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Subject: Request for Proposals (RFP) No.SOI300-10-R-0516

Marquee and toilet trailer rental at U.S. Ambassador's Residence, Phoenix Park, Dublin, Ireland.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The American Embassy in Dublin would like to invite your company to submit a proposal for the above mentioned project.

Detailed specifications are included in this packet (see work performance statement), and shall be used for the sole purpose of submitting a proposal under this solicitation and shall be returned to the US Government with the offer.

If you intend to submit a proposal/quotation, you should thoroughly examine all documents contained in the solicitation package. Offeror should submit their proposals/quotations to me by email SheaDL@state.gov no later than 14:00 on Friday, May 28, 2010. Paper copies may also be delivered to my attention at the street address shown in the following paragraph.

A pre-proposal conference including an inspection of the site will be held at the American Ambassador's Residence, Phoenix Park, Dublin, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 11:30 pm. All prospective offerors who have received a solicitation package are invited to attend. If you intend to participate in this site visit, you will be required to submit the name(s), date of birth and place of birth of those company representatives attending, to our Procurement Office, Attn: Ms. Mary Hyland, by fax: 01 668-2896, or by email: HylandMT@state.gov and to Emmet Downey, email: DowneyEJ@state.gov, no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, May 17, 2010. Attendance is limited to not more than two (2) persons per company.

Any questions regarding this solicitation may be directed to me at SheaDL@state.gov.

Thank you for your interest in working with the U.S. Government on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra Shea".

Debra Shea
Contracting Officer

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SECTION 1 - THE SCHEDULE

CONTINUATION TO SF-1449
RFQ NUMBER *SOI300-10-R-0516*
PRICES, BLOCK 23

I. PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT

Marquee and toilet trailer rental: Performance of work includes all hire services, erection / installation, materials, equipment, overhead, parts and labor, to include all required structures, and electrical lighting. Take down and removal from site. Make-good site before final departure. Offerors should propose the best options for provision of these services:

Marquee No. 1 (main)

Approximate size: 20 meters x 30 meters

Marquee to include solid structure frame, moveable walls, window panels, solid floor, floor covering, interior lining and pelmets. Electric interior light-fittings also required.

Marquee No. 2 (band entertainment and public address area)

Approximate size: 10 meters x 20 meters

Marquee to include solid structure frame, moveable walls, window panels, solid floor, floor covering, interior lining and pelmets. Electric interior light-fittings also required.

Marquee No. 3 (food serving)

Approximate size: 10 meters x 15 meters

Marquee to include solid structure frame, moveable walls, window panels, no floor, interior lining and pelmets. Electric interior light-fittings also required

Marquee No. 4 (children's events)

Approximate size: 10 meters x 10 meters

Marquee to include solid structure frame, moveable walls, window panels, no floor, and pelmets.

Full dimensions and marquee locations will be determined at site visit, but are subject to change. Embassy will provide electricity for the purpose of power supply to marquees.

Toilet trailer No. 1

VIP grade, to accommodate minimum 3 x mens urinals, 1 x private sit-down toilet pan, and 2 x wash-hand basin with vanity unit

Toilet trailer No. 2

VIP grade, to accommodate minimum 4 x ladies toilets, and 2 x wash-hand basin with vanity unit.

Toilet trailers are required to be serviced and stocked with tissue, soap and waste receptacles during core hours of hire.

The services of a janitor will be required during these hours.

Core hours are: Saturday, July 3, 17:00 – 20:00 and Sunday, July 4, 12:00 – 17:00

Piped water and electricity will be provided by the embassy for the purpose of servicing the toilets.

This is a firm fixed price contract payable entirely in the local currency. No additional sums will be payable for any escalation in the cost of materials, equipment or labor, or because of the contractor's failure to properly estimate or accurately predict the cost or difficulty of achieving the results required. The Embassy will not adjust the contract price due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. The Embassy will only make changes in the contract price or time to complete due to changes made by the Embassy in the work to be performed, or by delays caused by the Embassy.

The Embassy will make payments based on quantities and unit prices only to the extent specifically provided in the contract.

The Embassy reserves the right to add additional requirements to this performance work statement as it deems necessary in order to fulfill its requirement. Example: additional events related items. All / any additions will be notified to vendors as they arise and should be quoted for as separate line item/s.

II. PRICING

| <u>Line Item</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Unit Price</u> | <u>Est. Quantity*</u> | <u>Total Price</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 01 | Labor/Installation | All | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 02 | Equipment/Materials | All | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 03 | VAT (specify 13.5 or 21%) | All | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 04 | Other/Misc (specify) | | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 05 | Warranties | | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Grand Total | | | | | _____ |

Please include additional line items, as needed.

III. WORK SCHEDULE

Installation / break-down timeframe: all marquees and toilet trailers are required to be on site and ready for occupation by COB Thursday, July 1, 2010 and are required to remain in place thru Sunday, July 4, 2010. Break-down and removal from site not later than COB Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Work should be performed in such a way as to keep disruption to normal business to a minimum. Work may be performed between the hours of 07:00 through 19:00 with prior approval of Embassy security officer.

IV. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

All Contractor employees will be required to provide photo id each day prior to entering the Phoenix Park estate. Each employee must provide their full name, date and country of birth to the Contracting Officer two weeks prior to commencement of the project.

SECTION 2
CONTRACT CLAUSES

FAR 52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (MAR 2009), is incorporated by reference. (See SF-1449, block 27a).

FAR 52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FEBRUARY 2010)

(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:

- [] (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 (Dec 2008) (Pub. L. 110-252, Title VI, Chapter 1 ([41 U.S.C. 251 note](#))).
- [] (3) – (19) Reserved
- [X] (20) [52.222-19](#), Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (August 2009) (E.O. 13126).
- [] (21) [52.222-21](#), Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999).
- [] (22) [52.222-26](#), Equal Opportunity (Mar 2007) (E.O. 11246).
- [] (23) [52.222-35](#), Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (Sept 2006) ([38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).
- [] (24) [52.222-36](#), Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (Jun 1998) ([29 U.S.C. 793](#)).
- [] (25) [52.222-37](#), Employment Reports on Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (Sept 2006) ([38 U.S.C. 4212](#)).
- [] (26) [52.222-39](#), Notification of Employee Rights Concerning Payment of Union Dues or Fees (Dec 2004) (E.O. 13201).
- [] (27) [52.222-54](#), Employment Eligibility Verification (JAN 2009). (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](#).)
- [] (28) (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.)
- [X] (29) [52.223-15](#), Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (DEC 2007) ([42 U.S.C. 8259b](#)).

- [] (30) (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](#).
- [] (31) [52.225-1](#), Buy American Act—Supplies (Feb 2009) ([41 U.S.C. 10a-10d](#)).
- [] (32) (i) [52.225-3](#), Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act (June 2009) ([41 U.S.C. 10a-10d](#), [19 U.S.C. 3301](#) note, [19 U.S.C. 2112](#) note, [Pub. L 108-77](#), [108-78](#), [108-286](#), [109-53](#) and [109-169](#)).
- [] (ii) Alternate I (Jan 2004) of [52.225-3](#).
- [] (iii) Alternate II (Jan 2004) of [52.225-3](#).
- [] (33) [52.225-5](#), Trade Agreements (MAR 2009) ([19 U.S.C. 2501](#), *et seq.*, [19 U.S.C. 3301](#) note).
- [X] (34) [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).
- [] (35) – (38) Reserved
- [] (39) [52.232-33](#), Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Central Contractor Registration (Oct 2003) ([31 U.S.C. 3332](#)).
- [X] (40) [52.232-34](#), Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than Central Contractor Registration (May 1999) ([31 U.S.C. 3332](#)).
- [] (41) – (42) Reserved
- [] (43) (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) Reserved

(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.

(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) |

52.217-8 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 *seven (7) calendar days*.

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 original invoices 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).

The contractor shall show Value Added Tax (VAT) as a separate item on invoices submitted for payment.

(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:

**American Embassy
Attn: Financial Management Center
42 Elgin Road, Ballsbridge
Dublin 4, Ireland**

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

(a) The Department of State observes the following days as holidays:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday
Washington's Birthday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

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 Martin Nolan, Maintenance Supervisor.

652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(a) The contractor warrants the following:

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

(2) That it 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).

ADDENDUM TO 52.212-1

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 work required.

- (1) Name of a Project Manager 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;
- (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).
- (6) a copy of the Certificate of Insurance, or
- (7) a statement that the contractor will get the required insurance, and the name of the insurance provider to be used.

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) |
| 52.237-1 | Site Visit (APR 1984) |

The site visit will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 11:30 am at the American Ambassador’s Residence, Phoenix Park, Dublin, Ireland. Prospective offerors/quoters must contact Mary Hyland, tel: 01 630-6235, email: HylandMT@state.gov to arrange entry to the estate no later than 2:00 pm on Monday April 17, 2010.

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, **Jefferson Smith**. 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 Embassy 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 Embassy will determine acceptability by assessing the offeror's compliance with the terms of the RFP to include the technical information required by Section 3.
- The Embassy 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 (August 2009)

An offeror shall complete only paragraph (b) of this provision if the offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at <http://orca.bpn.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 (m) of this provision.

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision—

“Emerging small business” Reserved

“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)."

“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.

“Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern”— Reserved

“Small business concern” – Reserved

“Veteran-owned small business concern” – Reserved

“Women-owned business concern” - Reserved

“Women-owned small business concern” – Reserved

“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)."

- (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 at <http://orca.bpn.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_____.

[Offeror to identify the applicable paragraphs at (c) through (m) of this provision that the offeror has completed for the purposes of this solicitation only, if any. These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer. Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on ORCA.]

(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)

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 Para | Performance Threshold |
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| <u>Services.</u> Performs all set forth in the performance work statement (PWS) | | All required services are performed and no more than one (1) <i>one</i> customer complaint is received during this project |

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 the Government receives no more than one (1) customer complaint during this project. The COR shall notify the Contracting Officer 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 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, 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.

(f) If the Contractor disagrees with the complaint after investigation of the site and challenges the validity of the complaint, 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 as resolved unless notified otherwise by the complainant.

(h) Repeat customer complaints are not permitted for any services. If a repeat customer complaint is received for the same deficiency during the service period, the COR will contact the Contracting Officer for appropriate action under the Inspection clause.