

**Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**  
**Request for Quote (RFQ)**  
**For**  
**Bruker Workstation and SCiLS License Subscription**  
06/22/2024

## 1. Background

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Matrix assisted laser desorption ionization imaging mass spectrometry (MALDI IMS) is a label free, ever-evolving technology which produces 2D ion density maps representing the distribution of an analyte(s) across a tissue section in relation to tissue histopathology. Although MALDI IMS was initially developed to spatially profile proteins and peptides, the variety of detectable analytes has greatly increased and includes lipids, n-linked glycans and small molecule drugs. Within the Division of Systems Biology (DSB) there is a MALDI IMS lab in which tissue sections from a fresh frozen organ can be analyzed for a variety of analytes. DSB offers this technology FDA wide for research groups which can help aid in toxicity studies, developmental studies etc.

Currently the mass spectrometer utilized in the imaging lab is a Bruker scimaX FT mass spectrometer ideal for high resolution imaging runs, and the current workstation computer operating with the instrument is insufficient for storing the large data files generated by the instrument, so a new workstation will be purchased and installed. Also, SCiLS software is the currently used software for analysis of the data generated by the instrument, but the current software license has expired and needs renewing. An updated version of the software is needed for the license renewal.

## 2. Objectives

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR), Division of Systems Biology (DSB) has a requirement for purchase, delivery, and installation a new workstation computer for the current Bruker 7T scimaX mass spectrometer. Additionally, a renewal of SCiLS software license and installation of the current version is required (v 12.01.16059) for data MALDI data analysis.

This RFQ is for a brand name or equal solution. Supplies need to meet the technical requirements/salient characteristics listed below to be deemed technically acceptable. Unless a quoter clearly indicates in its quote that the products being quoted are "Equal" products, the quoter shall provide the brand name products referenced herein.

## 3. Requirements

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### 3.1 Workstation

Salient physical, functional, or performance characteristics that brand or "equal" products for the high performance MALDI-imaging and analysis of large metabolomic datasets workstation shall meet are as follows:

- Shall be compatible with Bruker 7T scimaX mass spectrometer;
- Shall be capable "out-of-the-box" of processing MALDI imaging and performing analysis of large metabolomic datasets;
- Shall be a Z6 *or equal* workstation, configured with a Xeon W3225 8-core *or equal* processor;

- Shall include Windows 10 64-bit *or equal* operating system, configured to include 128GB RAM, 1 TB M.2 SDD, 6 TB HDD, and Long-Term Servicing Channel (LTSC) support;
- Shall integrate seamlessly with existing Bruker FTMS control software, version 2.3 or later;
- Shall integrate seamlessly with existing Bruker FlexImaging software, version 5.0 or later.

### 3.2 Software

Salient physical, functional, or performance characteristics that brand or "equal" products shall meet for Bruker SCiLS MALDI data analysis software are as follows:

- Shall be capable “out-of-the-box” of importing MALDI imaging data from FlexImaging software (.mis files);
- Shall be capable of normalizing image data based on total ion current, root mean square, select peak area, or select peak maximum;
- Shall denoise data images;
- Shall import optical images to overlay with MALDI images;
- Shall visualize peak intensities for analysis via heatmaps and box plots;
- Shall include tools for statistical analyses including ROC analysis, components analysis, quantitation, and finding values colocalized to regions/features;
- Shall include feature-finding tool for compiling lists of peak features from datasets;
- Shall seamlessly integrate with Excel and GraphPad Prism to export feature lists (.csv files) for analysis.

### 3.3 Constraints

- The quoted products for the workstation computer and software items shall be approved by the relevant FDA IT requirements and be listed on the FDA Approved Technologies list (i.e. the Product Catalog).
- The quoted workstation computer must be compatible with the current Bruker 7T scimaX mass spectrometer. Also, compatibility is required with Bruker ftmsControl 2.3 software and Bruker flexImaging 5.0 software. Physically, it must fit on a 72 inch by 30 inch desktop space which is located along with the instrument.
- The quoted software must be installed on and compatible with the current workstation computer, which is a Dell PC with a Windows 10 Enterprise (v1803) 64-bit operating system and Intel (R) Xeon (R) Silver 4114 CPU @ 2.2 GHz, 2.19 GHz (2 processors), and 768 GB RAM.
- Technical remote support shall be available via phone or email. If the issue is not resolved remotely, a certified field engineer/technician will visit NCTR for further technical assistance.

## 4. Deliverables and Delivery Location

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### 4.1. Deliverables

The Contractor shall deliver the following items that meet all the requirements delineated in Section 3 above.

The Contractor shall:

- Ship, deliver, and install hardware for one workstation computer for a scimaX 7T FTMS to NCTR 3900 NCTR Road, Building 14, room 1062, Jefferson, AR 72079 by September 1, 2024. The workstation shall be brand name or equal to a Bruker MetaboScape/SCiLS/TASQ WS High Perf. (item number 1884402), which is a high performance workstation for MALDI imaging and large metabolomic datasets, including Z6 workstation, Xeon W3225, 8-core processor, Win10 64bit operating system LTSC 2019, 6 TB HDD, 1 TB M.2 SSD, and 128 GB RAM.
- Provide a 12-month software license renewal for one software package brand name or equal to SW-License SCiLS Pro Acad (item number 1889004) current version (12.01.16059), which is an optional feature module extending SW-Package SCiLS allowing advanced processing and analysis of mass spectrometry imaging data.

#### **4.3. Delivery Locations**

The Contractor shall deliver all software maintenance/technical support listed above to the following location:

US Food & Drug Administration  
National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR)  
3900 NCTR Road, Building 14 Room 1062 and Room 1120  
Jefferson, AR 72079  
(Attn: TBD)

**Note: Travel is not reimbursed under this order.**

#### **5. Period of Performance**

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The overall period of performance (POP) of this order is:

Base Period: 12 months

#### **6. Inspection and Acceptance Criteria**

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The Contracting Officer's Representative will inspect and accept the services delivered. Inspection and acceptance will occur at the place of delivery. The Government will accept deliverables only if they conform to all terms and conditions of the contract, and satisfy the performance standards detailed within this SOW.

Government will accept goods and services only if they conform to all terms and conditions of this order. The Government will provide written notification of acceptance or rejection within ten (10) business days of receiving the delivery.

The Government will reject non-conforming products and services. The Contractor shall correct any deficiencies within thirty (30) days of when the Government issues the rejection notice. If the Contractor cannot correct the deficiencies within this time frame, the Contractor shall immediately notify the COR or technical POC of the reason for the delay and provide a proposed corrective action plan within ten (10) business days.

## **7. Contractor Performance Evaluation(s)**

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During the life of this contract, Contractor performance will be evaluated on an interim and final basis pursuant to FAR Subpart 42.15. The Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) will be utilized for these reviews. Information on CPARS can be located at <http://www.cpars.gov>.

## **8. Contract Type**

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This is a Firm-Fixed Price.

## **9. Government Points of Contact (POC)**

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Contract Specialist (CS):

Min Jie Zeng  
Office of Acquisition and Grants Services  
Food and Drug Administration  
Minjie.Zeng@fda.hhs.gov

Contracting Officer (CO):

TBD

Contracting Officer's Representative (COR):

TBD

## **10. Authorized Reseller/Service Agent**

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The Contractor shall be the software Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), or, an authorized reseller/service agent of the software OEM.

The Contractor shall notify the Contract Specialist / Contracting Officer immediately if this requirement is registered by a reseller with the OEM.

## **11. Contracting Officer Authority**

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The Contracting Officer (CO) is the sole person authorized to make or approve any changes in any of the requirements of this order and notwithstanding any provisions contained elsewhere in the order, the said authority remains solely with the CO. In the event the Contractor makes any changes at the direction of any person other than the CO, the change shall be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment will be made in the delivery order terms and conditions, including price. The CO shall be the only individual authorized to accept nonconforming work, waive any requirement of the order and modify any term or condition of the order. The CO is the only individual who can legally obligate Government funds.

The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) or Project Officer is not authorized to make any commitments or otherwise obligate the Government or authorize any changes which affect the order price, terms or conditions. The COR/Project Officer is responsible for the technical aspects of the project and serves as technical liaison with the contractor and is responsible for the final inspection and acceptance, and such other responsibilities as may be specified in the order.

## 12. Order of Precedence

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The Contractor shall follow the terms and conditions of this order. Should the Contractor include any additional terms and conditions resulting in conflicts between this document and the Contractor's document, the Order of Precedence shall be as specified in *FAR Clause 52.212-4* of the underlying GSA contract. Any indemnification language indemnifying the Contractor of any liability and governing law language in the Contractor's terms and conditions shall be invalid and shall be stricken and removed from this order. Any additional terms and conditions shall not be prohibited by applicable laws and regulations. Any additional terms and conditions identified with a web link and/or incorporated by reference shall be stricken and removed from this order.

## 13. Invoicing Instructions

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FDA Electronic Invoicing and Payment Requirements - Invoice Processing Platform (IPP)  
(Jan 2022)

(a) All Invoice submissions for goods and or services must be made electronically through the U.S. Department of Treasury's Invoice Processing Platform System (IPP). <http://www.ipp.gov/vendors/index.htm>

(b) Invoice Submission for Payment means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment by the Contractor. To constitute a proper invoice, the payment request must comply with the requirements identified in in FAR 32.905(b), "Content of Invoices" and the applicable Payment clause included in this contract, or the clause 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Items included in commercial items contracts. The IPP website address is: <https://www.ipp.gov>.

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1. The Agency will enroll the Contractors new to IPP. The Contractor must follow the IPP registration email instructions for enrollment to register the Collector Account for submitting invoice requests for payment. The Contractor Government Business Point of Contact (as listed in SAM) will receive Registration email from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (FRBSTL) within 3 – 5 business days of the contract award for new contracts or date of modification for existing contracts.
2. Registration emails are sent via email from [ipp.noreply@mail.ero.c.twai.gov](mailto:ipp.noreply@mail.ero.c.twai.gov). Contractor assistance with enrollment can be obtained by contacting the IPP Production Helpdesk via email to [IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov) or phone (866) 973-3131.
3. The Contractor POC will receive two emails from IPP Customer Support, the first email contains the initial administrative IPP User ID. The second email, sent within 24 hours of receipt of the first email, contains a temporary password. You must log in with the temporary password within 30 days.
4. If your company is already registered to use IPP, you will not be required to reregister.
5. If the Contractor is unable to comply with the requirement to use IPP for submitting invoices for payment as authorized by HHSAR 332.7002, a written request must be submitted to the Contracting Officer to explain the circumstances that require the authorization of alternate payment procedures.

(d) Invoices that include time and materials or labor hours Line Items must include supporting documentation to (1) substantiate the number of labor hours invoiced for

- each labor category, and (2) substantiate material costs incurred (when applicable).
- (e) Invoices that include cost-reimbursement Line Items must be submitted in a format showing expenditures for that month, as well as contract cumulative amounts.
- (1) At a minimum the following cost information shall be included, in addition to supporting documentation to substantiate costs incurred.
1. Direct Labor - include all persons, listing the person's name, title, number of hours worked, hourly rate, the total cost per person and a total amount for this category;
  2. Indirect Costs (i.e., Fringe Benefits, Overhead, General and Administrative, Other Indirects)- show rate, base and total amount;
  3. Consultants (if applicable) - include the name, number of days or hours worked, daily or hourly rate, and a total amount per consultant;
  4. Travel - include for each airplane or train trip taken the name of the traveler, date of travel, destination, the transportation costs including ground transportation shown separately and the per diem costs. Other travel costs shall also be listed;
  5. Subcontractors (if applicable) - include, for each subcontractor, the same data as required for the prime Contractor;
  6. Other Direct Costs - include a listing of all other direct charges to the contract, i.e., office supplies, telephone, duplication, postage; and
  7. Fee – amount as allowable in accordance with the Schedule and FAR 52.216-8 if applicable.
- (f) Contractor is required to attach an invoice log addendum to each invoice which shall include, at a minimum, the following information for contract administration and reconciliation purposes:
1. List of all invoices submitted to date under the subject award, including the following:
    - a. invoice number, amount, & date submitted.
    - b. corresponding payment amount & date received.
  2. total amount of all payments received to date under the subject contract or order and, for definitized contracts or orders only, total estimated amounts yet to be invoiced for the current, active period of performance.
- (g) Payment of invoices will be made based upon acceptance by the Government of the entire task or the tangible product deliverable(s) invoiced. Payments shall be based on the Government certifying that satisfactory services were provided, and the Contractor has certified that labor charges are accurate.
- (h) If the services are rejected for failure to conform to the technical requirements of the task order, or any other contractually legitimate reason, the Contractor shall not be paid, or shall be paid an amount negotiated by the CO.
- (i) Payment to the Contractor will not be made for temporary work stoppage due to circumstances beyond the control of U.S. Food and Drug Administration such as acts of God, inclement weather, power outages, and results thereof, or temporary closings of facilities at which Contractor personnel are performing. This may, however, be justification for excusable delays.
- (j) The Contractor agrees that the submission of an invoice to the Government for

payment is a certification that the services for which the Government is being billed, have been delivered in accordance with the hours shown on the invoices, and the services are of the quality required for timely and successful completion of the effort.

(k) Questions regarding invoice payments that cannot be resolved by the IPP Helpdesk should be directed to the FDA Employee Resource and Information Center (ERIC) Helpdesk at 301-827-ERIC (3742) or toll-free 866-807-ERIC (3742); or, by email at ERIC@fda.hhs.gov. Refer to the Call-in menu options and follow the phone prompts to dial the option that corresponds to the service that's needed. All ERIC Service Now Tickets will either be responded to or resolved within 48 hours (2 business days) of being received. When emailing, please be sure to include the contract number, invoice number and date of invoice, as well as your name, phone number, and a detailed description of the issue.

#### 14. FAR / HHSAR Clauses

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##### **HHS FAR Deviations:**

Note: HHS has the following FAR Deviations applicable to this order.

**Class Deviation 2020-04** - This memorandum approves a class deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to authorize flexibility, in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) national emergency, with regard to requiring hard copy original documents, original signatures, notarization, seals on bonds and other seals for certain contract requirements.

**Class Deviation 2020-02** - approves a class deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation Regarding Accelerated Payments to Small Business Contractors and Subcontractors

**Class Deviation 2020-01** - approves a class deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to provide flexibilities for Suspension and Debarring Officials who need to notify contractors of being suspended, proposed for debarment, or debarred.

**Class Deviation 2018-01** - requires HHS contracting activities to continue using a whistleblower protection pilot program that was made permanent by 41 USC 4712, as amended by Public Law 114-261. This class deviation also requires contracting officers to continue the whistleblower protection pilot program in all solicitation and contracts. Please use the deviated classes and provisions as stated in HHS' FAR Class Deviation 18-01 (attachment 01).

**Class Deviation 2017-02** - expands conditions under which the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources (ASFR) may increase the acquisition thresholds in certain emergencies.

##### **FAR Clauses:**

###### **FAR 52.252-2: Clauses Incorporated by Reference (Feb 1998)**

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this address:

<https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far>

(End of Clause)

**FAR 52.203-19: Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements (Jan 2017)**

**FAR 52.204-25: Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (Nov 2021)**

**FAR 52.214-4: Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Items (Nov 2021)**

**FAR 52.232-40: Providing Accelerated Payment to Small Business Subcontractors (Nov 2021)**

**FAR 52.204-27: Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application (Jun 2023)**

**FAR 52.222-54 Employment Eligibility Verification (Nov 2021)**

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

*Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item—*

(1) Means any item of supply that is—

(i) A commercial product (as defined in paragraph (1) of the definition of “commercial product” at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [2.101](#));

(ii) Sold in substantial quantities in the commercial marketplace; and

(iii) Offered to the Government, without modification, in the same form in which it is sold in the commercial marketplace; and

(2) Does not include bulk cargo, as defined in [46 U.S.C. 40102\(4\)](#), such as agricultural products and petroleum products. Per 46 CFR 525.1 (c)(2), "bulk cargo" means cargo that is loaded and carried in bulk onboard ship without mark or count, in a loose unpackaged form, having homogenous characteristics. Bulk cargo loaded into intermodal equipment, except LASH or Seabee barges, is subject to mark and count and, therefore, ceases to be bulk cargo.

*Employee assigned to the contract* means an employee who was hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009 in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), who is directly performing work, in the United States, under a contract that is required to include the clause prescribed at [22.1803](#). An employee is not considered to be directly performing work under a contract if the employee-

(1) Normally performs support work, such as indirect or overhead functions; and

(2) Does not perform any substantial duties applicable to the contract.

*Subcontract* means any contract, as defined in [2.101](#), entered into by a subcontractor to furnish supplies or services for performance of a prime contract or a subcontract. It includes but is not limited to purchase orders, and changes and modifications to purchase orders.



*Subcontractor* means any supplier, distributor, vendor, or firm that furnishes supplies or services to or for a prime Contractor or another subcontractor.

*United States*, as defined in [8 U.S.C. 1101\(a\)\(38\)](#), means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

(b) *Enrollment and verification requirements.*

(1) If the Contractor is not enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall-

(i) *Enroll.* Enroll as a Federal Contractor in the E-Verify program within 30 calendar days of contract award;

(ii) *Verify all new employees.* Within 90 calendar days of enrollment in the E-Verify program, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within 3 business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); and

(iii) *Verify employees assigned to the contract.* For each employee assigned to the contract, initiate verification within 90 calendar days after date of enrollment or within 30 calendar days of the employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section).

(2) If the Contractor is enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of-

(i) *All new employees.*

(A) *Enrolled 90 calendar days or more.* The Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within 3 business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or

(B) *Enrolled less than 90 calendar days.* Within 90 calendar days after enrollment as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify, the Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within 3 business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or

(ii) *Employees assigned to the contract.* For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section).

(3) If the Contractor is an institution of higher education (as defined at [20 U.S.C. 1001\(a\)](#)); a State or local government or the government of a Federally recognized Indian

tribe; or a surety performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency pursuant to a performance bond, the Contractor may choose to verify only employees assigned to the contract, whether existing employees or new hires. The Contractor shall follow the applicable verification requirements at (b)(1) or (b)(2) respectively, except that any requirement for verification of new employees applies only to new employees assigned to the contract.

(4) *Option to verify employment eligibility of all employees.* The Contractor may elect to verify all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), rather than just those employees assigned to the contract. The Contractor shall initiate verification for each existing employee working in the United States who was hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), within 180 calendar days of-

(i) Enrollment in the E-Verify program; or

(ii) Notification to E-Verify Operations of the Contractor's decision to exercise this option, using the contact information provided in the E-Verify program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

(5) The Contractor shall comply, for the period of performance of this contract, with the requirements of the E-Verify program MOU.

(i) The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Social Security Administration (SSA) may terminate the Contractor's MOU and deny access to the E-Verify system in accordance with the terms of the MOU. In such case, the Contractor will be referred to a suspension or debarment official.

(ii) During the period between termination of the MOU and a decision by the suspension or debarment official whether to suspend or debar, the Contractor is excused from its obligations under paragraph (b) of this clause. If the suspension or debarment official determines not to suspend or debar the Contractor, then the Contractor must reenroll in E-Verify.

(c) *Web site.* Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify program can be obtained via the Internet at the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify.gov/E-Verify>.

(d) *Individuals previously verified.* The Contractor is not required by this clause to perform additional employment verification using E-Verify for any employee-

(1) Whose employment eligibility was previously verified by the Contractor through the E-Verify program;

(2) Who has been granted and holds an active U.S. Government security clearance for access to confidential, secret, or top secret information in accordance with the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual; or

(3) Who has undergone a completed background investigation and been issued credentials pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-12, Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors.

(e) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall include the requirements of this clause, including this paragraph (e) (appropriately modified for identification of the parties), in each subcontract that-

(1) Is for—

(i) Services (except for commercial services that are part of the purchase of a COTS item (or an item that would be a COTS item, but for minor modifications), performed by the COTS provider, and are normally provided for that COTS item); or

(ii) Construction;

(2) Has a value of more than \$3,500; and

(3) Includes work performed in the United States.

**(End of clause)**

**52.212-5: Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders -- Commercial Items (Jun 2023)**

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

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

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

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

(4) [52.209-10](#), Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (NOV 2015).

(5) [52.232-40](#), Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (MAR 2023) ( [31 U.S.C. 3903](#) and [10 U.S.C. 3801](#)).

(6) [52.233-3](#), Protest After Award (AUG 1996) ( [31 U.S.C. 3553](#)).

(7) [52.233-4](#), Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 ( [19 U.S.C. 3805 note](#))).

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

(1) [52.203-6](#), Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (JUN 2020), with *Alternate I* (NOV 2021) ( [41 U.S.C. 4704](#) and [10 U.S.C. 4655](#)).

(2) [52.203-13](#), Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (NOV 2021) ( [41 U.S.C. 3509](#)).

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

(4) [52.204-10](#), Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (JUN 2020) (Pub. L. 109-282) ( [31 U.S.C. 6101 note](#)).

(5) [Reserved].

(6) [52.204-14](#), Service Contract Reporting Requirements (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

(7) [52.204-15](#), Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (OCT 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

(8) [52.204-27](#), Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application (JUN 2023) (Section 102 of Division R of Pub. L. 117-328).

(9) [52.209-6](#), Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (NOV 2021) ( [31 U.S.C. 6101 note](#)).

(10) [52.209-9](#), Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (OCT 2018) ( [41 U.S.C. 2313](#)).

(11) [Reserved].

(12) [52.219-3](#), Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 657a](#)).

(13) [52.219-4](#), Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) ( [15 U.S.C. 657a](#)).

(14) [Reserved]

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(i) [52.219-6](#), Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2020) ( [15 U.S.C. 644](#)).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-6](#).

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(i) [52.219-7](#), Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2020) ( [15 U.S.C. 644](#)).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-7](#).

\_\_ (17) [52.219-8](#), Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(2\)](#) and (3)).

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(i) [52.219-9](#), Small Business Subcontracting Plan (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(4\)](#)).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (NOV 2016) of [52.219-9](#).

\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (NOV 2016) of [52.219-9](#).

\_\_ (iv) Alternate III (JUN 2020) of [52.219-9](#).

\_\_ (v) Alternate IV (SEP 2021) of [52.219-9](#).

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(i) [52.219-13](#), Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (MAR 2020) ( [15 U.S.C. 644\(r\)](#)).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-13](#).

\_\_ (20) [52.219-14](#), Limitations on Subcontracting (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637s](#)).

\_\_ (21) [52.219-16](#), Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (SEP 2021) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(4\)\(F\)\(i\)](#)).

\_\_ (22) [52.219-27](#), Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 657f](#)).

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(i) [52.219-28](#), Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (MAR 2023)( [15 U.S.C. 632\(a\)\(2\)](#)).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of [52.219-28](#).

(24) [52.219-29](#), Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole-Source Award to, Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(m\)](#)).

(25) [52.219-30](#), Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole-Source Award to, Women-Owned Small Business Concerns Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(m\)](#)).

(26) [52.219-32](#), Orders Issued Directly Under Small Business Reserves (MAR 2020) ( [15 U.S.C. 644\(r\)](#)).

(27) [52.219-33](#), Nonmanufacturer Rule (SEP 2021) ( [15U.S.C. 637\(a\)\(17\)](#)).

(28) [52.222-3](#), Convict Labor (JUN 2003) (E.O.11755).

(29) [52.222-19](#), Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (DEC 2022) (E.O.13126).

(30) [52.222-21](#), Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

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(i) [52.222-26](#), Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O.11246).

(ii) Alternate I (FEB 1999) of [52.222-26](#).

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(i) [52.222-35](#), Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020) ( [38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).

(ii) Alternate I (JUL 2014) of [52.222-35](#).

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(i) [52.222-36](#), Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020) ( [29 U.S.C. 793](#)).

(ii) Alternate I (JUL 2014) of [52.222-36](#).

(34) [52.222-37](#), Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020) ( [38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).

(35) [52.222-40](#), Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496).

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(i) [52.222-50](#), Combating Trafficking in Persons (NOV 2021) ( [22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O. 13627).

(ii) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of [52.222-50](#) ( [22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O. 13627).

(37) [52.222-54](#), Employment Eligibility Verification (MAY 2022) (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial products or commercial services as prescribed in FAR [22.1803](#).)

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(i) [52.223-9](#), Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA–Designated Items (May 2008) ( [42 U.S.C. 6962\(c\)\(3\)\(A\)\(ii\)](#)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (MAY 2008) of [52.223-9](#) ( [42 U.S.C. 6962\(i\)\(2\)\(C\)](#)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

\_\_ (39) [52.223-11](#), Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).

(40) [52.223-12](#), Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

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(i) [52.223-13](#), Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (OCT 2015) of [52.223-13](#).

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(i) [52.223-14](#), Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Televisions (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jun2014) of [52.223-14](#).

\_\_ (43) [52.223-15](#), Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (MAY 2020) ( [42 U.S.C. 8259b](#)).

\_\_ (44)

(i) [52.223-16](#), Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (OCT 2015) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (JUN 2014) of [52.223-16](#).

     (45) [52.223-18](#), Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (JUN 2020) (E.O. 13513).

\_\_ (46) [52.223-20](#), Aerosols (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693).

\_\_ (47) [52.223-21](#), Foams (Jun2016) (E.O. 13693).

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(i) [52.224-3](#) Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552 a).

(ii) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of [52.224-3](#).

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(i) [52.225-1](#), Buy American-Supplies (OCT 2022) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 83](#)).

(ii) Alternate I (OCT 2022) of [52.225-1](#).

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(i) [52.225-3](#), Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act (DEC 2022) ( [19 U.S.C. 3301 note](#), [19 U.S.C. 2112 note](#), [19 U.S.C. 3805 note](#), [19 U.S.C. 4001 note](#), 19 U.S.C. chapter 29 (sections 4501-4732), Public Law 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).

(ii) Alternate I [Reserved].

(iii) Alternate II (DEC 2022) of [52.225-3](#).

(iv) Alternate III (JAN 2021) of [52.225-3](#).

(v) Alternate IV (Oct 2022) of [52.225-3](#).

(51) [52.225-5](#), Trade Agreements (DEC 2022) ( [19 U.S.C. 2501](#), *et seq.*, [19 U.S.C. 3301 note](#)).

(52) [52.225-13](#), Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (FEB 2021) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

(53) [52.225-26](#), Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. Subtitle A, Part V, Subpart G Note).

(54) [52.226-4](#), Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) ( [42 U.S.C. 5150](#)).

(55) [52.226-5](#), Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov2007) ( [42 U.S.C. 5150](#)).

(56) [52.229-12](#), Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements (FEB 2021).

(57) [52.232-29](#), Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Products and Commercial Services (NOV 2021) ( [41 U.S.C. 4505](#), [10 U.S.C. 3805](#)).

(58) [52.232-30](#), Installment Payments for Commercial Products and Commercial Services (NOV 2021) ( [41 U.S.C. 4505](#), [10 U.S.C. 3805](#)).

(59) [52.232-33](#), Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (OCT2018) ( [31 U.S.C. 3332](#)).



\_\_ (60) [52.232-34](#), Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) ( [31 U.S.C. 3332](#)).

\_\_ (61) [52.232-36](#), Payment by Third Party (MAY 2014) ( [31 U.S.C. 3332](#)).

\_\_ (62) [52.239-1](#), Privacy or Security Safeguards (AUG 1996) ( [5 U.S.C. 552a](#)).

\_\_ (63) [52.242-5](#), Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (JAN 2017) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(13\)](#)).

\_\_ (64)

(i) [52.247-64](#), Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (NOV 2021) ( [46 U.S.C. 55305](#) and [10 U.S.C. 2631](#)).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (APR 2003) of [52.247-64](#).

\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (NOV 2021) of [52.247-64](#).

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

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

\_\_ (1) [52.222-41](#), Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

\_\_ (2) [52.222-42](#), Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (MAY 2014) ( [29 U.S.C. 206](#) and [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

\_\_ (3) [52.222-43](#), Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (AUG 2018) ( [29 U.S.C. 206](#) and [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

\_\_ (4) [52.222-44](#), Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (May 2014) ( [29U.S.C.206](#) and [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

\_\_ (5) [52.222-51](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

\_\_ (6) [52.222-53](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (MAY 2014) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

\_\_ (7) [52.222-55](#), Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (JAN 2022).

\_\_ (8) [52.222-62](#), Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2022) (E.O. 13706).

(9) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (Jun 2020) (42 U.S.C. 1792).

(d) *Comptroller General Examination of Record*. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101, on the date of award of this contract, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records-Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e)

(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1), in a subcontract for commercial products or commercial services. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause-

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

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

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

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

(v) 52.204-27, Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application (JUN 2023) (Section 102 of Division R of Pub. L. 117-328).

(vi) [52.219-8](#), Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2022) ( [15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(2\)](#) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds the applicable threshold specified in FAR [19.702\(a\)](#) on the date of subcontract award, the subcontractor must include [52.219-8](#) in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(vii) [52.222-21](#), Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

(viii) [52.222-26](#), Equal Opportunity (SEP 2015) (E.O.11246).

(ix) [52.222-35](#), Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020) ( [38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).

(x) [52.222-36](#), Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020) ( [29 U.S.C. 793](#)).

(xi) [52.222-37](#), Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020) ( [38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).

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

(xiii) [52.222-41](#), Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018) ( [41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)).

(xiv)

(A) [52.222-50](#), Combating Trafficking in Persons (NOV 2021) ( [22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O 13627).

(B) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of [52.222-50](#) ( [22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O. 13627).

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

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

(xvii) [52.222-54](#), Employment Eligibility Verification (MAY 2022) (E.O. 12989).

(xviii) [52.222-55](#), Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026 (JAN 2022).

(xix) [52.222-62](#), Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2022) (E.O. 13706).

(xx)

(A) [52.224-3](#), Privacy Training (Jan 2017) ( [5 U.S.C. 552a](#)).

(B) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of [52.224-3](#).

(xxi) [52.225-26](#), Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (OCT 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. Subtitle A, Part V, Subpart G Note).

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

(xxiii) [52.232-40](#), Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (Mar 2023) ( [31 U.S.C. 3903](#) and [10 U.S.C. 3801](#)). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (c) of [52.232-40](#).

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

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

(End of clause)

**HHSAR Clauses:**

This contract incorporates one or more HHSAR clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. The full text of the HHSAR clauses may be accessed electronically at this address:

<http://www.hhs.gov/grants/contracts/contract-policies-regulations/hhsar/index.html>.

**HHSAR 352.203-70 – Anti-lobbying (Dec 2015)**

**HHSAR 352.222-70: Contractor Cooperation in Equal Employment Opportunity Investigations (Dec 2015)**

**HHSAR 352.224-71 Confidential Information (Dec 2015)**

(a) Confidential Information, as used in this clause, means information or data of a personal nature about an individual, or proprietary information or data submitted by or pertaining to an institution or organization.

(b) Specific information or categories of information that the Government will furnish to the Contractor, or that the Contractor is expected to generate, which are confidential may be identified elsewhere in this contract. The Contracting Officer may modify this contract to identify Confidential Information from time to time during performance.

(c) Confidential Information or records shall not be disclosed by the Contractor until:

(1) Written advance notice of at least 45 days shall be provided to the Contracting Officer of the Contractor's intent to release findings of studies or research, to which an agency response may be appropriate to protect the public interest or that of the agency.

(2) For information provided by or on behalf of the government,

(i) The publication or dissemination of the following types of information are restricted under this contract: All data and analysis of FDA food supply chain activities within the 21 Forward system.

(ii) The reason(s) for restricting the types of information identified in subparagraph (i) is/are: Manufacturer data is commercial confidential data. Retail sales data is subject to review and clearance through each retail sales data company. All other data and analyses are for government use only; the analyses are pre-decisional intended to inform govt policy decisions and are not subject to FOIA or public release.

(iii) Written advance notice of at least 45 days shall be provided to the Contracting Officer of the Contractor's intent to disseminate or publish information identified in subparagraph (2)(i). The contractor shall not disseminate or publish such information without the written consent of the Contracting Officer.

(d) Whenever the Contractor is uncertain with regard to the confidentiality of or a property interest in information under this contract, the Contractor should consult with the Contracting Officer prior to any release, disclosure, dissemination, or publication.

(End of Clause)

**HHSAR 352.232-71 Electronic Submission of Payment Requests (FEB 2022)**

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

Payment request means a bill, voucher, invoice, or request for contract financing payment with associated supporting documentation. The payment request must comply with the requirements identified in FAR 32.905(b), “Content of Invoices” and the applicable Payment clause included in this contract.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this clause, the Contractor shall submit payment requests electronically using the Department of Treasury Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) or successor system. Information regarding IPP, including IPP Customer Support contact information, is available at [www.ipp.gov](http://www.ipp.gov) or any successor site.

(c) The Contractor may submit payment requests using other than IPP only when the Contracting Officer authorizes alternate procedures in writing in accordance with HHS procedures.

(d) If alternate payment procedures are authorized, the Contractor shall include a copy of the Contracting Officer's written authorization with each payment request.

(End Of Clause)

**HHSAR 352.239-74: Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Accessibility**

**(DEC 2015)**

(a) Pursuant to Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, all electronic and information technology (EIT) supplies and services developed, acquired, or maintained under this contract or order must comply with the “Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board Electronic and Information Technology (EIT) Accessibility Standards” set forth by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (also referred to as the “Access Board”) in 36 CFR part 1194. Information about Section 508 is available at <http://www.hhs.gov/web/508>. The complete text of Section 508 Final Provisions can be accessed at <http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/communications-and-it/about-the-section-508-standards>.

(b) The Section 508 accessibility standards applicable to this contract or order are identified in the Statement of Work or Specification or Performance Work Statement. The contractor must provide any necessary updates to the submitted HHS Product Assessment Template(s) at the end of each contract or order exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (see FAR 2.101) when the contract or order duration is one year or less. If it is determined by the Government that EIT supplies and services provided by the Contractor do not conform to the described accessibility standards in the contract, remediation of the supplies or services to the level of conformance specified in the contract will be the responsibility of the Contractor at its own expense.

(c) The Section 508 accessibility standards applicable to this contract are:

- Must meet WCAG 2.0 A and AA
- E101.2 Equivalent Facilitation (Appendix A, Application and Scoping Requirements)
- E203 Access to Functionality (Appendix A, Application and Scoping Requirements)
- E204 Functional Performance Criteria (Appendix A, Application and Scoping Requirements)
- E205 Electronic Content (Appendix A, Application and Scoping Requirements)
- E208 Support Documentation and Services (Appendix A, Application and Scoping Requirements)
- Chapter 6 Support Documentation and Services (Appendix C, Functional Performance Criteria and Technical Requirements)
- 302 Functional Performance Criteria (Appendix C, Functional Performance Criteria and Technical Requirements)
- Electronic content must be accessible to HHS acceptance criteria.
- Accessibility checklists for various formats are available at the HHS site. Materials that are final items must be compliant with Section 508 at time of delivery, except upon approval of the Contracting Officer or Representative.
- E207 Software (Appendix A, Application and Scoping Requirements)
- Chapter 5 Software (Appendix C, Functional Performance Criteria and Technical Requirements)

(d) In the event of a modification(s) to this contract or order, which adds new EIT supplies or services or revises the type of, or specifications for, supplies or services, the Contracting Officer may require that the contractor submit a completed HHS Section 508 Product Assessment Template and any other additional information necessary to assist the Government in determining that the EIT supplies or services conform to Section 508

accessibility standards. Instructions for documenting accessibility via the HHS Section 508 Product Assessment Template may be found under Section 508 policy on the HHS website: (<http://www.hhs.gov/web/508>). If it is determined by the Government that EIT supplies and services provided by the Contractor do not conform to the described accessibility standards in the contract, remediation of the supplies or services to the level of conformance specified in the contract will be the responsibility of the Contractor at its own expense.

(e) If this is an Indefinite Delivery contract, a Blanket Purchase Agreement or a Basic Ordering Agreement, the task/delivery order requests that include EIT supplies or services will define the specifications and accessibility standards for the order. In those cases, the Contractor may be required to provide a completed HHS Section 508 Product Assessment Template and any other additional information necessary to assist the Government in determining that the EIT supplies or services conform to Section 508 accessibility standards. Instructions for documenting accessibility via the HHS Section 508 Product Assessment Template may be found at <http://www.hhs.gov/web/508>. If it is determined by the Government that EIT supplies and services provided by the Contractor do not conform to the described accessibility standards in the provided documentation, remediation of the supplies or services to the level of conformance specified in the contract will be the responsibility of the Contractor at its own expense.

(End of clause)

## 15. HHSAR and FAR Provisions

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### **52.252-1: Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference (Feb 1998)**

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The quoter is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this address

<https://www.acquisition.gov/far/current/html/FARTOCP52.html#wp372482>

(End of provision)

### **52.203-18: Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements—Representation (Jan 2017)**

### **52.204-24: Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (Nov 2021)**

### **52.204-26: Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation (Oct 2020)**

### **52.212-3: Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Items (Dec 2022)**

### **52.211-6: Brand Name or Equal (Aug 1999)**

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

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

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

*Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern* means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States and who are economically disadvantaged in accordance with [13 CFR part 127](#), and the concern is certified by SBA or an approved third-party certifier in accordance with [13 CFR 127.300](#). It automatically qualifies as a women-owned small business eligible under the WOSB Program.

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

- (1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or
- (2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.

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

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

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

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

- (1) PSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;
- (2) Product or Service Group (PSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;
- (3) PSG 88, Live Animals;
- (4) PSG 89, Subsistence;
- (5) PSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) PSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) PSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;



(8) PSC 9610, Ores;

(9) PSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and

(10) PSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

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

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

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

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

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

*Sensitive technology*—

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

- (i) To restrict the free flow of unbiased information in Iran; or
- (ii) To disrupt, monitor, or otherwise restrict speech of the people of Iran; and

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

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

(1) Means a small business concern—

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

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

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

*Small business concern—*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Directly by a parent corporation; or

(2) Through another subsidiary of a parent corporation

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

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

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

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

*Women-owned business concern* means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women

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

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

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

*Women-owned small business (WOSB) concern eligible under the WOSB Program* (in accordance with [13 CFR part 127](#)), means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States, and the concern is certified by SBA or an approved third-party certifier in accordance with [13 CFR 127.300](#).

(b)

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

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

this offer is submitted and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR [4.1201](#)), except for paragraphs \_\_\_.

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

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

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

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract is for supplies to be delivered or services to be performed in the United States or its outlying areas, or when the contracting officer has applied [part 19](#) in accordance with [19.000\(b\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#). Check all that apply.

(1) *Small business concern.* The offeror represents as part of its offer that—

(i) It  is,  is not a small business concern; or

(ii) It  is,  is not a small business joint venture that complies with the requirements of [13 CFR 121.103\(h\)](#) and [13 CFR 125.8\(a\)](#) and [\(b\)](#). *[ The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.]*

(2) *Veteran-owned small business concern.* *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it  is,  is not a veteran-owned small business concern.

(3) *Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.* *[ Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that—

(i) It  is,  is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern; or

(ii) It  is,  is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of [13 CFR 125.18\(b\)\(1\)](#) and [\(2\)](#). *[The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.]* Each service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern participating in the joint venture shall provide representation of its service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern status.

(4) *Small disadvantaged business concern.* *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents, that it  is,  is not a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.

(5) *Women-owned small business concern.* *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents that it  is,  is not a women-owned small business concern.

(6) *WOSB joint venture eligible under the WOSB Program.* The offeror represents that it  is,  is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of [13 CFR 127.506\(a\)](#) through [\(c\)](#). [ *The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.*]

(7) *Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) joint venture.* The offeror represents that it  is,  is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of [13 CFR 127.506\(a\)](#) through [\(c\)](#). [ *The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.*]

(8) *Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern).* [ *Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.* ] The offeror represents that it  is a women-owned business concern.

(9) *Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns.* If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price: \_\_\_\_\_

(10) *HUBZone small business concern.* [ *Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.* ] The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that-

(i) It  is,  is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, as having been certified by SBA as a HUBZone small business concern in the Dynamic Small Business Search and SAM, and will attempt to maintain an employment rate of HUBZone residents of 35 percent of its employees during performance of a HUBZone contract (see [13 CFR 126.200\(e\)\(1\)](#)); and

(ii) It  is,  is not a HUBZone joint venture that complies with the requirements of [13 CFR 126.616\(a\)](#) through [\(c\)](#). [ *The offeror shall enter the name and unique entity identifier of each party to the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.* ] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the HUBZone joint venture shall provide representation of its HUBZone status.

(d) Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246-

(1) Previous contracts and compliance. The offeror represents that-

(i) It  has,  has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and

(ii) It  has,  has not filed all required compliance reports.

(2) *Affirmative Action Compliance.* The offeror represents that-

(i) It  has developed and has on file,  has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR parts 60-1 and 60-2), or

(ii) It  has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) *Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions* (31 <http://uscode.house.gov/> U.S.C. 1352). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$150,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract. If any registrants under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 have made a lobbying contact on behalf of the offeror with respect to this contract, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its offer, OMB Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to provide the name of the registrants. The offeror need not report regularly employed officers or employees of the offeror to whom payments of reasonable compensation were made.

(f) *Buy American Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [52.225-1](#), Buy American-Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)

(1)

(i) The Offeror certifies that each end product and that each domestic end product listed in paragraph (f)(3) of this provision contains a critical component, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product.

(ii) The Offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products. For those foreign end products that do not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, the Offeror shall also indicate whether these foreign end products exceed 55 percent domestic content, except for those that are COTS items. If the percentage of the domestic content is unknown, select “no”.

(iii) The Offeror shall separately list the line item numbers of domestic end products that contain a critical component (see FAR 25.105).

(iv) The terms “commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item,” “critical component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” “foreign end product,” and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American-Supplies.”

(2) Foreign End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin	Exceeds 55% domestic content (yes/no)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Line Item No.	Country of Origin	Exceeds 55% domestic content (yes/no)
_____	_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(3) Domestic end products containing a critical component:

Line Item No. \_\_\_\_

[List as necessary]

(4) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR [part 25](#).

(g)

(1) *Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at FAR [52.225-3](#), Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act, is included in this solicitation.)

(i)

(A) The Offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that each domestic end product listed in paragraph (g)(1)(iv) of this provision contains a critical component.

(B) The terms "Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end product," "commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item," "critical component," "domestic end product," "end product," "foreign end product," "Free Trade Agreement country," "Free Trade Agreement country end product," "Israeli end product," and "United States" are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act."

(ii) The Offeror certifies that the following supplies are Free Trade Agreement country end products (other than Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end products) or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act."

Free Trade Agreement Country End Products (Other than Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian End Products) or *Israeli End Products*:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(iii) The Offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act." The Offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products. For those foreign end products that do not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, the Offeror shall also indicate whether these foreign end products exceed 55 percent domestic content, except for those that are COTS items. If the percentage of the domestic content is unknown, select "no".

*Other Foreign End Products:*

Line Item No.	Country of Origin	Exceeds 55% domestic content (yes/no)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(iv) The Offeror shall list the line item numbers of domestic end products that contain a critical component (see FAR [25.105](#)).

Line Item No. \_\_\_\_

[List as necessary]



(v) The Government will evaluate *offers* in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR [part 25](#).

(2) *Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate II.*

If Alternate II to the clause at FAR [52.225-3](#) is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act”:

*Israeli End Products:*

Line Item No.

[List as necessary]

(3) *Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate III.*

If Alternate III to the clause at [52.225-3](#) is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Free Trade Agreement country end products (other than Bahrainian, Korean, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end products) or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act":

Free Trade Agreement Country End Products (Other than Bahrainian, Korean, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian End Products) or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(4) *Trade Agreements Certificate.* (Applies only if the clause at FAR [52.225-5](#), Trade Agreements, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(4)(ii) of this provision, is a U.S.-made or designated country end product, as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Trade Agreements."

(ii) The offeror shall list as other end products those end products that are not U.S.-made or designated country end products.

*Other End Products:*

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*[List as necessary]*

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR [part 25](#). For line items covered by the WTO GPA, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American statute. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

(h) *Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters (Executive Order 12689)*. (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror and/or any of its principals—

(1)  Are,  are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;

(2)  Have,  have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property;

(3)  Are,  are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses enumerated in paragraph (h)(2) of this clause; and

(4)  Have,  have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds the threshold at [9.104-5\(a\)\(2\)](#) for which the liability remains unsatisfied.

(i) Taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:

(A) *The tax liability is finally determined.* The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge to the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.

(B) *The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment.* A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.

(ii) *Examples.*

(A) The taxpayer has received a statutory notice of deficiency, under I.R.C. §6212, which entitles the taxpayer to seek Tax Court review of a proposed tax deficiency. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek Tax Court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(B) The IRS has filed a notice of Federal tax lien with respect to an assessed tax liability, and the taxpayer has been issued a notice under I.R.C. §6320 entitling the taxpayer to request a hearing with the IRS Office of Appeals contesting the lien filing, and to further appeal to the Tax Court if the IRS determines to sustain the lien filing. In the course of the hearing, the taxpayer is entitled to contest the underlying tax liability because the taxpayer has had no prior opportunity to contest the liability. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek tax court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(C) The taxpayer has entered into an installment agreement pursuant to I.R.C. §6159. The taxpayer is making timely payments and is in full compliance with the agreement terms. The taxpayer is not delinquent because the taxpayer is not currently required to make full payment.

(D) The taxpayer has filed for bankruptcy protection. The taxpayer is not delinquent because enforced collection action is stayed under 11 U.S.C. §362 (the Bankruptcy Code).

(i) *Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126).* [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at [22.1503\(b\)](#).]

(1) *Listed end products.*

Listed End Product	Listed Countries of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

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

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

(j) *Place of manufacture.* (Does not apply unless the solicitation is predominantly for the acquisition of manufactured end products.) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly-

(1)  In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); or

(2)  Outside the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Each service employee who will perform the services under the contract will spend only a small portion of his or her time (a monthly average of less than 20 percent of the available hours on an annualized basis, or less than 20 percent of available hours during the contract period if the contract period is less than a month) servicing the Government contract; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

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

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

TIN has been applied for.

TIN is not required because:

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

Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(4) *Type of organization.*

Sole proprietorship;

Partnership;

Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

Foreign government;

International organization per 26 CFR1.6049-4;

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

(5) *Common parent.*

Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;

Name and TIN of common parent:

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

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

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

(n) Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



(2) The Offeror represents that—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(s) [Reserved].

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(1) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions), Government agencies are not permitted to use appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with an entity that requires employees or subcontractors of such entity seeking to report waste, fraud, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

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

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

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

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

(2) The Offeror represents that—

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

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

(End of Provision)

## **HHSAR PROVISIONS:**

The below Health and Human Services Acquisition Regulation (HHSAR) provision apply.

HHSAR Clauses can be viewed in full text at:

<http://www.hhs.gov/policies/hhsar/subpart352.html#subpart352.1-->

InstructionsforUsingProvisionsandClauses

### **352.239-73: Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Notice (Dec2015)**

#### **16. Special Notice and Agreement Regarding Software EULA/TOS**

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Computer software and services are often subject to license agreements, referred to as End User License Agreements (EULA), Terms of Service (TOS), or other similar legal instruments or agreements. Many of these agreements contain indemnification clauses that are inconsistent with Federal law and unenforceable, but which could create a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341) if agreed to by the Government.

Therefore, by submitting a quotation the quoter shall agree that the inclusion of any Limitation of Liability, Indemnification, and any other clauses that conflict with Federal law or regulation in any EULA or TOS are NULL AND VOID. The quoter agrees that any EULA/TOS clauses conflicting with Federal law or regulation and are not agreed to by the Government if included with the submission of a quotation. Additionally, by submission of the quotation the quoter must agree to the inclusion of FAR 52.232-39 Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations in any resulting contract or order, if awarded.

#### **17. Instruction to Quoters**

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Source Selection Information-See FAR 2.101 and 3.104.

This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial products or commercial services prepared in accordance with the format in subpart 12.6 and 13.105, as supplemented with additional information included in this Request of Quotation. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; proposals are being requested and a written solicitation will not be issued.

This solicitation sets aside for small business concern. NAICS code is 334516, Analytical Laboratory Instrument Manufacturing.

The Quoter shall submit all electronic documents for Microsoft Office suite products without the use of "macros". When submitting quotes via email, DO NOT include .exe, .mso, or any other executable file types that could potentially trigger email security protections (i.e. email blocks, quarantine). If the Quoter submits documents that contain macros, macro referenced files, and/or executable files, the Government will not be able to view or open such documents and the submission will be considered non-responsive to the solicitation. No additional time will be given to the Quoter to correct the document submission and the Government will not inform the Quoter that their submission is non-responsive prior to award. It is the Quoter's responsibility to ensure all electronic documents are submitted without the use of macros.

Quoters shall certify their quotes to be valid for at least 30 days.

The quote shall contain sufficient information to allow the Government to determine whether the quote is meeting all the requirements in the RFQ. Quoters shall clearly state product part number, product description, quantity, unit and extended prices, and period of performance for each proposed product.

Quoters shall submit a quote for all requirements listed in this RFQ. Partial quotes will not be considered. Incomplete pricing or pricing with omissions may not be considered for award.

Quoters shall submit all assumptions in their quotation.

The Government reserves the right to include some or none of the quoters additional terms and conditions into any possible orders, especially when the quoter's terms and conditions would conflict with the Federal Acquisition Regulation or any of the terms or conditions of the quoter's award vehicles. Quoters are advised that additional terms and conditions submitted with their quotation that is in conflict of the terms and conditions of this solicitation may be deemed as technically unacceptable and may not be considered for award.

Quoters providing quotations must clearly state the overall cost to the Government.

Quoters shall ensure that their initial submission represents their best pricing and that all information is provided to determine technical acceptability. The Government will not research items to determine compatibility; all information regarding compatibility must be contained within the quotation.

Equal To quotes must meet all the salient characteristics in order to be considered technically acceptable. Equal to quotes must submit a separate Technical Quote with a detailed point-by-point description of how the Equal To products meet all the salient characteristics of this SOW.

Equal To Quotes shall be required to operate seamlessly with all requirements of this solicitation. The Equal To Quotes shall be clear, concise, and include sufficient detail for effective evaluation and for substantiating of the validity of stated claims. The Equal To Quotes shall not simply rephrase or re-state the Government's requirements, but rather shall provide convincing rationale to address how the Quoters intends to meet these requirements. Statements that the Quoters will provide a particular feature or objective without explaining how the Quoters proposes to meet that feature or objective are generally inadequate and may adversely impact the Government's evaluation of the Quoters. Simply returning the solicitation may deem your quote to be non-responsive. Quotes providing the brand name product are not required to submit separate Technical Quotes. Technical Quotes shall not contain pricing information.

Compatibility: FDA is purchasing this software license on a "Brand Name or Equal" basis and the salient characteristics (physical, functional, or performance characteristic specified in this solicitation) have been provided. For the purposes of this RFQ, FDA defines compatible as meaning that there will be no communication, performance, maintainability issues in the

interconnection of solutions with different configurations. A compatible solution is one that will allow for seamless integration in FDA's current environment. Each alternate component proposed shall demonstrate:

- That there will be \*no\* communication, performance or maintainability issues in the interconnection of solutions with differing brand names.
- Seamless (no application change) any solution must be able to be installed with no change in application code or redevelopment. The ability to maintain service support without any changes in FDA environment.
- Performance compatibility of the component vs. the brand name provided.
- Equal to quotes shall include all pricing (installation, integration, training, etc.) related to ensuring the FDA maintains the current state of functionality with no disruption or degradation of service or support.

Equal To quotes shall include a breakdown of all costs associated with the integration of the proposed solution into FDA environment. These costs shall be incorporated in the overall cost to the Government.

For equal to quotations, Quoters will submit Section 508 Product Accessibility Templates (PAT) in full text with their quotations. For more information regarding PATs see: <https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/contracting/technology-products/product-accessibility-template/>

If Quoters fail to address this Section 508 PAT in their quotes, they may be deemed non-responsive and not considered for award.

Licensing Agreements: Quoters are notified that the Government will not sign any licensing agreement or similar user agreement provided by the Quoters. The Government may choose to incorporate an agreement into the contract resulting from this solicitation.

## **18. Evaluation Criteria**

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The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible quoter as a fixed-price contract on the lowest price technically acceptable (LPTA) evaluation method. Award will be made on the basis of the lowest evaluated price meeting or exceeding the non-cost factor (technical conformance to the requirements of the solicitation). The Quoter's initial quotation shall contain the Quoter's best terms from a price standpoint. Failure to demonstrate meeting any of the requirements will result in a rating of technically unacceptable and will not be considered for award.

The following factors shall be used to evaluate quotes:

- Total price.
- Technical features meeting/exceeding requirements specified in Section 3.0.

In addition, "or Equal" quotes will be evaluated in accordance with FAR provision 52.211-6: Brand Name or Equal, paragraph (c). Each "or Equal" solution proposed shall demonstrate:

- A technical volume with detailed point-by-point description of how the equal to product meets all the salient characteristics of this solicitation, specialized in Section 3.0.
- Completed Section 508 Product Accessibility Templates (PAT) in full text.

**END OF SOLICITATION**