

March 6, 2014

American Embassy Skopje  
Ul. Samoilova # 21  
1000 Skopje  
Republic of Macedonia

Dear Prospective Quoter:

SUBJECT: Request for Quotations Number **SMK800-14-Q-0006**– Macedonian Language Classes

The Embassy of the United States of America invites you to submit a quotation for language training services at the American Embassy Skopje.

Submit your quotation in a sealed envelope marked "Quotation Enclosed" to the

**American Embassy Skopje**  
**Attn: Jason B. Haskins / GSO, for SMK800-14-Q-0006**  
**Ul. Samoilova # 21**  
**1000 Skopje**  
**Republic of Macedonia**

on or before **1700 hrs., March 19, 2014**. No quotations will be accepted after this time.

In order for a quotation to be considered, please follow the [instructions, Section 3 – Solicitation Provisions](#) of this package.

Direct any questions regarding this solicitation to Blagoj Temov by e-mail at [SkopjeProcurement@state.gov](mailto:SkopjeProcurement@state.gov) or by telephone (02) 310-2164 during regular business hours.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Jason B. Haskins  
Contracting Officer  
American Embassy Skopje

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## SECTION 1 - THE SCHEDULE

CONTINUATION TO SF-1449 COVER PAGE, RFQ NUMBER **SMK800-14-Q-0006**

### PRICES, BLOCK 20 & BLOCK 23

#### 1. PRICE AND PAYMENT

- 1.1 Description: The American Embassy in Skopje requires providing instructional Macedonian language training services. This is an indefinite delivery indefinite quantity firm fixed price contract will be paid monthly at the rates specified in Standard Form 1449. The rates include all costs associated with the services including labor, insurance, overhead, profit and VAT or personal income tax.
- 1.2 The Contractor shall provide estimated 1,000 of classes to be given at a firm fixed price per session of MKD\_\_\_\_\_. Classes shall be one hour in length and shall be scheduled between Monday and Friday 07:00 am to 5:00 pm. No more than 6 (six) students will be part of any class, unless mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and the Government. The minimum guarantee would be 1 (one) student. The classes shall be given by no more than two language instructors for the duration of the whole contract.

#### 1.3 PAYMENT

The Contractor shall not submit an invoice for payment until all requirements identified in this contract have been completed and delivery to the COR is complete. The COR shall calculate the number of words which the contractor shall include in its invoice.

The Contractor shall submit an invoice for payment in the proper amount in Macedonian Denars to the following address:

**American Embassy Skopje**  
**Attn: FMO**  
**Ul. Samoilova # 21**  
**1000 Skopje**  
**Republic of Macedonia**

Definitions:

"COR" means Contracting Officer's Representative; see FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Items, in Section 2.

"Government" means the United States Government unless otherwise stated.

#### 2. PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT

The Contractor shall provide foreign language instruction to adult students that focuses on the different language skills needed for Americans and their eligible adult family members working in the American Embassy Skopje typically found in mass-media publications for the foreign language speaking public. The Contractor shall develop the instruction to include the development of speaking, listening, and reading skills to comprehension of relevant media or face-to-face conversation. All instruction shall also include job relevant language terminology and usage of the designated field of interest.

Instruction shall be based on proficiency, communication, and academic principles as used in foreign language learning institutions identified below:

- Department of State, Foreign Service Institute; or
- Department of Defense, Defense Language Institute; or
- Other nationally recognized foreign language bodies.

The Office of Personnel Management shall define the language proficiency levels identified as desired outcomes. All students shall be measured on their language proficiency levels in accordance with the Foreign Service Instituted Language Proficiency Test.

### 3. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

Class shall be given Monday through Friday between 07:00 and 17:00 on U.S. Embassy premises. The contractor must be able to provide instruction from 7:00 to 17:00 Monday through Friday with classes scheduled at the discretion of the American Embassy. Classes shall be held within 12 months after the award of this contract, with option to exercise second 12-months period.

#### **1.1 Base period: April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015**

April 1, 2014 through June 20;  
September 1 through December 19;  
January 12 through March 31, 2015;  
Total yearly weeks of instruction: 39 weeks, with maximum 30 hours per week.

#### **1.2 Option period: April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016**

April 1, 2015 through June 19;  
September 1 through December 18;  
January 11 through March 31, 2016;  
Total yearly weeks of instruction: 39 weeks, with maximum 30 hours per week.

### 4. CONTRACTOR FURNISHED PROPERTY

- 4.1 The Contractor shall provide all instructional materials including texts, class exercises, handouts, tests, and audio-visual media.
- 4.2 The Contractor shall provide all necessary site support materials and equipment, including items as:
- flip chart and easel,
  - chalkboard or erasable marker-whiteboard,
  - overhead projector, and/or
  - expendable/consumable classroom supplies (i.e. paper, pencils, pens, chalk, markers and binders).

The Contractor shall replenish such expendable/consumable items as needed to provide for the performance of the work.

- 4.3 The Contractor shall provide qualified instructor(s), who are well versed in all topics to be covered, capable of answering in-depth questions on each topic, will provide the required training in a classroom setting, based on the schedule of training modules or lessons and the objectives and goals for that training.

- 4.4 The Contractor shall provide instructor supervisor(s) who will supervise the performance of work under the contract, and who will perform quality assurance in meeting the objectives and goals for that training.
- 4.5 The Contractor shall provide other required classroom materials such as newspapers, magazines, dictionaries, or photocopied materials, written in the designated language for use by students in exercises or testing.

## 5. SPECIFIC TASKS

The Contractor shall provide instructional Foreign Language Training services at the firm fixed prices shown in this contract. The objective of each training module or lesson is to prepare all students as efficiently and effectively as possible to accomplish the goals of the training.

### GOALS OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING

The goal of training is to provide the student with the skills and knowledge necessary to rapidly reach the desired level of performance as identified in the training modules or lessons identified below:

#### 5.1.1 ORAL RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE MODULE, LESSON 1

Each student, at the completion of training, shall be able to perform at the required level of proficiency.

#### SOCIAL CONVERSATION, BEHAVIOR 2

When engaged in social conversation, the student will be able to communicate with Macedonian speaking public, carrying on an appropriately worded and pronounced dialogue in the correct dialect and grammar. At least 85% of the students tested in each class shall be able to answer correctly at least 90% of the selected vocabulary questions when used in conversational exchange.

#### 5.1.2 READING COMPREHENSION MODULE, LESSON 2

Each student, at the completion of training, shall be able to perform the required level of proficiency.

#### TRANSLATION, SUMMARIZATION, AND RESPONSE SELECTION, BEHAVIOR 2

After reading communications, messages, or letters written in Macedonian language, the student will be able to comprehend, translate, and correctly summarize the purpose and content of the written communication that was provided. The student must be able to translate the requested information or pre-planned reply, and prepare a written response to the selected communication. At least 75% of the students completing the training shall correctly recognize, comprehend, and summarize the written communication, and to translate the correct response to the written communication at least 85% of the time.

#### 5.1.3 STUDENT TESTING

The Contractor shall administer tests on knowledge and proficiency as a required element of evaluating the student's progress in the training module or lesson. The Contractor shall provide these tests periodically to:

- determine the student's progress in training;
- identify areas of weakness where supplemental training may be needed; and,
- quantify the student's then-current level of knowledge and proficiency.

Initial testing will be used to establish a baseline for measurement of knowledge and proficiency obtained, and may be used in a predictive manner to facilitate personal training planning.

The Contractor shall use tests, including Computerized Adaptive Testing, which are approved by the Foreign Service Institute, or the Defense Language Institute, or by recognized and accepted by national professional associations and organizations identified below.

- Modern Language Association of America
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
- Foreign Service Institute
- Foreign Language Center within Defense Language Institute
- Federal Interagency Language Round table
- or other nationally recognized foreign language bodies.

#### 5.1.4 STUDENT PROGRESS DOCUMENTATION AND TRAINING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Contractor's instructor(s) shall be responsible for documenting each student's progress in training, and for preparing a training recommendation for each student. The student's progress will be reported to the student biweekly. The instructor will document the student's progress as measured performance under each lesson module. The Contractor shall prepare training recommendations that state specific plans for remedial, or supplementary use of supportive training materials, or use of tutoring and personalized training techniques.

#### 5.1.5 STUDENT COUNSELING

The Contractor's instructor(s) shall be responsible for counseling each student in the student's performance, and for preparing and discussing with the student any corrective actions which may assist the student in the improvement of their performance. The student's progress will be discussed with the student on a bi-weekly basis, and the Instructor shall document the training recommendations made to direct the student's progress. The Contractor shall provide weekly counseling to all students considered in danger of failing the proficiency tests. The counseling sessions should result in specific tasking for remedial, or supplementary use of supportive training materials, or use of tutoring and personalized training techniques, as needed to improve student performance.

## 6. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

### 6.1. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT	PERFORMANCE STANDARD	PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT
Listening Proficiency: Oral Recognition and Response Module, Lesson 1 Section 5.1.1 Social Conversation, Behavior 2	Required Proficiency Level: At least 85% of the students tested in each class shall be able to answer correctly at least 90% of the selected vocabulary questions when used in conversational exchange.	Performance will be measured by standardized oral testing, administered periodically to track student development, and training outcomes.
Reading Comprehension: Reading Comprehension Module, Lesson 2 Section 5.1.2 Recognition and Subject Matter Comprehension, Behavior 1	Required Proficiency Level: At least 75% of the students tested in each class will correctly comprehend, summarize, and translate the correct response to the written communication in at least 85% of the written communications presented.	Performance will be measured by standardized written testing, administered periodically to track student development, and training outcomes.
Quality of Supervision : 4.4 Instructor Supervision.	COR shall receive no more than 3 (three) valid complaints concerning quality of instruction, received during a one month period.	Review complaint logs, review quality control activities and results, observation, and Government- conducted customer survey.
Documentation and Reporting Requirements: 5.1.3 Student Testing: Administer standardized tests, gather required information on testing results, and analyze results.	Each report containing statistical or required information is accurately prepared and presented. At least 80% of the information gathered must be relevant and accurate.	Review records and reports, randomly verify testing procedures, observation, and detailed analysis.
5.1.4 Student Progress Documentation and Training Recommendations.	No more than 50% of the student progress reports required during the reporting period were received late or were missing.	Review operational logs, data bases, statistics, or through observation.
Student Counseling: 5.1.5 Counsel students on performance and recommending corrective actions, if required.	All students considered in danger of failing proficiency tests, will receive counseling each week.	Review records and contact reports, randomly verify through student surveys, observation, and individual interviews.

## 6.2 CONTRACTING OFFICER’S REPRESENTATIVE (COR)

The Contracting Officer’s Representative (see clause 652.242-70 in Section 2 Addendum) will provide specific guidance and answer questions relative to the requirement described in paragraph 6.1, above. The COR for this contract is Spencer Fields, at phone number (02) 310-2000.

## 6.3 COMPLETION DATE AND DELIVERY

The Contractor shall deliver a complete and full translation of the items listed in paragraph 6.1., above, by above by 1700 hrs every 10<sup>th</sup> day in the month, for the previous month. Deliver all materials to the COR at the following address:

**American Embassy Skopje  
Attn: Spencer Fields, PLP Coordinator  
Ul. Samoilova # 21, 1000 Skopje  
Republic of Macedonia**

## 7.1. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND SURVEILLANCE PLAN (QASP)

This plan is designed to provide an effective surveillance method to promote effective contractor performance. The QASP 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	Work Requirements Para	Performance Threshold
<u>Services.</u>	All paragraphs in Section 2, Section 5 and all paragraphs in Section 6, above.	All required services are performed and no more than three (3) customer complaint is received per month

### 7.1.1 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.

### 7.1.2 STANDARD

The performance standard is that the Government receives no more than three (3) customer complaint per month. 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), if any of the services exceed the standard.

### 7.1.3 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.

## 8. DELIVERY ORDERS

Delivery Orders under this contract shall contain the following information:

- (a) Name of contractor
- (b) Contract number
- (c) Date of purchase

- (d) Order number
- (e) Number of classes per agency / section
- (f) Appropriate unit price, and
- (g) Total price.

If more than one contractor has received an award, the following procedures shall govern regarding issuance of individual task orders. The contractor shall provide no classes without an order issued by the Contracting Officer.

(1) The Government will develop a price estimate. If the estimate does not exceed US\$3000, the Government will follow the procedures in paragraph (2) below. If the estimate exceeds US\$3000, the Government will follow the procedures in paragraph (3) below.

(2) Orders not exceeding US\$3000 - The Government will select a contractor for issuance of the order on a rotating basis. This decision will be based on the Government's best interests, which may include factors such as price, past performance, and unique qualifications which meet the level of quality required.

(3) Orders exceeding US\$3000 - Unless one of the exceptions in paragraph (4) below applies, the Government will:

(a) Make its award based on comparisons of price, past performance, and unique qualifications which meet the level of quality required to meet the Government's requirements. Award will be made to the lowest priced, technically acceptable, date's available instructor.

(b) Regardless of whether the procedures in paragraph (1) or (2) above were followed, selection of contractors shall not be protestable to GAO under Subpart 33.1 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, except on the grounds that the order increases the scope, period, or maximum value of the contract. However, the Department of State does have an Acquisition Ombudsman who will review complaints by contractors to ensure that all contractors are afforded a fair opportunity to be considered for these task orders, pursuant to the procedures for award of task orders established herein.

(4) Exceptions to the procedures in paragraph (3) above:

(a) The agency need for the required services is of such urgency that providing such competitive opportunity would result in unacceptable delays;

(b) The order should be issued on a sole-source basis in the interest of economy and efficiency as a logical follow-on to an order already issued under the contract, provided that all awardees were given a fair opportunity to be considered for the original order; or

(c) It is necessary to place an order to satisfy a minimum guarantee.

## SECTION 2 - CONTRACT CLAUSES

52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (SEPT 2013) is incorporated by reference. (See SF-1449, block 27a).

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/vffara.htm>.

These addresses are subject to change. If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the locations indicated above, use the Department 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” (for example, Google, Yahoo or Excite) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

The following FAR clause is provided in full text:

52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (SEPT 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:

\_\_\_ (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 (Jul 2013) (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. (Aug 2013) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

\_\_ (7) 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Jul 2013) (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 (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).

\_\_ (15)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Jul 2013) (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 (Jul 2013) (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 (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).

\_\_ (24) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB) Concerns (Jul 2013) (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 (Jul 2013) (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 (SEPT 2013) (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) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C.

2302 Note).

\_\_\_ (44) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

\_\_\_ (45) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

X (46) 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)).

\_\_\_ (47) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 255(f), 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

\_\_\_ (48) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

X (49) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

\_\_\_ (50) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

\_\_\_ (51) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

\_\_\_ (52)(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, Nondisplacement 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 (Jul 2013) (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, Nondisplacement 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) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul

2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

(xiv) 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.

(xv) 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)

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation clauses are incorporated by reference:

<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.204-12	DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM NUMBER MAINTENANCE (DEC 2012)
52.204-13	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE (JUL 2013)
52.225-14	INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ENGLISH VERSION AND TRANSLATION OF CONTRACT (FEB 2000)
52.229-6	FOREIGN FIXED PRICE CONTRACTS (FEB 2013)
52.232-39	UNENFORCEABILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS (JUNE 2013)
52.204-9	PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (JAN 2011)
52.228-4	WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND WAR-HAZARD INSURANCE OVERSEAS (APR 1984)
52.228-5	INSURANCE – WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION (JAN 1997)

The following FAR clauses are provided in full text:

52.216-18 ORDERING (OCT 1995)

(a) Any supplies and services to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by issuance of delivery orders or task orders by the individuals or activities designated in the Schedule. Such orders may be issued from date of award through base period or option periods if exercised. See F.2.

(b) All delivery orders or task orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event of conflict between a delivery order or task order and this contract, the contract shall control.

(c) If mailed, a delivery order or task order is considered "issued" when the Government deposits the order in the mail. Orders may be issued orally, by facsimile, or by electronic commerce methods only if authorized in the Schedule.

52.216-19 ORDER LIMITATIONS (OCT 1995)

(a) Minimum order. When the Government requires supplies or services covered by this contract in an amount of less than 200 classes, the Government is not obligated to purchase, nor is the Contractor obligated to furnish, those supplies or services under the contract.

(b) Maximum order. The Contractor is not obligated to honor—

- (1) Any order for a single item in excess of than 3,120 classes;
- (2) Any order for a combination of items in excess of than 3,120 classes; or
- (3) A series of orders from the same ordering office within than fourteen (14) days that together call for quantities exceeding the limitation in subparagraph (1) or (2) above.

(c) If this is a requirements contract (i.e., includes the Requirement clause at subsection 52.216-21 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)), the Government is not required to order a part of any one requirement from the Contractor if that requirement exceeds the maximum-order limitations in paragraph (b) above.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c) above, the Contractor shall honor any order exceeding the maximum order limitations in paragraph (b), unless that order (or orders) is returned to the ordering office within than three (3) days after issuance, with written notice stating the Contractor's intent not to ship the item (or items) called for and the reasons. Upon receiving this notice, the Government may acquire the supplies or services from another source.

52.216-22 INDEFINITE QUANTITY (OCT 1995)

(a) This is an indefinite-quantity contract for the supplies or services specified, and effective for the period stated, in the Schedule. The quantities of supplies and services specified in the Schedule are estimates only and are not purchased by this contract.

(b) Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. The Contractor shall furnish to the Government, when and if ordered, the supplies or services specified in the Schedule up to and including the quantity designated in the Schedule as the “maximum.” The Government shall order at least the quantity of supplies or services designated in the Schedule as the “minimum.”

(c) Except for any limitations on quantities in the Order Limitations clause or in the Schedule, there is no limit on the number of orders that may be issued. The Government may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations.

(d) Any order issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order. The contract shall govern the Contractor's and Government's rights and obligations with respect to that order to the same extent as if the order were completed during the contract's effective period; provided, that the Contractor shall not be required to make any deliveries under this contract after one year beyond the contract's effective period.

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 twenty-four (24) 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 provide in full text:

CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION (JUL 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)

652.216-70 ORDERING - INDEFINITE-DELIVERY CONTRACT (APR 2004)

The Government shall use one of the following forms to issue orders under this contract:

(a) The Optional Form 347, *Order for Supplies or Services*, and Optional Form 348, *Order for Supplies or Services Schedule - Continuation*; or,

(b) The DS-2076, *Purchase Order, Receiving Report and Voucher*, and DS-2077, *Continuation Sheet*.

(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 and one (1) copy 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:

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

All work shall be performed during Monday through Friday, between 0700 and 1700 except for the holidays identified below. The Contracting Officer's Representative may approve other hours. Notice must be given 24 hours in advance to COR who will consider any deviation from the hours identified above.

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

New Year's Day  
Orthodox Christmas  
Martin Luther King's Birthday  
Presidents' Day  
Orthodox Easter  
Macedonian Labor Day  
Saint Cyril and Methodius Day  
American Memorial Day  
American Independence Day  
Ilinden Uprising Day  
American Labor Day  
Macedonian Independence Day  
Ramadan Bajram  
People's Uprising against Fascism Day  
Columbus Day  
Macedonian Revolutionary Struggle Day  
Veterans' Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
St. Clement of Ohrid 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.

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 Post Language Program Coordinator.

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.

652.229-70 EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION STATEMENT FOR CONTRACTORS WITHIN  
THE UNITED STATES (JUL 1988)

This is to certify that the item(s) covered by this contract is/are for export solely for the use of the U.S. Foreign Service Post identified in the contract schedule.

The Contractor shall use a photocopy of this contract as evidence of intent to export. Final proof of exportation may be obtained from the agent handling the shipment. Such proof shall be accepted in lieu of payment of excise tax.

### SECTION 3 - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JUL 2013), is incorporated by reference (SEE SF-1449, BLOCK 27A).

ADDENDUM TO 52.212-1

NONE

Instructions to Offeror. Each offer must consist of the following:

1. A completed solicitation, in which the SF-1449 cover page (blocks 17, 23, 24, and 30 as appropriate), and Section 1 has been filled out.
2. Developed curriculum, meeting the standards outlined in Section 1, part 2 – Performance Work Statement, part 5 – Specific tasks and part 6 – Performance Requirements.
3. Curriculum Vitae of the proposed language instructors, maximum two;
4. List of clients over the past two (2) years, demonstrating prior experience in having successfully taught Macedonian to native English speakers, with relevant past performance information and references (provide dates of contracts, places of performance, value of contracts, contact names, telephone and fax numbers and email addresses). If the offeror has not performed comparable services in Macedonia then the offeror shall provide its international experience. Offerors are advised that the past performance information requested above may be discussed with the client's contact person. In addition, the client's contact person may be asked to comment on the offeror's:
  - Quality of services provided under the contract;
  - Compliance with contract terms and conditions;
  - Effectiveness of management;
  - Willingness to cooperate with and assist the customer in routine matters, and when confronted by unexpected difficulties; and
  - Business integrity / business conduct.

The Government will use past performance information primarily to assess an offeror's capability to meet the solicitation performance requirements, including the relevance and successful performance of the offeror's work experience. The Government may also use this data to evaluate the credibility of the offeror's proposal. In addition, the Contracting Officer may use past performance information in making a determination of responsibility.

5. Evidence that the offeror/quoter can provide the necessary personnel, equipment, and financial resources needed to perform the work;
6. The offeror shall address its plan to obtain all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section 2). If offeror already possesses the locally required licenses and permits, a copy shall be provided. College degree shall suffice.

7. The offeror's strategic plan for Macedonian language classes, to include but not limited to:
  - (a) A work plan taking into account all work elements in Section 1, Performance Work Statement.
  - (b) Identify types and quantities of equipment, supplies and materials required for performance of services under this contract. Identify if the offeror already possesses the listed items and their condition for suitability and if not already possessed or inadequate for use how and when the items will be obtained; AND
  - (c) Plan of ensuring services quality including but not limited to contract administration and oversight.

**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” (for example, Google, Yahoo or Excite) 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>PROVISION</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.214-34	SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (APR 1991)
52.225-25	PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES ENGAGING IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OR TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO IRAN – REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (DEC 2012)
52.204-7	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (JUL 2013)

The following DOSAR provision is 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) 516-1696, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or by writing to:

Competition Advocate  
U.S. Department of State  
A/OPE  
SA-15, Room 1060  
Washington, DC 20522-1510.

(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, Charles A. Wintermeyer, Management Officer, at +389-2-310-2000 x 0. For a U.S. 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) 516-1696, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or by writing to:

Acquisition Ombudsman  
U.S. Department of State  
A/OPE  
SA-15, Room 1060  
Washington, DC 20522-1510.

(End of clause)

## **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.

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).