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PART I—THE SCHEDULE
SECTION B--SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/COSTS

B.1 SCHEDULE OF ITEMS

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS ASPEN-SOPRIS RANGER DISTRICT OFFICE RECONSTRUCTION WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST					
Base Items	Description	Method of Measure	Quantity	Unit Price	TOTAL
1	Mobilization	LS	EA		
2	Administration Building	GSF	6,836		
3	Excavation (site)	CY	2,300		
4	Fill (site)	CY	1,150		
5	Excess Material (site)	CY	1,150		
6	Site Improvements	SF	46,000		
7	Hazmat Abatement	LS	EA		
8	Demolition	LS	EA		
TOTAL BASE ITEMS					

B.3 SCHEDULE NOTES

1. There are no Optional Items with this contract.
2. The bidder must bid on all items. Round to the nearest dollar.
3. In the event of an error in extending the bid prices, unit prices will govern, unless otherwise determined by the Contracting Officer, in accordance with applicable regulations.
4. Offers for Quantities less than those listed in the numbered items may be rejected.
5. Payment for bond premiums in accordance with FAR 52.232-5. Payments under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts shall not be in addition to the contract price but can be included under Mobilization.
6. The pay items in the Schedule of Items may have suffixes that do not appear on the pay items in the specifications. The suffixes pertain only to sizes, classes, and/or types.

7. Base Items are as indicated in the item 'Descriptions,' and are used by the Government for computer tabulation of bid schedules. For the abbreviations in the schedule descriptions, see Special Project Specification, SPS 101 (07/07/1997).
8. One contract will be awarded to the responsive and responsible bidder offering the best value to the Government (see Section M – Evaluation Factors for Award).
9. The successful Contractor must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) data base (reference Section I, FAR 52.204-7) before an award is issued.
10. This is a Request for Proposals (RFP); no public opening will be held. Results will not be made public prior to award. Quotes submitted in response to this RFP will not be returned and will be retained by the U.S. Forest Service for official record purposes. This RFP does not commit the Government to pay any costs incurred in the preparation or the submission of a quote, or to make any award.
11. Quotes received after the stated closing date and time for submission, specified in Section L, will be deemed late and will not be considered for award. Vendors are urged to thoroughly read the solicitation and to review all attachments prior to preparing and submitting a quote.
12. **Site visit will be held:**
Date: TBD
Time: 10:00 AM Mountain Daylight Time
Location: 620 Main St. Carbondale, Colorado

SECTION C--DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK

C.1 SCOPE OF CONTRACT

1.0 Scope of Work

The White River National Forest Aspen/Sopris District office is located in downtown Carbondale, Colorado. The main District office was constructed in 1939 (addition added in 1995) and there are also two other buildings associated with the office that were constructed in 1937 and 1950. Like many historical buildings of this age, the office is very inefficient in terms of energy consumption and space utilization. Under this contract the main office and two associated buildings will be demolished and replaced with one building housing combined functions.

Work in the base items includes mobilization; quality control; construction staking and layout; construction of site utilities for water, sewer, natural gas, power and telecommunications; final site grading; parking area construction; and demolition of existing site features and utilities. The existing warehouse/shop on site will remain in place during construction and will not be a part of this project.

The site elevation is approximately 6200 feet. The climate is temperate with average temperature ranging from the mid-90s in the summer to zero or below zero in the winter. Extremes from these averages can be expected annually. Snowfall in the winter can be abundant during an average winter.

Incidental work includes submittals for quality control; submittals for safety and accident prevention; coordination with local utility companies and the Town of Carbondale; submittals for products and shop drawings; the construction schedule; construction waste management; operation and maintenance manuals, as well as system demonstration and training.

2.0 Background

The proposed Aspen/Sopris Office reconstruction is located in downtown Carbondale on the corner of the Main Street and Weant Blvd. Meals and lodging are commercially available in the town of Carbondale, Colorado and surrounding communities.

3.0 Contractor Technical Requirements / Tasks

Generally work will consist of the following tasks:

- Mobilization;
- Quality Control, Survey and Staking;
- Construction and upgrading of utilities including water, sewer, natural gas, electrical, and telephone/data systems;
- Site demolition, improvements, grading, temporary erosion control, and identification signs;
- Construction of the new office building;
- Demolition of existing features and utilities on the site designated in the drawings for removal or replacement;

Construction includes furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, supplies, storage, other incidentals and all work required to complete the proposed addition, remodel and associated items in accordance with the approved final drawings, specifications and provisions of the contract.

Construction quality control includes supplying all the personnel, equipment, tests and reports necessary to ensure that construction is completed in compliance with the drawings, specifications and provisions of the contract.

The Contractor shall provide temporary toilet facilities (porta-potty) at the site during all construction work.

A trash abatement program shall be initiated during pre-construction phases of the project and shall continue through the duration of the project. All construction refuse shall be removed from the site and disposed of properly on a weekly basis and upon project completion.

4.0 Government Furnished

- Water is available at the site for construction purposes.
- Utilities are available at the site for construction purposes.

5.0 Deliverables / Schedule

Key Deliverables

Item No.	Deliverable	Objective	Due
1	Construction Schedule	Defining the responsibilities, timeline, risks, and milestones of contract objectives.	No later than the date of the prework conference
2	Material and Equipment Submittals	All material specifications, product data, manufacturer's instructions, and material safety data sheets	During construction according to schedule
3	Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Manual	Binder including equipment manufacturer's data, system schematics and descriptions, maintenance schedules, etc.	Prior to final inspection
4	As-built Drawings	Drawings that recognize any changes in the plans, specifications, and/or approved submittal of equipment supplied	Prior to final inspection

6.0 Travel

All costs associated with travel to and from the job site, including mobilization of all equipment and materials shall be included in the Contractor's cost proposal.

7.0 Contractor's Key Personnel

Project Superintendent – onsite representative of the General Contractor, responsible for overall management of the project and capable of discussing technical aspects of the project.

C.2 BIO-PREFERRED

The Contractor must comply with Section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (FSRIA), Executive Order (EO) 13423, “Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management,” and the Federal Acquisition Regulation to provide biobased products. The Contractor shall utilize products and material made from biobased materials (e.g., insulating foam, composite panels, and concrete and asphalt release fluids) to the maximum extent possible without jeopardizing the intended end use or detracting from the overall quality delivered to the end user. All supplies and materials shall be of a type and quality that conform to applicable Federal specifications and standards. All supplies and materials to be used in the performance of work described herein are subject to the approval of the Contracting Officer Representative (COR). It is desirable that vendors be able to supply the greatest number of biobased products listed meeting the health and environmental specifications. Biobased products that are designated for preferred procurement under USDA’s BioPreferred program must meet the required minimum biobased content as stated in the USDA Final Rule available at

www.biopreferred.gov. The Contractor should provide data for their biobased products such as biobased content and source of biobased material in addition to the biobased products designated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the BioPreferred Program, the Contractor is encouraged to use other commercially available biobased products. The awarded Contractor on each anniversary date of the contract shall compile a complete list of biobased products, including the information above, purchased to carry out the contract requirements. The Contractor shall list volume to be used and total cost for each individual product. This information will be used for reporting purposes. The Contractor shall comply with the provision at FAR 52.223-1, Biobased Product Certification.

Additional information is available on the USDA BioPreferred Program homepage at www.BioPreferred.gov. Biobased products are commercial or industrial products that are composed in whole, or in significant part, of biological products or renewable domestic agricultural materials or forestry materials. A wide variety of Biobased products have been identified by categories on the BioPreferred Homepage at <http://www.biopreferred.gov/BioPreferred/faces/catalog/Catalog.xhtml>

List of Bio-based products for construction **examples:**

CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS
Microbial Cleaning Products - Wastewater Maintenance Products
Microbial Cleaning Products - General Cleaners
Microbial Cleaning Products - Drain Maintenance Products
Surface Guards, Molding, and Trim
Packing and Insulating Materials
Exterior Paints and Coatings
Water Tank Coatings

C.3 **PROJECT LOCATON**

The project site is located in Carbondale, Colorado at 620 Main Street.

C.4 **MAGNITUDE OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Between \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000
(Reference FAR Part 36.204 respective magnitude)

SECTION D--PACKAGING AND MARKING

D-1 PACKING AND MARKING

All shipments of materials, equipment and/or supplies shall be addressed to the Contractor and not to the Government.

D-2 PROJECT LABELING FOR OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Government singularly identifies each project with a contract number at time of award. The contract number is a unique identifier to purposely and permanently represent an awarded project. The Government issued contract number is to be referenced on all official communication starting upon notice of award.

SECTION E--INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.1 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:

www.arnet.gov/far/

52.246-12 Inspection of Construction (AUG 1996)

SECTION F--DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

F.1 CLAUSES

52.242-14 Suspension of Work (APR 1984)

52.211-10 Commencement, Prosecution, and Completion of Work (APR 1984)

The Contractor shall be required to (a) commence work under this contract within 10 calendar days after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed, (b) prosecute the work diligently, and (c) complete the entire project, include final cleanup of the premises prior to the end date of the Period of Performance.

Deliverables

By October 31st of each year of the contract, the Contractor will report their biobased product purchasing in the System for Award Management Bio-Preferred Program reporting portal. The contractor will provide a copy of the reporting to the Contracting Officer and Contracting Officer Representative.

Deliverable	Objective	Due	Deliver -To
<i>Weekly Status Report</i>	<i>Report documenting tasks & issues weekly. Ref. Task 5.1</i>	<i>Weekly, every Friday, by 3:00 pm (EDST) until the contract expires</i>	<i>Contracting Officer Representative (COR)</i>
<i>Biobased Report (copy)</i>	<i>Report purchases of Biobased products in the System for Award Management (SAM)</i>	<i>By Oct 30 for prior fiscal year (Oct. 1 - Sep. 30) ending the performance period of the contract base period and for each option year, if exercised</i>	<i>Contracting Officer (CO)</i>

G.1 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Post Award Conference (NOV 1996)

A post award conference with the successful offeror is required. It will be scheduled and held within ten (10) days after the date of contract award. The conference will be held at TBD.

SECTION H--SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

KEY PERSONNEL

- (a) The Contractor shall assign to this contract the following key personnel: Superintendent.
- (b) During the first ninety (90) days of performance, the Contractor shall make no substitutions of key personnel unless the substitution is necessitated by illness, death, or termination of employment. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer within 15 calendar days after the occurrence of any of these events and provide the information required by paragraph (c) below. After the initial 90-day period, the Contractor shall submit the information required by paragraph (c) to the Contracting Officer at least 15 days prior to making any permanent substitutions.
- (c) The Contractor shall provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions, complete resumes for the proposed substitutes, and any additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. Proposed substitutes should have comparable qualifications to those of the persons being replaced. The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor within 15 calendar days after receipt of all required information of the decision on substitutions. The contract will be modified to reflect any approved changes of key personnel.

USE OF PREMISES

(a) If applicable, before any camp, quarry, borrow pit, storage, detour, or bypass site, other than shown on the drawings, is opened or operated on USDA land or lands administered by the USDA, the Contractor shall obtain written permission from the Contracting Officer. A camp is interpreted to include a campsite or trailer parking area of any employee working on the project for the Contractor.

(b) Unless excepted elsewhere in the contract, the Contractor shall (i) provide and maintain sanitation facilities for the work force at the site and (ii) dispose of solid waste in accordance with applicable Federal, State and local regulations.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR HISTORIC SITES

If a previously unidentified archaeological or historic site(s) is encountered, the Contractor shall discontinue work in the general area of the site(s) and notify the Contracting Officer immediately.

CONTROL OF EROSION, SEDIMENTATION, AND POLLUTION

(a) Operations shall be scheduled and conducted to minimize erosion of soils and to prevent silting and muddying of streams, rivers, irrigation systems, and impoundments (lakes, reservoirs, etc.).

(b) Pollutants such as fuels, lubricants, bitumen's, raw sewage, and other harmful materials shall not be discharged on the ground; into or nearby rivers, streams, or impoundments; or into natural or man-made channels. Wash water or waste from concrete or aggregate operations shall not be allowed to enter live streams prior to treatment by filtration, settling, or other means sufficient to reduce the sediment content to not more than that of the stream into which it is discharged.

(c) Mechanized equipment shall not be operated in flowing streams without written approval by the Contracting Officer.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Pursuant to FAR clause 52.228-5, Insurance-Work on a Government Installation, the Contractor will be required to present evidence to show, as a minimum, the amounts of insurance coverage indicated below:

(a) Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability. The Contractor is required to comply with applicable Federal and State workers' compensation and occupational disease statutes. If occupational diseases are not compensable under those statutes, they shall be covered under the employer's liability section of the insurance policy, except when contract operations are so commingled with a Contractor's commercial operations that it would not be practical to require this coverage. Employer's liability coverage of at least \$100,000 shall be required, except in States with exclusive or monopolistic funds that do not permit worker's compensation to be written by private carriers.

(b) General Liability. (1) The Contractor shall have bodily injury liability coverage written on a comprehensive form of policy of at least \$500,000 per occurrence. (2) The Contractor shall have property damage liability insurance shall be required in the amount of 20,000 per occurrence.

(c) Automobile Liability. The Contractor shall have automobile liability insurance written on a comprehensive form of policy. The policy shall provide for bodily injury and property damage liability covering the operation of all automobiles used in connection with performing the contract. Policies covering automobiles operated in the United States shall provide coverage of at least \$200,000 per person and \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and \$250,000 per

(d) occurrence for property damage or loss.

PART II--CONTRACT CLAUSES

SECTION I--CONTRACT CLAUSES

I.1 CLAUSES

52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

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Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Clauses:

<https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far> (FAR clauses begin with 52)

Department of Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Clauses:

<https://www.acquisition.gov/agar> (AGAR clauses begin with 452)

Deviations to clauses may be viewed at:

<https://www.dm.usda.gov/procurement/policy/FARClassDeviations.htm>

- 52.203-7 Anti-Kickback Procedures (JUN 2020)
- 52.203-12 Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (JUN 2020)
- 52.203-19 Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (JAN 2017)
- 52.204-10 Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (JUN 2020)
- 52.204-13 System for Award Management Maintenance (OCT 2018)
- 52.204-19 Incorporation by Reference of Representations and Certifications (DEC 2014)
- 52.204-23 Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (NOV 2021)
- 52.204-25 Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (NOV 2021)
- 52.209-10 Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (NOV 2015)
- 52.215-8 Order of Precedence—Uniform Contract Format (OCT 1997)
- 52.219-3 Notice of Total HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole Source Award (SEP 2021)
- 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2020)
- 52.219-28 Post Award Small Business Program Representation (SEP 2021)
- 52.222-3 Convict Labor (JUN 2003)
- 52.222-4 Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards -- Overtime Compensation (MAY 2018)
- 52.222-6 Construction Wage Rate Requirement (AUG 2018)
- 52.222-7 Withholding of Funds (MAY 2014)
- 52.222-8 Payrolls and Basic Records (JUL 2021)
- 52.222-9 Apprentices and Trainees (JUL 2005)
- 52.222-10 Compliance with Copeland Act Requirements (FEB 1988)
- 52.222-11 Subcontracts (Labor Standards) (MAY 2014)
- 52.222-12 Contract Termination - Debarment (MAY 2014)
- 52.222-13 Compliance with Construction Wage Rate Requirements and Related Regulations (MAY 2014)

52.222-14	Disputes Concerning Labor Standards (FEB 1988)
52.222-15	Certification of Eligibility (MAY 2014)
52.222-21	Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015)
52.222-26	Equal Opportunity (APR 2016)
52.222-27	Affirmative Action Compliance Requirements for Construction (APR 2015)
52.222-30	Construction Wage Rate Requirements-Price Adjustment (None or Separately Specified Pricing Method) (AUG 2018)
52.222-35	Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020)
52.222-36	Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020)
52.222-37	Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020)
52.222-50	Combating Trafficking in Persons (NOV 2021)
52.222-54	Employment Eligibility Verification (MAY 2022)
52.222-55	Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers under Executive Order 14026 (JAN 2022)
52.222-62	Paid Sick Leave under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2022)
52.223-2	Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products under Service and Construction Contracts (SEP 2013)
52.223-3	Hazardous Material Identification and Material Safety Data Alt 1 (FEB 2021)
52.223-5	Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information (MAY 2011)
52.223-18	Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (JUN 2020)
52.225-13	Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (FEB 2021)
52.227-4	Patent Indemnity -- Construction Contracts (DEC 2007)
52.228-5	Insurance – Work on a Government Installation (JAN 1997)
52.228-12	Prospective Subcontractor Requests for Bonds (MAY 2014)
52.228-14	Irrevocable Letter of Credit (NOV 2014)
52.232-5	Payments under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts (MAY 2014)
52.232-17	Interest (MAY 2014)
52.232-23	Assignment of Claims (MAY 2014)
52.232-27	Prompt Payment for Construction Contracts (JAN 2017)
52.232-33	Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer – System for Award Management (OCT 2018)
52.232-39	Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations (JUN 2013)
52.233-1	Disputes (MAY 2014) Alt 1 (DEC 1991)
52.233-3	Protest after Award (AUG 1996)
52.233-4	Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004)
52.236-2	Differing Site Conditions (APR 1984)
52.236-3	Site Investigation and Conditions Affecting the Work (APR 1984)
52.236-5	Material and Workmanship (APR 1984)
52.236-6	Superintendence by the Contractor (APR 1984)
52.236-7	Permits and Responsibilities (NOV 1991)
52.236-8	Other Contracts (APR 1984)
52.236-9	Protection of Existing Vegetation, Structures, Equipment, Utilities, and Improvements (APR 1984)
52.236-10	Operations and Storage Areas (APR 1984)
52.236-11	Use and Possession Prior to Completion (APR 1984)

	Alternate I (NOV 1991)
52.236-17	Layout of Work (APR 1984)
52.236-21	Specifications and Drawings for Construction (FEB 1997)
	Alternate I (APR 1984)
	Alternate II (APR 1984)
52.243-5	Changes and Changed Conditions (APR 1984)
52.244-6	Subcontracts for Commercial Products and Commercial Services (JAN 2022)
	(DEVIATION APR 2020)
52.246-21	Warranty of Construction (MAR 1994)
	Alternate I (MAR 1994)
52.248-3	Value Engineering – Construction (OCT 2020)
52.249-1	Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed-Price) (Short Form)
	(APR 1984)
52.249-10	Default (Fixed-Price Construction) (APR 1984)
52.253-1	Computer Generated Forms (JAN 1991)
52.236-12	Cleaning Up (APR 1984)
52.236-13	Accident Prevention (NOV 1991)

52.225-9 Buy American Act-Construction Materials (NOV 2021)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

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

(1) Means any item of supply (including construction material) 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, under a contract or subcontract at any tier, 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.

"Construction material" means an article, material, or supply brought to the construction site by the Contractor or a subcontractor for incorporation into the building or work. The term also includes an item brought to the site preassembled from articles, materials, or supplies. However, emergency life safety systems, such as emergency lighting, fire alarm, and audio evacuation systems, that are discrete systems incorporated into a public building or work and that are produced as complete systems, are evaluated as a single and distinct construction material regardless of when or how the individual parts or components of those systems are delivered to the construction site. Materials purchased directly by the Government are supplies, not construction material.

Cost of components means-

(1) For components purchased by the Contractor, the acquisition cost, including transportation costs to the place of incorporation into the construction material (whether or not such costs are paid to a domestic firm), and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued); or

(2) For components manufactured by the Contractor, all costs associated with the manufacture of the component, including transportation costs as described in paragraph (1) of this definition, plus allocable overhead costs, but excluding profit. Cost of components does not include any costs associated with the manufacture of the construction material.

Domestic construction material means-

- (1) For construction material that does not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both-
 - (i) An unmanufactured construction material mined or produced in the United States; or
 - (ii) A construction material manufactured in the United States, if-
 - (A) The cost of its components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States exceeds 55 percent of the cost of all its components. Components of foreign origin of the same class or kind for which nonavailability determinations have been made are treated as domestic. Components of unknown origin are treated as foreign; or
 - (B) The construction material is a COTS item; or
- (2) For construction material that consists wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, a construction material manufactured in the United States if the cost of foreign iron and steel constitutes less than 5 percent of the cost of all components used in such construction material. The cost of foreign iron and steel includes but is not limited to the cost of foreign iron or steel mill products (such as bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet), castings, or forgings utilized in the manufacture of the construction material and a good faith estimate of the cost of all foreign iron or steel components excluding COTS fasteners. Iron or steel components of unknown origin are treated as foreign. If the construction material contains multiple components, the cost of all the materials used in such construction material is calculated in accordance with the definition of "cost of components".

Fastener means a hardware device that mechanically joins or affixes two or more objects together. Examples of fasteners are nuts, bolts, pins, rivets, nails, clips, and screws.

Foreign construction material means a construction material other than a domestic construction material.

Foreign iron and steel means iron or steel products not produced in the United States. Produced in the United States means that all manufacturing processes of the iron or steel must take place in the United States, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, except metallurgical processes involving refinement of steel additives. The origin of the elements of the iron or steel is not relevant to the determination of whether it is domestic or foreign.

Predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both means that the cost of the iron and steel content exceeds 50 percent of the total cost of all its components. The cost of iron and steel is the cost of the iron or steel mill products (such as bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet), castings, or forgings utilized in the manufacture of the

product and a good faith estimate of the cost of iron or steel components excluding COTS fasteners.

Steel means an alloy that includes at least 50 percent iron, between 0.02 and 2 percent carbon, and may include other elements.

"United States" means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas.

(b) Domestic preference. (1) This clause implements 41 U.S.C. chapter 83, Buy American, by providing a preference for domestic construction material. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. 1907, the domestic content test of the Buy American statute is waived for construction material that is a COTS item, except that for construction material that consists wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, the domestic content test is applied only to the iron and steel content of the construction materials, excluding COTS fasteners. (See FAR 12.505(a)(2)). The Contractor shall use only domestic construction material in performing this contract, except as provided in paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this clause.

(2) This requirement does not apply to information technology that is a commercial product or to the construction materials or components listed by the Government as follows:

None

(3) The Contracting Officer may add other foreign construction material to the list in paragraph (b)(2) of this clause if the Government determines that-

(i) The cost of domestic construction material would be unreasonable. The cost of a particular domestic construction material subject to the requirements of the Buy American statute is unreasonable when the cost of such material exceeds the cost of foreign material by more than 20 percent.

(ii) The application of the restriction of the Buy American statute to a particular construction material would be impracticable or inconsistent with the public interest; or

(iii) The construction material is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality.

(c) Request for determination of inapplicability of the Buy American statute. (1) (i) Any Contractor request to use foreign construction material in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this clause shall include adequate information for Government evaluation of the request, including-

(A) A description of the foreign and domestic construction materials.

(B) Unit of measure.

(C) Quantity.

- (D) Price.
 - (E) Time of delivery or availability.
 - (F) Location of the construction project.
 - (G) Name and address of the proposed supplier, and
 - (H) A detailed justification of the reason for use of foreign construction materials cited in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this clause.
- (ii) A request based on unreasonable cost shall include a reasonable survey of the market and a completed price comparison table in the format in paragraph (d) of this clause.
 - (iii) The price of construction material shall include all delivery costs to the construction site and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free certificate may be issued).
 - (iv) Any Contractor request for a determination submitted after contract award shall explain why the Contractor could not reasonably foresee the need for such determination and could not have requested the determination before contract award. If the Contractor does not submit a satisfactory explanation, the Contracting Officer need not make a determination.
- (2) If the Government determines after contract award that an exception to the Buy American statute applies and the Contracting Officer and the Contractor negotiate adequate consideration, the Contracting Officer will modify the contract to allow use of the foreign construction material. However, when the basis for the exception is the unreasonable price of a domestic construction material, adequate consideration is not less than the differential established in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this clause.
 - (3) Unless the Government determines that an exception to the Buy American statute applies, use of foreign construction material is noncompliant with the Buy American statute.
- (d) Data. To permit evaluation of requests under paragraph (c) of this clause based on unreasonable cost, the Contractor shall include the following information and any applicable supporting data based on the survey of suppliers:

Foreign and Domestic Construction Materials Price Comparison

Construction Material Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Price (dollars)*
Item1:			
Foreign construction material	_____	_____	_____
Domestic construction material	_____	_____	_____

Item2:

Foreign construction material	_____	_____	_____
Domestic construction material	_____	_____	_____

[* Include all delivery costs to the construction site and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued)].

[List name, address, telephone number, and contact for suppliers surveyed. Attach copy of response; if oral, attach summary.]

[Include other applicable supporting information.]

52.228-1 Bid Guarantee (SEP 1996)

(a) Failure to furnish a bid guarantee in the proper form and amount, by the time set for opening of bids, may be cause for rejection of the bid.

(b) The bidder shall furnish a bid guarantee in the form of a firm commitment, *e.g.*, bid bond supported by good and sufficient surety or sureties acceptable to the Government, postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or, under Treasury Department regulations, certain bonds or notes of the United States. The Contracting Officer will return bid guarantees, other than bid bonds –

(1) To unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after the opening of bids, and (2) To the successful bidder upon execution of contractual documents and bonds (including any necessary coinsurance or reinsurance agreements), as required by the bid as accepted.

(c) The amount of the bid guarantee shall be 20% percent of the bid price or \$250,000, whichever is less.

(d) If the successful bidder, upon acceptance of its bid by the Government within the period specified for acceptance, fails to execute all contractual documents, or furnish executed bond(s) within 10 days after receipt of the forms by the bidder, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract for default.

(e) In the event the contract is terminated for default, the bidder is liable for any cost of acquiring the work that exceeds the amount of its bid, and the bid guarantee is available to offset the difference.

52.228-11 Individual Surety - Pledge of Assets (FEB 2021) (DEVIATION APR 2020)

(a) The Contractor shall obtain from each person acting as an individual surety on a performance bond or a payment bond -

(1) A pledge of assets that meets the eligibility, valuation, and security requirements

described in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [28.203-1](#); and
(2) Standard Form 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety, **[except that the words “being duly sworn, depose and say” on the Standard Form 28 are replaced with the word “affirm” and the Standard Form 28 is not required to be sworn and notarized in block 12].**

(b) The Contracting Officer may release a portion of the security interest on the individual surety's assets based upon substantial performance of the Contractor's obligations under its performance bond. The security interest in support of a performance bond shall be maintained—

(1) Contracts for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work of the Federal Government exceeding \$150,000 (40 U.S.C. 3131). Until completion of any warranty period, or for 1 year following final payment, whichever is later.

(2) Contracts subject to alternative payment protection (see FAR 28.102-1(b)(1)). For the full contract performance period plus 1 year.

(3) Other contracts not subject to the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this clause. Until completion of any warranty period, or for 90 days following final payment, whichever is later.

(c) A surety's assets pledged in support of a payment bond may be released to a subcontractor or supplier upon Government receipt of a Federal district court judgment, or a sworn statement by the subcontractor or supplier that the claim is correct along with a notarized authorization of the release by the surety stating that it approves of such release. The security interest on the individual surety's assets in support of a payment bond shall be maintained—

(1) Contracts for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work of the Federal Government exceeding \$150,000 which require performance and payment bonds (40 U.S.C. 3131). For 1 year following final payment, or until resolution of all pending claims filed against the payment bond during the 1-year period following final payment, whichever is later.

(2) Contracts subject to alternative payment protection (see FAR 28.102-1(b)(1)). For the full contract performance period plus 1 year.

(3) Other contracts not subject to the requirements of paragraph (c)(1) of this clause. For 90 days following final payment.

(d) The Contracting Officer may allow the Contractor to substitute an individual surety, for a performance or payment bond, after contract award. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause within the timeframe established by the Contracting Officer.

52.228-13 Alternative Payment Protections (JUL 2000)

(a) The Contractor shall submit one of the following payment protections

- (b) The amount of the payment protection shall be 100 percent of the contract price.
- (c) The submission of the payment protection is required within 10 days of contract award.
- (d) The payment protection shall provide protection for the full contract performance period plus a one-year period.
- (e) Except for escrow agreements and payment bonds, which provide their own protection procedures, the Contracting Officer is authorized to access funds under the payment protection when it has been alleged in writing by a supplier of labor or material that a nonpayment has occurred, and to withhold such funds pending resolution by administrative or judicial proceedings or mutual agreement of the parties.
- (f) When a tripartite escrow agreement is used, the Contractor shall utilize only suppliers of labor and material that signed the escrow agreement.

52.228-15 Performance and Payment Bonds -- Construction (JUN 2020)
(DEVIATION APR 2020)

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

“Original contract price” means the award price of the contract; or, for requirements contracts, the price payable for the estimated total quantity; or, for indefinite-quantity contracts, the price payable for the specified minimum quantity. Original contract price does not include the price of any options, except those options exercised at the time of contract award.

(b) *Amount of required bonds.* Unless the resulting contract price is valued at or below the threshold specified in Federal Acquisition Regulation [28.102-1](#)(a) on the date of award of this contract, the successful offeror shall furnish performance and payment bonds to the Contracting Officer as follows:

(1) *Performance Bonds (Standard Form 25, **EXCEPT THAT A SEAL IS NOT REQUIRED**).* The penal amount of performance bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price.

(2) *Payment Bonds (Standard Form 25-A, **EXCEPT THAT A SEAL IS NOT REQUIRED**).* The penal amount of payment bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price.

(3) *Additional bond protection.*

(i) The Government may require additional performance and payment bond protection if the contract price is increased. The increase in protection generally will equal 100 percent of the increase in contract price.

(ii) The Government may secure the additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the penal amount of the existing bond or to obtain an additional bond.

(c) *Furnishing executed bonds.* The Contractor shall furnish all executed bonds, including any necessary reinsurance agreements, to the Contracting Officer, within the time period specified in the Bid Guarantee provision of the solicitation, or otherwise specified by the Contracting Officer, but in any event, before starting work.

(d) *Surety or other security for bonds.* The bonds shall be in the form of firm commitment, supported by corporate sureties whose names appear on the list contained in Treasury

Department Circular 570, individual sureties, or by other acceptable security such as postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or, in accordance with Treasury Department regulations, certain bonds or notes of the United States. Treasury Circular 570 is published in the *Federal Register* or may be obtained from the:

U.S. Department of Treasury
Financial Management Service
Surety Bond Branch
3700 East West Highway, Room 6F01
Hyattsville, MD 20782
Or via the internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/>.

(e) *Notice of subcontractor waiver of protection (40 U.S.C. 3133(c))*. Any waiver of the right to sue on the payment bond is void unless it is in writing, signed by the person whose right is waived, and executed after such person has first furnished labor or material for use in the performance of the contract.

52.228-17 Individual Surety – Pledge of Assets (Bid Guarantee) (FEB 2021)

(a) Offerors shall obtain from each person acting as an individual surety on a bid guarantee—

(1) A pledge of assets that meets the eligibility, valuation, and security requirements described in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [28.203-1](#); and

(2) Standard Form 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety.

(b) The Offeror shall include with its offer the information required at paragraph (a) of this provision within the timeframe specified in the provision at FAR [52.228-1](#), Bid Guarantee, or as otherwise established by the Contracting Officer.

(c) The Contracting Officer may release the security interest on the individual surety's assets in support of a bid guarantee based upon evidence that the offer supported by the individual surety will not result in contract award.

52.232-40 Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (NOV 2021) (DEVIATION APR 2020)

(a)[(1) **In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3903 and 10 U.S.C. 2307**, upon receipt of accelerated payments from the Government, the Contractor shall make accelerated payments to its small business subcontractors under this contract [**in accordance with the accelerated payment date established**], to the maximum extent practicable and prior to when such payment is otherwise required under the applicable contract or subcontract, [**with a goal of 15 days**] after receipt of a proper invoice and all other required documentation from the small business subcontractor [**if a specific payment date is not established by contract**].

(2) The Contractor agrees to make such payments to its small business subcontractors without any further consideration from or fees charged to the subcontractor].

(b) The acceleration of payments under this clause does not provide any new rights under the Prompt Payment Act.

(c) Include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts with small business concerns, including subcontracts with small business concerns for the acquisition of commercial products or commercial services.

52.236-4 Physical Data (APR 1984)

Data and information furnished or referred to below is for the Contractor's information. The Government shall not be responsible for any interpretation of, or conclusion drawn from the data or information by the Contractor. (a) The indications of physical conditions on the drawings and in the specifications are the result of site investigations shown in Attachment 4, Carbondale Site Drawings.

52.252-6 Authorized Deviations in Clauses (NOV 2020)

(a) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of “(DEVIATION)” after the date of the clause.

(b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR 4) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of “(DEVIATION)” after the name of the regulation.

452.236-70 Emergency Response, Fire Suppression and Liability (OCT 2021)

(a) Contractor's Responsibility for Responding to Emergencies. When directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall allow the Government to temporarily use employees and equipment from the work site for emergency work (anticipated to be restricted to firefighting). This is considered to be within the general scope of the contract. An equitable adjustment for the temporary use of employees and equipment will be made under the CHANGES clause.

(b) Contractor's Responsibility for Fire Fighting. The Contractor, under the provisions of FAR 52.236-9, Protection of Existing Vegetation, Structures, Equipment, Utilities, and Improvements, shall immediately extinguish all fires on the work site other than those fires in use as a part of the work. The Contractor may be held liable for all damages and for all costs incurred by the Government for labor, subsistence, equipment, supplies, and transportation deemed necessary to control or suppress a fire set or caused by the Contractor or the Contractor's agents, subcontractors, or employees subject to the fire classifications listed in subsection (c).

(c) Fire Suppression Costs. The Contractor's obligations for cost of fire suppression vary according to three classifications of fires as follows:

(1) Operations Fire. An “operations fire” is a fire caused by the Contractor's operations other than a negligent fire. The Contractor agrees to reimburse the Forest Service for such cost for each operations fire, subject to a maximum dollar amount of repairing or replacing damaged

construction/infrastructure. The cost of the Contractor's actions, supplies, and equipment expended or used on suppressing any such fire, or otherwise provided at the request of Forest Service, shall be credited toward such maximum. If the Contractor's actual cost exceeds the contractor's maximum obligation stated above, the Forest Service shall reimburse the contractor for the excess.

(2) Negligent Fire. A "negligent fire" is a fire caused by the negligence or fault of the Contractor's operations including, but not limited to, one caused by smoking by persons engaged in the Contractor's operations during the course of their employment, or during rest or lunch periods; or if the Contractor's failure to comply with requirements under this contract results in a fire starting or permits a fire to spread. Damages and the cost of suppressing negligent fires shall be borne by the Contractor.

(3) Other Fires on Contract Area. The Forest Service shall pay the Contractor, at firefighting rates common in the area or at prior agreed rates, for equipment or personnel furnished by the Contractor at the request of the Forest Service, on any fire on the contract area other than an operations fire or a negligent fire.

(d) Contractor's Responsibility for Notification in Case of Fire. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Government of any fires sighted on or in the vicinity of the work site.

(e) Performance by the Contractor. Where the Contractor's employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, or their employees or agents perform the Contractor's operations in connection with fire responsibilities, the Contractor's obligations shall be the same as if performance was by the Contractor.

(f) State Law. The Contractor shall not be relieved by the terms of this contract of any liability to the United States for fire suppression costs recovered in an action based on State law, except for such costs resulting from operations fires. Amounts due to the Contractor for firefighting expenditures on operations fires shall not be withheld pending settlement of any such claim or action based on State law.

PART III--LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

SECTION J--LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

J.1 ATTACHMENTS

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PART IV--REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION K--REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS OR RESPONDENTS

K.1 PROVISIONS

52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications (MAY 2022) (DEVIATION JUL 2020)

(a) (1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 236220 PSC Y1AA (Commercial and Institutional Building Construction, Construction of Office Buildings).

(2) The small business size standard is \$15.5 Million.

(3) The small business size standard for a concern that submits an offer, other than on a construction or service acquisition, but proposes to furnish an end item that it did not itself manufacture, process, or produce is 500 employees if the acquisition -

(i) Is set aside for small business and has a value above the simplified acquisition threshold;

(ii) Uses the HUBZone price evaluation preference regardless of dollar value, unless the offeror waives the price evaluation preference; or

(iii) Is an 8(a), HUBZone, service-disabled veteran-owned, economically disadvantaged women-owned, or women-owned small business set-aside or sole-source award regardless of dollar value.

(b) (1) If the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

(2) If the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, is not included in this solicitation, and the Offeror has an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM), the Offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The Offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

(i) ☐ Paragraph (d) applies.

(ii) ☐ Paragraph (d) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation.

(c) (1) The following representations or certifications in SAM are applicable to this solicitation as indicated:

(i) 52.203-2, Certificate of Independent Price Determination. This provision applies to solicitations when a firm-fixed-price contract or fixed-price contract with economic price adjustment is contemplated, unless—

(A) The acquisition is to be made under the simplified acquisition procedures in part 13;

(B) The solicitation is a request for technical proposals under two-step sealed bidding procedures; or

(C) The solicitation is for utility services for which rates are set by law or regulation.

(ii) 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions. This provision applies to solicitations expected to exceed \$150,000.

(iii) 52.203-18, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements-Representation. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(iv) 52.204-3, Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management.

(v) 52.204-5, Women-Owned Business (Other Than Small Business). This provision applies to solicitations that—

(A) Are not set aside for small business concerns;

(B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and

(C) Are for contracts that will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

(vi) 52.204-26, Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(vii) 52.209-2, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations-Representation.

(viii) 52.209-5, Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters. This provision applies to solicitations where the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(ix) 52.209-11, Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(x) 52.214-14, Place of Performance-Sealed Bidding. This provision applies to invitations for bids except those in which the place of performance is specified by the Government.

(xi) 52.215-6, Place of Performance. This provision applies to solicitations unless the place of performance is specified by the Government.

(xii) 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representations (Basic, Alternates I, and II). This provision applies to solicitations when the 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).

(A) The basic provision applies when the solicitations are issued by other than DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard.

(B) The provision with its Alternate I applies to solicitations issued by DoD, NASA, or the Coast Guard.

(C) The provision with its Alternate II applies to solicitations that will result in a multiple-award contract with more than one NAICS code assigned.

(xiii) 52.219-2, Equal Low Bids. This provision applies to solicitations when contracting by sealed bidding and the 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).

(xiv) 52.222-22, Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports. This provision applies to solicitations that include the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.

(xv) 52.222-25, Affirmative Action Compliance. This provision applies to solicitations, other than those for construction, when the solicitation includes the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.

(xvi) 52.222-38, Compliance with Veterans' Employment Reporting Requirements. This provision applies to solicitations when it is anticipated the contract award will exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and the contract is not for acquisition of commercial products or commercial services.

(xvii) 52.223-1, Biobased Product Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that require the delivery or specify the use of USDA-designated items; or include the clause at 52.223-2, Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts.

(xviii) 52.223-4, Recovered Material Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that are for, or specify the use of, EPA-designated items.

(xix) 52.223-22, Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction

Goals-Representation. This provision applies to solicitations that include the clause at 52.204-7.)

(xx) 52.225-2, Buy American Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-1.

(xxi) 52.225-4, Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Basic, Alternates II and III.) This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-3.

(A) If the acquisition value is less than \$50,000, the basic provision applies.

(B) If the acquisition value is \$50,000 or more but is less than \$92,319, the provision with its Alternate II applies.

(C) If the acquisition value is \$92,319 or more but is less than \$100,000, the provision with its Alternate III applies.

(xxii) 52.225-6, Trade Agreements Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-5.

(xxiii) 52.225-20, Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan-Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxiv) 52.225-25, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran-Representation and Certifications. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxv) 52.226-2, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions.

(2) The following representations or certifications are applicable as indicated by the Contracting Officer:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

☐ (i) 52.204-17, Ownership or Control of Offeror.

☐ (ii) 52.204-20, Predecessor of Offeror.

☐ (iii) 52.222-18, Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products.

☐ (iv) 52.222-48, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Certification.

☐ (v) 52.222-52, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor

Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Certification.

☐ (vi) 52.223-9, with its Alternate I, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA–Designated Products (Alternate I only).

☐ (vii) 52.227-6, Royalty Information.

☐ (A) Basic.

☐ (B) Alternate I.

☐ (viii) 52.227-15, Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software.

(d) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically in SAM website accessed through <https://www.sam.gov>. After reviewing the SAM information, the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically that apply to this solicitation as indicated in paragraph (c) of this provision have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201); except for the changes identified below [offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date]. 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.

FAR Clause # Title Date Change

Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in any updates to the representations and certifications posted on SAM.

52.204-24 Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (OCT 2020)

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

in paragraph (v)(2)(ii) of the provision at 52.212-3.

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision—

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

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

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

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

(2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract or extending or renewing a contract with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

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

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

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

(d) Representation. The Offeror represents that—

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

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

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

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

(i) For covered equipment—

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

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

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

(ii) For covered services—

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

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

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

(i) For covered equipment—

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

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

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

(ii) For covered services—

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

(B) If not associated with maintenance, the PSC of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

**52.219-4 Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns
(MAR 2020)**

(a) Definitions. See 13 CFR 126.103 for the definition of HUBZone.

(b) Evaluation preference. (1) Offers will be evaluated by adding a factor of 10 percent to the price of all offers, except-

(i) Offers from HUBZone small business concerns that have not waived the evaluation preference; and

(ii) Otherwise, successful offers from small business concerns.

(2) The factor of 10 percent shall be applied on a line item basis or to any group of items on which award may be made. Other evaluation factors described in the solicitation shall be applied before application of the factor.

(3) When the two highest rated offerors are a HUBZone small business concern and a large business, and the evaluated offer of the HUBZone small business concern is equal to the evaluated offer of the large business after considering the price evaluation preference, award will

be made to the HUBZone small business concern.

(c) Waiver of evaluation preference. A HUBZone small business concern may elect to waive the evaluation preference, in which case the factor will be added to its offer for evaluation purposes. The agreements in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this clause do not apply if the offeror has waived the evaluation preference.

☐ Offeror elects to waive the evaluation preference.

(d) Limitations on subcontracting. The Contractor shall spend—

(1) For services (except construction), at least 50 percent of the cost of personnel for contract performance on its own employees or employees of other HUBZone small business concerns;

(2) For supplies (other than procurement from a nonmanufacturer of such supplies), at least 50 percent of the cost of manufacturing, excluding the cost of materials, on the concern or other HUBZone small business concerns;

(3) For general construction—

(i) At least 15 percent of the cost of contract performance to be incurred for personnel on its own employees;

(ii) At least 50 percent of the cost of the contract performance to be incurred for personnel on its own employees or on a combination of its own employees and employees of HUBZone small business concern subcontractors;

(iii) No more than 50 percent of the cost of contract performance to be incurred for personnel on concerns that are not HUBZone small business concerns; or

(4) For construction by special trade contractors—

(i) At least 25 percent of the cost of contract performance to be incurred on its own employees;

(ii) At least 50 percent of the cost of the contract performance to be incurred for personnel on its own employees or on a combination of its own employees and employees of HUBZone small business concern subcontractors;

(iii) No more than 50 percent of the cost of contract performance to be incurred for personnel on concerns that are not HUBZone small business concerns.

(e) A HUBZone joint venture agrees that the aggregate of the HUBZone small business concerns to the joint venture, not each concern separately, will perform the applicable percentage of work requirements.

(f) Notice. The HUBZone small business offeror acknowledges that a prospective HUBZone awardee must be a HUBZone small business concern at the time of award of this contract. The HUBZone offeror shall provide the Contracting Officer a copy of the notice required by 13 CFR 126.501 if material changes occur before contract award that could affect its HUBZone eligibility. If the apparently successful HUBZone offeror is not a HUBZone small business concern at the time of award of this contract, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the

next otherwise successful HUBZone small business concern or other offeror.

52.223-1 Biobased Product Certification

BIOBASED PRODUCT CERTIFICATION (MAY 2012)

As required by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (7 U.S.C. 8102(c)(3)), the offeror certifies, by signing this offer, that biobased products (within categories of products listed by the United States Department of Agriculture in 7 CFR part 3201, subpart B) to be used or delivered in the performance of the contract, other than biobased products that are not purchased by the offeror as a direct result of this contract, will comply with the applicable specifications or other contractual requirements.

52.236-28 Preparation of Proposals – Construction (OCT 1997)

SECTION L--INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS OR RESPONDENTS

L.1 PROVISIONS

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 offeror 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/these address(es):

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Clauses:

<https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far> (FAR clauses begin with 52)

Department of Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Clauses:

<https://www.acquisition.gov/agar> (AGAR clauses begin with 452)

Deviations to provisions may be viewed at:

<https://www.dm.usda.gov/procurement/policy/FARClassDeviations.htm>

- 52.204-7 System for Award Management (OCT 2018)
- 52.204-16 Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting (AUG 2020)
- 52.204-22 Alternative Line-Item Proposal (JAN 2017)

Addenda to FAR clause 52.215-1, paragraph c: Submission of proposals.

1) Offeror must have an active entity registration at <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/> in order to submit an offer.

2) All offers shall include:

a) Price Proposal

i) Signed Standard Form 1442, Solicitation/Offer/Award (Construction, Alteration, Repair), with blocks 14 – 20c completed by the offeror.

ii) Section B - Schedule of Items, All blocks must be completed by the offeror. All Items must be priced.

iii) Section K - Offeror Representations and Certifications – Complete the requested information in each applicable provision in Section K (52.204-8, 52.204-24, 52.209-7). Only return the applicable provisions, not the entire solicitation.

iv) Acknowledgement of solicitation amendments (if any). This can be accomplished by

completing section 19 on the SF-1442 or by submitting the signed SF-30(s) from sam.gov with your price proposal.

v) Scanned copy of fully executed Bid Guarantee (Standard Form 24 and Power of Attorney).

b) Technical Proposal

The technical proposal shall include, at a minimum, the information identified below in sufficient detail to allow for evaluation based on the criteria identified in Section M Evaluation Criteria. It is strongly suggested that offerors organize their technical proposal with individual sections that address each of the following evaluation criteria:

Factor 1. Technical: Submit a short narrative providing details of the firm's work plan required to accomplish this project. And the narrative should address resources planned to accomplish the requirement.

- i) In the technical proposal, the offeror shall identify the biobased products to be purchased and used including the quantity and estimated cost of the products.
- ii) The offeror shall document prior experience in specifying, purchasing, using, and installing biobased products. The offeror shall document past performance by providing a list for all relevant contracts over the past three years involving the specification, purchase, and/or use of biobased products.

Factor 2. Schedule: Provide a detailed plan, inclusive of anticipated lead times, that indicates expected schedule (See Clause 52.211-10 above) and successful completion of the project within the stated period of performance Thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of Notice to Proceed (NTP).

(3) The price and technical proposals shall be separate documents (Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or Adobe PDF) and shall be submitted as specified in block 13a of the SF-1442. It is the vendor's responsibility to ensure delivery of all required documents by the date and time set for receipt of offers.

(4) Contact the Contracting Officer by telephone or by e-mail if you do not understand any part of these instructions.

(5) Offer submission instructions are contained on the SF-1442.

52.216-1 Type of Contract (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of a Firm Fixed Price contract resulting from this solicitation.

52.222-5 Construction Wage Rate Requirements—Secondary Site of the Work (MAY 2014)

(a)(1) The offeror shall notify the Government if the offeror intends to perform work at any secondary site of the work, as defined in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of the FAR clause at [52.222-6](#), Construction Wage Rate Requirements, of this solicitation.

(2) If the offeror is unsure if a planned work site satisfies the criteria for a secondary site of the work, the offeror shall request a determination from the Contracting Officer.

(b)(1) If the wage determination provided by the Government for work at the primary site of the work is not applicable to the secondary site of the work, the offeror shall request a wage determination from the Contracting Officer.

(2) The due date for receipt of offers will not be extended as a result of an offeror's request for a wage determination for a secondary site of the work.

52.222-23 Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity for Construction (FEB 1999)

(a) The offeror's attention is called to the Equal Opportunity clause and the Affirmative Action Compliance Requirements for Construction clause of this solicitation.

(b) The goals for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered are, are as follows:

Goals for minority participation for each trade

Goals for female participation for each trade

19.0%

6.9%

These goals are applicable to all the Contractor's construction work performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, the Contractor shall apply the goals established for the geographical area where the work is actually performed. Goals are published periodically in the *Federal Register* in notice form, and these notices may be obtained from any Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs office.

(d) The Contractor's compliance with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the regulations in 41 CFR 60-4 shall be based on (1) its implementation of the Equal Opportunity clause,

(2) specific affirmative action's obligations required by the clause entitled "Affirmative Action Compliance Requirements for Construction," and (3) its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade. The Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor, or from project to project, for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, Executive Order

11246, as amended, and the regulations in 41 CFR 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

(d) The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance, U. S. Department of Labor, within 10 working days following award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the--

- (1) Name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor.
- (2) Employer's identification number of the subcontractor.
- (3) Estimated dollar amount of the subcontract,
- (4) Estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and
- (5) Geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

(e) As used in this Notice, and in any contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is Rapid City, South Dakota.

52.225-10 Notice of Buy American Act Requirement—Construction Materials (MAY 2014)

(a) *Definitions.* "Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item," "construction material," "domestic construction material," and "foreign construction material," as used in this provision, are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American—Construction Materials" (Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause [52.225-9](#)).

(b) *Requests for determinations of inapplicability.* An offeror requesting a determination regarding the inapplicability of the Buy American statute should submit the request to the Contracting Officer in time to allow a determination before submission of offers. The offeror shall include the information and applicable supporting data required by paragraphs (c) and (d) of the clause at FAR [52.225-9](#) in the request. If an offeror has not requested a determination regarding the inapplicability of the Buy American statute before submitting its offer or has not received a response to a previous request, the offeror shall include the information and supporting data in the offer.

(c) Evaluation of offers.

(1) The Government will evaluate an offer requesting exception to the requirements of the Buy American statute, based on claimed unreasonable cost of domestic construction material, by adding to the offered price the appropriate percentage of the cost of such foreign construction material, as specified in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of the clause at FAR [52.225-9](#).

(2) If evaluation results in a tie between an offeror that requested the substitution of foreign construction material based on unreasonable cost and an offeror that did not request an exception, the Contracting Officer will award to the offeror that did not request an exception based on unreasonable cost.

(d) Alternate offers.

(1) When an offer includes foreign construction material not listed by the Government in

this solicitation in paragraph (b)(2) of the clause at FAR [52.225-9](#), the offeror also may submit an alternate offer based on use of equivalent domestic construction material.

(2) If an alternate offer is submitted, the offeror shall submit a separate [Standard Form 1442](#) for the alternate offer, and a separate price comparison table prepared in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (d) of the clause at FAR [52.225-9](#) for the offer that is based on the use of any foreign construction material for which the Government has not yet determined an exception applies.

(3) If the Government determines that a particular exception requested in accordance with paragraph (c) of the clause at FAR [52.225-9](#) does not apply, the Government will evaluate only those offers based on use of the equivalent domestic construction material, and the offeror shall be required to furnish such domestic construction material. An offer based on use of the foreign construction material for which an exception was requested—

- (i) Will be rejected as nonresponsive if this acquisition is conducted by sealed bidding; or
- (ii) May be accepted if revised during negotiations.

52.233-2 Service of Protest (SEP 2006)

(a) Protests, as defined in section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the Government Accountability Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from Lonnie Root at Lonnie.root@usad.gov.

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Conference

(a) The Government is planning a pre-bid/pre-proposal conference, during which potential offerors may obtain a better understanding of the work required.

(b) Offerors are encouraged to submit all questions in writing at least five (5) days prior to the conference. Questions will be considered at any time prior to or during the conference; however, offerors will be asked to confirm verbal questions in writing. Subsequent to the conference, an amendment to the solicitation containing an abstract of the questions and answers, and a list of attendees, will be disseminated.

(c) In order to facilitate conference preparations, it is requested that the person named on the Standard Form 1442 of this solicitation be contacted and advised of the number of persons who will attend.

(d) The Government assumes no responsibility for any expense incurred by an offeror prior to contract award.

(e) Offerors are cautioned that, notwithstanding any remarks or clarifications given at the

conference, all terms and conditions of the solicitation remain unchanged unless they are changed by amendment to the solicitation. If the answers to conference questions, or any solicitation amendment, create ambiguities, it is the responsibility of the offeror to seek clarification prior to submitting an offer.

(f) The conferences will be held at the following locations for the corresponding line items and Forests listed in the Schedule of Items. For additional questions contact the Contracting Officer's Representative Mike Ross at mike.ross@usda.gov

Date: TBD

Time: 10:00 AM Mountain Daylight Time

Location: 620 Main Street, Carbondale Colorado

Alternative Forms of Security

If furnished as security, money orders, drafts, cashier's checks, or certified checks shall be drawn payable to USDA Forest Service.

Solicitation in Advance of Funding

Notice to Offeror(s)/Supplier(s): Funds are presently available for this effort. The Government reserves the right to cancel this solicitation, either before or after the closing date. In the event the Government cancels this solicitation, the Government has no obligation to reimburse an offeror for any costs.

SECTION M--EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

M.1 PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Award will be made to the responsible offeror submitting a proposal which conforms to the solicitation and whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous and the best value to the Government considering all factors listed in this provision.

Non-price factors when combined are higher in importance than price.

M.2 TECHNICAL EVALUATION FACTORS

Factor 1. Past Performance

Past performance is a measure of the degree to which the offeror (including major subcontractors) has satisfied previous customers and complied with Federal, State and Local laws and regulations. The Government may contact references to assess the quality of the contractor's work, timely completion, project management, and compliance with regulatory requirements. The Government will consider the currency and relevance of the information, source of the information, context of the data and general trends in contractor performance.

The past performance evaluation will characterize the level of the Government's confidence that the offeror will successfully complete the work, in compliance with all contract requirements, based on its record of successful performance on recent and relevant similar projects.

In the past performance evaluation, the Government may use information from sources other than the offeror's proposal. Other sources of information may include but are not limited to: government knowledge of past performance, Federal, State and Local government agencies, better business bureaus, published media and electronic databases such as the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS).

Where there is little or no information available regarding the offeror's past performance history because the offeror is new to the marketplace, the past performance evaluation may take into account information regarding predecessor companies, key personnel who have relevant experience, or subcontractors that will perform major or critical aspects of the work. In the case of an offeror without a record of relevant past performance or for whom information on past performance is not available, the offeror may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance. The source selection authority will make the final determination as to the relevance of similar past performance information.

Contractors will supply at least three (3) years of relevant past performance information. Past performance shall also include in the technical proposal, the offeror shall identify the biobased products to be purchased and used including the quantity and estimated cost of the products (if any).

The offeror shall document prior experience in specifying, purchasing, using, and installing biobased products. The offeror shall document past performance by providing a list for all relevant contracts over the past three years involving the specification, purchase, and/or use of biobased products.

Contractors that do not provide this information will be graded as Neutral (N) and will not be graded as Unsatisfactory.

Factor 2. Experience

The Government will assess the specialized experience and skill of the firm with a focus on experience that is similar to the specified project. Contractors should submit at least three (3) years of relevant work experience.

Factor 3. Technical Approach to Performing the Work

When evaluating the Technical Approach to Performing the Work, the government will assess the reasonableness of the contractor's proposed approach to performing the work. Technical approach should also include a schedule (critical path/Gant chart) including the tentative start and stop dates included in the solicitation.

Factor 4. Price

The proposed price will be evaluated for reasonableness in accordance with FAR 15.404-1(b). The government expects to make an award without discussions, however, reserves the right to conduct discussion if necessary. In the event that discussions are conducted, the competitive range may be limited for purposes of efficiency.