

American Embassy Cairo
October 27, 2013

To: Prospective Offeror

Subject: Request for Quotations for solicitation number **SEG30014Q0001**

Enclosed is a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for providing the tax advisory services solicitation for Locally Employed Staff (LES) at the American Embassy in Cairo.

If you would like to submit an offer, follow the instructions in Section 3 of the solicitation, complete the required portions of the attached document, and submit your offer by hand in a sealed envelope marked: "Tax Advisory and Assistant Services for LES" to the Procurement & Contracting Office, 8 Kamal El Din Salah St., Cairo II no longer than November 28th, 2013 at 1400 hrs. No quotations will be accepted after this time.

The U.S. Government intends to award a contract to the responsible company submitting a Lowest-Priced Technically Acceptable (LPTA) offer. We plan to hold a pre-proposal conference on November 19th, 2013 at 10 A.M. at the Embassy premises to answer any questions about the solicitation. We intend to award a contract order based on initial quotations, although we may hold discussions with companies in the competitive range if there is a need to do so.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Jones Anderson
Contracting Officer

Enclosure

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.11. SCHEDULE

(Include applicable Federal, State and local taxes)

ITEM NO. (a)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (b)	QUANTITY (c)	UNIT (d)	UNIT PRICE (e)	AMOUNT (f)
1	Tax advisory services for about 1500 employees according to the Solicitation package attached: January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014 Funding Information: Total: \$0.00 ----- \$0.00	1,500.00	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 Funding Information: Total: \$0.00 ----- \$0.00	1,500.00	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 Funding Information: Total: \$0.00 ----- \$0.00	1,500.00	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00

SECTION 1 - THE SCHEDULE

CONTINUATION TO SF-1449
SOLICITATION NUMBER **SEG30014Q0001**
PRICES, BLOCK 23

I. PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT

- A. The purpose of this firm fixed price purchase order is to secure Tax Advisory and Assistance services for Locally Employed staff at the American Embassy Cairo in accordance with Attachment A.
- B. The contract will be for a one-year period from the date of the contract award, with 2 option years.

II. PRICING

Base Year of Contract Commencing January 1st, 2014 and continuing for a period of 12 Months.

Line Item 001:

Preparation and submission of an Bi-weekly Income Tax Withholding Report on employees' net earnings for the internal use of the U.S. Embassy, based on salary	Number of submissions	Unit price	Total price
	26	\$_____	\$_____

information provided by Financial Management Center (FMC). This calculation should be performed in a manner that minimizes fluctuations in withholdings due to fluctuating variable pay. The Withholding Report is due to the FMC within 3 business days after FMC provides the salary information to the vendor. The report should show the amount of tax due by employee, per pay period.

A. Subtotal for line item #001 for base year: \$_____

Line item 002:

The vendor will deliver to the tax authority the amounts of tax withheld from employees each month based on checks provided to the vendor from the Embassy. Payment should be made to the Tax Authority by the 15th of each month. On a monthly basis, obtain proof of payment from the Egyptian Taxation Authority and provide that proof of payment to the Embassy (FMC).

Number of Submissions	Unit Price	Total Price
12	\$_____	_____

B. Subtotal for line item 002 for base year (no. of employees x price per person): \$_____

Line Item 003:

Per Article (15) of the Tax law: Submit, to the competent tax office, a quarterly return in January, April, July, and October of each year, using the form developed for such purpose. The returns should be submitted to the tax authority no later than the last day of the months listed above.

Number of Submissions	Unit Price	Total Price
4	\$ _____	_____

C. Subtotal for line item # 003 for base year (price of submission x 1) \$ _____

Line Item 004:

	Number of Submissions	Unit price	Total price
Prepare and submit an annual tax return for employees of the embassy to the Egyptian Tax Office which ends in December of any calendar year; a copy of this annual tax return should also be provided to the Embassy. The preparation and submission of tax returns should be completed by January 15 th , after the end of the previous tax period. The preparation of the annual employees' returns will also include a reconciliation report, by employee, of the taxes owed (calculated) by employee, the amount of taxes actually withheld by employee, and any difference due to the employee or any additional amount the employee might owe the Government of Egypt. The due date of this reconciliation is January 15 th .	1	\$ _____	\$ _____

D. Subtotal for line item #004 for base year (price of submission X 1) \$ _____

Line Item 005:

	Price per person	Total estimated Price
Calculate final income taxes for retired or resigned employee, at the time the employee departs based on salary information provided by FMC. This information should be provides via excel format. The information is due to the FMC within 2 business days after FMC provides the salary information to the vendor.	\$ _____	\$ _____

E. Subtotal for line item #005 for base year: \$ _____

Total Price for base year (sum of A+ B + C + D + E): \$ _____

First option Year of Contract Commencing January 1, 2015 and continuing for a period of 12 Months.

Line Item 001:

Preparation and submission of an Bi-weekly Income Tax Withholding Report on employees' net earnings for the internal use of the U.S. Embassy, based on salary	Number of submissions	Unit price	Total price
	26	\$ _____	\$ _____

information provided by Financial Management Center (FMC). This calculation should be performed in a manner that minimizes fluctuations in withholdings due to fluctuating variable pay. The Withholding Report is due to the FMC within 3 business days after FMC provides the salary information to the vendor. The report should show the amount of tax due by employee, per pay period.

A. Subtotal for line item #001 for first option year: \$ _____

Line item 002:

The vendor will deliver to the tax authority the amounts of tax withheld from employees each month based on checks provided to the vendor from the Embassy. Payment should be made to the Tax Authority by the 15th of each month. On a monthly basis, obtain proof of payment from the Egyptian Taxation Authority and provide that proof of payment to the Embassy (FMC).

Number of Submissions	Unit Price	Total Price
12	\$ _____	_____

B. Subtotal for line item 002 for first option year (no. of employees x price per person): \$ _____

Line Item 003:

Per Article (15) of the Tax law: Submit, to the competent tax office, a quarterly return in January, April, July, and October of each year, using the form developed for such purpose. The returns should be submitted to the tax authority no later than the last day of the months listed above.

Number of Submissions	Unit Price	Total Price
4	\$ _____	_____

C. Subtotal for line item # 003 for first option year (price of submission x 1) \$ _____

Line Item 004:

	Number of Submissions	Unit price	Total price
Prepare and submit an annual tax return	1	\$ _____	\$ _____

for employees of the embassy to the Egyptian Tax Office which ends in December of any calendar year; a copy of this annual tax return should also be provided to the Embassy. The preparation and submission of tax returns should be completed by January 15th, after the end of the previous tax period. The preparation of the annual employees' returns will also include a reconciliation report, by employee, of the taxes owed (calculated) by employee, the amount of taxes actually withheld by employee, and any difference due to the employee or any additional amount the employee might owe the Government of Egypt. The due date of this reconciliation is January 15th.

D. Subtotal for line item #004 for first option year (price of submission X 1) \$ _____

Line Item 005:

	Price per person	Total estimated Price
Calculate final income taxes for retired or resigned employee, at the time the employee departs based on	\$ _____	\$ _____

salary information provided by FMC. This information should be provides via excel format. The information is due to the FMC within 2 business days after FMC provides the salary information to the vendor.

E. Subtotal for line item #005 for the first option year: \$ _____

Total Price for first option year (sum of A+ B + C + D + E): \$ _____

Second option Year of Contract Commencing January 1, 2016 and continuing for a period of 12 Months.

Line Item 001:

Preparation and submission of an Bi-weekly Income Tax Withholding Report on employees' net earnings for the internal use of the U.S. Embassy, based on salary	Number of submissions	Unit price	Total price
	26	\$ _____	\$ _____

information provided by Financial Management Center (FMC). This calculation should be performed in a manner that minimizes fluctuations in withholdings due to fluctuating variable pay. The Withholding Report is due to the FMC within 3 business days after FMC provides the salary information to the vendor. The report should show the amount of tax due by employee, per pay period.

A. Subtotal for line item #001 for second option year: \$ _____

Line item 002:

The vendor will deliver to the tax authority the amounts of tax withheld from employees each month based on checks provided to the vendor from the Embassy. Payment should be made to the Tax Authority by the 15th of each month. On a monthly basis, obtain proof of payment from the Egyptian Taxation Authority and provide that proof of payment to the Embassy (FMC).

Number of Submissions	Unit Price	Total Price
12	\$ _____	_____

B. Subtotal for line item 002 for second option year (no. of employees x price per person):\$ _____

Line Item 003:

Per Article (15) of the Tax law: Submit, to the competent tax office, a quarterly return in January, April, July, and October of each year, using the form developed for such purpose. The returns should be submitted to the tax authority no later than the last day of the months listed above.

Number of Submissions	Unit Price	Total Price
4	\$ _____	_____

C. Subtotal for line item # 003 for second option year (price of submission x 1) \$ _____

Line Item 004:

	Number of Submissions	Unit price	Total price
Prepare and submit an annual tax return	1	\$ _____	\$ _____

for employees of the embassy to the Egyptian

Tax Office which ends in December of any calendar year; a copy of this annual tax return should also be provided to the Embassy. The preparation and submission of tax returns should be completed by January 15th, after the end of the previous tax period. The preparation of the annual employees' returns will also include a reconciliation report, by employee, of the taxes owed (calculated) by employee, the amount of taxes actually withheld by employee, and any difference due to the employee or any additional amount the employee might owe the Government of Egypt. The due date of this reconciliation is January 15th.

D. Subtotal for line item #004 for second option year (price of submission X 1) \$ _____

Line Item 005:

Calculate final income taxes for retired or resigned employee, at the time the employee departs based on	Price per person	Total estimated Price
	\$ _____	\$ _____

salary information provided by FMC. This information should be provides via excel format. The information is due to the FMC within 2 business days after FMC provides the salary information to the vendor.

E. Subtotal for line item #005 for second option year: \$ _____

Total Price for second option year (sum of A+ B + C + D + E): \$ _____

CONTINUATION TO SF-1449
SOLICITATION NUMBER SEG30014Q0001
ATTACHMENT A
DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATION/WORK STATEMENT

1. General. The Embassy of the United States of America in Cairo, Egypt requires tax withholding advisory and assistance services for approximately 1,500 Locally Employed (LE) staff. Egyptian Tax Law No. 91/2005, effective July 1, 2005, subjects salaries of Egyptian employees of Diplomatic missions in Egypt to local income tax, and requires that Diplomatic missions withhold a percentage of local income tax from employee's salary each pay period. Withheld local tax in the amounts, as required by Egyptian Law, is transferred to the Egyptian Tax Authorities on a recurring basis. The U.S. Embassy in Cairo requires a contractor capable of performing tax withholding calculations for each employee on a bi-weekly basis, and certifying that the calculated tax amounts are accurate and in accordance with all applicable laws.

Very Important: A significant number of employees earn premium pay (overtime) which varies from pay period to pay period. It can also fluctuate from a sizeable premium pay in one pay to no premium pay in the following pay period. Since the application of the withholding mechanism by the embassy in 2005, exact taxes for income earned by an employee in a given pay period are being withheld on the following pay period (subject to change). Such a method of an after the fact calculation and withholding has created unnecessary fluctuations in employees' net pay. The same applies to pay days when bonuses or awards are paid which is normally twice a year. The Embassy is looking for a contractor that can provide tax calculations and perhaps suggest a simpler and proactive mechanism to address taxes applicable to variable pay such as premium pay, bonuses, and awards.

Embassy will provide contractor with all the necessary payroll information for its employees. The Embassy will draw check payments issued in the name of the Tax Authority and give the checks to the contractor for delivery to the Egyptian Government on a quarterly basis. The contractor will provide the Embassy with payment receipt confirmations. The contractor is responsible for obtaining an annual clearance letter from the tax authority, by tax year, certifying that all correct due tax payments have been received by the tax authority for all embassy employees which may include recently departed employees in any given tax year. The contractor should also provide an annual reconciliation, by employee, of taxes that are owed, taxes that were paid, and the net different of taxes that the employee collects if an overpayment occurred, or additional taxes the employee may owe if the employee has not paid enough to the Government of Egypt.

2. DEFINITIONS (as used in this contract).

COR: Contracting Officer's Representative (Senior Financial Management Officer - S/FMO).

COB: Close of business, last day worked.

Employee: A Locally Employed Staff employed by the U.S. Government, under a Direct-Hire Appointment, Personal Services Contract, Personal Services Agreement hired by an instrumentality of the U.S. Government, such as AECWA.

Employer: The United States Government.

FMO: The Financial Management Office or the paying office for all U.S Government Agencies except USAID and Namru-3.

LES Payroll System- Payroll systems operated by the Global Financial Services (GFS) to pay LE Staff.

GFS Bangkok: The Global Financial Service Center in Bangkok provides U.S. Missions with a comprehensive set of payroll data processing instructions and prescribes

forms or formats for payroll data reporting cable or by e-mail.

Local Currency: National currency of Egypt - Egyptian pound

Pay day: A regular day on which wages are paid in the U.S. Embassy Cairo. It is currently every other Wednesday except Namru-3, where employees are paid on monthly basis, and AECWA who has a different pay system.

Pay period: Time period which covers two administrative workweeks for all employees except those hired on another-than-annual basis, for whom a pay period is in accordance with the terms of the appointment.

Payroll: Employer's list of those employees entitled to pay and the amounts due to each employee.

Project Manager: Contractor's employee assigned for the purpose to supervise the work on the work site with authority to act for the contractor.

AECWA: American Employee Community Welfare Association

3. Calculation of biweekly income taxes withholding.

To complete this task the Contractor shall:

- 3.1. Enter personal income data into the database on a biweekly basis (pay period);
- 3.2. Match such data with employees' current status;
- 3.3. Calculate taxes that must be withheld from each employee's salary on a biweekly basis (pay period) based on the current tax law in a manner that reduces fluctuations in withholdings due to variable pay;
- 3.4. This task shall be completed within 3 business days after FMC provides the salary information to the vendor.

4. The Embassy shall:

- 4.1. Provide the contractor with an explanation of the salary composition, and the different social security types of contributions made on behalf of embassy employees.
- 4.2. Identify special cases of employees, which include: American locally hired employees, Egyptian nationals who are green card holders, Third country citizens, and employees who are dual nationals of Egypt and United States, and the type of taxes and deductions they are currently subject to under other tax or social security systems.
- 4.3. Provide a file in MS Excel format with the Comprehensive Payroll Report issued by GFS Bangkok;
- 4.4. Provide a spreadsheet in MS Excel format with all relevant changes in employees' status. The information specified in sections 4.3 and 4.4 shall be provided no later than Thursday following the Pay-day.

5. Group Briefings.

The Embassy may require additional educational group briefings, which may include but are not limited to: tax regulations, or clarification of certain issues, changes in income tax withholding; personal questions of the LESs about tax withholding and tax exemption, etc. Such briefings shall be held on U.S. Embassy facilities and shall last no more than 60 minutes. The following

Embassy officials shall be authorized to set up the dates and time of Group Briefings:

- Senior Financial Management Officer
- Financial Management Officer
- Senior Personnel Officer
- Personnel Officer

6. Monthly Tax Payment Estimation:

- 6.1 The contractor will receive from a check from the embassy (or the embassy bank), a check equal to one month's taxes for all employees.
- 6.2 The monthly check drawn is on behalf of LES of the U.S. Embassy.
- 6.3 The monthly check should be normally submitted by the contractor to the Tax authorities before the 15th day of the month.
- 6.4. The contractor will submit to embassy FMC an official receipt from the tax authorities showing proof of payment of such amount on a quarterly basis.

7. Annual Tax Return

- 7.1. The Contractor shall be fully responsible for preparing and submitting the annual tax return to the embassy and to the tax authority by the end of each calendar year. This tax return will be for all employees.
- 7.2. The embassy shall provide the contractor with all the data needed for preparing the annual tax return on MS Excel sheets.
- 7.3. The contractor should submit the annual tax return to the embassy by January 15th of the calendar year following the end of the tax period.
- 7.4 The vendor shall produce an annual reconciliation for each employee, of the taxes owed (calculated) by employee, the amount of taxes actually withheld by employee, and any difference due to the employee or any additional amount the employee might owe the Government of Egypt.
- 7.5 The final payment of the annual tax shall represent the any amount due or owed by employees per the reconciliation noted in paragraph 7.4. This will essentially be a "13th" month payment.

8. Calculation of Final Tax Reconciliation for Retired or Resigned employees

- 8.1. The contractor shall prepare the final tax reconciliation to determine the exact amount that must be withheld or refunded from or to each retired or resigned employee, at the time the employee departs.
- 8.2. The embassy shall provide the contractor with the actual total tax amount withheld from each employee during the year, and a breakdown of the employee salary for the last pay period and the COB for each employee.
- 8.3. This task shall be completed within 2 days after the embassy provides the salary information to the vendor.

9. Eligibility

- 9.1. LES employees employed by the U.S. Government agencies affiliated with the U.S. Embassy in Cairo who are citizens of Egypt and may also include any of the following categories: Green Card holders, Third Country citizens and dual citizens of Egypt and United States. LES employees may also be American citizens who are locally hired by the Embassy or any of its agencies.
- 9.2. Term of Eligibility. Each current active employee is eligible for services under this contract award and thereafter during the performance period of this contract. Each new employee will be eligible upon entering on duty with the United States Government. An employee is considered active ("on the rolls") whenever such employee is on annual or sick leave, with or without pay
- 9.3. If any of the Embassy employees have tax privileges as recognized by Egyptian law, the contractor shall update employee's personal information and correct amounts that should be withheld from his/her salary.

SECTION 2 CONTRACT CLAUSES

FAR 52.204-7 CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (DEC 2012), is incorporated by reference.

FAR 52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FEB 2012), is incorporated by reference. (See SF-1449, block 27a).

52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 2013)

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

(1) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Feb 2009) (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

___ Alternate I (Aug 2007) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

(2) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (AUG 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).

(3) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Pub. L. 108-77, 108-78).

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

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

X (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Sept 2006), with Alternate I (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

___ (2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Apr 2010) (Pub. L. 110-252, Title VI, Chapter 1 (41 U.S.C. 251 note)).

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

X (4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Aug 2012) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

___ (5) 52.204-11, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—Reporting Requirements (Jul 2010) (Pub. L. 111-5).

___ (6) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government’s Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (Dec 2010) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

___ (7) 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Feb 2012) (41 U.S.C. 2313).

___ (8) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (May 2012) (section 738 of Division C of Pub. L. 112-74, section 740 of Division C of Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Division D of Pub. L. 111-8, and section 745 of Division D of Pub. L. 110-161).

___ (9) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

___ (10) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (JAN 2011) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

___ (11) [Reserved]

___ (12)(i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644).

___ (ii) Alternate I (Nov 2011).

___ (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2011).

___ (13)(i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003) (15 U.S.C. 644).

- ___ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 1995) of 52.219-7.
- ___ (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of 52.219-7.
- ___ (14) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Jan 2011) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).
- ___ (15)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Jan 2011) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.
- ___ (iii) Alternate II (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.
- ___ (iv) Alternate III (Jul 2010) of 52.219-9.
- ___ (16) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (Nov 2011)(15 U.S.C. 644(r)).
- ___ (17) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).
- ___ (18) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (Jan 1999) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).
- ___ (19)(i) 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns (OCT 2008) (10 U.S.C. 2323) (if the offeror elects to waive the adjustment, it shall so indicate in its offer).
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (June 2003) of 52.219-23.
- ___ (20) 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Disadvantaged Status and Reporting (Dec 2010) (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).
- ___ (21) 52.219-26, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program— Incentive Subcontracting (Oct 2000) (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).
- ___ (22) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657 f).
- ___ (23) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (Apr 2012) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).
- ___ (24) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB) Concerns (Apr 2012) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
- ___ (25) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Concerns Eligible Under the WOSB Program (Apr 2012) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
- ___ (26) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (June 2003) (E.O. 11755).
- ___ (27) 52.222-19, Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Mar 2012) (E.O. 13126).
- ___ (28) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999).
- ___ (29) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Mar 2007) (E.O. 11246).
- ___ (30) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Sep 2010)(38 U.S.C. 4212).
- ___ (31) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (Oct 2010) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- ___ (32) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (SEP 2010) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- ___ (33) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496).
- ___ (34) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (JUL 2012). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.)
- ___ (35)(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.)
- ___ (36) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (DEC 2007) (42 U.S.C. 8259b).
- ___ (37)(i) 52.223-16, IEEE 1680 Standard for the Environmental Assessment of Personal Computer Products (DEC 2007) (E.O. 13423).
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (DEC 2007) of 52.223-16.

- X (38) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (AUG 2011) (E.O. 13513).
- ___ (39) 52.225-1, Buy American Act—Supplies (Feb 2009) (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d).
- ___ (40)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act (Nov 2012) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2012) of 52.225-3.
- ___ (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2012) of 52.225-3.
- ___ (iv) Alternate III (Nov 2012) of 52.225-3.
- ___ (41) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (NOV 2012) (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).
- X (42) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (June 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
- ___ (43) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
- ___ (44) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
- X (45) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002) (41 U.S.C. 255(f), 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- X (46) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 255(f), 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- X (47) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Central Contractor Registration (Oct 2003) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- X (48) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than Central Contractor Registration (May 1999) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- ___ (49) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (Feb 2010) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- ___ (50) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).
- ___ (51)(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631).
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) 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 items:
[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]
- ___ (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965 (Nov 2007) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- ___ (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 1989) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- ___ (3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act—Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (Sep 2009) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- ___ (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act—Price Adjustment (Sep 2009) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- ___ (5) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment—Requirements (Nov 2007) (41 351, et seq.).
- ___ (6) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Certain Services—Requirements (Feb 2009) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- ___ (7) 52.222-17, Non displacement of Qualified Workers (JAN 2013) (E.O.13495).
- ___ (8) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (Mar 2009) (Pub. L. 110-247).
- ___ (9) 52.237-11, Accepting and Dispensing of \$1 Coin (Sept 2008) (31 U.S.C. 5112(p)(1)).

(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, 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 items. 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 (Apr 2010) (Pub. L. 110-252, Title VI, Chapter 1 (41 U.S.C. 251 note)).

(ii) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Dec 2010) (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 \$650,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(iii) 52.222-17, Non displacement of Qualified Workers (JAN 2013) (E.O. 13495). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (l) of FAR clause 52.222-17.

(iv) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Mar 2007) (E.O. 11246).

(v) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Sep 2010) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

(vi) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (Oct 2010) (29 U.S.C. 793).

(vii) 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.

(viii) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965 (Nov 2007) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

(ix) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Feb 2009) (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

____Alternate I (Aug 2007) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

(x) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (Nov 2007) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

(xi) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (Feb 2009) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

(xii) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (JUL 2012).

(xiii) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (Mar 2009) (Pub. L. 110-247). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.

(xiv) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) 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 items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.
(End of clause)

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

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:

<http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html> or, <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm>

These addresses are subject to change. If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the locations indicated above, use the Dept. of State Acquisition Website at <http://www.statebuy.state.gov> to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet "search engine" (e.g., Yahoo, Excite, Alta Vista, etc.) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation clauses are incorporated by reference:

<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.225-14	Inconsistency Between English Version and Translation of Contract (FEB 2000)
52.228-4	Workers' Compensation and War-Hazard Insurance Overseas (APR 1984)
52.228-5	Insurance - Work on a Government Installation (JAN 1997)
52.245-2	Government Property Installation Operation Services - where USG providing property but contractor responsible for replacement (JUNE 2007)

The following FAR clauses are provided in full text:

52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract.

52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 2000)

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract or within 30 days after funds for the option year become available, whichever is later.

(b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed **36 months**

52.232-19 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. (APR 1984)

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond September 30 of the current calendar year. The Government's obligation for performance of this contract beyond that date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond September 30 of the current calendar year, until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for performance and until the Contractor receives notice of availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR CLAUSES ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION (JULY 2008)

Contract performance may require contractor personnel to attend meetings with government personnel and the public, work within government offices, and/or utilize government email.

Contractor personnel must take the following actions to identify themselves as non-federal employees:

- 1) Use an email signature block that shows name, the office being supported and company affiliation (e.g. "John Smith, Office of Human Resources, ACME Corporation Support Contractor");
 - 2) Clearly identify themselves and their contractor affiliation in meetings;
 - 3) Identify their contractor affiliation in Departmental e-mail and phone listings whenever contractor personnel are included in those listings; and
 - 4) Contractor personnel may not utilize Department of State logos or indicia on business cards.
- (end of clause)

652.232-70 PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND INVOICE SUBMISSION (FIXED-PRICE) (AUG 1999)

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

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

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

652.237-72 OBSERVANCE OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE (APR 2004)

New Year's Day	American	Wednesday	Jan 1
Coptic Christmas	Egyptian	Tuesday	Jan 7
Moulid El Nabi**	Egyptian	Monday	Jan 13
Martin Luther King's Birthday	American	Sunday	Jan 19
Revolution/Police Day*	Egyptian	Saturday	Jan 25
President's Day	American	Sunday	Feb 16
Sham El Nessim	Egyptian	Monday	April 21
Sinai Liberation Day*	Egyptian	Friday	April 25
Labor Day	Egyptian	Thursday	May 1
Memorial Day	American	Sunday	May 25
Independence Day	American	Thursday	July 3
National Day	Egyptian	Wednesday	July 23
Eid El Fitr**	Egyptian	Mon/Tues	July 28-29
Labor Day	American	Sunday	August 31
Eid El Adha**	Egyptian	Fri/Sat/Sun	Oct. 3-5
Armed Forces Day	Egyptian	Monday	Oct. 6
Columbus Day	American	Sunday	Oct. 12
Islamic New Year**	Egyptian	Saturday	Oct. 25
Veterans Day	American	Tuesday	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Day	American	Thursday	Nov. 27
Christmas Day	American	Thursday	Dec. 25

Any other day designated by Federal law, Executive Order, or Presidential Proclamation.

(b) When any such day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday is observed. Observance of such days by Government personnel shall not be cause for additional period of performance or entitlement to compensation except as set forth in the contract. If the contractor's personnel work on a holiday, no form of holiday or other premium compensation will be reimbursed either as a direct or indirect cost, unless authorized pursuant to an overtime clause elsewhere in this contract.

(c) When the Department of State grants administrative leave to its Government employees, assigned contractor personnel in Government facilities shall also be dismissed. However, the contractor agrees to continue to provide sufficient personnel to perform round-the-clock requirements of critical tasks already in operation or scheduled, and shall be guided by the instructions issued by the contracting officer or his/her duly authorized representative.

(d) For fixed-price contracts, if services are not required or provided because the building is closed due to inclement weather, unanticipated holidays declared by the President, failure of Congress to appropriate funds, or similar reasons, deductions will be computed as follows:

(1) The deduction rate in dollars per day will be equal to the per month contract price divided by 21 days per month.

(2) The deduction rate in dollars per day will be multiplied by the number of days services are not required or provided.

If services are provided for portions of days, appropriate adjustment will be made by the contracting officer to ensure that the contractor is compensated for services provided.

(e) If administrative leave is granted to contractor personnel as a result of conditions stipulated in any "Excusable Delays" clause of this contract, it will be without loss to the contractor. The cost of salaries and wages to the contractor for the period of any such excused absence shall be a reimbursable item of direct cost hereunder for employees whose regular time is normally charged, and a reimbursable item of indirect cost for employees whose time is normally charged indirectly in accordance with the contractor's accounting policy.

652.242-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) AUG 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer may designate in writing one or more Government employees, by name or position title, to take action for the Contracting Officer under this contract. Each designee shall be identified as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Such designation(s) shall specify the scope and limitations of the authority so delegated; provided, that the designee shall not change the terms or conditions of the contract, unless the COR is a warranted Contracting Officer and this authority is delegated in the designation.

(b) The COR for this contract is **FMO Officer**

652.225-71 SECTION 8(A) OF THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1979, AS AMENDED (AUG 1999)

(a) Section 8(a) of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)), prohibits compliance by U.S. persons with any boycott fostered by a foreign country against a country which is friendly to the United States and which is not itself the object of any form of boycott pursuant to United States law or regulation. The Boycott of Israel by Arab League countries is such a boycott, and therefore, the following actions, if taken with intent to comply with, further, or support the Arab League Boycott of Israel, are prohibited activities under the Export Administration Act:

(1) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to do business with or in Israel, with any Israeli business concern, or with any national or resident of Israel, or with any other person, pursuant to an agreement of, or a request from or on behalf of a boycotting country;

(2) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to employ or otherwise discriminating against any person on the basis of race, religion, sex, or national origin of that person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such person;

(3) Furnishing information with respect to the race, religion, or national origin of any U.S. person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such U.S. person; (4) Furnishing information about whether any person has, has had, or proposes to have any business relationship (including a relationship by way of sale, purchase, legal or commercial representation, shipping or other transport, insurance, investment, or supply) with or in the State of Israel, with any business concern organized under the laws of the State of Israel, with any Israeli national or resident, or with any person which is known or believed to be restricted from having any business relationship with or in Israel;

(5) Furnishing information about whether any person is a member of, has made contributions to, or is otherwise associated with or involved in the activities of any charitable or fraternal organization which supports the State of Israel; and,

(6) Paying, honoring, confirming, or otherwise implementing a letter of credit which contains any condition or requirement against doing business with the State of Israel.

(b) Under Section 8(a), the following types of activities are not forbidden "compliance with the boycott," and are therefore exempted from Section 8(a)'s prohibitions listed in paragraphs (a)(1)-(6) above:

(1) Complying or agreeing to comply with requirements:

(i) Prohibiting the import of goods or services from Israel or goods produced or services provided by any business concern organized under the laws of Israel or by nationals or residents of Israel; or,

(ii) Prohibiting the shipment of goods to Israel on a carrier of Israel, or by a route other than that prescribed by the boycotting country or the recipient of the shipment;

(2) Complying or agreeing to comply with import and shipping document requirements with respect to the country of origin, the name of the carrier and route of shipment, the name of the supplier of the shipment or the name of the provider of other services, except that no information knowingly furnished or conveyed in response to such requirements may be stated in negative, blacklisting, or similar exclusionary terms, other than with respect to carriers or route of shipments as may be permitted by such regulations in order to comply with precautionary requirements protecting against war risks and confiscation;

(3) Complying or agreeing to comply in the normal course of business with the unilateral and specific selection by a boycotting country, or national or resident thereof, of carriers, insurance, suppliers of services to be performed within the boycotting country or specific goods which, in the normal course of business, are identifiable by source when imported into the boycotting country;

(4) Complying or agreeing to comply with the export requirements of the boycotting country relating to shipments or transshipments of exports to Israel, to any business concern of or organized under the laws of Israel, or to any national or resident of Israel;

(5) Compliance by an individual or agreement by an individual to comply with the immigration or passport requirements of any country with respect to such individual or any member of

such individual's family or with requests for information regarding requirements of employment of such individual within the boycotting country; and,

(6) Compliance by a U.S. person resident in a foreign country or agreement by such person to comply with the laws of that country with respect to his or her activities exclusively therein, and such regulations may contain exceptions for such resident complying with the laws or regulations of that foreign country governing imports into such country of trademarked, trade named, or similarly specifically identifiable products, or components of products for his or her own use, including the performance of contractual services within that country, as may be defined by such regulations.

652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(a) The contractor warrants the following:

(1) That is has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;

(2) That is has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,

(3) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.

(b) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

SECTION 3 - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

FAR 52.212-1, INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JUN 2008), IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. (SEE SF-1449, BLOCK 27A).

A. Summary of instructions. Each offer must consist of the following:

A.1. A completed solicitation, in which the SF-1449 cover page (blocks 12, 17, 19-24, and 30 as appropriate), and Section 1 has been filled out.

A.2. Information demonstrating the offeror's/quoter's ability to perform, including:

(1) Name of a Project Manager (or other liaison to the Embassy/Consulate) who understands written and spoken English;

(2) Evidence that the offeror/quoter operates an established business with a permanent address and telephone listing;

(3) List of clients, demonstrating prior experience with relevant past performance information and references with their contact info and point of contact for these references;

(4) Evidence that the offeror/quoter can provide the necessary personnel, equipment, and financial resources needed to perform the work;

(5) Evidence that the offeror/quoter has all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section 2).

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

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

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

<http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html/> or <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm>

These addresses are subject to change. IF the FAR is not available at the locations indicated above, use of an Internet “search engine” (e.g., Yahoo, Infoseek, Alta Vista, etc.) is suggested to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR provisions.

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

<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.204-6	Contractor Identification Number --Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)Number (APR 2008)
52.214-34	Submission of Offers in the English Language (APR 1991)

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR PROVISION(S) IS/ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

652.206-70 COMPETITION ADVOCATE/OMBUDSMAN (AUG 1999) (DEVIATION)

- (a) The Department of State’s Competition Advocate is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged to first contact the contracting office for the respective solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact the Department of State Competition Advocate on (703) 516-1693, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: U.S. Department of State, Competition Advocate, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 900, SA-27, Washington, DC 20522-2712.
- (b) The Department of State’s Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and post-award phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman, Management Officer, at 2797-2101. For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns,

issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1693, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 900, SA-27, Washington, DC 20522-2712.

(End of Clause)

Acquisition Method: The Government is conducting this acquisition using the simplified acquisition procedures in Part 13 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). If the dollar amount exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold, then the Government will be using the test program for commercial items authorized by Subpart 13.5 of the FAR.

SECTION 4 - EVALUATION FACTORS

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

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

The following FAR provisions are provided in full text:

52.217-5 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (JUL 1990)

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

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

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

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

SECTION 5 - REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (DEC 2012)

An offeror shall complete only paragraph (b) of this provision if the offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via <https://www.acquisition.gov>. If an offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at the ORCA website, the offeror shall complete only paragraphs (c) through (o) of this provision.

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

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

“Forced or indentured child labor” means all work or service—

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

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

“Inverted domestic corporation”, as used in this section, means a foreign incorporated entity which is treated as an inverted domestic corporation under [6 U.S.C. 395\(b\)](#), *i.e.*, a corporation that used to be incorporated in the United States, or used to be a partnership in the United States, but now is incorporated in a foreign country, or is a subsidiary whose parent corporation is incorporated in a foreign country, that meets the criteria specified in [6 U.S.C. 395\(b\)](#), applied in accordance with the rules and definitions of [6 U.S.C. 395\(c\)](#). An inverted domestic corporation as herein defined does not meet the definition of an inverted domestic corporation as defined by the Internal Revenue Code at [26 U.S.C. 7874](#).

“Manufactured end product” means any end product in Federal Supply Classes (FSC) 1000-9999, except—

- (1) FSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;
- (2) Federal Supply Group (FSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;
- (3) FSG 88, Live Animals;
- (4) FSG 89, Food and Related Consumables;
- (5) FSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) FSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) FSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (8) FSC 9610, Ores;
- (9) FSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and
- (10) FSC 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.

“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”—

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

“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.

“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.

(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 posted on the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website.

(2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the ORCA website accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>. After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror verifies by submission of this offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically at FAR 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items, have been entered or updated in the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard 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 paragraphs _____.

(c) – (d) Reserved

(e) Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions ([31 U.S.C. 1352](#)). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.) 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) – (g) Reserved

(h) Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters (Executive Order 12689).

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 \$3,000 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).

(1) Listed end products.

(2) Certification.

(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) Reserved

(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 a central contractor registration database to be eligible for award.)

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

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

(3) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

- TIN: _____.
- TIN has been applied for.
- TIN is not required because:
- Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;
- Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;
- Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(4) Type of organization.

- Sole proprietorship;
- Partnership;
- Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);
- Corporate entity (tax-exempt);
- Government entity (Federal, State, or local);
- Foreign government;
- International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;
- Other _____.

(5) Common parent.

- Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;
- Name and TIN of common parent:
Name _____.
- TIN _____.

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

(n) Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations. (1)Relation to Internal Revenue Code. A foreign entity that is treated as an inverted domestic corporation for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code at 26 USC 7874 (or would be except that the inversion transactions were completed on or before March 4, 2003), is also an inverted domestic corporation for purposes of 6 USC 395 and for this solicitation provision (see FAR 9.108).

(2) Representation. By submission of its offer, the offeror represents that it is not an offer, the offeror represents that is not an inverted domestic corporation and is not a subsidiary of one.

(End of Clause)

**ADDENDUM TO REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISION(S) NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12**

The following DOSAR provision is provided in full text:

652.225-70 ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL (AUG 1999)

- (a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person as defined below.

United States person means any United States resident or national (other than an individual resident outside the United States and employed by other than a United States person), any domestic concern (including any permanent domestic establishment of any foreign concern), and any foreign subsidiary or affiliate (including any permanent foreign establishment) of any domestic concern which is controlled in fact by such domestic concern, as provided under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended.

- (b) Certification. By submitting this offer, the offeror certifies that it is not:

- (1) Taking or knowingly agreeing to take any action, with respect to the boycott of Israel by Arab League countries, which Section 8(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)) prohibits a United States person from taking; or,
- (2) Discriminating in the award of subcontracts on the basis of religion.

QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN (QAP).

This plan is designed to provide an effective surveillance method to promote effective contractor performance. The QAP provides a method for the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to monitor contractor performance, advise the contractor of unsatisfactory performance, and notify the Contracting Officer of continued unsatisfactory performance. The contractor, not the Government, is responsible for management and quality control to meet the terms of the contract. The role of the Government is to conduct quality assurance to ensure that contract standards are achieved.

Performance Objective	PWS	Performance Threshold
<p><u>Services.</u> Performs all LE Staff Tax advisory services set forth in the Performance Work Statement (PWS) by the specified deadlines.</p>	<p><i>Pages 3 – 12 of RFQ</i></p>	<p>All required services per line item are performed on-time and no more than one three substantiated customer complaints are received per month.</p>

1 **SURVEILLANCE.** The COR will receive and document all complaints from Government personnel regarding the services provided. If appropriate, the COR will send the complaints to the Contractor for corrective action.

2 **STANDARD.** The performance standard is that all required services (per line item) are performed on-time and that the Government receives no more than three customer complaints per month. The COR shall notify the Contracting Officer if the required services are not performed and completed, not performed on time, and of the complaints so that the Contracting Officer may take appropriate action to enforce the inspection clause (FAR 52.212.4, Contract Terms and Conditions-Commercial Items (May 2001), if any of the services exceed the standard.

3 **PROCEDURES.**

(a) If any Government personnel observe unacceptable services, either incomplete work or required services not being performed on-time, they should immediately contact the COR.

(b) The COR will complete appropriate documentation to record the complaint.

(c) If the COR determines the complaint is invalid, the COR will advise the complainant. The COR will retain the annotated copy of the written complaint for his/her files.

(d) If the COR determines the complaint is valid, the COR will inform the Contractor and give the Contractor additional time to correct the defect(s), if additional time is available. The COR shall determine how much time is reasonable.

(e) The COR shall, as a minimum, orally notify the Contractor of any valid complaints, when required services are not performed or not performed on time per the PWS.

(f) If the Contractor disagrees with the complaint after investigation of the site, challenges the validity of the complaint, refutes whether services have been performed and completed or timely performed and completed, the Contractor will notify the COR. The COR will review the matter to determine the validity of the complaint.

(g) The COR will consider complaints and service issues as resolved unless notified otherwise by the complainant.

(h) Repeat customer complaints, the non-delivery of contracted services, or the inability to meet established deadlines per the PWS are not permitted under this contract. If any of these actions occur on a repetitive basis, the COR will contact the Contracting Officer for appropriate action under the Inspection clause. The non-delivery of contracted services and/or the timely delivery of services per the PWS, may be subject to contract penalties as follows:

(1) The deduction rate in dollars per day will be equal to per month contract price divided by 21 days per month.

(2) The deduction rate in dollars per day will be multiplied by the number of days services are not required or performed.

(3) The deduction rate in dollars for Line Item #3 under this contract will be based on an annual interest of 10% of the tax amount to be remitted by the contractor to the tax authority prorated on the number of days the contractor submitted such tax amounts to the Tax Authority after the deadlines specified in Line Item #2.