



Embassy of the United States of America

American Embassy Nouakchott

Date: 07/17/2013

Dear Prospective Quoter:

SUBJECT: Request for Quotations Number SMR600-13-R-0025 Interpreting services

The Embassy of the United States of America invites you to submit a quotation for interpreting services.

Your proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Quotation Enclosed" to the Contracting Officer, Mr. *Andrew Hudson American Embassy Nouakchott, and Mauritania* on or before August 4, 2013 at 1100 hrs.

The US Embassy is seeking interpreter services. At times, as many as 17 interpreters at once may be required. As such, the Embassy intends to award multiple indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contracts in order to meet this requirement. Contracts may be for one or multiple interpreters, according to submissions received from bidders.

In order for a quotation to be considered, you must also complete and submit the following:

1. SF-18
2. Section A
3. Additional information as required in Section I.

Direct any questions regarding this request for quotations to *Mr. Andrew Hudson* by letter or by telephone on 45252660 during regular business hours.

Sincerely,


Andrew Hudson
Contracting Officer

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN <u>1</u> COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE		<input type="checkbox"/> 29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REF. _____ OFFER DATED _____. YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY	
30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR		31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER)	
30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (TYPE OR PRINT)	30c. DATE SIGNED	31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or Print) Andrew Hudson	31c. DATE SIGNED

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A. PRICES

CONTRACT TYPE

This is an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract containing fixed hourly rates for work performed inside Nouakchott and a fixed daily rate for work performed outside Nouakchott. Nouakchott shall be defined, for the purposes of this contract to be any distance within 30 km of the US Embassy in Nouakchott, Mauritania. The Contractor shall perform all work required in Section B. The hourly and daily rates stated in this purchase order shall include all direct and indirect costs, insurance, overhead, general and administrative expense, and profit. Billing for interpretation services under this contract shall be in 2 hour increments.

Multiple awards may be issued.

Minimum: The Government shall place orders totaling a minimum of 1000 hours. This reflects the contract minimum for the base year and option periods.

Maximum: The amount of all orders shall not exceed 20,000 hours. This reflects the contract maximum for the base year and each option period for temporary/additional services.

BASE PERIOD

Twelve (12) months

Price per Hour of Interpreting Services (inside Nouakchott) \$ _____

Daily Rate for Interpreting Services (outside Nouakchott) \$ _____

Estimated Number of hours for Base Year: 2000 Hours

Estimated Number of Days for Base Year: 30 Days

FIRST OPTION YEAR PRICES

Option Term: Twelve (12) Months

Price per Hour of Interpreting Services (inside Nouakchott) \$ _____

Daily Rate for Interpreting Services (outside Nouakchott) \$ _____

Estimated Number of hours for Option Year: 2000 Hours

Estimated Number of Days for Option Year: 30 Days

SECOND OPTION YEAR PRICES

Option Term: Twelve (12) Months

Price per Hour of Interpreting Services (inside Nouakchott) \$ _____

Daily Rate for Interpreting Services (outside Nouakchott) \$ _____

Estimated Number of hours for Option Year: 2000 Hours

Estimated Number of Days for Option Year: 30 Days

Section B – Performance Work Statement

B.1 FORMAL SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

The US Embassy is seeking interpreter services. At times, as many as 20 interpreters at once may be required. As such, the Embassy intends to award multiple indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract in order to meet this requirement. Contracts may be for one or multiple interpreters, according to submissions received from bidders.

The Contractor shall:

B.2.1. Interpret from English into French, Arabic, Hassaniya, Wollof, Pular, Soninke and vice versa possibly using the consecutive and the simultaneous technique, in structured or unstructured settings, in private or in public, with high level officials on difficult or sensitive assignments, using a wide range of standard and non-standard terminology, for official or unofficial statements. The Contractor shall perform instant analysis in order to understand correctly the substance of the words and information to be interpreted, including attention to detail and nuances. The Contractor shall adapt to constantly changing circumstances, personalities, and work environments.

B.2.2. Display fluent spoken English French, Arabic, Hassaniya, Wollof, Pular and Soninke covering a wide range of terminology in many fields, as well as thorough knowledge of the government, history, and culture of the United States and of the cultural differences between the languages. The Contractor shall also possess sufficient specialized knowledge to be able to handle, with personal research and/or topical briefings by the Government, any technical subject of high complexity, and be able to bridge terminology gaps, incongruent methodologies, different measurement systems, and similar disparities.

B.2.3. Perform interpreting with clarity, accuracy, and professional, poised delivery. The Contractor shall perform interpreting services with the desired tenor of a public statement or the goals to be reached in a negotiation.

B.2.4. Trace, analyze, and define previously unknown concepts and theories, developing equally sophisticated counterparts that have the equivalent meaning and impact in a different cultural environment.

B.2.5. Adjust to the demands of diplomatic protocol, protective security requirements, and similar considerations. The Contractor may be required to take on a public relations or mediating role as part of the interpreting, so as not to jeopardize policies and program objectives and in order to obtain the desired results.

B.2.6. Serve as official notetaker, when needed.

B.3. Logistics

B.3.1. Date, Time, and Location. The Contractor shall provide interpreting services on the following day (dates), time(s), event(s) and location(s):

Time: As shall be required

Location: As shall be advised by the Client.

B.3.2. Instructions

The Contract will be for a period of one year effective November 1, 2013; and individual task orders shall be issued for specified services within the rates designated. The first option year will commence at the end of the base period of 12 months, renewal is at the sole discretion of the US Embassy.

B.3.4. Transportation. The Contractor is responsible for transportation to and from all locations and events within Nouakchott. If the contractor is more than 10 minutes late without at least 4 hours of notification to the government then the Contractor will be deducted a minimum of 1 hour of service from their submitted invoice for that event.

B.3.5. Equipment. The Government shall supply the materials and equipment listed at Attachment 2, and the Contractor shall supply the materials and equipment listed at Attachment 3.

B.4. ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS.

The Contractor shall maintain administrative files, which shall at a minimum include time and attendance records for all employees furnished under the contract. The Contractor will use the time sheet provided by the embassy and keep it up to date on a daily basis. The contractor will be required to provide the COR with a copy of any timesheet within 24 hours of the request. The COR is authorized to examine the Contractor's administrative files. Daily time and attendance records shall be maintained and may be reviewed as required by the COR.

C. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

52.252-2CLAUSES 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>

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52.246-6INSPECTION--TIME-AND-MATERIAL AND LABOR-HOUR (MAY 2001)

C.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	PWS Para	Performance Threshold
Services. Performs all interpreting services set forth in the performance work statement (PWS)	B.1. thru B.4	All required services are performed and no more than three (3) customer complaint are received per month

C.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.

C.1.2 STANDARD. The performance standard is that the Government receives no more than three (3) customer complaints 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 52.246-6, Inspection – Time and Material and Labor-Hour (May 2001), if any of the services exceed the standard.

C.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.

D. DELIVERIES AND PERFORMANCE

Performance shall be completed by October 31, 2014 with the following deliverables:

1. The Contractor shall provide interpretation services simultaneously from English to French, Arabic, Hassaniya, Wollof, Pular and or Soninke.
2. Contractor shall be able to provide interpreter services up to 12 hours of interpretation per day, 7 days a week.
3. For out of town trips, meals are the responsibility of the contractor.
4. Lodging will either be provided by the USG or reimbursed separately against receipts.

52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (JUN 1988)

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52.242-15 STOP-WORK ORDER (AUG 1989)

E. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

E.1. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

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 General Services Officer

E.2 INVOICING AND PAYING INSTRUCTIONS

The Contractor shall submit the invoice in the original and three copies to the designated billing address indicated in this contract. The COR will determine if the invoice is complete and proper as submitted. The COR also will determine if billed services have been satisfactorily performed. If the amount billed is incorrect, the COR will, within seven days, request the Contractor to submit a revised invoice.

Contractor shall mail the invoices to: **FMO, American Embassy, PO Box 222 Nouakchott, Mauritania.**

F. SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

F.1 PERMITS

Without additional cost to the Government, the Contractor shall obtain all permits, licenses, and appointments required for the prosecution of work under this contract.

F.2 RELEASE OF INFORMATION

All information furnished to the Contractor and developed by the Contractor in connection with this transaction shall be considered privileged. The Contractor shall make no public announcements, including news or press releases about this contract.

F.3 STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The Contractor shall maintain satisfactory standards of competency, conduct, cleanliness, appearance and integrity. Each Contractor employee is expected to adhere to standards of conduct that reflect credit on themselves and the United States Government. Interpreters must at all times use politeness and courtesy in the course of their duties.

SECTION G - CLAUSES

G.1 The following clauses apply for all services provided under this contract.
52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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- 52.204-9 PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (JAN 2011)
- 52.204-10 REPORTING EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACT AWARDS (FEB 2012)
- 52.213-4 TERMS AND CONDITIONS-SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS (OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL ITEMS) (FEB 2012)
- 52.222-19 CHILD LABOR – COOPERATION WITH AUTHORITIES AND REMEDIES (JULY 2010)
- 52.222-50 COMBATTING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (FEB 2009)
- 52.223-18 CONTRACTOR POLICY TO BAN TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING (AUG 2011)
- 52.225-13 RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PURCHASES (FEB 2006)
- 52.225-14 INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ENGLISH VERSION AND TRANSLATION OF CONTRACT (FEB 2000)
- 52.227-17 RIGHTS IN DATA SPECIAL WORKS (JUN 1987)

- 52.232-7 PAYMENTS UNDER TIME-AND-MATERIALS AND LABOR HOUR CONTRACTS (AUG 2005)
- 52.232-17 INTEREST (OCT 2010)
- 52.232-24 PROHIBITION OF ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS (JAN 1986)
- 52.232-25 PROMPT PAYMENT (OCT 2008)
- 52.233-1 DISPUTES (JUL 2002) ALT I (DEC 1991)
- 52.243-3 CHANGES – TIME AND MATERIALS OR LABOR HOURS (SEP 2000)
- 52.244-6 SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS (DEC 2010)
- 52.249-4 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT (SERVICES) (SHORT FORM) (APR 1984)
- 52.249-6 TERMINATION (COST REIMBURSEMENT) (MAY 2004) (ALT IV) (SEP 1996)
- 52.249-14 EXCUSABLE DELAY (APR 1984)

II. CLAUSES FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACQUISITION REGULATION

Reserved

(End of clause)

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)

652.228-70 INDEMNIFICATION (JUL 1988)

The Contractor expressly agrees to indemnify and to save the Government, its officers, agents, servants, and employees harmless from and against any claim, loss, damages, injury, and liability, however caused, resulting from or arising out of the Contractor's fault or negligence in connection with the performance of work under this contract. Further, any negligence or alleged negligence of the Government, its officers, agents, servants, or employees, shall not bar a claim for indemnification unless the act or mission of the Government, its officer, agents, servants, or employees is the sole competent, and producing cause of such claim, loss, damage, injury, or liability.

652.229-71 PERSONAL PROPERTY DISPOSITION AT POSTS ABROAD (AUG 1999)

Regulations at 22 CFR Part 136 require that U.S. Government employees and their families do not profit personally from sales or other transactions with persons who are not themselves entitled to exemption from import restrictions, duties, or taxes. Should the contractor experience importation or tax privileges in a foreign country because of its contractual relationship to the United States Government, the contractor shall observe the requirements of 22 CFR Part 136 and all policies, rules, and procedures issued by the chief of mission in that foreign country.

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.

652.243-70 NOTICES (AUG 1999)

Any notice or request relating to this contract given by either party to the other shall be in writing. Said notice or request shall be mailed or delivered by hand to the other party at the address provided in the schedule of the contract. All modifications to the contract must be made in writing by the contracting officer.

SECTION H - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

The following documents are attached and made a part of this contract:

Attachment 1 – Government Furnished Property
Reserved

Attachment 2 – Contractor Furnished Property
Reserved

Attachment 3 – Schedule of Events
To be advised

SECTION I- INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO SUBMIT A QUOTATION

I.1 SUBMISSION OF QUOTATIONS

This solicitation is for the performance of the services described in Section B.

Summary of Instructions

Each quotation must consist of the following physically separate volumes:

Volume	Title	# of Copies
1	Executed Standard Form 1449 and Completed Section A	1
2	Management Information	2

Submit the complete quotation to the address on SF 1449

The quoter shall state any deviations, exceptions, or conditional assumptions taken regarding this solicitation and explain/justify them in the appropriate volume of the offer.

1. Volume 1 shall contain complete pricing schedules as identified in Section A, including an hourly rate of professional hours, travel expenses, overhead, G&A, profit, subcontractor costs, reproduction costs and all other costs related to the services required to perform the work described in Section B of this request for quotations.

2. Volume 2 shall include information demonstrating the quoter's ability to perform including:

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

(B) List of clients, demonstrating prior experience in consecutive or simultaneous interpreting to and from English to French, Hassanya, Wollof, Pular and Soninke. with relevant past performance information and references;

(C) Any special training the interpreter(s) may have, including formal education, previous experience interpreting for the embassy or other diplomatic organizations;

(D) Evidence that the quoter has all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section G).

I.2 Submit the complete quotation to the address indicated on the solicitation cover page, if mailed, or the address set forth below, if hand delivered.

**Andrew Hudson,
Contracting Officer
American Embassy
PO Box 222
Nouakchott, Mauritania**

Quotations submitted after the due date and time indicated on the SF-18 cover sheet may not be considered.

I.3 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates the following provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned

that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at:

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52.204-6 Contractor Identification Number (APR 2008)
Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)
Number

I-3 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY FULL TEXT

52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract resulting from this solicitation.

52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (AUG 1996)

(a) Protests, as defined in section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the General Accounting Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from **the Management Officer, Nouakchott-Mauritania.**

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

SECTION J – EVALUATION CRITERIA

J.1 Award will be made to the lowest priced, acceptable, responsible quoter. The Government reserves the right to reject quotations that are unreasonably low or high in price.

The lowest price will be determined by evaluating the hourly rate given in Section A of this solicitation. Acceptability will be determined by assessing the offeror's compliance with the terms of the RFQ. Responsibility will be determined by analyzing whether the apparent successful quoter complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:

- 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
- Otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

J.2 The following FAR provision is provided in full text:

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

K.1 52.204-3 TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION (OCT 1998)

(a) Definitions.

"Common parent", as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member.

"Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)", as used in this provision, means the number required by the IRS to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.

(b) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (d) through (f) of this provision in order to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325 (d), reporting requirements of 26 USC 6041, 6041A, and 6050M and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If the resulting contract is subject to the reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the failure or refusal by the offeror to furnish the information may result in a 31 percent reduction of payments otherwise due under the contract.

(c) 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 USC 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.

(d) 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 U.S. and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the U.S.;
 - Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;
 - Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(e) 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 _____

(f) Common Parent.

- Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (a) of this clause.
- Name and TIN of common parent:
Name _____
TIN _____

(End of provision)

K.2 RESERVED

K.3 52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications. (Feb 2012)

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 541930.

(2) The small business size standard is \$7 million.

(3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b)(1) If the clause at [52.204-7](#), Central Contractor Registration, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

(2) If the clause at [52.204-7](#) is not included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently registered in CCR, and has completed the ORCA electronically, the offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

(i) Paragraph (d) applies.

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

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

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

(A) The acquisition is to be made under the simplified acquisition procedures in [Part 13](#);

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

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

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

(iii) [52.204-3](#), Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include the clause at [52.204-7](#), Central Contractor Registration.

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

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

(B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and

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

(v) [52.209-2](#), Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations—Representation. This provision applies to solicitations using funds appropriated in fiscal years 2008, 2009, or 2010.

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

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

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

(ix) [52.219-1](#), Small Business Program Representations (Basic & Alternate I). This provision applies to solicitations when the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

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

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

(x) [52.219-2](#), Equal Low Bids. This provision applies to solicitations when contracting by sealed bidding and the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

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

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

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

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

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

(xvi) [52.225-2](#), Buy American Act Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at [52.225-1](#).

(xvii) [52.225-4](#), Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Basic, Alternate I, and Alternate II) This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at [52.225-3](#).

(A) If the acquisition value is less than \$25,000, the basic provision applies.

(B) If the acquisition value is \$25,000 or more but is less than \$50,000, the provision with its Alternate I applies.

(C) If the acquisition value is \$50,000 or more but is less than \$67,826, the provision with its Alternate II applies.

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

(xix) [52.225-20](#), Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan—Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xx) [52.225-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Sanctioned Activities Relating to Iran—Representation and Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxi) [52.226-2](#), Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to—

(A) Solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions; and

(B) For DoD, NASA, and Coast Guard acquisitions, solicitations that contain the clause at [52.219-23](#), Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns.

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

[*Contracting Officer check as appropriate.*]

___ (i) [52.219-22](#), Small Disadvantaged Business Status.

___ (A) Basic.

___ (B) Alternate I.

___ (ii) [52.222-18](#), Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products.

___ (iii) [52.222-48](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment Certification.

___ (iv) [52.222-52](#), Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Certain Services—Certification.

___ (v) [52.223-9](#), with its Alternate I, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA–Designated Products (Alternate I only).

— (vi) [52.227-6](#), Royalty Information.

— (A) Basic.

— (B) Alternate I.

— (vii) [52.227-15](#), Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software.

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

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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.

(End of provision)

K.4. 52.209-5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (APR 2010)

(a)(1) The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that—

(i) The Offeror and/or any of its Principals—

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

(B) Have or 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 public (Federal, State, or local) 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 (if offeror checks “have”, the offeror shall also see [52.209-7](#), if included in this solicitation);

(C) Are or are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision;

(D) Have or, 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.

(1) Federal taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:

(i) *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.

(ii) *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.

(2) *Examples.*

(i) 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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).

(ii) The Offeror has or has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.

(2) "Principal," for the purposes of this certification, means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (*e.g.*, general manager; plant manager; head of a division or business segment; and similar positions).

This Certification Concerns a Matter Within the Jurisdiction of an Agency of the United States and the Making of a False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Certification May Render the Maker Subject to Prosecution Under Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code.

(b) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(c) A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

(End of provision)

K.5. 52.225-18 Place of Manufacture (Sept 2006)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

“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.

(b) 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.6. AUTHORIZED CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

If the offeror does not fill-in the blanks below, the official who signed the offer will be deemed to be the offeror's representative for Contract Administration, which includes all matters pertaining to payments.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

K.7. 652.228-70 DEFENSE BASE ACT – COVERED CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES (JUN 2006)

(a) Bidders/offerors shall indicate below whether or not any of the following categories of employees will be employed on the resultant contract, and, if so, the number of such employees:

Category	Yes/No	Number
(1) United States citizens or residents		
(2) Individuals hired in the United States, regardless of citizenship		
(3) Local nationals or third country nationals where contract performance takes place in a country where there are no local workers'		Local nationals: _____ Third Country Nationals: _____

<i>compensation laws</i>		_____
<i>(4) Local nationals or third country nationals where contract performance takes place in a country where there are local workers' compensation laws</i>		Local nationals: _____ Third Country Nationals: _____

(b) The contracting officer has determined that for performance in the country of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Workers' compensation laws exist that will cover local nationals and third country nationals.

Workers' compensation laws do not exist that will cover local nationals and third country nationals.

(c) If the bidder/offeror has indicated "yes" in block (a) (4) of this provision, the bidder/offeror shall not purchase Defense Base Act insurance for those employees. However, the bidder/offeror shall assume liability toward the employees and their beneficiaries for war-hazard injury, death, capture, or detention, in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.228-4.

(d) If the bidder/offeror has indicated "yes" in blocks (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this provision, the bidder/offeror shall compute Defense Base Act insurance costs covering those employees pursuant to the terms of the contract between the Department of State and the Department's Defense Base Act insurance carrier at the rates specified in DOSAR 652.228-74, Defense Base Act Insurance Rates – Limitation. If DOSAR provision 652.228-74 is not included in this solicitation, the bidder/offeror shall notify the contracting officer before the closing date so that the solicitation can be amended accordingly.

(End of provision)

K.8 52.225-20 PROHIBITION ON CONDUCTING RESTRICTED BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN SUDAN—CERTIFICATION (AUG 2009)

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

"Business operations" means engaging in commerce in any form, including by acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or any other apparatus of business or commerce.

"Marginalized populations of Sudan" means—

(1) Adversely affected groups in regions authorized to receive assistance under section 8(c) of the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act (Pub. L. 109-344) ([50 U.S.C. 1701 note](#)); and

(2) Marginalized areas in Northern Sudan described in section 4(9) of such Act.

"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 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.

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

(End of provision)

K.9 52.209-2 Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations – Representations (July 2009)

(a) *Definition*. Inverted domestic corporation means a foreign incorporated entity which is treated as an inverted domestic corporation under 6 USC 395 (b), i.e. a corporation that 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 USC 395 (b), applied in accordance with rules and definitions of criteria 6 USC 395 (c).

(b) *Relation to Internal Revenue Code*. A foreign entity that is treated as an inverted 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)

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

K.10. 52.225-25 Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Sanctioned Activities Relating to Iran—Representation and Certification. (Nov 2011)

(a) *Definitions*.

“Person”—

(1) Means—

(i) A natural person;

(ii) A corporation, business association, partnership, society, trust, financial institution, insurer, underwriter, guarantor, and any other business organization, any other nongovernmental entity, organization, or group, and any governmental entity operating as a business enterprise; and

(iii) Any successor to any entity described in paragraph (1)(ii) of this definition; and

(2) Does not include a government or governmental entity that is not operating as a business enterprise.

“Sensitive technology”—

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

(i) To restrict the free flow of unbiased information in Iran; or

(ii) To disrupt, monitor, or otherwise restrict speech of the people of Iran; and

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

(b) The offeror shall e-mail questions concerning sensitive technology to the Department of State at CISADA106@state.gov.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this provision or if a waiver has been granted in accordance with [25.703-4](#), by submission of its offer, the offeror—

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

(2) Certifies that the offeror, or any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not engage in any activities for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act. These sanctioned activities are in the areas of development of the petroleum resources of Iran, production of refined petroleum products in Iran, sale and provision of refined petroleum products to Iran, and contributing to Iran's ability to acquire or develop certain weapons or technologies.

(d) *Exception for trade agreements.* The representation requirement of paragraph (c)(1) and the certification requirement of paragraph (c)(2) of this provision do not apply if—

(1) This solicitation includes a trade agreements notice or certification (*e.g.*, [52.225-4](#), [52.225-6](#), [52.225-12](#), [52.225-24](#), or comparable agency provision); and

(2) The offeror has certified that all the offered products to be supplied are designated country end products or designated country construction material.

(End of provision)

Attachment 1 – Government Furnished Property

Reserved

Attachment 2 – Contractor Furnished Property

Reserved

Attachment 3 – Schedule of Events

Reserved