations if findings warrant action by the Government.

532.503-6 Suspension or reduction of payments.

The HCA must approve any action recommended under FAR 32.503-6. Upon approval, request the contract finance office to suspend or reduce payments.

532.503-9 Liquidation rates—alternate method.

Reduction of the liquidation rates specified in paragraph (b) of FAR 52.232-16 may be made only with your

approval after coordination with the contract finance office. Upon approval, request the finance office to reduce the rate.

Subpart 532.6—Contract Debts

532.606 Debt determination and collection.

532.606-70 Definitions.

“Debt” means an amount of money or property that a responsible official has determined is owed to the United States by any person or entity except that the term does not apply to amounts owed by another Federal agency.

“Delinquent debt” means an amount that has not been paid or otherwise collected by the date specified (usually 30 days) in your initial written demand for payment (i.e., contracting officer’s final decision letter).

“Responsible official” means you, the contracting officer. However, the contract finance office is responsible for the administration of debt collection under the Accounting Operations—Accounts Receivable and Credit and Finance Operations, and Related Activities Handbook (PFM P 4253.1).

532.606-71 Referral of delinquent debts.

(a) If you determine that a debt in excess of \$100 is delinquent, notify the applicable finance office for collection in accordance with the Debt Collection Act of 1982, and possibly forwarding to a credit reporting agency.

(b) If the contractor appeals your demand for payment pursuant to the Disputes clause of its contract, advise the Finance Office whether to suspend collection efforts pending resolution of the dispute.

Subpart 532.7—Contract Funding

532.700 Scope of subpart.

GSA fiscal regulations are in the Budget Administration Handbook (CFO 4251.4), Accounting Classification Handbook (CFO P 4240.1), and Accounting Operations—Voucher Examination Payment Handbook (CFO P 4252.1).

532.705 Contract clauses.

532.705-1 Clauses for contracting in advance of funds.

Insert [552.232-73](#), Availability of Funds, in solicitations and contracts for services which are “severable” when both of the following conditions apply:

(a) The contract, or a portion of the contract, will be chargeable to funds of the new fiscal year.

(b) The circumstances described in the prescriptions for FAR 52.232-18 or 52.232-19 do not apply.

Subpart 532.8—Assignment of Claims

532.805 Procedure.

(a) When acknowledging receipt of the notice of assignment, notify the contractor that all future invoices or other requests for payment under the contract must specify the name and address of the assignee and include a notation that payments due thereunder have been duly assigned. You must send a copy of the acknowledgment to the contract finance office.

(b) When payments under requirements or indefinite quantity contracts that are for the sole use of GSA have been assigned, provide all GSA offices that will place orders against the contract the name and address of the assignee that will receive amounts due under the contract. The notification should also state that you requested the contractor to specify the name and address of the assignee on future invoices.

532.806 Contract clauses.

Insert the clause at [552.232-23](#), Assignment of Claims, in solicitations and requirements or indefinite quantity contracts under which more than one agency may place orders.

Subpart 532.9—Prompt Payment

532.902 Definitions.

“Full cycle electronic commerce” means the use of electronic data interchange (EDI), Internet-based invoice processing, and electronic funds transfer (EFT):

(a) By the Government, to place purchase, delivery, or task orders, receive invoices, and pay invoices.

(b) By the Contractor, to accept and fill orders, submit invoices, and receive payment.

532.905 Invoice payments.

(a) *General and architect-engineer contracts.* Before exercising the authority to modify the date for constructive acceptance or constructive approval of progress payments in the clauses listed below, you must prepare a written justification explaining why a longer period is necessary. An official one level above you must approve your justification. Determine the time needed on a case-by-case basis.

(1) In paragraph (a)(6)(i) of the clause at FAR 52.232-25, Prompt Payment, do not specify a constructive acceptance period that exceeds 30 days.

(2) In paragraph (a)(4)(i)(A) of the clause at FAR 52.232-26, Prompt Payment for Fixed-Price Architect-Engineer Contracts, do not specify a constructive acceptance period that exceeds 30 days.

(3) In paragraph (a)(4)(i)(B) of the clause at FAR 52.232-26, Prompt Payment for Fixed-Price Architect-Engineer Contracts, do not specify a period for constructive approval of progress payments that exceeds 7 days.

(b) Construction contracts.

(1) Determine on a case-by-case basis the time specified for payment of progress payments in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(A) of the clause at FAR 52.232-27, Prompt Payment for Construction Contracts. Justify in writing periods longer than 14 days. An official one level above you must approve your justification. Under no circumstances may more than 30 days be specified.

(2) Determine the time to be specified in paragraph (a)(4)(i) of FAR clause 52.232-27, for constructive acceptance or approval, on a case-by-case basis. This time may not exceed 7 days unless you justify a longer period in writing, and obtain the approval of an official one level above you. Under no circumstances may more than 30 days be specified.

(c) Federal Supply Service.

(1) To increase efficiency and reduce costs to the Government, Federal Supply Service contracts under the Stock, Special Order, and Schedules Programs may authorize payment within 10 days of receipt of a proper invoice. The contract must meet all the following conditions:

(i) The contractor agrees to full cycle electronic commerce.

(ii) The contract includes FAR 52.232-33, Mandatory Information for Electronic Funds Transfer Payment.

(2) The 10 day payment terms apply to each order that meets all the following conditions:

(i) FSS places the order using EDI in accordance with the Trading Partner Agreement.

(ii) The contractor submits EDI invoices in accordance with the Trading Partner Agreement or invoices through the GSA Finance Center Internet-based invoice process.

(iii) A GSA Finance Center pays the invoices using EFT.

(3) The 10 day payment terms do not apply to any order:

(i) Placed by a GSA contracting activity other than FSS.

(ii) Placed by or paid by another agency.

532.905-70 Certification of payment to subcontractors and suppliers under fixed-price construction contracts.

The contractor may use GSA Form 2419, Certification of Progress Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts, for the certification required by FAR 52.232-5.

532.905-71 Final payment—construction and building service contracts.

The following procedures apply to construction and building service contracts.

(a) Do not process the final payment on construction or building service contracts until the contractor submits a properly executed GSA Form 1142, Release of Claims. If, after repeated attempts, you are unable to obtain a release of claims from the contractor, you may process the final payment with the approval of assigned legal counsel.

(b) The amount of final payment must include, as appropriate, deductions to cover any of the following:

- (1) Liquidated damages for late completion.
- (2) Liquidated damages for labor violations.
- (3) Amounts withheld for improper payment of labor wages.

(4) The amount of unilateral change orders covering defects and omissions.

532.907 Interest penalties.

You can access the interest rate applicable to late payments under the Prompt Payment Act at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/prompt/formulas.html>. This link provides the current interest rate and a list of past rates also.

532.908 Contract clauses.

(a) *Federal Supply Service*. For FSS Stock, Special Order, and Schedules solicitations and contracts that provide payment in 10 days under [532.905\(c\)](#):

(1) If the contract will include FAR 52.212-4, insert the clause at [552.232-74](#), Invoice Payments. GSA received a class deviation to allow use of [552.232-74](#) for commercial items.

(2) If the contract will not include FAR 52.212-4, insert [552.232-25](#), Prompt Payment, instead of FAR 52.232-25.

(b) *Leasehold Interests in Real Property*. (1) Insert [552.232-75](#), Prompt Payment, in solicitations and contracts for acquiring leasehold interests in real property.

(2) Insert [552.232-76](#), Electronic Funds Transfer Payment, in solicitations and contracts for acquisition of leasehold interests in real property.

(i) You may modify the date for constructive acceptance in subparagraph (b)(2) of the clause to specify a period longer than 7 calendar days (but not to exceed 30 days) if necessary because of the nature of the services to be received, inspected or accepted by the Government. Prepare a written justification for specifying the longer period and obtain your contracting director's approval.

(ii) Use Alternate I if the lease contract does not contain provisions for ordering alterations or overtime utility services.

(c) *Solicitations, purchase orders, contracts, and leases*. Insert [552.232-78](#), Payment Information:

(1) In all solicitations, purchase orders, and contracts, including acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property.

(2) In task and delivery orders if the contract that the order is placed against does not include the clause.

Subpart 532.11—Electronic Funds Transfer

[Reserved]

Subpart 532.70—Authorizing Payment by Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card**532.7001 Definition.**

“Governmentwide commercial purchase card” has the same meaning as in FAR 13.101.

532.7002 Solicitation requirements.

(a) In solicitations for supplies and services, except FSS schedule solicitations, request offerors to indicate if they will accept payment by Governmentwide commercial purchase card. Identify the card brand(s) under the GSA SmartPay program that may be used to make payments under the contract, on the cover page or in Section L of the solicitation.

(b) For FSS schedule contracts, identify the card brand(s) under the GSA SmartPay program that may be used to make payments under the contract in the contract award letter.

(c) For orders placed by GSA, you may authorize payment by Governmentwide commercial purchase card only for orders that do not exceed \$100,000 (see GSA Order, Guidance on Use of the Credit Card for Purchases (CFO 4200.1)).

(d) Consider requesting offerors to designate different levels for which they may accept payment by Governmentwide commercial purchase card, for example:

“If awarded a contract under this solicitation, the offeror agrees to accept payment by Governmentwide commercial purchase card for orders of:

_____ \$2,500 or less	_____ \$25,000 or less
_____ \$50,000 or less	_____ \$100,000 or less”

532.7003 Contract clause.

(a) *Indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) contracts other than Federal Supply Service*. Insert the clause at [552.232-77](#), Payment By Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card, in IDIQ solicitations and contracts for supplies and services if the contract will provide for payment by Governmentwide commercial purchase card as an alternative method of payment for orders.

(b) *Federal Supply Service contracts.* Use Alternate I of the clause at [552.232-77](#) for all FSS schedule solicitations and contracts, except for—

(1) Federal Supply Schedule 70, Information Technology, and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing information technology Special Item Numbers; or

(2) Federal Supply Schedule contracts for recovery purchasing (see [538.7102](#)).

(c) *Federal Supply Service schedule contracts for information technology Special Item Numbers or Federal Supply Schedules for recovery purchasing* (see [538.7102](#)). In solicitations and contracts for (1) FSS Schedule 70 and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule containing information technology Special Item Numbers; or (2) Federal Supply Schedule contracts for recovery purchasing (see [538.7102](#)), use [552.232-79](#) instead of [552.232-77](#).

Subpart 532.71—Payments for Recurring Services

532.7101 Definitions.

“Fixed roll payment” means automatic payment of fixed amounts at regular intervals without submission of an invoice or receiving report.

532.7102 Applicability.

You may use fixed roll payments in any contract that meets all four of the following conditions:

- (a) The contract provides for recurring services at a constant level for a period of at least two months.
- (b) The contract does not contain any discount terms.
- (c) Payment is due 30 days following completion of the service month.
- (d) For a commercial item acquisition, fixed roll payments are consistent with customary commercial practice.

532.7103 Procedures.

(a) *Payment.* (1) *Process.* Finance processes payment automatically, without submission of an invoice or receiving report, 30 days from the last day of service. Finance pays the monthly amount authorized in the original contract provided to Finance with the ACT label, or contract modification, less any deductions (see [532.7102\(d\)](#)).

(2) *Vendor payment identification.* Finance generates the 12 digit invoice number using the ACT number followed by an abbreviated month and year of service (e.g., 84261554JUN7, for June 1997). Ensure that the ACT

number appears on the contract award document so that the contractor can identify payments.

(b) *Contract deductions.* Any contract that provides for fixed roll payment requires effective monitoring to ensure satisfactory performance and identify any deductions to which the Government is entitled. If the Government is entitled to a deduction (e.g., as consideration for nonperformance or late performance), notify the Fort Worth Finance Division promptly. Prompt notice is critical to avoiding more burdensome action later to recover an overpayment. Use the following procedures.

(1) To make a deduction from the payment due a contractor, notify the Fort Worth Finance Division. You may provide the notice by any of the following means:

(i) Mail, addressed to:

Chief, Accounts Payable Branch
GSA Finance Division (7BCP)
PO Box 17181
Fort Worth, TX 76102

(ii) Facsimile (receiving report or letter format) to:

Chief, Accounts Payable Branch
(817) 978-7413

(iii) cc:Mail to:

#R7 FINANCE VCPC VENDORS A-I
#R7 FINANCE VCPC VENDORS J-Z

(2) Provide all the following information in the notice:

(i) ACT number.

(ii) Specific multiple distribution line (MDL) coding affected by the deduction, unless the deduction is prorated among all accounting coding according to the existing distribution.

(iii) Contract number.

(iv) Vendor name.

(v) Month of service.

(vi) Original monthly amount.

(vii) Amount of deduction.

(viii) Amount authorized for payment.

(ix) Your phone number.

(3) Provide deduction notices no later than the 20th day of the month following service. For notices received after the 20th, Finance will subtract the deduction from the next month's payment.

(c) *Final Payment.* Based on the contract expiration date, Finance will automatically remove contracts from the fixed roll system in the month prior to expiration. Finance will request a final receiving report in the usual manner to ensure all requirements for contract close-out have been met. Finance will not make final payment until it receives the final receiving report or like authorization from you.

532.7104 Contract clauses.

(a) *Noncommercial item acquisitions.* For solicitations and contracts to be paid by fixed roll payment, include the clause at [552.232-1](#), Payments. Do not include the clauses at FAR 52.232-1, Payments, or [552.232-70](#), Invoice Requirements.

(b) *Commercial item acquisitions.* For solicitations and contracts to be paid by fixed roll payment, tailor the clause at FAR 52.212-4 by an addendum as noted in (1) and (2) below. This tailoring is authorized by a deviation approved on January 5, 1999.

(1) Delete paragraph FAR 52.212-4(g), Invoice.

(2) Add the following to paragraph FAR 52.212-4(i), Payment:

The Government shall pay the Contractor, without submission of invoices or vouchers, 30 days after the service period, the prices stipulated in this contract for services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract.

Subpart 532.72—Payments Under Contracts Subject to Audit

532.7201 General.

(a) Do not approve an initial invoice or voucher before consulting with the Assistant Inspector General—Auditing or the Field Audit Office regarding cost or other supporting data as required under:

- (1) Cost-reimbursement type contracts.
- (2) The cost-reimbursement portion of fixed-price type contracts.
- (3) Time and materials or labor-hour contracts.
- (4) Fixed-price contracts providing for any of the following:
 - (i) Progress payments based on costs.
 - (ii) Advance payments.
 - (iii) Guaranteed loans.
 - (iv) Incentives or redetermination.

(b) Except for fixed-price contracts with redetermination where no price revision (upward or downward) is to be made, do not approve the final payment invoice or voucher for contracts specified in [532.7201\(a\)](#), nor the final payment or settlement of other contracts subject to audit prior to:

- (1) Receipt and review of the contract audit report.
- (2) Consultation with the Assistant Inspector General for Auditing or the Field Audit Office if no audit is to be conducted.

532.7202 Submission and processing of invoices or vouchers.

(a) Require contractors to submit invoices or vouchers to you. Annotate invoices with the date of receipt, as required by FAR 32.905. That date will be used to determine interest penalties for late payments. You, or your designee, must review the processing of invoices or vouchers before payment to determine if the items and amounts claimed are in consonance with the contract terms and represent prudent business transactions. You must ensure that these payments are commensurate with physical and technical progress under the contract. If the contractor has not deducted questionable amounts from the invoice or amounts required to be withheld, you must make the required deduction, except as provided in [532.7203](#).

(b) Subject to [532.7201](#), note your approval of any payment on (or attached to) the invoice or voucher submitted by the contractor. Forward the invoice or voucher to the appropriate contract finance office for retention after certification and scheduling for payment by a disbursing office.

532.7203 Action upon receipt of an audit report.

Audit reports will be furnished to you, with a copy to the appropriate contract finance office. Upon receipt of an audit report, pursuant to contract terms, determine the allowability of all costs covered by audit. Give full consideration to the auditor's recommendations, but make an independent business judgment before taking any action based on the audit report. If you doubt or question any of the auditor's recommendations, you need not make deductions from invoices or vouchers for provisional payments. In these cases, confer with the auditor and other appropriate Government personnel (such as a price specialist and assigned counsel) to determine what action to take. If you disagree with the auditor's recommendations, document the contract file and furnish the auditor with a copy of the statement.

532.7204 Suspension and disapproval of amounts claimed.

(a) Notify the appropriate contract finance office in writing when amounts claimed for payment are either:

- (1) Suspended.
- (2) Disapproved as not being allowable according to contract terms.
- (3) Not allocable to the contract.

(b) Your notice forms the basis for the contract finance office to issue GSA Form 533, Administrative Difference Statement. Finance will attach a copy of GSA Form 533 to each copy of the invoice or voucher from which the deduction has been made, and will include an explanation of the deduction.

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PART 533—PROTESTS, DISPUTES, AND APPEALS

Subpart 533.1—Protests

533.101 Definitions.

“Associate General Counsel” means the Associate General Counsel of the General Law Division, Personal Property Division, or Real Property Division.

“Agency Protest Official for GSA” means the official in the Office of Acquisition Policy designated to review and decide procurement protests filed with GSA.

“Deciding official” means the person chosen by the protester to decide the agency protest; it may be either you or the Agency Protest Official for GSA.

533.102 General.

(a) The Office of General Counsel (OGC) normally contacts anyone outside of GSA involved in protests of GSA contract actions filed with the Comptroller General or in a Federal Court.

(b) OGC, or GSA directives, may authorize other GSA officials to contact those involved in protests of GSA contract actions.

533.103 Protests to the agency.

533.103-70 Policy.

(a) Use your best efforts to resolve concerns through frank and open discussions, as required by FAR 33.103(b).

(b) If an agency protest is filed, the deciding official uses the procedures in FAR 33.103 and this section to resolve the protest. The deciding official will provide a fair and quick review of any protest filed with the agency, when a protester contends that it has been prejudiced by alleged violations of statute or regulation.

533.103-71 Procedures.

(a) The filing time frames in FAR 33.103(e) apply. An agency protest is filed when the complete protest is received at the location the solicitation designates for serving protests. GSA’s hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Protests delivered after 4:30 p.m. will be considered received and filed the following business day.

(b) An interested party filing an agency protest has the choice of requesting either that you or the Agency Protest Official for GSA decide the protest.

(c) If the protester requests that the Agency Protest Official for GSA decide the protest, you must ensure that the Protest Official and assigned legal counsel receive a copy of the materials served on you within one business day after the filing date.

(d) In addition to the information required by FAR 33.103(d)(2), the protest must meet all the following conditions:

(1) Indicate that it is a protest to the agency.

(2) Be filed in writing with you, the Contracting Officer.

(3) State whether the protester chooses to have you or the Agency Protest Official for GSA decide the protest. If the protest is silent on this matter, you will decide the protest.

(4) Indicate whether the protester prefers to make an oral presentation, a written presentation, or an oral presentation confirmed in writing, of arguments in support of the protest to the deciding official.

(e) The decision by the Agency Protest Official for GSA is an alternative to a decision by you on a protest. The Agency Protest Official for GSA will not consider appeals to your decision on an agency protest.

(f) The deciding official must obtain legal review as required by GSA Order, Legal Services (ADM 5000.4A).

(g) The deciding official must conduct a scheduling conference with the protester within three (3) days after the protest is filed (see [533.103-71\(a\)](#)). The scheduling conference will establish deadlines for oral or written arguments in support of the agency protest and for agency officials to present information in response to the protest issues. The deciding official may hear oral arguments in support of the agency protest at the same time as the scheduling conference, depending on availability of the necessary parties.

(h) Oral conferences may take place either by telephone or in person. Other parties (e.g., representatives of the program office) may attend at the discretion of the deciding official.

(i) The following procedures apply to information submitted in support of or in response to an agency protest:

(1) The protester and the agency have only one opportunity to support or explain the substance of the protest (either orally, in writing, or orally confirmed in writing).

(2) GSA procedures do not provide for any discovery.

(3) The deciding official has discretion to request additional information from either the agency or the protester. However, the deciding official will normally decide protests on the basis of information provided by the protester and the agency.

(4) Except as provided in paragraph (5)(ii) below, the parties are encouraged, but not required, to exchange information submitted to the Agency Protest Official for GSA.

(5) If the agency makes a written response to the protest, the following filing requirements apply:

(i) The agency must file its response to the protest with the deciding official within five (5) days after the filing of the protest.

(ii) The agency must also provide the protester with a copy of the response on the same day it files the response with the deciding official. If the agency believes it needs to redact or withhold any information in the response from the protester, it must obtain the approval of the deciding official.

(j) Preferred practice in GSA is to resolve protests through informal oral discussions.

(k) An interested party may represent itself or be represented by legal counsel. GSA will not reimburse the protester for any legal fees related to the agency protest.

(l) If GSA receives an agency protest before contract award, do not make award unless the HCA makes a determination to proceed under FAR 33.103(f)(1). Similarly, if GSA receives an agency protest within ten (10) days after award or within five (5) days after a debriefing date offered to the protester under a timely debriefing request under FAR 15.505 or 15.506, whichever is later, you must stay contract performance unless the HCA makes a determination to proceed under FAR 33.103(f)(3). Any stay of award or suspension of performance remains in effect until the protest is decided, dismissed, or withdrawn.

(m) The deciding official must make a best effort to issue a decision on the protest within twenty-eight (28) days after the filing date. The decision may be oral or written. If oral, the deciding official must send a confirming letter within three (3) days after the decision using a means that provides receipt (e.g., facsimile or return-receipt). The confirming letter must include the following information:

(1) State whether the protest was denied, sustained, or dismissed.

(2) Indicate the date the decision was provided.

(n) If the deciding official sustains the protest, relief may consist of any of the following recommendations:

(1) Terminating the contract.

(2) Recompeting the requirement.

(3) Amending the solicitation.

(4) Refraining from exercising contract options.

(5) Reevaluating the offers or bids and awarding a contract consistent with statute, regulation, and the terms of the solicitation.

(6) Other action that the deciding official determines is appropriate.

(o) If the Agency Protest Official for GSA sustains a protest, within thirty (30) days after receiving the Official's recommendations for relief, you must either:

(1) Fully implement the recommended relief.

(2) Notify the Agency Protest Official for GSA in writing if any recommendations have not been implemented and explain why.

(p) GSA may dismiss or stay proceedings on an agency protest if a protest on the same or similar basis is filed with a protest forum outside of GSA.

533.103-72 Solicitation provisions.

Include the provision at [552.233-70](#), Protests Filed Directly With the General Services Administration, in each solicitation for either:

(a) Supplies, services, construction, or architect-engineer services expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(b) Acquisition of leasehold interests in real property expected to exceed the simplified lease acquisition threshold.

533.104 Protests to GAO.

(a) *General procedures.* (1) OGC furnishes GAO with the name, title, and telephone number of one or more officials whom GAO may contact regarding protests. OGC promptly advises GAO of any change in the designated officials.

(2) GAO protests are handled on a priority basis. The Associate General Counsel (AGC) prepares a report responding to a protest. The report is based on a statement of fact and position you prepare and your contracting director approves.

Content of Report to GAO

(3) *All reports.* In addition to the requirements of FAR 33.104(a)(3), the GSA report contains all the following:

(i) GAO protest number (GAO case file number).

(ii) Solicitation or contract number.

(iii) Full corporate name of the protesting organization and other firms involved.

(iv) Statement indicating if the protest was filed before or after award.

(4) *Report for protest after award.* If the protest is filed after award, the report also includes:

(i) Identity of the awardee.

(ii) Date of award.

(iii) Contract number.

(iv) Date and time of bid opening (including a statement if the date of bid opening was extended by amendments).

(v) Total number of offerors.

(vi) Complete chronological statement of all relevant events and administrative actions taken (including reasons and authority for the actions taken).

(vii) Other relevant documents believed helpful in determining the validity of the protest. This evidence should be referenced and identified within the text of the position statement, alphabetically or numerically, e.g., Tab A, Exhibit 1, etc.

Report Processing Procedures

(5) When GSA receives the protest, the AGC telephonically notifies you through your Central Office contracting activity or Regional Counsel. The contracting activity or

Regional Council must immediately notify the AGC if they receive a copy of a protest before the AGC notifies them.

(6) After receiving the formal protest filed with GAO, the AGC formally requests a statement of fact and position from you through your Central Office contracting activity or Regional Council. You must immediately notify the affected bidders or offerors that you received a protest using the following format (see FAR 33.104(a)(2)):

Name
Address

A protest concerning Solicitation No. _____ has been filed with the General Accounting Office (GAO).

[Insert the name and address of the protester, and the name of the person signing the protest.] filed the protest on [Date].

You may obtain copies of the protest from this office.

Submit your views and relevant information regarding the protest directly to GAO. Provide this office a copy of any submission to GAO.

Contracting Officer's signature

(7) You must also immediately notify assigned counsel and begin preparing a documented statement of fact and position.

(8) The contracting director concurs on the statement of fact and position (the Office of Regional Council concurs on a Regional procurement). The AGC may request the Regional Council to prepare a legal position analyzing the merits of a protest against a Regional procurement. In these cases, your statement of fact and position is included as a referenced attachment.

(9) The Regional Council's legal position, if requested, and your statement of fact and position, are sent in triplicate to the AGC. The AGC may request additional copies if other interested parties are involved. The statement is due to the AGC no later than 10 workdays after the date you originally receive the protest. GAO may reduce this time by invoking the express option.

(10) If you cannot prepare a statement of fact and position within 10 work days, promptly telephone the AGC with the reason for the delay. The AGC may grant additional time if the report cannot be prepared because of:

(i) Complicated facts or legal issues affecting protest resolution.

(ii) The need to coordinate the report with other agencies, or with offices in distant locations.

(iii) Other compelling circumstances.

(11) At the AGC's request, you must confirm in writing any oral requests for extensions. The contracting director concurs in the request and sends a copy to the HCA. GAO grants a request that will delay submission of GSA's report to GAO beyond 30 days from the date GSA originally received the

protest. The AGC notifies your Central Office contracting activity or Regional Council of GAO's decision.

(12) After submitting the statement to the AGC, you or Regional Council must advise the AGC of all later developments that may affect the case.

(13) All documents must be sent by the fastest means possible.

(14) In addition to the requirements of FAR 33.104(a)(5)(ii), send a copy of any comments to the AGC.

(b) *Protests before award.* If the HCA determines that urgent and compelling circumstances do not permit waiting for GAO's decision as allowed by FAR 33.104(b):

(1) Prepare the written determinations and findings (D&F) in the format shown at 501.704-70(e)(1) for the HCA's signature.

(2) The AGC and the Regional Council (on Regional acquisitions) concur on the D&F.

(3) The AGC notifies GAO of the findings and intended action approved by the HCA before award is made.

(c) *Protests after award.* If GSA receives a protest from GAO within the time periods specified in FAR 33.104(c)(1), GSA must suspend contract performance unless the HCA provides written justification to continue.

(1) Prepare the written D&F for the HCA's signature.

(2) The AGC and Regional Council (on Regional procurements) concur on the D&F.

(3) The AGC notifies GAO of the findings and intended action the HCA approved before contract performance is authorized.

(d) *Notice to GAO.* OGC concurs on the HCA's report to the Comptroller General if GSA has decided not to comply with GAO's recommendation.

Subpart 533.2—Disputes and Appeals

533.211 Contracting officer's decision.

In addition to the information in FAR 33.211(a)(4)(v), advise the contractor in your written decision that a notice of appeal must:

(a) Describe the nature of the dispute and the relief sought, the contract provisions involved, and any other additional information or comments relating to the dispute considered important.

(b) Be signed personally by the appellant (the prime contractor making the appeal) or by an officer of the appellant corporation, or member of the appellant firm, or by the contractor's duly authorized representative or attorney.

533.214 Alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

GSA Order, Using Alternative Dispute Resolution Techniques (CSL P 5050.1), contains information about implementing ADR procedures.

533.215 Contract clause.

Insert the clause at [532.233-71](#), Disputes (Utility Contracts), in solicitations and contracts for utility services subject to the jurisdiction and regulation of a utility rate commission.

Subpart 533.70—Processing Contract Appeals

533.7001 Notice of appeal.

(a) *Record.* Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the contracting activity must establish a record to ensure the timely preparation and submission of appeal cases. The record should show, at a minimum:

- (1) The name of the appellant.
- (2) The date of your final decision.
- (3) The date the appeal was filed.
- (4) Contract number.
- (5) Docket number.
- (6) Your name.

(b) *Untimely notices.* If a contractor submits an untimely notice of appeal, the contracting director must send a separate letter to the AGC, requesting that a motion for dismissal of the appeal be submitted to the Board. The letter and transmittal package must include all the following:

- (1) The name of the appellant, contract number, and date of your final decision.
- (2) The certified mail receipt showing the date on which the appellant received your final decision.
- (3) The envelope which contained the notice of appeal or other evidence of late submission of the notice of appeal.

533.7002 Appeal file.

(a) *Submission time.* Prepare the appeal file in accordance with this section. Obtain the concurrence of assigned counsel and forward the file to the AGC within 20 calendar days after receipt of a notice of appeal or advice that an appeal has been filed. The AGC will advise you if the Board requires a shorter period under its small claims procedures.

(b) *Late submission.* If you cannot meet the submission time for the appeal file, submit in writing to the AGC, before expiration of the designated time, a full explanation and a request for additional time.

533.7002-1 Preparation of the appeal file.

(a) *General.*

- (1) Prepare appeal files in quadruplicate. Ensure that all copies are identical in content and position of items.
- (2) If more than one appeal is filed under the same contract, you may request, through the AGC, that the Board waive the requirement to duplicate the documents included in

the first appeal file. Appeal files for the second and subsequent appeals must include all the following:

- (i) Refer to the original appeal file and include the docket and item numbers.
- (ii) Identify and include any changes to documents occurring after preparation of the original file.
- (iii) Include any documents pertinent to the later appeal not previously furnished.

(b) *Content of appeal file.* You must prepare the appeal file following the requirements in the Rules of Procedure of the General Services Administration Board of Contract Appeals. The Rules of Procedure are available at <http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/currules.htm>. In addition:

- (1) Put a gummed label (NSN 7510-00-264-5460) on top of the file that identifies the case by appellant, contract number, and docket number.
- (2) Use multiple binders for large files. Individual binders must not be more than 1 inch thick. Use the same exterior labels on subsequent binders that appear on the original binder.

(3) Assigned counsel will assist in determining which documents to include in the file.

(4) Use division sheets to separate the documents listed in the “Index of Exhibits”

(5) *Index of Exhibits.* Place the index as the first (top) document.

(6) *Other pertinent exhibits.* In addition to the basic documents described in Rule 104 of the Rules of Procedures, additional pertinent exhibits may include:

- (i) Copy of the repurchase contract, including referenced terms and conditions.
- (ii) Copy of the abstract of offers and list of all offerors solicited for the repurchase contract.
- (iii) Copy of letter of assessment, including worksheet showing calculation of excess costs and other damages including administrative costs.
- (iv) Copies of orders issued under the repurchase contract.

(v) Proof of payment and a detailed disbursement listing, annotated and certified. (**NOTE:** Obtain these from your finance office. Finance will provide a detailed disbursement listing, annotated with the payment number and date, and the amount applicable to the repurchase order if different from the payment amount. A finance division official will certify the disbursement listing. His or her title and date of signature will also be shown.)

(vi) Evidence of certification of the claim or claims, as applicable.

533.7002-2 Transmittal of the appeal file.

(a) The contracting director is responsible for all the following:

(1) Forwarding the original and two copies of the appeal file to the AGC by a transmittal letter.

(2) Including your detailed statement of facts in a memorandum of position as a separate document.

(3) Preparing a list of recommended witnesses and the Government's estimate (when appropriate) of the amount of any claim in the event of an adverse decision.

(4) Giving the AGC a point of contact: name of individual, position, title, and telephone number.

(b) Assigned counsel concurs on your memorandum and attaches a statement of legal position.

(c) You must retain one copy of the appeal file.

(d) The trial attorney in OGC is responsible for all the following:

(1) Reviewing the appeal file for adequacy.

(2) Transmitting the file to the Board.

(3) Serving a copy of the file upon appellant.

533.7003 The contracting officer's memorandum of position.

(a) The memorandum of position is a chronological summary for the trial attorney of the actions leading to the dispute and an explanation of your actions. Include all the following in the memorandum:

(1) Identify the contract.

(2) State the nature of the contractor's claim.

(3) Cite pertinent portions of the contract.

(4) State your decision with citations to pertinent contract provisions and a supporting explanation.

(5) Set out any new facts which developed since the decision was made.

(b) You must sign the memorandum of position.

(c) Submit the memorandum of position to the AGC simultaneously with the appeal file, but as a separate document. The memorandum is not a part of the appeal file. Do not reference it in the index.

533.7004 Action following decision of the GSA Board of Contract Appeals.

(a) *Implementation.* Board decisions are promptly implemented, but may be postponed if further appeal or a motion for reconsideration is considered. If the issue is over quantum,

you should consider paying the undisputed amount to minimize later interest payments to the contractor. Either party may:

(1) Appeal a Board decision in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

(2) File a motion for reconsideration by the Board within 30 calendar days from the receipt date of the Board decision.

(b) *Cost recovery.* You need not take any further action (other than administrative) if the Board affirms your original decision, unless you must recover costs from the contractor. If a recovery is due, initiate collection by one of the following:

(1) Contract amendment adjusting the contract price.

(2) Written demand for immediate payment. (In excess cost cases, Office of Finance will normally pursue the necessary collection.) A written demand must instruct the contractor to pay the General Services Administration and send the payment to the appropriate GSA finance office. Provide a copy of the written demand to the finance office for information and follow-up.

(3) Set off against other contracts. You may use this alternative to facilitate collection if the contractor is receiving revenue from other contracts.

(c) *Appeals brought under the contract's disputes clause.* If the Board does not uphold your original decision and provides for payment in favor of the contractor, prepare a supplemental agreement and obtain AGC's concurrence. The supplemental agreement will ensure against further litigation of the same dispute. Forward a recommendation for payment to the appropriate finance office with the original of the supplemental agreement and a copy of the Board's decision.

(d) *Appeals brought under the Contract Disputes Act of 1978.* If the Board does not uphold your original decision and awards the contractor money, and the AGC informs you that the Government will not appeal or move for reconsideration, complete the Certificate of Finality attached to the Board's decision and return it to assigned legal counsel. Counsel will forward the Board Decision, Certificate of Finality, and FMS Forms 195, 196, and 197 (or 197A, as appropriate) to the U.S. Department of Treasury, Financial Management Service, for payment of monetary awards.

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PART 534—MAJOR SYSTEM ACQUISITION**Subpart 534.2—Earned Value Management Systems.****534.201 Policy.**

(a) *Policy.* This Subpart provides policies and procedures for incorporating an Earned Value Management System (EVMS) (see FAR 2.101) in GSA contracts, for the exclusive use of GSA, pursuant to OMB Circular A-11, Part 7. It is a results-based tool that can also provide for the preclusion of possible problems or concerns during the project.

(b) *Definition of major acquisition.* OMB Circular A-11, Part 7, Capital Planning Guide Supplement, refers to the definition of “major acquisition” as a capital project that requires special management attention because of its: (1) importance to an agency’s mission; (2) high development, operating, or maintenance costs; (3) high risk; (4) high return; or (5) significant role in the administration of an agency’s programs, finances, property, or other resources.

(c) *Applicability.* It is GSA policy to define major acquisition for the purposes of EVMS as follows:

(1) *GSA acquisitions valued at \$20 million or more.* Cost-reimbursement or incentive contracts and orders (see FAR subparts 16.3 and 16.4) shall require a formally validated EVMS (in accordance with ANSI/EIA-748-A Earned Value Management System Acceptance Guide (see 534.201(d) below)). EVMS requirements shall be included in commercial and non-commercial contracts, MAS orders, and GWAC orders when the requirements entail developmental or modernization work, as defined by OMB’s definition of Developmental/Modernization/Enhancement in A-11, Part 7. Firm-fixed price, time-and-materials, and labor hour contracts and orders that are solely for commercial items or services, as defined at FAR 2.101, should not normally include EVMS.

(2) *GSA acquisitions valued at less than \$20 million.* EVMS requirements apply for contracts and orders of any type valued at less than \$20 million if the program manager and contracting officer determine that EVMS is needed in that instance. This rationale shall be documented in the acquisition plan for the procurement.

(d) *Industry Guides.* Earned Value Management is based upon the application of an international standard, ANSI/EIA-748-A (June 2007). Specific EVMS Guides approved for use by industry and U.S. Government for implementation of various aspects of ANSI/EIA-748-A are maintained by the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA). These Guides include:

- (1) EVMS Application Guide.
- (2) EVMS Surveillance Guide.
- (3) EVMS Intent Guide.

- (4) EVMS System Acceptance Guide.
- (5) Program Managers’ Guide to the Integrated Baseline Review Process.
- (6) Integrating Risk Management with Earned Value Management.
- (e) The Guides can be found at <http://www.ndia.org/evm>.

534.201-70 Procedures.

(a) *General.* Major acquisitions are designated by agency planners in coordination with OMB. All major acquisitions should have a complete and approved acquisition plan, a performance-based work statement, and a performance-based management system. The contracting officer should coordinate with the program manager to determine whether the program has been designated a major acquisition and, if so, to ensure that the following have been adequately addressed in order to apply EVMS properly.

(b) *Adequate funding.* Before proceeding with the procurement, the contracting officer should verify that the program budget contains sufficient funding to conduct required EVMS reviews and the Integrated Baseline Review (IBR) (see FAR 34.202 and appropriate NDIA Guide).

(c) *Contract work breakdown structure.* The program manager is responsible for preparing the Contract Work Breakdown Structure (CWBS) to be included in the work statement. The reporting of progress, performance, and engineering evaluations, as well as financial data and variance analysis, is based on the CWBS.

(d) *Requirements Package language.* When a proposed acquisition meets the requirements for EVM applicability, the requirements package must address the Contract Work Breakdown Structure (CWBS) and the performance schedule, and it must include in the work statement the requirement for EVMS. Sample language is provided below and should be modified to fit particular program requirements.

(1) EVMS statement for work statement.

“The Contractor must utilize an EVMS for planning, controlling, and integrating project scope, schedule, and resources. The Contractor must provide documentation that its EVMS is compliant with the Standard. If the Contractor proposes to use an EVMS or similar system that is not compliant, the Contractor must submit with its proposal a comprehensive plan to develop and implement a compliant EVMS.”

(2) *Contract Work Breakdown Structure (CWBS).* The program manager is responsible for preparing a preliminary CWBS that is compatible with the Program Work Breakdown Structure (PWBS) and for including the CWBS in the requirements package. When determining the appropriate reporting level, the program manager should extend the CWBS only to the level that allows visibility into those high-cost, high-risk, or specific areas critical to the success of the program. The

CWBS should not specify an excessive number of lower-level elements because it may impinge on the contractor's normal method of operations or result in excessive reporting. Sample CWBS language follows:

"The Contractor must extend the preliminary CWBS specified in the solicitation to meaningful management or product-oriented lower levels that reflect the way it does business. The Contractor must prepare and deliver a CWBS Index and Dictionary. The Contractor has complete flexibility in extending the CWBS, but it must ensure that the CWBS is reconcilable with the Program WBS and that reporting of progress, performance, and engineering evaluations, as well as financial data and variance analysis, is based on the CWBS. The CWBS must be extended to the necessary level to support development of a logical and efficient sequence of tasks designed to accomplish the effort described in the Contract."

(3) *Performance Schedule*. To ensure that the management control system is integrated, the program manager is required to define requirements in the work statement for a schedule showing the sequence of events and the critical path for program milestones or deliverables. Offerors should be required to use this schedule in preparing their proposals, and the performance schedule will ultimately result in an Integrated Master Schedule after completion of the IBR. Sample work statement language follows:

"The Contractor must establish a performance schedule that describes in sufficient detail the sequence of events needed to accomplish the requirements of the contract. The performance schedule must also reflect congruent CWBS elements. The Contractor must ensure the performance schedule portrays an integrated schedule plan to meet the milestones and delivery requirements of the contract. The performance schedule also must identify the program's critical path. The performance schedule is to be constructed using a software tool compatible with standard scheduling software. The Contractor must submit the performance schedule at the post-award conference and an updated version monthly in program status reviews."

(e) *Acquisition planning*. See FAR 7.105(b)(3) and (b)(10) for required acquisition planning for EVMS.

(f) *Reporting*. Contractors are required to submit EVM reports on a monthly basis. These reporting requirements shall be included as contract data deliverables. The work statement should require the contractor to use appropriately tailored value information as the basis for preparing the monthly EVM reports and to integrate and present cost, schedule, and technical performance reviews.

534.202 Integrated Baseline Reviews (IBR).

GSA policy prohibits the conduct of pre-award Integrated Baseline Reviews (IBR). Therefore, when an Integrated Baseline Review is conducted, it shall be conducted after award.

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PART 536—CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECT-ENGINEER CONTRACTS

Subpart 536.1—General

536.101 Applicability.

If a requirement in this part is inconsistent with a requirement in another GSAR part, this part takes precedence.

536.102 Definitions.

“Construction activity” means the organizational level of the agency that has authority and responsibility for the architectural, engineering, and other technical or administrative aspects of design and construction.

“Statutory cost limitations” means the cost limits included in the agency’s statutory authorization or annual appropriations act (by law).

Subpart 536.2—Special Aspects of Contracting for Construction

536.201 Evaluation of contractor performance.

(a) The construction activity must prepare the performance report required by FAR 36.201(a).

(b) Each Regional construction activity must establish an evaluation report file. The file may be either automated or manual. It must implement procedures for all the following:

- (1) Maintaining alphabetically the evaluation reports.
- (2) Cross referencing all names under which a contractor does business with GSA.
- (3) Ensuring that fully qualified personnel with knowledge of the contractor’s performance prepare and review the evaluation reports.

536.202 Specifications.

Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6962, the Environmental Protection Agency issued rules in 40 CFR part 247 allowing the use of certain waste by-products as substitutes for energy-intensive raw materials. These by-products are known as recovered materials. EPA’s rules state that agencies should use construction products containing recovered materials to the maximum extent feasible if technical specifications allow their alternative use. RCRA does not require the use of products containing recovered materials if they will not meet performance requirements or their use would be unsatisfactory for technical reasons.

536.203 Government estimate of construction cost.

(a) A copy of the independent Government estimate must be submitted to you before the date and time for bid opening or the date for receipt of proposals. (See paragraphs [\(b\)](#) and [\(c\)](#).)

(b) Before releasing a solicitation amendment that may affect price, a revised Government estimate must be provided.

(c) You may disclose cost figures in the Government estimate during negotiation, but only to the extent considered necessary for arriving at a fair and reasonable price. The overall amount of the Government estimate cannot be disclosed before award. After award, you may reveal the independent Government estimated price, upon request, to those firms or individuals who submitted proposals.

(d) Use the Government estimate to evaluate offers, as a guide in conducting contract negotiations or negotiations of contract modifications, and as a tool for determining the reasonableness of prices.

536.204 Disclosure of the magnitude of construction projects.

For construction projects over \$10,000,000, show the magnitude in ranges having increments of \$10,000,000 (e.g., \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000). You may use a multiple of \$10,000,000 (e.g., \$70,000,000 to \$100,000,000), but the lower figure must be at least half of the higher figure.

536.213 Special procedures for sealed bidding in construction contracting.

536.213-3 Invitations for bids.

536.213-370 Bids that include alternates.

(a) The base bid must include all features essential to a sound and adequate building design. If it appears that funds available for a project may be insufficient to include all desired features in the base bid, you may issue a solicitation for a base bid and include one or more alternates in the order of priority. Use alternates only if they are clearly justified and involve substantial amounts of work in relation to the base bid. Their use must be limited and should involve only “add” alternates.

(b) Before opening bids that include alternates, determine, and record in the contract file, the amount of funds available for the project. The amount recorded must be announced at the beginning of the bid opening. The amount is the controlling factor in determining the low bidder. This amount may be increased later when determining the alternate items to award to the low bidder if the following condition is met: the award amount of the base bid plus the combination of alternate items does not exceed the amount offered for the base bid and the same combination of alternate items by any other responsible bidder whose bid conforms to the solicitation. This requirement prevents the displacement of the low bidder by manipulating the alternates to be used.

536.213-371 Bids that include options.

(a) Subject to the limitations in (c) below, you may include options in contracts if it is in the Government's interest.

(b) The appropriate use of options may include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(1) If additional work is anticipated but funds are not expected to be available at the time of award, and it would not be practicable to award a separate contract or to permit an additional contractor to work on the same site.

(2) If fixed building equipment, e.g. elevators or escalators, will be installed under the construction contract and it is advantageous to have the installer of the equipment maintain and service the equipment during the warranty period.

(c) You must not use options under any of the following conditions:

(1) The prospective option represents known firm requirements for which funds are available unless competition for the option quantity is impracticable once the initial contract is awarded.

(2) The contractor will incur undue risks; e.g., the price or availability of necessary materials or labor is not reasonably foreseeable.

(d) Solicitations containing option provisions must state the period within which the options may be exercised.

(e) Solicitations must state whether the basis of award is inclusive or exclusive of the options. Before issuing a solicitation that includes evaluated options, you must determine that there is reasonable certainty that funds will be made available to permit exercise of the option.

536.213-372 Bids that include both alternates and options.

(a) Solicitations may include both alternates and options if the conditions in [536.213-370](#), Bids that include alternates, and [536.213-371](#), Bids that include options, are satisfied. In these solicitations, the low bidder for purposes of award is the responsible bidder offering the lowest aggregate price for the base bid and the alternates, in the order of priority listed in the solicitation, that provide the most work features within the funds available at bid opening, plus all options designated to be evaluated.

(b) The basis of award may require the evaluation of options associated with alternates if the related alternate is selected.

(c) Before opening bids that include both alternates and options, determine, and record in the contract file, the amount of funds available for the project (i.e., for the base bid and alternate work). The amount recorded must be announced at the beginning of the bid opening. This amount may be increased later when determining the alternate items to be awarded to the low bidder if the following condition is met: the award amount of the base bid and evaluated options plus the alternate items does not exceed the amount offered for the base bid, the evaluated options, and the same combination of alternate items by any other responsible bidder whose bid conforms to the solicitation.

536.270 Exercise of options.

(a) If exercising an option, notify the contractor, in writing, within the time period specified in the contract.

(b) Exercise options only after determining that all the following conditions exist:

(1) Funds are available.

(2) The requirement covered by the option fulfills an existing Government need.

(3) Exercising the option is the most advantageous method of satisfying the Government's need, price and other factors considered.

(c) Before exercising an option, you must determine that the action complies with the option's terms and this section's requirements. Include your written determination in the contract file.

(d) The contract modification, or other written document which notifies the contractor of the exercise of the option, must cite the option clause as authority. If exercising an unpriced or unevaluated option, cite the statutory authority permitting the use of other than full and open competition (see FAR 6.302 and [517.207](#)).

536.271 Project labor agreements.

(a) *Authority.* This subpart implements the Presidential memorandum of June 5, 1997, on using project labor agreements (PLAs) on Federal construction projects. The Presidential memorandum authorizes executive departments and agencies to require PLAs on large and significant construction projects for facilities to be owned by a Federal department or agency.

(b) *Applicability.* These policies and procedures apply to all GSA activities authorized to award contracts for construction of facilities to be owned by a Federal department or agency. You may use a PLA in leasehold arrangements, Federally funded projects, and other appropriate circumstances.

(c) Definitions.

“Construction” means construction, alteration, or repair (including dredging, excavating, and painting) of buildings, structures, or other real property. The terms buildings, structures, or other real property are defined further in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 36.102.

“Labor organization” means a labor organization engaged in an industry affecting commerce, and any agent of such an organization, and includes any organization of any kind, and any agency, or employee representation committee, group, association, or plan so engaged in which employees participate and which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment, and any conference, general committee, joint or system board, or joint council so engaged which is subordinate to a national or international labor organization (42 U.S.C. 2000e(d)).

“Large and significant project” means a Federal construction project with a total cost to the Federal Government of more than \$5 million.

“Project Labor Agreement” (PLA) means an agreement between the contractor, subcontractors, and the union(s) representing workers. Under a PLA, the contractor and subcontractors on a project and the union(s) agree on terms and conditions of employment for the project, establishing a framework for labor-management cooperation to advance the Government's procurement interest in cost, efficiency, and quality.

(d) Policy. (1) You may, on a project-by-project basis, use a PLA on a large and significant project when both of the following conditions apply:

(i) A PLA will advance the Government's procurement interests.

(ii) No laws that apply to the specific construction project preclude the use of the PLA.

(2) Do not require any contractor to enter into a PLA with any particular labor organization.

(3) The use of a PLA is not intended to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable by a nonfederal party against the United States, its departments, and agencies, its officers or employees, or any other person.

(e) Procedures. (1) As part of procurement planning for construction projects with a total estimated cost to the Federal Government of more than \$5 million, you may consider requiring a PLA.

(2) To require a PLA, you must determine whether use of a PLA will advance the Government's procurement interests in all the following areas:

(i) Cost, efficiency, and quality.

(ii) Promoting labor-management stability.

(iii) Promoting compliance with applicable legal requirements governing safety and health, equal employment opportunity, labor and employment standards, and other matters.

(3) In making the determination required by paragraph (b) of this section, consult with the agency project or program manager and obtain guidance from the Agency Labor Advisor and assigned legal counsel. You should consider the following factors:

(i) Whether past experience with construction projects in the location where the project will be performed indicates that a PLA will be effective.

(ii) Whether delays in performance of the construction contract would have significant adverse impact on the mission of the agency or operation of the installation or facility.

(iii) Whether any law applies to the specific construction project that would impede use of a PLA.

(iv) Whether the labor organizations in the area can provide a reliable source of skilled, experienced building trades workers in all crafts needed on the job site for the project's duration (taking into consideration other major construction work in the area).

(v) Whether the Government can benefit from uniform work rules and working conditions and established procedures for resolving labor disputes, no strike/no lock-out protections.

(vi) Whether the Government can benefit from increased stability and labor peace that derives from greater labor-management cooperation.

(vii) Whether the requirements for a PLA will unreasonably restrict competition.

(viii) Other relevant information.

(4) Document the rationale supporting your decision to require a PLA in the contract file.

(5) Provide the following information to the Agency Labor Advisor (GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP)):

(i) A brief description of the project.

(ii) The estimated cost.

(iii) A copy of the document supporting your decision to require a PLA.

(iv) A copy of the solicitation.

Subpart 536.5—Contract Clauses

536.570 Supplemental provisions and clauses.

536.570-1 Definitions.

Insert [552.236-70](#), Definitions, in solicitations and contracts if construction, dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements is contemplated.

536.570-2 Authorities and limitations.

Insert [552.236-71](#), Authorities and Limitations, in solicitations and contracts if construction, dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements is contemplated and the contract amount is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

536.570-3 Specialist.

Insert [552.236-72](#), Specialist, in solicitations and contracts for construction if the technical sections of the contract require unusual experience or specialized facilities for adequate contract performance.

536.570-4 Basis of award—construction contract.

(a) Insert a provision substantially the same as [552.236-73](#), Basis of Award—Construction Contract, in solicitations for fixed-price construction contracts except if any of the following conditions apply:

- (1) The solicitation requires the submission of a lump-sum bid only.
 - (2) The solicitation is for an indefinite quantity contract.
 - (3) The contract amount is not expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.
- (b) Instructions for use.

If the solicitation requests the submission of a...	Then use the...
(1) Base bid and unit prices	Basic provision
(2) Base bid and options	Provision with its Alternate I.
(3) Base bid and alternates	Provision with its Alternate II
(4) Base bid, alternates, and options	Provision with its Alternate III

536.570-5 Working hours.

Insert [552.236-74](#), Working Hours, in solicitations and contracts if construction, dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements is contemplated and the contract amount is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

536.570-6 Use of premises.

Insert [552.236-75](#), Use of Premises, in solicitations and contracts if construction, dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements is contemplated.

536.570-7 Measurements.

Insert [552.236-76](#), Measurements, in solicitations and contracts if construction, dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements is contemplated.

536.570-8 Specifications and drawings.

Insert the clause at [552.236-77](#), Specifications and Drawings, in solicitations and contracts if construction, dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements is contemplated and the contract amount is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

536.570-9 Shop drawings, coordination drawings, and schedules.

Insert the clause at [552.236-78](#), Shop Drawings, Coordination Drawings, and Schedules, in solicitations and contracts if construction is contemplated and the contract amount is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

536.570-10 Samples.

Insert the clause at [552.236-79](#), Samples, in solicitations and contracts for construction if the technical sections of the contract require the submission and approval of samples.

536.570-11 Heat.

Insert the clause at [552.236-80](#), Heat, in solicitations and contracts if construction, dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements is contemplated.

536.570-12 Use of equipment by the Government.

Insert the clause at [552.236-81](#), Use of Equipment by the Government, in contracts requiring heating and air-conditioning of existing buildings if it may be necessary for the Government to operate all or part of the equipment before final acceptance of the contract.

536.570-13 Subcontracts.

Insert [552.236-82](#), Subcontracts, in solicitations and contracts for construction if the contract amount is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

536.570-14 Requirement for a project labor agreement.

Insert a clause substantially the same as [552.236-83](#), Requirement for a Project Labor Agreement, in solicitations and contracts that will require a project labor agreement.

Subpart 536.6—Architect-Engineer Services

536.602 Selection of firms for architect-engineer contracts.

536.602-1 Selection criteria.

(a) FAR 36.602-1 requires that agencies include “location in the general geographical area of the project and knowledge of locality of the project” as one of several selection criteria.

(1) Do not use this evaluation factor as a minimum qualification requirement for determining whether a firm is eligible to compete for a proposed project.

(2) This factor must not exceed 5 percent of the total weight of all evaluation criteria. In order to receive the maximum score for this factor, the architect-engineer firm(s) must demonstrate that at least 35 percent of the architect-engineer contract services (based on the total contract price) will be accomplished within the geographical boundaries established for the project.

(3) Under an approved class deviation from FAR 36.602-1(a)(5), this factor does not apply to projects that the Chief Architect of GSA determines have national significance.

(b) The public announcement (Commerce Business Daily notice) for a proposed project should identify the general geographical area of the project by either:

(1) A radius in miles or other appropriate unit of measure.

(2) The Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, county(ies), state(s) surrounding the project, or other appropriate geographic boundaries.

(c) Architect-engineer selections under the Design Excellence Program must apply the geographical evaluation criteria in the second phase.

(d) The public announcement (Commerce Business Daily notice) must provide the number of calendar days the architect-engineer of record has to establish a production capability within the general geographical area of the project. You may allow the architect-engineer of record up to 45 calendar days after contract award to establish this production capability.

536.602-2 Evaluation boards.

(a) Architect-engineer evaluation board members must be experts in the fields of architecture, engineering or related design professions, such as landscape architecture, urban design and interior design, except as provided in [536.602-2\(c\)\(5\)](#). Board members must also collectively have expertise in construction, government, and related acquisition matters.

(b) The majority of board members must be GSA employees. Other members may include other Federal agency employees or members of the GSA National Register of Peer

Professionals who are private sector practitioners of architecture, engineering or related design professions.

(c) Evaluation boards must not exceed five (5) voting members. If fewer, the board must have an odd number of voting members. The voting members of the evaluation board shall include:

(1) One (1) highly qualified architect or a related design professional employed by GSA.

(2) One (1) highly qualified engineer employed by GSA.

(3) One (1) representative of the Chief Architect of GSA.

(4) For new construction and prospectus level modernization projects, one (1) private sector practitioner of architecture designated from the GSA National Register of Peer Professionals. For other types of projects this slot may be filled by another GSA design professional.

(5) One (1) representative of the client organization(s), at the client’s option. GSA’s policy is to afford the client organization(s) the opportunity to participate in the architect-engineer selection process. Although not mandatory, GSA strongly recommends that this voting member be a highly qualified design professional.

(d) A maximum of two (2) non-voting advisors may participate in all activities of the evaluation board except voting. The client organization(s) may have only one (1) non-voting advisor to the board. The GSA may also have one non-voting advisor.

(e) Other than you and the individuals appointed under paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subsection, there must be no other advisors, or participants in the official activities of the board.

(f) The selection authority officially appoints the evaluation board members. For new construction and prospectus level modernization projects, the selection authority must obtain the concurrence of the Chief Architect of GSA on the appointment of board members.

(g) Each board member (voting and non-voting) must sign a “Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement and Nondisclosure Agreement” (Figure 515-1) before the activities of the board commence. No person may serve as a board member if that person or any member of that person’s family has any direct financial or employment interest in any of the firms being evaluated. The board member is responsible for identifying any possible conflict of interest once you identify the competing architect-engineer firms. You determine whether to disqualify the member from the board.

536.602-3 Evaluation board functions.

(a) The evaluation board performs the functions described in FAR 36.602-3.

(b) Evaluation board members who are private sector design professionals from the GSA National Register of Peer

Professionals may participate in all activities of the board, including deliberations and voting. However, they must provide their individual and independent evaluation of each competing architect-engineer firm to you.

(c) Evaluation boards recommend, in order of preference, the most highly qualified architect-engineer firms for the specific project to the selection authority.

(1) Each board member is responsible individually for evaluating and rating the qualifications of each firm being considered following the established evaluation criteria.

(2) The Chairperson of the board must maintain the integrity of the evaluation process and ensure that the final selection report is prepared and submitted to the selection authority.

(3) The selection authority concurs with the recommendations from the evaluation board which lists in order of preference the most highly qualified firms. If the selection authority does not concur with the recommendation from the evaluation board, the selection authority must provide for the contract file a written explanation of the reason.

PART 537—SERVICE CONTRACTING

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PART 537—SERVICE CONTRACTING

Subpart 537.1—Service Contracts—General

537.101 Definitions.

“Contracts for building services” means contracts for services relating to the operation and maintenance of a building (for example, janitorial; window washing; snow removal; trash removal; lawn and grounds care; inspection, maintenance and repair of fixed equipment (e.g., elevators, air-conditioning, heating systems) and protection or guard service.

537.106 Funding and term of service contracts.

[517.101](#) identifies GSA-specific statutory authority for multiyear contracts for certain services.

537.110 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

Contracts for Building Services

The following provision and clauses apply to contracts for building services:

(a) If the contract is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and it is not initiated under the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Act:

(1) Insert [552.237-70](#), Qualifications of Offerors, in the solicitation.

(2) Insert [552.237-71](#), Qualifications of Employees, in the solicitation and contract. If needed, use supplemental provisions or clauses to describe specific requirements for employees performing work on the contract.

(b) Insert [552.237-72](#), Prohibition Regarding “Quasi-Military Armed Forces,” in solicitations and contracts for guard service.

Subpart 537.2—Advisory and Assistance Services

537.201 Definitions.

“Evaluation or analysis of a proposal” means proposal evaluation as described in FAR 15.305. It includes:

(a) Cost or price evaluation using cost or price analysis, as defined in FAR 15.801, to determine if the cost or price is reasonable and the offeror’s understanding of the work and ability to perform the contract.

(b) Past performance evaluation, to assess the offeror’s ability to perform the contract.

(c) Technical evaluation, to ensure that the proposal meets the minimum requirements in the solicitation and to analyze and assess the technical acceptability of the proposal and the offeror’s ability to accomplish the technical requirements of the solicitation.

The extraction of factual information from a proposal or arranging such information in a list, matrix, or other format, without making any related determinations, assessments, rankings or analyses, does not constitute evaluation or analysis of a proposal within the meaning of section 6002 of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA).

“Proposal” means a proposal submitted for an initial contract award. (See FAR 37.203(d)). It does not include proposals submitted after contract award, such as value engineering proposals, proposals related to contract modifications, claims, or other contract administration actions.

“Readily available” means that employees with the requisite training and capability are employed by the agency, capable of handling additional work considering other duties assigned by management, and the travel and other cost associated with using covered personnel does not exceed the projected cost of a contract for evaluation and analysis services.

“Requisite training and capability” means training and capability necessary to successfully perform the task or contract at issue in the time and in the manner required. It may include relevant experience, recent performance of work of similar size and scope, specific training and other factors the contracting officer determines are necessary to the successful performance of the task or contract at issue.

537.204 Guidelines for determining availability of personnel.

(a) *Authority.* You are authorized to make the determinations required by FAR 37.204 unless the HCA designates another agency official.

(b) *Policy.* You, or the HCA’s designee, must make the determination whether GSA personnel with the requisite training and capabilities are readily available to perform the evaluation or analysis before issuing a solicitation which includes evaluation and analysis services (see FAR 37.205).

(c) *Identifying qualified personnel.* You, or the HCA’s designee, must base the determination on information received in response to a survey conducted as follows:

(1) If the estimated cost of evaluation and analysis services to be obtained under a contract or order is less than \$2,500, the administrative cost and time associated with conducting the search and other costs, such as travel, will likely exceed the cost of providing the services under the contract or order. In this case, the survey need only include the appropriate Assistant Commissioner, Assistant Regional Administrator, or designee within the contracting organization (e.g., FSS, FTS, PBS) at the location (e.g., Region, Central Office) where the services are needed.

(2) If the estimated cost of the evaluation and analysis services to be obtained under a contract or order is expected to exceed \$2,500, the survey must include all the following:

(i) The appropriate Assistant Commissioner, Assistant Regional Administrator, or designee at the location where the services are needed, and managers within other GSA Regions and Central Office of the contracting organization (e.g., FSS, FTS, PBS).

(ii) Other Federal agencies that are reasonably expected to have covered personnel with the requisite training and capability at the location where the services are needed.

(d) *Decisions on availability of personnel.* In responding to a survey to determine the availability of covered personnel, agency officials may make management decisions on the best use of available personnel as provided in FAR 37.204(b)(2). Generally, you, or the HCA's designee, should request that decisions on availability be made by a management official at a level higher than the employee's immediate supervisor.

(e) *Documentation.* The determination required by FAR 37.204 may be incorporated in the acquisition plan or made a part of another document prepared in the normal course of a procurement action. The file should, at a minimum, describe:

(1) Who was surveyed and a summary of the responses received.

(2) The circumstances requiring the use of outside evaluators.

(3) Actions GSA will take to avoid organizational or other conflicts of interest under FAR 9.5.

(4) The competitive relationship between prospective offerors, including proposed subcontractors, and the prospective evaluator(s).

(f) *Indefinite delivery contracts for evaluation and analysis services.* You may issue an indefinite delivery contract for evaluation and analysis services if there is a reasonable expectation that there will be occasions when personnel with the requisite training and capabilities will not be readily available to perform the evaluation and analysis services covered by the contract.

(1) Before issuing a solicitation for an indefinite delivery contract, the appropriate agency official should consider manpower and workload projections over the proposed contract period. This should help avoid unnecessarily incurring the cost of soliciting offers and awarding a contract. Document the acquisition file accordingly.

(2) The appropriate agency official should establish procedures for making determinations regarding particular evaluations before orders are placed under the contract.

537.270 Contract clause.

Insert the clause at [552.237-73](#), Restriction on Disclosure of Information, in solicitations and contracts for proposal evaluation and analysis services.

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PART 538—FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE CONTRACTING

Subpart 538.2—Establishing and Administering Federal Supply Schedules

538.270 Evaluation of multiple award schedule (MAS) offers.

(a) The Government will seek to obtain the offeror's best price (the best price given to the most favored customer). However, the Government recognizes that the terms and conditions of commercial sales vary and there may be legitimate reasons why the best price is not achieved.

(b) Establish negotiation objectives based on a review of relevant data and determine price reasonableness.

(c) When establishing negotiation objectives and determining price reasonableness, compare the terms and conditions of the MAS solicitation with the terms and conditions of agreements with the offeror's commercial customers. When determining the Government's price negotiation objectives, consider the following factors:

- (1) Aggregate volume of anticipated purchases.
- (2) The purchase of a minimum quantity or a pattern of historic purchases.
- (3) Prices taking into consideration any combination of discounts and concessions offered to commercial customers.
- (4) Length of the contract period.
- (5) Warranties, training, and/or maintenance included in the purchase price or provided at additional cost to the product prices.
- (6) Ordering and delivery practices.
- (7) Any other relevant information, including differences between the MAS solicitation and commercial terms and conditions that may warrant differentials between the offer and the discounts offered to the most favored commercial customer(s). For example, an offeror may incur more expense selling to the Government than to the customer who receives the offeror's best price, or the customer (*e.g.*, dealer, distributor, original equipment manufacturer, other reseller) who receives the best price may perform certain value-added functions for the offeror that the Government does not perform. In such cases, some reduction in the discount given to the Government may be appropriate. If the best price is not offered to the Government, you should ask the offeror to identify and explain the reason for any differences. Do not require offerors to provide detailed cost breakdowns.

(d) You may award a contract containing pricing which is less favorable than the best price the offeror extends to any commercial customer for similar purchases if you make a determination that both of the following conditions exist:

(1) The prices offered to the Government are fair and reasonable, even though comparable discounts were not negotiated.

(2) Award is otherwise in the best interest of the Government.

538.271 MAS contract awards.

(a) MAS awards will be for commercial items as defined in FAR 2.101. Negotiate contracts as a discount from established catalog prices.

(b) Before awarding any MAS contract, determine that the offered prices are fair and reasonable (see FAR Subpart 15.4 and [538.270](#)). Document the negotiation and your determination using FAR 15.406-3 as guidance.

(c) State clearly in the award document the price/discount relationship between the Government and the identified commercial customer (or category of customers) on which the award is predicated.

538.272 MAS price reductions.

(a) Section [552.238-75](#), Price Reductions, requires the contractor to maintain during the contract period the negotiated price/discount relationship (and/or term and condition relationship) between the eligible ordering activities and the offeror's customer or category of customers on which the contract award was predicated (see [538.271\(c\)](#)). If a change occurs in the contractor's commercial pricing or discount arrangement applicable to the identified commercial customer (or category of customers) that results in a less advantageous relationship between the eligible ordering activities and this customer or category of customers, the change constitutes a "price reduction."

(b) Make sure that the contractor understands the requirements of section [552.238-75](#) and agrees to report to you all price reductions as provided for in the clause.

538.273 Contract clauses.

(a) *Multiple award schedules.* Insert in solicitations and contracts:

(1) [552.238-70](#), Identification of Electronic Office Equipment Providing Accessibility for the Handicapped, if you include electronic office equipment items.

(2) [552.238-71](#), Submission and Distribution of Authorized FSS Schedule Pricelists. In solicitations and contracts for:

(i) FSS Schedule 70 and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing information technology Special Item Numbers; or

(ii) Federal Supply Schedule contracts for recovery purchasing (see [538.7102](#)), use Alternate I. If GSA is not prepared to accept electronic submissions for a particular schedule delete—

(A) The paragraph identifier “(i)” in (b)(1) and the word “and” at the end of paragraph (b)(1)(i); and

(B) Paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) and (b)(3).

(3) [552.238-72](#), Identification of Products that have Environmental Attributes.

(4) [552.238-73](#), Cancellation.

(b) *Multiple and single award schedules*. Insert in solicitations and contracts:

(1) [552.238-74](#), Industrial Funding Fee and Sales Reporting.

(2) [552.238-75](#), Price Reductions. Use Alternate I in solicitations and contracts for—

(i) FSS Schedule 70 and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing information technology Special Item Numbers; or

(ii) Federal Supply Schedule contracts for recovery purchasing (see [538.7102](#)).

Subpart 538.70—Cooperative Purchasing

538.7000 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures that implement statutory provisions authorizing non-federal organizations to use Schedule 70 and Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing information technology Special Item Numbers (SINs).

538.7001 Definitions.

“Ordering activity” (also called “ordering agency” and “ordering office”) means an eligible ordering activity (see [552.238-78](#)) authorized to place orders under Federal Supply Schedule contracts.

“Schedule 70,” as used in this subpart, means Schedule 70 information technology contracts, and Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing information technology SINs. The Consolidated Products and Services Schedule is a compilation of multiple individual Federal Supply Schedules; therefore, only the SINs that fall under Schedule 70 of the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule will apply to Cooperative Purchasing. No other Schedules, or SINs, containing information technology outside of Schedule 70 SINs, and Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing Schedule 70 SINs, will apply.

“State and local government entities,” as used in this subpart, means the states of the United States, counties, municipalities, cities, towns, townships, tribal governments, public authorities (including public or Indian housing agencies under the United States Housing Act of 1937), school districts, colleges and other institutions of higher education, council of governments (incorporated or not), regional or interstate government entities, or any agency or instrumentality of the preceding entities (including any local educational agency or institution of higher education), and including legislative and judicial departments. The term does not include contractors of, or grantees of, State or local governments.

(1) “Local educational agency” has the meaning given that term in section 8013 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7713).

(2) “Institution of higher education” has the meaning given that term in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

(3) “Tribal government” means—

(i) The governing body of any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community located in the continental United States (excluding the State of Alaska) that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians; and

(ii) Any Alaska Native regional or village corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*).

538.7002 General.

(a) 40 U.S.C. 501, (the Act) authorizes the Administrator of General Services to procure and supply personal property and nonpersonal services for the use of Executive agencies. Under 40 U.S.C. 502, the goods and services available to executive agencies are also available to mixed ownership Government corporations, establishments within the legislative or judicial branches of Government (excepting the Senate, House of Representatives, Architect of the Capitol, and any activities under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol), the District of Columbia, and Qualified Non-profit Agencies.

(b) Section 211 of the E-Government Act of 2002 amends 40 U.S.C. 502 to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for use of certain Federal Supply Schedules of the GSA by a State or local government, which includes any State, local, regional, or tribal government, or any instrumentality thereof (including any local educational agency or institution of higher education).

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(c) State and local governments are authorized to procure only from the information technology Federal Supply Schedule (Schedule 70) contracts and Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing information technology SINS. A listing of the participating contractors and SINS for the products and services that are available through Schedule 70 and Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing information technology SINS, is available in GSA's Schedules e-Library at web site <http://fss.gsa.gov/elibrary>. Click on Schedules e-Library and then click on the ICON labeled Cooperative Purchasing, State and Local. The contractors and the products and services available for cooperative purchasing will be labeled with the ICON.

538.7003 Policy.

Preparing solicitations when schedules are open to eligible non-federal entities. When opening Schedule 70 and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule containing information technology SINS, for use by eligible non-federal entities, the contracting officer must make minor modifications to certain Federal Acquisition Regulation and GSAM provisions and clauses in order to make clear distinctions between the rights and responsibilities of the U.S. Government in its management and regulatory capacity pursuant to which it awards schedule contracts and fulfills associated Federal requirements versus the rights and responsibilities of eligible ordering activities placing orders to fulfill agency needs. Accordingly, the contracting officer is authorized to modify the following FAR provisions/clauses to delete "Government" or similar language referring to the U.S. Government and substitute "ordering activity" or similar language when preparing solicitations and contracts to be awarded under Schedule 70 and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule containing information technology SINS. When such changes are made, the word "(DEVIATION)" shall be added at the end of the title of the provision or clause. These clauses include but are not limited to:

- (a) 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items.
- (b) 52.216-18, Ordering.
- (c) 52.216-19, Order Limitations.

- (d) 52.229-1, State and Local Taxes.
- (e) 52.229-3, Federal, State, and Local Taxes.
- (f) 52.232-7, Payments Under Time-and-Materials and Labor-Hour Contracts.
- (g) 52.232-17, Interest.
- (h) 52.232-19, Availability of Funds for the Next Fiscal Year.
- (i) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than Central Contractor Registration.
- (j) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party.
- (k) 52.237-3, Continuity of Services.
- (l) 52.246-4, Inspection of Services-Fixed Price.
- (m) 52.246-6, Inspection—Time-and-Material and Labor-Hour.
- (n) 52.247-34, F.O.B. Destination.
- (o) 52.247-38, F.O.B. Inland Carrier Point of Exportation.

538.7004 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

(a) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at [552.238-77](#), Definition (Federal Supply Schedules), in solicitations and schedule contracts for Schedule 70 and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing information technology SINS.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at [552.238-78](#), Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities), in solicitations and contracts for Schedule 70 and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing information technology SINS.

(b) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at [552.238-79](#), Use of Federal Supply Schedule Contracts by Certain Entities—Cooperative Purchasing, in solicitations and Schedule 70 contracts and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing information technology SINS.

(c) See [552.101-70](#) for authorized FAR deviations.

Subpart 538.71—Recovery Purchasing**538.7100 Scope of subpart.**

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures to implement the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109-364) authorizing non-federal organizations to use Federal Supply Schedule contracts to purchase products and services to be used for recovery from major disasters, terrorism or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack.

538.7101 Definitions.

The definitions in subsection [538.7001](#) shall apply for purposes of this subpart.

538.7102 General.

(a) Section 833 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109-364) amends 40 U.S.C. 502 to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide to State and local governments the use of Federal Supply Schedules of the GSA for purchase of products and services to be used to facilitate recovery from a major disaster declared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*) or to facilitate recovery from terrorism or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack. Section 833 requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to determine which products and services qualify before the Administrator provides for the use of the Federal Supply Schedules. Use of Federal supply schedules by State and local governments is voluntary. Agreement of a schedule contractor to offer recovery purchasing under the contract and acceptance of any order for recovery purchasing from a state or local government is voluntary.

(b) State and local governments are authorized to use Federal Supply Schedules to procure products and services determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to be used to facilitate recovery from major disasters, terrorism, or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack. A listing of the Federal Supply Schedules for the products and services is available in GSA's Schedules e-Library at web site <http://www.gsaelibrary.gsa.gov>. Click on the link, "Disaster Recovery Purchasing, State and Local." The participating contractors and the products and services available for recovery purchasing will be labeled with the Disaster Recovery Purchasing ICON.

(c) State and local governments that wish to use the Federal Supply Schedules to facilitate recovery from major disasters or attacks are responsible for ensuring that only authorized representatives of their governments place orders against these schedules and that procured products and services are used only for the purposes authorized by Section 833 of Public Law 109-364.

538.7103 Policy.

Preparing solicitations when schedules are open to eligible non-federal entities. When opening the Federal Supply Schedules for products and services determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security, for use by eligible non-federal entities, the contracting officer must make minor modifications to certain Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and GSAM provisions and clauses in order to make clear distinctions between the rights and responsibilities of the U.S. Government in its management and regulatory capacity pursuant to which it awards schedule contracts and fulfills associated Federal requirements versus the rights and responsibilities of eligible ordering activities placing orders to fulfill agency needs. Accordingly, the contracting officer is authorized to modify the following FAR provisions/clauses to delete "Government" or similar language referring to the U.S. Government and substitute "ordering activity" or similar language when preparing solicitations and contracts to be awarded under the Federal Supply Schedules for products and services determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security. When such changes are made, the word "(DEVIATION)" shall be added at the end of the title of the provision or clause. These clauses include but are not limited to—

- (a) 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items.
- (b) 52.216-18, Ordering.
- (c) 52.216-19, Order Limitations.
- (d) 52.229-1, State and Local Taxes.
- (e) 52.229-3, Federal, State, and Local Taxes.
- (f) 52.232-7, Payments Under Time-and-Materials and Labor-Hour Contracts.
- (g) 52.232-17, Interest.
- (h) 52.232-19, Availability of Funds for the Next Fiscal Year.
- (i) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than Central Contractor Registration.
- (j) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party.
- (k) 52.237-3, Continuity of Services.
- (l) 52.246-4, Inspection of Services-Fixed Price.
- (m) 52.246-6, Inspection-Time-and-Material and Labor-Hour.
- (n) 52.247-34, F.O.B. Destination.
- (o) 52.247-38, F.O.B. Inland Carrier Point of Exportation.

538.7104 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

(a) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at [552.238-76](#), Definition (Federal Supply Schedules)—Recovery Purchasing, in Federal Supply Schedule solicitations and contracts which contain products and services determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to facilitate recovery from major disasters, terrorism, or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack.

(b) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at [552.238-78](#), Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities), with Alternate I in Federal Supply Schedule solicitations and contracts which contain products and services determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to facilitate recovery from major disasters, terrorism, or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack.

(c) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at [552.238-80](#), Use of Federal Supply Schedule Contracts by Certain Entities—Recovery Purchasing, in Federal Supply Schedule solicitations and contracts which contain products and services determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security that facilitate recovery from major disasters, terrorism, or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack.

(d) See [552.101-70](#) for authorized Federal Acquisition Regulation deviations.

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PART 541—ACQUISITION OF UTILITY SERVICES

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PART 542—CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT SERVICES

542.001 Definitions.

“Contract administration” means Government actions taken after contract award to obtain compliance with such contract requirements as timely delivery of supplies or services, acceptance, payment, and closing of the contract. These actions include technical, financial, audit, legal, administrative, and managerial services in support of the contracting officer. It may include additional tasks requested or needed by the contracting activity including support in the pre-award phase of contracting.

“Procuring Contracting Officer” (PCO) means the contracting officer who awards the contract.

Subpart 542.1—Contract Audit Services

542.102 Assignment of contract audit services.

(a) Request all audit services through the Assistant Inspector General-Auditing or the Regional Inspector General-Auditing, as appropriate.

(b) Follow the procedures in GSA Order, Audit resolution and follow-up system (ADM P 2030.2B) for handling contract audit reports.

Subpart 542.2—Contract Administration Services

542.202 Assignment of contract administration.

(a) Assignment of contract administration is the process whereby identified functions, duties, or responsibilities related to the administration of contracts are assigned to a contract administration office (CAO) or an administrative contracting officer (ACO) within a contracting office.

(b) Each contracting director must establish procedures that ensure that qualified personnel perform contract administration activities in an effective manner. Usually, the PCO or the ACO in the contracting office performs these activities (but see paragraphs (c)–(g) of this section).

(c) If it is more efficient, management may establish a separate CAO. Consider each of the following:

- (1) The nature and complexity of the contract.
- (2) The need to perform contract administration at or near the contractor’s facility or the place of performance.
- (3) The availability of resources.

(d) You may designate one or more representatives to perform specified functions such as quality assurance, production, price analysis, finance and various engineering and technical specialties. The contracting officer’s representatives (CORs) may not enter into or modify a contract or otherwise

perform functions reserved for a contracting officer (except see [543.202](#) for construction contracts).

(e) If you delegate contract administration to an ACO or designate a contracting officer’s technical representative (COTR) or contracting officer’s representative (COR), then provide the contractor with the name of the ACO and any representative and identify the functions each is authorized to perform.

(f) Provide or make available to the ACO a complete copy of the contract file. Provide each COR and COTR with the contract file information they need to perform their duties.

(g) You may delegate to an ACO functions other than those listed in FAR 42.302 and [542.302\(b\)](#) after obtaining approval from the Senior Procurement Executive. Submit requests through the HCA. If approved, follow FAR 42.202(c).

Subpart 542.3—Contract Administration Office Functions

542.302 Contract administration functions.

The ACO or CAO performs these additional functions only if and to the extent specifically authorized by the PCO. Paragraphs (d) through (h) apply only to ACOs in FSS.

(a) Negotiate and issue priced or unpriced orders under indefinite delivery type contracts and basic ordering agreements.

(b) Terminate individual purchase, delivery, or task orders after coordinating with the PCO.

(c) Assess liquidated damages.

(d) Issue change orders to modify the method of shipment, packing requirements, the place of delivery, or specifications after coordinating with the PCO.

(e) Accept or reject requests for acceptance of nonconforming supplies involving other than a minor nonconformance after coordinating with the PCO.

(f) Negotiate price adjustments and execute supplemental agreements resulting from acceptances in (e) of this section.

(g) Issue cure or show cause notices under FAR 49.402-3(b).

(h) Terminate the contract for default after coordinating with the PCO.

Subpart 542.9—Bankruptcy

542.901 General.

If a contractor becomes insolvent or files under any of the laws relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, and dissolution of businesses (11 U.S.C. 101 et. seq.), you must protect the Government’s rights concerning both terminated and ongoing

contracts. If you receive notification of contractor financial difficulties, bankruptcy or business dissolution, verify the accuracy of the information and follow the procedures in [542.902](#). Information may come from various sources including, but not limited to, the Industrial Operations Analyst (IOA), COR or COTR, Office of Finance or Inspector General, an industry association or a financial institution, another Federal agency or contractor, Dun and Bradstreet, or a newspaper item.

542.902 Procedures.

(a) *Notice of financial difficulty.* Upon notice and verification that a contractor is experiencing financial difficulty, take all the following actions:

(1) Determine whether the contractor is performing in a timely manner and making satisfactory progress. Obtain recommendations from the IOA or COR.

(2) Consider terminating the contract for default if performance has been untimely or otherwise unsatisfactory and the reason was within the contractor's control.

(3) Request that the IOA or COR monitor the contract more closely (for example, visit the contractor's plant or the work site more frequently) if contract termination is not considered necessary.

(4) Notify the Regional Small Business Administration (SBA) office and the SBTA if a small business contractor is involved.

(5) Notify the bonding company if circumstances dictate.

(b) *Notice of bankruptcy.* Upon notice that a contractor has filed for bankruptcy, take all the following actions:

(1) Notify the contracting director, assigned counsel, the Office of Finance and other interested parties. Notify the Inspector General if you either:

(i) Suspect that the contractor may have fraudulently transferred assets before filing for bankruptcy.

(ii) Are aware of an ongoing audit or investigation of the contractor.

(2) Consider terminating the contract for default if performance has been untimely or otherwise unsatisfactory and the reason was within the contractor's control. Terminate only after obtaining concurrence of legal counsel.

(3) Determine the status of and provide for the protection and disposition of any Government-owned property. If special safeguards are needed, obtain the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the local Government officials concerned in the bankruptcy proceedings (e.g., sheriff, marshal, or the assigned Receiver or Trustee).

(4) Transmit promptly all relevant communications to legal counsel (for example, notice of bankruptcy, notice of meeting of creditors, plan of arrangement, status of such plan,

claims bar date and address of the Bankruptcy Court where proceedings were filed).

(5) Prepare, in consultation with assigned counsel, the preliminary, contingent and, after reprocurement (if any), final proof of claim.

(6) Consult legal counsel regarding possible setoffs of Government claims from retained and unpaid contractor earnings.

(c) *Notice of intent to dissolve a business or cease operations.* Upon notice and verification that a contractor intends to dissolve a business or cease operations, take all the following actions:

(1) Obtain the current status of contract(s) from the IOA or COR and notify other directly interested parties. Do not request special visits unless all other efforts to obtain the necessary information have failed.

(2) Notify assigned legal counsel if a claim is either pending or outstanding and obtain information that would aid in finalizing the amount of the claim.

Subpart 542.11—Production Surveillance and Reporting

542.1107 Contract clause.

FSS Stock or Special Order Program

Insert [552.242-70](#), Status Report of Orders and Shipments, in solicitations and indefinite quantity and requirements contracts for stock or special order program items. You also may use the clause in indefinite delivery definite quantity contracts for stock or special order program items when close monitoring is necessary because numerous shipments are involved.

Subpart 542.12—Novation and Change-of-Name Agreements

542.1203 Processing agreements.

For any contract awarded under a small business set-aside, if the proposed successor is a large business:

(a) Notify and solicit comments from the SBTA (see FAR 42.1203(b) and (c)).

(b) If you believe that the transaction is intended to circumvent the requirements and objectives of the small business program, do not recognize the proposed successor.

(c) If a MAS contract is involved and other MAS small business contracts exist for the same special item number(s), do not recognize the proposed successor.

(d) If a MAS contract is involved and the contract has both set-aside and non-set-aside special item numbers, cancel the set-aside items, and process the novation request for the non-set-aside items.

Subpart 542.15—Contractor Performance Information

542.1503 Procedures.

(a) The contracting director reviews and considers any disagreement between GSA and the contractor regarding GSA's evaluation of the contractor. Based on the review, the contracting directors issues the ultimate conclusion on the performance evaluation.

(b) Promptly provide a copy of the contracting director's ultimate conclusion to the contractor.

(c) When responding to another department or agency request for past performance information, include a copy of any related contractor comments and contracting director's ultimate conclusion.

542.1503-70 Responsibilities.

(a) *Senior Procurement Executive.* The Senior Procurement Executive evaluates each Service's system for collecting and applying contract performance information to ensure compliance with the FAR and GSAM.

(b) *Heads of Services.* Consistent with FAR 42.1500 and this subpart, the Head of each Service must take all the following actions:

(1) Establish mechanisms for systematically collecting and maintaining positive and negative information on contractor performance.

(2) Identify pertinent performance data elements for collection.

(3) Ensure that contractor performance information is readily available to contracting officials and other individuals with procurement-related responsibilities.

(4) Clearly identify the officials responsible for collecting, disseminating, and applying this information in the acquisition process.

(c) *Contracting officers.* Follow the procedures in FAR 42.15, this subpart, and those established by the Head of the Service. Systematically collect and appropriately use contractor performance information.

542.1503-71 Information to collect.

The system for collecting contractor performance data should include, as appropriate:

- (a) Timeliness of delivery or performance, for example:
 - (1) Adherence to contract delivery schedules.
 - (2) Resolution of delays.
 - (3) Number of "show cause" letters and "cure notices" issued.
 - (4) Number of delinquent deliveries.
 - (5) Number of contract extensions resulting from contractor-caused delays.
 - (6) Timely submission or performance or required tests.
- (b) Conformance of product or service to contract requirements, for example:
 - (1) Quality of workmanship.
 - (2) Reliability.
 - (3) Adequacy of correction of defects.
 - (4) Number of safety defects.
 - (5) Number of product rejections.
 - (6) Results of laboratory tests.
 - (7) Number and extent of warranty problems.
- (c) Customer comments, for example:
 - (1) Number and quality of positive comments.
 - (2) Number and nature of complaints.
 - (3) Adequacy of resolving customer complaints.
- (d) Terminations for default.
- (e) On-the-job safety performance record, including the number of lost or restricted workdays due to occupational injuries in comparison to the national average.
- (f) Adequacy of contractor's quality assurance system.
- (g) Compliance with other key contract provisions, for example:
 - (1) Subcontracting program.
 - (2) Labor standards.
 - (3) Safety standards.
 - (4) Reporting requirements.
- (h) Exhibiting customer-oriented behavior.
- (i) Other performance elements identified by the Service.

Subpart 542.70—Audit of Contractor's Records

542.7001 General.

The Office of Audits audits contractor's records if required by law, regulation, or sound business judgment. These audits include periodic or special request audits necessary to determine a contractor's financial condition, adequacy of its accounting system, integrity and reliability. Coordinate with technical specialists, finance and audit personnel to achieve the maximum benefits from these audits.

542.7002 Purpose of audit.

You may obtain from audits advice or recommendations on the:

- (a) Propriety of amounts paid, or to be paid, by GSA to a contractor when such amounts are based on a cost or time determination or on variable features related to the results of the contractor's operations.
- (b) Adequacy of a contractor's measures to safeguard Government property in its custody or under its control.
- (c) Contractor's compliance with contractual obligations concerning progress payments, advance payments, guaranteed loans, cash return provisions, and price adjustments.
- (d) Reasonableness of a contractor's termination settlement proposals.

542.7003 Additional internal controls.

- (a) Do not rely solely on contractual audit rights. Establish internal controls or procedures for any flexible or variable features of these contracts:
 - (1) Cost-reimbursement.
 - (2) Time-and-materials or labor-hour.

(3) Requirements or indefinite-quantity.

For example, for a time-and-materials or labor-hour contract performed at a Government facility or elsewhere, provide for the review of time records. Provide for this review even if the contractor is subject to supervision by Government personnel.

(b) Establish these internal controls or procedures prior to the commencement of contract performance. Use any reasonable and reliable method or procedure that will enable the Government to determine the correctness of the charges for such matters as the time spent on the job and materials or supplies received. If needed, obtain assistance from the Assistant Inspector General for Auditing or the Field Audit Office.

542.7004 Releasing or withholding of audit reports.

The Freedom of Information Act requires the disclosure of Government records subject to certain exceptions. Consult with both the Assistant Inspector General for Auditing and the Office of General Counsel before releasing or withholding a contract audit report.

PART 543—CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

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PART 543—CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

Subpart 543.1—General

543.102 Policy.

(a) Treat as a new procurement a modification for work outside the scope of a contract. See requirements in each of the following:

- (1) FAR Subpart 6.3 for justifications and approvals.
- (2) FAR Subpart 5.2 and [Subpart 505.2](#) for synopsis-

ing.

(b) Execute a supplemental agreement to issue the modification.

543.170 Changes in designated subcontractors, inspection and/or production points.

(a) Before executing a contract modification authorizing changes in either a designated subcontractor or inspection or production point, you must consider the impact of the change on the contractor's ability to satisfy contract requirements. Use the same standards used to determine that the contractor was responsible (see FAR 9.1 and [509.1](#)).

(b) The modification must identify the nature of the change and the effective date. In establishing an effective date, consider the time necessary for effected offices to take required actions. A good practice is to provide that orders placed before the effective date will remain in effect as written.

Subpart 543.2—Change Orders

543.202 Authority to issue change orders.

This section applies to construction contracts.

(a) *COR authority.* For a construction contract, you may authorize a warranted COR to issue change orders. Authorization must be in writing, on a contract-by-contract basis, and must identify any limitations. For example, identify dollar limitations or specify that authority is only valid in emergency situations.

(b) *Additional restrictions.* Provide the following instruction to the COR as part of the written authorization:

(1) For any single change order, preferred practice in GSA is that the COR should avoid personally performing all of these actions:

- (i) Determining the need for a change.
- (ii) Preparing the Government's cost estimate.
- (iii) Conducting negotiations.
- (iv) Issuing the change order.
- (v) Inspecting the work.

(2) For a price-to-be-determined-later change order, if the COR personally performs all the actions in paragraph (1) of this section, the change order must be reviewed by a designated official before issuance or definitization.

(c) *Review change orders.* For price-to-be-determined-later change orders when the COR personally performs all actions, you must either personally review each change order or designate a capable official to perform the review. Consider designating the COR's immediate supervisor or a higher-level official within the organization. Avoid designating more than one official to review change orders issued under an individual contract.

(d) *Coordination of change orders.* Issue change orders only after coordination, as appropriate, with quality control, finance, audit or other technical personnel.

543.205 Contract clauses.

(a) *Construction.* (1) Insert [552.243-70](#), Pricing of Adjustments, in solicitations and contracts if the contract:

- (i) Amount is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.
- (ii) Will be other than a cost type.

(2) Insert [552.243-71](#), Equitable Adjustments, in solicitations and contracts containing FAR 52.243-4.

(b) *Multiple award schedules (MAS).* Insert [552.243-72](#), Modifications (Multiple Award Schedule), in MAS solicitations and contracts issued by GSA. For solicitations and contracts issued under Federal Supply Classification (FSC) 65, you may use the clause with its Alternate I for products ordered from authorized Prime Vendors.

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PART 544—SUBCONTRACTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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PART 546—QUALITY ASSURANCE

Subpart 546.3—Contract Clauses

546.302 Fixed-price supply contracts.

546.302-70 Source inspection by Quality Approved Manufacturer.

For contracts and solicitations issued by FSS:

(a) Insert the clause at [552.246-70](#), Source Inspection by Quality Approved Manufacturer, in solicitations and contract that provide for source inspection, except:

- (1) Multiple award schedule contracts.
- (2) Motor vehicle contracts.
- (3) Contracts awarded by the FSS Services Acquisition Center, unless you decide, together with the Central Office Quality Assurance Division (FQA), that inspection by Government personnel is necessary.

(b) You may authorize inspection and testing at manufacturing plants or other facilities located outside the United States, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands, under paragraph (a)(1) of the clause at [552.246-70](#) under any of the circumstances listed below. Coordinate the authorization with FQA and document it in the file.

- (1) Inspection services are available from another Federal agency with primary inspection responsibility in the geographic area.
- (2) An inspection interchange agreement exists with another agency for inspection at a contractor's plant.
- (3) The procurement is for the Agency for International Development and specifies the area of source.
- (4) Other considerations will ensure more economical and effective inspection consistent with the Government's interest.

546.302-71 Source inspection.

For solicitations and contracts issued by FSS, if Government personnel at the source will perform inspection, insert [552.246-71](#), Source Inspection by Government.

546.312 Construction contracts.

Insert the clause at [552.246-72](#), Final Inspection and Tests, in solicitations and contracts for construction that include FAR 52.246-12, Inspection of Construction.

Subpart 546.4—Government Contract Quality Assurance

546.400-70 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures for the Federal Supply Service. Use by other GSA activities is optional.

546.402 Government contract quality assurance at source.

(a) Government personnel or a Quality Approved Manufacturer must perform source inspection of supplies under any of the following contracts:

- (1) FSS contracts selected for source inspection.
- (2) Requirements contracts with a national scope, including shipments to GSA distribution centers.
- (3) Requirements contracts with a regional scope.
- (4) Definite quantity contracts for stock items.
- (5) Contracts for Class 8010 items.
- (6) Contracts for:
 - (i) Special-purpose vehicles.
 - (ii) Trucks over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW).
 - (iii) Trucks weighing 10,000 pounds GVW or less, not covered by a Federal standard.
 - (iv) Vehicles to be shipped outside the coterminous United States.

(b) Contracts may also provide for source inspection if the contracting director both:

- (1) Coordinates with FQA.
- (2) Determines it is in the Government's interest due to the critical nature of the supplies.

546.403 Government contract quality assurance at destination.

Require inspection of supplies at destination under each of the following:

- (a) For purchases that exceed the micropurchase threshold, but not the simplified acquisition threshold.
- (b) For schedule contracts, except those selected for source inspection.
- (c) If contracting for either:
 - (1) Commercial or off-the-shelf products.
 - (2) Standard vehicles purchased for domestic consignees.
 - (3) Trucks weighing 10,000 pounds GVW or less, purchased for domestic consignees using a Federal Standard.

546.470 Testing.

You may authorize testing to determine conformance with specifications and standards at the facilities of any of the following:

- (a) Federal agencies.

- (b) Manufacturers.
- (c) Independent testing laboratories.
- (d) Others, as appropriate.

546.470-1 Acceptance testing.

(a) Acceptance testing determines conformance with purchase descriptions or specifications before a shipment is accepted. Do not use acceptance testing solely to furnish information to a producer or vendor as to whether a product conforms with specification requirements.

(b) GSA normally bears the cost of services for acceptance testing of samples of a shipment, except for retesting necessitated by prior rejection.

546.470-2 Certification testing.

Certification testing determines whether an item conforms with a specification for the purpose of executing a certificate of compliance required by the specification. The contractor has responsibility for certification testing.

Subpart 546.7—Warranties

546.704 Authority for use of warranties.

Consider the criteria in FAR 46.703 and decide whether to use a warranty in a specific acquisition.

546.705 Limitations.

The contracting director must approve the use of warranties in cost reimbursement contracts, except those in FAR clauses 52.246-3 and 52.246-8.

546.708 Warranties of data.

(a) Use warranties of data only when you meet both of the following conditions:

- (1) You decide the use of a warranty is in the Government's interest.
 - (2) The contracting director concurs in your decision.
- (b) The technical or specification manager has responsibility for developing any warranties of data.

546.709 Warranties of commercial items.

The specification manager must advise you which of the following apply:

- (a) Whether a specification contains a warranty.
- (b) Whether a commercial warranty applies.
- (c) If an extended warranty is necessary, and recommend the duration of the extended warranty.

546.710 Contract clauses.

(a) Insert the clause at [552.246-17](#), Warranty of Supplies of a Noncomplex Nature, instead of FAR 52.246-17 in solicitations and contracts. Use the following alternates as applicable:

(1) *Commercial item acquisitions other than multiple award schedules.* Use the clause at [552.246-17](#) with its Alternate I.

(2) *Other than commercial items in Class 8010.* Use the clause at [552.246-17](#) with its Alternate II.

(3) *Other than commercial items in Class 8030 or 8040.* Use the clause at [552.246-17](#) with its Alternate III. In addition, specify in the solicitation whether the items are “noncritical end use items” or “critical end use items”.

(b) *Multiple award schedules.* Insert the clause at [552.246-73](#), Warranty—Multiple Award Schedule, in solicitations and contracts. Use Alternate I in solicitations and contracts for—

(1) FSS Schedule 70 and the Consolidated Products and Services Schedule containing information technology Special Item Numbers); or

(2) Federal Supply Schedules for recovery purchasing (see [538.7102](#)).

(c) *Construction contracts expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.* Insert the clause at [552.246-75](#), Guarantees, in solicitations and contracts.

(d) *Pesticides.* Insert the clause at [552.246-76](#), Warranty of Pesticides, in solicitations and contracts involving the procurement of pesticides.

PART 547—TRANSPORTATION

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Subpart 547.3—Transportation in Supply Contracts

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PART 547—TRANSPORTATION**Subpart 547.3—Transportation in Supply Contracts****547.300 Scope of subpart.**

This subpart applies to FSS acquisitions.

547.303 Standard delivery terms and contract clauses.**547.303-1 F.O.B origin.****Contractor Responsibilities**

The contractor must both:

(a) Request a carrier routing from the applicable transportation zone office on all shipments weighing 10,000 pounds or more.

(b) Mail the original of the commercial bill of lading (CBL), to the office that authorized the CBL (applies to shipment on a CBL). Ensure that the signature of the carrier's agent and the annotation required by FAR 52.247-1 appear on the original and all copies of the CBL.

547.304 Determination of delivery terms.**547.304-5 Exceptions.**

(a) *Solicitations that provide for delivery to Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico.* Include notice that the offeror may specify delivery f.o.b. origin; f.o.b. vessel, part of shipment; f.o.b. destination; or any combination of these. If appropriate, provide for other delivery terms.

(b) *Federal Supply Schedules.* If f.o.b. destination is offered for delivery within CONUS, attempt to obtain the same delivery term for shipment to Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico.

547.305 Solicitation provisions, contract clauses, and transportation factors.

(a) Insert [552.247-70](#), Placarding Railcar Shipments, in solicitations and contracts if it is essential that the railcar doors be specially positioned next to the unloading dock, platform, or warehouse door.

(b) Insert [552.246-71](#), Diversion of Shipment Under f.o.b. Destination Contracts, in Stock, Special Order Program (SOP), and Single Award Schedule solicitations and contracts which provide for f.o.b. destination shipment.

547.370 Restrictions on transportation to military installations.

If the solicitation and contract provides for direct delivery to a military installation, include applicable delivery restrictions.

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PART 548—VALUE ENGINEERING

Subpart 548.1—Policies and Procedures

548.101 General.

GSA Order, GSA Value Engineering Program (ADM 8030.1C) provides guidance on using value engineering.

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PART 549—TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS

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PART 549—TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS

Subpart 549.1—General Principles

549.111 Review of proposed settlements.

The HCA may establish procedures for the review and approval of settlement agreements at a level above the contracting officer.

Subpart 549.4—Termination for Default

549.402-6 Repurchase against contractor's account.

(a) Place a brief explanation for the repurchase in the contract file.

(b) If practical, use the original contract terms, conditions, and specification for the repurchase. Otherwise, obtain the advice of assigned legal counsel before issuing a solicitation for similar supplies or services.

(c) If the reprourement is delayed, you must protect the Government's rights to recover reprourement costs by documenting the file to explain the circumstances of the delay.

549.402-7 Other damages.

(a) Even if the repurchase price does not exceed the price of the supplies or services terminated, consider administrative costs incurred for the repurchase. You may include all reprourement costs in a single demand letter (see FAR 49.402-6(c)). Include detailed documentation in the contract file to support the Government's position that the additional administrative costs were a direct result of the default. Provide a summary of the additional administrative costs in the demand letter.

(b) Administrative costs include any of these:

(1) Salaries and fringe benefits paid to Government employees who perform work as a result of the default.

(2) Preaward survey expense incurred in qualifying reprourement contractors.

(3) Printing and distribution costs of the reprourement solicitation and repurchase contract.

(4) Travel, per diem.

(c) For administrative labor costs, record each of the following:

(1) Name, position, and organization of each employee performing work activities as a consequence of the default.

(2) Date(s) of work and time(s) spent by each employee on the repurchase.

(3) Description of specific tasks performed (for example, solicitation preparation, clerical).

(4) Hourly rate of pay (straight time or overtime).

(5) Applicable fringe benefits.

(6) Explanation of how the time spent by the employees during the reprourement would have been used on other projects but for the default.

(d) For other incurred administrative costs, include travel vouchers, invoices, printing requisitions, and other appropriate evidence of expenditures.

Subpart 549.5—Contract Termination Clauses

549.502 Termination for convenience of the Government.

Acquisitions Funded Through the Information Technology (IT) Fund

(a) You may use the clause at [552.249-70](#), Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed-Price) (Short Form), when appropriate, in solicitations and contracts for the acquisition and maintenance of telephone systems funded through the Information Technology (IT) Fund. Use this clause with FAR 52.249-1 or FAR 52.249-3 and 52.249-4.

(b) If you use the clause at [552.249-70](#), you must also insert [552.249-71](#), Submission of Termination Liability Schedule, in the solicitation and contract.

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PART 550—EXTRAORDINARY CONTRACTUAL ACTIONS

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PART 550—EXTRAORDINARY CONTRACTUAL ACTIONS

550.001 Definitions.

“Approving authority,” as used in FAR Part 50, means
GSA’s Administrator.

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PART 551—USE OF GOVERNMENT SOURCES BY CONTRACTORS

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Subpart 552.3—Provision and Clause Matrixes
552.300 Scope of subpart.

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PART 552—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

552.000 Scope of part.

This part provides the text of provisions and clauses which are unique to GSA or supplement the FAR.

Subpart 552.1—Instructions for Using Provisions and Clauses

552.101-70 Using Part 552.

(a) *Definition.* “Clause,” as used in this subpart, means provision or clause as defined in FAR w52.101(a).

(b) *Numbering.* (1) Clauses which are “substantially” the same as FAR clauses and clauses to be used instead of FAR clauses are identified as follows:

(i) The clause has the same title as a clause in the FAR.

(ii) The number 5 precedes the clause.

(iii) The clause appears under the same subsection number and caption as in the FAR.

(2) Supplemental clauses are numbered in the same manner as the FAR, except:

(i) The chapter number precedes the clause.

(ii) The subsection numbers begin with 70.

(iii) The clauses are sequentially numbered, e.g., [552.232-70](#), [552.232-71](#), etc.

(c) *Matrixes.* Matrixes provide a guide to locating clauses. Matrixes are included for:

(1) Simplified acquisitions.

(2) Supply, service, construction, and architect-engineer solicitations and contracts.

(3) FAR and GSAR clauses for utility contracts (sole-supplier-regulated rates).

(4) Leases of real property.\

(d) Individuals drafting solicitations must research pertinent regulations or make other determinations to ensure that:

(1) The clauses selected fit the procurement.

(2) There are no restrictions on their use.

(3) When one clause depends on the use of another clause, the solicitation includes all necessary clauses.

552.102 Incorporating provisions and clauses.

You may incorporate clauses prescribed in the GSAR for solicitations and contracts by reference.

552.103 Identification of provisions and clauses.

Deviations. If the GSAR prescribes a class deviation from a FAR clause, identify the clause by the GSAR citation (e.g., [552.232-8](#) PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT (NOV 1987) (DEVIATION FAR 52.232-8)).

552.104 Procedures for modifying and completing provisions and clauses.

(a) The procedures in FAR 52.104 apply when you modify or complete a GSAR provision or clause. Provisions and clauses shall not be modified unless the GSAR authorizes their modification.

(b) You do not need to identify modifications of clauses which result from negotiations unless you issue an amendment to the solicitation.

(c) In general, you should modify FAR or GSAR clauses only for individual cases. If a contracting activity develops a modification for repeated use, furnish a copy to the Office of GSA Acquisition Policy (MV) for potential inclusion in the GSAR.

552.105 Procedures for using alternates.

The procedures in FAR 52.105 apply to GSAR [Part 552](#).

552.107-70 Provisions and clauses prescribed in [Subpart 552.1](#).

(a) Insert the provision at [552.252-5](#), Authorized Deviations in Provisions, in solicitations that include any FAR or GSAR clause with an authorized deviation. You must use this provision in lieu of the FAR provision at 52.252-5.

(b) Insert the clause at [552.252-6](#), Authorized Deviations in Clauses, in solicitations and contracts that include any FAR or GSAR clause with an authorized deviation. You must use this clause in lieu of the FAR clause at 52.252-6.

Subpart 552.2—Text of Provisions and Clauses

552.200 Scope of subpart.

This subpart sets forth the text of all GSAR provisions and clauses. It also cross-references the location in the GSAR that prescribes the use of each provision and clause.

552.203-5 Covenant Against Contingent Fees.

As prescribed in [503.404](#), insert the following clause:

COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES (FEB 1990)

(a) The Contractor warrants that no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or obtain this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a contingent fee, except a bona fide employee or agency. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Government shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of the contingent fee.

(b) “Bona fide agency,” as used in this clause, means an established commercial or selling agency (including licensed real estate agents or brokers), maintained by a Contractor for the purpose of securing business, that neither exerts nor proposes to exert improper influence to solicit or obtain Government contracts nor holds itself out as being able to obtain any Government contract or contracts through improper influence.

“Bona fide employee,” as used in this clause, means a person, employed by a Contractor and subject to the Contractor’s supervision and control as to time, place, and manner of performance, who neither exerts nor proposes to exert improper influence to solicit or obtain Government contracts nor holds out as being able to obtain any Government contract or contracts through improper influence.

“Contingent fee,” as used in this clause, means any commission, percentage, brokerage, or other fee that is contingent upon the success that a person or concern has in securing a Government contract.

“Improper influence,” as used in this clause, means any influence that induces or tends to induce a Government employee or officer to give consideration or to act regarding a Government contract on any basis other than the merits of the matter.

(End of clause)

552.203-70 Price Adjustment for Illegal or Improper Activity.

As prescribed in [503.104-9](#), insert the following clause:

PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY (SEP 1999)

(a) If the head of the contracting activity (HCA) or his or her designee determines that there was a violation of subsection 27(a) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. 423), as implemented in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, the Government, at its election, may—

(1) Reduce the monthly rental under this lease by 5 percent of the amount of the rental for each month of the remaining term of the lease, including any option periods, and recover 5 percent of the rental already paid;

(2) Reduce payments for alterations not included in monthly rental payments by 5 percent of the amount of the alterations agreement; or

(3) Reduce the payments for violations by a Lessor’s subcontractor by an amount not to exceed the amount of profit or fee reflected in the subcontract at the time the subcontract was placed.

(b) Prior to making a determination as set forth above, the HCA or designee shall provide to the Lessor a written notice of the action being considered and the basis therefor. The Lessor shall have a period determined by the agency head or designee, but not less than 30 calendar days after receipt of such notice, to submit in person, in writing, or through a representative, information and argument in opposition to the proposed reduction. The agency head or designee may, upon good cause shown, determine to deduct less than the above amounts from payments.

(c) The rights and remedies of the Government specified herein are not exclusive, and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this lease.

(End of clause)

552.203-71 Restriction on Advertising.

As prescribed in [503.570-2](#), insert the following clause:

RESTRICTION ON ADVERTISING (SEP 1999)

The Contractor shall not refer to this contract in commercial advertising or similar promotions in such a manner as to state or imply that the product or service provided is endorsed or preferred by the White House, the Executive Office of the President, or any other element of the Federal Government, or is considered by these entities to be superior to other products or services. Any advertisement by the Contractor, including price-off coupons, that refers to a military resale activity shall contain the following statement: “This advertisement is nei-

ther paid for nor sponsored, in whole or in part, by any element of the United States Government.”

(End of clause)

552.209-70 Product Removal from Qualified Products List.

As prescribed in [509.206-2](#), insert the following clause:

PRODUCT REMOVAL FROM QUALIFIED PRODUCTS LIST
(SEP 1999)

If, during the performance of this contract, the product being furnished is for any reason (except those outlined in paragraph 3.1.1 of the applicable Federal or Interim Federal Specification for security cabinets, security vault doors and changeable combination padlocks) removed from the Qualified Products List, the Government may terminate this contract for default.

(End of clause)

552.209-71 Waiver of First Article Testing and Approval Requirement.

As prescribed in [509.306](#), insert the following provision:

WAIVER OF FIRST ARTICLE TESTING AND
APPROVAL REQUIREMENT (SEP 1999)

(a) Offerors must submit an offer including testing and approval, however, an offeror may submit an alternate offer excluding testing and approval, provided the offeror satisfies the requirements for the waiving of first article testing.

(b) Before a waiver of the first article testing requirement of this solicitation will be considered, the offeror is requested to identify the procurement under which the product offered was previously approved and accepted:

(Offeror to insert both contract number and applicable national stock number.)

(End of provision)

552.209-72 Supplemental Requirements for First Article Approval—Contractor Testing.

As prescribed in [509.308-1](#), insert the following clause:

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST ARTICLE
APPROVAL—CONTRACTOR TESTING (SEP 1999)

(a) The term “Contracting Officer” as used in FAR 52.209-3, First Article Approval—Contractor Testing, means the Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO).

(b) The Contractor shall have either (1) the necessary inspection and test equipment at the Contractor’s plant to per-

form first article testing, or (2) if the inspection and test equipment is not available, a letter of commitment from a laboratory acceptable to the Government to perform the inspection and testing.

(c) When the Government elects to witness the first article testing, the Contractor shall conduct the testing between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday, unless a different time is agreed to by the ACO.

(d) The first article test report shall contain:

(1) The complete test data, the test method(s) used and date of test;

(2) Signature and printed name of the individual who performed the inspection;

(3) Applicable specification/CID and/or drawing numbers;

(4) Name and type of test equipment used; and

(5) All numerical values as a result of testing with each noted as to whether it passes or fails the contract test requirements.

(e) The first article shall be retained by the Contractor as the manufacturing standard and will be kept in a secure area, under control of the Quality Assurance Specialist (QAS), to protect against possible changes or alterations for the life of the contract. If the first article sample is destroyed during testing or damaged to a point making it unusable as a standard, the Contractor, upon Government request, shall provide a second sample.

(f) If the Contractor delivers the approved first article as part of the contract quantity, it shall be in the last scheduled delivery under the contract.

(End of clause)

552.209-73 Supplemental Requirements for First Article Approval—Government Testing.

As prescribed in [509.308-2](#), insert the following clause:

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST ARTICLE
APPROVAL—GOVERNMENT TESTING (SEP 1999)

(a) The term “Contracting Officer” as used in FAR 52.209-4, First Article Approval—Government Testing, means the Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO).

(b) The first article shall be retained by the Contractor as the manufacturing standard and will be kept in a secure area, under the control of the Quality Assurance Specialist (QAS) to protect against possible changes or alterations for the life of the contract. If the first article sample is destroyed during testing or damaged to a point making it unusable as a standard, the Contractor, upon Government request, shall provide a second sample.

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(c) If the Contractor delivers the approved first article as part of the contract quantity, it shall be in the last scheduled delivery under the contract.

(End of clause)

552.211-8 Time of Delivery.

As prescribed in [511.404\(a\)\(1\)](#) insert the following clause:

TIME OF DELIVERY (SEP 1999)

(a) The time of delivery for each item means the time required after receipt of an order (1) to make delivery to a destination in the case of delivered prices, or (2) to place shipment in transit in the case of f.o.b. origin prices.

(b) Delivery is required to be made at the point(s) specified within _____ days after receipt of order.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (Sep 1999). If it is necessary to show different delivery times for different items or groups of items, the Contracting Officer may substitute the following paragraph (b) for paragraph (b) of the basic clause.

(b) Delivery is required to be made at the point(s) specified within the number of calendar days after receipt of order as indicated below:

Items or Groups of Items (Special Item Numbers or Nomenclature)	Required Delivery Time (Days ARO)

552.211-15 Defense Priorities and Allocations System Requirements.

As prescribed at 511.604, insert the following clause:

DEFENSE PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATIONS SYSTEM
REQUIREMENTS (SEPT 2004)

(a) *Definitions.*

“Approved program” means a program determined to be necessary or appropriate for priorities and allocation support to promote the national defense by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, or the Department of Homeland Security Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response under the authority of the Defense Production Act, the Stafford Act, and Executive Order 12919, or the Selective Service Act and related statutes, and Executive Order 12742. See Schedule 1 of 15 CFR part 700 for a list of Delegate Agencies, approved programs, and program identification symbols at <http://www.bis.doc.gov/DefenseIndustrialBasePrograms/OSIES/DPAS/Default.htm>).

“Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS)” means the regulation published at 15 CFR part 700 that requires preferential treatment for certain contracts and orders placed by a Delegate Agency in support of an approved program.

“Delegate Agency” means an agency of the U.S. Government authorized by delegation from the Department of Commerce (DOC) to place priority ratings on contracts or orders needed to support approved programs.

“Rated order” means, for the purpose of this contract, a delivery or task order issued in accordance with the provisions of the DPAS regulation (15 CFR part 700).

(b) *Rated Order Requirement.* From time to time, the Contractor may receive a rated order under this contract from a Delegate Agency. The Contractor must give preferential treatment to rated orders as required by the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) regulation (15 CFR part 700). The existence of previously accepted unrated or lower rated orders is not sufficient reason to reject a rated order. Rated orders take preference over all unrated orders as necessary to meet required delivery dates. There are two levels of ratings designated by the symbol of either “DO” or “DX.” All “DO” rated orders have equal priority with each other and take preference over unrated orders. All “DX” rated orders have equal priority with each other and take preference over “DO” rated orders and unrated orders. The rating designation is followed by a program identification symbol. Program identification symbols indicate which approved program is supported by the rated order (see Schedule 1 of 15 CFR part 700 for a list of Delegate Agencies, approved programs, and program identification symbols).

(c) *Additional information.* Additional information may be obtained at the DOC DPAS website <http://www.bis.doc.gov/DefenseIndustrialBasePrograms/OSIES/DPAS/Default.htm> or by contacting the designated Administrative Contracting Officer.

552.211-70 [Reserved]

552.211-71 Standard References.

As prescribed in [511.204\(a\)](#), insert the following clause:

STANDARD REFERENCES (SEP 1999)

(a) All documents and publications (such as, but not limited to, manuals, handbooks, codes, standards and specifications) cited in this contract for the purpose of establishing requirements applicable to equipment, materials, or workmanship under this contract, shall be deemed to be incorporated herein as fully as if printed and bound with the specifications of this contract, in accordance with the following:

(1) Wherever reference is made to Standard Specifications of the Public Buildings Service, Interim Federal Specifi-

cations, Interim Amendments to Federal Specifications, Interim Federal Standards, or Interim Amendments to Federal Standards, the Contractor shall comply with the requirements set out in the issue or edition identified in this contract.

(2) Wherever reference is made to any such document other than those specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Contractor shall comply with the requirements set out in the edition specified in this contract, or if not specified, the latest edition or revision thereof, as well as the latest amendment or supplement thereto, in effect on the date of the solicitation on this project, except as modified by, as otherwise provided in, or as limited to type, class or grade, by the specifications of this contract.

(b) Upon request the Contractor shall make available at the job site within a reasonable time, a copy of each trade manual and standard which is incorporated by reference in this contract and which governs quality and workmanship.

(End of clause)

552.211-72 Reference to Specifications in Drawings.

As prescribed in [511.204\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

REFERENCES TO SPECIFICATIONS IN DRAWINGS (FEB 1996)

If military or other drawings are made a part of this contract, any reference in the drawings to Federal specifications or standards will be considered to be a reference to the date of such Federal specification or standard identified in the contract. If the date of the Federal specification or standard is not identified in the contract, the edition, including revisions thereto, in effect on the date the solicitation is issued will apply.

(End of clause)

552.211-73 Marking.

As prescribed in [511.204\(c\)\(1\)](#), insert the following clause:

MARKING (FEB 1996)

(a) *General requirements.* Interior packages, if any, and exterior shipping containers shall be marked as specified elsewhere in the contract. Additional marking requirements may be specified on delivery orders issued under the contract. If not otherwise specified, interior packages and exterior shipping containers shall be marked in accordance with the following standards:

(1) *Deliveries to civilian activities.* Supplies shall be marked in accordance with Federal Standard 123, edition in effect on the date of issuance of the solicitation.

(2) *Deliveries to military activities.* Supplies shall be marked in accordance with Military Standard 129, edition in effect on the date of issuance of the solicitation.

(b) *Improperly marked material.* When Government inspection and acceptance are at destination, and delivered supplies are not marked in accordance with contract requirements, the Government has the right, without prior notice to the Contractor, to perform the required marking, by contract or otherwise, and charge the Contractor therefore at the rate specified elsewhere in this contract. This right is not exclusive, and is in addition to other rights or remedies provided for in this contract.

(End of clause)

552.211-74 Charges for Marking.

As prescribed in [511.204\(c\)\(2\)](#), insert a clause substantially as follows:

CHARGES FOR MARKING (FEB 1996)

The rate provided for in paragraph (b) of [552.211-73](#), Marking, is \$_____ per man-hour or fraction thereof.

(End of clause)

**The rate to be inserted in the above clause shall be determined and published by the Commissioner, Federal Supply Service, or a designee.*

552.211-75 Preservation, Packaging and Packing.

As prescribed in [511.204\(c\)\(3\)](#), insert the following clause:

PRESERVATION, PACKAGING, AND PACKING (FEB 1996)

Unless otherwise specified, all items shall be preserved, packaged, and packed in accordance with normal commercial practices, as defined in the applicable commodity specification. Packaging and packing shall comply with the requirements of the Uniform Freight Classification and the National Motor Freight Classification (issue in effect at time of shipment) and each shipping container of each item in a shipment shall be of uniform size and content, except for residual quantities. Where special or unusual packing is specified in an order, but not specifically provided for by the contract, such packing details must be the subject of an agreement independently arrived at between the ordering agency and the Contractor.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (May 2003). As prescribed at [511.204\(c\)\(3\)](#), insert the following sentence in place of the last sentence of the clause:

Where special or unusual packing is specified in an order, but not specifically provided for by the contract, such packing details must be the subject of an agreement independently arrived at between the ordering activity and the Contractor.

552.211-76 Charges for Packaging and Packing.

As prescribed in [511.204\(c\)\(4\)](#), insert a clause substantially as follows:

CHARGES FOR PACKAGING AND PACKING (FEB 1996)

If supplies shipped to a GSA wholesale distribution center are not packaged and packed in accordance with contract requirements, the Government has the right, without prior notice to the Contractor, to perform the required repackaging/ repacking, by contract or otherwise, and charge the Contractor therefor at the rate of \$ ___* per man-hour or fraction thereof. The Contractor will also be charged for material costs, if incurred. This right is not exclusive, and is in addition to other rights or remedies provided for in this contract.

(End of clause)

**The rate to be inserted in the above clause shall be determined by the Commissioner, Federal Supply Service, or a designee.*

552.211-77 Packing List.

As prescribed in [511.204\(d\)](#) insert the following clause:

PACKING LIST (FEB 1996)

(a) A packing list or other suitable shipping document shall accompany each shipment and shall indicate:

- (1) Name and address of the consignor;
- (2) Name and complete address of the consignee;
- (3) Government order or requisition number;
- (4) Government bill of lading number covering the shipment (if any); and
- (5) Description of the material shipped, including item number, quantity, number of containers, and package number (if any).

(b) When payment will be made by Government commercial credit card, in addition to the information in (a) above, the packing list or shipping document shall include:

- (1) Cardholder name and telephone number and
- (2) The term "Credit Card."

(End of clause)

Alternate I (May 2003). As prescribed at [511.204\(d\)](#), substitute the following paragraphs (a)(3) and (b) for (a)(3) and (b) of the basic clause:

(a) (3) Ordering activity order or requisition number;

(b) When payment will be made by Ordering activity commercial credit card, in addition to the information in (a) above, the packing list or shipping document shall include:

- (1) Cardholder name and telephone number; and
- (2) The term "Credit Card."

(End of clause)

552.211-78 Commercial Delivery Schedule (Multiple Award Schedule).

As prescribed in [511.404\(a\)\(2\)](#), insert the following clause:

COMMERCIAL DELIVERY SCHEDULE
(MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE) (FEB 1996)

(a) *Time of Delivery.* The Contractor shall deliver to destination within the number of calendar days after receipt of order (ARO) in the case of F.O.B. Destination prices, or to place of shipment in transit in the case of F.O.B. Origin prices, as set forth below. Offerors shall insert in the "Time of Delivery (days ARO)" column in the schedule of Items a definite number of calendar days within which delivery will be made. In no case shall the offered delivery time exceed the Contractor's normal commercial practice. The Government requires the Contractor's normal commercial delivery time, as long as it is less than the "STATED" delivery time(s) shown below. If the Offeror does not insert a delivery time in the schedule of items, the Offeror will be deemed to offer delivery in accordance with the Government's stated delivery time as stated below:

Items or Groups of Items (Special Item Numbers or Nomenclature)	Government's Stated Delivery Time (Days ARO)	Contractor's Normal Commercial Delivery Time

(b) *Expedited Delivery Times.* For those items that can be delivered quicker than the delivery times in paragraph (a), above, the Offeror is requested to insert below, a time (hours/days ARO) that delivery can be made when expedited delivery is requested.

Items or Groups of Items (Special Item Numbers or Nomenclature)	Expedited Delivery Time (Hours/days ARO)

(c) *Overnight and 2-Day Delivery Times.* Ordering activities may require overnight or 2-day delivery. The Offeror is requested to annotate its price list or by separate attachment identify the items that can be delivered overnight or within 2-days. Contractors offering such delivery services will be required to state in the cover sheet to its FSS price list details concerning this service.

552.211-79 Acceptable Age of Supplies.

As prescribed in [511.404\(a\)\(3\)\(i\)](#), insert the following clause:

ACCEPTABLE AGE OF SUPPLIES (FEB 1996)

The supplies furnished under this contract shall not be more than _____ months old, beginning with the first full month after the date of manufacture marked on the container. For the purpose of this clause, supplies shall be considered to be furnished (1) when they are offered to the Government for inspection and testing, or (2) on the date of shipment if shipment is authorized to be made without prior inspection by the Government. If the age of the supplies furnished under this contract is greater than the specified period, the Government may exercise its right to reject the supplies.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (Feb 1996). For items having a limited shelf-life, the sentence below should be substituted for the first sentence of the basic clause when authorized:

The supplies furnished under this contract shall not be more than _____ days old, beginning with the date of manufacture (month, day, year) marked on the container.

552.211-80 Age on Delivery.

As prescribed in [511.404\(a\)\(3\)\(ii\)](#) insert the following clause:

AGE ON DELIVERY (FEB 1996)

Included in the description of each shelf-life item is a statement regarding the “age on delivery.” The age of the item(s) shall not exceed the number of months shown in the item description, counted from the first day of the month after the month of manufacture to the date of delivery to the specified delivery point(s). If the age of the supplies delivered under this contract is greater than the number of months shown, the Government may exercise its right to reject the supplies.

(End of clause)

552.211-81 Time of Shipment.

As prescribed in [511.404\(a\)\(4\)](#), insert the following clause:

TIME OF SHIPMENT (FEB 1996)

Shipment is required within _____ calendar days after receipt of order.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (Feb 1996). If the contract will require shipment more than 45 calendar days after receipt of the order, the following paragraph should be added to the basic clause.

Each delivery order will specify that shipment is required no later than the number of days shown above. If such order also states that “Early Shipment is Precluded,” the Contractor agrees to make shipment no sooner than _____ calendar days after receipt of order. Earlier shipments may result in nonacceptance of the supplies at the delivery point at the time of arrival.

(The second number to be inserted should be 15 calendar days less than the first number.)

552.211-82 Notice of Shipment.

As prescribed in [511.404\(a\)\(5\)](#), insert the following clause:

NOTICE OF SHIPMENT (FEB 1996)

If specified in an order placed under this contract, the Contractor shall, at the time each shipment is made on such order, furnish a notice of shipment to either the consignee or the ordering office or both, as specified. This requirement may be satisfied by completion and return of appropriate forms furnished by the ordering office or by the furnishing of copies of bills of lading, freight bills, or similar documents in accordance with normal commercial practice if such document clearly identifies the order number, items and quantities shipped, date of shipment, point of origin, method of shipment and routing, and the name of initial carrier.

(End of clause)

552.211-83 Availability for Inspection, Testing, and Shipment/Delivery.

As prescribed in [511.404\(a\)\(6\)](#), insert the following clause:

AVAILABILITY FOR INSPECTION, TESTING, AND SHIPMENT/
DELIVERY (FEB 1996)

(a) The Government requires that the supplies be made available for inspection and testing within _____* calendar days after receipt of [*Insert “Notice of Award” or “order”*], and be [*Insert “shipped” or “delivered”*] within _____* calendar days after receipt of (1) notice of approval and release by the Government inspector or (2) authorization to ship without Government inspection.

(b) Failure to make supplies available for inspection and testing or to [*Insert “ship” or “deliver”*] as required by this clause may result in termination of this contract for default.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (Feb 1996). If the contract is for stock items, the Contracting Officer shall insert “shipped” or “ship” in the basic clause, add the following paragraph (b) and redesignate paragraph (b) of the basic clause as paragraph (c).

(b) If notice of approval and release by the Government inspector or authorization to ship without Government inspection is received before _____* calendar days after receipt of

the [Insert "Notice of Award" or "order"], receipt of such notice shall be deemed to be received on the ___*___ calendar day after receipt of [Insert "Notice of Award" or "order"]. Shipments shall not be made before the ___*___ calendar day after receipt of the [Insert "Notice of Award" or "order"] unless authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer.

**Entries are normally the same number of days specified for availability.*

552.211-84 Non-Compliance with Contract Requirements.

As prescribed in [511.404\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS (FEB 1996)

In the event the Contractor, after receiving written notice from the Contracting Officer of non-compliance with any requirement of this contract, fails to initiate promptly such action as may be appropriate to comply with the specified requirement within a reasonable period of time, the Contracting Officer shall have the right to order the Contractor to stop any or all work under the contract until the Contractor has complied or has initiated such action as may be appropriate to comply within a reasonable period of time. The Contractor will not be entitled to any extension of contract time or payment for any costs incurred as a result of being ordered to stop work for such cause.

(End of clause)

552.212-70 Preparation of Offer (Multiple Award Schedule).

As prescribed in [512.301\(a\)\(1\)](#) insert the following clause:

PREPARATION OF OFFER (MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE) (AUG 1997)

(a) *Definitions.* "Concession," as used in this solicitation, means a benefit, enhancement or privilege (other than a discount), which either reduces the overall cost of a customer's acquisition or encourages a customer to consummate a purchase. Concessions include, but are not limited to freight allowance, extended warranty, extended price guarantees, free installation and bonus goods.

"Discount," as used in this solicitation, means a reduction to catalog prices (published or unpublished). Discounts include, but are not limited to, rebates, quantity discounts, purchase option credits, and any other terms or conditions other than concessions) which reduce the amount of money a customer ultimately pays for goods or services ordered or received. Any net price lower than the list price is considered a "discount" by the percentage difference from the list price to the net price.

(b) For each Special Item Number (SIN) included in an offer, the Offeror shall provide the information outlined in

paragraph (c). Offerors may provide a single response covering more than one SIN, if the information disclosed is the same for all products under each SIN. If discounts and concessions vary by model or product line, offerors shall ensure that information is clearly annotated as to item or items referenced.

(c) Provide information described below for each SIN:

(1) Two copies of the offeror's current published (dated or otherwise identified) commercial descriptive catalogs and/or price list(s) from which discounts are offered. If special catalogs or price lists are printed for the purpose of this offer, such descriptive catalogs or price lists shall include a statement indicating the special catalog or price list represent a verbatim extract from the Offeror's commercial catalog and/or price list and identify the descriptive catalog and/or price list from which the information has been extracted.

(2) Next to each offered item in the commercial catalog and/or price list, the Offeror shall write the special item number (SIN) under which the item is being offered. Unless a special catalog or price list is submitted, all other items shall be marked "excluded," lined out, and initialed by the offeror.

(3) The discount(s) offered under this solicitation. The description of discounts offered shall include all discounts, such as prompt payment discounts, quantity/dollar volume discounts (indicate whether models/products can be combined within the SIN or whether SINs can be combined to earn discounts), blanket purchase agreement discounts, or purchase option credits. If the terms of sale appearing in the commercial catalogs or price list on which an offer is based are in conflict with the terms of this solicitation, the latter shall govern.

(4) A description of concessions offered under this solicitation which are not granted to other customers. Such concessions may include, but are not limited to, an extended warranty, a return/exchange goods policy, or enhanced or additional services.

(5) If the Offeror is a dealer/reseller or the Offeror will use dealers to perform any aspect of contract awarded under this solicitation, describe the functions, if any, that the dealer/reseller will perform.

(End of clause)

552.212-71 Contract Terms and Conditions Applicable to GSA Acquisition of Commercial Items.

As prescribed in [512.301\(a\)\(2\)](#), insert the following clause:

CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO GSA ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JUL 2003)

The Contractor agrees to comply with any provision or clause that is incorporated herein by reference to implement agency policy applicable to acquisition of commercial items or components. The provision or clause in effect based on the applicable regulation cited on the date the solicitation is issued

applies unless otherwise stated herein. The following provisions and clauses are incorporated by reference:

[The contracting officer should either check the provisions and clauses that apply or delete the provisions and clauses that do not apply from the list. The contracting officer may add the date of the provision or clause if desired for clarity.]

(a) Provisions.

___ [552.237-70](#) Qualifications of Offerors

(b) Clauses.

___ [552.203-71](#) Restriction on Advertising
 ___ [552.211-73](#) Marking
 ___ [552.215-70](#) Examination of Records by GSA
 ___ [552.215-71](#) Examination of Records by GSA (Multiple Award Schedule)
 ___ [552.215-72](#) Price Adjustment—Failure to Provide Accurate Information
 ___ [552.219-70](#) Allocation of Orders—Partially Set-Aside Items
 ___ [552.228-70](#) Workers' Compensation Laws
 ___ [552.229-70](#) Federal, State, and Local Taxes
 ___ [552.232-8](#) Discounts for Prompt Payment
 ___ [552.232-23](#) Assignment of Claims
 ___ [552.232-71](#) Adjusting Payments
 ___ [552.232-72](#) Final Payment
 ___ [552.232-73](#) Availability of Funds
 ___ [552.232-78](#) Payment Information
 ___ [552.237-71](#) Qualifications of Employees
 ___ [552.238-71](#) Submission and Distribution of Authorized FSS Schedule Price List
 ___ [552.238-74](#) Industrial Funding Fee and Sales Reporting
 ___ [552.238-75](#) Price Reductions
 ___ [552.242-70](#) Status Report of Orders and Shipments
 ___ [552.243-72](#) Modifications (Multiple Award Schedule)
 ___ [552.246-73](#) Warranty—Multiple Award Schedule
 ___ [552.246-76](#) Warranty of Pesticides

(End of clause)

552.212-72 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders Applicable to GSA Acquisition of Commercial Items.

As prescribed in [512.301\(a\)\(3\)](#), insert the following clause:

CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS APPLICABLE TO GSA ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS (SEP 2003)

The Contractor agrees to comply with any provision or clause that is incorporated herein by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive Orders applicable to acquisition of commercial items or components. The provision or clause in effect based on the applicable regulation cited on the date the solicitation is issued applies unless otherwise stated herein. The following provisions and clauses are incorporated by reference:

[The contracting officer should either check the provisions and clauses that apply or delete the provisions and clauses that do not apply from the list. The contracting officer may add the date of the provision or clause if desired for clarity.]

(a) Provisions.

___ [552.223-72](#) Hazardous Material Information

(b) Clauses.

___ [552.223-70](#) Hazardous Substances
 ___ [552.223-71](#) Nonconforming Hazardous Material
 ___ [552.238-70](#) Identification of Electronic Office Equipment Providing Accessibility for the Handicapped
 ___ [552.238-72](#) Identification of Products that have Environmental Attributes

(End of clause)

552.212-73 Evaluation—Commercial Items (Multiple Award Schedule).

As prescribed in [512.301\(a\)\(4\)](#), insert the following provision:

EVALUATION—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE) (AUG 1997)

(a) The Government may make multiple awards for the supplies or services offered in response to this solicitation that meet the definition of a “commercial item” in FAR 52.202-1. Awards may be made to those responsible offerors that offer reasonable pricing, conforming to the solicitation, and will be most advantageous to the Government, taking into consideration the multiplicity and complexity of items of various manufacturers and the differences in performance required to accomplish or produce required end results, production and distribution facilities, price, compliance with delivery

requirements, and other pertinent factors. By providing a selection of comparable supplies or services, ordering activities are afforded the opportunity to fulfill their requirements with the item(s) that constitute the best value and that meet their needs at the lowest overall cost.

(b) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer’s specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

(End of provision)

Alternate I (Aug 1997). When anticipating competition of identical items, add the following paragraph after paragraph (b) of the basic provision.

(c) The Government reserves the right to award only one contract for all or a part of a manufacturer’s product line. When two or more offerors (e.g., dealers/resellers) offer the identical product, award may be made competitively to only one offeror on the basis of the lowest price. (Discounts for early payment will not be considered as an evaluation factor in determining the low offeror). During initial open season for an option period, any offers that are equal to or lower than the current contract price received for identical items will be considered. Current contractors will also be allowed to submit offers for identical items during this initial open season. The current contractor which has the identical item on contract will be included in the evaluation process. The Government will evaluate all offers and may award only one contract for each specified product or aggregate group.

552.214-70 “All or None” Offers.

As prescribed in [514.201-6](#), insert the following provision:

“ALL OR NONE” OFFERS (SEP 1999)

(a) Unless awards in the aggregate are specifically precluded in this solicitation, the Government reserves the right to evaluate offers and make awards on an “all or none” basis as provided below.

(b) An offer submitted on an “all or none” or similar basis will be evaluated as follows: The lowest acceptable offer exclusive of the “all or none” offer will be selected with respect to each item (or group of items when the solicitation provides for aggregate awards) and the total cost of all items thus determined shall be compared with the total of the lowest acceptable “all or none” offer. Award will be made to result in the lowest total cost to the Government.

(End of provision)

Alternate I (Sep 1999). For a requirements or indefinite quantity contract, the following paragraph (b) shall be substituted in the basic provision:

(b) An offer submitted on an “all or none” or similar basis will not be considered unless the offer is low on each item to which the “all or none” offer is made applicable. The term “each item” as used in this provision refers either to an item that under the terms of the solicitation may be independently awarded, or to a group of items on which an award is to be made in the aggregate.

552.214-71 Progressive Awards and Monthly Quantity Allocations.

As prescribed in [514.201-7\(a\)](#), insert the following clause:

PROGRESSIVE AWARDS AND MONTHLY QUANTITY ALLOCATIONS (SEP 1999)

(a) *Monthly quantity allocation.* (1) Set forth below are the Government’s estimated annual and monthly requirements for each stock item covered by this solicitation. Offerors shall indicate, in the spaces provided, the monthly quantity which they are willing to furnish of any item or group of items involving the use of the same production facilities. In making monthly allocations, offerors are urged to group as many items as possible. Such groupings will make it possible for the Government to make fullest use of the production capabilities of each offeror.

(2) Offerors need not limit their monthly allocations to the Government’s estimated monthly requirements, since additional unanticipated needs may occur during the period of the contract. If an offeror does not insert monthly allocation quantities, it will be deemed to offer to furnish all of the Government’s requirements, even though they may exceed the stated estimated requirements.

National Stock Number	Estimated Annual Requirements	Estimated Annual Requirements

Bidders Monthly Quantity Allocations

Items or Groups of Items	Monthly Allocation Quantity

(b) *Progressive awards.* If the low responsive offeror’s monthly quantity allocation is less than the Government’s estimated requirements, the Government may make progressive awards beginning with the low responsive offeror and including each next low responsive offeror to the extent necessary to meet the estimated requirements.

(c) *Ordering procedures.* If progressive awards are made, orders will be placed first with the Contractor offering the lowest price on each item normally up to that Contractor’s maximum quantity allocation and then, in the same manner, successively to other Contractors. When cumulative orders during any month, placed with a lower priced Contractor, equal or exceed 95 percent of its monthly quantity allocation, to avoid the placement of unduly small orders or the splitting of a subsequent order, the Government reserves the right to award the full quantity of the subsequent order to the next lower priced Contractor. In no case will orders be placed with any Contractor in excess of its monthly quantity allocation.

(End of clause)

552.214-72 Bid Sample Requirements.

As prescribed in [514.202-4\(a\)\(3\)](#), insert the following provision:

BID SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS (SEP 1999)

This provision supplements FAR 52.214-20, which is incorporated by reference. Samples shall be from the production of the manufacturer whose products will be supplied under resultant contracts.

(a) Two bid samples are required for each of the following items in this solicitation:

(b) Two representative samples shall be submitted for each of the following items upon which a bid is submitted:

Items	Acceptable Representative Samples

NOTE:

(1) Bidders are or are not authorized to re-apply samples being retained by GSA in connection with previous solicitations and/or resultant contracts. When the block “are” is marked by the government, FAR 52.214-20, Alternate II, shall apply.

(2) Bidders who propose to furnish an item or group of items from more than one manufacturer or production point must submit two samples from the production of each manufacturer or production point.

(c) Samples will be evaluated to determine compliance with all characteristics listed below:

Subjective Characteristics	Objective Characteristics

(d) Forward samples addressed to the Sample Room indicated below. Except for samples delivered by U.S. Mail, deliveries will be accepted between the hours of _____ Mondays through Fridays, official holidays excluded.

CAUTION: *USE PROPER ADDRESS FOR METHOD OF SHIPMENT SELECTED.*

Mail and Parcel Post	Freight or Express
[Insert Address of Bid Sample Room]	[Insert address of Bid Sample Room]

(End of provision)

552.215-70 Examination of Records by GSA.

As prescribed in [514.201-7\(b\)](#) and [515.209-70\(a\)](#) insert the following clause:

EXAMINATION OF RECORDS BY GSA (FEB 1996)

The Contractor agrees that the Administrator of General Services or any duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of 3 years after final payment under this contract, or of the time periods for the particular records specified in Subpart 4.7 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR 4.7), whichever expires earlier, have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor involving transactions related to this contract or compliance with any clauses thereunder. The Contractor further agrees to include in all its subcontracts hereunder a provision to the effect that the subcontractor agrees that the Administrator of General Services or any authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of 3 years after final payment under the subcontract, or of the time periods for the particular records specified in Subpart 4.7 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR 4.7), whichever expires earlier, have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, and records of such subcontractor involving transactions related to the subcontract or compliance with any clauses thereunder. The term “subcontract” as used in this clause excludes (a) purchase orders not exceeding \$100,000 and (b) subcontracts or purchase orders for public utility services at rates established for uniform applicability to the general public.

(End of clause)

552.215-71 Examination of Records by GSA (Multiple Award Schedule).

As prescribed in [515.209-70\(c\)](#) insert the following clause:

EXAMINATION OF RECORDS BY GSA
(MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE) (JUL 2003)

The Contractor agrees that the Administrator of General Services or any duly authorized representative shall have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor involving transactions related to this contract for overbillings, billing errors, compliance with the Price Reduction clause and compliance with the Industrial Funding Fee and Sales Reporting clause of this contract. This authority shall expire 3 years after final payment. The basic contract and each option shall be treated as separate contracts for purposes of applying this clause.

(End of clause)

552.215-72 Price Adjustment—Failure to Provide Accurate Information.

As prescribed in [515.408\(d\)](#), insert the following clause:

PRICE ADJUSTMENT—FAILURE TO PROVIDE
ACCURATE INFORMATION (AUG 1997)

(a) The Government, at its election, may reduce the price of this contract or contract modification if the Contracting Officer determines after award of this contract or contract modification that the price negotiated was increased by a significant amount because the Contractor failed to:

- (1) Provide information required by this solicitation/contract or otherwise requested by the Government; or
- (2) Submit information that was current, accurate, and complete; or
- (3) Disclose changes in the Contractor's commercial pricelist(s), discounts or discounting policies which occurred after the original submission and prior to the completion of negotiations.

(b) The Government will consider information submitted to be current, accurate and complete if the data is current, accurate and complete as of 14 calendar days prior to the date it is submitted.

(c) If any reduction in the contract price under this clause reduces the price for items for which payment was made prior to the date of the modification reflecting the price reduction, the Contractor shall be liable to and shall pay the United States—

- (1) The amount of the overpayment; and
- (2) Simple interest on the amount of such overpayment to be computed from the date(s) of overpayment to the Contractor to the date the Government is repaid by the Contractor at the applicable underpayment rate effective each quarter prescribed by the Secretary of Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6621(a)(2).

(d) Failure to agree on the amount of the decrease shall be resolved as a dispute.

(e) In addition to the remedy in paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government may terminate this contract for default. The rights and remedies of the Government specified herein are not exclusive, and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

(End of clause)

552.216-70 Economic Price Adjustment—FSS Multiple Award Schedule Contracts.

As prescribed in [516.203-4\(a\)](#), insert the following clause:

ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT—FSS MULTIPLE AWARD
SCHEDULE CONTRACTS (SEP 1999)

Price adjustments include price increases and price decreases. Adjustments will be considered as follows:

(a) Contractors shall submit price decreases anytime during the contract period in which they occur. Price decreases will be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Price Reduction Clause.

(b) Contractors may request price increases under the following conditions:

- (1) Increases resulting from a reissue or other modification of the Contractor's commercial catalog/pricelist that was used as the basis for the contract award.
- (2) Only three increases will be considered during the contract period.
- (3) Increases are requested after the first 30 days of the contract period and prior to the last 60 days of the contract period.
- (4) At least 30 days elapse between requested increases.

(c) The aggregate of the increases in any contract unit price under this clause shall not exceed _____* percent of the original contract unit price. The Government reserves the right to raise this ceiling where changes in market conditions during the contract period support an increase.

(d) The following material shall be submitted with the request for a price increase:

- (1) A copy of the commercial catalog/pricelist showing the price increase and the effective date for commercial customers.
- (2) Commercial Sales Practice format regarding the Contractor's commercial pricing practice relating to the reissued or modified catalog/price- list, or a certification that no change has occurred in the data since completion of the initial negotiation or a subsequent submission.
- (3) Documentation supporting the reasonableness of the price increase.

(e) The Government reserves the right to exercise one of the following options:

(1) Accept the Contractor's price increases as requested when all conditions of (b), (c), and (d) of this clause are satisfied;

(2) Negotiate more favorable discounts from the new commercial prices when the total increase requested is not supported; or,

(3) Remove the product(s) from contract involved pursuant to the Cancellation Clause of this contract, when the increase requested is not supported.

(f) The contract modification reflecting the price adjustment shall be signed by the Government and made effective upon receipt of notification from the Contractor that the new catalog/pricelist has been mailed to the addressees previously furnished by the Contracting Officer, provided that in no event shall such price adjustment be effective prior to the effective date of the commercial price increases. The increased contract prices shall apply to delivery orders issued to the Contractor on or after the effective date of the contract modification.

(End of clause)

**Insert the percent appropriate at the time the solicitation is issued. This percentage should normally be 10 percent, unless based on a trend established by an appropriate index such as the Producer Prices and Price Index during the most recent 6-month period indicates that a different percentage is more appropriate. Any ceiling other than 10 percent must be approved by the contracting director.*

Alternate I (Sep 1999). As prescribed by [516.203-4\(a\)\(2\)](#), substitute the following for paragraphs (b) and (c) of the clause:

(b) Contractors may request price increases to be effective on or after the first 12 months of the contract period providing all of the following conditions are met:

(1) Increases resulting from a reissue or other modification of the Contractor's commercial catalog/pricelist that was used as the basis for the contract award.

(2) No more than three increases will be considered during each succeeding 12-month period of the contract. (For succeeding contract periods of less than 12 months, up to three increases will be considered subject to the other conditions of this paragraph (b)).

(3) Increases are requested before the last 60 days of the contract period.

(4) At least 30 days elapse between requested increases.

(c) any contract period during which price increases will be considered, the aggregate of the increases during any 12-month period shall not exceed ___*___ percent of the contract unit price in effect at the end of the preceding 12-month period. The Government reserves the right to raise the ceiling

when market conditions during the contract period support such a change.

**Insert the percentage appropriate at the time the solicitation is issued. This percentage should be determined based on the trend established by an appropriate index such as the Producer Prices and Price Index. A ceiling of more than 10 percent must be approved by the Contracting Director.*

552.216-71 Economic Price Adjustment—Stock and Special Order Program Contracts.

As prescribed in [516.203-4\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT—STOCK AND SPECIAL ORDER PROGRAM CONTRACTS (SEP 1999)

(a) "Producer Price Index" (PPI), as used in this clause, means the originally released index, not seasonally adjusted, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor (Labor) for product code _____ found under Table _____.

(b) During the term of the contract, the award price may be adjusted once upward or downward a maximum of ___*___ percent. Any price adjustment for the product code shall be based upon the percentage change in the PPI released in the month prior to the initial month of the contract period specified in the solicitation for sealed bidding or the month prior to award in negotiation (the base index) and the PPI released 12 months later (the updated index). The formula for determining the Adjusted Contract Price (ACP) applicable to shipments for the balance of the contract period is—

$$\text{ACP} = \frac{\text{Updated Index}}{\text{Base Index}} \times \text{Award Price}$$

(c) If the PPI is not available for the month of the base index or the updated index, the month with the most recently published PPI prior to the month determining the base index or updated index shall be used.

(d) If a product code is discontinued, the Government and the Contractor will mutually agree to substitute a similar product code. If Labor designates an index with a new title and/or code number as continuous with the product code specified above, the new index shall be used.

(e) Unless the Contractor's written request for a price adjustment resulting from the application of the formula in paragraph (b) of this clause is received by the Contracting Officer within 30 calendar days of the release of the updated index, the Contractor shall have waived its right to an upward price adjustment for the balance of the contract. Alternatively, the Contracting Officer will unilaterally adjust the award price downward when appropriate using the updated index defined in paragraph (b) of this clause.

(f) Price adjustments shall be effective upon execution of a contract modification by the Government or on the 31st day following the release of the updated index, whichever is

later, shall indicate the updated index and percent of change as well as the ACP, and shall not apply to delivery orders issued before the effective date.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (Sep 1999). As prescribed in [516.203-4\(b\)\(1\)](#) and (2), substitute the following paragraphs (b), (e) and (f) for paragraphs (b), (e) and (f) of the basic clause:

(b) In any option period, the contract price may be adjusted upward or downward a maximum of ** percent.

(1) For the first option period, any price adjustment for the product code shall be based upon the percentage change in the PPI released in the month prior to the initial month of the contract period specified in the solicitation for sealed bidding or the month prior to award in negotiation (the base index) and the PPI released in the third month before completion of the initial contract period stated in the solicitation (the updated index). This initial contract period may be less than 12 months. The formula for determining the Adjusted Contract Price (ACP) applicable to shipments during the first option period is—

$$\text{ACP} = \frac{\text{Updated Index}}{\text{Base Index}} \times \text{Award Price}$$

(2) For any subsequent option period, the price adjustment shall be the percentage change between the previously updated index (the new base index) and the PPI released 12 months later (the most recent updated index). This percentage shall be applied to the Current Contract Price (CCP). The formula for determining the ACP applicable to shipments for the subsequent option period(s) is—

$$\text{ACP} = \frac{\text{Most Recent Updated Index}}{\text{New Base Index}} \times \text{CCP}$$

(e) Unless the Contractor's written request for a price adjustment resulting from the application of the formulas in paragraphs (b)(1) or (2) of this clause is received by the Contracting Officer within 30 calendar days of the date of the Government's preliminary written notice of its intent to exercise the option, the Contractors shall have waived its right to an upward price adjustment for that option period. Alternatively, the Contracting Officer in its written notice shall exercise the option at the CCP or at a reduced price when appropriate using the formulas in paragraphs (b)(1) or (2) of this clause.

(f) Price adjustments shall be effected by execution of a contract modification by the Government indicating the most recent updated index and percent of change and shall apply to delivery orders placed on or after the first day of the option period.

Alternate II (Sep 1999). As prescribed in [516.203-4\(b\)\(2\)](#), add the following paragraph (g) to the basic clause.

(g) No price adjustment will be made unless the percentage change in the PPI is at least ** percent.

* *The appropriate percentage should be determined based upon the historical trend in the PPI for the product code. A ceiling of more than 10 percent must be approved by the Contracting Director.*

** *You should insert a lower percent than the maximum percentage stated in paragraph (b) of the clause.*

552.216-72 Placement of Orders.

As prescribed in [516.506](#), insert the following clause:

PLACEMENT OF ORDERS (SEP 1999)

(a) Delivery orders (orders) will be placed by:

[Contracting Officer insert names of Federal agencies]

(b) Orders may be placed through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or mailed in paper form. EDI orders shall be placed using the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) X12 Standard for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) format.

(c) If the Contractor agrees, GSA's Federal Supply Service (FSS) will place all orders by EDI using computer-to-computer EDI. If computer-to-computer EDI is not possible, FSS will use an alternative EDI method allowing the Contractor to receive orders by facsimile transmission. Subject to the Contractor's agreement, other agencies may place orders by EDI.

(d) When computer-to-computer EDI procedures will be used to place orders, the Contractor shall enter into one or more Trading Partner Agreements (TPA) with each Federal agency placing orders electronically in order to ensure mutual understanding by the parties of certain electronic transaction conventions and to recognize the rights and responsibilities of the parties as they apply to this method of placing orders. The TPA must identify, among other things, the third party provider(s) through which electronic orders are placed, the transaction sets used, security procedures, and guidelines for implementation. Federal agencies may obtain a sample format to customize as needed from the office specified in paragraph (g) of this clause.

(e) The Contractor shall be responsible for providing its own hardware and software necessary to transmit and receive data electronically. Additionally, each party to the TPA shall be responsible for the costs associated with its use of third party provider services.

(f) Nothing in the TPA will invalidate any part of this contract between the Contractor and the General Services Administration. All terms and conditions of this contract that otherwise would be applicable to a mailed order shall apply to the electronic order.

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(g) The basic content and format of the TPA will be provided by:

General Services Administration
Acquisition Operations and Electronic Commerce Center
(FCS)
Washington, DC 20406

Telephone: [Contracting Officer insert appropriate telephone numbers]

FAX:

(End of clause)

Alternate I (Sep 1999). As prescribed in [516.506](#), substitute the following paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) for paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of the basic clause:

(a) All delivery orders (orders) under this contract will be placed by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service (FSS). The Contractor is not authorized to accept orders from any other agency. Violation of this restriction may result in termination of the contract pursuant to the default clause of this contract.

(b) All orders shall be placed by Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) using the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) X12 Standard for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) format.

(c) If the Contractor agrees, transmission will be computer-to-computer EDI. If computer-to-computer EDI is not possible, FSS will use an alternative EDI method allowing the Contractor to receive orders by facsimile transmission.

(d) When computer-to-computer EDI procedures will be used to place orders, the Contractor shall enter into a Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) with FSS in order to ensure mutual understanding by the parties of certain electronic transaction conventions and to recognize the rights and responsibilities of the parties as they apply to this method of placing orders. The TPA must identify, among other things, the third party provider(s) through which electronic orders are placed, the transaction sets used, security procedures, and guidelines for implementation.

Alternate II (Sep 1999). As prescribed in [516.506\(b\)](#), substitute the following paragraph (a) for paragraph (a) of the basic clause:

(a) The organizations listed below may place orders under this contract. Questions regarding organizations authorized to use this schedule should be directed to the Contracting Officer.

- (1) Executive agencies.
- (2) Other Federal agencies.
- (3) Mixed-ownership Government corporations.
- (4) The District of Columbia.

(5) Government contractors authorized in writing by a Federal agency pursuant to 48 CFR 51.1.

(6) Other activities and organizations authorized by statute or regulation to use GSA as a source of supply.

Alternate III (May 2004). As prescribed in [516.506\(c\)](#), substitute the following paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) for paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of the basic clause:

(a) See [552.238-78](#), Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities), for who may order under this contract.

(c) If the Contractor agrees, GSA's Federal Supply Service (FSS) will place orders for eligible ordering activities, as defined in paragraph (a) of the clause at [552.238-78](#), by EDI using computer-to-computer EDI. If computer-to-computer EDI is not possible, FSS will use an alternative EDI method allowing the Contractor to receive orders by facsimile transmission. Subject to the Contractor's agreement, other eligible ordering activities, as defined in paragraphs (a) and (d) of the clause at [552.238-78](#), may also place orders by EDI.

(d) When computer-to-computer EDI procedures will be used to place orders, the Contractor shall enter into one or more Trading Partner Agreements (TPA) with each ordering activity placing orders electronically in order to ensure mutual understanding by the parties of certain electronic transaction conventions and to recognize the rights and responsibilities of the parties as they apply to this method of placing orders. The TPA must identify, among other things, the third party provider(s) through which electronic orders are placed, the transaction sets used, security procedures, and guidelines for implementation. Ordering activities may obtain a sample format to customize as needed from the office specified in paragraph (g) of this clause.

Alternate IV (Feb 2007). As prescribed in [516.506\(d\)](#), substitute the following paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) for paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of the basic clause:

(a) See [552.238-78](#), Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities)—Alternate I, for who may order under this contract.

(c) If the Contractor agrees, GSA's Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) will place orders for eligible ordering activities, as defined in paragraph (a) of the clause at [552.238-78](#)—Alternate I, by EDI using computer-to-computer EDI. If computer-to-computer EDI is not possible, FAS will use an alternative EDI method allowing the Contractor to receive orders by facsimile transmission. Subject to the Contractor's agreement, other eligible ordering activities, as defined in paragraphs (a) and (d) of the clause at [552.238-78](#)—Alternate I, may also place orders by EDI.

(d) When computer-to-computer EDI procedures will be used to place orders, the Contractor shall enter into one or more Trading Partner Agreements (TPA) with each ordering activity placing orders electronically in order to ensure mutual understanding by the parties of certain electronic transaction conventions and to recognize the rights and

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responsibilities of the parties as they apply to this method of placing orders. The TPA must identify, among other things, the third party provider(s) through which electronic orders are placed, the transaction sets used, security procedures, and guidelines for implementation. Ordering activities may obtain a sample format to customize as needed from the office specified in paragraph (g) of this clause.

552.216-73 Ordering Information.

As prescribed in [516.506\(e\)](#), insert the following provision:

ORDERING INFORMATION (SEP 1999)

(a) In accordance with the Placement of Orders clause of this solicitation, the offeror elects to receive orders placed by GSA's Federal Supply Service (FSS) by either facsimile transmission or computer-to-computer Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

(b) An offeror electing to receive computer-to-computer EDI is requested to indicate below the name, address, and telephone number of the representative to be contacted regarding establishment of an EDI interface.

(c) An offeror electing to receive orders by facsimile transmission is requested to indicate below the telephone number(s) for facsimile transmission equipment where orders should be forwarded.

(d) For mailed orders, the offeror is requested to include the postal mailing address(es) where paper form orders should be mailed.

(End of provision)

Alternate I (Sep 1999). As prescribed in [516.506\(e\)](#), delete paragraph (d) of the basic provision.

Alternate II (Sep 1999). As prescribed in [516.506\(e\)](#), add the following paragraph (e) to the basic provision:

(e) Offerors marketing through dealers are requested to indicate below whether those dealers will be participating in the proposed contract.

YES NO

If "yes" is checked, ordering information to be inserted above shall reflect that in addition to offeror's name, address, and facsimile transmission telephone number, orders can be addressed to the offeror's name, c/o nearest local dealer. In this event, two copies of a list of participating dealers shall accompany this offer, and shall also be included in Contractor's Federal Supply Schedule pricelist.

552.217-70 Evaluation of Options.

As prescribed in [517.208\(a\)](#), insert the following provision:

EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (AUG 1990)

(a) The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by determining the lowest base period price. When option year pricing is based on a formula (e.g., changes in the Producer Price Index or other common standard); option year pricing is automatically considered when evaluating the base year price, as any change in price will be uniformly related to changes in market conditions. All options are therefore considered to be evaluated. Evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

(b) The Government will reject the offer if exceptions are taken to the price provisions of the Economic Price Adjustment clause, unless the exception results in a lower maximum option year price. Such offers will be evaluated without regard to the lower option year(s) maximum. However, if the offeror offering a lower maximum is awarded a contract, the award will reflect the lower maximum.

552.217-71 Notice Regarding Option(s).

As prescribed in [517.208\(b\)](#), insert the following provision:

NOTICE REGARDING OPTION(S) (NOV 1992)

The General Services Administration (GSA) has included an option to *[Insert "purchase additional quantities of supplies or services" or "extend the term of this contract" or "purchase additional quantities of supplies or services and to extend the term of this contract"]* in order to demonstrate the value it places on quality performance by providing a mechanism for continuing a contractual relationship with a successful Offeror that performs at a level which meets or exceeds GSA's quality performance expectations as communicated to the Contractor, in writing, by the Contracting Officer or designated representative. When deciding whether to exercise the option, the Contracting Officer will consider the quality of the Contractor's past performance under this contract in accordance with 48 CFR 517.207.

(End of provision)

552.219-70 Allocation of Orders—Partially Set-aside Items.

As prescribed in [519.508](#), insert the following clause:

ALLOCATION OF ORDERS—PARTIALLY SET-ASIDE ITEMS
(SEP 1999)

Where the set-aside portion of an item or group of items is awarded to a Contractor other than the one receiving the award on the corresponding non-set-aside portion, the Government will divide the requirements to be ordered between the two Contractors with the objective of achieving, as nearly as possible, a 50/50 division of the total value of orders placed after the award of the set-aside portion. In no case will this division vary by more than a 60/40 division (with either the non-set-aside or set-aside Contractor receiving the larger portion) from the time of the award of the set-aside portion.

(End of clause)

552.219-71 Notice to Offerors of Subcontracting Plan Requirements.

As prescribed in [519.708-70\(a\)](#), insert the following provision:

NOTICE TO OFFERORS OF SUBCONTRACTING
PLAN REQUIREMENTS (JUNE 2005)

The General Services Administration (GSA) is committed to assuring that maximum practicable opportunity is provided to small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns to participate in the performance of this contract consistent with its efficient performance. GSA expects any subcontracting plan submitted pursuant to FAR 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan, to reflect this commitment. Consequently, an offeror, other than a small business concern, before being awarded a contract exceeding \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction), must demonstrate that its subcontracting plan represents a creative and innovative program for involving small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns as subcontractors in the performance of this contract.

(End of provision)

552.219-72 Preparation, Submission, and Negotiation of Subcontracting Plans.

As prescribed in [519.708-70\(b\)](#), insert the following provision:

PREPARATION, SUBMISSION, AND NEGOTIATION OF
SUBCONTRACTING PLANS (JUNE 2005)

(a) An offeror, other than a small business concern, submitting an offer that exceeds \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction) shall submit a subcontracting plan with its initial offer. The subcontracting plan will be negotiated concurrently with price and any required technical and management proposals, unless the offeror submits a previously-approved commercial plan.

(b) Maximum practicable utilization of small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns as subcontractors is a matter of national interest with both social and economic benefits. The General Services Administration (GSA) expects that an offeror's subcontracting plan will reflect a commitment to assuring that small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns are provided the maximum practicable opportunity, consistent with efficient contract performance, to participate as subcontractors in the performance of the resulting contract. An offeror submitting a commercial plan can reflect this commitment through subcontracting opportunities it provides that relate to the offeror's production generally; i.e., for both its commercial and Government business.

(c) GSA believes that this potential contract provides significant opportunities for the use of small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns as subcontractors. Consequently, in addressing the eleven elements described at FAR 52.219-9(d) of the clause in this contract entitled Small Business Subcontracting Plan, the offeror shall:

(1) Demonstrate that its subcontracting plan represents a creative and innovative program for involving small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns in performing the contract.

(2) Include a description of the offeror's subcontracting strategies used in any previous contracts, significant achievements, and how this plan will build upon those earlier achievements.

(3) Demonstrate through its plan that it understands the small business subcontracting program's objectives and GSA's expectations, and it is committed to taking those actions necessary to meet these goals or objectives.

(d) In determining the acceptability of any subcontracting plan, the Contracting Officer will take each of the following actions:

(1) Review the plan to verify that the offeror demonstrates an understanding of the small business subcontracting program’s objectives and GSA’s expectations with respect to the program and has included all the information, goals, and assurances required by FAR 52.219-9.

(2) Consider previous goals and achievements of contractors in the same industry.

(3) Consider information and potential sources obtained from agencies administering national and local preference programs and other advocacy groups in evaluating whether the goals stated in the plan adequately reflect the anticipated potential for subcontracting to small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns.

(4) Review the offeror’s description of its strategies, historical performance and significant achievements in placing subcontracts for the same or similar products or services with small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns. The offeror’s description can apply to commercial as well as previous Government contracts.

(e) Failure to submit an acceptable subcontracting plan and/or correct deficiencies in a plan within the time specified by the Contracting Officer shall make the offeror ineligible for award.

(End of provision)

552.219-73 Goals for Subcontracting Plan.

As prescribed in [519.708-70\(c\)](#), insert the following provision:

GOALS FOR SUBCONTRACTING PLAN (JUNE 2005)

(a) Maximum practicable utilization of small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns as subcontractors is a matter of national interest with both social and economic benefits.

(1) The General Services Administration’s (GSA’s) commitment to ensuring that maximum practicable opportunity is provided to small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns to participate as subcontractors in the performance of this contract, consistent with its efficient performance, must be reflected in the offeror’s subcontracting plan submitted pursuant to the clause of this contract at FAR 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan.

(2) In addressing the eleven elements described at FAR 52.219-9(d), the offeror shall demonstrate that its subcontracting plan represents a creative and innovative program for involving small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns in performing this contract. An offeror submitting a commercial plan can demonstrate its commitment in providing maximum practicable opportunities through subcontracting opportunities it provides to small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns that relate to the offeror’s production generally; i.e., for both its commercial and Government business.

(3) The subcontracting plan shall include a description of the offeror’s subcontracting strategies used in previous contracts and significant achievements, with an explanation of how this plan will build upon those earlier achievements. Additionally, the offeror shall demonstrate through its plan that it understands the small business subcontracting program’s objectives, GSA’s expectations, and is committed to taking those actions necessary to meet these goals or objectives.

(b) GSA believes that this contract provides significant opportunities for the use of small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns as subcontractors. Accordingly, it is anticipated that an acceptable subcontracting plan will contain at least the following goals:

Small Business	_____ percent
HUBZone Small Business	_____ percent
Small Disadvantaged Business	_____ percent
Women-Owned Small Business	_____ percent
Veteran-Owned Small Business	_____ percent
Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business	_____ percent

NOTE: Target goals are expressed as a percentage of planned subcontracting dollars.

(c) In determining the acceptability of any subcontracting plan, the Contracting Officer will—

(1) Review the plan to verify that the offeror has demonstrated an understanding of the small business subcontracting program’s objectives and GSA’s expectations with respect to the programs and has included all the information, goals, and assurances required by FAR 52.219-9;

(2) Consider previous goals and achievements of contractors in the same industry;

(3) Consider information and potential sources obtained from agencies administering national and local preference programs and other advocacy groups in evaluating

whether the goals stated in the plan adequately reflect the anticipated potential for subcontracting to small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns; and

(4) Review the offeror's description of its strategies, historical performance and significant achievements in placing subcontracts for the same or similar products or services with small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns. The offeror's description can apply to commercial as well as previous Government contracts.

(d) Failure to submit an acceptable subcontracting plan and/or correct deficiencies in a plan within the time specified by the Contracting Officer shall make the offeror ineligible for award.

(End of provision)

Alternate I (Sep 1999). As prescribed in [519.708-70\(c\)\(2\)](#), delete paragraph (b) of the basic provision and redesignate paragraphs (c) and (d) as paragraphs (b) and (c).

552.219-74 Section 8(a) Direct Award.

As prescribed in [519.870-8](#), insert the following clause:

SECTION 8(A) DIRECT AWARD (SEP 1999)

(a) This contract is issued as a direct award between the contracting activity and the 8(a) Contractor pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the General Services Administration. SBA retains the responsibility for 8(a) certifications, 8(a) eligibility determinations, and related issues, and will provide counseling and assistance to the 8(a) contractor under the 8(a) program. The cognizant SBA district office is:

[Complete at time of award]

(b) The contracting activity is responsible for administering the contract and taking any action on behalf of the Government under the terms and conditions of the contract. However, the contracting activity shall give advance notice to SBA before it issues a final notice terminating performance, either in whole or in part, under the contract. The contracting activity shall also coordinate with SBA prior to processing any advance payments or novation agreements. The contracting activity may assign contract administration functions to a contract administration office.

(c) The Contractor agrees:

(1) To notify the Contracting Officer, simultaneous with its notification to SBA (as required by SBA's 8(a) regulations), when the owner or owners upon whom 8(a) eligibility is based plan to relinquish ownership or control of the concern. Consistent with 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(21),

transfer of ownership or control shall result in termination of the contract for convenience, unless SBA waives the requirement for termination prior to the actual relinquishing of ownership and control.

(2) To the requirements of 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting.

(End of clause)

552.223-70 Hazardous Substances.

As prescribed in [523.303\(a\)](#), insert the following clause:

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (MAY 1989)

(a) If the packaged items to be delivered under this contract are of a hazardous substance and ordinarily are intended or considered to be for use as a household item, this contract is subject to the Federal Hazardous Materials Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 1261-1276), implementing regulations thereof (16 CFR Chapter II), and Federal Standard No. 123, Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies), issue in effect on the date of this solicitation.

(b) The packaged items to be delivered under this contract are subject to the preparation of shipping documents, the preparation of items for transportation, shipping container construction, package making, package labeling, when required, shipper's certification of compliance, and transport vehicle placarding in accordance with Parts 171 through 178 of 49 CFR and the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

(c) The minimum packaging acceptable for packaging Department of Transportation regulated hazardous materials shall be those in 49 CFR 173.

(End of clause)

552.223-71 Nonconforming Hazardous Materials.

As prescribed in [523.303\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

NONCONFORMING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (SEP 1999)

(a) Nonconforming supplies that contain hazardous material or that may expose persons who handle or transport the supplies to hazardous material and which require replacement under the inspection and/or warranty clauses of this contract shall be reshipped to the Contractor at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor agrees to accept return of these nonconforming supplies and to pay all costs occasioned by their return.

(b) "Hazardous materials," as used in this clause, includes any material defined as hazardous under the latest version of Federal Standard No. 313 (including revisions adopted during the term of the contract).

(c) If the Contractor fails to provide acceptable disposition instructions for the nonconforming supplies within 10 days from the date of the Government's request (or such longer period as may be agreed to between the Contracting Officer

and the Contractor), or fails to accept return of the reshipped nonconforming supplies, such failure:

- (1) May be interpreted as a willful failure to perform,
- (2) May result in termination of the contract for default and
- (3) Shall be considered by the Contracting Officer in determining the responsibility of the Contractor for any future award (see FAR 9.104-3(b) and 9.406-2).
- (d) Pending final resolution of any dispute, the Contractor shall promptly comply with the decision of the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

552.223-72 Hazardous Material Information.

As prescribed in [523.370](#), insert the following provision:

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INFORMATION (SEP 1999)

Offeror shall indicate for each national stock number (NSN) the following information:

NSN	DOT Shipping Name	DOT Hazard Class	DOT Label Required
			Yes [] No []
			Yes [] No []
			Yes [] No []

(End of provision)

552.225-70 Notice of Procurement Restriction—Hand or Measuring Tools or Stainless Steel Flatware.

As prescribed in [525.1101](#), insert the following clause:

NOTICE OF PROCUREMENT RESTRICTION—HAND OR MEASURING TOOLS OR STAINLESS STEEL FLATWARE (SEP 1999)

(a) Awards under this solicitation will only be made to offerors that will furnish hand or measuring tools or stainless steel flatware that are domestic end products. Pursuant to the requirements of the current Department of Defense Appropriations Act, GSA has determined, in accordance with Section 6-104.4 of the Armed Services Procurement Regulation (6/15/70)(32 CFR 6-104.4), that it is in the national interest to reject foreign products.

As used in this clause, a “domestic end product” is—

- (1) Any hand or measuring tool, except for an electric or air-motor driven hand tool, or stainless steel flatware, wholly produced or manufactured, including all components, in the United States or its possessions; or
- (2) Any electric or air-motor driven hand tool if the cost of its components produced or manufactured in the United States exceeds 75 percent of the cost of all its components.

(b) Tool kits or sets, being procured under this solicitation, will not be considered domestic end products if any individual

tool classified in FSC Group 51 or 52 and included in a tool kit or set is not a domestic end product as defined in paragraph (a) of this clause. The restrictions of this clause do not apply to individual hand or measuring tools that are contained in the tool kit or set but are not classified in FSC Group 51 or 52.

(End of clause)

552.227-70 Government Rights (Unlimited).

As prescribed in [527.409\(a\)](#), insert the following clause:

GOVERNMENT RIGHTS (UNLIMITED) (MAY 1989)

The Government shall have unlimited rights in all drawings, designs, specifications, notes and other works developed in the performance of this contract, including the right to use same on any other Government design or construction without additional compensation to the Contractor. The Contractor hereby grants to the Government a paid-up license throughout the world to all such works to which he may assert or establish any claim under design patent or copyright laws. The Contractor for a period of three years after completion of the project agrees to furnish the original or copies of all such works on the request of the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

552.227-71 Drawings and Other Data to Become Property of Government.

As prescribed in [527.409\(b\)](#), substitute the following clause:

DRAWINGS AND OTHER DATA TO BECOME PROPERTY OF GOVERNMENT (MAY 1989)

All designs, drawings, specifications, notes and other works developed in the performance of this contract shall become the sole property of the Government and may be used on any other design or construction without additional compensation to the Contractor. The Government shall be considered the “person for whom the work was prepared” for the purpose of authorship in any copyrightable work under Section 201(b) of Title 17, United States Code. With respect thereto, the Contractor agrees not to assert or authorize others to assert any rights nor establish any claim under the design patent or copyright laws. The Contractor for a period of three years after completion of the project agrees to furnish all retained works on the request of the Contracting Officer. Unless otherwise provided in this contract, the Contractor shall have the right to retain copies of works beyond such period.

(End of clause)

552.228-70 Workers' Compensation Laws.

As prescribed in [528.310\(a\)](#), insert the following clause:

WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS (SEP 1999)

The Act of June 25, 1936, 49 Stat. 1938 (40 U.S.C. 290) authorizes the constituted authority of the several States to apply their workers' compensation laws to all lands and premises owned or held by the United States.

(End of clause)

552.229-70 Federal, State, and Local Taxes.

As prescribed in [529.401-70](#), insert the following clause:

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES (APR 1984)

The contract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes. No adjustment will be made to cover taxes which may subsequently be imposed on this transaction or

changes in the rates of currently applicable taxes. However, the Government will, upon the request of the Contractor, furnish evidence appropriate to establish exemption from any tax from which the Government is exempt and which was not included in the contract price.

(End of clause)

552.229-71 Federal Excise Tax—DC Government.

As prescribed in [529.401-71](#), insert the following clause:

FEDERAL EXCISE TAX—DC GOVERNMENT (SEP 1999)

If the District of Columbia cites an Internal Revenue Tax Exempt Certificate Number on orders placed under this contract, the Contractor shall bill shipments to the District of Columbia at prices exclusive of Federal excise tax and show the amount of such tax on the invoice.

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552.232-1 Payments.

As prescribed in [532.7104](#), insert the following clause:

PAYMENTS (APR 1984) (DEVIATION FAR 52.232-1)

(a) The Government shall pay the Contractor, without submission of invoices or vouchers, 30 days after the service period, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract.

(b) Unless otherwise specified in this contract, the Government will make payment on partial deliveries accepted by the Government if either:

(1) The amount due on the deliveries warrants it.

(2) The Contractor requests it and the amount due on the deliveries is at least \$1,000 or 50 percent of the total contract price.

(c) When processing payment, GSA's Finance Office will automatically generate the 12 digit invoice number using the ACT number assigned to the contract, followed by an abbreviated month and year of service (e.g., 84261554JUN7, for June 1997). The ACT number appears on the contract award document.

(End of clause)

552.232-8 Discounts for Prompt Payment.

As prescribed in [532.206](#), insert the following clause:

DISCOUNTS FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (APR 1989)
(DEVIATION FAR 52.232-8)

(a) Discounts for early payment (hereinafter referred to as "discounts" or "the discount") will be considered in evaluating the relationship of the offeror's concessions to the Government vis-a-vis the offeror's concessions to its commercial customers, but only to the extent indicated in this clause.

(b) Discounts will not be considered to determine the low offeror in the situation described in the "Offers on Identical Products" provision of this solicitation.

(c) Uneconomical discounts will not be considered as meeting the criteria for award established by the Government. In this connection, a discount will be considered uneconomical if the annualized rate of return for earning the discount is lower than the "value of funds" rate established by the Department of the Treasury and published quarterly in the Federal Register. The "value of funds" rate applied will be the rate in effect on the date specified for the receipt of offers.

(d) Agencies required to use the resultant schedule will not apply the discount in determining the lowest delivered price pursuant to the FPMR, 41 CFR 101-26.408, if the agency determines that payment will probably not be made within the discount period offered. The same is true if the discount is considered uneconomical at the time of placement of the order.

(e) Discounts for early payment may be offered either in the original offer or on individual invoices submitted under the resulting contract. Discounts offered will be taken by the Government if payment is made within the discount period specified.

(f) Discounts that are included in offers become a part of the resulting contracts and are binding on the Contractor for all orders placed under the contract. Discounts offered only on individual invoices will be binding on the Contractor only for the particular invoice on which the discount is offered.

(g) In connection with any discount offered for prompt 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 date on which an electronic funds transfer was made.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (May 2003). As prescribed in [532.206\(a\)](#), remove paragraph (d) and redesignate paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) as (d), (e), and (f), respectively.

552.232-23 Assignment of Claims.

As prescribed in [532.806](#), insert the following clause:

ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS (SEP 1999)

Because this is a requirements or indefinite quantity contract under which more than one agency may place orders, paragraph (a) of the Assignment of Claims clause (FAR 52.232-23) is inapplicable and the following is substituted therefor:

In order to prevent confusion and delay in making payment, the Contractor shall not assign any claim(s) for amounts due or to become due under this contract. However, the Contractor is permitted to assign separately to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution, including any Federal lending agency, under the provisions of the Assignment of Claims Act, as amended, 31 U.S.C. 3727, 41 U.S.C. 15 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), all amounts due or to become due under any order amounting to \$1,000 or more issued by any Government agency under this contract. Any such assignment takes effect only if and when the assignee files written notice of the assignment together with a true copy of the instrument of assignment with the contracting officer issuing the order and the finance office designated in the order to make payment. Unless otherwise stated in the order, payments to an assignee of any amounts due or to become due under any order assigned may, to the extent specified in the Act, be subject to reduction or set-off.

(End of clause)

552.232-25 Prompt Payment.

As prescribed in [532.908\(a\)\(2\)](#), insert the following clause:

PROMPT PAYMENT (JUL 1998)
(DEVIATION FAR 52.232-25)

Notwithstanding any other payment clause in this contract, the Government will make invoice payments and contract financing payments under the terms and conditions specified in this clause. Payment shall be considered as being made on the day a check is dated or the date of an electronic funds transfer. Definitions of pertinent terms are set forth in section 32.902 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. All days referred to in this clause are calendar days, unless otherwise specified. (However, see paragraph [\(g\)\(4\)](#) of this clause concerning payments due on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.)

(a) *Invoice payments.* (1) The due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office is:

(i) For orders placed electronically by the General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Service (FSS), and to be paid by GSA through electronic funds transfer (EFT), the later of the following two events:

(A) The 10th day after the designated billing office receives a proper invoice from the Contractor. If the designated billing office fails to annotate the invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt, the invoice payment due date shall be the 10th day after the date of the Contractor's invoice; provided the Contractor submitted a proper invoice and no disagreement exists over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with contract requirements.

(B) The 10th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed by the Contractor.

(ii) For all other orders, the later of the following two events:

(A) The 30th day after the designated billing office receives a proper invoice from the Contractor. If the designated billing office fails to annotate the invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt, the invoice payment due date shall be the 30th day after the date of the Contractor's invoice; provided the Contractor submitted a proper invoice and no disagreement exists over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with contract requirements.

(B) The 30th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed by the Contractor.

(iii) On a final invoice, if the payment amount is subject to contract settlement actions, acceptance occurs on the effective date of the contract settlement.

(2) The General Services Administration will issue payment on the due date in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this clause if the Contractor complies with full cycle electronic commerce. Full cycle electronic commerce includes all the following elements:

(i) The Contractor must receive and fulfill electronic data interchange (EDI) purchase orders (transaction set 850).

(ii) The Contractor must generate and submit to the Government valid EDI invoices (transaction set 810) or submit invoices through the GSA Finance Center Internet-based invoice process. Internet-based invoices must be submitted using procedures provided by GSA.

(iii) The Contractor's financial institution must receive and process, on behalf of the Contractor, EFT payments through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) system.

(iv) The EDI transaction sets in paragraphs (a)(2)(i) through (a)(2)(iii) of this clause must adhere to implementation conventions provided by GSA.

(3) If any of the conditions in paragraph (a)(2) of this clause do not occur, the 10 day payment due dates in (a)(1) become 30 day payment due dates.

(4) *Certain food products and other payments.* (i) Due dates on Contractor invoices for meat, meat food products, or fish; perishable agricultural commodities; and dairy products, edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils are—

(A) For meat or meat food products, as defined in section 2(a)(3) of the Packers and Stockyard Act of 1921 (7 U.S.C. 182(3)), and as further defined in Pub. L. 98-181, including any edible fresh or frozen poultry meat, any perishable poultry meat food product, fresh eggs, and any perishable egg product, as close as possible to, but not later than, the 7th day after product delivery.

(B) For fresh or frozen fish, as defined in section 204(3) of the Fish and Seafood Promotion Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 4003(3)), as close as possible to, but not later than, the 7th day after product delivery.

(C) For perishable agricultural commodities, as defined in section 1(4) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act of 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499a(4)), as close as possible to, but not later than, the 10th day after product delivery, unless another date is specified in the contract.

(D) For dairy products, as defined in section 111(e) of the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 4502(e)), edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils, as close as possible to, but not later than, the 10th day after the date on which a proper invoice has been received. Liquid milk, cheese, certain processed cheese products, butter, yogurt, ice cream, mayonnaise, salad dressings, and other similar products, fall within this classification. Nothing in the Act limits this classification to refrigerated products. When questions arise regarding the proper classification of a specific product, prevailing industry practices will be followed in specifying a contract payment due date. The burden of proof that a classification of a specific product is, in fact, prevailing industry practice is upon the Contractor making the representation.

(ii) If the contract does not require submission of an invoice for payment (e.g., periodic lease payments), the due date will be as specified in the contract.

(5) *Contractor's invoice.* The Contractor shall prepare and submit invoices to the designated billing office specified in the contract. Notwithstanding paragraph (g) of the clause at FAR 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, if the Contractor submits hard-copy invoices, submit only an original invoice. No copies of the invoice are required. A proper invoice must include the items listed in paragraphs (a)(5)(i) through (a)(5)(viii) of this clause. If the invoice does not comply with these requirements, it shall be returned within 7 days after the date the designated billing office received the invoice (3 days for meat, meat food products, or fish; 5 days for perishable agricultural commodities, edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils), with a statement of the reasons why it is not a proper invoice. Untimely notification will be taken into account in computing any interest penalty owed the Contractor in the manner described in paragraph (a)(5) of this clause.

(i) Name and address of the Contractor.

(ii) Invoice date. (The Contractor is encouraged to date invoices as close as possible to the date of the mailing or transmission.)

(iii) Contract number or other authorization for supplies delivered or services performed (including order number and contract line item number).

(iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price, and extended price of supplies delivered or services performed.

(v) Shipping and payment terms (e.g., shipment number and date of shipment, prompt payment discount terms). Bill of lading number and weight of shipment will be shown for shipments on Government bills of lading.

(vi) Name and address of Contractor official to whom payment is to be sent (must be the same as that in the contract or in a proper notice of assignment).

(vii) Name (where practicable), title, phone number, and mailing address of person to be notified in the event of a defective invoice.

(viii) Any other information or documentation required by the contract (such as evidence of shipment).

(ix) While not required, the Contractor is strongly encouraged to assign an identification number to each invoice.

(6) *Interest penalty.* An interest penalty shall be paid automatically by the designated payment office, without request from the Contractor, if payment is not made by the due date and the conditions listed in paragraphs (a)(6)(i) through (a)(6)(iii) of this clause are met, if applicable. However, when the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when Federal Government offices are closed and Government business is not expected to be conducted, payment may be made

on the following business day without incurring a late payment interest penalty.

(i) A proper invoice was received by the designated billing office.

(ii) A receiving report or other Government documentation authorizing payment was processed, and there was no disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with any contract term or condition.

(iii) In the case of a final invoice for any balance of funds due the Contractor for supplies delivered or services performed, the amount was not subject to further contract settlement actions between the Government and the Contractor.

(7) *Computing penalty amount.* The interest penalty shall be at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury under section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 611) that is in effect on the day after the due date, except where the interest penalty is prescribed by other governmental authority (e.g., tariffs). This rate is referred to as the "Renegotiation Board Interest Rate," and it is published in the Federal Register semiannually on or about January 1 and July 1. The interest penalty shall accrue daily on the invoice principal payment amount approved by the Government until the payment date of such approved principal amount; and will be compounded in 30-day increments inclusive from the first day after the due date through the payment date. That is, interest accrued at the end of any 30-day period will be added to the approved invoice principal payment amount and will be subject to interest penalties if not paid in the succeeding 30-day period. If the designated billing office failed to notify the Contractor of a defective invoice within the periods prescribed in paragraph (g)(5) of this clause, the due date on the corrected invoice will be adjusted by subtracting from such date the number of days taken beyond the prescribed notification of defects period. Any interest penalty owed the Contractor will be based on this adjusted due date. Adjustments will be made by the designated payment office for errors in calculating interest penalties.

(i) For the sole purpose of computing an interest penalty that might be due the Contractor, Government acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred constructively on the 7th day (unless otherwise specified in this contract) after the Contractor delivered the supplies or performed the services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, unless there is a disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with a contract provision. In the event that actual acceptance occurs within the constructive acceptance period, the determination of an interest penalty shall be based on the actual date of acceptance. The constructive acceptance requirement does not, however, compel Government officials to accept supplies or services, perform contract administration functions, or make payment prior to fulfilling their responsibilities.

(ii) The following periods of time will not be included in the determination of an interest penalty:

(A) The period taken to notify the Contractor of defects in invoices submitted to the Government, but this may not exceed 7 days (3 days for meat, meat food products, or fish; 5 days for perishable agricultural commodities, dairy products, edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils).

(B) The period between the defects notice and resubmission of the corrected invoice by the Contractor.

(C) For incorrect electronic funds transfer (EFT) information, in accordance with the EFT clause of this contract.

(iii) Interest penalties will not continue to accrue after the filing of a claim for such penalties under the clause at 52.233-1, Disputes, or for more than 1 year. Interest penalties of less than \$1 need not be paid.

(iv) Interest penalties are not required on payment delays due to disagreement between the Government and the Contractor over the payment amount or other issues involving contract compliance or on amounts temporarily withheld or retained in accordance with the terms of the contract. Claims involving disputes, and any interest that may be payable, will be resolved in accordance with the clause at 52.233-1, Disputes.

(8) Prompt payment discounts. An interest penalty also shall be paid automatically by the designated payment office, without request from the Contractor, if a discount for prompt payment is taken improperly. The interest penalty will be calculated as described in paragraph (g)(7) of this clause on the amount of discount taken for the period beginning with the first day after the end of the discount period through the date when the Contractor is paid.

(9) *Additional interest penalty.* (i) If this contract was awarded on or after October 1, 1989, a penalty amount, calculated in accordance with paragraph (a)(9)(iii) of this clause, shall be paid in addition to the interest penalty amount if the Contractor—

(A) Is owed an interest penalty of \$1 or more;

(B) Is not paid the interest penalty within 10 days after the date the invoice amount is paid; and

(C) Makes a written demand to the designated payment office for additional penalty payment, in accordance with paragraph (a)(9)(ii) of this clause, postmarked not later than 40 days after the invoice amount is paid.

(ii) (A) Contractors shall support written demands for additional penalty payments with the following data. No additional data shall be required. Contractors shall—

(1) Specifically assert that late payment interest is due under a specific invoice, and request payment of all overdue late payment interest penalty and such additional penalty as may be required;

(2) Attach a copy of the invoice on which the unpaid late payment interest was due; and

(3) State that payment of the principal has been received, including the date of receipt.

(B) Demands must be postmarked on or before the 40th day after payment was made, except that—

(1) If the postmark is illegible or nonexistent, the demand must have been received and annotated with the date of receipt by the designated payment office on or before the 40th day after payment was made; or

(2) If the postmark is illegible or nonexistent and the designated payment office fails to make the required annotation, the demand's validity will be determined by the date the Contractor has placed on the demand; provided such date is no later than the 40th day after payment was made.

(iii) (A) The additional penalty shall be equal to 100 percent of any original late payment interest penalty, except—

(1) The additional penalty shall not exceed \$5,000;

(2) The additional penalty shall never be less than \$25; and

(3) No additional penalty is owed if the amount of the underlying interest penalty is less than \$1.

(B) If the interest penalty ceases to accrue in accordance with the limits stated in paragraph (a)(5)(iii) of this clause, the amount of the additional penalty shall be calculated on the amount of interest penalty that would have accrued in the absence of these limits, subject to the overall limits on the additional penalty specified in subdivision (a)(7)(iii)(A) of this clause.

(C) For determining the maximum and minimum additional penalties, the test shall be the interest penalty due on each separate payment made for each separate contract. The maximum and minimum additional penalty shall not be based upon individual invoices unless the invoices are paid separately. Where payments are consolidated for disbursing purposes, the maximum and minimum additional penalty determination shall be made separately for each contract therein.

(D) The additional penalty does not apply to payments regulated by other Government regulations (e.g., payments under utility contracts subject to tariffs and regulation).

(b) *Contract financing payments.* (1) Due dates for recurring financing payments. If this contract provides for contract financing, requests for payment shall be submitted to the designated billing office as specified in this contract or as directed by the Contracting Officer. Contract financing payments shall be made on the *[insert day as prescribed by Agency head; if not prescribed, insert 30th day]* day after receipt of a proper contract financing request by the designated billing office. In the event that an audit or other review

of a specific financing request is required to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, the designated payment office is not compelled to make payment by the due date specified.

(2) Due dates for other contract financing. For advance payments, loans, or other arrangements that do not involve recurring submissions of contract financing requests, payment shall be made in accordance with the corresponding contract terms or as directed by the Contracting Officer.

(3) Interest penalty not applicable. Contract financing payments shall not be assessed an interest penalty for payment delays.

(c) Fast payment procedure due dates. If this contract contains the clause at 52.213-1, Fast Payment Procedure, payments will be made within 15 days after the date of receipt of the invoice.

(End of clause)

552.232-70 Invoice Requirements.

As prescribed in [532.111\(a\)](#), insert the following clause:

INVOICE REQUIREMENTS (SEP 1999)

(a) Invoices shall be submitted in an original only, unless otherwise specified, to the designated billing office specified in this contract or order.

(b) Invoices must include the Accounting Control Transaction (ACT) number provided below or on the order.

ACT Number *[Contracting Officer insert number]*

(c) In addition to the requirements for a proper invoice specified in the Prompt Payment clause of this contract or order, the following information or documentation must be submitted with each invoice:

[Contracting Officer list additional requirements.]

(End of clause)

552.232-71 Adjusting Payments.

As prescribed in [532.111\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

ADJUSTING PAYMENTS (SEP 1999)

(a) Under the Inspection of Services clause of this contract, payments may be adjusted if any services do not conform with contract requirements. The Contracting Officer or a designated representative will inform the Contractor, in writing, of the type and dollar amount of proposed deductions by the 10th workday of the month following the performance period for which the deductions are to be made.

(b) The Contractor may, within 10 working days of receipt of the notification of the proposed deductions, present to the

Contracting Officer specific reasons why any or all of the proposed deductions are not justified. Reasons must be solidly based and must provide specific facts that justify reconsideration and/or adjustment of the amount to be deducted. Failure to respond within the 10-day period will be interpreted to mean that the Contractor accepts the deductions proposed.

(c) All or a portion of the final payment may be delayed or withheld until the Contracting Officer makes a final decision on the proposed deduction. If the Contracting Officer determines that any or all of the proposed deductions are warranted, the Contracting Officer shall so notify the Contractor, and adjust payments under the contract accordingly.

(End of clause)

552.232-72 Final Payment.

As prescribed in [532.111\(c\)](#), insert the following clause:

FINAL PAYMENT (SEP 1999)

Before final payment is made, the Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer with a release of all claims against the Government relating to this contract, other than claims in stated amounts that are specifically excepted by the Contractor from the release. If the Contractor's claim to amounts payable under the contract has been assigned under the Assignment of Claims Act of 1940, as amended (31 U.S.C. 3727, 41 U.S.C. 15), a release may also be required of the assignee.

(End of clause)

552.232-73 Availability of Funds.

As prescribed in [532.705-1](#), insert the following clause:

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS (SEP 1999)

The authorization of performance of work under this contract during the initial contract period and any option or extension period(s) is contingent upon the appropriation of funds to procure this service. If the contract is awarded, extended, or option(s) exercised, the Government's obligation beyond the end of the fiscal year (September 30), in which the award or extension is made or option(s) exercised, is contingent upon the availability of funds from which payment for the contract services can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for payment of any money beyond the end of each fiscal year (September 30) shall arise unless or until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for this procurement and written notice of such availability is given to the Contractor.

(End of clause)

552.232-74 Invoice Payments.

As prescribed in [532.908\(a\)\(1\)](#), insert the following clause:

INVOICE PAYMENTS (SEP 1999)

(a) The due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office is:

(1) For orders placed electronically by the General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Service (FSS), and to be paid by GSA through electronic funds transfer (EFT), the later of the following two events:

(i) The 10th day after the designated billing office receives a proper invoice from the Contractor. If the designated billing office fails to annotate the invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt, the invoice payment due date shall be the 10th day after the date of the Contractor's invoice; provided the Contractor submitted a proper invoice and no disagreement exists over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with contract requirements.

(ii) The 10th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed by the Contractor.

(2) For all other orders, the later of the following two events:

(i) The 30th day after the designated billing office receives a proper invoice from the Contractor. If the designated billing office fails to annotate the invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt, the invoice payment due date shall be the 30th day after the date of the Contractor's invoice; provided the Contractor submitted a proper invoice and no disagreement exists over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with contract requirements.

(ii) The 30th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed by the Contractor.

(3) On a final invoice, if the payment amount is subject to contract settlement actions, acceptance occurs on the effective date of the contract settlement.

(b) The General Services Administration will issue payment on the due date in paragraph (a)(1) of this clause if the Contractor complies with full cycle electronic commerce. Full cycle electronic commerce includes all the following elements:

(1) The Contractor must receive and fulfill electronic data interchange (EDI) purchase orders (transaction set 850).

(2) The Contractor must generate and submit to the Government valid EDI invoices (transaction set 810) or submit invoices through the GSA Finance Center Internet-based invoice process. Internet-based invoices must be submitted using procedures provided by GSA.

(3) The Contractor's financial institution must receive and process, on behalf of the Contractor, EFT payments through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) system.

(4) The EDI transaction sets in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(3) of this clause must adhere to implementation conventions provided by GSA.

(c) If any of the conditions in paragraph (b) of this clause do not occur, the 10-day payment due dates in paragraph (a)(1) of this clause become 30-day payment due dates.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (g) of the clause at FAR 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, if the Contractor submits hard-copy invoices, submit only an original invoice. No copies of the invoice are required.

(e) All other provisions of the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3901 et seq.) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-125, Prompt Payment, apply.

(End of clause)

552.232-75 Prompt Payment.

As prescribed in [532.908\(b\)\(1\)](#), insert the following clause:

PROMPT PAYMENT (SEP 1999)

The Government will make payments under the terms and conditions specified in this clause. Payment shall be considered as being made on the day a check is dated or an electronic funds transfer is made. All days referred to in this clause are calendar days, unless otherwise specified.

(a) *Payment due date.* (1) *Rental payments.* Rent shall be paid monthly in arrears and will be due on the first workday of each month, and only as provided for by the lease.

(i) When the date for commencement of rent falls on the 15th day of the month or earlier, the initial monthly rental payment under this contract shall become due on the first workday of the month following the month in which the commencement of the rent is effective.

(ii) When the date for commencement of rent falls after the 15th day of the month, the initial monthly rental payment under this contract shall become due on the first workday of the second month following the month in which the commencement of the rent is effective.

(2) *Other payments.* The due date for making payments other than rent shall be the later of the following two events:

(i) The 30th day after the designated billing office has received a proper invoice from the Contractor.

(ii) The 30th day after Government acceptance of the work or service. However, if the designated billing office fails to annotate the invoice with the actual date of receipt, the invoice payment due date shall be deemed to be the 30th day after the Contractor's invoice is dated, provided a proper invoice is received and there is no disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with contract requirements.

(b) *Invoice and inspection requirements for payments other than rent.*

(1) The Contractor shall prepare and submit an invoice to the designated billing office after completion of the work. A proper invoice shall include the following items:

- (i) Name and address of the Contractor.
- (ii) Invoice date.
- (iii) Lease number.
- (iv) Government's order number or other authorization.
- (v) Description, price, and quantity of work or services delivered.
- (vi) Name and address of Contractor official to whom payment is to be sent (must be the same as that in the remittance address in the lease or the order).
- (vii) Name (where practicable), title, phone number, and mailing address of person to be notified in the event of a defective invoice.

(2) The Government will inspect and determine the acceptability of the work performed or services delivered within 7 days after the receipt of a proper invoice or notification of completion of the work or services unless a different period is specified at the time the order is placed. If actual acceptance occurs later, for the purpose of determining the payment due date and calculation of interest, acceptance will be deemed to occur on the last day of the 7 day inspection period. If the work or service is rejected for failure to conform to the technical requirements of the contract, the 7 days will be counted beginning with receipt of a new invoice or notification. In either case, the Contractor is not entitled to any payment or interest unless actual acceptance by the Government occurs.

(c) *Interest Penalty.* (1) An interest penalty shall be paid automatically by the Government, without request from the Contractor, if payment is not made by the due date.

(2) The interest penalty shall be at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury under Section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 611) that is in effect on the day after the due date. This rate is referred to as the "Renegotiation Board Interest Rate," and it is published in the *Federal Register* semiannually on or about January 1 and July 1. The interest penalty shall accrue daily on the payment amount approved by the Government and be compounded in 30-day increments inclusive from the first day after the due date through the payment date.

(3) Interest penalties will not continue to accrue after the filing of a claim for such penalties under the clause at 52.233-1, Disputes, or for more than 1 year. Interest penalties of less than \$1.00 need not be paid.

(4) Interest penalties are not required on payment delays due to disagreement between the Government and Contractor over the payment amount or other issues involving contract compliance or on amounts temporarily withheld or retained in accordance with the terms of the contract. Claims involving disputes, and any interest that may be payable, will

be resolved in accordance with the clause at 52.233-1, Disputes.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (Sep 1999). If Alternate I is used, subparagraph (a)(1) of the basic clause should be designated as paragraph (a) and subparagraph (a)(2) and paragraph (b) should be deleted. Paragraph (c) of the basic clause should be redesignated (b).

552.232-76 Electronic Funds Transfer Payment.

As prescribed in [532.908\(b\)\(2\)](#), insert the following clause:

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PAYMENT (MAR 2000)

(a) The Government will make payments under this lease by electronic funds transfer (EFT). The Lessor must, no later than 30 days before the first payment:

(1) Designate a financial institution for receipt of EFT payments.

(2) Submit this designation to the Contracting Officer or other Government official, as directed.

(b) The Lessor must provide the following information:

(1) The American Bankers Association 9-digit identifying number for Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfers of the financing institution receiving payment if the institution has access to the Federal Reserve Communications System.

(2) Number of account to which funds are to be deposited.

(3) Type of depositor account ("C" for checking, "S" for savings).

(4) If the Lessor is a new enrollee to the EFT system, the Lessor must complete and submit a "Payment Information Form," SF 3881, before payment can be processed.

(c) If the Lessor, during the performance of this contract, elects to designate a different financial institution for the receipt of any payment, the appropriate Government official must receive notice of such change and the required information specified above no later than 30 days before the date such change is to become effective.

(d) The documents furnishing the information required in this clause must be dated and contain the:

(1) Signature, title, and telephone number of the Lessor or the Lessor's authorized representative.

(2) Lessor's name.

(3) Lease number.

(e) Lessor's failure to properly designate a financial institution or to provide appropriate payee bank account information may delay payments of amounts otherwise properly due.

(End of clause)

552.232-77 Payment By Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card.

As prescribed in [532.7003](#), insert the following clause:

PAYMENT BY GOVERNMENTWIDE COMMERCIAL
PURCHASE CARD (MAR 2000)

(a) Definitions. “Governmentwide commercial purchase card” means a uniquely numbered credit card issued by a contractor under GSA’s Governmentwide Contract for Fleet, Travel, and Purchase Card Services to named individual Government employees or entities to pay for official Government purchases.

“Oral order” means an order placed orally either in person or by telephone.

(b) At the option of the Government and if agreeable to the Contractor, payments of * or less for oral or written orders may be made using the Governmentwide commercial purchase card.

(c) The Contractor shall not process a transaction for payment through the credit card clearinghouse until the purchased supplies have been shipped or services performed. Unless the cardholder requests correction or replacement of a defective or faulty item under other contract requirements, the Contractor must immediately credit a cardholder’s account for items returned as defective or faulty.

(d) Payments made using the Governmentwide commercial purchase card are not eligible for any negotiated prompt payment discount. Payment made using a Government debit card will receive the applicable prompt payment discount.

(End of clause)

**Enter amount not to exceed \$100,000.*

Alternate I (Mar 2000). For FSS schedule solicitations and contracts, replace paragraph (b) of the basic clause and add paragraph (c) as follows. Redesignate paragraphs (c) and (d) of the basic clause as (d) and (e) respectively.

(b) The Contractor must accept the Governmentwide commercial purchase card for payments equal to or less than the micro-purchase threshold (see Federal Acquisition Regulation 2.101) for oral or written orders under this contract.

(c) The Contractor and the ordering agency may agree to use the Governmentwide commercial purchase card for dollar amounts over the micro-purchase threshold, and the Government encourages the Contractor to accept payment by the purchase card. The dollar value of a purchase card action must not exceed the ordering agency’s established limit. If the Contractor will not accept payment by the purchase card for an order exceeding the micro-purchase threshold, the Contractor must so advise the ordering agency within 24 hours of receipt of the order.

552.232-78 Payment Information.

As prescribed in [532.908\(c\)](#), insert the following clause:

PAYMENT INFORMATION (JUL 2000)

The General Services Administration (GSA) makes information on contract payments available electronically at <http://www.finance.gsa.gov>. The Contractor may register at the site and review its record of payments. This site provides information only on payments made by GSA, not by other agencies.

(End of clause)

552.232-79 Payment by Credit Card.

As prescribed in [532.7003\(c\)](#) insert the following clause:

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD (MAY 2003)

(a) Definitions.

“Credit card” means any credit card used to pay for purchases, including the Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card.

“Governmentwide commercial purchase card” means a uniquely numbered credit card issued by a Contractor under GSA’s Governmentwide Contract for Fleet, Travel, and Purchase Card Services to named individual Government employees or entities to pay for official Government purchases.

“Oral order” means an order placed orally either in person or by telephone.

(b) The Contractor must accept the credit card for payments equal to or less than the micro-purchase threshold (see Federal Acquisition Regulation 2.101) for oral or written orders under this contract.

(c) The Contractor and the ordering agency may agree to use the credit card for dollar amounts over the micro-purchase threshold, and the Government encourages the Contractor to accept payment by the purchase card. The dollar value of a purchase card action must not exceed the ordering agency’s established limit. If the Contractor will not accept payment by the purchase card for an order exceeding the micro-purchase threshold, the Contractor must so advise the ordering agency within 24 hours of receipt of the order.

(d) The Contractor shall not process a transaction for payment through the credit card clearinghouse until the purchased supplies have been shipped or services performed. Unless the cardholder requests correction or replacement of a defective or faulty item under other contract requirements, the Contractor must immediately credit a cardholder’s account for items returned as defective or faulty.

(e) Payments made using the Governmentwide commercial purchase card are not eligible for any negotiated prompt payment discount. Payment made using an ordering activity

debit card will receive the applicable prompt payment discount.

(End of clause)

552.232-81 Payments by Non-Federal Ordering

Activities.

As prescribed in [532.206\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

PAYMENTS BY NON-FEDERAL ORDERING ACTIVITIES
(MAY 2003)

If eligible non-federal ordering activities are subject to a State prompt payment law, the terms and conditions of the applicable State law apply to the orders placed under this contract by such activities. If eligible non-federal ordering activities are not subject to a State prompt payment law, the terms and conditions of the Federal Prompt Payment Act as reflected in Federal Acquisition Regulation clause 52.232-25, Prompt Payment, or 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, apply to such activities in the same manner as to Federal ordering activities.

(End of clause)

552.232-82 Contractor's Remittance (Payment) Address.

As prescribed in [532.206\(c\)](#), insert the following provision:

CONTRACTOR'S REMITTANCE (PAYMENT) ADDRESS
(MAY 2003)

(a) Payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT) is the preferred method of payment. However, under certain conditions, the ordering activity may elect to make payment by check. The offeror shall indicate below the payment address to which checks should be mailed for payment of proper invoices submitted under a resultant contract.

Payment Address:

(b) Offeror shall furnish by attachment to this solicitation, the remittance (payment) addresses of all authorized participating dealers receiving orders and accepting payment by check in the name of the Contractor in care of the dealer, if different from their ordering address(es) specified elsewhere in this solicitation. If a dealer's ordering and remittance address differ, both must be furnished and identified as such.

(c) All offerors are cautioned that if the remittance (payment) address shown on an actual invoice differs from that shown in paragraph [\(b\)](#) of this provision or on the attachment,

the remittance address(es) in paragraph [\(b\)](#) of this provision or attached will govern. Payment to any other address, except as provided for through EFT payment methods, will require an administrative change to the contract.

NOTE: All orders placed against a Federal Supply Schedule contract are to be paid by the individual ordering activity placing the order. Each order will cite the appropriate ordering activity payment address, and proper invoices should be sent to that address. Proper invoices should be sent to GSA only for orders placed by GSA. Any other ordering activity's invoices sent to GSA will only delay your payment.

(End of provision)

552.232-83 Contractor's Billing Responsibilities.

As prescribed in [532.206\(d\)](#), insert the following clause:

CONTRACTOR'S BILLING RESPONSIBILITIES (MAY 2003)

The Contractor is required to perform all billings made pursuant to this contract. However, if the Contractor has dealers that participate on the contract and the billing/payment process by the Contractor for sales made by the dealer is a significant administrative burden, the following alternative procedures may be used. Where dealers are allowed by the Contractor to bill ordering activities and accept payment in the Contractor's name, the Contractor agrees to obtain from all dealers participating in the performance of the contract a written agreement, which will require dealers to—

- (1) Comply with the same terms and conditions regarding prices as the Contractor for sales made under the contract;
- (2) Maintain a system of reporting sales under the contract to the manufacturer, which includes—
 - (i) The date of sale;
 - (ii) The ordering activity to which the sale was made;
 - (iii) The service or product/model sold;
 - (iv) The quantity of each service or product/model sold;
 - (v) The price at which it was sold, including discounts; and
 - (vi) All other significant sales data.
- (3) Be subject to audit by the Government, with respect to sales made under the contract; and
- (4) Place orders and accept payments in the name of the Contractor in care of the dealer.

An agreement between a Contractor and its dealers pursuant to this procedure will not establish privity of contract between dealers and the Government.

(End of clause)

552.233-70 Protests Filed Directly with the General Services Administration.

As prescribed in [533.103-72](#), insert the following provision:

PROTESTS FILED DIRECTLY WITH THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (MAR 2000)

(a) The following definitions apply in this provision:

“Agency Protest Official for GSA” means the official in the Office of Acquisition Policy designated to review and decide procurement protests filed with GSA.

“Deciding official” means the person chosen by the protester to decide the agency protest. The deciding official may be either the Contracting Officer or the Agency Protest Official.

(b) The filing time frames in FAR 33.103(e) apply. An agency protest is filed when the protest complaint is received at the location the solicitation designates for serving protests. GSA’s hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Protests delivered after 4:30 p.m. will be considered received and filed the following business day.

(c) A protest filed directly with the General Services Administration (GSA) must:

(1) Indicate that it is a protest to the agency.

(2) Be filed with the Contracting Officer.

(3) State whether the protester chooses to have the Contracting Officer or the Agency Protest Official for GSA decide the protest. If the protest is silent on this matter, the Contracting Officer will decide the protest.

(4) Indicate whether the protester prefers to make an oral presentation, a written presentation, or an oral presentation confirmed in writing, of arguments in support of the protest to the deciding official.

(5) Include the information required by FAR 33.103(d)(2):

(i) Name, address, fax number, and telephone number of the protester.

(ii) Solicitation or contract number.

(iii) Detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds for the protest, to include a description of resulting prejudice to the protester.

(iv) Copies of relevant documents.

(v) Request for a ruling by the agency.

(vi) Statement as to the form of relief requested.

(vii) All information establishing that the protester is an interested party for the purpose of filing a protest.

(viii) All information establishing the timeliness of the protest (see paragraph [\(b\)](#) of this provision).

(d) An interested party filing a protest with GSA has the choice of requesting either that the Contracting Officer or the Agency Protest Official for GSA decide the protest.

(e) The decision by the Agency Protest Official for GSA is an alternative to a decision by the Contracting Officer. The

Agency Protest Official for GSA will not consider appeals from the Contracting Officer’s decision on an agency protest.

(f) The deciding official must conduct a scheduling conference with the protester within three (3) days after the protest is filed. The scheduling conference will establish deadlines for oral or written arguments in support of the agency protest and for agency officials to present information in response to the protest issues. The deciding official may hear oral arguments in support of the agency protest at the same time as the scheduling conference, depending on availability of the necessary parties.

(g) Oral conferences may take place either by telephone or in person. Other parties (e.g., representatives of the program office) may attend at the discretion of the deciding official.

(h) The following procedures apply to information submitted in support of or in response to an agency protest:

(1) The protester and the agency have only one opportunity to support or explain the substance of the protest (either orally, in writing, or orally confirmed in writing).

(2) GSA procedures do not provide for any discovery.

(3) The deciding official has discretion to request additional information from either the agency or the protester. However, the deciding official will normally decide protests on the basis of information provided by the protester and the agency.

(4) Except as provided in paragraph (h)(5)(ii) of this provision, the parties are encouraged, but not required, to exchange information submitted to the Agency Protest Official for GSA.

(5) If the agency makes a written response to the protest, the following filing requirements apply:

(i) The agency must file its response to the protest with the deciding official within five (5) days after the filing of the protest.

(ii) The agency must also provide the protester with a copy of the response on the same day it files the response with the deciding official. If the agency believes it needs to redact or withhold any information in the response from the protester, it must obtain the approval of the deciding official.

(i) The deciding official will resolve the protest through informal presentations or meetings to the maximum extent practicable.

(j) An interested party may represent itself or be represented by legal counsel. GSA will not reimburse the party for any legal fees related to the agency protest.

(k) GSA will stay award or suspend contract performance in accordance with FAR 33.103(f). The stay or suspension, unless over-ridden, remains in effect until the protest is decided, dismissed, or withdrawn.

(l) The deciding official will make a best effort to issue a decision on the protest within twenty-eight (28) days after the filing date. The decision may be oral or written. If the decision is communicated orally to the protester, the deciding official

will confirm in writing within three (3) days after the decision.

(m) GSA may dismiss or stay proceedings on an agency protest if a protest on the same or similar basis is filed with a protest forum outside of GSA.

(End of provision)

552.233-71 Disputes (Utility Contracts).

As prescribed in [533.215](#), insert the following clause:

DISPUTES (UTILITY CONTRACTS) (JAN 2005)

The requirements of the Disputes clause at FAR 52.233-1 are supplemented to provide that matters involving the interpretation of tariffed retail rates, tariff rate schedules, and tariffed terms provided under this contract are subject to the jurisdiction and regulation of the utility rate commission having jurisdiction.

(End of clause)

552.236-70 Definitions.

As prescribed in [536.570-1](#), insert the following clause:

DEFINITIONS (APR 1984)

The terms “Administration” and “Service” as used in this contract shall mean the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Public Buildings Service (PBS), respectively.

(End of clause)

552.236-71 Authorities and Limitations.

As prescribed in [536.570-2](#), insert the following clause:

AUTHORITIES AND LIMITATIONS (APR 1984)

(a) All work shall be performed under the general direction of the Contracting Officer, who alone shall have the power to bind the Government and to exercise the rights, responsibilities, authorities and functions vested in him by the contract documents, except that he shall have the right to designate authorized representatives to act for him. Wherever any provision in this contract specifies an individual (such as, but not limited to, Construction Engineer, Resident Engineer, Inspector or Custodian) or organization, whether Governmental or private, to perform any act on behalf of or in the interests of the Government, that individual or organization shall be deemed to be the Contracting Officer’s authorized representative under this contract but only to the extent so specified. The Contracting Officer may, at any time during the performance of this contract, vest in any such authorized representatives additional power and authority to act for him or designate additional representatives, specifying the extent of their authority to act for him; a copy of each document vesting additional authority in an authorized representative or designating an

additional authorized representative shall be furnished to the Contractor.

(b) The Contractor shall perform the contract in accordance with any order (including but not limited to instruction, direction, interpretation, or determination) issued by an authorized representative in accordance with his authority to act for the Contracting Officer; but the Contractor assumes all the risk and consequences of performing the contract in accordance with any order (including but not limited to instruction, direction, interpretation, or determination) of anyone not authorized to issue such order.

(End of clause)

552.236-72 Specialist.

As prescribed in [536.570-3](#), insert the following clause:

SPECIALIST (APR 1984)

The term “Specialist,” as used in the contract specification, shall mean an individual or firm of established reputation (or, if newly organized, whose personnel have previously established a reputation in the same field), which is regularly engaged in, and which maintains a regular force of workmen skilled in either (as applicable) manufacturing or fabricating items required by the contract, installing items required by the contract, or otherwise performing work required by the contract. Where the contract specification requires installation by a specialist, that term shall also be deemed to mean either the manufacturer of the item, an individual or firm licensed by the manufacturer, or an individual or firm who will perform the work under the manufacturer’s direct supervision.

(End of clause)

552.236-73 Basis of Award—Construction Contract.

As prescribed in [536.570-4](#), insert the following provision or the appropriate Alternate:

BASIS OF AWARD—CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
(APR 1985)

(a) The low bidder for purposes of award is the responsible bidder offering the lowest price for the base bid (consisting of the lump sum bid and any associated unit price bids extended by the applicable number of units shown on the bid form). See Standard Form 1442, Solicitation, Offer, and Award and the provision entitled “Contract Award—Sealed Bidding.”

(b) A bid may be rejected as nonresponsive if the bid is materially unbalanced as to bid prices. A bid is unbalanced when the bid is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and significantly overstated for other work.

(End of provision)

Alternate I (Apr 1985). If the solicitation includes a base bid and options, the Contracting Officer shall delete

paragraph (a) of the basic provision and insert paragraph (a) substantially as follows:

(a) The low bidder for purposes of award is the responsible bidder offering the lowest aggregate price for (1) the base bid (consisting of the lump sum bid and any associated unit price bids extended by the applicable number of units shown on the bid form) plus (2) all options designated to be evaluated. The evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the options. See Standard Form 1442, Solicitation, Offer, and Award and the provision entitled “Contract Award—Sealed Bidding.”

Alternate II (Apr 1985). If the solicitation includes a base bid and alternates, the Contracting Officer shall delete paragraph (a) of the basic provision and insert paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) substantially as follows:

(a) The low bidder for purposes of award is the responsible bidder offering the lowest aggregate price for (1) the base bid (consisting of the lump sum bid and any associated unit price bids extended by the applicable number of units shown on the bid form) plus (2) those alternates in the order of priority listed in the solicitation that provide the most features of work within the funds available at bid opening. See the provision entitled “Contract Award—Sealed Bidding.”

(c) Alternates will be added to the base bid in the order listed in the solicitation (see Standard Form 1442, Solicitation, Offer, and Award). If the addition of an alternate would make all bids exceed the funds available at bid opening, that alternate shall be skipped and the next subsequent alternate in a lower amount shall be added, provided that the aggregate of base bid and the selected alternates do not exceed the funds available at bid opening. For example, when the amount available is \$100,000 and a bidder’s base bid is \$85,000, with its separate bids on four successive alternates being \$10,000, \$8,000, \$6,000, and \$4,000, the aggregate amount of the bid for purposes of selecting the alternates would be \$99,000 (base bid plus the first and fourth alternates). The second and third alternates are skipped because each of them would cause the aggregate of the base bid and alternates to exceed the \$100,000 amount available when considered with the first alternate. All bids shall be evaluated on the basis of the same alternates.

(d) After the low bidder has been determined in accordance with paragraph (a), an award may be made to that low bidder on the base bid, plus any combination of alternates for which funds are available at the time of award, but only if the award amount does not exceed the amount offered by any other responsible bidder. If the base bid plus the proposed combination of alternates exceed the amount offered by any other responsible bidder for the same combination of alternates, the award cannot be made on that combination of alternates.

Alternate III (Apr 1985). If the solicitation includes a base bid, alternates, and options, the Contracting Officer shall delete paragraph (a) of the basic provision and insert paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) substantially as follows:

(a) The low bidder for purposes of award is the responsible bidder offering the lowest aggregate price for (1) the base bid (consisting of the lump sum bid and any associated unit price bids extended by the applicable number of units shown on the bid form) plus (2) those alternates in the order of priority listed in the solicitation that provide the most features of work within the funds available at bid opening plus (3) all options designated to be evaluated except those options associated with alternates which are skipped during the selection process outlined in paragraph (c) of this provision. The evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the options. See the provision entitled “Contract Award—Sealed Bidding.”

(c) Alternates will be added to the base bid in the order listed in the solicitation (see Standard Form 1442, Solicitation, Offer, or Award). If the addition of an alternate would make all bids exceed the funds available at bid opening, that alternate shall be skipped and the next subsequent alternate in a lower amount shall be added, provided that the aggregate of base bid and the selected alternates do not exceed the funds available at bid opening. For example, when the amount available is \$100,000 and a bidder’s base bid is \$85,000, with its separate bids on four successive alternates being \$10,000, \$8,000, \$6,000, and \$4,000, the aggregate amount of the bid for purposes of selecting the alternates would be \$99,000 (base bid plus the first and fourth alternates). The second and third alternates are skipped because each of them would cause the aggregate of the base bid and alternates to exceed the \$100,000 amount available when considered with the first alternate. All bids shall be evaluated on the basis of the same alternates.

(d) After the low bidder has been determined in accordance with paragraph (a), award may be made to that low bidder on the base bid and evaluated options plus any combination of alternates for which funds are available at the time of award, but only if that low bidder is still low on the sum thereof plus any previously unevaluated options designated to be evaluated which are associated with proposed alternates that were skipped during the selection under paragraph (c) of this provision. If that low bidder is not still low, award cannot be made on the proposed combination of alternates.

552.236-74 Working hours.

As prescribed in [536.570-5](#), insert the following clause:

WORKING HOURS (APR 1984)

(a) It is contemplated that all work will be performed during the customary working hours of the trades involved unless otherwise specified in this contract. Work performed by the Contractor at his own volition outside such customary working hours shall be at no additional expense to the Government.

(b) Any requests received by the Contractor from occupants of existing buildings to change the hours of work shall be referred to the Contracting Officer for determination.

(End of clause)

552.236-75 Use of Premises.

As prescribed in [536.570-6](#), insert the following clause:

USE OF PREMISES (APR 1984)

(a) If the premises are occupied, the Contractor, his subcontractors, and their employees shall comply with the regulations governing access to, operation of, and conduct while in or on the premises and shall perform the work required under this contract in such a manner as not to unreasonably interrupt or interfere with the conduct of Government business.

(b) Any request received by the Contractor from occupants of existing buildings to change the sequence of work shall be referred to the Contracting Officer for determination.

(c) If the premises are occupied, the Contractor, his subcontractors and their employees shall not have access to or be admitted into any building outside the scope of this contract except with official permission.

(End of clause)

552.236-76 Measurements.

As prescribed in [536.570-7](#), insert the following clause:

MEASUREMENTS (APR 1984)

All dimensions shown of existing work and all dimensions required for work that is to connect with work now in place, shall be verified by the Contractor by actual measurement of the existing work. Any discrepancies between the contract requirements and the existing conditions shall be referred to the Contracting Officer before any work affected thereby has been performed.

(End of clause)

552.236-77 Specifications and Drawings.

As prescribed in [536.570-8](#), insert the following clause:

SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS (SEP 1999)

The requirements of the clause entitled “Specifications and Drawings for Construction” at FAR 52.236-21, are supplemented as follows:

(a) In case of difference between small and large-scale drawings, the large-scale drawings shall govern. Schedules on any contract drawing shall take precedence over conflicting information on that or any other contract drawing. On any of the drawings where a portion of the work is detailed or drawn out and the remainder is shown in outline, the parts detailed or drawn out shall apply also to all other like portions of the work.

(b) Where the word “similar” occurs on the drawings, it shall have a general meaning and not be interpreted as being identical, and all details shall be worked out in relation to their location and their connection with other parts of the work.

(c) Standard Details or Specification Drawings are applicable when listed, bound with the specifications, noted on the drawings or referenced elsewhere in the specifications. Where

the notes on the drawings indicate modifications, such modifications shall govern.

(d) In case of difference between Standard Details or Specification Drawings and the specifications, the specifications will govern. In case of difference between the Standard Details or Specification Drawings and the drawings prepared specifically for this contract, the later shall govern.

(End of clause)

552.236-78 Shop Drawings, Coordination Drawings, and Schedules.

As prescribed in [536.570-9](#), insert the following clause:

SHOP DRAWINGS, COORDINATION DRAWINGS, AND
SCHEDULES (SEP 1999)

The requirements, of the clause entitled “Specifications and Drawings for Construction” at FAR 52.236-21, are supplemented as follows:

(a) The Contractor shall submit shop drawings, coordination drawings, and schedules for approval as required by the specifications or requested by the Contracting Officer as follows:

(b) Shop drawings shall include fabrication, erection and setting drawings, schedule drawings, manufacturers’ scale drawings, wiring and control diagrams, cuts or entire catalogs, pamphlets, descriptive literature, and performance and test data.

(c) Drawings and schedules, other than catalogs, pamphlets and similar printed material, shall be submitted in reproducible form with two prints made by a process approved by the Contracting Officer. Upon approval, the reproducible form will be returned to the Contractor who shall then furnish the number of additional prints, not to exceed 10, required by the specifications. The Contractor shall submit shop drawings in catalog, pamphlet and similar printed form in a minimum of four copies plus as many additional copies as the Contractor may desire or need for his use or use by subcontractors.

(d) Before submitting shop drawings on the mechanical and electrical work, the Contractor shall submit and obtain the Contracting Officer’s approval of such lists of mechanical and electrical equipment and materials as may be required by the specifications.

(e) Each shop drawing or coordination drawing shall have a blank area 5 by 5 inches, located adjacent to the title block. The title block shall display the following:

Number and title of drawing

Date of drawing or revision

Name of project building or facility

Name of Contractor and (if appropriate) name of subcontractor submitting drawing

Clear identity of contents and location on the work

Project title and contract number

(f) Unless otherwise provided in this contract, or otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, shop drawings, coordination drawings and schedules shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer, with a letter in triplicate, sufficiently in advance of construction requirements to permit no less than 10 working days for checking and appropriate action.

(g) Approval of drawings and schedules will be general and shall not be construed as permitting any departure from the contract requirements, or as approving departures from full-size details furnished by the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

552.236-79 Samples.

As prescribed in [536.570-10](#), insert the following clause:

SAMPLES (APR 1984)

(a) After the award of the contract, the Contractor shall furnish for the approval of the Contracting Officer samples required by the specifications or by the Contracting Officer. Samples shall be delivered to the Contracting Officer or to the Architect as specified or as directed. The Contractor shall prepay all shipping charges on samples. Materials or equipment for which samples are required shall not be used in the work until approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(b) Each sample shall have a label indicating:

- (1) Name of project building or facility, project title and contract number.
- (2) Name of Contractor and, if appropriate, name of subcontractor.
- (3) Identification of material or equipment with specification requirement.
- (4) Place of origin.
- (5) Name of producer and brand (if any).

Samples of finished materials shall have additional markings that will identify them under the finish schedules.

(c) The Contractor shall mail under separate cover a letter in triplicate submitting each shipment of samples and containing the information required in paragraph (b) of this clause. He shall enclose a copy of this letter with the shipment and send a copy to the Government representative on the project. Approval of a sample shall be only for the characteristics or use named in such approval and shall not be construed to change or modify any contract requirement. Substitutions will not be permitted unless they are approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(d) Approved samples not destroyed in testing will be sent to the Government representative at the project. Approved samples of hardware in good condition will be marked for identification and may be used in the work. Materials and equipment, incorporated in the work shall match the approved samples. Other samples not destroyed in testing or not

approved will be returned to the Contractor at his expense if so requested at time of submission.

(e) Failure of any material to pass the specified tests will be sufficient cause for refusal to consider, under this contract, any further samples of the same brand or make of that material or equipment which previously has proved unsatisfactory in service.

(f) Samples of various materials or equipment delivered on the site or in place may be taken by the Government representative for testing. Samples failing to meet contract requirements will automatically void previous approvals of the items tested. The Contractor shall replace such materials or equipment found not to have met contract requirements, or there shall be a proper adjustment of the contract price as determined by the Contracting Officer.

(g) Unless otherwise specified, when tests are required only one test of each sample proposed for use will be made at the expense of the Government. Samples which do not meet specification requirements will be rejected. Testing of additional samples will be made by the Government at the expense of the Contractor.

(End of clause)

552.236-80 Heat.

As prescribed in [536.570-11](#), insert the following clause:

HEAT (APR 1984)

Unless otherwise specified or unless already provided by the Government the Contractor shall:

- (a) Provide heat, as necessary to protect all work, materials, and equipment against injury from dampness and cold;
- (b) Protect, cover and/or heat as may be necessary, to produce and maintain a temperature of not less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit (1) in the concrete during the placing, setting and curing of concrete, and (2) in the plaster during the application, setting and curing of plaster; and
- (c) Provide heat as necessary in the area where work is to be done to provide the minimum temperature recommended by the supplier or manufacturer of the material, but in no case less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit, for a period beginning 10 days before placing of interior finishes and finish materials and continuing until completion or beneficial occupancy of the area, whichever is earlier.

(End of clause)

552.236-81 Use of Equipment by the Government.

As prescribed in [536.570-12](#), insert the following clause:

USE OF EQUIPMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT (APR 1984)

(a) The Government may take over and operate, with Government employees, such equipment as is necessary for heat-

ing or cooling such areas of the building as require the service, as soon as the installation is sufficiently complete.

(b) The Contracting Officer will advise the Contractor by letter, prior to the use of equipment, which items of equipment will be operated, and the date and time such operation will begin.

(c) Government operation of equipment will not relieve the Contractor of the one-year guarantee on materials and workmanship elsewhere provided for in this contract.

(d) The guarantee period, elsewhere provided for in this contract, for each piece of equipment shall be in accordance with the “Guarantees” clause of this contract.

(End of clause)

552.236-82 Subcontracts.

As prescribed in [536.570-13](#), insert the following clause:

SUBCONTRACTS (APR 1984)

(a) Nothing contained in the contract shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the Government. The divisions or sections of the specifications are not intended to control the Contractor in dividing the work among subcontractors, or to limit the work performed by any trade.

(b) The Contractor shall be responsible to the Government for acts and omissions of his own employees and of subcontractors and their employees. He shall also be responsible for the coordination of the work of the trades, subcontractors and suppliers.

(c) The Government will not undertake to settle any differences between or among the Contractor, subcontractors, or suppliers.

(End of clause)

552.236-83 Requirement for a Project Labor Agreement.

As prescribed in [536.570-14](#), insert a clause substantially the same as the following:

REQUIREMENT FOR A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT (SEP 1999)

(a) *Definition.* “Project Labor Agreement” (PLA) means an agreement between the contractor, subcontractors, and the union(s) representing workers. Under a PLA, the contractor and subcontractors on a project and the union(s) agree on terms and conditions of employment for the project, establishing a framework for labor-management cooperation to advance the Government’s procurement interest in cost, efficiency, and quality.

(b) The Contractor shall, after contract award, enter into a PLA for performance of *[Insert project or contract name]*. The PLA binds the Contractor and subcontractors of whatever

tier engaged in onsite construction work. The PLA shall include all the following terms:

(1) Guarantees against strikes, lockouts, and similar work disruptions.

(2) Effective, prompt and mutually binding procedures for resolving labor disputes arising during the project.

(3) Other mechanisms for labor-management cooperation on matters of mutual interest and concern, including productivity, quality of work, safety, and health.

(4) The PLA shall fully conform to all applicable statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders.

(c) Any PLA reached under this clause shall not change the terms of this contract or provide for any pricing adjustment by the Government.

(d) The Government shall not participate in the negotiations of any PLA.

(e) Nothing in this clause precludes contractors or subcontractors from competing for contracts or subcontracts on this project without discrimination based on union or non-union status.

(End of clause)

552.237-70 Qualifications of Offerors.

As prescribed in [537.110\(a\)](#), insert the following provision:

QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFERORS (MAY 1989)

(a) Offers will be considered only from responsible organizations or individuals now or recently engaged in the performance of building service contracts comparable to those described in this solicitation. In order to determine an Offeror’s qualifications, the Offeror may be requested to furnish a narrative statement listing comparable contracts which it has performed; a general history of its operating organization; and its complete experience. An Offeror may also be required to furnish a statement of its financial resources; show that it has the ability to maintain a staff of regular employees adequate to ensure continuous performance of the work; and, demonstrate that its equipment and/or plant capacity for the work contemplated is sufficient, adequate, and suitable.

(b) Competency in performing comparable building service contracts, demonstration of acceptable financial resources, personnel staffing, plant, equipment, and supply sources will be considered in determining whether an Offeror is responsible.

(c) Prospective Offerors are advised that in evaluating these areas involving any small business concern(s), any negative determinations are subject to the Certificate of Competency procedures set forth in the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(End of provision)

552.237-71 Qualifications of Employees.

As prescribed in [537.110\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

QUALIFICATIONS OF EMPLOYEES (MAY 1989)

(a) The contracting officer or a designated representative may require the Contractor to remove any employee(s) from GSA controlled buildings or other real property should it be determined that the individual(s) is either unsuitable for security reasons or otherwise unfit to work on GSA controlled property.

(b) The Contractor shall fill out and cause each of its employees performing work on the contract work to fill out, for submission to the Government, such forms as may be necessary for security or other reasons. Upon request of the Contracting Officer, the Contractor and its employees shall be fingerprinted.

(c) Each employee of the Contractor shall be a citizen of the United States of America, or an alien who has been lawfully admitted for permanent residence as evidenced by Alien Registration Receipt Card Form I-151, or, who presents other evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service that employment will not affect his immigration status.

(End of clause)

552.237-72 Prohibition Regarding “Quasi-Military Armed Forces.”

As prescribed in [537.110\(c\)](#), insert the following clause:

PROHIBITION REGARDING “QUASI-MILITARY ARMED FORCES” (SEP 1999)

The Contractor must not, during the term of this contract, offer for hire “Quasi-Military Armed Forces” within the meaning of the court decision in United States ex. rel. Weinberger v. Equifax, 557 F. 2d 456 (5th Cir., 1977).

(End of clause)

552.237-73 Restriction on Disclosure of Information.

As prescribed in [537.270](#), insert the following clause:

RESTRICTION ON DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION (SEP 1999)

(a) The Contractor shall, in the performance of this contract, keep all information contained in source documents or other media furnished by the Government in the strictest confidence. The Contractor shall not publish or otherwise divulge such information in whole or in part, in any manner or form, nor authorize or permit others to do so. The Contractor shall take such reasonable measures as are necessary to restrict access to such information, while in the Contractor’s possession, to those employees needing such information to perform the work provided herein, i.e., on a “need to know” basis. The Contractor shall immediately notify, in writing, the Contract-

ing Officer in the event that the Contractor determines or has reason to suspect a breach of this requirement.

(b) The Contractor shall not disclose any information concerning the work under this contract to any persons or individual unless the Contractor obtains prior written approval from the Contracting Officer.

(c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause in any consultant agreement or subcontract under this contract.

(d) Any unauthorized disclosure of information may result in termination of this contract for cause.

(End of clause)

552.238-70 Identification of Electronic Office Equipment Providing Accessibility for the Handicapped.

As prescribed in [538.273\(a\)\(1\)](#), insert the following clause:

IDENTIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC OFFICE EQUIPMENT PROVIDING ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE HANDICAPPED (SEP 1991)

(a) *Definitions.* “Electronic office equipment accessibility” means the application/configuration of electronic office equipment (includes hardware, software and firmware) in a manner that accommodates the functional limitations of individuals with disabilities (i.e., handicapped individuals) so as to promote productivity and provide access to work related and/or public information resources.

“Handicapped individuals” mean qualified individuals with impairments as cited in 29 CFR 1613.702(f) who can benefit from electronic office equipment accessibility.

“Special peripheral” means a special needs aid that provides access to electronic equipment that is otherwise inaccessible to a handicapped individual.

(b) The offeror is encouraged to identify in its offer, and include in any commercial catalogs and pricelists accepted by the Contracting Officer, office equipment, including any special peripheral, that will facilitate electronic office equipment accessibility for handicapped individuals. Identification should include the type of disability accommodated and how the users with that disability would be helped.

(End of clause)

552.238-71 Submission and Distribution of Authorized FSS Schedule Pricelists.

As prescribed in [538.273\(a\)\(2\)](#), insert the following clause:

SUBMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AUTHORIZED FSS SCHEDULE PRICELISTS (SEP 1999)

(a) *Definition.* For the purposes of this clause, the Mailing List is [*Contracting officer shall insert either: “the list of*

addressees provided to the Contractor by the Contracting Officer” or “the Contractor’s listing of its Federal Government customers”].

(b) The Contracting Officer will return one copy of the Authorized FSS Schedule Pricelist to the Contractor with the notification of contract award.

(1) The Contractor shall provide to the GSA Contracting Officer:

(i) Two paper copies of Authorized FSS Schedule Pricelist; and

(ii) The Authorized FSS Schedule Pricelist on a common-use electronic medium.

The Contracting Officer will provide detailed instructions for the electronic submission with the award notification. Some structured data entry in a prescribed format may be required.

(2) The Contractor shall provide to each addressee on the mailing list either:

(i) One paper copy of the Authorized FSS Schedule Price List; or

(ii) A self-addressed, postage-paid envelope or postcard to be returned by addressees that want to receive a paper copy of the pricelist. The Contractor shall distribute price lists within 20 calendar days after receipt of returned requests.

(3) The Contractor shall advise each addressee of the availability of pricelist information through the on-line Multiple Award Schedule electronic data base.

(c) The Contractor shall make all of the distributions required in paragraph (c) at least 15 calendar days before the beginning of the contract period, or within 30 calendar days after receipt of the Contracting Officer’s approval for printing, whichever is later.

(d) During the period of the contract, the Contractor shall provide one copy of its Authorized FSS Schedule Pricelist to any authorized schedule user, upon request. Use of the mailing list for any other purpose is not authorized.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (May 2003). As prescribed in [538.273\(a\)\(2\)](#), substitute the following paragraph (a) for paragraph (a) of the basic clause:

(a) *Definition.* For the purposes of this clause, the Mailing List is [Contracting officer shall insert either: “the list of addressees provided to the Contractor by the Contracting Officer” or “the Contractor’s listing of its ordering activity customers”].

552.238-72 Identification of Products that have Environmental Attributes.

As prescribed in [538.273\(a\)\(3\)](#), insert the following clause:

IDENTIFICATION OF PRODUCTS THAT HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES (SEP 2003)

(a) Several laws, Executive orders, and Agency directives require Federal buyers to purchase products that are less harmful to the environment, when they are life cycle cost-effective (see FAR Subpart 23.7). The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) requires contractors to highlight environmental products under Federal Supply Service schedule contracts in various communications media (e.g., publications and electronic formats).

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

“Energy-efficient product” means a product that—

(1) Meets Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency criteria for use of the ENERGY STAR® trademark label; or

(2) Is in the upper 25 percent of efficiency for all similar products as designated by the Department of Energy’s Federal Energy Management Program.

“GSA *Advantage!*” is an on-line shopping mall and ordering system that provides customers with access to products and services under GSA contracts.

“Other environmental attributes” refers to product characteristics that provide environmental benefits, excluding recovered materials and energy and water efficiency. Several examples of these characteristics are biodegradable, recyclable, reduced pollutants, ozone safe, and low volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

“Post-consumer material” means a material or finished product that has served its intended use and has been discarded for disposal or recovery, having completed its life as a consumer item. Post-consumer material is part of the broader category of “recovered material.” The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a list of EPA-designated products in their Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPGs) to provide Federal agencies with purchasing recommendations on specific products in a Recovered Materials Advisory Notice (RMAN). The RMAN contains recommended recovered and post-consumer material content levels for the specific products designated by EPA (40 CFR part 247 and <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>).

“Recovered materials” means waste materials and by-products recovered or diverted from solid waste, but the term does not include those materials and by-products generated from, and commonly reused within, an original manufacturing process (Executive Order 13101 and 42 U.S.C. 6903(19) and <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>). For paper and paper products, see the definition at FAR 11.301 (42 U.S.C. 6962(h)).

“Remanufactured” means factory rebuilt to original specifications.

“Renewable energy” means energy produced by solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass power.

“Renewable energy technology” means—

(1) Technologies that use renewable energy to provide light, heat, cooling, or mechanical or electrical energy for use in facilities or other activities; or

(2) The use of integrated whole-building designs that rely upon renewable energy resources, including passive solar design.

(c) (1) The offeror must identify products that—

(i) Are compliant with the recovered and post-consumer material content levels recommended in the Recovered Materials Advisory Notices (RMANs) for EPA-designated products in the CPG program (<http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>);

(ii) Contain recovered materials that either do not meet the recommended levels in the RMANs or are not EPA-designated products in the CPG program (see FAR 23.401 and <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>);

(iii) Are energy-efficient, as defined by either ENERGY STAR® and/or FEMP’s designated top 25th percentile levels (see ENERGY STAR® at <http://www.energystar.gov/> and FEMP at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/procurement/>);

(iv) Are water-efficient;

(v) Use renewable energy technology;

(vi) Are remanufactured; and

(vii) Have other environmental attributes.

(2) These identifications must be made in each of the offeror’s following mediums:

(i) The offer itself.

(ii) Printed commercial catalogs, brochures, and pricelists.

(iii) Online product website.

(iv) Electronic data submission for GSA *Advantage!* submitted via GSA’s Schedules Input Program (SIP) software or the Electronic Data Inter-change (EDI). Offerors can use the SIP or EDI methods to indicate environmental and other attributes for each product that are translated into respective icons in GSA *Advantage!*.

(d) An offeror, in identifying an item with an environmental attribute, must possess evidence or rely on a reasonable basis to substantiate the claim (see 16 CFR part 260, Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims). The Government will accept an offeror’s claim of an item’s environmental attribute on the basis of—

(1) Participation in a Federal agency sponsored program (e.g., the EPA and DOE ENERGY STAR® product labeling program);

(2) Verification by an independent organization that specializes in certifying such claims; or

(3) Possession of competent and reliable evidence. For any test, analysis, research, study, or other evidence to be “competent and reliable,” it must have been conducted and evaluated in an objective manner by persons qualified to do so, using procedures generally accepted in the profession to yield accurate and reliable results.

(End of clause)

552.238-73 Cancellation

As prescribed in [538.273\(a\)\(4\)](#), insert the following clause:

CANCELLATION (SEP 1999)

Either party may cancel this contract in whole or in part by providing written notice. The cancellation will take effect 30 calendar days after the other party receives the notice of cancellation. If the Contractor elects to cancel this contract, the Government will not reimburse the minimum guarantee.

(End of clause)

552.238-74 Industrial Funding Fee and Sales Reporting.

As prescribed in [538.273\(b\)\(1\)](#), insert the following clause:

INDUSTRIAL FUNDING FEE AND SALES REPORTING
(JUL 2003)

(a) *Reporting of Federal Supply Schedule Sales.* The Contractor shall report all contract sales under this contract as follows:

(1) The Contractor shall accurately report the dollar value, in U.S. dollars and rounded to the nearest whole dollar, of all sales under this contract by calendar quarter (January 1–March 31, April 1–June 30, July 1–September 30, and October 1–December 31). The dollar value of a sale is the price paid by the Schedule user for products and services on a Schedule task or delivery order. The reported contract sales value shall include the Industrial Funding Fee (IFF). The Contractor shall maintain a consistent accounting method of sales reporting, based on the Contractor’s established commercial accounting practice. The acceptable points at which sales may be reported include—

(i) Receipt of order;

(ii) Shipment or delivery, as applicable;

(iii) Issuance of an invoice; or

(iv) Payment.

(2) Contract sales shall be reported to FSS within 30 calendar days following the completion of each reporting quarter. The Contractor shall continue to furnish quarterly reports, including “zero” sales, through physical completion of the last outstanding task order or delivery order of the contract.

(3) Reportable sales under the contract are those resulting from sales of contract items to authorized users unless the purchase was conducted pursuant to a separate contracting authority such as a Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC); a separately awarded FAR Part 12, FAR Part 13, FAR Part 14, or FAR Part 15 procurement; or a non-FAR contract. Sales made to state and local governments under Cooperative Purchasing authority shall be counted as reportable sales for IFF purposes.

(4) The Contractor shall electronically report the quarterly dollar value of sales, including “zero” sales, by utilizing the automated reporting system at an Internet website designated by the General Services Administration (GSA)’s Federal Supply Service (FSS). Prior to using this automated system, the Contractor shall complete contract registration with the FSS Vendor Support Center (VSC). The website address, as well as registration instructions and reporting procedures, will be provided at the time of award. The Contractor shall report sales separately for each National Stock Number (NSN), Special Item Number (SIN), or sub-item.

(5) The Contractor shall convert the total value of sales made in foreign currency to U.S. dollars using the “Treasury Reporting Rates of Exchange” issued by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Financial Management Service. The Contractor shall use the issue of the Treasury report in effect on the last day of the calendar quarter. The report is available from Financial Management Service, International Funds Branch, Telephone: (202) 874-7994, Internet: <http://www.fms.treas.gov/intn.html>.

(b) The Contractor shall remit the IFF at the rate set by GSA’s FSS.

(1) The Contractor shall remit the IFF to FSS in U.S. dollars within 30 calendar days after the end of the reporting quarter; final payment shall be remitted within 30 days after physical completion of the last outstanding task order or delivery order of the contract.

(2) The IFF represents a percentage of the total quarterly sales reported. This percentage is set at the discretion of GSA’s FSS. GSA’s FSS has the unilateral right to change the percentage at any time, but not more than once per year. FSS will provide reasonable notice prior to the effective date of the change. The IFF reimburses FSS for the costs of operating the Federal Supply Schedules Program and recoups its operating costs from ordering activities. Offerors must include the IFF in their prices. The fee is included in the award price(s) and reflected in the total amount charged to ordering activities. FSS will post notice of the current IFF at <http://72a.fss.gsa.gov/> or successor website as appropriate.

(c) Within 60 days of award, an FSS representative will provide the Contractor with specific written procedural instructions on remitting the IFF. FSS reserves the unilateral right to change such instructions from time to time, following notification to the Contractor.

(d) Failure to remit the full amount of the IFF within 30 calendar days after the end of the applicable reporting period constitutes a contract debt to the United States Government under the terms of FAR Subpart 32.6. The Government may exercise all rights under the Debt Collection Improve-

ment Act of 1996, including withholding or setting off payments and interest on the debt (see FAR clause 52.232-17, Interest). Should the Contractor fail to submit the required sales reports, falsify them, or fail to timely pay the IFF, this is sufficient cause for the Government to terminate the contract for cause.

(End of clause)

552.238-75 Price Reductions.

As prescribed in [538.273\(b\)\(2\)](#), insert the following clause:

PRICE REDUCTIONS (MAY 2004)

(a) Before award of a contract, the Contracting Officer and the Offeror will agree upon (1) the customer (or category of customers) which will be the basis of award, and (2) the Government’s price or discount relationship to the identified customer (or category of customers). This relationship shall be maintained throughout the contract period. Any change in the Contractor’s commercial pricing or discount arrangement applicable to the identified customer (or category of customers) which disturbs this relationship shall constitute a price reduction.

(b) During the contract period, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer all price reductions to the customer (or category of customers) that was the basis of award. The Contractor’s report shall include an explanation of the conditions under which the reductions were made.

(c) (1) A price reduction shall apply to purchases under this contract if, after the date negotiations conclude, the Contractor—

(i) Revises the commercial catalog, pricelist, schedule or other document upon which contract award was predicated to reduce prices;

(ii) Grants more favorable discounts or terms and conditions than those contained in the commercial catalog, pricelist, schedule or other documents upon which contract award was predicated; or

(iii) Grants special discounts to the customer (or category of customers) that formed the basis of award, and the change disturbs the price/discount relationship of the Government to the customer (or category of customers) that was the basis of award.

(2) The Contractor shall offer the price reduction to the Government with the same effective date, and for the same time period, as extended to the commercial customer (or category of customers).

(d) There shall be no price reduction for sales—

(1) To commercial customers under firm, fixed-price definite quantity contracts with specified delivery in excess of the maximum order threshold specified in this contract;

(2) To Federal agencies;

(3) Made to State and local government entities when the order is placed under this contract (and the State and local government entity is the agreed upon customer or category of customer that is the basis of award); or

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(4) Caused by an error in quotation or billing, provided adequate documentation is furnished by the Contractor to the Contracting Officer.

(e) The Contractor may offer the Contracting Officer a voluntary Governmentwide price reduction at any time during the contract period.

(f) The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer of any price reduction subject to this clause as soon as possible, but not later than 15 calendar days after its effective date.

(g) The contract will be modified to reflect any price reduction which becomes applicable in accordance with this clause.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (May 2003). As prescribed in [538.273\(b\)\(2\)](#) substitute the following paragraph (c)(2) for paragraph (c)(2) of the basic clause, and substitute the following paragraph (d)(2) for paragraph (d)(2) of the basic clause.

(c)(2) The Contractor shall offer the price reduction to the eligible ordering activities with the same effective date, and for the same time period, as extended to the commercial customer (or category of customers).

(d)(2) To eligible ordering activities under this contract; or

552.238-76 Definition (Federal Supply Schedules)—Recovery Purchasing.

As prescribed in [538.7104\(a\)](#), insert the following clause:

DEFINITION (FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULES)—RECOVERY PURCHASING (FEB 2007)

Ordering activity (also called “ordering agency” and “ordering office”) means an eligible ordering activity (see [552.238-78](#), Alternate I) authorized to place orders under Federal Supply Schedule contracts.

(End of clause)

552.238-77 Definition (Federal Supply Schedules).

As prescribed in [538.7004\(a\)](#), insert the following clause:

DEFINITION (FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULES) (MAY 2003)

Ordering activity (also called “ordering agency” and “ordering office”) means an eligible ordering activity (see [552.238-78](#)) authorized to place orders under Federal Supply Schedule contracts.

(End of clause)

552.238-78 Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities).

As prescribed in [538.7004\(b\)](#) insert the following clause:

SCOPE OF CONTRACT (ELIGIBLE ORDERING ACTIVITIES) (MAY 2004)

(a) This solicitation is issued to establish contracts which may be used on a nonmandatory basis by the agencies and

activities named below, as a source of supply for the supplies or services described herein, for domestic and/or overseas delivery. For Special Item Number 132-53, Wireless Services ONLY, limited geographic coverage (consistent with the Offeror's commercial practice) may be proposed.

(1) Executive agencies (as defined in FAR Subpart 2.1) including nonappropriated fund activities as prescribed in 41 CFR 101-26.000;

(2) Government contractors authorized in writing by a Federal agency pursuant to FAR 51.1;

(3) Mixed ownership Government corporations (as defined in the Government Corporation Control Act);

(4) Federal Agencies, including establishments in the legislative or judicial branch of government (except the Senate, the House of Representatives and the Architect of the Capitol and any activities under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol).

(5) The District of Columbia;

(6) Tribal governments when authorized under 25 USC 450j(k);

(7) Qualified Nonprofit Agencies as authorized under 40 USC 502(b); and

(8) Organizations, other than those identified in paragraph (d) of this clause, authorized by GSA pursuant to statute or regulation to use GSA as a source of supply.

(b) *Definitions.* *Domestic delivery* is delivery within the 48 contiguous states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Washington, DC, and U.S. territories. Domestic delivery also includes a port or consolidation point, within the aforementioned areas, for orders received from overseas activities.

Overseas delivery is delivery to points outside of the 48 contiguous states, Washington, DC, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and U.S. territories.

(c) Offerors are requested to check one of the following boxes:

Contractor will provide domestic and overseas delivery.

Contractor will provide overseas delivery only.

Contractor will provide domestic delivery only.

(d) The following activities may place orders against information technology schedule 70 contracts and Consolidated Products and Services Schedule contracts containing information technology special item numbers, on an optional basis; PROVIDED, the Contractor accepts order(s) from such activities: State and local government, includes any state, local, regional or tribal government or any instrumentality thereof (including any local educational agency or institution of higher learning).

(e) Articles or services may be ordered from time to time in such quantities as may be needed to fill any requirement, subject to the Order Limitations thresholds which will be specified in resultant contracts. Overseas activities may place orders directly with schedule contractors for delivery to CONUS port or consolidation point.

(f) (1) The Contractor is obligated to accept orders received from activities within the Executive branch of the Federal Government.

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(2) The Contractor is not obligated to accept orders received from activities outside the Executive branch; however, the Contractor is encouraged to accept such orders. If the Contractor elects to accept such orders, all provisions of the contract shall apply, including clause [552.232-79](#), Payment by Credit Card. If the Contractor is unwilling to accept such orders, and the proposed method of payment is not through the Credit Card, the Contractor shall return the order by mail or other means of delivery within 5 workdays from receipt. If the Contractor is unwilling to accept such orders, and the proposed method of payment is through the Credit Card, the Contractor must so advise the ordering activity within 24 hours of receipt of order. (Reference clause [552.232-79](#), Payment by Credit Card.) Failure to return an order or advise the ordering activity within the time frames of this paragraph shall constitute acceptance whereupon all provisions of the contract shall apply.

(g) The Government is obligated to purchase under each resultant contract a guaranteed minimum of \$2,500 (two thousand, five hundred dollars) during the contract term.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (FEB 2007). As prescribed in [538.7104\(b\)](#), substitute the following paragraphs (a) and (d) for paragraphs (a) and (d) of the basic clause:

(a) This solicitation is issued to establish contracts which may be used on a nonmandatory basis by the agencies and activities named below, as a source of supply for the supplies or services described herein, for domestic delivery.

(1) Executive agencies (as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 2.1) including nonappropriated fund activities as prescribed in 41 CFR 101-26.000;

(2) Government contractors authorized in writing by a Federal agency pursuant to Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 51.1;

(3) Mixed ownership Government corporations (as defined in the Government Corporation Control Act);

(4) Federal Agencies, including establishments in the legislative or judicial branch of government (except the Senate, the House of Representatives and the Architect of the Capitol and any activities under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol);

(5) The District of Columbia;

(6) Tribal governments when authorized under 25 U.S.C. 450j(k);

(7) Qualified Nonprofit Agencies as authorized under 40 U.S.C. 502(b); and

(8) Organizations, other than those identified in paragraph (d) of this clause, authorized by GSA pursuant to statute or regulation to use GSA as a source of supply.

(d) The following activities may place orders against Federal Supply Schedules for products and services determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to facilitate recovery from major disasters, terrorism, or nuclear, biological, chem-

ical, or radiological attack, on an optional basis; PROVIDED, the Contractor accepts order(s) from such activities: State and local government entities, includes any state, local, regional or tribal government or any instrumentality thereof (including any local educational agency or institution of higher learning).

“State and local government entities”, means the states of the United States, counties, municipalities, cities, towns, townships, tribal governments, public authorities (including public or Indian housing agencies under the United States Housing Act of 1937), school districts, colleges and other institutions of higher education, council of governments (incorporated or not), regional or interstate government entities, or any agency or instrumentality of the preceding entities (including any local educational agency or institution of higher education), and including legislative and judicial departments. The term does not include contractors of, or grantees of, State or local governments.

(1) “Local educational agency” has the meaning given that term in section 8013 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7713).

(2) “Institution of higher education” has the meaning given that term in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

(3) “Tribal government” means—

(i) The governing body of any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community located in the continental United States (excluding the State of Alaska) that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians; and

(ii) Any Alaska Native regional or village corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*).

552.238-79 Use of Federal Supply Schedule Contracts by Certain Entities—Cooperative Purchasing.

As prescribed in [538.7004\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

USE OF FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE CONTRACTS BY
CERTAIN ENTITIES—COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
(MAY 2004)

(a) If an entity identified in paragraph (d) of the clause at [552.238-78](#), Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities), elects to place an order under this contract, the entity agrees that the order shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) When the Contractor accepts an order from such an entity, a separate contract is formed which incorporates by reference all the terms and conditions of the Schedule contract except the Disputes clause, the patent indemnity clause, and the portion of the Commercial Item Contract Terms and Conditions that specifies “Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts” (which applies only to contracts with entities of the Executive branch of the U.S. Government). The parties to this new contract which incorporates the terms and

conditions of the Schedule contract are the individual ordering activity and the Contractor. The U.S. Government shall not be liable for the performance or nonperformance of the new contract. Disputes which cannot be resolved by the parties to the new contract may be litigated in any State or Federal court with jurisdiction over the parties, applying Federal procurement law, including statutes, regulations and case law, and, if pertinent, the Uniform Commercial Code. To the extent authorized by law, parties to this new contract are encouraged to resolve disputes through Alternative Dispute Resolution. Likewise, a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA), although not a contract, is an agreement that may be entered into by the Contractor with such an entity and the Federal Government is not a party.

(2) Where contract clauses refer to action by a Contracting Officer or a Contracting Officer of GSA, that shall mean the individual responsible for placing the order for the ordering activity (e.g., FAR 52.212-4 at paragraph (f) and FSS clause I-FSS-249 B.)

(3) As a condition of using this contract, eligible ordering activities agree to abide by all terms and conditions of the Schedule contract, except for those deleted clauses or portions of clauses mentioned in paragraph (a)(1) of this clause. Ordering activities may include terms and conditions required by statute, ordinance, regulation, order, or as otherwise allowed by State and local government entities as a part of a statement of work (SOW) or statement of objective (SOO) to the extent that these terms and conditions do not conflict with the terms and conditions of the Schedule contract. The ordering activity and the Contractor expressly acknowledge that, in entering into an agreement for the ordering activity to purchase goods or services from the Contractor, neither the ordering activity nor the Contractor will look to, primarily or in any secondary capacity, or file any claim against the United States or any of its agencies with respect to any failure of performance by the other party.

(4) The ordering activity is responsible for all payments due the Contractor under the contract formed by acceptance of the ordering activity's order, without recourse to the agency of the U.S. Government, which awarded the Schedule contract.

(5) The Contractor is encouraged, but not obligated, to accept orders from such entities. The Contractor may, within 5 days of receipt of the order, decline to accept any order, for any reason. The Contractor shall fulfill orders placed by such entities, which are not declined within the 5-day period.

(6) The supplies or services purchased will be used for governmental purposes only and will not be resold for personal use. Disposal of property acquired will be in accordance with the established procedures of the ordering activity for the disposal of personal property.

(b) If the Schedule Contractor accepts an order from an entity identified in paragraph (d) of the clause at [552.238-78](#), Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities), the Contractor agrees to the following conditions:

(1) The ordering activity is responsible for all payments due the Contractor for the contract formed by acceptance of

the order, without recourse to the agency of the U.S. Government, which awarded the Schedule contract.

(2) The Contractor is encouraged, but not obligated, to accept orders from such entities. The Contractor may, within 5 days of receipt of the order, decline to accept any order, for any reason. The Contractor shall decline the order using the same means as those used to place the order. The Contractor shall fulfill orders placed by such entities, which are not declined within the 5-day period.

(c) In accordance with clause [552.238-74](#), Industrial Funding Fee and Sales Reporting, the Contractor must report the quarterly dollar value of all sales under this contract. When submitting sales reports, the Contractor must report two dollar values for each Special Item Number:

(1) The dollar value for sales to entities identified in paragraph (a) of the clause at [552.238-78](#), Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities), and

(2) The dollar value for sales to entities identified in paragraph (d) of clause [552.238-78](#).

(End of clause)

552.238-80 Use of Federal Supply Schedule Contracts by Certain Entities—Recovery Purchasing.

As prescribed in [538.7104\(c\)](#), insert the following clause:

USE OF FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE CONTRACTS BY
CERTAIN ENTITIES—RECOVERY PURCHASING (FEB 2007)

(a) If an entity identified in paragraph (d) of the clause at [552.238-78](#), Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities)—Alternate I, elects to place an order under this contract, the entity agrees that the order shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) When the Contractor accepts an order from such an entity, a separate contract is formed which incorporates by reference all the terms and conditions of the Schedule contract except the Disputes clause, the patent indemnity clause, and the portion of the Commercial Item Contract Terms and Conditions that specifies "Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts" (which applies only to contracts with entities of the Executive branch of the U.S. Government). The parties to this new contract which incorporates the terms and conditions of the Schedule contract are the individual ordering activity and the Contractor. The U.S. Government shall not be liable for the performance or nonperformance of the new contract. Disputes which cannot be resolved by the parties to the new contract may be litigated in any State or Federal court with jurisdiction over the parties, applying Federal procurement law, including statutes, regulations and case law, and, if pertinent, the Uniform Commercial Code. To the extent authorized by law, parties to this new contract are encouraged to resolve disputes through Alternative Dispute Resolution. Likewise, a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA), although not a contract, is an agreement that may be entered

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into by the Contractor with such an entity and the Federal Government is not a party.

(2) Where contract clauses refer to action by a Contracting Officer or a Contracting Officer of GSA, that shall mean the individual responsible for placing the order for the ordering activity (e.g., Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.212-4 at paragraph (f) and FSS clause I-FSS-249 B).

(3) As a condition of using this contract, eligible ordering activities agree to abide by all terms and conditions of the Schedule contract, except for those deleted clauses or portions of clauses mentioned in paragraph (a)(1) of this clause. Ordering activities may include terms and conditions required by statute, ordinance, regulation, order, or as otherwise allowed by State and local government entities as a part of a statement of work (SOW) or statement of objective (SOO) to the extent that these terms and conditions do not conflict with the terms and conditions of the Schedule contract. The ordering activity and the Contractor expressly acknowledge that, in entering into an agreement for the ordering activity to purchase goods or services from the Contractor, neither the ordering activity nor the Contractor will look to, primarily or in any secondary capacity, or file any claim against the United States or any of its agencies with respect to any failure of performance by the other party.

(4) The ordering activity is responsible for all payments due the Contractor under the contract formed by acceptance of the ordering activity's order, without recourse to the agency of the U.S. Government, which awarded the Schedule contract.

(5) The Contractor is encouraged, but not obligated, to accept orders from such entities. The Contractor may, within 5 days of receipt of the order, decline to accept any order, for any reason. The Contractor shall fulfill orders placed by such entities, which are not declined within the 5-day period.

(6) The supplies or services purchased will be used for governmental purposes only and will not be resold for personal use. Disposal of property acquired will be in accordance with the established procedures of the ordering activity for the disposal of personal property.

(7) The state or local government ordering activity will be responsible for purchasing products or services to be used to facilitate recovery from a major disaster declared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*) or to facilitate recovery from terrorism or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack.

(b) If the Schedule Contractor accepts an order from an entity identified in paragraph (d) of the clause at [552.238-78](#), Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities)—Alternate I, the Contractor agrees to the following conditions—

(1) The ordering activity is responsible for all payments due the Contractor for the contract formed by acceptance of the order, without recourse to the agency of the U.S. Government, which awarded the Schedule contract.

(2) The Contractor is encouraged, but not obligated, to accept orders from such entities. The Contractor may, within 5 days of receipt of the order, decline to accept any order, for any reason. The Contractor shall decline the order using the same means as those used to place the order. The Contractor shall fulfill orders placed by such entities, which are not declined within the 5-day period.

(c) In accordance with clause [552.238-74](#), Industrial Funding Fee and Sales Reporting, the Contractor must report the quarterly dollar value of all sales under this contract. When submitting sales reports, the Contractor must report two dollar values for each Special Item Number—

(1) The dollar value for sales to entities identified in paragraph (a) of the clause at [552.238-78](#), Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities)—Alternate I; and

(2) The dollar value for sales to entities identified in paragraph (d) of clause [552.238-78](#), Alternate I.

(d) A listing of the Federal Supply Schedule contracts for the products and services available for disaster recovery purchasing is accessible in GSA's Schedules e-Library at web site <http://www.gsaelibrary.gsa.gov>. Click on the link, "Disaster Recovery Purchasing, State and Local." The participating Contractors and the products and services available for disaster recovery purchasing will be labeled with the Disaster Recovery Purchasing icon.

(End of clause)

552.242-70 Status Report of Orders and Shipments.

As prescribed in [542.1107](#), insert the following clause:

STATUS REPORT OF ORDERS AND SHIPMENTS (APR 1992)

(a) The Contractor shall furnish to the Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) a report covering orders received and shipments made during each calendar month of contract performance. The information required by the Government shall be reported on GSA Form 1678, Status Report of Orders and Shipments, in accordance with instructions on the form. The information required by the GSA Form 1678 may also be submitted in an automated printout form if authorized by the ACO. Alternatively, the required information may be reported by electronic data interchange using ANSI standards. For further information, contact GSA, Contract Administration Division [*Insert appropriate telephone number of FQC*]. Reports shall be forwarded to the ACO no later than the seventh workday of the succeeding month.

(b) An initial supply of GSA Form 1678 will be forwarded to the Contractor with the contract. Additional copies of the

form, if needed, may be obtained from the ACO, or reproduced by the Contractor.

(End of clause)

552.243-70 Pricing of Adjustments.

As prescribed in [543.205\(a\)\(1\)](#), insert the following clause:

PRICING OF ADJUSTMENTS (APR 1989)

When costs are a factor in any determination of a contract price adjustment, such costs shall be in accordance with the contract cost principles and procedures in Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Part 31) in effect on the date of this contract.

(End of clause)

552.243-71 Equitable Adjustments.

As prescribed in [543.205\(a\)\(2\)](#), insert the following clause:

EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENTS (APR 1984)

(a) The provisions of the “Changes” clause prescribed by FAR 52.243-4 are supplemented as follows:

(1) Upon written request, the Contractor shall submit a proposal, in accordance with the requirements and limitations set forth in the “Equitable Adjustments” clause, for work involving contemplated changes covered by the request. The proposal shall be submitted within the time limit indicated in the request or any extension of such time limit as may be subsequently granted. The Contractor’s written statement of the monetary extent of a claim for equitable adjustment shall be submitted in the following form:

(i) Proposals totaling \$5,000 or less shall be submitted in the form of a lump sum proposal with supporting information to clearly relate elements of cost with specific items of work involved to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer, or his/her authorized representative.

(ii) For proposals in excess of \$5,000, the claim for equitable adjustment shall be submitted in the form of a lump sum proposal supported with an itemized breakdown of all increases and decreases in the contract in at least the following detail:

Direct Costs

Material quantities by trades and unit costs (Manufacturing burden associated with material fabrication performed will be considered to be part of the material costs of the fabricated item delivered to the job site)

Labor breakdown by trades and unit costs (Identified with specific item of material to be placed or operation to be performed)

Construction equipment exclusively necessary for the change

Costs of preparation and/or revision to shop drawings resulting from the change

Workers’ Compensation and Public Liability Insurance

Employment taxes under FICA and FUTA

Bond Costs—when size of change warrants revision

Overhead, Profit and Commission

(2) The allowable overhead shall be determined in accordance with the contract cost principles and procedures in Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Part 31) in effect on the date of this contract. The percentages for profit and commission shall be negotiated and may vary according to the nature, extent and complexity of the work involved, but in no case shall exceed the following unless the Contractor demonstrates entitlement to a higher percentage:

To:	Overhead	Profit	Commission
Contractor on work performed by other than his own forces	—	—	10%
First-tier subcontractor on work performed by his subcontractors	—	—	10%
Contractor and/or the subcontractors for that portion of the work performed with their respective forces	To be negotiated	10%	

Not more than four percentages will be allowed regardless of the number of tier subcontractors. The Contractor shall not be allowed a commission on the commission received by a first tier subcontractor. Equitable adjustments for deleted work shall include credits for overhead, profit and commission. On proposals covering both increases and decreases in the amount of the contract, the application of overhead and profit shall be on the net change in direct costs for the Contractor or subcontractor performing the work.

(3) The Contractor shall submit with the proposal his request for time extension (if any), and shall include sufficient information and dates to demonstrate whether and to what extent the change will delay the contract in its entirety.

(4) In considering a proposal, the Government shall make check estimates in detail, utilizing unit prices where specified or agreed upon, with a view to arriving at an equitable adjustment.

(5) After receipt of a proposal the Contracting Officer shall act thereon, within 30 days; provided however, that when the necessity to proceed with a change does not allow time properly to check a proposal or in the event of failure to reach an agreement on a proposal, the Government may order the Contractor to proceed on the basis of price to be deter-

mined at the earliest practicable date. Such price shall not be more than the increase or less than the decrease proposed.

(6) If a mutually acceptable agreement cannot be reached, the Contracting Officer may determine the price unilaterally.

(b) The provisions of the “Differing Site Conditions” clause prescribed by FAR 52.236-2 are supplemented as follows: The Contractor shall submit all claims for equitable adjustment in accordance with, and subject to the requirements and limitations set out in paragraph (a) of this “Equitable Adjustments” clause.

(End of clause)

552.243-72 Modifications (Multiple Award Schedule).

As prescribed in [543.205\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

MODIFICATIONS (MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE) (JUL 2000)

(a) *General.* The Contractor may request a contract modification by submitting a request to the Contracting Officer for approval, except as noted in paragraph (d) of this clause. At a minimum, every request shall describe the proposed change(s) and provide the rationale for the requested change(s).

(b) *Types of Modifications.*—(1) *Additional items/additional SINs.* When requesting additions, the following information must be submitted:

(i) Information requested in paragraphs (1) and (2) of the Commercial Sales Practice Format to add SINs.

(ii) Discount information for the new item(s) or new SIN(s). Specifically, submit the information requested in paragraphs 3 through 5 of the Commercial Sales Practice Format. If this information is the same as the initial award, a statement to that effect may be submitted instead.

(iii) Information about the new item(s) or the item(s) under the new SIN(s) as described in [552.212-70](#), Preparation of Offer (Multiple Award Schedule) is required.

(iv) Delivery time(s) for the new item(s) or the items under the new SIN(s) must be submitted in accordance with [552.211-78](#), Commercial Delivery Schedule (Multiple Award Schedule).

(v) Production point(s) for the new item(s) or the item(s) under the new SIN(s) must be submitted if required by 52.215-6, Place of Performance.

(vi) Hazardous material information (if applicable) must be submitted as required by 52.223-3 (ALT I), Hazardous Material Identification and Material Safety Data.

(vii) Any information requested by 52.212-3(f), Off-eror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items, that may be necessary to assure compliance with FAR 52.225-1, Buy American Act—Balance of Payments Program—Supplies.

(2) *Deletions.* The Contractor shall provide an explanation for the deletion. The Government reserves the right to reject any subsequent offer of the same item or a substantially equal item at a higher price during the same contract period, if the contracting officer finds the higher price to be unreasonable when compared with the deleted item.

(3) *Price Reduction.* The Contractor shall indicate whether the price reduction falls under item (i), (ii), or (iii) of paragraph (c)(1) of the Price Reductions clause at [552.238-75](#). If the price reduction falls under item (i), the Contractor shall submit a copy of the dated commercial price list. If the price reduction falls under item (ii) or (iii), the Contractor shall submit a copy of the applicable price list(s), bulletins or letters or customer agreements which outline the effective date, duration, terms and conditions of the price reduction.

(c) *Effective Dates.* The effective date of any modification is the date specified in the modification, except as otherwise provided in the Price Reductions clause at [552.238-75](#).

(d) *Electronic File Updates.* The Contractor shall update electronic file submissions to reflect all modifications. For additional items or SINs, the Contractor shall obtain the contracting officer’s approval before transmitting changes. Contract modifications will not be made effective until the Government receives the electronic file updates. The Contractor may transmit price reductions, item deletions, and corrections without prior approval. However, the Contractor shall notify the contracting officer as set forth in the Price Reductions clause at [552.238-75](#).

(e) *Amendments to Paper Federal Supply Schedule Price Lists.* (1) The Contractor must provide supplements to its paper price lists, reflecting the most current changes. The Contractor may either:

(i) Distribute a supplemental paper Federal Supply Schedule Price List within 15 workdays after the effective date of each modification.

(ii) Distribute quarterly cumulative supplements. The period covered by a cumulative supplement is at the discretion of the Contractor, but may not exceed three calendar months from the effective date of the earliest modification. For example, if the first modification occurs in February, the quarterly supplement must cover February—April, and every 3 month period after. The Contractor must distribute each quarterly cumulative supplement within 15 workdays from the last day of the calendar quarter.

(2) At a minimum, the Contractor shall distribute each supplement to those ordering activities that previously received the basic document. In addition, the Contractor shall submit two copies of each supplement to the contracting officer, and one copy to the FSS Schedule Information Center.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (Sep 1999). As prescribed in [543.205\(b\)](#), substitute the following paragraph (d) for paragraph (d) of the basic clause:

(d) *Electronic File Updates.* The Contractor shall update electronic file submissions to reflect all modifications. For additional items or SINs, the Contractor shall obtain the contracting officer's approval before transmitting changes. Contract modifications will not be made effective until the Government receives the electronic file updates. The Contractor may transmit price reductions and corrections without prior approval. However, the Contractor shall notify the contracting officer as set forth in the Price Reductions clause at [552.238-75](#).

552.246-17 Warranty of Supplies of a Noncomplex

Nature

As prescribed in [546.710\(d\)](#), insert the following clause:

WARRANTY OF SUPPLIES OF A NONCOMPLEX NATURE
(DEC 1990) (DEVIATION FAR 52.246-17)

(a) *Definitions.* "Acceptance," as used in this clause, means the act of an authorized representative of the Government by which the Government assumes for itself, or as an agent of another, ownership of existing supplies, or approves specific services as partial or complete performance of the contract.

"Correction," as used in this clause, means the elimination of a defect.

"Supplies," as used in this clause, means the end item furnished by the Contractor and related services required under the contract. The word does not include "data."

(b) *Contractor's obligations.* (1) Notwithstanding inspection and acceptance by the Government of supplies furnished under this contract, or any condition of this contract concerning the conclusiveness thereof, the Contractor warrants that for *

(i) All supplies furnished under this contract will be free from defects in material or workmanship and will conform with the requirements of this contract; and

(ii) The preservation, packaging, packing, and marking, and the preparation for, and method of, shipment of such supplies will conform with the requirements of this contract.

(2) When return, correction, or replacement is required, the Contractor shall be responsible for all costs attendant to the return, correction or replacement of the nonconforming supplies. Any removal in connection with the above shall be done by the Contractor at its expense. However, the Contractor's liability for the transportation charges shall not exceed an amount equal to the cost of transportation by the usual commercial method of shipment between the place of delivery specified in the contract and the Contractor's plant, and return.

(3) Any supplies or parts thereof, corrected or furnished in replacement under this clause, shall also be subject to the terms of this clause to the same extent as supplies initially delivered. The warranty, with respect to supplies or parts thereof, shall be equal in duration to that in paragraph (a)(1) of this clause and shall run from the date of delivery of the corrected or replaced supplies.

(4) All implied warranties of merchantability and "fitness for a particular purpose" are excluded from any obligation contained in this contract.

(c) *Remedies available to the Government.* (1) The Contracting Officer shall give written notice to the Contractor of any breach of warranties in paragraph (a)(1) of this clause within **. This notice shall contain information concerning the deficiencies found, the location of the nonconforming supplies, and the quantity involved.

(2) Within a reasonable time after the notice, the Contracting Officer may either—

(i) Require, by written notice, the prompt correction or replacement of any supplies or parts thereof (including preservation, packaging, packing, and marking) that do not conform with the requirements of this contract within the meaning of paragraph (a)(1) of this clause; or

(ii) Retain such supplies and reduce the contract price by an amount equitable under the circumstances. When the nature of the defect in the nonconforming item is such that the defect affects an entire batch or lot of material, then the equitable price adjustment shall apply to the entire batch or lot of material from which the nonconforming item was taken.

(3) (i) If the contract provides for inspection of supplies by sampling procedures, conformance of supplies or components subject to warranty action shall be determined by the applicable sampling procedures in the contract. The Contracting Officer—

(A) May, for sampling purposes, group any supplies delivered under this contract;

(B) Shall require the size of the sample to be that required by sampling procedures specified in the contract for the quantity of supplies on which warranty action is proposed;

(C) May project warranty sampling results over supplies in the same shipment or other supplies contained in other shipments even though all of such supplies are not present at the point of reinspection; provided, that the supplies remaining are reasonably representative of the quantity on which warranty action is proposed; and

(D) Need not use the same lot size as on original inspection or reconstitute the original inspection lots.

(ii) Within a reasonable time after notice of any breach of the warranties specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this clause, the Contracting Officer may exercise one or more of the following options:

(A) Require an equitable adjustment in the contract price for any group of supplies.

(B) Screen the supplies grouped for warranty action under this clause at the Contractor's expense and return all nonconforming supplies to the Contractor for correction or replacement.

(C) Require the Contractor to screen the supplies at locations designated by the Government within the continental United States and to correct or replace all nonconforming supplies.

(D) Return the supplies grouped for warranty action under this clause to the Contractor (irrespective of the f.o.b. point or the point of acceptance) for screening and correction or replacement. All costs incurred by the Government in returning the nonconforming supplies, including costs to the freight carrier resulting from the Contractor's refusal to accept their return, shall be for the Contractor's account.

(4) (i) The Contracting Officer may, by contract or otherwise, correct or replace the nonconforming supplies with similar supplies from another source and charge to the Contractor the cost occasioned to the Government thereby if the Contractor—

(A) Fails to make redelivery of the corrected or replaced supplies within the time established for their return; or

(B) Fails either to accept return of the nonconforming supplies or fails to make progress after their return to correct or replace them so as to endanger performance of the delivery schedule, and in either of these circumstances does not cure such failure within a period of 10 days (or such longer period as the Contracting Office may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from the Contracting Officer specifying such failure.

(ii) Instead of correction or replacement by the Government, the Contracting Officer may require an equitable adjustment of the contract price for all nonconforming supplies, including batch or lot materials which either have been consumed or other disposition has been made. In addition, if the Contractor fails to furnish timely disposition instructions, the Contracting Officer may return the supplies for screening and correction or replacement under paragraph (c)(3)(ii)(D) of this clause; store the nonconforming supplies for the Contractor's account; sell the nonconforming supplies to the highest bidder on the open market and apply the proceeds against the accumulated storage and other costs, including the cost of the sale; or otherwise dispose of the nonconforming supplies for the Contractor's account in a reasonable manner. The Government is entitled to reimbursement from the Contractor, or from the proceeds of such disposal, for the reasonable expenses of the care and disposition of the nonconforming supplies, as well as for excess costs incurred or to be incurred.

(5) The rights and remedies of the Government provided in this clause are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the Government by any other clause of this contract.

(6) Unless otherwise provided, this warranty is applicable both within and outside the continental limits of the United States.

(7) In addition to other marking requirements of this contract, the Contractor shall stamp or mark the supplies delivered or otherwise furnish notice with the supplies of the existence of the warranty. The marking should briefly include (i) a statement that the warranty exists, (ii) the substance of the warranty, (iii) its duration, and (iv) whom to notify if the supplies are found to be defective.

(End of clause)

**State the specific period of time after delivery or the specified event whose occurrence will terminate the warranty period; e.g., the number of miles or hours of use, or combination of any applicable event or periods of time.*

***Insert specific period of time; e.g., "45 days from the last delivery under this contract," or "45 days after discovery of the defect." The number of days specified shall be no less than 30.*

Alternate I (Dec 1990). As prescribed in [546.710\(a\)\(1\)](#), substitute the following for paragraph (b)(1) of the basic clause and delete paragraph (b)(4) of the basic clause.

(1) Notwithstanding inspection and acceptance by the Government of supplies furnished under this contract, or any condition of this contract concerning the conclusiveness thereof, the Contractor warrants that for ___* all supplies furnished—

(i) Are of a quality to pass without objection in the trade under the contract description;

(ii) Are fit for the ordinary purposes for which the supplies are used;

(iii) Are within the variations permitted by the contract, and are of an even kind, quality, and quantity within each unit and among all units;

(iv) Are adequately contained, packaged, and marked as the contract may require; and

(v) Conform to the promises or affirmations of fact made on the container.

Alternate II (Dec 1990). As prescribed in [546.710\(a\)\(2\)](#), substitute the following paragraph for paragraph (b)(1) of the basic clause:

(1) Notwithstanding inspection and acceptance by the Government of supplies furnished under this contract, or any condition of this contract concerning the conclusiveness thereof, the Contractor warrants that for ___* all supplies furnished—

(i) Conform to the specifications except that in the case of solvent systems, the viscosity may exceed the specified maximum by 10 Krieb Units, unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this contract; and

(ii) Are suitable for their intended purpose as stated in this contract.

Alternate III (Dec 1990). As prescribed in [546.710\(a\)\(3\)](#), substitute the following for paragraph (b)(1) of the basic clause, redesignate paragraph (c) of the basic clause as paragraph (d), and add the following as paragraph (c) in the basic clause:

(1) Notwithstanding inspection and acceptance by the Government of supplies furnished under this contract, or any condition of this contract concerning the conclusiveness thereof, the Contractor warrants that for ___*, beginning with the first day of the first full month following the month of manufacture marked on the container, all supplies furnished retain their original characteristics to the extent that the supplies remain suitable for the intended use as stated in this contract (i) under actual application conditions or (ii) when tested in accordance with requirements stated elsewhere in this contract.

(c) *Government surveillance and testing.* (1) During this period, surveillance will be maintained on supplies warehoused in Government facilities; and the supplies will be tested periodically to determine their suitability for intended use. Sampling for surveillance testing will be in accordance with Military Standard No. 105, and such testing will be made after NORMAL MIXING, STIRRING, OR SHAKING, in accordance with directions either furnished with the supplies or as shown in the applicable specifications.

(2) Surveillance testing will be based on storage stability requirements set forth in the contract specification, or purchase description on the basis of salient characteristics (e.g., viscosity or sag flow, curing time, strip adhesion or tensile shear, etc.) established by GSA as appropriate to determine suitability for intended use. In the case of brand name items not covered by detailed purchase descriptions, surveillance testing may be based on salient characteristics included in the manufacturer's data sheets. If storage stability requirements showing allowable variations are not included in applicable specifications or elsewhere in the contract, material will be considered suitable for intended use if the salient characteristics vary not more than 20 percent from the originally specified values (i.e., those applicable to acceptance testing of the supplies) for noncritical end-use items, and not more than 10 percent for critical end-use items.

552.246-70 Source Inspection by Quality Approved Manufacturer.

As prescribed in [546.302-70](#), insert the following clause:

SOURCE INSPECTION BY QUALITY APPROVED MANUFACTURER (SEP 1999)

(a) *Inspection system and inspection facilities.* (1) The inspection system maintained by the Contractor under the Inspection of Supplies—Fixed Price clause (FAR 52.246-2)

of this contract shall be maintained throughout the contract period and shall comply with all requirements of editions in effect on the date of the solicitation of either Federal Standard 368 or the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Standard 9001 (ANSI/ASQC Q 91) (Quality Systems—Model for Quality Assurance in Design/Development, Production, Installation and Servicing), or ISO Standard 9002 (ANSI/ASQC Q 92) (Quality Systems—Model for Quality Assurance in Production and Installation). The ISO 9000 family of standards is a set of worldwide standards used to document, implement and demonstrate quality assurance systems. When using the ISO option the Contractor's quality system must be registered by a third party registrar accredited by either the Registrar Accreditation Board (RAB) or an organization recognized as equivalent. A written description of the inspection system shall be made available to the Government before contract award. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer and the designated GSA quality assurance office of any changes made in the inspection system during the contract period. As used herein, the term "inspection system" means the Contractor's own facility or any other facility acceptable to the Government that will be used to perform inspections or tests of materials and components before incorporation into end articles and for inspection of such end articles before shipment. When the manufacturing plant is located outside of the United States, the Contractor shall arrange delivery of the items from a plant or warehouse located in the United States (including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) equipped to perform all inspections and tests required by the contract or specifications to evidence conformance therewith, or shall arrange with a testing laboratory or other facility in the United States, acceptable to the Government, to perform the required inspections and tests.

(2) In addition to the requirements in Federal Standard 368, ISO 9001 or ISO 9002 records shall include the date when inspection and testing were performed. These records shall be available for (i) 3 years after final payment; or (ii) 4 years from the end of the Contractor's fiscal year in which the record was created, whichever period expires first.

(3) Offerors are required to specify, in the space provided elsewhere in this solicitation, the name and address of each manufacturing plant or other facility where supplies will be available for inspection, indicating the item number(s) to which each applies.

(4) Within 10 calendar days after receipt of the written notice of award, the Contractor shall provide the Administrative Contracting Officer with the name of the individual and an alternate that will be responsible for inspecting each shipment under this contract.

(b) *Inspection and receiving reports.* (1) For each shipment released, one of the officials named by the Contractor

under paragraph (a)(4) above shall sign a Quality Approved Manufacturer Certificate certifying that supplies have been inspected and found to comply with contract requirements. The certification shall read as follows:

“I certify that all items in this shipment have been listed herein, and have been inspected and found to comply with all requirements of the contract.”

Signature of Certifying Official

(2) For shipments made to military facilities, the Contractor shall prepare and distribute the DD Form 250, Material Inspection and Receiving Report, or computer formatted equivalent of the form not later than the close of business the workday following shipment. The certification above shall be placed in block 16 on this form. The Contractor will be provided a supply of the DD Form 250 with complete instructions for preparation and distribution.

(3) For shipments made to civilian facilities only, the Contractor shall prepare and distribute not later than the close of business the workday following shipment a certification of inspection and conformance for the identified items, in accordance with instructions furnished at the time of award. The Contractor may furnish the requisite information on the DD Form 250 or computer formatted equivalent, company letterhead, or invoice document.

(c) *Inspection by Government personnel.* (1) Although the Government will normally rely upon the Contractor’s certification as to the quality of supplies shipped, it reserves the right under the Inspection of Supplies—Fixed Price clause to inspect and test all supplies called for by this contract, before acceptance, at all times and places, including the point of manufacture. When the Government notifies the Contractor of its intent to inspect supplies before shipment, the Contractor shall notify or arrange for subcontractors to notify the designated GSA quality assurance office 7 workdays before the date when supplies will be ready for inspection. Shipment shall not be made until inspection by the Government is completed and shipment is authorized by the Government.

(2) Government inspection responsibility will be assigned to the GSA quality assurance office which has jurisdiction over the State in which the Contractor’s or subcontractor’s plant or other designated point for inspection is located.

(3) During the contract period, a Government representative may periodically select samples of supplies produced under this contract for Government verification inspection and testing. Samples sent to a Government testing facility will be disposed of as follows: Samples from an accepted lot, not damaged in the testing process, will be returned promptly to the Contractor after completion of tests. Samples damaged in the testing process will be disposed of as requested by the Contractor. Samples from a rejected lot will be returned to the Contractor or disposed of in a time and manner agreeable to both the Contractor and the Government.

(d) *Quality deficiencies.* (1) Notwithstanding any other clause of this contract concerning the conclusiveness of acceptance by the Government, any supplies or production lots shipped under this contract found to be defective in material or workmanship, or otherwise not in conformity with the requirements of this contract within a period of ___*___ months after acceptance shall, at the Government’s option, be replaced, repaired or otherwise corrected by the Contractor at no cost to the Government within 30 calendar days (or such longer period as the Government may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice to replace or correct. The Contractor shall remove, at its expense, supplies rejected or required to be replaced, repaired or corrected. When the nature of the defect affects an entire batch or lot of supplies, and the Contracting Officer determines that correction can best be accomplished by retaining the nonconforming supplies and reducing the contract price by an amount equitable under the circumstances, then the equitable price adjustment shall apply to the entire batch or lot of supplies from which the nonconforming item was taken.

(2) If supplies in process, shipped, or awaiting shipment to fill Government orders are found not to comply with contract requirements, or if deficiencies in either plant quality or process controls are found, the Contractor may be issued a Quality Deficiency Notice (QDN). Upon receipt of a QDN, the Contractor shall take immediate corrective action and shall suspend shipment of the supplies covered by the QDN until such time as corrective action has been completed. The Contractor shall notify the GSA quality assurance office, within 5 workdays, of corrective action taken or to be taken to permit onsite verification by a Government representative. Shipments of nonconforming supplies will be returned at the Contractor’s expense and may constitute cause for termination. Delays due to the issuance of a QDN do not constitute excusable delay under the Default clause. Failure to complete corrective action in a timely manner may result in termination of this contract.

(3) This contract may be terminated for default if subsequent Government inspection discloses that plant quality or process controls are not being maintained, supplies which do not meet the requirements of the specification are being shipped, or there is failure to comply with any other requirement of this clause.

(e) *Additional cost for inspection and testing.* The Contractor will be charged for any additional cost of inspection/testing or reinspecting/retesting supplies for the reasons stated in paragraph (e) of FAR 52.246-2, Inspection of Supplies—Fixed Price. When inspection or testing is performed by or under the direction of GSA, charges will be at the rate of \$ ___**___ per man-hour or fraction thereof if the inspection is at a GSA distribution center; \$ ___**___ per man-hour or fraction thereof, plus travel costs incurred, if the inspection is at any other location; and \$ ___**___ per man-hour or fraction

thereof for laboratory testing, except that when a testing facility other than a GSA laboratory performs all or part of the required tests, the Contractor shall be assessed the actual cost incurred by the Government as a result of testing at such facility. When inspection is performed by or under the direction of any agency other than GSA, the charges indicated above may be used, or the agency may assess the actual cost of performing the inspection and testing.

(f) *Responsibility for rejected supplies.* When the Contractor fails to remove or provide instructions for the removal of rejected supplies under paragraph (d) of this clause, pursuant to the Contracting Officer's instructions, the Contractor shall be liable for all costs incurred by the Government in taking such measures as are expedient to avoid unnecessary loss to the Contractor. In addition to the remedies provided in FAR 52.246-2, supplies may be—

(1) Stored for the Contractor's account;

(2) Reshipped to the Contractor at its expense (any additional expense incurred by the Government or the freight carrier caused by the refusal of the Contractor to accept their return also shall be for the Contractor's account); or

(3) Sold to the highest bidder on the open market and the proceeds applied against the accumulated storage and other costs, including the cost of the sale.

(g) *Subcontracting requirements.* The Contractor shall insert in any subcontracts the inspection or testing provisions set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause and the Inspection of Supplies—Fixed Price clause of this contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor with the provisions set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause and the Inspection of Supplies—Fixed Price clause.

(End of clause)

* Normally insert 12 months as the period during which defective or otherwise nonconforming supplies must be replaced. However, when the supplies being bought have a shelf life of less than 1 year, you should use the shelf-life period, or in the instance where you reasonably expect a longer period to be available, you should use the longer period.

** The rates to be inserted are established by the Commissioner of the Federal Supply Service or a designee.

552.246-71 Source Inspection by Government.

As prescribed in [546.302-71](#), insert the following clause:

SOURCE INSPECTION BY GOVERNMENT (SEP 1999)

(a) *Inspection by Government personnel.*

(1) Supplies to be furnished under this contract will be inspected at source by the Government before shipment from the manufacturing plant or other facility designated by the

Contractor, unless the Contractor is otherwise notified in writing by the Contracting Officer or a designated representative. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Government may perform any or all tests contained in the contract specifications at a Government facility without prior written notice by the Contracting Officer before release of the supplies for shipment. Samples sent to a Government testing facility will be disposed of as follows: Samples from an accepted lot, not damaged in the testing process, will be returned promptly to the Contractor after completion of tests. Samples damaged in the testing process will be disposed of as requested by the Contractor. Samples from a rejected lot will be returned to the Contractor or disposed of in a time and manner agreeable to both the Contractor and the Government.

(2) Government inspection responsibility will be assigned to the GSA quality assurance office which has jurisdiction over the State in which the Contractor's or subcontractor's plant or other designated point for inspection is located. The Contractor shall notify or arrange for subcontractors to notify the designated GSA quality assurance office 7 work-days before the date when supplies will be ready for inspection. Shipment shall not be made until after inspection by the Government is completed and shipment is authorized by the Government.

(b) *Inspection and receiving reports.* For each shipment, the Contractor shall be responsible for preparation and distribution of inspection documents as follows: (1) DD Form 250, Material Inspection and Receiving Report, or computer formatted equivalent for deliveries to military agencies; or (2) GSA Form 308, Notice of Inspection for deliveries to GSA or other civilian agencies. When required, the Contractor will be furnished a supply of GSA Form 308 and/or DD Form 250, and complete instructions for their preparation and distribution.

(c) *Inspection facilities.* (1) The inspection system required to be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with FAR 52.246-2, Inspection of Supplies—Fixed Price, may be the Contractor's own facilities or any other facilities acceptable to the Government. These facilities shall be utilized to perform all inspections and tests of materials and components before incorporation into end articles, and for the inspection of such end articles before shipment. The Government reserves the right to evaluate the acceptability and effectiveness of the Contractor's inspection system before award and periodically during the contract period.

(2) Offerors are required to specify, in the spaces provided elsewhere in the solicitation, the name and address of each manufacturing plant or other facility where supplies will be available for inspection, indicating the item number(s) to which each applies.

(3) The Contractor shall deliver the items specified in this contract from a plant or warehouse located within the United States (including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands)

that is equipped to perform all inspections and tests required by this contract or specifications to evidence conformance therewith, or shall arrange with a testing laboratory or other facility in the United States, acceptable to the Government, to perform the required inspections and tests.

(d) *Availability of records.* (1) In addition to any other requirement of this contract, the Contractor shall maintain records showing the following information for each order received under the contract:

- (i) Order number;
- (ii) Date order received by the Contractor;
- (iii) Quantity ordered;
- (iv) Date scheduled into production;
- (v) Batch or lot number, if applicable;
- (vi) Date inspected and/or tested;
- (vii) Date available for shipment;
- (viii) Date shipped or date service completed; and
- (ix) National Stock Number (NSN), or if none is

provided in the contract, the applicable item number or other contractual identification.

(2) These records should be maintained at the point of source inspection and shall be available to the Contracting Officer, or an authorized representative, for (i) 3 years after final payment; or (ii) 4 years from the end of the Contractor's fiscal year in which the record was created, whichever period expires first.

(e) *Additional cost for inspection and testing.* The Contractor will be charged for any additional cost for inspecting/testing or reinspection/ retesting supplies for the reasons stated in paragraph (e) of FAR 52.246-2, Inspection of Supplies—Fixed Price. When inspection or testing is performed by or under the direction of GSA, charges will be at the rate of \$ ___* per man-hour or fraction thereof if the inspection is at a GSA distribution center; \$ ___* per man-hour or fraction thereof, plus travel costs incurred, if the inspection is at any other location; and \$ ___* per man-hour or fraction thereof for laboratory testing, except that when a testing facility other than a GSA laboratory performs all or part of the required tests, the Contractor shall be assessed the actual cost incurred by the Government as a result of testing at such facility. When inspection is performed by or under the direction of any agency other than GSA, the charges indicated above may be used, or the agency may assess the actual cost of performing the inspection and testing.

(f) *Responsibility for rejected supplies.* When the Contractor fails to remove or provide instructions for the removal of rejected supplies under FAR 52.246-2(h) pursuant to the Contracting Officer's instructions, the Contractor shall be liable for all costs incurred by the Government in taking such measures as are expedient to avoid unnecessary loss to the Contractor. In addition to the remedies provided in FAR 52.246-2, supplies may be—

- (1) Stored for the Contractor's account;
- (2) Reshipped to the Contractor at its expense (any additional expense incurred by the Government or the freight carrier caused by the refusal of the Contractor to accept their return also shall be for the Contractor's account); or
- (3) Sold to the highest bidder on the open market and the proceeds applied against the accumulated storage and other costs, including the cost of the sale.

(End of clause)

**The rates to be inserted are established by the Commissioner of the Federal Supply Service or a designee.*

552.246-72 Final Inspection and Tests.

As prescribed in [546.312](#), insert the following clause:

FINAL INSPECTION AND TESTS (SEP 1999)

The Contractor shall give written notice to the Contracting Officer at least 10 calendar days before the date the work will be completed and ready for final inspection and tests. Final inspection and tests will begin within 10 calendar days after the date specified in the Contractor's notice unless the Contracting Officer determines that the work is not ready for final inspection and so informs the Contractor.

(End of clause)

552.246-73 Warranty—Multiple Award Schedule.

As prescribed in [546.710\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

WARRANTY—MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (MAR 2000)

(a) *Applicable to domestic locations.* Unless specified otherwise in this contract, the Contractor's standard commercial warranty as stated in the Contractor's commercial price list applies to this contract.

(b) *Applicable to overseas destinations.* Unless specified otherwise in this contract, the Contractor's standard commercial warranty as stated in the commercial price list applies to this contract, except as follows:

(1) The Contractor must provide, at a minimum, a warranty on all non-consumable parts for a period of 90 days from the date that the Government accepts the product.

(2) The Contractor must supply parts and labor required under the warranty provisions free of charge.

(3) The Contractor must bear the transportation costs of returning the products to and from the repair facility, or the costs involved with Contractor personnel traveling to the Government facility for the purpose of repairing the product onsite, during the 90-day warranty period.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (May 2003). As prescribed in [546.710\(b\)](#), substitute the following paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(3) for paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(3) of the basic clause:

(b)(1) The Contractor must provide, at a minimum, a warranty on all non-consumable parts for a period of 90 days from the date that the ordering activity accepts the product.

(b)(3) The Contractor must bear the transportation costs of returning the products to and from the repair facility, or the costs involved with Contractor personnel traveling to the ordering activity facility for the purpose of repairing the product onsite, during the 90-day warranty period.

552.246-74 [Reserved]

552.246-75 Guarantees.

As prescribed in [546.710\(c\)](#), insert the following clause:

GUARANTEES (MAY 1989)

(a) Unless otherwise provided in the specifications, the Contractor guarantees all work to be in accordance with contract requirements and free from defective or inferior materials, equipment, and workmanship for 1 year after the date of final acceptance or the date the equipment or work was placed in use by the Government, whichever occurs first.

(b) (1) If, within any guarantee period, the Contracting Officer finds that guaranteed work requires repair or change because of defective or inferior materials, equipment, or workmanship or is not in accordance with contract requirements, the Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing. The Contractor shall promptly, and without additional expense to the Government, correct:

(i) All guaranteed work;

(ii) All damage to equipment, the site, the building or its contents resulting from the unsatisfactory guaranteed work; and

(iii) Any work, materials, and equipment that are disturbed in fulfilling the guarantee, including any disturbed work, materials, and equipment that may have been guaranteed under another contract.

(2) If the Contractor fails to proceed promptly in accordance with the guarantee, the Government may have such work performed at the expense of the Contractor.

(c) Any special guarantees that may be required under the contract will be subject to paragraphs (a) and (b), insofar as they do not conflict with special guarantees.

(d) The Contractor shall furnish to the Government:

(1) Each transferable guarantee or warranty of equipment, materials, or installation furnished by any manufacturer, supplier, or installer in the ordinary course of business;

(2) All information required to make such guarantee or warranty legally binding and effective; and

(3) The information and the guarantee or warranty in sufficient time to permit the Government to meet any time

limit specified in the guarantee or warranty or, if no time limit is specified, prior to completion and acceptance of all work under this contract.

(End of clause)

552.246-76 Warranty of Pesticides.

As prescribed in [546.710\(d\)](#), insert the following clause:

WARRANTY OF PESTICIDES (MAY 1989)

(a) Notwithstanding acceptance of pesticides by the Government, the Contractor warrants that for 1 year after the date of shipment, all pesticides furnished under this contract shall meet the requirements of Pub. L. 92-516, as amended, and shall be registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(b) If EPA takes action to stop sale, stop use, remove, seize, or cancel registration of a pesticide within 1 year after date of shipment, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer. The notification will include:

(1) Contract number;

(2) Identification of the pesticide;

(3) Reason for the EPA action against the pesticide; and

(4) List of Government agencies and addresses to which it was delivered.

(End of clause)

552.247-70 Placarding Railcar Shipments.

As prescribed in [547.305\(a\)](#), insert the following clause:

PLACARDING RAILCAR SHIPMENTS (MAY 1989)

When a railcar is loaded in such a manner that it can be or should be unloaded from only one side, the Contractor shall place on the appropriate railcar door a placard reading "UNLOAD FROM THIS SIDE" and on the opposite door a placard reading "UNLOAD FROM OTHER SIDE."

(End of clause)

552.247-71 Diversion of Shipment Under f.o.b.

Destination Contracts.

As prescribed in [547.305\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

DIVERSION OF SHIPMENT UNDER F.O.B. DESTINATION CONTRACTS (MAR 2000)

(a) Notwithstanding paragraph (c) of the clause in this contract titled 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, the Government has the unilateral right to make changes at any time within the general scope of this contract in either the:

(1) Method of shipment or packing.

(2) Place of delivery.

(b) If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of this contract, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both. The Contractor must assert its right to an adjustment under this clause within 30 days from the date of receipt of a delivery order.

(c) The Government shall make no adjustment when supplies are identically priced for delivery regionally or nationally and the place of delivery is changed within the area to which the identical price applies. In all other cases, adjustments for changes in transportation costs under this clause shall be determined as follows:

(1) If the contractor ships by contract or common carrier, price adjustments shall be determined by comparing the cost of shipments to the new destination(s), as evidenced by copy of paid freight bills supplied by the Contractor with the invoice, to one of the following:

(i) The cost of shipments to the standard contract destination, as evidenced by copy of appropriate paid freight bills supplied by the Contractor.

(ii) If no shipments have been made to the standard contract destination, the cost as evidenced by the applicable rates of a common or contract carrier. If carrier rates are not publicly filed with a regulatory body (e.g., interstate shipments moving by rail piggyback service), the Contractor shall provide a copy of the contract, letter agreement, or other written communication from the carrier(s) quoting the rates/charges that would have applied for shipments to the standard contract destination.

(2) If (i) shipments to the new destination are made by the Contractor's owned or leased trucks or (ii) shipments to the original destination were or would have been made by the Contractor's owned or leased trucks, the Government shall determine the adjustment by substituting a rate equal to 70 percent of the lowest applicable rate published in common carrier rates as of the date of shipment for the Contractor's actual rate or contemplated transportation costs.

(d) If the copies of paid freight bills for a diverted shipment do not show, or make readily available, each of the following items, the Contractor shall supply a written statement showing the item(s):

- (1) Full name of each carrier in the routing.
- (2) Number of containers.
- (3) Gross shipping weight.
- (4) Actual date of shipping.

(5) Freight description for the supplies as indicated in the "National Motor Freight Classification" or the "Uniform Freight Classification" (Rail).

(End of clause)

552.249-70 Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed Price) (Short Form).

As prescribed in [549.502\(a\)](#) insert the following clause:

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT
(FIXED-PRICE) (SHORT FORM) (MAY 1988)
(DEVIATION FAR 52.249-1 AND 52.249-2)

(a) If the Government terminates this contract for convenience, the rights of the Government and the Contractor shall be determined under paragraph (b) unless there is a termination liability schedule, in which case the rights of the parties shall be determined under paragraph (c).

(b) The clause at [*Contracting Officer inserts 52.249-1 or 52.249-2, as applicable*] of the FAR shall apply to the supply portion of the contract and the clause at 52.249-4 of the FAR shall apply to the service portion of the contract.

(c) If the Contractor specifies a schedule of termination liability charges that would be incurred by the Government if the Government terminates this lease contract without taking title to the equipment, the payment of such charges shall be the only responsibility of the Government to compensate the Contractor for such termination; except that, there shall be no termination liability for equipment installed after termination of this contract.

(End of clause)

552.249-71 Submission of Termination Liability Schedule.

As prescribed in [549.502\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

SUBMISSION OF TERMINATION LIABILITY SCHEDULE
(MAY 1989)

(a) An offeror may submit, as part of its proposal, a termination liability schedule to be applied if any resultant contract is terminated by the Government for reasons other than default. The offeror shall provide and explain the amount and method of computation of the termination liability charge(s).

(b) If submitted, the termination liability schedule will be incorporated into Part I, Section B of the contract document. If a termination liability schedule is not submitted and the Government terminates any resultant contract for its convenience, the rights of the parties shall be determined under paragraph (b) of the GSAR Termination for Convenience of the Government clause at [552.249-70](#).

(c) Any termination liability charges existing at the end of the evaluated contract period will be considered in the evaluation of offers.

(End of clause)

552.252-5 Authorized Deviations in Provisions.

As prescribed in [552.107-70\(a\)](#), insert the following provision:

AUTHORIZED DEVIATIONS IN PROVISIONS
(DEVIATION FAR 52.252-5) (SEP 1999)

(a) *Deviations to FAR provisions.* (1) This solicitation indicates any authorized deviation to a Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) provision by the addition of “(DEVIATION)” after the date of the provision, if the provision is not published in the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 5).

(2) This solicitation indicates any authorized deviation to a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision that is published in the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation by the addition of “(DEVIATION (FAR provision no.))” after the date of the provision.

(b) *Deviations to GSAR provisions.* This solicitation indicates any authorized deviation to a General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation provision by the addition of “(DEVIATION)” after the date of the provision.

(c) *“Substantially the same as” provisions.* Changes in wording of provisions prescribed for use on a “substantially the same as” basis are not considered deviations.

(End of provision)

552.252-6 Authorized Deviations in Clauses.

As prescribed in [552.107-70\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

AUTHORIZED DEVIATIONS IN CLAUSES
(DEVIATION FAR 52.252-6) (SEP 1999)

(a) *Deviations to FAR clauses.* (1) This solicitation or contract indicates any authorized deviation to a Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause by the addition of “(DEVIATION)” after the date of the clause, if the clause is not published in the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 5).

(2) This solicitation indicates any authorized deviation to a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause that is published in the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation by the addition of “(DEVIATION (FAR clause no.))” after the date of the clause.

(b) *Deviations to GSAR clauses.* This solicitation indicates any authorized deviation to a General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation clause by the addition of “(DEVIATION)” after the date of the clause.

(c) *“Substantially the same as” clauses.* Changes in wording of clauses prescribed for use on a “substantially the same as” basis are not considered deviations.

(End of clause)

552.270-1 Instructions to Offerors—Acquisition of Leasehold Interests in Real Property.

As prescribed in [570.602](#), insert the following provision:

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—ACQUISITION OF
LEASEHOLD INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY (MAR 1998)

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

“Discussions” are negotiations that occur after establishment of the competitive range that may, at the Contracting Officer’s discretion, result in the offeror being allowed to revise its proposal.

“In writing” or “written” means any worded or numbered expression which can be read, reproduced, and later communicated, and includes electronically transmitted and stored information.

“Proposal modification” is a change made to a proposal before the solicitation’s closing date and time, or made in response to an amendment, or made to correct a mistake at any time before award.

“Proposal revision” is a change to a proposal made after the solicitation closing date, at the request of or as allowed by a Contracting Officer as the result of negotiations.

“Time,” if stated as a number of days, is calculated using calendar days, unless otherwise specified, and will include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. However, if the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the period shall include the next working day.

(b) *Amendments to solicitations.* If this solicitation is amended, all terms and conditions that are not amended remain unchanged. Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation by the date and time specified in the amendment(s).

(c) *Submission, modification, revision, and withdrawal of proposals.* (1) Unless other methods (e.g., electronic commerce or facsimile) are permitted in the solicitation, proposals and modifications to proposals shall be submitted in paper media in sealed envelopes or packages. Offers must be:

(i) Submitted on the forms prescribed and furnished by the Government as a part of this solicitation or on copies of those forms, and

(ii) Signed. The person signing an offer must initial each erasure or change appearing on any offer form. If the offeror is a partnership, the names of the partners composing the firm must be included with the offer.

(2) *Late proposals and revisions.* (i) The Government will not consider any proposal received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers unless it is received before the Government makes award and it meets at least one of the following conditions:

(A) It was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the 5th calendar day before the date specified for receipt of offers (e.g., an offer submitted in response to a

solicitation requiring receipt of offers by the 20th of the month must have been mailed by the 15th).

(B) It was sent by mail (or telegram or facsimile, if authorized) or hand-carried (including delivery by a commercial carrier) if it is determined by the Government that the late receipt was due primarily to Government mishandling after receipt at the Government installation.

(C) It was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5:00 p.m. at the place of mailing two working days prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals. The term “working days” excludes weekends and U.S. Federal holidays.

(D) It was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation and was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals.

(E) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the activity designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government’s control prior to the time set for receipt of offers, and the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the procurement.

(F) It is the only proposal received.

(ii) Any modification or revision of a proposal or response to request for information, including any final proposal revision, is subject to the same conditions as in paragraphs (c)(2)(i)(A) through (c)(2)(i)(E) of this provision.

(iii) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late proposal or modification or revision sent either by registered or certified mail is the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service postmark both on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service. Both postmarks must show a legible date or the proposal, response to a request for information, or modification or revision shall be processed as if mailed late. “Postmark” means a printed, stamped, or otherwise placed impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been supplied and affixed by employees of the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service on the date of mailing. Therefore, offerors or respondents should request the postal clerk to place a legible hand cancellation bull’s eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

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

(v) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late offer, modification or revision, or withdrawal sent by Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee is the date entered by the post office

receiving clerk on the “Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee” label and the postmark on both the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. “Postmark” has the same meaning as defined in paragraph (c)(2)(iii) of this provision, excluding postmarks of the Canadian Postal Service. Therefore, offerors or respondents should request the postal clerk to place a legible hand cancellation bull’s eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

(vi) Notwithstanding paragraph (c)(2)(i) of this provision, a late modification or revision of an otherwise successful proposal that makes its terms more favorable to the Government will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

(vii) An offeror may withdraw its proposal by written notice or telegram (including mailgram) received at any time before award. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile proposals, an offeror may withdraw its proposal via facsimile received at any time before award, subject to the conditions specified in the provision entitled “Facsimile Proposals.” Proposals may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or an authorized representative, if the representative’s identity is made known and the representative signs a receipt for the proposal before award.

(viii) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that proposals cannot be received at the office designated for receipt of proposals by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation or other notice of an extension of the closing date, the time specified for receipt of proposals will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office.

(3) Any information given to a prospective offeror concerning this solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective offerors, if that information is necessary in submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective offeror.

(4) Offerors may submit modifications to their proposals at any time before the solicitation closing date and time, and may submit modifications in response to an amendment, or to correct a mistake at any time before award.

(5) Offerors may submit revised proposals only if requested or allowed by the Contracting Officer.

(6) The Government will construe an offer to be in full and complete compliance with this solicitation unless the offer describes any deviation in the offer.

(7) Offerors may submit proposals that depart from stated requirements. Such a proposal shall clearly identify why the acceptance of the proposal would be advantageous to

the Government. The proposal must clearly identify and explicitly define any deviations from the terms and conditions of the solicitation, as well as the comparative advantage to the Government. The Government reserves the right to amend the solicitation to allow all offerors an opportunity to submit revised proposals based on the revised requirements.

(d) *Restriction on disclosure and use of data.* An offeror that includes in its proposal data that it does not want disclosed to the public for any purpose, or used by the Government except for evaluation purposes, must meet both of the following conditions:

(1) Mark the title page with the following legend:

This proposal includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the Government and shall not be duplicated, used, or disclosed—in whole or in part—for any purpose other than to evaluate this proposal. If, however, a lease is awarded to this offeror as a result of—or in connection with—the submission of this data, the Government shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting contract. This restriction does not limit the Government's right to use information contained in this data if it is obtained from another source without restriction. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets [*insert numbers or other identification of sheets*].

(2) Mark each sheet of data it wishes to restrict with the following legend:

Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this proposal.

(e) *Lease award.* (1) The Government intends to award a lease resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose proposal represents the best value after evaluation in accordance with the factors and subfactors in the solicitation.

(2) The Government may reject any or all proposals if such action is in the Government's interest.

(3) The Government may waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received.

(4) The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a lease after conducting discussions with offerors whose proposals have been determined to be within the competitive range. If the Contracting Officer determines that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Contracting Officer may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals. Therefore, the offeror's initial proposal should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint.

(5) Exchanges with offerors after receipt of a proposal do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by the Government.

(6) The Government may determine that a proposal is unacceptable if the prices proposed are materially unbalanced

between line items or subline items. Unbalanced pricing exists when, despite an acceptable total evaluated price, the price of one or more contract line items is significantly overstated or understated as indicated by the application of cost or price analysis techniques. A proposal may be rejected if the Contracting Officer determines that the lack of balance poses an unacceptable risk to the Government.

(7) The unconditional written acceptance of an offer establishes a valid contract.

(8) The Government may disclose the following information in postaward debriefings to other offerors:

(i) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful offeror;

(ii) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection; and

(iii) A summary of the rationale for award.

(End of provision)

Alternate I (Mar 1998). As prescribed in [570.602](#), substitute the following paragraph for paragraph (c)(2)(i) of the basic provision:

(i) Any offer received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of final proposal revisions will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and it meets one of the following conditions—

Alternate II (Mar 1998). As prescribed in [570.602](#), substitute the following paragraph for paragraph (e)(4) of the basic provision:

(4) The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a lease without discussions with offerors (except clarifications as described in FAR 15.306(a)). Therefore, the offeror's initial proposal should contain the offeror's best terms from a cost or price and technical standpoint. The Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if the Contracting Officer later determines them to be necessary. If the Contracting Officer determines that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Contracting Officer may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals.

552.270-2 Historic Preference.

As prescribed in [570.602](#), insert the following provision:

HISTORIC PREFERENCE (SEPT 2004)

(a) The Government will give preference to offers of space in historic properties following this hierarchy of consideration:

(1) Historic properties within historic districts.

(2) Non-historic developed and non-historic undeveloped sites within historic districts.

(3) Historic properties outside of historic districts.

(b) *Definitions.* (1) “Determination of eligibility” means a decision by the Department of the Interior that a district, site, building, structure or object meets the National Register criteria for evaluation although the property is not formally listed in the National Register (36 CFR 60.3(c)).

(2) “Historic district” means a geographically definable area, urban or rural, possessing a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united by past events or aesthetically by plan or physical development. A district may also comprise individual elements separated geographically but linked by association or history (36 CFR 60.3(d)). The historic district must be included in or be determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

(3) “Historic property” means any pre-historic or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or been determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the Secretary of the Interior (36 CFR 800.16(l)).

(4) “National Register of Historic Places” means the National Register of districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture that the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to expand and maintain under the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 60.1).

(c) The offer of space must meet the terms and conditions of this solicitation. The Contracting Officer has discretion to accept alternatives to certain architectural characteristics and safety features defined elsewhere in this solicitation to maintain the historical integrity of an historic building, such as high ceilings and wooden floors, or to maintain the integrity of an historic district, such as setbacks, floor-to-ceiling heights, and location and appearance of parking.

(d) When award will be based on the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process, the Government will give a price evaluation preference, based on the total annual square foot (ANSI/BOMA Office Area) cost to the Government, to historic properties as follows:

(1) First to suitable historic properties within historic districts, a 10 percent price preference.

(2) If no suitable historic property within an historic district is offered, or the 10 percent preference does not result in such property being the lowest price technically acceptable offer, the Government will give a 2.5 percent price preference to suitable non-historic developed or undeveloped sites within historic districts.

(3) If no suitable non-historic developed or undeveloped site within an historic district is offered, or the 2.5 percent preference does not result in such property being the

lowest price technically acceptable offer, the Government will give a 10 percent price preference to suitable historic properties outside of historic districts.

(4) Finally, if no suitable historic property outside of historic districts is offered, no historic price preference will be given to any property offered.

(e) When award will be based on the best value tradeoff source selection process, which permits tradeoffs among price and non-price factors, the Government will give a price evaluation preference, based on the total annual square foot (ANSI/BOMA Office Area) cost to the Government, to historic properties as follows:

(1) First to suitable historic properties within historic districts, a 10 percent price preference.

(2) If no suitable historic property within a historic district is offered or remains in the competition, the Government will give a 2.5 percent price preference to suitable non-historic developed or undeveloped sites within historic districts.

(3) If no suitable non-historic developed or undeveloped site within an historic district is offered or remains in the competition, the Government will give a 10 percent price preference to suitable historic properties outside of historic districts.

(4) Finally, if no suitable historic property outside of historic districts is offered, no historic price preference will be given to any property offered.

(f) The Government will compute price evaluation preferences by reducing the price(s) of the offerors qualifying for a price evaluation preference by the applicable percentage provided in this provision. The price evaluation preference will be used for price evaluation purposes only. The Government will award a contract in the amount of the actual price(s) proposed by the successful offeror and accepted by the Government.

(g) To qualify for a price evaluation preference, offerors must provide satisfactory documentation in their offer that their property qualifies as one of the following:

(1) An historic property within an historic district.

(2) A non-historic developed or undeveloped site within an historic district.

(3) An historic property outside of an historic district..

(End of provision)

552.270-3 Parties to Execute Lease.

As prescribed in [570.602](#), insert the following provision:

PARTIES TO EXECUTE LEASE (SEP 1999)

(a) If the lease is executed by an attorney, agent, or trustee on behalf of the Lessor, an authenticated copy of his power of attorney, or other evidence to act on behalf of the Lessor, shall accompany the lease.

(b) If the Lessor is a partnership, the lease shall be signed with the partnership name, followed by the name of the legally authorized partner signing the same, and, if requested by the Government, a copy of either the partnership agreement or current Certificate of Limited Partnership shall accompany the lease.

(c) If the Lessor is a corporation, the lease shall be signed with the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the officer or other person signing the lease on its behalf, duly attested, and, if requested by the Government, evidence of this authority to so act shall be furnished.

(End of provision)

552.270-4 Definitions.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

DEFINITIONS (SEP 1999)

The following terms and phrases (except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires) for all purposes of this lease shall have the respective meanings hereinafter specified:

- (a) "Commencement Date" means the first day of the term.
- (b) "Contract" and "Contractor" means "Lease" and "Lessor," respectively.
- (c) "Contracting Officer" means a person with the authority to enter into, administer, and/or terminate contracts and make related determinations and findings. The term includes certain authorized representatives of the Contracting Officer acting within the limits of their authority as delegated by the Contracting Officer.
- (d) "Delivery Date" means the date specified in or determined pursuant to the provisions of this lease for delivery of the premises to the Government, improved in accordance with the provisions of this lease and substantially complete, as such date may be modified in accordance with the provisions of this lease.
- (e) "Delivery Time" means the number of days provided by this lease for delivery of the premises to the Government, as such number may be modified in accordance with the provisions of this lease.
- (f) "Excusable Delays" mean delays arising without the fault or negligence of Lessor and Lessor's subcontractors and suppliers at any tier, and shall include, without limitation:
 - (1) acts of God or of the public enemy,
 - (2) acts of the United States of America in either its sovereign or contractual capacity,
 - (3) acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the Government,
 - (4) fires,
 - (5) floods,

- (6) epidemics,
- (7) quarantine restrictions,
- (8) strikes,
- (9) freight embargoes,
- (10) unusually severe weather, or
- (11) delays of subcontractors or suppliers at any tier arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of both the Lessor and any such subcontractor or supplier.

(g) "Lessor" means the sub-lessor if this lease is a sub-lease.

(h) "Lessor shall provide" means the Lessor shall furnish and install at Lessor's expense.

(i) "Notice" means written notice sent by certified or registered mail, Express Mail or Comparable service, or delivered by hand. Notice shall be effective on the date delivery is accepted or refused.

(j) "Premises" means the space described in this lease.

(k) "Substantially complete" and "substantial completion" means that the work, the common and other areas of the building, and all other things necessary for the Government's access to the premises and occupancy, possession, use and enjoyment thereof, as provided in this lease, have been completed or obtained, excepting only such minor matters as do not interfere with or materially diminish such access, occupancy, possession, use or enjoyment.

(l) "Usable square feet" means the ANSI/BOMA Z65.1-1996 definition for BOMA usable office area, which means "The area where a tenant normally houses personnel and/or furniture, for which a measurement is to be computed."

(m) "Work" means all alterations, improvements, modifications, and other things required for the preparation or continued occupancy of the premises by the Government as specified in this lease.

(End of clause)

552.270-5 Subletting and Assignment.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

SUBLETTING AND ASSIGNMENT (SEP 1999)

The Government may sublet any part of the premises but shall not be relieved from any obligations under this lease by reason of any such subletting. The Government may at any time assign this lease, and be relieved from all obligations to Lessor under this lease excepting only unpaid rent and other liabilities, if any, that have accrued to the date of said assignment. Any assignment shall be subject to prior written consent of Lessor, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(End of clause)

552.270-6 Maintenance of Building and Premises—Right of Entry.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING AND PREMISES—
RIGHT OF ENTRY (SEP 1999)

Except in case of damage arising out of the willful act or negligence of a Government employee, Lessor shall maintain the premises, including the building and all equipment, fixtures, and appurtenances furnished by the lessor under this lease, in good repair and condition so that they are suitable in appearance and capable of supplying such heat, air conditioning, light, ventilation, access and other things to the premises, without reasonably preventable or recurring disruption, as is required for the Government's access to, occupancy, possession, use and enjoyment of the premises as provided in this lease. For the purpose of so maintaining the premises, the Lessor may at reasonable times enter the premises with the approval of the authorized Government representative in charge.

(End of clause)

552.270-7 Fire and Casualty Damage.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

FIRE AND CASUALTY DAMAGE (SEP 1999)

If the entire premises are destroyed by fire or other casualty, this lease will immediately terminate. In case of partial destruction or damage, so as to render the premises untenable, as determined by the Government, the Government may terminate the lease by giving written notice to the Lessor within 15 calendar days of the fire or other casualty; if so terminated, no rent will accrue to the Lessor after such partial destruction or damage; and if not so terminated, the rent will be reduced proportionately by supplemental agreement hereto effective from the date of such partial destruction or damage. Nothing in this lease shall be construed as relieving Lessor from liability for damage to or destruction of property of the United States of America caused by the willful or negligent act or omission of Lessor.

(End of clause)

552.270-8 Compliance with Applicable Law.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW (SEP 1999)

Lessor shall comply with all Federal, state and local laws applicable to the Lessor as owner or lessor, or both, of the building or premises, including, without limitation, laws applicable to the construction, ownership, alteration or operation of both or either thereof, and will obtain all necessary permits, licenses and similar items at Lessor's expense. The

Government will comply with all Federal, state and local laws applicable to and enforceable against it as a tenant under this lease; provided that nothing in this lease shall be construed as a waiver of any sovereign immunity of the Government. This lease shall be governed by Federal law.

(End of clause)

552.270-9 Inspection—Right of Entry.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

INSPECTION—RIGHT OF ENTRY (SEP 1999)

(a) At any time and from time to time after receipt of an offer (until the same has been duly withdrawn or rejected), after acceptance thereof and during the term, the agents, employees and contractors of the Government may, upon reasonable prior notice to Offeror or Lessor, enter upon the offered premises or the premises, and all other areas of the building access to which is necessary to accomplish the purposes of entry, to determine the potential or actual compliance by the Offeror or Lessor with the requirements of the solicitation or this lease, which purposes shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Inspecting, sampling and analyzing suspected asbestos-containing materials and air monitoring for asbestos fibers;

(2) Inspecting the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, maintenance records, and mechanical rooms for the offered premises or the premises;

(3) Inspecting for any leaks, spills, or other potentially hazardous conditions which may involve tenant exposure to hazardous or toxic substances; and

(4) Inspecting for any current or past hazardous waste operations, to ensure that appropriate mitigative actions were taken to alleviate any environmentally unsound activities in accordance with Federal, State and local law.

(b) Nothing in this clause shall be construed to create a Government duty to inspect for toxic materials or to impose a higher standard of care on the Government than on other lessees. The purpose of this clause is to promote the ease with which the Government may inspect the building. Nothing in this clause shall act to relieve the Lessor of any duty to inspect or liability which might arise as a result of Lessor's failure to inspect for or correct a hazardous condition.

(End of clause)

552.270-10 Failure in Performance.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

FAILURE IN PERFORMANCE (SEP 1999)

The covenant to pay rent and the covenant to provide any service, utility, maintenance, or repair required under this lease are interdependent. In the event of any failure by the

Lessor to provide any service, utility, maintenance, repair or replacement required under this lease the Government may, by contract or otherwise, perform the requirement and deduct from any payment or payments under this lease, then or thereafter due, the resulting cost to the Government, including all administrative costs. If the Government elects to perform any such requirement, the Government and each of its contractors shall be entitled to access to any and all areas of the building, access to which is necessary to perform any such requirement, and the Lessor shall afford and facilitate such access. Alternatively, the Government may deduct from any payment under this lease, then or thereafter due, an amount which reflects the reduced value of the contract requirement not performed. No deduction from rent pursuant to this clause shall constitute a default by the Government under this lease. These remedies are not exclusive and are in addition to any other remedies which may be available under this lease or at law.

(End of clause)

552.270-11 Successors Bound.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

SUCCESSORS BOUND (SEP 1999)

This lease shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the parties and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

(End of clause)

552.270-12 Alterations.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

ALTERATIONS (SEP 1999)

The Government shall have the right during the existence of this lease to make alterations, attach fixtures, and erect structures or signs in or upon the premises hereby leased, which fixtures, additions or structures so placed in, on, upon, or attached to the said premises shall be and remain the property of the Government and may be removed or otherwise disposed of by the Government. If the lease contemplates that the Government is the sole occupant of the building, for purposes of this clause, the leased premises include the land on which the building is sited and the building itself. Otherwise, the Government shall have the right to tie into or make any physical connection with any structure located on the property as is reasonably necessary for appropriate utilization of the leased space.

(End of clause)

552.270-13 Proposals for Adjustment.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

PROPOSALS FOR ADJUSTMENT (SEP 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer may, from time to time during the term of this lease, require changes to be made in the work or services to be performed and in the terms or conditions of this lease. Such changes will be required under the Changes clause.

(b) If the Contracting Officer makes a change within the general scope of the lease, the Lessor shall submit, in a timely manner, an itemized cost proposal for the work to be accomplished or services to be performed when the cost exceeds \$100,000. The proposal, including all subcontractor work, will contain at least the following detail—

- (1) Material quantities and unit costs;
- (2) Labor costs (identified with specific item or material to be placed or operation to be performed);
- (3) Equipment costs;
- (4) Worker's compensation and public liability insurance;
- (5) Overhead;
- (6) Profit; and
- (7) Employment taxes under FICA and FUTA.

(c) The following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provisions also apply to all proposals exceeding \$500,000 in cost—

- (1) The Lessor shall provide cost or pricing data including subcontractor cost or pricing data (48 CFR 15.403-4); and
- (2) The Lessor's representative, all Contractors, and subcontractors whose portion of the work exceeds \$500,000 must sign and return the "Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data" (48 CFR 15.406-2).

(d) Lessors shall also refer to 48 CFR Part 31, Contract Cost Principles, for information on which costs are allowable, reasonable, and allocable in Government work.

(End of clause)

552.270-14 Changes.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

CHANGES (SEP 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer may at any time, by written order, make changes within the general scope of this lease in any one or more of the following:

- (1) Specifications (including drawings and designs).
- (2) Work or services.
- (3) Facilities or space layout.
- (4) Amount of space, provided the Lessor consents to the change.

(b) If any such change causes an increase or decrease in Lessor's cost of or the time required for performance under this lease, whether or not changed by the order, the Contract-

ing Officer shall modify this lease to provide for one or more of the following:

- (1) A modification of the delivery date.
- (2) An equitable adjustment in the rental rate.
- (3) A lump sum equitable adjustment.
- (4) An equitable adjustment of the annual operating costs per usable square foot specified in this lease.

(c) The Lessor must assert its right to an adjustment under this clause within 30 days from the date of receipt of the change order and must submit a proposal for adjustment. Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause. However, nothing in this clause excuses the lessor from proceeding with the change as directed.

(d) Absent such written change order, the Government is not liable to Lessor under this clause.

(End of clause)

552.270-15 Liquidated Damages.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES (SEP 1999)

In case of failure on the part of the Lessor to complete the work within the time fixed in the lease contract or letter of award, the Lessor shall pay the Government as fixed and agreed liquidated damages, pursuant to this clause, the sum of \$ _____ for each and every calendar day that the delivery is delayed beyond the date specified for delivery of all of the space ready for occupancy by the Government. This remedy is not exclusive and is in addition to any other remedies which may be available under this lease or at law.

(End of clause)

552.270-16 Adjustment for Vacant Premises.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

ADJUSTMENT FOR VACANT PREMISES (SEP 1999)

(a) If the Government fails to occupy any portion of the leased premises or vacates the premises in whole or in part before the lease term expires, the rental rate will be reduced.

(b) The rental rate will be reduced by that portion of the costs per usable square foot of operating expenses not required to maintain the space. The reduction takes effect 30 calendar days after the Government gives notice to the Lessor, and continues in effect until the Government occupies the premises or the lease expires or is terminated.

(End of clause)

552.270-17 Delivery and Condition.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

DELIVERY AND CONDITION (SEP 1999)

(a) Unless the Government elects to have the space occupied in increments, the space must be delivered ready for occupancy as a complete unit. The Government reserves the right to determine when the space is substantially complete.

(b) If the premises do not in every respect comply with the provisions of this lease the Contracting Officer may, in accordance with the Failure in Performance clause of this lease, elect to reduce the rent payments.

(End of clause)

552.270-18 Default in Delivery—Time Extensions.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

DEFAULT IN DELIVERY—TIME EXTENSIONS (SEP 1999)

(a) With respect to Lessor's obligation to deliver the premises substantially complete by the delivery date, time is of the essence. If the Lessor fails to work diligently to ensure its substantial completion by the delivery date or fails to substantially complete the work by such date, the Government may by notice to the Lessor terminate this lease. Such termination is effective when received by Lessor. The Lessor and the Lessor's sureties, if any, are jointly and severally liable for any damages to the Government resulting from such termination, as provided in this clause. The Government is entitled to the following damages:

(1) The Government's aggregate rent, estimated real estate tax, and operating cost adjustments for the firm term and all option terms of its replacement lease or leases, in excess of the aggregate rent and estimated real estate tax and operating cost adjustments for the term. If the Government procures replacement premises for a term (including all option terms) in excess of this lease term, the Lessor is not liable for excess Government rent or adjustments during such excess lease term.

(2) All administrative and other costs the Government incurs in procuring a replacement lease or leases.

(3) Other, additional relief provided for in this lease, at law, or in equity.

(b) Damages to which the Government is entitled to under this clause are due and payable thirty (30) days following the date Lessor receives notice from the Contracting Officer specifying such damages.

(c) Delivery by Lessor of less than the minimum usable square footage required by this lease shall in no event be construed as substantial completion, except as the Contracting Officer permits.

(d) The Government shall not terminate this lease under this clause nor charge the Lessor with damages under this clause, if (1) the delay in substantially completing the work

arises from excusable delays, and (2) the Lessor within 10 days from the beginning of any such delay (unless extended in writing by the Contracting Officer) provides notice to the Contracting Officer of the causes of delay. The Contracting Officer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of delay. If the facts warrant, the Contracting Officer shall extend the delivery date, to the extent of such delay at no additional costs to the Government. A time extension is the sole remedy of the Lessor.

(End of clause)

552.270-19 Progressive Occupancy.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

PROGRESSIVE OCCUPANCY (SEP 1999)

The Government shall have the right to elect to occupy the space in partial increments prior to the substantial completion of the entire leased premises, and the Lessor agrees to schedule its work so as to deliver the space incrementally as elected by the Government. The Government shall pay rent commencing with the first business day following substantial completion of the entire leased premise unless the Government has elected to occupy the leased premises incrementally. In case of incremental occupancy, the Government shall pay rent pro rata upon the first business day following substantial completion of each incremental unit. Rental payments shall become due on the first workday of the month following the month in which an increment of space is substantially complete, except that should an increment of space be substantially completed after the fifteenth day of the month, the payment due date will be the first workday of the second month following the month in which it was substantially complete. The commencement date of the firm lease term will be a composite determined from all rent commencement dates.

(End of clause)

552.270-20 Payment.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

PAYMENT (SEP 1999)

(a) When space is offered and accepted, usable square footage delivered will be confirmed by either:

(1) The Government's measurement of plans submitted by the successful offeror as approved by the Government, and an inspection of the space to verify that the delivered space conforms with such plans.

(2) A mutual on-site measurement of the space if the Contracting Officer determines it necessary.

(b) The Government will not pay for space in excess of the amount of usable square footage stated in the lease.

(c) If the amount of usable square footage delivered is less than the amount agreed to in the lease, the lease will be modified to reflect the amount of usable space delivered and the annual rental will be adjusted as follows:

Usable square feet (USF) not delivered multiplied by one plus the common area factor (CAF), multiplied by the rate per rentable square foot (RSF). That is:

$$\text{USF} \times (1 + \text{CAF}) \times \text{Rate per RSF} = \text{Reduction in Annual Rent}$$

(End of clause)

552.270-21 Effect of Acceptance and Occupancy.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

EFFECT OF ACCEPTANCE AND OCCUPANCY (SEP 1999)

Neither the Government's acceptance of the premises for occupancy, nor the Government's occupancy thereof, shall be construed as a waiver of any requirement of or right of the Government under this Lease, or as otherwise prejudicing the Government with respect to any such requirement or right.

(End of clause)

552.270-22 Default by Lessor During the Term.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

DEFAULT BY LESSOR DURING THE TERM (SEP 1999)

(a) Each of the following shall constitute a default by Lessor under this lease:

(1) Failure to maintain, repair, operate or service the premises as and when specified in this lease, or failure to perform any other requirement of this lease as and when required provided any such failure shall remain uncured for a period of thirty (30) days next following Lessor's receipt of notice thereof from the Contracting Officer or an authorized representative.

(2) Repeated and unexcused failure by Lessor to comply with one or more requirements of this lease shall constitute a default notwithstanding that one or all such failures shall have been timely cured pursuant to this clause.

(b) If a default occurs, the Government may, by notice to Lessor, terminate this lease for default and if so terminated, the Government shall be entitled to the damages specified in the Default in Delivery-Time Extensions clause.

(End of clause)

552.270-23 Subordination, Nondisturbance and**Attornment.**

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

SUBORDINATION, NONDISTURBANCE AND ATTORNMENT
(SEP 1999)

(a) Lessor warrants that it holds such title to or other interest in the premises and other property as is necessary to the Government's access to the premises and full use and enjoyment thereof in accordance with the provisions of this lease. Government agrees, in consideration of the warranties and conditions set forth in this clause, that this lease is subject and subordinate to any and all recorded mortgages, deeds of trust and other liens now or hereafter existing or imposed upon the premises, and to any renewal, modification or extension thereof. It is the intention of the parties that this provision shall be self-operative and that no further instrument shall be required to effect the present or subsequent subordination of this lease. Government agrees, however, within twenty (20) business days next following the Contracting Officer's receipt of a written demand, to execute such instruments as Lessor may reasonably request to evidence further the subordination of this lease to any existing or future mortgage, deed of trust or other security interest pertaining to the premises, and to any water, sewer or access easement necessary or desirable to serve the premises or adjoining property owned in whole or in part by Lessor if such easement does not interfere with the full enjoyment of any right granted the Government under this lease.

(b) No such subordination, to either existing or future mortgages, deeds of trust or other lien or security instrument shall operate to affect adversely any right of the Government under this lease so long as the Government is not in default under this lease. Lessor will include in any future mortgage, deed of trust or other security instrument to which this lease becomes subordinate, or in a separate nondisturbance agreement, a provision to the foregoing effect. Lessor warrants that the holders of all notes or other obligations secured by existing mortgages, deeds of trust or other security instruments have consented to the provisions of this clause, and agrees to provide true copies of all such consents to the Contracting Officer promptly upon demand.

(c) In the event of any sale of the premises or any portion thereof by foreclosure of the lien of any such mortgage, deed of trust or other security instrument, or the giving of a deed in lieu of foreclosure, the Government will be deemed to have attorned to any purchaser, purchasers, transferee or transferees of the premises or any portion thereof and its or their successors and assigns, and any such purchasers and transferees

will be deemed to have assumed all obligations of the Lessor under this lease, so as to establish direct privity of estate and contract between Government and such purchasers or transferees, with the same force, effect and relative priority in time and right as if the lease had initially been entered into between such purchasers or transferees and the Government; provided, further, that the Contracting Officer and such purchasers or transferees shall, with reasonable promptness following any such sale or deed delivery in lieu of foreclosure, execute all such revisions to this lease, or other writings, as shall be necessary to document the foregoing relationship.

(d) None of the foregoing provisions may be deemed or construed to imply a waiver of the Government's rights as a sovereign.

(End of clause)

552.270-24 Statement of Lease.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

STATEMENT OF LEASE (SEP 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer will, within thirty (30) days next following the Contracting Officer's receipt of a joint written request from Lessor and a prospective lender or purchaser of the building, execute and deliver to Lessor a letter stating that the same is issued subject to the conditions stated in this clause and, if such is the case, that (1) the lease is in full force and effect; (2) the date to which the rent and other charges have been paid in advance, if any; and (3) whether any notice of default has been issued.

(b) Letters issued pursuant to this clause are subject to the following conditions:

(1) That they are based solely upon a reasonably diligent review of the Contracting Officer's lease file as of the date of issuance;

(2) That the Government shall not be held liable because of any defect in or condition of the premises or building;

(3) That the Contracting Officer does not warrant or represent that the premises or building comply with applicable Federal, State and local law; and

(4) That the Lessor, and each prospective lender and purchaser are deemed to have constructive notice of such facts as would be ascertainable by reasonable prepurchase and precommitment inspection of the Premises and Building and by inquiry to appropriate Federal, State and local Government officials.

(End of clause)

552.270-25 Substitution of Tenant Agency.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

SUBSTITUTION OF TENANT AGENCY (SEP 1999)

The Government may, at any time and from time to time, substitute any Government agency or agencies for the Government agency or agencies, if any, named in the lease.

(End of clause)

552.270-26 No Waiver.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

NO WAIVER (SEP 1999)

No failure by either party to insist upon the strict performance of any provision of this lease or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof, and no acceptance of full or partial rent or other performance by either party during the continuance of any such breach shall constitute a waiver of any such breach of such provision.

(End of clause)

552.270-27 Integrated Agreement.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

INTEGRATED AGREEMENT (SEP 1999)

This Lease, upon execution, contains the entire agreement of the parties and no prior written or oral agreement, express or implied, shall be admissible to contradict the provisions of the Lease.

(End of clause)

552.270-28 Mutuality of Obligation.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

MUTUALITY OF OBLIGATION (SEP 1999)

The obligations and covenants of the Lessor, and the Government's obligation to pay rent and other Government obligations and covenants, arising under or related to this Lease, are interdependent. The Government may, upon issuance of and delivery to Lessor of a final decision asserting a claim against Lessor, set off such claim, in whole or in part, as against any payment or payments then or thereafter due the Lessor under this lease. No setoff pursuant to this clause shall constitute a breach by the Government of this lease.

(End of clause)

552.270-29 Acceptance of Space.

As prescribed in [570.603](#), insert the following clause:

ACCEPTANCE OF SPACE (SEP 1999)

(a) When the lessor has completed all alterations, improvements, and repairs necessary to meet the requirements of the lease, the lessor shall notify the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer or designated representative shall promptly inspect the space.

(b) The Government will accept the space and the lease term will begin after determining that the space is substantially complete and contains the required usable square footage as indicated in Paragraph 1.1, Amount and Type of Space, of this solicitation.

(End of clause)

**Subpart 552.3—Provision and Clause
Matrixes**

552.300 Scope of subpart.

This subpart consists of a series of matrixes:

(a) One matrix each for supply, service, construction, architect-engineer and simplified acquisition contracts which lists the applicable GSAR provisions and clauses.

(b) One matrix each for utility contracts (sole supplier-regulated rates) and leases of real property which list the applicable FAR and GSAR provisions and clauses.

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MATRIX OF PROVISIONS AND CLAUSES

KEY: Sup = Supply
 Serv = Service Contract (excluding construction and A-E services)
 Const = Construction Services
 A-E = Architect-Engineer Services
 SAT = Acquisitions at or under the simplified acquisition threshold
 Util = Utility services, sole supplier-regulated rate

Leas = Acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property
 P = Provision
 C = Clause
 R = Required
 WR = When required
 O = Optional

P/C	Number	Reference.	Title	Sup	Serv	Const	A-E	SAT	Util	Leas
C	552.203-5	503.404	Covenant Against Contingent Fees							WR
C	552.203-70	503.104-9	Price Adjustment for Illegal or Improper Activity							WR
C	552.203-71	503.570-2	Restriction on Advertising	R	R	R	R			R
C	552.209-70	509.206-2	Product Removal from Qualified Products List	WR				WR		
P	552.209-71	509.306	Waiver of First Article Testing and Approval Requirements	WR				WR		
C	552.209-72	509.308-1	Supplemental Requirements for First Article Approval—Contractor Testing	WR				WR		
C	552.209-73	509.308-2	Supplemental Requirements for First Article Approval—Government Testing	WR				WR		
C	552.211-8	511.404	Time of Delivery	WR				WR		
C	552.211-71	511.204(a)	Standard References			WR				
C	552.211-72	511.204(b)	Reference to Specifications in Drawings	WR	WR	WR		WR		
C	552.211-73	511.204(c)(1)	Marking	WR						
C	552.211-74	511.204(c)(2)	Charges for Marking	WR						
C	552.211-75	511.204(c)(3)	Preservation, Packaging and Packing	WR				O		
C	552.211-76	511.204(c)(4)	Charges for Packaging and Packing	WR				WR		
C	552.211-77	511.204(d)	Packing List	WR				WR		
C	552.211-78	511.404(a)(2)	Commercial Delivery Schedule (Multiple Award Schedule)	WR						
C	552.211-79	511.404(a)(3)(i)	Acceptable Age of Supplies	WR				WR		
C	552.211-80	511.404(a)(3)(ii)	Age on Delivery	WR				WR		
C	552.211-81	511.404(a)(4)	Time of Shipment	WR				WR		
C	552.211-82	511.404(a)(5)	Notice of Shipment	WR				WR		
C	552.211-83	511.404(a)(6)	Availability for Inspection, Testing, and Shipment/Delivery	WR				WR		
C	552.211-84	511.404(b)	Non-Compliance with Contract Requirements			R				
C	552.212-70	512.301(a)(1)	Preparation of Offer (Multiple Award Schedule)	WR	WR					
C	552.212-71	512.301(a)(2)	Contract Terms and Conditions Applicable to GSA Acquisition of Commercial Items	WR	WR			WR		
C	552.212-72	512.301(a)(3)	Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders Applicable to GSA Acquisition of Commercial Items	WR	WR			WR		
P	552.212-73	512.301(a)(4)	Evaluation—Commercial Items (Multiple Award Schedule)	WR	WR					
P	552.214-70	514.201-6	"All or None" Offers	WR	WR			WR		
C	552.214-71	514.201-7(a)	Progressive Awards and Monthly Quantity Allocations	WR						
P	552.214-72	514.202-4(a)(3)	Bid Sample Requirements	WR	WR			WR		
C	552.215-70	514.201-7(a)(1) 515.209-70(a)	Examination of Records by GSA	WR	WR	WR	WR			WR
C	552.215-71	515.209-70(c)	Examination of Records by GSA (Multiple Award Schedule)	WR	WR					

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P/C	Number	Reference.	Title	Sup	Serv	Const	A-E	SAT	Util	Leas
C	552.215-72	515.408(d)	Price Adjustment—Failure to Provide Accurate Information	WR	WR					
C	552.216-70	516.203-4(a)	Economic Price Adjustment—FSS Multiple Award Schedule Contracts	WR	WR					
C	552.216-71	516.203-4(b)	Economic Price Adjustment—Stock and Special Order Program Contracts	WR				WR		
C	552.216-72	516.506(a)	Placement of Orders	WR				WR		
P	552.216-73	516.506(e)	Ordering Information	WR	WR			WR		
P	552.217-70	517.208(a)	Evaluation of Options	WR				WR		
P	552.217-71	517.208(b)	Notice Regarding Option(s)	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR		
C	552.219-70	519.508	Allocation of Orders—Partially Set-aside Items	WR						
P	552.219-71	519.708-70(a)	Notice to Offerors of Subcontracting Plan Requirements	WR	WR	WR	WR			WR
P	552.219-72	519.708-70(b)	Preparation, Submission, and Negotiation of Subcontracting Plans	WR	WR	WR	WR			WR
P	552.219-73	519.708-70(c)	Goals for Subcontracting Plan	WR	WR	WR	WR			WR
C	552.219-74	519.870-8(a)	Section 8(a) Direct Award	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR		WR
C	552.223-70	523.303(a)	Hazardous Substances	WR				WR		
C	552.223-71	523.303(b)	Nonconforming Hazardous Materials	WR				WR		
P	552.223-72	523.370	Hazardous Material Information	WR				WR		
C	552.225-70	525.109	Notice of Procurement Restriction—Hand or Measuring Tools or Stainless Steel Flatware	WR						
C	552.227-70	527.409(a)	Government Rights (Unlimited)				WR			
C	552.227-71	527.409(b)	Drawings and Other Data to Become Property of Government				WR			
C	552.228-70	528.310	Workers' Compensation Laws		WR	WR				
C	552.229-70	529.401-70	Federal, State, and Local Taxes		WR	WR	WR	R		
C	552.229-71	529.401-71	Federal Excise Tax—DC Government	WR	WR			WR		
C	552.232-71	532.7103(a)	Payments		WR					
C	552.232-8	532.206	Discounts for Prompt Payment	WR	WR					
C	552.232-23	532.806	Assignment of Claims	WR	WR					
C	552.232-25	532.908(a)(2)	Prompt Payment	WR	WR			WR		
C	552.232-70	532.111(a)	Invoice Requirements	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
C	552.232-71	532.111(b)	Adjusting Payments		WR					
C	552.232-72	532.111(c)	Final Payment		WR					
C	552.232-73	532.705-1	Availability of Funds		WR			WR		
C	552.232-74	532.908(a)(1)	Invoice Payments	WR	WR			WR		
C	552.232-75	532.908(b)(1)	Prompt Payment							R
C	552.232-76	532.908(b)(2)	Electronic Funds Transfer Payment							WR
C	552.232-77	532.7003	Payment By Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card	WR	WR			WR		
C	552.232-78	532.908(c)	Payment Information	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
C	552.232-79	532.7003(c)	Payment by Credit Card	WR	WR					
C	552.232-81	532.206(b)	Payments by Non-Federal Ordering Activities	WR	WR					
C	552.232-82	532.206(c)	Contractor's Remittance (Payment) Address	WR	WR					
C	552.232-83	532.206(d)	Contractor's Billing Responsibilities	WR	WR					
P	552.233-70	533.103-72	Protests Filed Directly with the General Services Administration	R	R	R	R			R
C	552.233-71	533.215	Disputes (Utility Contracts)						WR	
C	552.236-70	536.570-1	Definitions			WR	WR	WR		
C	552.236-71	536.570-2	Authorities and Limitations			WR	WR			

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C	552.236-72	536.570-3	Specialist			WR		WR		
P	552.236-73	536.570-4	Basis of Award—Construction Contract			WR				
C	552.236-74	536.570-5	Working Hours			R				
C	552.236-75	536.570-6	Use of Premises			R		WR		
C	552.236-76	536.570-7	Measurements			R		WR		
C	552.236-77	536.570-8	Specifications and Drawings			R				
C	552.236-78	536.570-9	Shop Drawings, Coordination Drawings, and Schedules			R				
C	552.236-79	536.570-10	Samples			WR		WR		
C	552.236-80	536.570-11	Heat			R		WR		
C	552.236-81	536.570-12	Use of Equipment by the Government			WR		WR		
C	552.236-82	536.570-13	Subcontracts			R				
C	552.236-83	536.570-14	Requirement for a Project Labor Agreement			WR				
P	552.237-70	537.110(a)	Qualifications of Offerors		WR					
C	552.237-71	537.110(b)	Qualifications of Employees		WR					
C	552.237-72	537.110(b)	Prohibition Regarding "Quasi-Military Armed Forces"		WR			WR		
C	552.237-73	537.110(c)	Restriction on Disclosure of Information		WR			WR		
C	552.238-70	538.273(a)(1)	Identification of Electronic Office Equipment Providing Accessibility for the Handicapped	WR						
C	552.238-71	538.273(a)(2)	Submission and Distribution of Authorized FSS Schedule Pricelists	WR	WR					
C	552.238-72	538.273(a)(3)	Identification of Products That Have Environmental Attributes	WR	WR					
C	552.238-73	538.273(a)(4)	Cancellation	WR	WR					
C	552.238-74	538.273(b)(1)	Industrial Funding Fee and Sales Reporting	WR	WR					
C	552.238-75	538.273(b)(2)	Price Reductions	WR	WR					
C	552.238-76	538.7104(a)	Definition (Federal Supply Schedules)—Recovery Purchasing	WR	WR					
C	552.238-77	538.7004(a)	Definition (Federal Supply Schedules)	WR	WR					
C	552.238-78	538.7004(Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities)	WR	WR					
C	552.238-79	538.7004(b)	Use of Federal Supply Schedule Contracts by Certain Entities—Cooperative Purchasing	WR	WR					
C	552.238-80	538.7104(c)	Use of Federal Supply Schedule Contracts by Certain Entities—Recovery Purchasing	WR	WR					
C	552.242-70	542.1107	Status Report of Orders and Shipments	WR				WR		
C	552.243-70	543.205(a)(1)	Pricing of Adjustments			WR				
C	552.243-71	543.205(a)(2)	Equitable Adjustments			WR				
C	552.243-72	543.205(b)	Modifications (Multiple Award Schedule)	WR	WR					
C	552.246-17	546.710(a)	Warranty of Supplies of a Noncomplex Nature	WR				WR		
C	552.246-70	546.302-70	Source Inspection by Quality Approved Manufacturer	WR				WR		
C	552.246-71	546.302-71	Source Inspection by Government	WR				WR		
C	552.246-72	546.312	Final Inspection and Tests			WR		O		
C	552.246-73	546.710(b)	Warranty—Multiple Award Schedule	WR	WR					
C	552.246-75	546.710(c)	Guarantees			WR				
C	552.246-76	546.710(d)	Warranty of Pesticides	WR				WR		
C	552.247-70	547.305(a)	Placarding Railcar Shipments	WR				WR		
C	552.247-71	547.305(b)	Diversion of Shipment Under f.o.b. Destination Contracts	WR				WR		
C	552.249-70	549.502(a)	Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed Price) (Short Form)	WR				WR		
C	552.249-71	549.502(b)	Submission of Termination Liability Schedule	WR				WR		

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P	552.252-5	552.107-70(a)	Authorized Deviations in Provisions	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	
C	552.252-6	552.107-70(b)	Authorized Deviations in Clauses	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	
P	552.270-1	570.602	Instructions to Offerors—Acquisition of Leasehold Interests in Real Property							R
P	552.270-2	570.602	Historic Preference							R
P	552.270-3	570.602	Parties to Execute Lease							R
C	552.270-4	570.603	Definitions							R*
C	552.270-5	570.603	Subletting and Assignment							R
C	552.270-6	570.603	Maintenance of Building and Premises—Right of Entry							R
C	552.270-7	570.603	Fire and Casualty Damage							R
C	552.270-8	570.603	Compliance with Applicable Law							R
C	552.270-9	570.603	Inspection—Right of Entry							R
C	552.270-10	570.603	Failure in Performance							R
C	552.270-11	570.603	Successors Bound							R
C	552.270-12	570.603	Alterations							R
C	552.270-13	570.603	Proposals for Adjustment							R
C	552.270-14	570.603	Changes							R
C	552.270-15	570.603	Liquidated Damages							R
C	552.270-16	570.603	Adjustment for Vacant Premises							R
C	552.270-17	570.603	Delivery and Condition							R
C	552.270-18	570.603	Default in Delivery—Time Extensions							R
C	552.270-19	570.603	Progressive Occupancy							R
C	552.270-20	570.603	Payment							R
C	552.270-21	570.603	Effect of Acceptance and Occupancy							R
C	552.270-22	570.603	Default by Lessor During the Term							R
C	552.270-23	570.603	Subordination, Nondisturbance and Attornment							R
C	552.270-24	570.603	Statement of Lease							R
C	552.270-25	570.603	Substitution of Tenant Agency							R
C	552.270-26	570.603	No Waiver							R
C	552.270-27	570.603	Integrated Agreement							R
C	552.270-28	570.603	Mutuality of Obligation							R
C	552.270-29	570.603	Acceptance of Space							R
P	52.203-2	570.601(e)	Certificate of Independent Price Determination							WR
C	52.203-7	570.601(e)	Anti-Kickback Procedures							WR
P	52.203-11	570.601(d)	Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions							WR
P	52.204-3	570.601(a)	Taxpayer Identification							WR
P	52.209-5	570.601(e)	Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters							WR
C	52.209-6	570.601(c)	Protecting the Government's Interest when Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment							WR
C	52.215-2	570.601(e)	Audit and Records—Negotiation							WR
P	52.215-5	570.601(j)	Facsimile Proposals							WR
C	52.215-10	570.601(i)	Price Reduction for Defective Cost or Pricing Data							WR
C	52.215-12	570.601(i)	Subcontractor Cost or Pricing Data							WR
P	52.219-1	570.601(a)	Small Business Program Representations							WR
C	52.219-8	570.601(e)	Utilization of Small Business Concerns							WR
C	52.219-9	570.601(f)	Small Business Subcontracting Plan,							WR

P/C	Number	Reference.	Title	Sup	Serv	Const	A-E	SAT	Util	Leas
C	52.219-16	570.601(f)	Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan							WR
P	52.219-24	570.601(g)	Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Targets							WR
C	52.219-25	570.601(g)	Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Disadvantaged Status and Reporting							WR
C	52.219-26	570.601(k)	Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Incentive Subcontracting							WR
P	52.222-21	570.601(b)	Prohibition of Segregated Facilities							WR
P	52.222-22	570.601(b)	Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports							WR
P	52.222-24	570.601(h)	Preaward On-site Equal Opportunity Compliance Review							WR
P	52.222-25	570.601(b)	Affirmative Action Compliance							WR
C	52.222-26	570.601(b)	Equal Opportunity							WR
C	52.222-35	570.601(b)	Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era							WR
C	52.222-36	570.601(a)	Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities							WR
C	52.222-37	570.601(b)	Employment Reports on Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era							WR
C	52.223-6	570.601(e)	Drug-Free Workplace							WR
C	52.232-23	570.601(a)	Assignment of Claims							WR
C	52.233-1	570.601(a)	Disputes							WR
P	52.233-2	570.601(e)	Service of Protest							WR

* Clauses prescribed in GSAR [570.603](#) are optional for acquisitions that do not exceed the simplified lease acquisition threshold.

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553.170	Establishing and revising GSA Forms.	553.370-1766 GSA Form 1766, Structured Approach Profit/Fee Objective.
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553.300	Scope of subpart.	553.370-2689 GSA Form 2689, Procurement Not Set Aside.
553.300-70	Forms not illustrated.	553.370-2728 GSA Form 2728, Procurement Contract Register.
553.370-300-I	Instructions for using the GSA Form 300, Order for Supplies and Services.	553.370-3186 GSA Form 3186, Order for Supplies or Services.
553.370-353-I	Instructions for completing GSA Form 353, Performance Evaluation & Facilities Report (PEFR)	553.370-3186B GSA Form 3186B, Order for Supplies or Services (EDI).
553.370-618D	GSA Form 618D, Statement To Be Submitted When Work Is Performed Personally.	553.370-3410 GSA Form 3410, Request for Appointment.
553.370-1378	GSA Form 1378, Record of, and Receipt for, Bids and Responses.	553.370-3471 GSA Form 3471, Abstract of Offers.
553.370-1458	GSA Form 1458, Motor Vehicle Shop Work Order, Repair and Purchase Order.	553.370-3521 Blanket Purchase Agreement.
553.370-1535A	GSA Form 1535A, Recommendation for Award(s) (Continuation).	553.370-3577 GSA Form 3577, Notice to Unsuccessful Offeror of Contract Award.
553.370-1602	GSA Form 1602, Notice Concerning Solicitation.	553.370-3611 GSA Form 3611, Cover Page Source Selection Information.
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Subpart 553.1—General

553.101 Requirements for use of forms.

Parts 501–552 and 570 prescribe the requirements for use of GSA forms illustrated or referenced in this part. You may identify the prescription as follows:

(a) *Forms available on-line.* The list of forms available on-line in 553.370-1 identifies the basic prescription for each referenced form.

(b) *Illustrated forms.* The prescription for each illustrated form is identified by a cross-reference shown on the illustration. When a form is mentioned in more than one place in this regulation, the section referenced on the illustration is the section that contains the basic prescription.

553.102 Current editions.

You must use the current edition of the forms identified in [Subpart 553.3](#) unless otherwise authorized under this regulation.

553.170 Establishing and revising GSA Forms.

(a) If two or more GSA Services or Offices use a GSA form, the Office of Acquisition Policy maintains the form.

(b) If only one GSA Service or Office uses a GSA form or if the form is used for a contract type unique to one Service or Office (e.g., construction contracts), that Service or Office is responsible for maintaining the form.

(c) Any proposed new or revised GSA acquisition related form must be submitted to the Office of Acquisition Policy for review and concurrence.

Subpart 553.3—Illustrations of Forms

553.300 Scope of subpart.

This subpart illustrates standard and GSA forms prescribed or referenced in Parts 501–551 and 570. Instructions on completing a form, if included, are identified by the suffix “I” after the GSAR section number.

553.300-70 Forms not illustrated.

This subpart does not illustrate either:

(a) Standard forms illustrated in the FAR.

(b) Forms available on-line. You can access the forms listed below at the location indicated.

Reference	Form No.	Title	On-line Location
570.701	Standard Form 2	U.S. Government Lease for Real Property	http://www.gsa.gov/pbs/pe/stancla/stancla.htm
552.238-74	GSA Form 72A	Contractor’s Report of Sales	http://vsc.gsa.gov
570.702(b)	GSA Form 276	Supplemental Lease Agreement	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
513.302-70(b)	GSA Form 300	Order for Supplies and Services	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
513.302-70(b)(2)	GSA Form 300A	Order for Supplies and Services (Continuation)	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
509.106-2	GSA Form 353	Performance Evaluation & Facilities Report	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
509.105-1(a)	GSA Form 527	Contractor’s Qualifications and Financial Information	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
532.905-71(a)	GSA Form 1142	Release of Claims	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
570.702(c)	GSA Form 1364	Proposal to Lease Space	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
514.407-72	GSA Form 1535	Recommendation for Award(s)	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
513.106(c)(2)	GSA Form 2010	Small Purchase Tabulation Source List/Abstract	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
532.905-70	GSA Form 2419	Certification of Progress Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
501.603-3(e)(1)	GSA Form 3409	Personal Qualifications Statement for Appointment as Contracting Officer	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
504.803(b)	GSA Form 3420	Contract/Modification File Checklist File Format (Award)	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
503.104-5	GSA Form 3617	Record of Authorization of Access to Proprietary or Source Selection Information	http://www.gsa.gov/forms
570.702(a)	GSA Form 3626	U.S. Government Lease for Real Property (Short Form)	http://www.gsa.gov/pbs/pe/stancla/stancla.htm

553.370-300-I Instructions for using the GSA Form 300, Order for Supplies and Services.

(a) *Completing the form.*

Block 1, Date of Order. Enter the date the order is signed by the contracting/ordering officer.

Block 2, Order Number. If an order is being placed against an established contract, assign an order number in accordance with the procedures in GSAR [504.7001-3](#). This block does not apply to open market purchases/contracts.

Block 3, Contract Number. If an order is being placed against an established contract, insert the contract number of the contract that the order is being placed against. If an open market purchase/contract is involved, assign a contract number in accordance with the procedures in GSAR [504.7001-2](#).

Block 4, ACT Number. Assign an Accounting Control Transaction (ACT) number in accordance with NEAR system procedures. If the purchase is charged to the General Supply Fund (255X), contemplates periodic billing or is for an amount that exceeds \$2,500, place the ACT number label on copy 1, the “paying office” copy. The ACT number label will be placed on the invoice for other purchases. NOTE: In some organizations, the “paying office” copy is forwarded to a Budget or Executive Office within the service or staff office where the ACT number label is affixed to the copy and forwarded to the appropriate Finance Division.

Block 5, Accounting Classification. Enter the accounting information in accordance with the procedures contained in the Accounting Classification Handbook (COM P 4240.1). The following blocks are mandatory and must be completed for each order: “FUND,” “ORG CODE,” “B/A CODE,” “O/C CODE,” “FUNC CODE,” and “C/E CODE.” The accounting information on modifications must be the same as the original order, unless the accounting information is being modified.

Block 6, Finance Division. To be completed by the Finance Division.

Block 7, To: Contractor. Enter the contractor's name and address, including zip code.

Block 8, Type of Order. Check “block A” when making an open market purchase/contract and refer to the date of the contractor's oral or written quotation in the space “REFERENCE YOUR.” Check “block B” when placing orders against established contracts. Check “block C” when using a GSA Form 300 to modify another GSA Form 300; enter the modification number and the authority for issuing the change, i.e., “changes” clause or other authority for issuing. Assign modification numbers in accordance with GSAR [504.7001-4](#).

Block 9, Taxpayer's Identification Number (TIN). This block is mandatory when making open market purchases of services from firms or individuals that are not incorporated (partnerships or sole proprietors). This requirement does not apply to supply purchases/contracts. Obtain the firm's or individual's TIN and enter it in “block A.” The Finance Division will return purchase orders if block 9A is incomplete. If the contractor refuses to provide a TIN, check “block B” to reduce payment by twenty percent. NOTE: The contractor must be informed before checking “block B” that failure to provide the TIN will result in twenty percent of the payment being withheld.

Block 10, Classification. Check the block in 10A that indicates the classification of the contractor. Definitions of “Small Business,” “Disadvantaged Business,” and “Women-owned Business” can be found at FAR 19.001 and 52.219-3. Check the block in 10B that indicates the type of business organization of the contractor. This block is mandatory when making open market purchases of services.

Block 11, Issuing Office. Enter the name, address, including zip code, and telephone number of the office making the purchase/contract.

Block 12, Remittance Address. Ask the contractor for the address that it would like the payment for the supplies or services to be mailed. The Finance Division can only make payments to the address indicated on the order. Therefore, in order for payments to be processed in a timely manner, the contracting officer must ask the contractor for a remittance address and enter it in “block 12.” If the contractor's invoice requests payment to be made to a different address than the one in block 12, the Finance Division will request the contracting officer to modify the order within 5 days to provide the proper “remit to” address. If the Finance Division does not receive a modification within 5 days, the invoice will be considered improper and will be returned to the contractor.

Block 13, Ship to. Enter the consignee address, including zip code, and telephone number.

Block 14, Place of Inspection and Acceptance. Enter the location where inspection and acceptance will occur.

Block 15, Requisition Office. Enter the name, correspondence symbol and telephone number of the office that requested the supplies or services be purchased.

Block 16, F.O.B. Point. Enter the appropriate f.o.b. point. See FAR 47.302 and 47.303 and GSAR [547.300](#).

Block 17, Government B/L No. When supplies are shipped using a Government Bill of Lading (GBL), enter the GBL number.

Block 18, Delivery f.o.b. point on or before. Enter the date when supplies or services are to be delivered. Terms such as “ASAP” are unacceptable.

Block 19, Payment/Discount Terms. Enter the prompt payment discount terms provided for in the contract when placing an order against an established contract or the discount terms offered if purchasing on the open market.

Block 20, Schedule. Enter a complete description of the supplies or services being procured, including quantity, unit price, total price and any periodic billing requirements. In addition, the estimated freight charges must be included when f.o.b. origin terms are used and a Government Bill of Lading (GBL) is not issued.

Periods for inspection and acceptance of contract deliverables or completed work that are different from the 5 days cited in the Prompt Payment clause on the reverse of the GSA Form 300, must be included in this block.

When a GSA Form 300 is used to modify another GSA Form 300, block 20 must describe in detail what is being modified, e.g., number of units from ___ to ___, delivery date from ___ to ___, etc. Indicate the impact of the modification on the total price, e.g., total price is increased from \$_____ to \$_____, total price is decreased from \$_____ to \$_____, or the price of the original order is unchanged.

Block 21, Receiving Office. Enter the name, correspondence symbol and telephone number of the office responsible for completing the receiving report.

Block 22, Shipping Point. When the Government is paying the transportation cost or reimbursing the contractor for transportation cost, enter the shipping point for the supplies being purchased. This information should be obtained from the seller.

Block 23, Gross Shipping Weight. When the Government is paying the transportation cost or reimbursing the contractor for transportation cost, enter the shipping weight for the supplies being purchased. This information can usually be obtained from the seller.

Block 24, Mail Invoice to. Enter the address of the issuing office (same as block 11) or other designated program office within the service or region for purchases which do not exceed \$2,500 except for procurements charged to the General Supply Fund (255X) and procurements that anticipate periodic billings, e.g., utility contracts, recurring building service contracts, equipment rentals, etc. For all other purchases, enter the address of the appropriate Finance Division. Enter the “Fund” in designated area.

Block 25. If block 24 provides for the invoice to be submitted directly to the appropriate Finance Division, enter the Chief, Accounts Payable Branch in block A and his/her telephone number, including area code, in block B. If block 24 provides for the invoice to be submitted to the issuing office or other designated program office within the service or region, enter the name and telephone number, including area code, of an individual in that office.

Block 26. Enter the name of the contracting/ordering officer in block A and his/her telephone number, including area code, in block B. The name of the contracting/ordering officer typed in block A must correspond with the signature in block C. Obligating documents cannot be signed for a contracting/ordering officer.

(b) *Distribution.* (1) The distribution for orders (GSA Form 300) that do not exceed \$2,500, except those orders charged to the General Supply Fund (255X) or those which anticipate periodic billing, will be as follows:

- Copy 1 Paying Office (Original)—Retain in the contract file or send to the program office within the service or region responsible for preparing the receiving report (Copy 6). DO NOT send to the paying office until the invoice is received and approved for payment.
- Copy 2 Contractor's original
- Copy 3 Purchase File (Contracting/Ordering Officer)
- Copy 4 Purchase Office (Distribution as necessary)
- Copy 5 Consignee
- Copy 6 Receiving Report (Paying Office)
- Copy 7 Memorandum (Distribution as necessary)

(2) The distribution for orders (GSA Form 300) that exceed \$2,500, is charged to the General Supply Fund (255X), or that anticipates periodic billing will be as follows:

- Copy 1 Paying Office (Original)
- Copy 2 Contractor's Original
- Copy 3 Purchase File (Contracting/Ordering Officer)
- Copy 4 Purchase Office (Distribution as necessary)
- Copy 5 Consignee
- Copy 6 Receiving Report (Paying Office)—Not applicable to State A.I.D. overseas orders.
- Copy 7 Memorandum (Distribution as necessary)

(c) *Certifying receipt and processing payments for procurements requiring a written purchase order (GSA Form 300).* (1) When supplies or services are received, the contracting/ordering office or designated program office will certify receipt and acceptance and indicate the amount approved for payment on copy 6, Receiving Report, of the GSA Form 300 or 300-1. When multiple deliveries/payments

are required, additional copies of the receiving report (copy 6) may be reproduced or the GSA Form 3025 or 3025A, Receiving Report, used to certify receipt and acceptance. Photocopied signatures will not be accepted on the receiving report.

NOTE: It is important that the date of receipt and the date of acceptance entered in the certification on the receiving report be accurate. Those dates are used to calculate the due date for payments, and interest on overdue payments. The contracting/ordering officer or a designated representative should certify receipt and authorize payment by signing the certification on the receiving report.

(2) Invoices received by issuing offices or other designated program offices must be time stamped to indicate the date of receipt, checked to verify the accuracy of the invoiced amount, and forwarded within 5 workdays (after receipt of the invoice or acceptance of the supplies and/or services, whichever is later), to the appropriate Finance Division for payment. Copy 1 of the GSA Form 300/300-1 and a receiving report (Copy 6 of the GSA Form 300/300-1 or GSA Form 3025/3025A, Receiving Report) should be forwarded with the invoice to finance.

(3) When invoices are submitted directly to the Finance Division, contracting/ordering offices or other designated program offices will certify receipt and acceptance and authorize payment for supplies or services by completing copy 6 of GSA Form 300/300-1 or the GSA Form 3025/3025A, Receiving Report, in accordance with paragraph (a)(1) above and sending it to the appropriate Finance Division within 5 workdays after supplies or services are received and accepted.

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GSA Form 353, Performance Evaluation & Facilities Report (PEFR)

Completing Section I—PCO Request. Blocks 1 through 8 are to be completed by the contract specialists/Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO) requesting the PEFR.

Block 1—OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR.

Block 1a—IDENTIFICATION (Name, address, telephone number, CEC, and point of contact). Enter the name, address, complete telephone number (including area code), the Contractor Establishment Code (CEC), and the name of the individual that is the offeror/contractor's point of contact.

Block 1b—REPRESENTATION. Check the appropriate boxes according to the offeror/contractor representations in the offer.

Block 2—INSPECTION POINT, IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE (Name, address, telephone number, CEC, and point of contact). If the inspection point is at a separate location from the offeror/contractor listed in Block 1, the PEFR should be requested at the inspection point. The PEFR request should be sent to the Contract Management zone where the inspection point is located, regardless of the location of the production point.

Enter the name, address/location (no post office boxes), complete telephone number (including area code), CEC, and, if available, the name of the individual that is the point of contact at the inspection point.

If there are multiple inspection points, separate requests must be made for each location. If multiple PEFRs are required for one offeror/contractor due to multiple inspection points, use Block 5 to notify the Quality Assurance Specialist (QAS) of all additional related PEFRs.

Block 3—SOLICITATION/CONTRACT NUMBER AND ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE. Enter the complete solicitation number, or contract number in cases of options, and the estimated dollar value of the items for which the offeror/contractor is being considered. If the PEFR is being requested for the purpose of exercising an option (additional quantity or extended period), enter the dollar value of the option only, not the full contract value.

Block 4—SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (Delivery, 1st Article, Bid Sample, Buy American, SBSA, MAS). Enter the delivery requirements (in number of days) and any special requirements that are applicable to the procurement; e.g., first article sample, bid sample, Buy American Act applies, Small Business Set Aside (SBSA), Multiple Award Schedule (MAS), quick ship provisions, backup contract, options versus a base contract, etc.

If anything other than a complete PEFR is being requested, clearly specify what limited information is needed. For example, in the case of a MAS proposed award or exercising an option for additional quantities or an extended period of time, the PCO may request only certain information rather than a full PEFR.

While the QAS cannot certify that the contractor/offeror is a small business or qualifies as a dealer under the requirements of the Walsh-Healey Act, the PCO may request that the QAS advise of any conditions observed that would give reason to challenge the contractor/offeror's representations as reflected in Block 1b. The QAS will address any issues regarding representations in Block 29.

Block 5—SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR CONTRACT MANAGEMENT. Enter any special information that would assist the QAS or the Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) in evaluating the proposed contractor, such as: protests received, any allegations made by competitors that the PCO would like to have checked out, any information on problems experienced with bid samples, etc.

As noted in (2) above, if multiple PEFRs have been requested due to separate inspection points, so note. Specify the name and location (city and state) of the additional inspection points. This will enable the QAS and ACO to coordinate with other Regional Contract Management Divisions if necessary.

Block 6—REASON FOR REQUEST (CAL/date, new supplier, new product). Enter the reason for the request; e.g., offeror/contractor is on the Contractor Alert List (CAL) (if so, state the CAL date), new product, new supplier, no recent PEFr, etc. Explain fully when the dollar value of the proposed award is below the small purchase threshold.

Block 7—REQUESTER.

Block 7a—REQUESTER (Name, organizational symbol, telephone number, and FAX number). Enter the typed/printed name of the contract specialist/PCO making the PEFr request. The contract specialist's signature, organizational symbol, complete telephone number (including area code), and FAX number.

Block 7b—DATE. Enter the date of the request.

Block 8—SOLICITATION ITEMS.

Block 8a—ITEM NUMBER. Enter the solicitation/contract item number. This will assist the QAS and ACO in readily identifying the item in the solicitation/contract for which the offeror/contractor is being considered.

Block 8b—NOMENCLATURE AND NSN. Enter the nomenclature and national stock number (NSN), if applicable, for each item for which the offeror/contractor is being considered.

REQUIREMENTS (Units)

Block 8c—PEAK MONTHLY. For each item enter the offeror/contractor's stated peak monthly supply potential. If the offeror/contractor has not given its monthly supply potential, enter 125 percent of the Government's estimated monthly requirement.

Block 8d—TOTAL. On definite quantity solicitations/contracts, enter the total quantity required. If the PEFr is being requested for exercising an optional quantity, enter the total quantity of the option only, not the entire contract quantity. For other contract types (requirements or indefinite quantity), enter the total estimated quantity for the entire contract period.

(a) *Completing Section II—QAS EVALUATION.* Blocks 9 and 14 through 30 are to be completed by the QAS. Blocks 9, 10, 11, and 13 are to be completed last. Blocks 10 through 12 are to be completed by the Contract Management Division Director or his/her designee. Block 13 is to be completed by the Contract Management Division Director or Acting Director. Authority to sign Block 13 shall not be delegated below the level of Director, Contract Management Division.

Block 9a—MONTHLY CAPACITY. Determine the maximum production capacity. In making this determination, factors to be considered should include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Reviewing past production records on the same or similar items;
- (2) Considering employment level and number of shifts in operation during this period;
- (3) Planning and scheduling of production equipment;
- (4) Flexibility for reassignment of operation to alternate production equipment; and
- (5) Time required to test.

Enter the total quantity for each item that can be produced in one month. Maximum production capacity must be determined by taking into consideration all items being evaluated, all operating processes, functions, equipment, and personnel.

Block 9b—GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS. Determine and verify the number of units committed under existing Government contracts.

Block 9c—COMMERCIAL COMMITMENTS. Determine and verify the number of units committed under existing commercial contracts.

Block 9d—NET AVAILABLE. Subtract the total number of units in b and c from the number of units in a, and enter the results in Block 9d.

Block 10—SUMMARY OF ACO/QAS FINDINGS (Past performance, production capacity, quality control system, representations, and favorable or unfavorable factors). This Block is to be completed by the Contract Management Division Director, or his/her designee. Give a summation of the past performance, production capability and capacity, quality control system, purchasing, subcontracting procedures, problems with representations, and records at the manufacturing plant on items identical or similar-to the proposed award items.

Block 11—RECOMMENDATION. This Block is to be completed by the Contract Management Division Director or his/her designee.

Check the appropriate box; i.e., capable of performing or incapable of performing. One of the boxes must be checked.

Block 12. This Block is to be completed by the Contract Management Division Director or his/her designee.

Block 12a—ZONE. The receiving Contract Management Division shall enter the number of the zone where the survey will be conducted.

Block 12b—DATE RECEIVED. The surveying zone shall enter the date the Contract Management Division received the request from the procurement office.

Block 12c—CONTROL NUMBER. The surveying zone shall enter the control number assigned to the PEFR by the Contract Management Division.

Block 13—APPROVAL: DIRECTOR, CONTRACT MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

Block 13a—PRINTED NAME. The typed or printed name of the Contract Management Director approving the PEFR shall be entered in this block.

Block 13b—TELEPHONE NUMBER. Enter the telephone number (including area code) of the Contract Management Division Director.

Block 13c—SIGNATURE. After reviewing the completed form, the Director, Contract Management Division, or the Acting Director, shall sign the Form. Authority to approve the PEFR shall not be delegated below this level. Signature indicates a full review of the completed GSA Form 353 and agreement with its full contents.

Block 13d—DATE. Enter the date signed.

Block 14—TYPE OF COMPANY. Check corporation, partnership, or other. If “other,” specify; e.g., sole proprietor, etc.

Block 15—KEY PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED.

Block 15a—NAME. List the name(s) of the individual(s) interviewed.

Block 15b—TITLE. Give the organizational title(s) of the individual(s) interviewed.

Block 15c.—YEARS WITH FIRM. Enter the number of years each individual interviewed has been employed by the company.

Block 16—YEAR ESTABLISHED. Enter the year the current company/division was established.

Block 17—PERSONNEL. In Block 17b, headed “NO. ON HAND”, enter the actual number of employees corresponding to the categories listed in Block 17a; i.e., Production, Quality Assurance, Engineering, and Administrative. If more employees are needed to produce the solicitation/contract item(s), comment in Block 22. Indicate their plans to recruit.

Block 18—PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT.

Block 18a—ON HAND. List the major production equipment necessary to produce the solicitation/contract item(s) physically in the plant.

Block 18b—QUANTITY. Enter the number of pieces of equipment for each entry in Block 18a.

Block 18c—CONDITION. Indicate whether the equipment is in condition to adequately produce the solicitation/contract item(s).

Block 19—UNION AFFILIATION—DATE AGREEMENT EXPIRES. List the union affiliations and the expiration date of each agreement. Comment on any imminent strike or labor unrest conditions in Block 22.

Block 20.

Block 20a—NUMBER OF SHIFTS. Enter the number of shifts worked per day.

Block 20b—HOURS PER SHIFT. Enter the number of hours worked in each shift.

Block 21.

Block 21a—SQUARE METERS UNDER ROOF. Enter the total number of square meters the offeror/contractor has under roof.

Block 21b—MANUFACTURING. Enter the total number of square meters the offeror/contractor uses for manufacturing.

Block 21c—STORAGE. Enter the total number of square meters the offeror/contractor uses for storage of raw materials, components, and end items.

Block 21d—CONSTRUCTION AND CONDITION. Describe the construction and condition of the buildings.

Block 21e—NUMBER OF BUILDINGS. Enter the number of buildings at this location.

Block 22—COMMENTS (Adequacy of personnel, equipment, and space). Enter any comments relative to adequacy or inadequacy of:

- (1) Available personnel;
- (2) Any imminent strike conditions;
- (3) Equipment necessary to produce the solicitation/contract item(s); and
- (4) Space for manufacturing and storage.

Block 23—SPECIAL TOOLING (Quantity, condition, plans for procuring, costs, delivery dates, and manufacturer's familiarity with use and handling). List any special tooling such as molding equipment, special dyes, and special printing plates required to fabricate the solicitation/contract item(s), showing quantity on hand and present condition. If the necessary tooling is not on hand, enter the source where it will be obtained and the costs. Determine that the delivery dates of any new special tooling will meet contract delivery dates. Indicate manufacturer's familiarity with use and handling.

Block 24—PRODUCTION METHODS (order tracking system, flow, assembly line, production cycle time, parts manufactured, parts contracted for/purchased). Determine the process utilized by the offeror/contractor for tracking incoming Government purchase orders to assure adequate controls are in place. Determine that production methods are adequate to produce all items listed in Block 8 of this PEFR request. Provide a narrative to describe the processes. Include a listing of the significant items manufactured as well as those purchased. Record the production cycle time. List any deficiencies noted and indicate what corrective action the offeror/contractor will take before the start of the contract.

Block 25—OTHER ITEM(S) PRODUCED (Using same machinery, tools, equipment, and personnel as solicitation/contract item(s)). List all item(s) (other than the solicitation/contract items under evaluation) being produced, or scheduled into production, that use the same machinery, tools, equipment, and personnel required for the solicitation/contract item(s).

Block 26—QUALITY SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.

Block 26a—DOCUMENTED QUALITY SYSTEM. Describe the offeror/contractor's current documented quality procedure and overall Conformance to the proposed contract requirements. Include a description of how the contractor ensures that incoming materials conform to contract requirements.

Block 26b—ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY. Identify person(s) responsible and their authority in the quality organization. Describe management policy, controls, and objectives. Identify any training plan for personnel activities affecting quality.

Block 26c—PROCESS AND SPECIAL PROCESS CONTROLS. Describe process status controls, e.g., non-conforming material control, product segregation and traceability (use of tags, labels, marking, etc.). Identify process verification and inspection stations, as well as controls where product and special process characteristics are monitored.

Block 26d—INSPECTION, MEASURING, AND TEST EQUIPMENT. Identify inspection, tests, facilities, equipment, calibration plan, and overall program adequacy. Also identify any outside test facilities to be used. Explain the degree to which they will be utilized, and describe their adequacy.

Block 26e—USE OF STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES. Specify the sampling plans and/or statistical process controls used by the offeror/contractor. Determine if the plans are acceptable under the contract requirements.

Block 26f—QUALITY RECORDS. Describe the maintenance, identification, collection, indexing, filing, storage and disposition of records. Determine that the quality records adequately document the process controls and the inspections and tests performed as provided in the documented quality procedures.

Block 26g—TECHNICAL DOCUMENT CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS. Comment on the following:

- (1) The offeror/contractor's control of technical documents, drawings, specifications, standards, commercial item descriptions, item purchase descriptions, etc., the control of changes to these documents, and communication and distribution of information;
- (2) The adequacy of production technical documents;
- (3) The contractor's understanding of the scope and nature of the work required and the specific issue of the technical documents involved; and
- (4) Adequacy of controls and lines of communication between contractor, suppliers, and vendors concerning contract administration responsibilities.

Block 26h—PACKAGING, PACKING, AND MARKING. Explain how the offeror/contractor plans to fulfill the contract requirements for packaging, packing (including palletization), and marking. Describe plans to control the quality. Comment on the offeror/contractor's understanding of any military requirements.

Block 27—EEO COMPLIANCE (From observation only). To be completed only when the potential contract will exceed \$10,000. The QAS will observe, but not inquire of the bidder, whether the plant appears to be in compliance with EEO clause (see FAR 52-222.26).

Block 27a—ARE EEO POSTERS DISPLAYED WHERE ALL EMPLOYEES CAN READ THEM? Check yes or no, as appropriate.

Block 27b—GIVE ANY EVIDENCE OF SEGREGATED FACILITIES (Entrances, exits, drinking fountains, eating, rest rooms, etc.). Enter details of any segregated facilities noted except facilities such as rest rooms or locker rooms segregated on the basis of gender.

Block 28—REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL COMMENTS. This Block is to be used for continuation space for additional information from any other blocks.

If the QAS is denied admittance, document the details and individuals involved.

Block 29—QAS ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION. Enter information regarding the offeror/contractor's performance, such as, synopsis of quality complaints, information on administrative holds, related replacement actions, unresolved QDNs and/or unacceptable performance with respect to timely corrective actions, etc.

If the offeror/contractor is on the CAL, the QAS shall specifically address the criteria for which they were placed on the CAL, including identifying and analyzing any corrective actions taken and the current performance with regard to those CAL criteria.

Describe any favorable or unfavorable conditions that might affect contractor's performance, considering familiarity with the product, contract terms, technical documents, test requirements, and special requirements. Note whether there are any deficiencies in meeting quality system requirements and indicate their seriousness. State whether the supplier appears reliable, is able to make changes before the start of production, and is willing to correct deficiencies. Describe any reasons to question or challenge the offeror/contractor's representations (reflected in Block 1b). Any additional remarks or comments can be continued in Block 28 or on plain bond paper if space is needed.

In this analysis, the QAS must specifically state a recommendation of "capable" or "incapable" of performing.

Enter any information available regarding other pending awards which would represent commitments that may cause conflict on capacity if awarded. Provide as much detail as possible, such as points of contact.

Block 30—QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST.

Block 30a—PRINTED NAME. Enter the typed or printed name of the QAS conducting the review and completing Section II of the PEFR.

Block 30b—TELEPHONE NUMBER. Enter the telephone number of the zonal office where questions regarding the PEFR are to be fielded.

Block 30c—SIGNATURE. The QAS shall sign the report. When the GSA Form 353 is electronically transmitted, a signature is not necessary.

Block 30d—DATE. Enter the date the QAS portion is completed and signed.

(b) *Completing Section III—PERFORMANCE HISTORY AND ACO ANALYSIS.*

Performance data must cover all current GSA contracts and small purchases, as well as all GSA contracts and small purchases that have been completed and/or terminated within the last three years.

If GSA contract performance data is not available, the ACO shall so indicate, and request the QAS to obtain any performance data available from the offeror/contractor on other Government or commercial contracts.

NOTE: At the discretion of the zone Contract Management Director, Section III may be completed concurrently by the ACO while Section II is being completed by the QAS, or completed by the ACO prior to forwarding the PEFR to the QAS for completion of Section II.

Block 31—SUMMARY OF CONTRACTS (Beginning with the most recent contract). No blocks are to be left blank. If the number is zero, enter "0". If the item is not applicable, enter "N/A" (This should be a rare circumstance). If the information is not available or unknown, enter "UKN". Space is provided for two contracts. List the data for the most recent contract first and continue on to the oldest contract last. If the offeror/contractor has held more than two contracts in the past three years, provide the data on additional pages. If additional space is needed, duplicate page 7 of the PEFR.

For Blocks 31b through 31u enter the data as indicated below corresponding to each contract listed in Block 31a.

Block 31a—CONTRACT NUMBER. Enter the contract number.

Block 31b—CONTRACT PERIOD. Enter the contract period; i.e., the beginning and ending Julian dates.

Block 31c—FSC/NOMENCLATURE. Enter the FSC and nomenclature.

Block 31d—TOTAL NUMBER OF PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED. Enter the total number of purchase orders issued.

Block 31e—PERCENT POs DELINQUENT TO ORIGINAL DUE DATE. Enter the percentage of purchase orders delinquent based on the original due date; specifying in the spaces provided the number that were Government Caused (GC) and the number that were Contractor Caused (CC).

Block 31f—NUMBER PURCHASE ORDERS DELINQUENT. Enter the number of purchase orders delinquent (16 or more days); specifying in the spaces provided the number that were Government Caused (GC) and the number that were Contractor Caused (CC).

Block 31g—PERCENT POs DELINQUENT (CC). Divide the total of contractor caused late purchase orders (Block 31f (CC)) by the total number of purchase orders issued (Block 31d) to determine the percent of purchase orders delinquent due to contractor failure. Enter the resulting percentage.

Block 31h—NUMBER OF PURCHASE ORDERS TERMINATED FOR DEFAULT. Enter the number of purchase orders that were terminated for default.

Block 31i—PERCENT OF PURCHASE ORDERS TERMINATED FOR DEFAULT. Divide the number of purchase orders terminated for default (Block 31h) by the total number of purchase orders issued (Block 31d). Enter the resulting percentage.

Block 31j—NUMBER QDNs. Enter the number of Quality Deficiency Notices (QDNs) issued.

Block 31k—NUMBER CURE LETTERS. Enter the number of Cure Letters issued.

Block 31l—NUMBER SHOW CAUSE LETTERS. Enter the number of Show Cause Letters issued.

Block 31m—LABORATORY. In the space labeled “Number Tests”, enter the total number of laboratory submissions conducted. In the second space, labeled “Number Failed”, enter the number of laboratory submissions where the item(s) tested failed to meet requirements. In the third space, labeled “Percent of Test Failed,” enter the percent of the laboratory submissions which failed. To derive the percent, divide the number of failed submissions by the total number of submissions)

Block 31n—DEVIATION. Deviations are request(s) by the contractor for changes in requirements prior to the beginning of production. In the first space, labeled “GC” (Government caused), enter the number of deviations granted that were caused by the Government; e.g., faulty Government technical documents. In the second space, labeled “CC” (contractor caused), enter the number of deviations granted that were caused by the contractor.

Block 31o—1st ARTICLE. If no First Article sample was required under the contract, check “N/A.” If a First Article was required, check “yes” or “no” in the space labeled “On Time” to show whether the contractor offered the sample on time. In the space labeled “1st Submission or Accepted,” check “yes” or “no” to show whether the first submission of the first article sample was accepted.

Block 31p—NONCONFORMING SUPPLIES ACCEPTED. Enter the number of purchase orders where nonconforming supplies were accepted by the Government.

Block 31q—COMPLAINTS. In the space under “Complaints” labeled “Total” enter the total number of customer complaints received. In the space labeled “Number Contractor Liable” enter the number of complaints with contractor liability that were found to be justified following investigation. In the space labeled “Number Category I” enter the number of complaints that were determined to be Category I complaints. In the final space under “Complaints” labeled “Number Failed Correct” enter the number of complaints where the contractor failed to take timely and adequate corrective action.

Block 31r—HOLDS. List only those holds that are over 90 calendar days old. In the space under “Holds” labeled “Type” enter the type of hold; e.g., 51—Quality; 53—Litigation, etc. In the space labeled “Age” enter the age of the hold in terms of calendar days. In Block “t.—ACO COMMENTS” for the specified contract, provide a brief narrative on the hold. Describe any problems resulting from the contractor's failure to resolve the situation.

Block 31s—CONTRACT TERMINATED FOR DEFAULT. Check the “Yes” or “No” box, indicating whether the contract was terminated for default. Provide details in Block 31t.

Block 31t—ACO COMMENTS. Enter any additional information for the contract specified. Provide an explanation of the data and an evaluation of the contractor's performance under this specific contract.

Block 32—SUMMARY OF SMALL PURCHASES.

Block 32a—TOTAL NUMBER OF PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED. Enter the total number of small purchase orders issued to the offeror/contractor over the past three years.

Block 32b—TOTAL DOLLAR VALUE. Enter the total dollar value of all small purchase orders issued to the offeror/contractor over the past three years.

Block 32c—32o. Enter data in accordance with the instructions for Blocks 31e–31r with the corresponding headings.

Block 32p—ACO COMMENTS (Small Purchases). Enter any additional information to the data listed. Provide an explanation of the data and an evaluation of the contractor's performance on small purchases.

Block 33—ACO SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND RECOMMENDATION. Provide a detailed analysis of all data gathered. Evaluate the offeror/contractor's past performance, current standing, and potential for future performance. Identify any patterns of improvement or deterioration in performance. **In this analysis, the ACO must specifically state a recommendation of “award” or “no award.”**

Block 34—ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTING OFFICER.

Block 34a—PRINTED NAME. Enter the typed or printed name of the ACO conducting the review and completing Section III of the PEFR.

Block 34b—TELEPHONE NUMBER. Enter the telephone number where the ACO can be reached.

Block 34c—SIGNATURE. The ACO shall sign the report.

Block 34d—DATE. Enter the date the ACO portion is completed and signed.

Copies and distribution. A separate GSA Form 353 must be used for each inspection point. An original and 3 copies of the GSA Form 353 must be prepared. The original and first copy must be forwarded to the Quality Assurance Branch in the zone in which the facilities are located. The second copy must be sent to the Quality Assurance Division, Central

office, and the third copy retained as the file copy. The original and each of the two forwarded copies must be accompanied by:

- (1) A copy of the solicitation;
- (2) A copy of all pertinent information submitted by the offeror, including delivery time, and where applicable, the offeror's indicated monthly production capacity or supply potential (in lieu of extracting such information from the offer, copies of the offer or pertinent pages thereof may be furnished);
- (3) Any pertinent correspondence between GSA and the offeror; and
- (4) Any other information the buying activity has which should be considered by the Quality Assurance Branch in making the evaluation.

553.370-618D GSA Form 618D, Statement To Be Submitted When Work Is Performed Personally.

STATEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED
WHEN WORK IS PERFORMED PERSONALLY

[522.406-6(c)]

_____ 19 _____

I, _____, hereby certify:
(Name of signatory party)

That I am the _____ of
(Owner, partner, president, etc.)

_____ of
(Name of Firm submitting statement) *(Prime contractor or subcontractor)*

for _____
(Nature of work)

at _____, located in _____
(Name of Building where work was done) *(City and State)*

under contract number _____; that _____
(Government contract no.) (See Instruction 3 below)

_____;
(As the case requires, state all work, or list the specific classes of work)

was done personally by _____
(Name(s) of persons performing work and their connection with the firm)

that no wages were received for the labor performed; that no mechanics or laborers were employed in the prosecution thereof; and that the work was done during the following periods:

Last date on which work was performed at the site was _____, 19 _____.

*(Signature)*_____
(Title)

Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code (Criminal Code and Criminal Procedures) shall apply to such statements - 72 Stat. 967, 18 U.S.C. 1001, among other things, provides that whoever knowingly and willfully makes or uses a document or writing containing any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF STATEMENTS OF WORK PERFORMED PERSONALLY

1. Prime contractors or subcontractors who personally perform the work are required to submit in lieu of weekly statements of compliance and payroll with respect to the payment of wages pursuant to the Coolidge (Anti-Kickback) regulations, a certified statement clearly showing: (1) their contractual relationship, (2) the scope and dates of the work performed, (3) that they received no wages, and (4) that no mechanics or laborers were employed in the prosecution of the work. The above simple form sets forth the wording prescribed for such certified statements.
2. Prime contractors are responsible for the submission of the certified statements of subcontractors. Subcontractors' statements should be forwarded to the prime contractor for transmission to the Government contracting officer or his designated representative. Statements of prime contractors and subcontractors should be submitted as soon as possible after the last date on which work was performed at the site.
3. To facilitate identification of the project involved, prime contractors should provide their subcontractors with the Government contract number as called for on the statement form.
4. Prime contractors should furnish their subcontractors with copies of this simple statement form so as to facilitate submission of the necessary information. **THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE FORMS FOR ACTUAL USE.**

553.370-1378 GSA Form 1378, Record of, and Receipt for, Bids and Responses.

RECORD OF, AND RECEIPT FOR, BIDS AND RESPONSES	REGION	NUMBER OF RESPONSES RECEIVED	INVITATION NUMBER	
	O P E N I N G			
	TIME	A.M.	DATE	
NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF RESPONDENTS			TIME AND DATE RECEIVED	
			TIME	DATE
1.				
2.				
3.		[514.401(a)(4)]		
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25.				
I received _____ bids and responses from the bid custodian.				
(Number)				
BID OPENING OFFICIAL (Signature)		TITLE		DATE AND TIME
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION			GSA FORM 1378 (REV. 7-75)	

553.370-1458 GSA Form 1458, Motor Vehicle Shop Work Order, Repair and Purchase Order.

DATE		VEHICLE DESCRIPTION		ODOMETER READING		ACT NUMBER		CONTRACT NUMBER <i>(When applicable)</i>		FMS 2556 TRANSACTION PREPARED/Check one	
CLASS		REGION		FMC		PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY		NAME AND ADDRESS OF REPAIR FACILITY		BILLED TO:	
AGENCY CONTACT		TELEPHONE		AREA CODE		NUMBER		DISCOUNT TERMS		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
AGENCY		DATE		FMC LOCATION		APPROPRIATION NO.		ONLY REPAIRS DESCRIBED BELOW ARE AUTHORIZED		MECH. INITIALS	
LOCATION OF VEHICLE WHEN SERVICE WAS REQUESTED		DATE		INTO SHOP TIME		DATE		DISCOUNT TERMS		EST. COST	
BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION		SMALL BUSINESS		SMALL DISADVANTAGED		SMALL WOMEN-OWNED		DISCOUNT TERMS		EST. HOURS	
<input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER THAN SMALL BUSINESS		<input type="checkbox"/> TAGGED <input type="checkbox"/> UNTAGGED		<input type="checkbox"/> VENDOR'S TAXPAYER ID. NUMBER		<input type="checkbox"/> VENDOR'S TAXPAYER ID. NUMBER		DISCOUNT TERMS		EST. COST	
REMARKS		PARTS AND MATERIALS <i>(Excluding Petroleum Products)</i>		STOCK NUMBER OR ITEM		QUAN.		UNIT PRICE		AMOUNT	
										INITIALS	
										S	
										[513.302-70(c)]	
										TOTAL AMOUNT	
										TOTAL EST. \$	
										AUTHORIZED BY <i>(Signature)</i>	
										SIGNER'S NAME	
										EST. COMP. DATE	
										ARTICLES OR SERVICES RECEIVED, INSPECTED AND ACCEPTED	
										ACTUAL COST (\$)	
										BY <i>(Signature)</i>	
										SIGNER'S NAME	
										DATE	
										PERSON CONTACTED	
										CONTACTED BY	
										DATE	
										PICKUP	
										TIME	
										COST CODE	
										110	
										145	
										160	
										710	
										810	
										HELD TO BE RE-PORTED ON SF 126	
										<input type="checkbox"/> NO RESIDUAL VALUE, ABANDONED	
										<input type="checkbox"/> SERVICABLE USED, RETURNED TO STOCK	

GSA FORM 1458 (REV. 2-96)
Prescribed by FSS P 5600.8

MOTOR VEHICLE SHOP WORK ORDER, REPAIR AND PURCHASE ORDER

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
PART 1 - WHITE

553.370-1458 GSA Form 1458, Motor Vehicle Shop Work Order, Repair and Purchase Order.

PURCHASE ORDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(i) The 30th day after the designated billing office has received a proper invoice from the Contractor.
(ii) The 30th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed by the Contractor...

(a)(4) ... An invoice shall be prepared and submitted to the designated billing office specified in the contract. A proper invoice must include the items listed in (i) through (viii)...

(i) Name and address of the Contractor.
(ii) Invoice date.
(iii) Contract number or other authorization for supplies delivered or services performed...

(iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price, and extended price of supplies delivered or services performed.
(v) Shipping and payment terms (e.g., shipment number and date of shipment, prompt payment discount terms)...

(vi) Name and address of Contractor official to whom payment is to be sent (must be the same as that in the contract or in a proper notice of assignment).
(vii) Name (where practicable) title, phone number, and mailing address of person to be notified in event of a defective invoice.

(viii) Any other information or documentation required by other requirements of the contract (such as evidence of shipment).
NOTE: Invoices must include the ACT number, and shall be submitted in an original only, unless otherwise specified.

(a)(6)(i) For the sole purpose of computing an interest penalty that might be due the Contractor, Government acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred constructively on the 7th day (unless otherwise specified) after the Contractor delivered the supplies or performed the services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, unless there is a disagreement over quantity, quality or contractor compliance with a contract provision...

52.222-40 SERVICE CONTRACT ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED -- CONTRACTS OF \$2,500 OR LESS (MAY 1989)
Except to the extent that an exemption, variation, or tolerance would apply if this contract were in excess of \$2,500, the Contractor and any subcontractor shall pay all employees working on the contract not less than the minimum wage specified under Section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended (29 U.S.C. 201-206). Regulations and interpretations of the Service Contract Act of 1965, as amended, are contained in 29 CFR Part 4.

552.229-70 FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES (APR 1984)
The contract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes. No adjustment will be made to cover taxes which may subsequently be imposed on this transaction or changes in the rates of currently applicable taxes. However, the Government will, upon the request of the Contractor, furnish evidence appropriate to establish exemption from any tax from which the Government is exempt and which was not included in the contract price.

552.210-79 PACKING LIST (DEC 1989)
(a) A packing list or other suitable shipping documents shall accompany each shipment and shall indicate: (1) Name and address of consignee; (2) Name and complete address of consignor; (3) Government order or requisition number; (4) Government bill of lading number covering the shipment (if any); and (5) Description of the material shipped, including item number, quantity, number of containers, and package number (if any).

(b) When payment will be made by Government commercial credit card, in addition to the information in (a) above, the packing list or shipping document shall include: (1) Cardholder name and telephone number and (2) the term "Credit Card."

52.232-1 PAYMENTS (APR 1984)
The Government shall pay the Contractor, upon the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract. Unless otherwise specified in this contract, payment shall be made on partial shipments accepted by the Government (i) (a) The amount of the invoice less amounts for (i) The Contractor's request for and the amount due the Contractor; or (ii) The Contractor's request for and the amount due the Contractor; is at least \$1,000 or 50 percent of the total contract price.

52.232-8 DISCOUNTS FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (APR 1989)
(a) Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any offered discount will form a part of the award, and will be taken if payment is made within the discount period indicated in the offer by the offeror. As an alternative to offering a prompt payment discount in conjunction with the offer, offerors awarded contracts may include prompt payment discounts on individual invoices.

(b) In connection with any discount offered for prompt 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 date on which an electronic funds transfer was made.

PROMPT PAYMENT
Prompt payment clause 52.232-25 is incorporated in this contract by reference. The clause contains information on payment due date, invoice requirements, constructive acceptance and interest penalties. Certain portions of the clause regarding payment due date, invoice requirements, and constructive acceptance have been extracted for your convenience. All days referred to in the extracts below are calendar days.
(a)(2) ... The due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office shall be the later of the following two events:

52.222-41 SERVICE CONTRACT ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED (MAY 1989)
52.222-42 STATEMENT OF EQUIVALENT RATES FOR FEDERAL HIRES (MAY 1989)
(52.222-41 and 52.222-42 apply to service contracts when the amount exceeds \$2,500.)

The GSA Form 2166, Service Contract Act of 1965, as amended, and Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (JUN 88)
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.

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1)
Applicable to purchase orders for supplies or services:
52.203-1 Officials Not to Benefit (APR 84)
52.203-3 Gratuities (APR 84)
52.203-6 Restriction on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (JUL 85)
52.212-9 Variation in Quantity (APR 84) (in the preceding clause, the permissible variations are stated in the schedule.)

52.222-3 Convict Labor (APR 84)
52.222-26 Equal Opportunity (APR 84) (Applies when amount exceeds \$10,000.)
52.222-35 Affirmative Action for Special Disabled and Vietnam Era Veterans (APR 84) (Applies when amount exceeds \$10,000.)
52.222-36 Affirmative Action for Handicapped Workers (APR 84) (Applies when amount exceeds \$2,500.)
52.222-37 Employment Reports on Special Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (JAN 88) (Applies whenever Clause 52.222-35 is used.)

52.223-6 Drug Free Workplace (JUL 90) (Applies if contract is awarded to an individual.)
52.225-3 Buy American Act-Supplies (JAN 94)
52.232-25 Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (MAY 92)
52.233-1 Prompt Payment (MAR 94)
52.233-3 Disputes (MAR 94)
52.246-1 Protest After Award (DEC 89)
52.249-8 Contractor Inspection Requirements (APR 84)
52.249-8 Default (Fixed-Price Supply and Service) (APR 84)

Applicable to purchase orders for supplies:
52.222-20 Walsh-Healy Public Contracts Act (APR 84) (Applies when amount exceeds \$10,000.)
52.243-1 Changes - Fixed Price (AUG 87)
52.249-1 Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed Price) (Short Form) (APR 84)
Applicable to purchase orders for services
52.243-1 Changes - Fixed Price (APR 84) - Alt. II
52.249-4 Termination for Convenience of the Government (Services) (Short Form) (APR 84)

553.370-1535A GSA Form 1535A, Recommendation for Award(s) (Continuation).

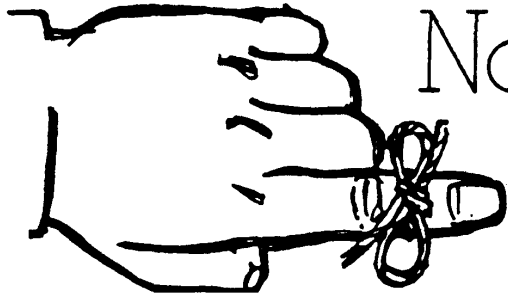
RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD(S) (Continuation)	PAGE	PAGES
	OF	

SOLICITATION

12. PROPOSED AWARD(S) AND PRICE/DISCOUNT ANALYSIS				
ACQUISITION CODING (a)	CONTRACTOR'S NAME, ADDRESS, DUNS NUMBER, AND CONTRACT NUMBER (b)	ITEM NUMBERS (c)	PRODUCTION POINT (City, County, and State) (d)	\$ AMOUNT (e)

[514.408-71]

553.370-1602 GSA Form 1602, Notice Concerning Solicitation.



Notice Concerning Solicitation



[514.201-70]
[515.210-70]

QUALITY: FIRST TIME. EVERY TIME. ON TIME

GSA Form 1602 (Rev. 4-92)

553.370-1678 GSA Form 1678, Status Report of Orders and Shipments.

INSTRUCTIONS**I. GENERAL**

- A. A report period is from the first through the last day of a calendar month, notwithstanding that the ordering period applicable to a requirements contract may not coincide with these dates.
- B. Contractors shall report on each new order received during the report period, and each order shown in a preceding report as not completely shipped. If no orders are on hand during a report period, a negative report shall be submitted.
- C. A separate report shall be submitted for each plant location.
- D. Contractors shall continue to furnish reports after the expiration of the contract period until all shipments required under the contract have been made.

II. SPECIFIC ENTRIES

- A. Block 1. Insert mailing address of the office assigned responsibility for the administration of the contract (unless preprinted).
- B. Blocks 2, 4, and 5 are self-explanatory.
- C. Block 3. Insert city and State. If the contractor has more than one plant in the same city, insert complete address.
- D. Insert page numbers in the spaces provided.
- E. Columns 6(a) through 6(d) are self-explanatory.

F. Columns 7(a) through 7(c). These columns apply only to contracts which include an "Availability for Inspection and Testing, and Shipment" (or Delivery) clause. Entries are not required in these columns if the contractor is authorized to ship the supplies under a Quality Approved Manufacturer Agreement.

G. Column 8. Insert date based on the time for shipment/delivery provisions of the contract, or in accordance with any authorized extensions of time for shipment or delivery.

(NOTE: If the contract includes a "Monthly Supply Potential" (MSP) clause and the contractor has exercised his option thereunder to extend the shipping/delivery time with respect to the acceptance of orders for quantities exceeding his MSP, entries in this column showing extended due dates shall be asterisked and briefly explained below in the space provided for remarks.)

H. Column 10. If a partial shipment is made, but the unshipped quantity is within the limitation of the "Variation in Quantity" clause of the contract, and if the contractor does not intend to include the unshipped quantity with a future shipment, insert a zero or "none."

I. Certification. The certification is required only on the first page of each monthly report.

REMARKS

553.370-1720 GSA Form 1720, Request for Release of Classified Information to U.S. Industry.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION TO U.S. INDUSTRY

SECTION I - CONTRACTOR DATA	
1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR	2. TYPE (Check one) a. PRIME CONTRACT b. SUBCONTRACTOR c. INVITATION FOR BIDS OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
3. CONTRACT NUMBER OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION	4. HIGHEST CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR CONTRACT PERFORMANCE (Check) a. TOP SECRET b. SECRET c. CONFIDENTIAL
5. REMARKS (Indicate why classified information is to be released to Contractor, if interim clearance for release is required. State reason and basis for such emergency.)	

[504.470(a)]

6. ORIGINATING OFFICE OR SERVICE		7. LOCATION (Check or complete) REGION NO. <input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL OFFICE
8. CONTRACTING OFFICER MAKING REQUEST (Signature)	9. TITLE	10. DATE
11. APPROVED BY (Signature)	12. TITLE	13. DATE

SECTION II - AUTHORIZATION

14. RELEASE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION (Check applicable box and complete)

a. THIS IS NOTIFICATION TO THE GSA CONTRACTING OFFICER THAT CLASSIFIED DEFENSE INFORMATION UP TO AND INCLUDING _____ MAY BE RELEASED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED CONTRACTOR. (This notification is effective only until the date of completion or termination of the contract, or withdrawal of this authorization pursuant to GSAR 504.4.)

b. THIS IS NOTIFICATION TO THE GSA CONTRACTING OFFICER THAT CLASSIFIED DEFENSE INFORMATION UP TO AND INCLUDING _____ MAY BE RELEASED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED CONTRACTOR PROVIDED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THIS FORM, THE CONTRACTING OFFICE HAS DETERMINED THAT THE CONTRACTOR IS PHYSICALLY EQUIPPED TO SAEGUARD CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. This notification is effective only until the date of completion or termination of the contract, or withdrawal of this authorization pursuant to GSAR 504.4.)

15. NAME AND ADDRESS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY ASSIGNED SECURITY COGNIZANCE

16. SIGNATURE OF GSA SECURITY OFFICER	17. DATE
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553.370-1720 GSA Form 1720, Request for Release of Classified Information to U.S. Industry.

INSTRUCTIONS

(Instructions applicable when section II, 14b is checked)

1. Contracting Officers may not release classified information to Contractor until it has been determined that the Contractor is physically equipped to safeguard classified information.
2. Any of the following methods may be used in arriving at such determination:
 - a. If the Contracting Officer has knowledge that the Contractor has the necessary means for the proper safeguarding of classified information, the information may be released to the Contractor;
 - b. The Contracting Officer may request the cognizant security office (see Item 15) to ascertain the ability of the Contractor to safeguard adequately the information to be released under a proposed contract. Usually the cognizant security office will reply within 10 days of the request indicating that the Contractor is or is not physically equipped to safeguard the classified information involved, or stating that an evaluation cannot be given with the reasons therefor;
 - c. The GSA Contracting Officer may negotiate directly with the Contractor for additional safeguards as may be necessary prior to the release of classified information. Requirements for the safeguarding of classified information of a Contractor are set forth in the Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information.

553.370-1766 GSA Form 1766, Structured Approach Profit/Fee Objective.

STRUCTURED APPROACH PROFIT/FEE OBJECTIVE				
CONTRACTOR			RFP/CONTRACT NO.	
BUSINESS UNIT [515.404-4(e)]			CONTRACT TYPE	
ADDRESS				
CONTRACTOR EFFORT				
1. COST CATEGORY	GOVERNMENT'S COST OBJECTIVE (a)	WEIGHT RANGE (b)	ASSIGNED WEIGHT (c)	WEIGHTED PROFIT/FEE ((a) x (c)) (d)
MATERIAL ACQUISITION		1% TO 4%		
DIRECT LABOR		4% TO 12%		
OVERHEAD		3% TO 8%		
OTHER COSTS		1% TO 3%		
GENERAL MANAGEMENT (G & A)		4% TO 8%		
1A. TOTAL				
OTHER FACTORS				
2. FACTOR	MEASUREMENT BASE (a)	WEIGHT RANGE (b)	ASSIGNED WEIGHT (c)	WEIGHTED PROFIT/FEE 1.A (a) x (c) (d)
COST RISK	TOTAL COST OBJECTIVE 1.A (a)	0 TO 7%		
INVESTMENT		-2% TO +2%		
PERFORMANCE		-2% TO +2%		
SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS		-.5% TO +.5%		
SPECIAL SITUATIONS		-2% TO +2%		
2A TOTAL OTHER FACTORS				
3. SUBTOTAL PROFIT/FEE LINES (1.A) + (2.A)				
4. LESS FACILITIES CAPITAL COST OF MONEY				-
5. TOTAL PROFIT/FEE OBJECTIVE LINE (3) - (4)				

553.370-2689 GSA Form 2689, Procurement Not Set Aside.

PROCUREMENT NOT SET ASIDE				
1. TO		2. FROM (Issuing Office)		
[519.502-70(a)]				
3. IFB NUMBER		4a. ESTIMATED VALUE SET ASIDE ▶ \$		4b. TYPE OF SOLICITATION
		NOT SET ASIDE ▶ \$		<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULE CONTRACT <input type="checkbox"/> REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT <input type="checkbox"/> DEFINITE QUANTITY
5. COMMODITY/SERVICE				
DESCRIPTION (Include FSC/NSN)				
1.	5.	9.		
2.	6.	10.		
3.	7.	11.		
4.	8.	12.		
6. PROCUREMENT HISTORY				
a. NUMBER OF RESPONSES		b. AWARDED TO (Check)		c. NUMBER OF PRIOR SOLICITATION
BUSINESS		LARGE		
LSA		<input type="checkbox"/> LSA <input type="checkbox"/> NOT LSA		
NOT LSA				
LARGE		SMALL		d. DATE OF PRIOR SOLICITATION
MFR		<input type="checkbox"/> LSA <input type="checkbox"/> NOT LSA		
DLR				
SMALL				
7. ITEMS TO BE PROCURED WILL BE SET ASIDE AS SHOWN BELOW (Insert item number)				
I. TOTAL SB/LSA S-A	II. TOTAL SB S-A	III. PARTIAL SB/LSA S-A	IV. PARTIAL SB S-A	V. TOTAL LSA S-A
2 OR MORE RESPONSIBLE SMALL BUSINESS FIRMS LOCATED IN A SURPLUS AREA, WITH REASONABLE PRICES.	2 OR MORE RESPONSIBLE SMALL BUSINESS FIRMS NOT QUALIFYING UNDER CATEGORY I, WITH REASONABLE PRICES	AT LEAST 1 RESPONSIBLE SMALL BUSINESS FIRM LOCATED IN A SURPLUS AREA, WITH SEVERABLE QUANTITY.	AT LEAST 1 RESPONSIBLE SMALL BUSINESS FIRM (REGARDLESS OF LOCATION) WITH SEVERABLE QUANTITY.	2 OR MORE RESPONSIBLE FIRMS LOCATED IN A LABOR SURPLUS AREA, WITH REASONABLE PRICES.
EST. \$	EST. \$	EST. \$	EST. \$	EST. \$
8. ITEMS NOT SET ASIDE (The following items should not be set aside for the reasons indicated in item 9.)				
ITEMS NOT SET ASIDE				ESTIMATED (\$)
9. REASON FOR NOT MAKING SET-ASIDE (Check appropriate item)				
A. INSUFFICIENT KNOWN SOURCES FOR TOTAL SET-ASIDE. NO REASONABLE EXPECTATION THAT OFFERS WILL BE OBTAINED FROM A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF RESPONSIBLE SB/LSA FIRMS AT REASONABLE PRICES.				
B. PARTIAL SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE NOT FEASIBLE. PROCUREMENT NOT SUITABLE FOR DIVISION INTO TWO ECONOMIC PRODUCTION RUNS OR REASONABLE LOTS.				
C. OTHER REASONS (Explain)				
NOTE: THIS DETERMINATION IS BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR LISTING OF ELIGIBLE LABOR SURPLUS AREAS FOR THE FOLLOWING PERIOD:		INCLUSIVE DATES	10. GSA REVIEW	
			a. NO GSA ACTION FEASIBLE IN THIS CASE.	
CONTRACTING OFFICER (Signature)		DATE	(Check one)	b. PROVIDED ADDITIONAL SOURCES (See reverse)
			c. SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER	DATE
CONCURRENCE BY SUPERVISORY OFFICIAL		DATE	11. SBA REVIEW	
			a. NO SBA ACTION FEASIBLE IN THIS CASE	
		DATE	(Check one)	b. PROVIDED ADDITIONAL SOURCES (See reverse)
			c. SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER	DATE

553.370-3186 GSA Form 3186, Order for Supplies or Services.

ORDER FOR SUPPLIES OR SERVICES		1. GSA USE ONLY	2. DATE OF ORDER	3. ORDER NUMBER	
4. FROM: GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION		IMPORTANT -- A copy of this order or the information specified in item 10 below MUST accompany shipment.			
ADMINISTRATION BY: <input type="checkbox"/> A. ABOVE OFFICE <input type="checkbox"/> B.		5. INSPECTION/ACCEPTANCE <input type="checkbox"/> A. DESTINATION <input type="checkbox"/> B. ORIGIN BY REGION <input type="checkbox"/> C. ACCEPTANCE BY (days after delivery)		6. MODIFICATION NO.	
9A. VENDOR WILL: <input type="checkbox"/> DELIVER <input type="checkbox"/> SHIP <input type="checkbox"/> 9B. BY <input type="checkbox"/> OR SOONER <input type="checkbox"/> SEE NOTE IN ITEM 12		7. F.O.B. <input type="checkbox"/> A. DESTINATION <input type="checkbox"/> B. ORIGIN <input type="checkbox"/> C. INSIDE DELIVERY <input type="checkbox"/> D. TAILGATE DELIVERY		8. GBL NUMBER	
10. SHIP TO/REQUIRED MARKING: (CONSIGNEE)		11. TO CONTRACTOR (Remittance address differs)			
MARK FOR <input type="checkbox"/> PROJ. <input type="checkbox"/> PRI. <input type="checkbox"/> RDD. <input type="checkbox"/> TAC:		CONTRACT NUMBER			
TRANSP. CNTRL. NO. (INCLUDE REQUISITION NUMBER(S) AS SHOWN IN ITEM 12)					
12. REQUISITION NO., ITEM/STOCK NO. AND DESCRIPTION		13. QUANTITY	14. UNIT	15. COST	
				A. UNIT PRICE	B. AMOUNT
[513.302-70(d)]					
16. DISCOUNT TERMS		17. QUANTITY VARIATION ALLOWED (+) % / (-) %		18. TOTAL(S)	
19. AFTER SHIPMENT, SUBMIT INVOICE(S) ELECTRONICALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRADING PARTNER AGREEMENT, OR MAIL TO: GSA ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BRANCH KANSAS CITY, MO 64141 FOR PAYMENT INQUIRY, CALL THE CHIEF, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BRANCH:		CONDITIONS: YOU MUST ABIDE BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS REFERENCED IN THE CONTRACT NUMBER SHOWN ABOVE IN ITEM 11.		21. SIGNATURE (CONTRACTING/PURCHASING OFFICER)	
20. FOR INFORMATION (OTHER THAN PAYMENT INQUIRIES) CALL:		22. DPAS RATING	23. MSDS REQ'D.	24. POP	25. PAGES
					OF

553.370-3186 GSA Form 3186, Order for Supplies or Services.

ORDER FOR SUPPLIES OR SERVICES		1. GSA USE ONLY	2. DATE OF ORDER	3. ORDER NUMBER
4. FROM: GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION		IMPORTANT — A copy of this order or the information specified in item 10 below MUST accompany shipment.		
ADMINISTRATION BY: <input type="checkbox"/> A. ABOVE OFFICE <input type="checkbox"/> B.		5. INSPECTION/AcCEPTANCE	6. MODIFICATION NO.	
9A. VENDOR WILL: <input type="checkbox"/> DELIVER <input type="checkbox"/> SHIP <input type="checkbox"/> OR SOONER <input type="checkbox"/> SEE NOTE IN ITEM 12		7. F.O.B. <input type="checkbox"/> A. DESTINATION <input type="checkbox"/> B. ORIGIN <input type="checkbox"/> C. INSIDE DELIVERY <input type="checkbox"/> D. TAILGATE DELIVERY	(days after delivery)	
10. SHIP TO/REQUIRED MARKING: (CONSIGNEE)		8. GBL NUMBER		
MARK FOR <input type="checkbox"/> PROJ. <input type="checkbox"/> PRI. <input type="checkbox"/> RDD. TRANSP. CNTRL NO. <input type="checkbox"/> TAC:		11. TO CONTRACTOR <input type="checkbox"/> (Remittance address differs)		
(INCLUDE REQUISITION NUMBER(S) AS SHOWN IN ITEM 12)		CONTRACT NUMBER <input type="checkbox"/>		
12. REQUISITION NO., ITEM/STOCK NO. AND DESCRIPTION		13. QUANTITY	14. UNIT	15. COST
				A. UNIT PRICE B. AMOUNT
16. DISCOUNT TERMS		17. QUANTITY VARIATION ALLOWED		18. TOTAL(S) <input type="checkbox"/>
(+) % / (-) %		CONDITIONS: YOU MUST ABIDE BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS REFERENCED IN THE CONTRACT NUMBER SHOWN ABOVE IN ITEM 11.		
19. AFTER SHIPMENT, SUBMIT INVOICE(S) ELECTRONICALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRADING PARTNER AGREEMENT, OR MAIL TO: GSA ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BRANCH KANSAS CITY, MO 64141 FOR PAYMENT INQUIRY, CALL THE CHIEF, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BRANCH:		20. FOR INFORMATION (OTHER THAN PAYMENT INQUIRIES) CALL:		21. SIGNATURE (CONTRACTING/PURCHASING OFFICER)
		22. DPAS RATING	23. MSDS REQ'D.	24. POP
				25. PAGES
				OF

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553.370-3186B GSA Form 3186B, Order for Supplies or Services (EDI).

ORDER FOR SUPPLIES OR SERVICES (EDI)		1 GSA USE ONLY	2 DATE OF ORDER	3 ORDER NUMBER
4 FROM: GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION		IMPORTANT - A copy of this order or the information specified in Item 10 below MUST accompany shipment.		
ADMINISTRATION BY <input type="checkbox"/> A ABOVE OFFICE <input type="checkbox"/> B 9A. VENDOR WILL <input type="checkbox"/> DELIVER <input type="checkbox"/> SHIP <input type="checkbox"/> OR SOONER <input type="checkbox"/> SEE NOTE IN ITEM 12 9B. BY <input type="checkbox"/> OR SOONER <input type="checkbox"/> SEE NOTE IN ITEM 12		5. INSPECTION/ACCEPTANCE <input type="checkbox"/> A DESTINATION <input type="checkbox"/> B ORIGIN BY REGION <input type="checkbox"/> C ACCEPTANCE BY <input type="checkbox"/> (days after delivery)		6 MODIFICATION NO
10 SHIP TO/REQUIRED MARKING (CONSIGNEE)		7 F.O.B. <input type="checkbox"/> A. DESTINATION <input type="checkbox"/> B. ORIGIN <input type="checkbox"/> C. INSIDE DELIVERY <input type="checkbox"/> D. TAILGATE DELIVERY		8 GBL NUMBER
MARK FOR <input type="checkbox"/> PROJ <input type="checkbox"/> PRI <input type="checkbox"/> RDD TRNSP CNTRL NO <input type="checkbox"/> TAC		11 TO CONTRACTOR <input type="checkbox"/> (Remittance address differs)		
12 REQUISITION NO., ITEM/STOCK NO. AND DESCRIPTION		13 QUANTITY	14 UNIT	15 COST A UNIT PRICE B AMOUNT
[513.302-70(d)]				
16 DISCOUNT TERMS		17 QUANTITY VARIATION ALLOWED (+) % / (-) %		18 TOTAL(s)
19 AFTER SHIPMENT, SUBMIT INVOICE(S) ELECTRONICALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRADING PARTNER AGREEMENT, OR MAIL TO: GSA ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BRANCH KANSAS CITY, MO 64141 FOR PAYMENT INQUIRY CALL THE CHIEF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BRANCH		CONDITIONS: YOU MUST ABIDE BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS REFERENCED IN THE CONTRACT NUMBER SHOWN ABOVE IN ITEM 11. 20 FOR INFORMATION (OTHER THAN PAYMENT INQUIRIES) CALL		
		21 SIGNATURE (CONTRACTING/PURCHASING OFFICER)		
		22 DPAS RATING	23 MSDS REQ'D	24 POP
				25 PAGES OF
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION NSN 7530-01-329-3615		FILE COPY (EDI)		GSA FORM 3186B (Rev 7-91)

553.370-3410 GSA Form 3410, Request for Appointment.

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

The following findings and determinations are made under the applicable laws and regulations:

1. There is a clear and convincing need to appoint a contracting officer for the following reasons (quantify where practicable and indicate proposed limits of the warrant):

[501.603-3(b)(1)(ii)]

2. The nominee contracting officer is:

3. The nominee contracting officer will occupy the following organizational position, with responsibility for the processing and execution of procurement contracts and/or modifications, sales agreements, or leases:

4. The nominee's attached Personal Qualifications Statement has been evaluated and either (check as applicable):

- The candidate's experience, and training meet the established GSA minimum qualifications for training and experience, or
- An interim request to waive experience requirements and requires scheduling of training as appropriate.

5. The nominee's knowledge of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, the GSA Acquisition Regulation, and other applicable laws, Executive Orders, and regulations affecting procurement, contracts, and/or sales agreements, as appropriate, is adequate for the appointment.

6. The nominee's business acumen, judgment, character, reputation, and ethics are found.

7. The nominee is well qualified for the appointment.

SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE	TYPED NAME AND TITLE	CONTRACTING ACTIVITY	DATE
WARRANT BOARD MEMBERS TYPED NAME AND TITLE	SIGNATURES	ACTION	DATE
		<input type="checkbox"/> CONCUR <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVE	
		<input type="checkbox"/> CONCUR <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVE	
		<input type="checkbox"/> CONCUR <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVE	
		<input type="checkbox"/> CONCUR <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVE	

CONCUR: (Recommending Official Signature)	DISAPPROVED: (Recommending Official Signature)	DATE
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GSA FORM 3410 (REV. 12-89)

553.370-3521 Blanket Purchase Agreement.**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

Blanket Purchase Agreement No.

[513.307]

Description of agreement. The Supplier agrees to furnish the supplies or services described herein, if and when ordered by the Contracting Officer or an authorized representative during the specified term of this agreement.

Description of supplies or services.

Term of agreement. This agreement will become effective upon acceptance by the Supplier and will remain in effect until

_____.

Geographic area to be served.

Extent of Obligation. The Government is obligated only to the extent of authorized purchases actually made under this agreement.

Pricing. Any purchases made pursuant to this agreement will be based on written quotations submitted in response to a Standard Form 18, Request for Quotations, or will be based on quotations obtained orally by telephone or personal contact at the time the Government's need for the item(s) or services arises. The Supplier agrees that the prices quoted to the Government will be as low or lower than those charged to the Supplier's most favored customer for comparable quantities under similar terms and conditions, in addition to any discounts for prompt payment.

Purchase limitation. The amount of any one purchase under this agreement shall not exceed \$10,000 and lower amounts may be established for specific individuals named in this agreement.

Notice of individuals authorized to purchase under the BPA and dollar limits. The following GSA employees are hereby authorized to place orders under this agreement.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dollar limit per purchase</u>
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Placing orders. No written orders will be placed against this agreement. GSA employees will place orders telephonically or in person and will identify themselves and provide the following information:

- (1) BPA number;
- (2) Purchase number;
- (3) Specific description of the supplies or services being purchased;
- (4) The unit price(s) and total price established by agreement with the Supplier; and
- (5) The time and place of delivery.

Delivery tickets. All deliveries under this agreement must be accompanied by delivery tickets or sales slips which must contain the following information as a minimum:

- (1) Name of Supplier;
- (2) BPA Number;
- (3) Date of Purchase.
- (4) Purchase number.

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- (5) Name of person placing the order;
- (6) Itemized list of supplies or services furnished.
- (7) Quantity, unit price, and extension of each item, less applicable discount (unit prices and extensions need not be shown when incompatible with the use of automated systems; provided, that the invoice is itemized to show the information).
- (8) Date of delivery or shipment.

Invoices.

Invoices shall be submitted to:

Terms and conditions. The terms and conditions included in this agreement apply to all purchases made pursuant to this agreement. In the event of an inconsistency between the provisions of this agreement and the supplier's invoice, the provisions of this agreement will take precedence.

Acknowledgment. The supplier is hereby requested to acknowledge acceptance of this agreement, including its terms, conditions, and clauses, by signing and returning a copy to:

Sincerely,

CONTRACTING OFFICER

Accepted by:

(Name)

Taxpayer Identification No. _____

(Title)

Type of business (check one)

(Date)

Corporation _____
 Partnership _____
 Sole Proprietorship _____

Please indicate the remittance address for payment in the space provided below if different than the supplier address.

553.370-3521 Blanket Purchase Agreement.**TERMS AND CONDITIONS****552.229-70 FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES (APR 1984)**

The Contract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes. No adjustment will be made to cover taxes which may subsequently be imposed on this transaction or changes in the rates of currently applicable taxes. However, the Government will, upon the request of the Contractor, furnish evidence appropriate to establish exemption from any tax from which the Government is exempt and which was not included in the contract price.

552.210-79 PACKING LIST (DEC 1989)

A packing list or other suitable shipping document shall accompany each shipment and shall indicate: (1) Name and address of consignor; (2) Name and complete address of the consignee; (3) Government order or requisition number; (4) Government bill of lading number covering the shipment (if any); and (5) Description of the material shipped, including item number, quantity, number of containers, and package number (if any).

52.232-1 PAYMENTS (APR 1984)

The Government shall pay the Contractor, upon the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract. Unless otherwise specified in this contract, payment shall be made on partial deliveries accepted by the Government if (a) The amount due on the deliveries warrants it; or (b) The Contractor requests it and the amount due on the deliveries is at least \$1,000 or 50 percent of the total contract price.

52.232-8 DISCOUNTS FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (APR 1989)

(a) Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any offered discount will form a part of the award, and will be taken if payment is made within the discount period indicated in the offer by the offeror. As an alternative to offering a prompt payment discount in conjunction with the offer, offerors awarded contracts may include prompt payment discounts on individual invoices.

(b) In connection with any discount offered for prompt 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 date on which an electronic funds transfer was made.

52.232-25 PROMPT PAYMENT (APR 1989) (Certain portions extracted for your convenience).

Prompt Payment clause 52.232-25 is incorporated in this contract by reference. The clause contains information on payment due date, invoice requirements, constructive acceptance and interest penalties. Certain portions of the clause regarding payment due date, invoice requirements, and constructive acceptance have been extracted for your convenience.

(a)(2)...The due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office shall be the later of the following two events:

- (i) The 30th day after the designated billing office has received a proper invoice from the Contractor.
- (ii) The 30th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed by the Contractor...

(a)(4)... An invoice shall be prepared and submitted to the designated billing office specified in the contract. A proper invoice must include the items listed ... in (i) through ... (viii) ... If the invoice does not comply with these requirements then the Contractor will be notified of the defect within 7 days after receipt of the invoice at the designated billing office ... Untimely notification will be taken into account in the computation of any interest penalty owed the Contractor ...

- (i) Name and address of the Contractor.
- (ii) Invoice date.
- (iii) Contract number or other authorization for supplies delivered or services performed (including order number and contract line item number).
- (iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price, and extended price of supplies delivered or services performed.
- (v) Shipping and payment terms (e.g., shipment number and date of shipment, prompt payment discount terms). Bill of lading number and weight of shipment will be shown for shipments on Government bills of lading.
- (vi) Name and address of Contractor official to whom payment is to be sent (must be the same as that in the contract or in a proper notice of assignment).
- (vii) Name (where applicable) title, phone number, and mailing address of person to be notified in event of a defective invoice.
- (viii) Any other information or documentation required by other requirements of the contract (such as evidence of shipment).

(a)(6)(i) For the sole purpose of computing an interest penalty that might be due the Contractor, Government acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred constructively on the 7th day (unless a different period is specified in block 20) after the

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Contractor delivered the supplies or performed the services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, unless there is a disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with a contract provision ...

52.222-40 SERVICE CONTRACT ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED - CONTRACT OF \$2,500 OR LESS (MAY 1989)

Except to the extent that an exception, variation, or tolerance would apply if this were a contract in excess of \$2,500, the Contractor and any subcontractor hereunder shall pay all of his employees engaged in performing work on the contract not less than the minimum wage specified under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended. Regulations and interpretations of the Services Contract Act of 1965, as amended, or contained in 29 CFR Part 4.

SERVICE CONTRACT ACT OF 1965 (Applies to service contracts when the amount exceeds \$2,500). The GSA Form 2166, Service Contract Act of 1965 (as amended) is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (JUN 1988)

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:

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) CLAUSES

Applicable to orders for supplies or services:

52.203-1	Official Not to Benefit (APR 84)
52.203-3	Gratuities (APR 84)
52.203-5	Covenant Against Contingent Fees (APR 84)
52.203-6	Restriction on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (JUN 88)
52.203-7	Anti-Kickback Procedures (OCT 88)
52.212-9	Variation in Quantity (APR 84) (In the preceding clause, the permissible variations are stated in the schedule.)
52.215-1	Examination of Records by Comptroller General (APR 84) (Applies when amount exceeds \$10,000.)
52.222-3	Convict Labor (APR 84)
52.222-26	Equal Opportunity (APR 84) (Applies when amount exceeds \$10,000.)
52.222-35	Affirmative Action for Special Disabled and Vietnam Era Veterans (APR 84) (Applies when amount exceeds \$10,000.)
52.222-36	Affirmative Action for Handicapped Workers (APR 84) (Applies when amount exceeds \$2,500.)
52.222-37	Employment Reports on Special Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (JAN 88) (Applies whenever clause 52.222-35 is included.)
52.223-6	Drug-Free Workplace (JUL 90) (Applies if agreement is awarded to an individual.)
52.225-3	Buy American Act-Supplies (JAN 89)
52.225-11	Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (APR 91)
52.232-25	Prompt Payment (APR 89)
52.233-1	Disputes (APR 84)
52.233-3	Protest After Award (AUG 89)
52.246-1	Contractor Inspection Requirements (APR 84)
52.249-8	Default (Fixed-Price Supply and Service) (APR 84)

Applicable to orders for supplies:

52.222-4	Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act-Overtime Compensation (MAR 86) (Applies when amount is between \$2,500 and \$10,000.)
52.222-20	Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act (APR 84) (Applies when amount exceeds \$10,000.)
52.243-1	Changes-Fixed Price (AUG 87)
52.249-1	Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed Price) (Short Form) (APR 84)

Applicable to orders for services:

52.222-4	Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act-Overtime Compensation (MAR 86) (Applies when amount exceeds \$2,500.)
52.243-1	Changes-Fixed Price (APR 84) - Alt. II
52.243-4	Termination for Convenience of the Government (Services) (Short Form) (APR 84)

553.370-3577 GSA Form 3577, Notice to Unsuccessful Offeror of Contract Award.

NOTICE TO UNSUCCESSFUL OFFEROR OF CONTRACT AWARD

The bid which you submitted in response to our Solicitation No. _____ will not be accepted.

The contract was awarded to the responsible bidder who submitted the lowest bid that conformed to the invitation for bid.

You may inspect the abstract of offers at the GSA Business Service Center, _____.

Thank you for your interest in our contracting program. Your firm will be solicited for future acquisitions of similar supplies/services.

CONTRACTING OFFICER

DATE

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553.370-3611 GSA Form 3611, Cover Page Source Selection Information.

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[503.104-5(b)(1)]

Source Selection Information

See FAR 3.104

This document contains source selection information related to the conduct of a Federal agency procurement, the disclosure of which is restricted by Section 27 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 423). The unauthorized disclosure of such information may subject both the discloser and recipient of the information to contractual, civil, and/or criminal penalties as provided by law.

553.370-8002A GSA Form 8002A, Motor Vehicle Requisition Status.

1 FROM General Services Administration				MOTOR VEHICLE REQUISITION STATUS			
2. DATE			3. ORDER NO.				
4 IFB/SFO			4B. LINE ITEM NO.		4C. STD. ITEM NO.		
5. DESCRIPTION ▶							
6. COLOR			7. STANDARD OPTIONS				
8. AGENCY		9. DATE REC'D.	10. AB CODE	17. REQUISITIONING OFFICE			
11. AGENCY ORDER NO.							
12. REQUISITION NO.			13. SUP. ADDR.	14. SIG.	15. FUND.		
16. COST							
A. QUANT.	B. UNIT	C. UNIT PRICE		D. TOTAL			
18. CONSIGNEE (DELIVERY ADDRESS)				19. CONSIGNEE (MAILING ADDRESS)			
[513.302-70(d)]							
MESSAGE							

553.370-8002B GSA Form 8002B, Motor Vehicle Delivery Order.

MOTOR VEHICLE DELIVERY ORDER <i>(INCOMPLETE)</i>				1. DATE OF ORDER	2. ORDER NO.	
3. FROM: General Services Administration				4. CONTRACTOR		
5A. CONTRACT NO.	5B. AWARD DATE	6A. CONT. MODE	6B. EFFECTIVE DATE	7A. TIME FOR: <input type="checkbox"/> DELIVERY <input type="checkbox"/> SHIPMENT	7B. DATE	
8. DELIVERY <input type="checkbox"/> A. FOB ORIGIN <input type="checkbox"/> B. FOB DESTINATION <input type="checkbox"/> C. FAS VESSEL (Port ▶)						
9. INSPECTION			10. ORIGIN / ASSEMBLY POINT		11. DISCOUNT TERMS	
A. SOURCE BY ZONE <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> B. DESTINATION					A. AMOUNT \$	
					B. DAYS	
12A. <input type="checkbox"/> If box checked, GSA shall furnish shipping instructions and Government Bill of Lading upon receipt of GSA Form 1611, Export Traffic Release, at the address shown in item 12B.				12B. GSA		
13. CONSIGNEE (DELIVERY ADDRESS)				14. CONSIGNEE (MAILING ADDRESS)		
				[513.302-70(d)]		
15. REQUISITIONING AGENCY INFORMATION				16. REQUISITIONING OFFICE		
A. AGENCY		B. DATE RECEIVED	C. AB CODE			
D. AGENCY ORDER NO.						
E. FED./MIL. STRIP DATA						
REQUISITION NO.		SUPP. ADDRESS	SIG	FUND		
F. COST				17A. IFB / SFO	17B. LINE ITEM NO.	17C. STD ITEM NO.
QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL			
		\$	\$			
This delivery order is issued pursuant to the above cited contract, whose terms and conditions apply.						
18. DESCRIPTION ▶						
19. COLOR			20. STANDARD OPTIONS			
21. CONTRACTOR'S REMITTANCE				22. MAIL INVOICE TO:		
23. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTING OFFICER				24. TELEPHONE NO.		

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SUBCHAPTER I—SPECIAL CONTRACTING PROGRAMS

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PART 570—ACQUIRING LEASEHOLD INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY

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PART 570—ACQUIRING LEASEHOLD INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY**Subpart 570.1—General****570.101 Applicability.**

(a) This part applies to acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property except:

(1) Leasehold interests acquired by the power of eminent domain or by donation.

(2) Acquisition of leasehold interests in bare or unimproved land.

(b) In addition, the GSAR rules in the table below apply. Other provisions of 48 CFR Chapter 5 (GSAR) do not apply to leases of real property unless specifically cross-referenced in this [Part 570](#).

501	514.201-7(b)	517.207	533
502	514.407	519.7	536.271
503	515.204-1	519.12	537.2
504.5	515.209-70	522.8	552
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(c) The following GSAM provisions apply to acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property. These are in addition to the GSAR requirements identified in [570.101\(b\)](#).

501	507	522.14	532.8
503	519.3	523.4	532.9
504.2	519.6	530	532.11
504.9	519.7	532.1	533
505	519.12	532.4	537.2
506	522.13	532.6	

570.102 Definitions.

“Acquisition” means the acquiring by lease of an interest in improved real property for use by the Federal Government, whether the space already exists or must be constructed.

“Contract” means lease.

“Contractor” means lessor.

“Landlord” or “lessor” means any individual, firm, partnership, trust, association, State or local government, or other legal entity that leases real property to the Government.

“Lease” or “leasehold interest in real property” means a conveyance to the Government of the right of exclusive possession of real property for a definite period of time by a land-

lord. It may include operational services provided by the landlord.

“Lessee” or “tenant” means the United States of America.

“Operational services” means services that support use of a leased property, such as heating, ventilation, air conditioning, utilities, and custodial services.

“Rent and related services” means the consideration paid for the use of leased property plus the costs of operational services whether furnished by the lessor, the Government, or both.

“Simplified lease acquisition procedures” mean the procedures for awarding leases at or below the simplified lease acquisition threshold.

“Simplified lease acquisition threshold” means \$100,000 average annual rent for the term of the lease, including option periods and excluding the cost of operational services.

“Small business” means a concern including affiliates, which is organized for profit, is independently-owned and operated, is not dominant in the field of leasing commercial real estate, and has annual average gross receipts of \$15 million or less for the preceding three fiscal years.

“Solicitation for Offers (SFO)” means invitation for bids in sealed bidding or request for proposals in negotiations.

“Space in buildings” means the premises leased, or to be leased, including improvements. Its quantity is normally expressed in square feet. It does not include space acquired by the power of eminent domain, donation, or condemnation, nor acquisitions of bare or unimproved land.

“Substantially as follows” or “substantially the same as,” when used in prescribing a provision or clause, means that you may prepare and use a variation of that provision or clause to accommodate requirements peculiar to an individual acquisition. The variation must include the salient features of the FAR or GSAR provision or clause. It must also be consistent with the intent, principle, and substance of the FAR or GSAR provision or clause and related coverage on the subject matter.

570.103 Authority to lease.

(a) The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 490(h)(1)), as amended, and Section 1 of the Reorganization Plan No. 18 of 1950 (40 U.S.C. 490 Note) authorize the Administrator of General Services to acquire leasehold interests in real property for use by Federal agencies. The authority is limited to leases for buildings and improvements that bind the Government for periods not exceeding 20 years.

(b) You have exclusive authority to enter into and administer leases on the Government’s behalf to the extent provided in your certificate of appointment as a contracting officer.

570.104 Competition.

Unless you use the simplified procedures in [Subpart 570.2](#), the competition requirements of FAR Part 6 apply to acquisition of leasehold interests in real property.

570.105 Methods of contracting.**570.105-1 Contracting by negotiation.**

Contracting by negotiation is usually appropriate for acquiring space in a building through a lease contract. You will usually need to conduct discussions with offerors about their proposals and consider factors other than price in making the award.

570.105-2 Two-phase design-build selection procedures.

Unless you use another acquisition procedure authorized by law, you must use the two-phase design-build selection procedures in section 303M of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, for lease construction projects. This includes lease construction projects with options to purchase the real property leased. Use the procedures in section 303M when you meet the conditions in (a) and (b) below:

(a) You anticipate the lease will involve the design and construction of a public building, facility, or work for lease to the Government.

(b) You determine the procedures are appropriate for entering into a lease construction contract based on the following:

(1) You expect to receive three or more offers.

(2) Offerors will need to perform design work before developing a price.

(3) Offerors will incur a substantial amount of expense in preparing offers.

(4) You consider criteria such as the following:

(i) The extent to which the project requirements have been adequately defined.

(ii) The time constraints for delivery of the project.

(iii) The capability and experience of potential contractors.

(iv) The suitability of the project for use of the two-phase selection procedures.

(v) The capability of the agency to manage the two-phase selection process.

(vi) Other criteria established by the HCA.

570.105-3 Sealed bidding.

For sealed bidding, use the procedures in FAR Part 14. In most cases you should not use sealed bidding to acquire space in buildings unless you meet all the following conditions:

(a) You have a preselected site.

(b) A building will be constructed on the site using Government furnished plans and specifications.

(c) The Government will lease the building.

570.106 Publicizing/Advertising.

(a) Subparts [505.101](#), [505.202](#), and [505.203](#) define requirements for publicizing lease actions.

(b) Instead of issuing separate advertisements for multiple, known leasing actions, you may include the actions in one consolidated advertisement.

570.107 Oral presentations.

You may use oral presentations for acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property. Follow the procedures in FAR 15.102.

570.108 Responsibility determination.

(a) Determine that the prospective awardee is responsible with respect to the lease under consideration. The standards in FAR 9.104 apply. As part of the determination that a prospective contractor is otherwise qualified and eligible for award, review the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

(b) Your signature on the contract is deemed an affirmative determination.

(c) If you find an offeror nonresponsible, sign and place in the contract file a determination of nonresponsibility. State the basis for the determination.

(d) If you find a small business concern nonresponsible, the procedures at FAR 19.6 apply. Place all documents and reports supporting a determination of responsibility or nonresponsibility in the lease file.

570.109 Certifications.

Before awarding a lease, review applicable certifications for compliance with statute and regulations.

570.110 Cost or pricing data and information other than cost or pricing data.

(a) The policies and procedures of FAR 15.403 apply to lease contract actions.

(b) FAR 15.403-1 defines exceptions to and waivers for submitting cost or pricing data. Most leasing actions will have adequate price competition. For price analysis, you may use a market survey or an appraisal conducted using accepted real property appraisal procedures to establish a market price for comparison.

(c) In exceptional cases, the requirement for submission of certified cost or pricing data may be waived under FAR 15.403-1(c)(4).

(d) If cost or pricing data are required, follow the procedures in FAR 15.403-4 and 15.406-2.

570.111 Inspection and acceptance.

Before you accept space, obtain an inspection to ensure that the space complies with the Government's requirements

and specifications. Document the inspection and acceptance in the contract file.

570.112 Awards to Federal employees.

If you receive an offer from an officer or employee of the Government, follow the procedures in FAR 3.6.

570.113 Disclosure of mistakes after award.

If you discover a mistake in a lessor's offer after award, follow the procedures in FAR 14.407-4 and Subpart 514.407-4.

570.114 Protests.

FAR 33.1 and [533.1](#) apply to protests of lease acquisitions.

Subpart 570.2—Simplified Lease Acquisition Procedures

570.201 Purpose.

This subpart prescribes simplified procedures for small leases. These procedures reduce administrative costs, while improving efficiency and economy, when acquiring small leasehold interests in real property.

570.202 Policy.

Use simplified lease acquisition procedures to the maximum extent practicable for actions at or below the simplified lease acquisition threshold.

570.203 Procedures.

570.203-1 Market survey.

Conduct a market survey to identify potential sources. Use information available in GSA or from other sources to identify locations that will meet the Government's requirements.

570.203-2 Competition.

(a) Solicit at least three sources to promote competition to the maximum extent practicable. If you have repeated requirements for space in the same market, and if practicable, invite two sources not included in the most recent solicitation to submit offers.

(b) If you solicit only one source, document the file to explain the lack of competition.

570.203-3 Soliciting offers.

(a) Solicit offers by providing each prospective offeror a proposed short form lease or SFO. The short form lease or SFO must provide all the following information:

- (1) A description of the Government's requirements.
- (2) All award factors, including price or cost, and any significant subfactors you will consider in awarding the lease.

(3) A statement of the relative importance of the evaluation factors and subfactors.

(4) A statement of whether all evaluation factors other than cost or price, when combined, are either:

- (i) Significantly more important than cost or price.
- (ii) Approximately equal in importance to cost or price.

(iii) Significantly less important than cost or price.

(5) Either in full text or by reference, applicable FAR provisions and contract clauses required by [570.6](#).

(b) As necessary, review with prospective offerors the Government's requirements, pricing matters, evaluation procedures and submission of offers.

570.203-4 Negotiation, evaluation, and award.

(a) If you need to conduct negotiations, use the procedures in [570.307](#).

(b) Evaluate offers in accordance with the solicitation. Evaluate prices and document the lease file to demonstrate whether the proposed contract prices are fair and reasonable.

(c) If the total price, including options, exceeds \$500,000, consider whether you need cost and pricing data to determine that the price is fair and reasonable. In most cases the exceptions at FAR 15.403-1 will apply.

(d) If the total contract value of the lease, including options, will exceed \$500,000, the proposed awardee must provide an acceptable small business subcontracting plan. This requirement does not apply if the proposed awardee is a small business concern.

(e) Make award to the responsible offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the Government considering price and other factors included in the solicitation.

Subpart 570.3—Contracting Procedures for Leasehold Interests in Real Property

570.301 Market survey.

Conduct a market survey to identify potential sources. Use information available in GSA or from other sources to identify locations capable of meeting the Government's requirements.

570.302 Description of requirements.

(a) The description of requirements depends on the nature of the space the agency needs and the market available to satisfy that need.

(b) The description of requirements must include all the following:

- (1) A statement of the purpose of the lease.
- (2) Functional, performance, or physical requirements.
- (3) Any special requirements.
- (4) The delivery schedule.

(c) The description must promote full and open competition. Include restrictive provisions or conditions only to the extent necessary to satisfy the agency's needs or as authorized by law.

570.303 Solicitation for offers.

570.303-1 Preparing the SFO.

The SFO forms the basis for the lease negotiation process and becomes part of the lease. Document each SFO in writing or electronically. Include the information necessary to enable prospective offerors to prepare proposals. Each SFO, at a minimum, must provide all the following:

- (a) Describe the Government's requirements.
- (b) State the method the Government will use to measure space.
- (c) Explain how to structure offers.
- (d) Specify a date, time, and place for submission of offers.
- (e) Explain how the Government will evaluate offers.
- (f) Describe the source selection procedures the Government will use.
- (g) Include a statement outlining the information the Government may disclose in debriefings.
- (h) Include appropriate forms prescribed in [570.7](#).

570.303-2 Issuing the SFO.

Release the SFO to all prospective offerors at the same time.

570.303-3 Late offers, modifications of offers, and withdrawals of offers.

Follow the procedures in FAR 15.208.

570.303-4 Changes to SFOs.

(a) If the Government's requirements change, either before or after receipt of proposals, issue an amendment. Document the amendment using the same method as for the SFO, written or electronic.

(b) If time is critical, you may provide information on SFO amendments orally.

- (1) Make a record of the information provided.
- (2) Provide, or attempt to provide, the notice to all offerors or prospective offerors on the same day.
- (3) Promptly confirm the information provided orally in a written amendment.
- (c) Distribute an amendment as follows:
 - (1) If before the proposal due date, send the amendment to all prospective offerors who were sent a copy of the SFO.
 - (2) If after proposal receipt, send the amendment to each offeror who submitted a proposal.
- (d) If an amendment is so substantial that it requires a complete revision of the SFO, cancel the SFO and issue a new one.

570.304 General source selection procedures.

(a) These procedures apply to acquisitions of leasehold interests except if you use either:

- (1) Simplified lease acquisition procedures authorized by [570.2](#).
- (2) Two-phase design-build selection procedures authorized by [570.105-2](#).

(b) The contracting officer is designated as the source selection official unless the HCA appoints another individual for a particular leasing action or group of leasing actions.

(c) You must include price or cost to the Government and past performance as evaluation factors in every case.

- (d) The SFO must comply with FAR 15.304 and either:
 - (1) FAR 15.101-1 if you will use the tradeoff process.
 - (2) FAR 15.101-2 if you will use the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process.

570.305 Two-phase design-build selection procedures.

(a) These procedures apply to acquisitions of leasehold interests if you use the two-phase design-build selection procedures authorized by [570.105-2](#).

- (b) The SFO must include all the following information:
 - (1) The Scope of Work.
 - (2) The evaluation factors and subfactors to be used in evaluating phase-one proposals and their relative importance.
 - (3) The maximum number of offerors to be selected to submit competitive proposals in phase-two.
 - (4) The evaluation factors, including cost or price, and subfactors to be used in evaluating phase-two proposals and selecting the successful offeror, and their relative importance.

(c) The following procedures apply to phase-one evaluation factors:

- (1) Phase one factors include:
 - (i) Specialized experience and technical competence.
 - (ii) Capability to perform.
 - (iii) Past performance of the offeror's team (including architect-engineer and construction members of the team).
 - (iv) Other appropriate factors, such as site or location.
- (2) Do not require offerors to submit detailed design information or cost or price information in phase one. Do not use cost related or price related evaluation factors.

(d) Set the maximum number of offerors to be selected for phase-two to not exceed five (5) unless you determine that a number greater than five is both:

- (1) In the government's interest.
- (2) Consistent with the purpose and objectives of the two-phase selection process.

(e) In phase-two, require detailed technical and price proposals. Evaluate the proposals using the procedures in [570.306](#).

570.306 Evaluating offers.

(a) You must evaluate offers solely in accordance with the factors and subfactors stated in the SFO.

(b) Evaluate prices and document the lease file to demonstrate that the proposed contract price is fair and reasonable.

(c) Evaluate past performance in accordance with FAR 15.305(a)(2).

(d) Document the evaluation of award factors other than price listed in the solicitation. The file must include the basis for evaluation, an analysis of each offer, and a summary of findings.

570.307 Negotiations.

(a) Follow the procedures in FAR 15.306 and 15.307 for exchanges (including clarifications, communications, negotiations, discussions, and revisions).

(b) Place a written record of all exchanges in the lease file.

(c) Provide prompt written notice to any offeror excluded from the competitive range or otherwise eliminated from the competition in accordance with FAR 15.503(a).

570.308 Award.

(a) Make award to the responsible offeror whose proposal represents the best value after evaluation in accordance with the factors and subfactors in the SFO.

(b) Make award in writing and in the timeframe specified in the SFO.

(1) If you cannot make an award in that time, request in writing from each offeror an extension of the acceptance period through a specific date.

(2) If time is critical, you may request the extensions orally. You must make a record of the request and confirm it promptly in writing.

(c) Notify unsuccessful offerors in writing or electronically in accordance with FAR 15.501 and 15.503(b).

(d) The source selection authority may reject all proposals received in response to an SFO, if doing so is in the best interest of the Government.

570.309 Debriefings.

The procedures of FAR 15.505 and 15.506 apply to leasing actions.

Subpart 570.4—Special Aspects of Contracting for Continued Space Requirements

570.401 Renewal options.

(a) *Exercise of options.* Before exercising an option to renew, follow the procedures in [517.202](#) and [517.207](#). The contract must first provide the right to renew the lease.

(b) *Market survey.* Before exercising an option to renew a lease, review current market information to ensure the rental rate in the option is fair and reasonable.

570.402 Succeeding leases.**570.402-1 General.**

(a) If a succeeding lease for the continued occupancy of space in a building does not exceed the simplified lease acquisition threshold, you may use the simplified procedures in [570.2](#). Explain the absence of competition in the contract file.

(b) If a succeeding lease will exceed the simplified lease acquisition threshold, you may enter into the lease under either of the following conditions:

(1) You do not identify any potential acceptable locations.

(2) You identify potential acceptable locations, but a cost-benefit analysis indicates that award to an offeror other than the present lessor will result in substantial relocation costs or duplication of costs to the Government, and the Government cannot expect to recover such costs through competition.

570.402-2 Publicizing/Advertising.

Publish a notice if required by [505.101\(c\)](#). The notice should:

(a) Indicate the Government's lease is expiring.

(b) Describe the requirement in terms of type and quantity of space.

(c) Indicate the Government is interested in considering alternative space if economically advantageous.

(d) Advise prospective offerors that the Government will consider the cost of moving, alterations, etc., when deciding whether it should relocate.

(e) Provide a contact person for those interested in providing space to the Government.

570.402-3 Market survey.

Conduct a market survey following [570.301](#).

570.402-4 No potential acceptable locations.

If you do not identify any potential acceptable locations through the advertisement or the market survey, you may prepare a justification to negotiate directly with the present lessor. Fully document the efforts to locate alternative sources. Prepare the justification and obtain approval following FAR 6.3 and [506.3](#).

570.402-5 Potential acceptable locations.

If you identify potential acceptable locations through the advertisement or market survey, conduct a cost-benefit analysis following the procedures [570.402-6](#). Based on the results

of the cost-benefit analysis, take appropriate action as follows:

(a) If the cost-benefit analysis indicates that the Government will recover relocation costs and duplication of costs through competition, develop an SFO and negotiate with all interested parties following [570.3](#).

(b) If the cost-benefit analysis indicates that the Government cannot expect to recover relocation costs and duplication of costs through competition, prepare a justification for approval in accordance with FAR 6.3 and [506.3](#). Explain both:

- (1) How you performed the cost-benefit analysis.
- (2) That the cost-benefit analysis indicates that award to any other offeror will likely result in substantial costs to the Government that the Government cannot expect to recover through competition.

570.402-6 Cost-benefit analysis.

(a) The cost-benefit analysis must consider all the following:

- (1) The prices of other potentially available properties.
- (2) Relocation costs, including estimated costs for moving, telecommunications, and alterations, amortized over the firm term of the lease.
- (3) Duplication of costs to the Government.
- (4) Other appropriate considerations.

(b) Establish the prices for other potentially available properties by requesting each prospective offeror to provide an informational quotation for standard space for comparison purposes.

- (1) Adjust the prices quoted for standard space for any special requirements.
- (2) You do not need a formal SFO to obtain the informational quotation. However, you must provide a general description of the Government's needs.
- (3) If you obtain oral quotations, document the following information, as a minimum:
 - (i) Name and address of the firm solicited.
 - (ii) Name of the firm's representative providing the quote.
 - (iii) Price(s) quoted.
 - (iv) Description of the space and services for which the quote is provided.
 - (v) Name of the Government employee soliciting the quotation.
 - (vi) Date of the conversation.
- (4) Compare the informational quotations to the present lessor's price, adjusted to reflect the anticipated price for a succeeding lease.

570.403 Expansion requests.

(a) If the expansion space is in the general scope of the lease, you may acquire the space through a modification without further justification under FAR 6.3.

(b) If the expansion space needed is outside the general scope of the lease, determine whether it is more prudent to provide the expansion space by supplemental agreement to the existing lease or to satisfy the requirement by competitive means.

- (1) Conduct a market survey to determine the availability of suitable alternative locations.
- (2) If you identify alternate locations that can satisfy the total requirement, perform a cost-benefit analysis to determine whether it is in the Government's best interest to relocate. Consider, as appropriate:
 - (i) The cost of the alternate space compared to the cost of expanding at the existing location.
 - (ii) The cost of moving.
 - (iii) The cost of duplicating existing improvements.
 - (iv) The cost of the unexpired portion of the firm lease term. If a termination is possible, use the actual cost of such an action.

(c) If you determine not to use competitive procedures and the expansion space is outside the general scope of the lease:

- (1) If the estimated value of the acquisition does not exceed the simplified lease acquisition threshold, document the file as required by [570.203-2\(b\)](#).
- (2) If the estimated value of the acquisition exceeds the simplified lease acquisition threshold, prepare a justification for approval under FAR 6.3 and [506.3](#).

570.404 Superseding leases.

(a) Consider executing a superseding lease to replace an existing lease when the Government needs numerous or detailed modifications to the space that would cause complications or substantially change the present lease.

(b) If the value of the superseding lease exceeds the simplified lease acquisition threshold, the justification and approval requirements in FAR 6.3 and [506.3](#) apply. If the cost does not exceed the simplified lease acquisition threshold, you may use the simplified procedures in [570.2](#) and explain the absence of competition in the file.

570.405 Lease extensions.

(a) This subsection applies to extension of the term of a lease to provide for continued occupancy on a short term basis.

(b) If the value of a lease extension will exceed the simplified lease acquisition threshold, the justification and approval requirements in FAR 6.3 and [506.3](#) apply. For extensions that will not exceed the simplified lease acquisition threshold, you

may use the simplified procedures in [570.2](#) and explain the absence of competition in the file.

(c) FAR 6.302-1 permits contracting without providing for full and open competition when the property or services needed by the agency are available from only one responsible source and no other type of property or services will satisfy the needs of the agency. This authority may apply to lease extensions in situations such as the following:

(1) The agency occupying the leased space is scheduled to move into other Federally controlled space, but encounters unexpected delays in preparing the new space for occupancy.

(2) The Government encounters unexpected delays outside of its control in acquiring replacement space.

(3) The Government is consolidating various agencies occupying the leased space and you need to extend the terms of some leases to establish a common expiration date.

Subpart 570.5—Special Aspects of Contracting for Lease Alterations

570.501 General.

(a) Acquire alterations through a modification to an existing lease if you meet all the following conditions:

(1) The alterations fall in the general scope of the lease. Consider whether the work can be regarded as fairly and reasonably an inseparable part of the lease requirement originally contracted for.

(2) The lessor is willing to perform the proposed alterations at a fair and reasonable price.

(3) It is in the Government's interest to acquire the alterations from the lessor.

(b) If proposed alterations are outside the general scope of the existing lease, decide whether to acquire the alterations through either:

(1) A supplemental lease agreement, justified and approved under [570.502-1](#).

(2) Government performance or a separate contract. The lease must first provide the Government with the right to perform alterations to the leased space.

570.502 Alterations by the lessor.

These procedures apply to alterations you acquire directly from a lessor by modification or supplement lease agreement.

570.502-1 Justification and approval requirements.

If the proposed alterations are outside the general scope of the lease and you plan to acquire them from the lessor without competition, the following justification and approval requirements apply:

(a) If the alteration project will exceed the simplified lease acquisition threshold, the justification and approval requirements in FAR 6.3 and [506.3](#) apply.

(b) If the alteration project will exceed \$2,500, but not the simplified lease acquisition threshold, you may use simplified acquisition procedures and explain the absence of competition in the file.

(c) If the alteration project will not exceed \$2,500, no justification and approval is required.

570.502-2 Procedures.

(a) *Scope of work.* Prepare a scope of work for each alteration project.

(b) *Independent Government estimate.* Obtain an independent Government estimate for each alteration project, including changes to existing alteration agreements with the lessor.

(c) *Request for proposal.*

(1) Provide the scope of work to the lessor, including any plans and specifications, and request a proposal. Indicate in the request for proposal if the Government will make progress payments and provide for retainage, when appropriate.

(2) Request sufficient cost or price information to permit a price analysis.

(d) *Audits.* If you require cost or pricing data and the alteration project will exceed \$500,000, request an audit.

(e) *Proposal evaluation.*

(1) Determine if the proposal meets the Government's requirements.

(2) Analyze price or cost. At a minimum, compare the proposed cost to the independent estimate and, if applicable, any audit received.

(3) Analyze profit following FAR 15.404-4.

(4) Document your analysis under this paragraph and the resulting negotiation objectives.

(f) *Price negotiations.*

(1) Exercise sound judgment. You may make reasonable compromises as necessary.

(2) The negotiated price should provide the lessor with the greatest incentive for efficient and economical performance.

(3) Document negotiations in the contract file.

(g) *Award.* Use GSA Form 276, Supplemental Lease Agreement. If the modification does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, you may use GSA Form 300, Order for Supplies or Services. Reference the lease on the form.

(h) *Inspection and payment.* Do not make final payment for alterations until the work is:

(1) Inspected by a qualified Government employee or independent Government contractor.

(2) Confirmed as completed in a satisfactory manner.

570.503 Alterations by the Government or through a separate contract.

(a) If the Government chooses to exercise its right to make the alterations rather than contracting directly with the lessor, the Government may either:

(1) Have Federal employees perform the work.

(2) Contract out the work using standard contracting procedures that apply to a construction contract performed on Federal property.

(b) If the Government decides to contract for the work, invite the lessor, as well as all other prospective contractors, to submit an offer for the project.

Subpart 570.6—Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses**570.601 FAR provisions and clauses.**

Include provisions or clauses substantially the same as the FAR provisions and clauses listed below.

If...	Then include...
(a) the estimated value of the acquisition exceeds \$2,500	52.204-3 Taxpayer Identification 52.219-1 Small Business Program Representations 52.222-36 Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities 52.232-23 Assignment of Claims 52.233-1 Disputes
(b) the estimated value of the acquisition exceeds \$10,000	52.222-21 Prohibition of Segregated Facilities 52.222-22 Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports 52.222-25 Affirmative Action Compliance 52.222-26 Equal Opportunity 52.222-35 Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era 52.222-37 Employment Reports on Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era
(c) the estimated value of the acquisition exceeds \$25,000	52.209-6 Protecting the Government's Interest when Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment
(d) the estimated value of the acquisition exceeds \$100,000	52.203-11 Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions
(e) the estimated value of the acquisition exceeds the simplified lease acquisition threshold.	52.203-2 Certificate of Independent Price Determination 52.203-7 Anti-Kickback Procedures 52.209-5 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters 52.215-2 Audit and Records—Negotiation 52.219-8 Utilization of Small Business Concerns 52.223-6 Drug-Free Workplace 52.233-2 Service of Protest
(f) the estimated value of the acquisition exceeds \$500,000	52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan 52.219-16 Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan
(g) the estimated value of the acquisition exceeds \$500,000 and the acquisition includes an evaluation factor that considers the extent of participation of small disadvantaged business concerns in accordance with FAR 19.12.	52.219-24 Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Targets 52.219-25 Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Disadvantaged Status and Reporting
(h) the estimated value of the acquisition exceeds \$10 million	52.222-24 Preaward On-site Equal Opportunity Compliance Review

If...	Then include...
(i) you require cost or pricing data for work or services exceeding \$500,000	52.215-10 Price Reduction for Defective Cost or Pricing Data 52.215-12 Subcontractor Cost or Pricing Data
(j) you authorize submission of facsimile proposals	52.215-5 Facsimile Proposals
(k) a negotiated acquisition provides monetary incentives based on actual achievement of small disadvantaged business subcontracting targets under FAR 19.1203 and 519.1203 .	52.219-26 Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Incentive Subcontracting

570.602 GSAR solicitation provisions.

Each SFO must include provisions substantially the same as the following, unless you determine that the provision is not appropriate:

[552.270-1](#) Instructions to Offerors—Acquisition of Leasehold Interests in Real Property. Use Alternate I if you decide that it is advantageous to the Government to allow offers to be submitted up to the exact time specified for award. Use

Alternate II if the Government intends to award without discussions. These two alternates are not exclusive.

[552.270-2](#) Historic Preference.

[552.270-3](#) Parties to Execute Lease.

570.603 GSAR contract clauses.

Insert clauses substantially the same as the following in solicitations and contracts for leasehold interests in real property that exceed the simplified lease acquisition threshold, unless you determine that a clause is not appropriate. You do not require a deviation under [570.604](#) to determine that a clause in this section is not appropriate. Use the clauses at your discretion in actions at or below the simplified lease acquisition threshold.

[552.270-4](#) Definitions. You must use this clause if you use [552.270-28](#).

[552.270-5](#) Subletting and Assignment.

[552.270-6](#) Maintenance of Building and Premises—Right of Entry.

[552.270-7](#) Fire and Casualty Damage.

[552.270-8](#) Compliance with Applicable Law.

[552.270-9](#) Inspection—Right of Entry.

[552.270-10](#) Failure in Performance.

[552.270-11](#) Successors Bound.

[552.270-12](#) Alterations.

[552.270-13](#) Proposals for Adjustment.

[552.270-14](#) Changes.

[552.270-15](#) Liquidated Damages. Insert this clause in solicitations and contracts if you have a critical requirement to meet the delivery date and you cannot establish an actual cost for the loss to the Government resulting from late delivery.

[552.270-16](#) Adjustment for Vacant Premises.

[552.270-17](#) Delivery and Condition.

[552.270-18](#) Default in Delivery—Time Extensions.

[552.270-19](#) Progressive Occupancy.

[552.270-20](#) Payment.

[552.270-21](#) Effect of Acceptance and Occupancy.

[552.270-22](#) Default by Lessor During the Term.

[552.270-23](#) Subordination, Nondisturbance and Attornment

[552.270-24](#) Statement of Lease.

[552.270-25](#) Substitution of Tenant Agency.

[552.270-26](#) No Waiver.

[552.270-27](#) Integrated Agreement.

[552.270-28](#) Mutuality of Obligation.

[552.270-29](#) Acceptance of Space.

570.604 Deviations to provisions and clauses.

(a) You need a deviation approved under [501.4](#) to omit any required provision or clause.

(b) You also need an approved deviation to modify the language of a provision or clause mandated by statute (e.g., GSAR [552.203-5](#), Covenant Against Contingent Fees, FAR 52.215-2, Audit and Records—Negotiation). The authorizing statute must allow for a waiver.

(c) Certain clauses required by non-GSA regulations require approval of the issuing agency before you can delete or modify them. For example, 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity; 52.222-35, Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era; and 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities, require the approval of the Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs before they can be deleted from or modified in the SFO or lease.

Subpart 570.7—Forms

570.701 Standard forms.

Use Standard Form 2, U.S. Government Lease for Real Property, to award leases unless you use GSA Form 3626 (see [570.702](#)). Delete the reference to the Standard Form 2-A in paragraph 7.

570.702 GSA forms.

(a) You may use GSA Form 3626, U.S. Government Lease for Real Property (Short Form), to award leases if you use the simplified leasing procedures in [570.2](#) or if you determine it advantageous to use.

(b) You may use GSA Form 276, Supplemental Lease Agreement, for actions requiring the agreement of both par-

ties. This includes actions such as amending an existing lease to acquire additional space, obtaining partial release of space, revising the terms of a lease, settling restoration claims, and acquiring alterations.

(c) You may use GSA Form 1364, Proposal To Lease Space, to obtain offers from prospective offerors.