

## **STANDARD DESCRIPTIONS FOR SIGNIFICANT CHANGES** **ACROSS MAS (November 2015)**

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### **Contract Continuity Initiative**

The following clause has been UPDATED:

- A-FSS-11 *Consideration of Offers under Standing Solicitation* (OCT 2015)

A current FSS contractor can now submit an offer for a new contract under the same Schedule as early as the first day of Year 14 under its existing FSS contract, i.e., the fourth year of the second five-year option period. Clause A-FSS-11 *Consideration of Offers under Standing Solicitation* has been updated to accommodate this flexibility. Typically, the award of a new contract will result in the cancellation of the existing contract upon award. However, if the contractor has one or more active Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) or orders under its existing contract (or has submitted quotes for either and is awaiting an award decision), it is eligible for the award of a new contract that is allowed to overlap and run alongside the existing one. This is referred to as continuous contracts.

Holding continuous contracts enables the FSS contractor to complete work under BPAs and orders awarded via the existing contract, while utilizing the new contract for new business opportunities. A contractor that wishes to hold continuous contracts must –

- Indicate with its offer that it wishes to hold continuous contracts, along with a listing of all active submitted quotes, established BPAs, and awarded orders under the existing contract. For each, the contractor must include the ordering activity name and point of contact, RFQ/BPA/order number, dollar value, and period of performance (including options). This information can be uploaded in eOffer as an “Other (optional - offeror defined)” document.

- Assist the FSS contracting officer in determining the proper cancellation date for the existing contract. The existing contract is to be cancelled the day after the final day of the ordering period for the active BPA or order (including options). In situations where multiple BPAs and/or orders are active, the cancellation date should be based on the last remaining BPA or order.
- Agree not to use the existing contract to compete for new business opportunities

### **Streamlined Offer Process for Successful Legacy Contractors**

The following provisions have been DELETED:

- SCP-FSS-001 *Instructions Applicable to All Offerors*
- CI-FSS-151 *Additional Evaluation Factors for Award*
- CI-FSS-152 *Additional Evaluation Factors* **[applicable to Schedule 70 only]**

The following provisions have been ADDED:

- SCP-FSS-001-N *Instructions Applicable to New Offerors* (OCT 2015)
- SCP-FSS-001-S *Instructions Applicable to Successful FSS Program Contractors* (OCT 2015)
- CI-FSS-151-N *Additional Evaluation Factors for Award to New Offerors* (OCT 2015)
- CI-FSS-151-S *Additional Evaluation Factors for Award to Successful FSS Program Contractors* (OCT 2015)
- CI-FSS-152-N *Additional Evaluation Factors for New Offerors under Schedule 70* (OCT 2015) **[applicable to Schedule 70 only]**
- CI-FSS-152-S *Additional Evaluation Factors for Successful FSS Program Contractors under Schedule 70* (OCT 2015) **[applicable to Schedule 70 only]**

Contractors approaching the end of the 20-year period of performance under their FSS contracts are now able to pursue a new contract as early as the start of Year 14. This previously required the preparation and submission of an offer that complied with all of the same solicitation requirements that apply to vendors new to the FSS program - an administrative burden for both the contractor submitting the offer and the FSS contracting officer evaluating it. Therefore, FAS has created a streamlined set of instructions for successful FSS contractors that reduce or eliminate entirely many of the items required for submission of an offer. A streamlined offer can be submitted in accordance with SCP-FSS-001-S *Instructions Applicable to Successful FSS Program Contracts*, when ALL of the following criteria apply:

- (1) The contractor has an existing FSS program contract under this Schedule and is submitting a new offer for the same SINS.
- (2) The contractor has, at a minimum, started Year 14 under its existing contract.
- (3) Sales under the existing contract have averaged a minimum of \$25,000 per year for the previous five years of reported sales.
- (4) There is a demonstrated pattern of satisfactory past performance under the existing contract.

## **Commercial Supplier Agreement (CSA) Class Deviation Policy (if applicable)**

The following clauses have been ADDED:

- 552.212-4 *Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Items* (MAY 2015) (ALTERNATE II - JUL 2009) (FAR DEVIATION - JUL 2015)
- 552.232-39 *Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations* (JUN 2013) (FAR DEVIATION - JUL 2015)

On July 31, 2015, the GSA Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) implemented a Class Deviation in order to mitigate the legal risk of incorporating common CSA terms and conditions that conflict with or are incompatible with Federal law into GSA contracts.

This class deviation will protect GSA, contractors, and Federal agencies by uniformly addressing common unacceptable terms, immediately reducing risk, reducing administrative costs, and further streamlining the acquisition process for commercial-item supplies and services. The class deviation will also increase uniformity and consistency among all CSAs on GSA contracts.

Vendors are permitted to negotiate terms and conditions including license terms, except those that conflict with Federal law. Vendors are encouraged to negotiate mutually acceptable terms and conditions with the Government. The best approach is for both parties to know and agree up front to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Vendors interested in negotiating new terms and conditions for existing CSAs prior to accepting the MAS modification should contact their GSA Contract Specialist to discuss the desired changes. The Contract Specialist will review the new CSA terms and conditions accordingly.

GSA, along with DoD and NASA, issued a final rule effective October 1, 2015, to implement the inflation adjustments for acquisition-related dollar thresholds. Section 807 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Pub. L. 108-375) requires an adjustment every five years of acquisition-related thresholds for inflation using the Consumer Price Index. This inflation adjustment impacts all urban consumers, except for the Construction Wage Rate Requirements statute (formerly Davis-Bacon Act), Service Contract Labor Standards statute (formerly Service Contract Act), and trade agreements thresholds. GSA, DoD, and NASA have also used the same methodology to adjust nonstatutory FAR acquisition-related thresholds.

- The micro-purchase base threshold of \$3,000 (FAR 2.101) is increased to \$3,500.
- The simplified acquisition threshold (FAR 2.101) of \$150,000 is unchanged.
- The FedBizOpps preaward and post-award notices (FAR part 5) remain at \$25,000 because of trade agreements.
- The threshold for use of simplified acquisition procedures for acquisition of commercial items (FAR 13.500) is raised from \$6.5 million to \$7 million.
- The cost or pricing data threshold (FAR 15.403-4) and the statutorily equivalent Cost Accounting Standard threshold are raised from \$700,000 to \$750,000.

- The prime contractor subcontracting plan (FAR 19.702) floor is raised from \$650,000 to \$700,000, and the construction threshold of \$1,500,000 stays the same.
- The threshold for reporting first-tier subcontract information including executive compensation will increase from \$25,000 to \$30,000 (FAR subpart 4.14 and section 52.204-10).

## FULL TEXT OF NEW/UPDATED CLAUSES AND PROVISIONS

### **A-FSS-11                      CONSIDERATION OF OFFERS UNDER STANDING SOLICITATION (OCT 2015)**

- (a) This solicitation is a standing solicitation from which the Government contemplates award of contracts for supplies/services listed in the Schedule of Items. This solicitation will remain in effect unless replaced by an updated solicitation.
- (b) There is no closing date for receipt of offers; therefore, offers may be submitted for consideration at any time.
- (c) An offer may be rejected if an offeror fails to meet timeframes established by the Contracting Officer either to address deficiencies in the offer or to submit a final proposal revision. A resubmission(s) is permitted; however, it may be rejected immediately if it is still deficient in the area(s) that caused its initial rejection.
- (d) Contracts awarded under this solicitation will be in effect for 5 years from the date of award, unless further extended, pursuant to clause I-FSS-163, *Option to Extend the Term of the Contract (Evergreen)*, canceled pursuant to the Cancellation clause, or terminated pursuant to the termination provisions of the contract.
- (e) Current contractors may submit a new offer as early as the fourth year of the second five-year option period under their existing contracts.

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### **SCP-FSS-001-N                      INSTRUCTIONS APPLICABLE TO NEW OFFERORS (OCT 2015)**

- (a) Read the entire solicitation document prior to preparation of your offer.
- (b) Electronic submission of offers via GSA's eOffer web-based application (<http://eOffer.gsa.gov>) is mandatory.
- (c) Offers must be current, concise, and complete, and demonstrate a thorough understanding of solicitation requirements. By submission of an offer, the offeror attests that there have been no

exceptions taken to the terms and conditions of this solicitation unless otherwise explicitly identified as required in eOffer (see “Exceptions to Terms and Conditions” under the Standard Response module).

(d) If the offeror was previously awarded a Schedule contract that was cancelled or allowed to expire due to low or no sales, a new offer for the same Schedule will not be considered unless a minimum of 12 months have passed since the effective date of the cancellation or the expiration date of the previous contract. Any offer submitted prior to the completion of this 12-month period will be rejected.

(e) By submission of an offer, the offeror attests that it understands and agrees to comply with the requirements of clause 552.238-74 *Industrial Funding Fee and Sales Reporting*.

(f) In addition to full compliance with the requirements of this provision (SCP-FSS-001-N), the offeror must also comply with the following provisions, as applicable. Failure to comply with an applicable provision will result in rejection of the offer.

Solicitation provisions and their applicability are detailed below:

(1) SCP-FSS-002 *Specific Proposal Submission Instructions for Services* – Applies to all offers that propose services, with the exception of offers under Schedule 70.

(2) SCP-FSS-003 *Specific Proposal Submission Instructions for Products* – Applies to all offers that propose products, with the exception of offers under Schedule 70.

(3) SCP-FSS-004 *Specific Proposal Submission Instructions for Schedule 70* – Applies only to offers submitted under Schedule 70 - General Purpose Commercial Information Technology Equipment, Software, and Services.

(4) SCP-FSS-005 *Special Proposal Instructions for Products for Schedule 751* – Applies only to offers submitted under Schedule 751 - Leasing of Automobiles and Light Trucks.

(5) SCP-FSS-006 *Special Proposal Instructions for Products and Services for Schedule 23V* – Applies only to offers submitted under Schedule 23V - Automotive Superstore.

Offerors proposing both products and services must comply with the requirements of SCP-FSS-002 and SCP-FSS-003. Offers submitted under Schedule 70 are required to comply with SCP-FSS-004 only, regardless of whether products and/or services are offered.

(g) The following documents must be submitted by all offerors and are detailed in paragraph (j). See SCP-FSS-002, 003, 004, 005, and 006, as applicable, for additional documents that are required based on specific product and service offerings.

The following documentation requirements are completed directly through the eOffer application:

- (1) *Pathway to Success* training completion verification,
- (2) Active System for Award Management (SAM) registration verification,
- (3) Small Business Subcontracting Plan (if applicable),
- (4) Commercial Sales Practices (CSP) disclosure.

The offeror must complete and upload the following documents to the eOffer application:

- (1) Readiness Assessment for Prospective Offerors,
- (2) Financial Statements,
- (3) Previous FSS program cancellations and rejections, pending offers for other Schedule contracts, and awarded Schedule contracts,
- (4) Agent Authorization Letter (if applicable),
- (5) Technical Proposal,
- (6) Price Proposal Template,
- (7) Supporting Pricing Documentation,
- (8) Price Narrative,
- (9) Commercial Price List or Market Rate Sheet (if applicable).

(h) **Withdrawal of Offer:** The offeror may withdraw its offer from consideration at any time prior to award or rejection by withdrawing it in eOffer. If an offer is withdrawn, a new offer can be resubmitted at a later date. Information saved from the previous withdrawn offer can be copied over to the new offer, excluding uploaded documents.

(i) The proposal instructions in SCP-FSS-001-N are common to all solicitations. Some Schedules and SINs have additional requirements specific to that particular Schedule or SIN. Please review the solicitation attachments “Read Me First” and/or “Critical Information” for specific Schedule or SIN requirements.

(j) All offerors must comply with the following:

(1) **Section I – Administrative/Contract Data**

i. A designated Authorized Negotiator who is also a company officer (i.e., President, CEO, CFO, etc.) must complete (or have completed within one year of the date of offer submission) the *Pathway to Success* training. This free, web-based self-assessment is available through the Vendor Education Center (VEC), which can be accessed directly at <https://gsafas.secure.force.com/MASTrainingHome> or through the Vendor Support Center (<http://vsc.gsa.gov>) by selecting the “Education” tab and then “Pathway to Success.” The training session is less than two hours total and covers the major factors vendors should consider prior to submitting an offer to GSA. eOffer will verify the name of the person that completed the *Pathway to Success* training and the date of completion.

ii. The offeror must complete and submit the *Readiness Assessment for Prospective Offerors*. This free, web-based self-assessment is available through the Vendor Education Center (VEC), which can be accessed directly at <https://gsafas.secure.force.com/MASTrainingHome> or through the Vendor Support Center (<http://vsc.gsa.gov>) by selecting the “Education” tab and then “Vendor Toolbox (Readiness Assessment).” The Readiness Assessment must be completed by a company officer (i.e., President, CEO, CFO, etc.) and completed/dated within the past one-year period. This tool is designed to assist vendors in determining whether they are ready to pursue a Schedule contract and prepares them to navigate the Schedule proposal process.

iii. The offeror must be registered with the System for Award Management (SAM) at <http://www.sam.gov>. The information provided must be current, accurate, and complete, and reflect the

North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code(s) for this solicitation and the SINS proposed. SAM consolidates the information previously contained in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), and Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) databases.

iv. The offeror must provide the following, as applicable:

- (A) A copy of any cancellation letters received within the preceding two-year period for previously awarded Schedule contracts,
- (B) A copy of any rejection notices received within the preceding two-year period for previously submitted Schedule offers,
- (C) If a contract was previously awarded under THIS Schedule, and it was subsequently cancelled or allowed to expire due to low sales, a detailed description of the steps the offeror plans to take to generate sales through a new contract that includes the following:
  - 1) A copy of the cancellation letter or notification of determination not to exercise an option,
  - 2) Current Federal sales in excess of \$25,000, as evidenced by copies of contractual documents that identify the Federal entity and the date and value of the product or services provided,
  - 3) Demonstration that there is a reasonable expectation that any future award will comply with clause I-FSS-639 *Contract Sales Criteria*,
  - 4) A marketing plan detailing the steps you plan to take to generate sales through a new GSA Schedule contract.
- (D) Information regarding any pending offers under other Schedules, to include the name and phone number of the assigned GSA contract specialist,
- (E) Information regarding any currently awarded GSA Schedule contracts, to include the awarded contract number and price list.

v. The offeror must provide financial statements for the previous two-year period (audited, if available). At a minimum, each financial statement must consist of a balance sheet and income statement. GSA will use this information to determine financial responsibility. Provide an explanation for any negative financial information disclosed, including negative equity or income. Offerors may be required to provide letters of credit or other documentation to demonstrate that adequate financial resources are available. In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 9.103(a), contracts will only be awarded to responsible prospective contractors. To be determined responsible, an offeror must have adequate financial resources to perform the contract or the ability to obtain them. Note that 1.) submission of a GSA Form 527 does not meet the aforementioned requirements, and 2.) offerors are NOT to submit tax returns.

vi. The offeror must prepare and submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan, if applicable. The offeror is to complete the Small Business Subcontracting Plan module in eOffer if,

pursuant to the applicable NAICS codes and size standards, the offeror is determined to be other than a small business concern for purposes of this solicitation. Large businesses, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions are advised of the requirement to submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan as detailed in clause 552.219-72 *Preparation, Submission, and Negotiation of Subcontracting Plans*, incorporated by reference. The Government will review each plan to ensure it is consistent with the provisions of this clause. Subcontracting plans are subject to negotiation, along with the terms and conditions of any contract resulting from this solicitation. The offeror's subcontracting plan must be approved by the contracting officer prior to award. Failure to submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan when required will result in the rejection of your offer.

Note: GSA's subcontracting goals can be found at the following website:  
<http://www.sba.gov/content/smallbusinessgoalng>.

vii. Unless otherwise requested, the offeror shall not submit brochures, newsletters, or other marketing materials.

viii. An Agent Authorization Letter must be completed and submitted as part of the offer if a consultant or third-party agent assisted in the preparation of the offer, will be involved in any part of the negotiation of the offer, or will be involved in any post-award actions. The template for the Agent Authorization Letter can be found as an attachment to the solicitation. The Agent Authorization Letter has both pre- and post-award delegations. For any resultant contract, the contractor is responsible for initiating a modification to ensure all authorized negotiators and delegations are up-to-date (e.g., removing an authorized negotiator that only has pre-award delegations).

(2) **Section II – Technical Proposal**

The offeror must address the three technical proposal factors below.

i. Factor One - Corporate Experience: The offeror must submit a narrative description of its corporate experience. This narrative cannot exceed two pages and must address the following:

(A) The number of years of corporate experience in providing the products/services described under this Schedule, regardless of the specific products/services being proposed – a minimum of two (2) years of corporate experience is required,

(B) Organization's number of employees, experience in the field, and resources available to enable it to fulfill requirements,

(C) Brief history of the offeror's activities contributing to the development of expertise and capabilities related to this requirement,

(D) Information that demonstrates the offeror's organizational and accounting controls,

(E) A description of the resources presently in-house or the ability to acquire the type and kinds of personnel/products proposed,

(F) A description of how the offeror intends to market the proposed products/services to Federal clients,

(G) A discussion regarding the intended use of subcontractors.

ii. Factor Two - Past Performance: The offeror must order and obtain a Past Performance Evaluation from Open Ratings, Inc. (ORI). Offerors are responsible for payment to ORI for the Past Performance Evaluation.

(A) Past Performance Evaluations are valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance by ORI. If the evaluation was issued more than one year prior to the date of proposal submission via eOffer, the proposal will be rejected.

(B) The order form must be completed with a minimum of six (6) customer references submitted. A "customer reference" is defined as a person or company that has purchased relevant products/services from the offeror. The offeror is advised to use references from projects involving products/services related to this solicitation and/or those performed under NAICS code(s) applicable to proposed products/services.

(C) The offeror must submit one (1) copy of the completed Past Performance Evaluation and one (1) copy of the order form with its proposal. Failure to submit the completed evaluation and order form will result in rejection of the proposal.

(D) The offeror must address any negative feedback for each of the feedback categories contained in the ORI report, to include actions taken to minimize the problems that resulted in negative feedback.

iii. Factor Three - Quality Control: The offeror is to submit a single narrative for this factor, regardless of the number of products/services offered. This narrative cannot exceed two (2) pages and must address the following:

(A) A description of internal review procedures that facilitate high-quality standards,

(B) Identification of individuals responsible for ensuring quality control,

(C) Whether or not subcontractors are used and, if so, the quality control measures used to ensure acceptable subcontractor performance,

(D) How potential problem areas and solutions are handled,

(E) The procedures for ensuring quality performance when meeting urgent requirements,

(F) How quality control will be managed when completing multiple projects for multiple agencies simultaneously.

(3) **Section III – Price Proposal**

i. GSA's pricing goal is to obtain equal to or better than the offeror's Most Favored Customer (MFC) pricing under the same or similar terms and conditions. GSA seeks to obtain the offeror's best price based on its evaluation of discounts, terms, conditions, and concessions offered to

commercial customers. However, offers that propose Most Favored Customer pricing but are not highly competitive will not be determined fair and reasonable and will not be accepted. The U.S. Government Accountability Office has specifically recommended that "the price analysis GSA does to establish the Government's MAS negotiation objective should start with the best discount given to any of the vendor's customers."

ii. Submit proposed pricing using the attached Price Proposal Template. The Price Proposal Template MUST be submitted in Microsoft Office Excel format. The proposed pricing structure must be consistent with the offeror's commercial practices. Pricing must be clearly identified as based either on a "Commercial Price List" or a "Commercial Market Price," as defined in FAR 2.101 (see "Catalog Price" and "Market Prices" under the definition of "Commercial Item").

(A) If the MFC is a Federal agency, but sales exist to commercial customers, identify which, if any, of the commercial customers receive the offeror's best price. This will allow the Government to establish a "basis of award" customer in accordance with paragraph (a) of clause 552.238-75 *Price Reductions*.

(B) Proposed prices must include the 0.75% Industrial Funding Fee (IFF) (see contract clause 552.238-74 *Industrial Funding Fee and Sales Reporting*). This fee will be included in the awarded prices and reflected in the total amount charged to ordering activities.

iii. Provide supporting documentation for EACH proposed product/service price. Supporting pricing documentation may consist of published and publicly-available commercial catalogs/price lists, copies of invoices, contracts, quote sheets, etc., and must be submitted with the offer. There must be a clear and relevant relationship between the supporting document and the proposed price it is meant to substantiate. Each supporting document must be clearly labeled with the name of the corresponding proposed product/service.

iv. The offeror must submit a detailed price narrative containing sufficient information for each of the products/services offered to enable the contracting officer to determine that offered prices are fair and reasonable. For example, if a price offered to GSA is not equal to or better than the price offered to the offeror's designated Most Favored Customer, the narrative must explain the rationale for proposing such a price in a manner sufficient to enable the contracting officer to determine that the rate is fair and reasonable. Any deviation from the offeror's commercial sales practices must be explained, including the specific circumstances and frequency of the deviations.

The offeror must also propose a mechanism for future price adjustments, as detailed below:

(A) If pricing proposed in the Price Proposal Template is based on a commercial price list, submit a copy of the company's current, dated price list, catalog, or standard rate sheet (note that this must be an existing, standalone document, and not prepared for purposes of this solicitation). Future price adjustments for pricing based on a commercial price list are subject to clause 552.216-70 *Economic Price Adjustment – Multiple Award Schedule Contracts*.

OR

(B) If pricing proposed in the Price Proposal Template is based on commercial market prices, future price adjustments are subject to clause I-FSS-969 *Economic Price Adjustment – FSS Multiple Award Schedule*. The offeror must either propose a fixed annual escalation rate or identify a relevant market indicator (e.g., the Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Cost Index).

v. Travel will be handled in accordance with clause C-FSS-370 *Contractor Tasks/Special Requirements*. Costs for transportation, lodging, meals and incidental expenses are allowable subject to the limitations contained in the Federal Travel Regulations and/or Joint Travel Regulations. These costs should not be included in proposed prices, as they are to be coordinated at the order level.

vi. Complete the Commercial Sales Practices Format (CSP-1) in eOffer in accordance with instructions provided. Provide a rationale for the given estimate of GSA contract annual sales.

(k) Raising the Bar

In an effort to raise standards under the FSS program, the following requirements have been highlighted in all solicitations and are relevant to this Schedule, as applicable:

(1) **AbilityOne Program Products**

The AbilityOne Program is a Federal procurement program that generates jobs for individuals who are blind or have another significant disability. In order to distribute AbilityOne products, a vendor must be an authorized AbilityOne Program distributor as designated by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission.

Certain commercial products are considered “essentially the same” (ETS) as AbilityOne products. Because AbilityOne products are mandatory purchases for Federal customers, the offeror is required to remove any ETS items from its FSS proposal. This applies only to the following Schedules: 73 - Food Service, Hospitality, Cleaning Equipment and Supplies, Chemicals and Services; 75 - Office Products/Supplies and Services and New Products/Technology; 51V - Hardware Superstore; and 70 - General Purpose Commercial Information Technology Equipment, Software, and Services.

For more information on the AbilityOne Program, ETS products, and becoming an authorized AbilityOne distributor, please visit [www.abilityone.gov](http://www.abilityone.gov), or contact Mr. Eric Beale at [ebeale@abilityone.gov](mailto:ebeale@abilityone.gov) / (703) 603-2119.

(2) **Manufacturer Part Number and Universal Product Code Data**

Manufacturer Part Number (MPN) data must be submitted for all products. The offeror must ensure that the MPN for each proposed product reflects the actual number assigned. Universal Product Code Type A (UPC-A) data must also be submitted for all products for which this information is commercially available. If MPN (and UPC-A data, if commercially available) is submitted incorrectly or not submitted, the associated product may not be awarded.

(3) **Frustrated Freight** (applicable only to overseas delivery)

The offeror must maintain an order tracking system that permits ordering agencies to track the location of an order at any time, from the moment the order is shipped, to the point of delivery

and acceptance. The offeror must also demonstrate understanding of orders bound for an international end-point delivery by providing a sample electronic version of a label appropriately marked in accordance with the FED-STD-123 and MIL-STD-129 edition in effect as of the date of solicitation issuance. An offer for OCONUS delivery will not be accepted if the offer does not demonstrate a proper tracking system and provide a sample packaging label for international delivery.

(4) **Full-Product and Broad-Service Offerings**

The offeror must provide a full and broad array of proposed products/services. An offer will not be accepted with limited product/service offerings unless it represents a total solution for the proposed SINs.

(5) **Fair and Reasonable Pricing**

To determine fair and reasonable pricing, the GSA contracting officer may consider many factors, including pricing on competitor contracts, historical pricing, and currently available pricing in other venues. Offers that propose Most Favored Customer pricing but are not highly competitive will not be determined fair and reasonable and will not be accepted.

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**SCP-FSS-001-S INSTRUCTIONS APPLICABLE TO SUCCESSFUL FSS PROGRAM CONTRACTORS (OCT 2015)**

(a) Offers can be submitted per the streamlined instructions detailed under this provision provided that the contractor meets ALL of the following criteria (otherwise the offer must be submitted in accordance with SCP-FSS-001-N *Instructions Applicable to New Offerors*):

- (1) The contractor has an existing FSS program contract under this Schedule and is submitting a new offer for the same SINs.
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- (3) Sales under the existing contract have averaged a minimum of \$25,000 per year for the previous five years of reported sales.
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(f) In addition to full compliance with the requirements of this provision (SCP-FSS-001-S), the offeror must also comply with the following provisions, as applicable. Failure to comply with an applicable provision will result in rejection of the offer.

(1) SCP-FSS-002 *Specific Proposal Instructions for Services* – Applies to all offers that propose services, with the exception of Schedule 70. The offeror must comply with all requirements under this provision with the exception of (d)(2) Section II - Technical Proposal (Factor Four - Relevant Project Experience), which is not applicable to streamlined offers.

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(7) Commercial Price List or Market Rate Sheet (if applicable).

(h) **Withdrawal of Offer:** The offeror may withdraw its offer from consideration at any time prior to award or rejection by withdrawing it in eOffer. If an offer is withdrawn, a new offer can be resubmitted at a later date. Information saved from the previous withdrawn offer can be copied over to the new offer, excluding uploaded documents.

(i) The streamlined proposal instructions in SCP-FSS-001-S are common to all solicitations. Some Schedules and SINs have additional requirements specific to that particular Schedule or SIN. Please review the solicitation attachments "Read Me First" and/or "Critical Information" for specific Schedule or SIN requirements.

(j) All offerors must comply with the following:

(1) **Section I – Administrative/Contract Data**

(i.) A designated Authorized Negotiator who is also a company officer (i.e., President, CEO, CFO, etc.) must complete (or have completed within one year of the date of offer submission) the *Pathway to Success* training. This free, web-based self-assessment is available through the Vendor Education Center (VEC), which can be accessed directly at <https://gsafas.secure.force.com/MASTrainingHome> or through the Vendor Support Center (<http://vsc.gsa.gov>) by selecting the "Education" tab and then "Pathway to Success." The training session is less than two hours total and covers the major factors vendors should consider prior to submitting an offer to GSA. eOffer will verify the name of the person that completed the *Pathway to Success* training and the date of completion.

(ii.) The offeror must be registered with the System for Award Management (SAM) at <http://www.sam.gov>. The information provided must be current, accurate, and complete, and reflect the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code(s) for this solicitation and the SINs proposed. SAM consolidates the information previously contained in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), and Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) databases.

(iii.) The offeror must provide the following, as applicable:

(A) A copy of any cancellation letters received within the preceding two-year period for previously awarded Schedule contracts,

- (B) A copy of any rejection notices received within the preceding two-year period for previously submitted Schedule offers,
- (C) Information regarding any pending offers under other Schedules, to include the name and phone number of the assigned GSA contract specialist,
- (D) Information regarding any currently awarded GSA Schedule contracts, to include the awarded contract number and price list.

(iv.) The offeror must prepare and submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan, if applicable. The offeror is to complete the Small Business Subcontracting Plan module in eOffer if, pursuant to the applicable NAICS codes and size standards, the offeror is determined to be other than a small business concern for purposes of this solicitation. Large businesses, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions are advised of the requirement to submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan as detailed in clause 552.219-72 *Preparation, Submission, and Negotiation of Subcontracting Plans*, incorporated by reference. The Government will review each plan to ensure it is consistent with the provisions of this clause. Subcontracting plans are subject to negotiation, along with the terms and conditions of any contract resulting from this solicitation. The offeror's subcontracting plan must be approved by the contracting officer prior to award. Failure to submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan when required will result in the rejection of your offer. Note: GSA's subcontracting goals can be found at the following website: <http://www.sba.gov/content/smallbusinessgoalng>.

(v.) Unless otherwise requested, the offeror shall not submit brochures, newsletters, or other marketing materials.

(vi.) An Agent Authorization Letter must be completed and submitted as part of the offer if a consultant or third-party agent assisted in the preparation of the offer, will be involved in any part of the negotiation of the offer, or will be involved in any post-award actions. The template for the Agent Authorization Letter can be found as an attachment to the solicitation. The Agent Authorization Letter has both pre- and post-award delegations. For any resultant contract, the contractor is responsible for initiating a modification to ensure all authorized negotiators and delegations are up-to-date (e.g., removing an authorized negotiator that only has pre-award delegations).

**(2) Section II – Technical Proposal**

The two technical proposal factors are below. The offeror is required to address Quality Control. The submission of data in support of Past Performance is optional.

(i.) Quality Control: The offeror is to submit a single narrative for this factor, regardless of the number of products/services offered. This narrative cannot exceed two (2) pages and must address the following:

- (A) A description of internal review procedures that facilitate high-quality standards,
- (B) Identification of individuals responsible for ensuring quality control,
- (C) Whether or not subcontractors are used and, if so, the quality control measures used to ensure acceptable subcontractor performance,

- (D) How potential problem areas and solutions are handled,
- (E) The procedures for ensuring quality performance when meeting urgent requirements,
- (F) How quality control will be managed when completing multiple projects for multiple agencies simultaneously.

(ii.) Past Performance: The offeror is not required to address this factor, as past performance will be evaluated based on existing information available to the contracting officer. The offeror may submit relevant past performance references if desired but is not required to. If submitting relevant past performance references please include point of contact information for each.

**(3) Section III - Price Proposal**

(i.) GSA's pricing goal is to obtain equal to or better than the offeror's Most Favored Customer (MFC) pricing under the same or similar terms and conditions. GSA seeks to obtain the offeror's best price based on its evaluation of discounts, terms, conditions, and concessions offered to commercial customers. However, offers that propose Most Favored Customer pricing but are not highly competitive will not be determined fair and reasonable and will not be accepted. The U.S. Government Accountability Office has specifically recommended that "the price analysis GSA does to establish the Government's MAS negotiation objective should start with the best discount given to any of the vendor's customers."

(ii.) Submit proposed pricing using the attached Price Proposal Template. The Price Proposal Template MUST be submitted in Microsoft Office Excel format. The proposed pricing structure must be consistent with the offeror's commercial practices. Pricing must be clearly identified as based either on a "Commercial Price List" or a "Commercial Market Price," as defined in FAR 2.101 (see "Catalog Price" and "Market Prices" under the definition of "Commercial Item").

(A) If the MFC is a Federal agency, but sales exist to commercial customers, identify which, if any, of the commercial customers receive the contractor's best price.

(B) Proposed prices must include the 0.75% Industrial Funding Fee (IFF) (see contract clause 552.238-74 *Industrial Funding Fee and Sales Reporting*). This fee will be included in the awarded prices and reflected in the total amount charged to ordering activities.

(iii.) Provide supporting documentation for EACH proposed product/service price. Supporting pricing documentation may consist of published and publicly available commercial catalogs/price lists, copies of invoices, contracts, quote sheets, etc., and must be submitted with the offer. There must be a clear and relevant relationship between the supporting document and the proposed price it is meant to substantiate. Each supporting document must be clearly labeled with the name of the corresponding proposed product/service.

(iv.) The offeror must submit a detailed price narrative containing sufficient information for each of the products/services offered to enable the contracting officer to determine that offered prices are fair and reasonable. For example, if a price offered to GSA is not equal to or better than the price offered to the offeror's designated Most Favored Customer, the narrative must explain the rationale for

proposing such a price in a manner sufficient to enable the contracting officer to determine that the rate is fair and reasonable. Any deviation from the offeror's commercial sales practices must be explained, including the specific circumstances and frequency of the deviations.

The offeror must also propose a mechanism for future price adjustments, as detailed below:

(A) If pricing proposed in the Price Proposal Template is based on a commercial price list, submit a copy of the company's current, dated price list, catalog, or standard rate sheet (note that this must be an existing, standalone document, and not prepared for purposes of this solicitation). Future price adjustments for pricing based on a commercial price list are subject to clause 552.216-70 *Economic Price Adjustment – Multiple Award Schedule Contracts*.

OR

(B) If pricing proposed in the Price Proposal Template is based on commercial market prices, future price adjustments are subject to clause I-FSS-969 *Economic Price Adjustment – FSS Multiple Award Schedule*. The offeror must either propose a fixed annual escalation rate or identify a relevant market indicator (e.g., the Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Cost Index).

(v.) Travel will be handled in accordance with clause C-FSS-370 *Contractor Tasks/Special Requirements*. Costs for transportation, lodging, meals and incidental expenses are allowable subject to the limitations contained in the Federal Travel Regulations and/or Joint Travel Regulations. These costs should not be included in proposed prices, as they are to be coordinated at the order level.

(vi.) Complete the Commercial Sales Practices Format (CSP-1) in eOffer in accordance with the instructions provided. Provide a rationale for the given estimate of GSA contract annual sales.

(k) Raising the Bar

In an effort to raise standards under the FSS program, the following requirements have been highlighted in all solicitations and are relevant to this Schedule, as applicable:

(1) **AbilityOne Program Products**

The AbilityOne Program is a Federal procurement program that generates jobs for individuals who are blind or have another significant disability. In order to distribute AbilityOne products, a vendor must be an authorized AbilityOne Program distributor as designated by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission.

Certain commercial products are considered “essentially the same” (ETS) as AbilityOne products. Because AbilityOne products are mandatory purchases for Federal customers, the offeror is required to remove any ETS items from its FSS proposal. This applies only to the following Schedules: 73 - Food Service, Hospitality, Cleaning Equipment and Supplies, Chemicals and Services; 75 - Office Products/Supplies and Services and New Products/Technology; 51V -Hardware Superstore; and 70 - General Purpose Commercial Information Technology Equipment, Software, and Services.

For more information on the AbilityOne Program, ETS products, and becoming an authorized AbilityOne distributor, please visit [www.abilityone.gov](http://www.abilityone.gov), or contact Mr. Eric Beale at [ebeale@abilityone.gov](mailto:ebeale@abilityone.gov)/(703) 603-2119.

(2) **Manufacturer Part Number and Universal Product Code Data**

Manufacturer Part Number (MPN) data must be submitted for all products. The offeror must ensure that the MPN for each proposed product reflects the actual number assigned. Universal Product Code Type A (UPC-A) data must also be submitted for all products for which this information is commercially available. If MPN (and UPC-A data, if commercially available) is submitted incorrectly or not submitted, the associated product may not be awarded.

(3) **Frustrated Freight** (applicable only to overseas delivery)

The offeror must maintain an order tracking system that permits ordering agencies to track the location of an order at any time, from the moment the order is shipped, to the point of delivery and acceptance. The offeror must also demonstrate understanding of orders bound for an international end-point delivery by providing a sample electronic version of a label appropriately marked in accordance with the FED-STD-123 and MIL-STD-129 edition in effect as of the date of solicitation issuance. An offer for OCONUS delivery will not be accepted if the offer does not demonstrate a proper tracking system and provide a sample packaging label for international delivery.

(4) **Full-Product and Broad-Service Offerings**

The offeror must provide a full and broad array of proposed products/services. Offers will not be accepted with limited product/service offerings unless it represents a total solution for the proposed SINs.

(5) **Fair and Reasonable Pricing**

To determine fair and reasonable pricing, the GSA contracting officer may consider many factors, including pricing on competitor contracts, historical pricing, and currently available pricing in other venues. Offers that propose Most Favored Customer pricing but are not highly competitive will not be determined fair and reasonable and will not be accepted.

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**CI-FSS-151-N                      ADDITIONAL EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD TO NEW OFFERORS  
(OCT 2015)**

(a) The Government will consider award to a responsible offeror, whose offer conforms to all solicitation requirements, is determined technically acceptable, has acceptable past performance, and whose prices are determined fair and reasonable.

(1) **Section I - Administrative/Contract Data:**

Section I - Administrative/Contract Data will be evaluated for successful completion of all requirements outlined in provision SCP-FSS-001-N *Instructions Applicable to New Offerors* and, as applicable, provisions SCP-FSS-002 *Specific Proposal Instructions for Services*, SCP-FSS-003 *Specific Proposal Instructions for Products*, SCP-FSS-004 *Specific Proposal Instructions for Schedule 70*, SCP-FSS-005 *Special Proposal Instructions for Products for Schedule 751*, and SCP-FSS-006 *Special Proposal Instructions for Products and Services for Schedule 23V*.

(2) **Section II - Technical Proposal:**

(i.) Section II - Technical Proposal will be reviewed, evaluated and rated acceptable or unacceptable based on the technical evaluation factors described in provision SCP-FSS-001-N and, as applicable, provisions SCP-FSS-002, 003, 004, 005, and 006 of the solicitation document. Award will be made on a SIN-by-SIN basis. A rating of “unacceptable” under any evaluation factor will result in an “unacceptable” rating overall for that SIN. Offers determined technically unacceptable for all proposed SINS will be rejected.

(ii.) Factor One - Corporate Experience: Failure to provide the information as described in provision SCP-FSS-001-N for Factor One will result in an “unacceptable” rating for that SIN. The offeror shall have demonstrated that the firm can successfully perform, administer, and complete ordering activity tasks that may be awarded against a contract awarded under this solicitation. It must also demonstrate that the services proposed for each SIN are within the Scope of Work in Part I of this solicitation.

(iii.) Factor Two - Past Performance: Failure to provide information as described in Factor Two of provision SCP-FSS-001-N may result in an “unacceptable” rating for the Technical Proposal. The results of the Open Ratings Past Performance Evaluation will be considered, along with other information available to the contracting officer in determining the past performance rating of the offeror. The Government reserves the right to consider any other pertinent information that comes to the attention of the Government regarding the offeror’s past performance. The Government will consider the offeror’s performance in the following key areas: Overall Performance, Reliability, Cost, Order Accuracy, Delivery/Timeliness, Quality, Business Relations, Personnel, Customer Support, and Responsiveness. Those offerors demonstrating a pattern of consistent acceptable performance will receive an acceptable rating.

(iv.) Factor Three - Quality Control: Failure to provide the required information as described in Factor Three of provision SCP-FSS-001-N may result in an “unacceptable” rating for the Technical Proposal.

(v.) Factor Four - Relevant Project Experience: The offeror must submit the information described in Factor Four of provision SCP-FSS-002 and/or SCP-FSS-003 of the solicitation. For SCP-FSS-002, the offeror must also demonstrate the successful completion of orders that are of a similar or greater complexity to the orders described in the statement of work in Part I of the solicitation.

(vi.) Technical proposals that are unrealistic in terms of technical commitment, lack technical competence, or are indicative of failure to comprehend the complexities and risks of solicitation requirements will be rejected.

(3) **Section III - Price Proposal:**

(i.) Section III - Price Proposal will be evaluated for successful completion of all requirements outlined in provision SCP-FSS-001-N and, as applicable, provisions SCP-FSS-002, 003, 004, 005, and 006 of the Solicitation document. In order for the Section III - Pricing Proposal to be rated acceptable, the contracting officer must determine that the proposed pricing is fair, reasonable, and supportable, based on the submission of sufficient pricing information as outlined in provision SCP-FSS-001-N and, as applicable, provisions SCP-FSS-002, 003, 004, 005, and 006.

(ii.) The proposed pricing must be advantageous to the Government. If a price offered to GSA is not equal to or better than the price offered to the offeror's designated Most Favored Customer, the offeror must explain the rationale for proposing such a price in a manner sufficient to enable the contracting officer to determine that the rate is fair and reasonable. If the rates offered are not "equal to or lower than" the MFC, an acceptable justification must be provided.

(b) The Government reserves the right to award or reject without discussions. Therefore, the offeror's initial proposal should contain the best terms from a price and technical standpoint.

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**CI-FSS-151-S                      ADDITIONAL EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD TO SUCCESSFUL FSS PROGRAM CONTRACTORS (OCT 2015)**

(a) The Government will consider award to a responsible offeror, whose offer conforms to all solicitation requirements, is determined technically acceptable, has acceptable past performance, and whose prices are determined fair and reasonable.

**(1)            Section I - Administrative/Contract Data:**

Section I - Administrative/Contract Data will be evaluated for successful completion of all requirements outlined in provision SCP-FSS-001-S *Instructions Applicable to Successful FSS Program Contractors* and, as applicable, provisions SCP-FSS-002 *Specific Proposal Instructions for Services*, SCP-FSS-003 *Specific Proposal Instructions for Products*, SCP-FSS-004 *Specific Proposal Instructions for Schedule 70*, SCP-FSS-005 *Special Proposal Instructions for Products for Schedule 751*, and SCP-FSS-006 *Special Proposal Instructions for Products and Services for Schedule 23V*.

**(2)            Section II - Technical Proposal:**

(i.) Section II - Technical Proposal will be reviewed, evaluated and rated acceptable or unacceptable based on the two technical evaluation factors described in provision SCP-FSS-001-S and, as applicable, provisions SCP-FSS-002, 003, 004, 005, and 006 of the solicitation document. Award will be made on a SIN-by-SIN basis. A rating of "unacceptable" under any evaluation factor will result in an "unacceptable" rating overall for that SIN. Offers determined technically unacceptable for all proposed SINs will be rejected.

(ii.) Quality Control: Failure to provide the required information as described in Quality Control under provision SCP-FSS-001-S may result in an “unacceptable” rating for the Technical Proposal.

(iii.) Past Performance: The contracting officer will use the results of a search of known past performance information regarding the existing FSS contract, including but not limited to information in PPIRS along with any relevant past performance information provided by the offeror, to determine the past performance rating of the offeror. The Government reserves the right to consider any other pertinent information that comes to the attention of the Government regarding the offeror's past performance. Those offerors demonstrating a pattern of satisfactory performance will receive an acceptable rating.

(iv.) Technical proposals that are unrealistic in terms of technical commitment, lack technical competence, or are indicative of failure to comprehend the complexities and risks of solicitation requirements will be rejected.

**(3) Section III - Price Proposal:**

(i.) Section III - Price Proposal will be evaluated for successful completion of all requirements outlined in provision SCP-FSS-001-S and, as applicable, provisions SCP-FSS-002, 003, 004, 005, and 006 of the solicitation document. In order for the Section III - Pricing Proposal to be rated acceptable, the contracting officer must determine that the proposed pricing is fair, reasonable, and supportable, based on the submission of sufficient pricing information as outlined in provision SCP-FSS-001-S and, as applicable, provisions SCP-FSS-002, 003, 004, 005, and 006.

(ii.) The proposed pricing must be advantageous to the Government. If a price offered to GSA is not equal to or better than the price offered to the offeror's designated Most Favored Customer, the offeror must explain the rationale for proposing such a price in a manner sufficient to enable the contracting officer to determine that the rate is fair and reasonable. If the rates offered are not “equal to or lower than” the MFC, an acceptable justification must be provided.

(b) The Government reserves the right to award or reject without discussions. Therefore, the offeror's initial proposal should contain the best terms from a price and technical standpoint.

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**CI-FSS-152-N            ADDITIONAL EVALUATION FACTORS FOR NEW OFFERORS UNDER SCHEDULE 70 (OCT 2015)**

(a) The Government will consider award to an offeror who has been determined to be responsible, whose offer conforms to all solicitation requirements, who is determined technically acceptable, who has acceptable past performance, and whose prices are determined fair and reasonable.

(b) All technical evaluation factors will be reviewed, evaluated, and rated acceptable or unacceptable based on the criteria listed below. Award will be made on a SIN-by-SIN basis. A rating of “unacceptable”

under any technical evaluation factor, by SIN, will result in an “unacceptable” rating overall for that SIN, and that SIN will be rejected. Offers determined unacceptable for all proposed SIN(s) will be rejected.

#### I. TECHNICAL EVALUATION FACTORS:

- (1) FACTOR 1: Corporate Experience: See SCP-FSS-001-N
- (2) FACTOR 2: Past Performance: See SCP-FSS-001-N
- (3) FACTOR 3: Quality Control: See SCP-FSS-001-N
- (4) FACTOR 4: Relevant Project Experience: See SCP-FSS-004. Additional requirements

are:

(i.) SIN 132-51 and SIN 132-60f only (IT and Identity Access Management (IAM) Professional Services)

(A) Provide a description of the offeror’s experience in the professional information technology services offered under SIN 132-51 and SIN 132-60f. Describe **three** completed or on-going project(s), similar in size and complexity to the effort contemplated herein and in sufficient detail for the Government to perform an evaluation. **For SIN 132-60f, two of the three projects described must be prior Federal Government application deployment projects for public-facing IT systems.** Each completed example shall have been completed **within the last two years.** All examples of completed services shall have been found to be acceptable by the ordering activity. If the offeror cannot provide three examples of past experience, they may provide additional documentation to substantiate project experience to be evaluated by the contracting officer.

(B) Within the two-page limitation for each project narrative, offerors shall outline the following for proposed SINs 132-51 and 132-60f:

- 1) Provide background information on the project or projects presented to demonstrate expertise.
- 2) Outline how the project or projects are related to the proposed SIN(s).
- 3) Submit summary of the final deliverables for the noted project or projects.
- 4) Offerors shall demonstrate that the tasks performed are of a similar complexity to the work solicited under this solicitation.
- 5) Provide the following information for each project submitted:
  - i) Project/Contract Name;
  - ii) Project Description;
  - iii) Dollar Amount of Contract;

iv) Project Duration, which includes the original estimated completion date and the actual completion date; and

v) Point of Contact and Telephone Number.

(ii.) SIN 132-54, Commercial Satellite Communications (COMSATCOM) Transponded Capacity and/or SIN 132-55, COMSATCOM Subscription Services

(A) Provide a description of the offeror's experience delivering COMSATCOM services as described in CI-FSS-055 *Commercial Satellite Communication (COMSATCOM) Services*. For each COMSATCOM Services SIN proposed, describe three completed or ongoing projects, similar in size and complexity to the services the vendor is proposing to offer and in sufficient detail for the Government to perform an evaluation. (NOTE: If applying for both SIN 132-54 and 132-55, describe three projects related to SIN 132-54, and another three projects related to SIN 132-55.) All completed projects shall have been completed within the last three years prior to submission of the vendor's COMSATCOM Services SIN proposal. Performance of all completed projects shall have been found acceptable by the ordering activity. If the offeror cannot provide three projects, it may provide additional documentation to substantiate project experience to be evaluated by the contracting officer.

(B) Within the four-page limitation for each project narrative, the offeror shall include the following information:

1) Provide background information on the project presented to demonstrate familiarity and expertise servicing COMSATCOM requirements.

2) Outline how the project is related to the proposed COMSATCOM Services SIN.

3) Demonstrate that the tasks performed are of a similar size, scope, and complexity to the work solicited under this solicitation.

4) Provide the following information for each project submitted:

i) Project/Contract Name;

ii) Project Description;

iii) Dollar Amount of Contract;

iv) Project Duration, which includes the original estimated completion date and the actual completion date; and

v) Point of Contact and Telephone Number.

(iii.) Information Assurance Minimum Security Controls Compliance for SIN 132-54, Commercial Satellite Communications (COMSATCOM) Transponded Capacity Services and SIN 132-55, COMSATCOM Subscription Services only

(A) Federal policy specifies Government customer compliance with the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 as implemented by Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 200 (FIPS 200), "Minimum Security Requirements for Federal Information and Information Systems." This standard specifies minimum security requirements Federal agencies must meet, defined through the use of security controls described in National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-53, "Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations," DoD Instruction (DoDI) 8500.2, "Information Assurance Implementation," and associated documents.

(B) Complete the Information Assurance Checklist found on the GSA SATCOM Services Program Management Office website (<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/122627>).

(C) The Government will evaluate the Information Assurance Checklist submitted as part of offeror's proposal to determine whether the offeror understands the minimum security controls, and has processes, personnel, and infrastructure that currently complies or demonstrates a reasonable approach to becoming compliant with all the minimum security controls for at least a low-impact information system or MAC III system.

(iv.) Project Experience for Authentication Products and Services (Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) Only): All offers must be in compliance with guidance in National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-63, OMB Memorandum 04-04:

(A) SIN 132-60a: Offerings must include policy-compliant agency setup, testing, credential issuance, subscriber customer service account management, revocation, and credential validation as part of the basic service. Technical evaluation criteria are -

- 1) Successful completion of Level 1 Credential Assessment - Include Assessment Report
- 2) Successful completion of applicable interoperability testing - Include Test Report

(B) SIN 132-60b: Offerings must include policy-compliant agency setup, testing, identity proofing, credential issuance, subscriber customer service account management, revocation, and credential validation as part of the basic service. Technical evaluation criteria are -

- 1) Successful completion of Level 2 Credential Assessment - Include Assessment Report
- 2) Successful completion of applicable interoperability testing - Include Test Report

(C) SIN 132-60c: Offerings must include policy compliant ID proofing, Credential issuance, continued account management, revocation, and certificate validation as part of the basic service. Technical evaluation criteria are -

- 1) Successful completion of Level 3 and 4 Credential Assessment - Include Assessment Report
- 2) Access Certificates for Electronic Services (ACES) Security Certification and Accreditation (C&A) as a condition of obtaining and retaining approval to operate as a Certification Authority (CA) under the ACES Certificate policy and the GSA ACES Program. – Include Authorization to Operate (ATO) letter.
- 3) Common criteria for other Certification Authorities cross-certified by the Federal Bridge

(D) SIN 132-60d: Offerings must be -

- 1) Listed on GSA's Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 201 Approved Products List.
- 2) Crypto Modules must be FIPS 140-2 validated.

(E) SIN 132-60e: Offerings must include precursor services such as bulk load, testing, identity proofing, credential issuance, subscriber customer service account management, revocation, and credential validation as part of the basic service. Also includes translation and validation services, and partial services such as 3rd-party identity proofing or secure hosting. Technical evaluation criteria are -

- 1) Demonstrated compliance with NIST SP 800-63, as applicable to the technologies being utilized by the offeror.
- 2) Compliance with published E-Authentication architecture, verified by a clearance letter from GSA's Office of Governmentwide Policy.

(F) SIN 132-60f: Technical evaluation criteria are -

- 1) Documented experience with deployment of policy-compliant Identity and Access Management (IAM) projects in Government agencies. This includes IAM technologies and standards, including Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML), Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) and the Web Services (WS)-Federation specification. Offerors should describe in detail their competencies when proposing under this SIN.

**II. PRICE PROPOSAL FACTOR:** See SCP-FSS-001-N and SCP-FSS-004.

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**CI-FSS-152-S                    ADDITIONAL EVALUATION FACTORS FOR SUCCESSFUL FSS PROGRAM  
CONTRACTORS UNDER SCHEDULE 70 (OCT 2015)**

(a) The Government will consider award to an offeror who has been determined to be responsible, whose offer conforms to all solicitation requirements, who is determined technically acceptable, who has acceptable past performance, and whose prices are determined fair and reasonable.

(b) All technical evaluation factors will be reviewed, evaluated, and rated acceptable or unacceptable based on the criteria listed below. Award will be made on a SIN-by-SIN basis. A rating of "unacceptable" under any technical evaluation factor, by SIN, will result in an "unacceptable" rating overall for that SIN, and that SIN will be rejected. Offers determined unacceptable for all proposed SIN(s) will be rejected.

**I. TECHNICAL EVALUATION FACTORS:**

(1) Quality Control: See SCP-FSS-001-S

(2) Past Performance: See SCP-FSS-001-S

**II. PRICE PROPOSAL FACTOR:** See SCP-FSS-001-S and SCP-FSS-004.

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**552.212-4                    CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS - COMMERCIALS ITEMS (MAY 2015)  
(ALTERNATE II - JUL 2009) (FAR DEVIATION - JUL 2015)**

(a) Inspection/Acceptance. The Contractor shall only tender for acceptance those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to inspect or test any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The Government may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or reperformance of nonconforming services at no increase in contract price. If repair/replacement or reperformance will not correct the defects or is not possible, the Government may seek an equitable price reduction or adequate consideration for acceptance of nonconforming supplies or services. The Government must exercise its post-acceptance rights (1) within a reasonable time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and (2) before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item.

(b) Assignment. The Contractor or its assignee may assign its rights to receive payment due as a result of performance of this contract to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution, including any Federal lending agency in accordance with the Assignment of Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3727). However, when a third party makes payment (e.g., use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card), the Contractor may not assign its rights to receive payment under this contract.

(c) Changes. Changes in the terms and conditions of this contract may be made only by written agreement of the parties.

(d) Disputes. This contract is subject 41 U.S.C. chapter 71, Contract Disputes. Failure of the parties to this contract to reach agreement on any request for equitable adjustment, claim, appeal or action arising under or relating to this contract shall be a dispute to be resolved in accordance with the clause at

FAR 52.233-1, Disputes, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any dispute arising under the contract.

(e) Definitions. The clause at FAR 52.202-1, Definitions, is incorporated herein by reference.

(f) Excusable delays. The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence such as, acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to the Contracting Officer of the cessation of such occurrence.

(g) Invoice. -

(1) The Contractor shall submit an original invoice and three copies (or electronic invoice, if authorized) to the address designated in the contract to receive invoices. An invoice must include –

(i) Name and address of the Contractor;

(ii) Invoice date and number;

(iii) Contract number, contract line item number and, if applicable, the order number;

(iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price and extended price of the items delivered;

(v) Shipping number and date of shipment, including the bill of lading number and weight of shipment if shipped on Government bill of lading;

(vi) Terms of any discount for prompt payment offered;

(vii) Name and address of official to whom payment is to be sent;

(viii) Name, title, and phone number of person to notify in event of defective invoice; and

(ix) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The Contractor shall include its TIN on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(x) Electronic funds transfer (EFT) banking information.

(A) The Contractor shall include EFT banking information on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(B) If EFT banking information is not required to be on the invoice, in order for the invoice to be a proper invoice, the Contractor shall have submitted correct EFT banking information in accordance with the applicable solicitation provision, contract clause (e.g., 52.232-33,

Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer – System for Award Management, or 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer – Other Than System for Award Management), or applicable agency procedures.

(C) EFT banking information is not required if the Government waived the requirement to pay by EFT.

(2) The due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office is the later of the following two events:

(i) The 10th day after the designated billing office receives a proper invoice from the Contractor. If the designated billing office fails to annotate the invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt, the invoice payment due date shall be the 10th day after the date of the Contractor's invoice; provided the Contractor submitted a proper invoice and no disagreement exists over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with contract requirements.

(ii) The 10th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed by the Contractor.

(h) Patent indemnity. The Contractor shall indemnify the Government and its officers, employees and agents against liability, including costs, for actual or alleged direct or contributory infringement of, or inducement to infringe, any United States or foreign patent, trademark or copyright, arising out of the performance of this contract, provided the Contractor is reasonably notified of such claims and proceedings.

(i) Payment.

(1) Items accepted. Payment shall be made for items accepted by the Government that have been delivered to the delivery destinations set forth in this contract.

(2) Prompt payment. The Government will make payment in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(3) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). If the Government makes payment by EFT, see 52.212-5(b) for the appropriate EFT clause.

(4) Discount. In connection with any discount offered for early payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date which appears on the payment check or the specified payment date if an electronic funds transfer payment is made.

(5) Overpayments. If the Contractor becomes aware of a duplicate contract financing or invoice payment or that the Government has otherwise overpaid on a contract financing or invoice payment, the Contractor shall--

(i) Remit the overpayment amount to the payment office cited in the contract along with a description of the overpayment including the-

(A) Circumstances of the overpayment (e.g., duplicate payment, erroneous payment, liquidation errors, date(s) of overpayment);

(B) Affected contract number and delivery order number, if applicable;

(C) Affected contract line item or subline item, if applicable; and

(D) Contractor point of contact.

(ii) Provide a copy of the remittance and supporting documentation to the Contracting Officer.

(6) Interest.

(i) All amounts that become payable by the Contractor to the Government under this contract shall bear simple interest from the date due until paid unless paid within 30 days of becoming due. The interest rate shall be the interest rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in 41 U.S.C. 7109, which is applicable to the period in which the amount becomes due, as provided in (i)(6)(v) of this clause, and then at the rate applicable for each six-month period as fixed by the Secretary until the amount is paid.

(ii) The Government may issue a demand for payment to the Contractor upon finding a debt is due under the contract.

(iii) Final decisions. The Contracting Officer will issue a final decision as required by 33.211 if -

(A) The Contracting Officer and the Contractor are unable to reach agreement on the existence or amount of a debt within 30 days;

(B) The Contractor fails to liquidate a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer within the timeline specified in the demand for payment unless the amounts were not repaid because the Contractor has requested an installment payment agreement; or

(C) The Contractor requests a deferment of collection on a debt previously demanded by the Contracting Officer (see 32.607-2).

(iv) If a demand for payment was previously issued for the debt, the demand for payment included in the final decision shall identify the same due date as the original demand for payment.

(v) Amounts shall be due at the earliest of the following dates:

(A) The date fixed under this contract.

(B) The date of the first written demand for payment, including any demand for payment resulting from a default termination.

(vi) The interest charge shall be computed for the actual number of calendar days involved beginning on the due date and ending on-

(A) The date on which the designated office receives payment from the Contractor;

(B) The date of issuance of a Government check to the Contractor from which an amount otherwise payable has been withheld as a credit against the contract debt; or

(C) The date on which an amount withheld and applied to the contract debt would otherwise have become payable to the Contractor.

(vii) The interest charge made under this clause may be reduced under the procedures prescribed in 32.608-2 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation in effect on the date of this contract.

(j) Risk of loss. Unless the contract specifically provides otherwise, risk of loss or damage to the supplies provided under this contract shall remain with the Contractor until, and shall pass to the Government upon:

(1) Delivery of the supplies to a carrier, if transportation is f.o.b. origin; or

(2) Delivery of the supplies to the Government at the destination specified in the contract, if transportation is f.o.b. destination.

(k) Taxes. The contract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes and duties.

(l) Termination for the Government's convenience. The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.

(m) Termination for cause. The Government may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the Government, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the Government shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the Government improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

(n) Title. Unless specified elsewhere in this contract, title to items furnished under this contract shall pass to the Government upon acceptance, regardless of when or where the Government takes physical possession.

(o) Warranty. The Contractor warrants and implies that the items delivered hereunder are merchantable and fit for use for the particular purpose described in this contract.

(p) Limitation of liability. Except as otherwise provided by an express warranty, the Contractor will not be liable to the Government for consequential damages resulting from any defect or deficiencies in accepted items.

(q) Other compliances. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, executive orders, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this contract.

(r) Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts. The Contractor agrees to comply with 31 U.S.C. 1352 relating to limitations on the use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracts; 18 U.S.C. 431 relating to officials not to benefit; 40 U.S.C. chapter 37, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards; 41 U.S.C. chapter 87, Kickbacks; 41 U.S.C. 4712 and 10 U.S.C. 2409 relating to whistleblower protections; 49 U.S.C. 40118, Fly American; and 41 U.S.C. chapter 21 relating to procurement integrity.

(s) Order of precedence. Any inconsistencies in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

(1) The schedule of supplies/services.

(2) The Assignments, Disputes, Payments, Invoice, Other Compliances, Compliance with Laws Unique to Government Contracts, Unauthorized Obligations, and Commercial Supplier Agreements – Unenforceable Clauses paragraphs of this clause,

(3) The clause at 52.212-5,

(4) Solicitation provisions if this is a solicitation.

(5) Other paragraphs of this clause.

(6) Addenda to this solicitation or contract, including any license agreements for computer software.

(7) The Standard Form 1449.

(8) Other documents, exhibits, and attachments.

(9) The specification.

(t) System for Award Management (SAM).

(1) Unless exempted by an addendum to this contract, the Contractor is responsible during performance and through final payment of any contract for the accuracy and completeness of the data

within the SAM database, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in the SAM database after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to review and update on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates its information in the SAM database to ensure it is current, accurate and complete. Updating information in the SAM does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document.

(2) (i) If a Contractor has legally changed its business name, "doing business as" name, or division name (whichever is shown on the contract), or has transferred the assets used in performing the contract, but has not completed the necessary requirements regarding novation and change-of-name agreements in FAR Subpart 42.12, the Contractor shall provide the responsible Contracting Officer a minimum of one business day's written notification of its intention to (A) change the name in the SAM database; (B) comply with the requirements of Subpart 42.12; and (C) agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer. The Contractor must provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.

(ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (t)(2)(i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (t)(2)(i)(C) of this clause, and, in the absence of a properly executed novation or change-of-name agreement, the SAM information that shows the Contractor to be other than the Contractor indicated in the contract will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of Payment" paragraph of the electronic funds transfer (EFT) clause of this contract.

(3) The Contractor shall not change the name or address for EFT payments or manual payments, as appropriate, in the SAM record to reflect an assignee for the purpose of assignment of claims (see Subpart 32.8, Assignment of Claims). Assignees shall be separately registered in the SAM database. Information provided to the Contractor's SAM record that indicates payments, including those made by EFT, to an ultimate recipient other than that Contractor will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of payment" paragraph of the EFT clause of this contract.

(4) Offerors and Contractors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via SAM accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>.

(u) Unauthorized Obligations

(1) Except as stated in paragraph (u)(2) of this clause, when any supply or service acquired under this contract is subject to any commercial supplier agreement (as defined in 502.101) that includes any language, provision, or clause requiring the Government to indemnify the Contractor or any person or entity for damages, costs, fees, or any other loss or liability that would create an Anti-Deficiency Act violation (31 U.S.C. 1341), the following shall govern:

(i) Any such language, provision, or clause is unenforceable against the Government.

(ii) Neither the Government nor any Government authorized end user shall be deemed to have agreed to such clause by virtue of it appearing in the commercial supplier agreement. If the commercial supplier agreement is invoked through an "I agree" click box or other comparable mechanism (e.g., "click-wrap" or "browse-wrap" agreements), execution does not bind the Government or any Government authorized end user to such clause.

(iii) Any such language, provision or clause is deemed to be stricken from the commercial supplier agreement.

(2) Paragraph (u)(1) of this clause does not apply to indemnification by the Government that is expressly authorized by statute and specifically authorized under applicable agency regulations and procedures.

(v) Incorporation by reference. The Contractor's representations and certifications, including those completed electronically via the System for Award Management (SAM), are incorporated by reference into the contract.

(w) Commercial supplier agreements – unenforceable clauses

When any supply or service acquired under this contract is subject to a commercial supplier agreement (as defined in 502.101), the following language shall be deemed incorporated into the commercial supplier agreement. As used herein, "this agreement" means the commercial supplier agreement:

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, when the end user is an agency or instrumentality of the U.S. Government, the following shall apply:

(i) Applicability. This agreement is a part of a contract between the commercial supplier and the U.S. Government for the acquisition of the supply or service that necessitates a license (including all contracts, task orders, and delivery orders under FAR Part 12).

(ii) End user. This agreement shall bind the ordering activity as end user but shall not operate to bind a Government employee or person acting on behalf of the Government in his or her personal capacity.

(iii) Law and disputes. This agreement is governed by Federal law.

(A) Any language purporting to subject the U.S. Government to the laws of a U.S. state, U.S. territory, district, or municipality, or a foreign nation, except where Federal law expressly provides for the application of such laws, is hereby deleted.

(B) Any language requiring dispute resolution in a specific forum or venue that is different from that prescribed by applicable Federal law is hereby deleted.

(C) Any language prescribing a different time period for bringing an action than that prescribed by applicable Federal law in relation to a dispute is hereby deleted.

(iv) Continued performance. If the supplier or licensor believes the ordering activity to be in breach of the agreement, it shall pursue its rights under the Contract Disputes Act or other applicable Federal statute while continuing performance as set forth in subparagraph (d) (Disputes).

(v) Arbitration; equitable or injunctive relief. In the event of a claim or dispute arising under or relating to this agreement, (A) binding arbitration shall not be used unless specifically authorized by agency guidance, and (B) equitable or injunctive relief, including the award of attorney fees, costs or

interest, may be awarded against the U.S. Government only when explicitly provided by statute (e.g., Prompt Payment Act or Equal Access to Justice Act).

(vi) Additional terms.

(A) This commercial supplier agreement may unilaterally incorporate additional terms by reference. Terms may be included by reference using electronic means (e.g., via web links, click and accept, etc). Such terms shall be enforceable only to the extent that:

- are readily available at
- (1) When included by reference using electronic means, the terms referenced locations; and
  - (2) Terms do not materially change government obligations; and
  - (3) Terms do not increase government prices; and
  - (4) Terms do not decrease overall level of service; and
  - (5) Terms do not limit any other Government rights addressed elsewhere in this contract.

(B) The order of precedence clause of this contract notwithstanding, any software license terms unilaterally revised subsequent to award that is inconsistent with any material term or provision of this contract is not enforceable against the government.

(vii) No automatic renewals. If any license or service tied to periodic payment is provided under this agreement (e.g., annual software maintenance or annual lease term), such license or service shall not renew automatically upon expiration of its current term without prior express Government approval.

(viii) Indemnification. Any clause of this agreement requiring the commercial supplier or licensor to defend or indemnify the end user is hereby amended to provide that the U.S. Department of Justice has the sole right to represent the United States in any such action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 516.

(ix) Audits. Any clause of this agreement permitting the commercial supplier or licensor to audit the end user's compliance with this agreement is hereby amended as follows: (A) Discrepancies found in an audit may result in a charge by the commercial supplier or licensor to the ordering activity. Any resulting invoice must comply with the proper invoicing requirements specified in the underlying Government contract or order. (B) This charge, if disputed by the ordering activity, will be resolved through the Disputes clause at 522.212-4(d); no payment obligation shall arise on the part of the ordering activity until the conclusion of the dispute process. (C) Any audit requested by the contractor will be performed at the contractor's expense, without reimbursement by the Government.

(x) Taxes or surcharges. Any taxes or surcharges which the commercial supplier or licensor seeks to pass along to the Government as end user will be governed by the terms of the underlying Government contract or order and, in any event, must be submitted to the Contracting Officer

for a determination of applicability prior to invoicing unless specifically agreed to otherwise in the Government contract.

(xi) Non-assignment. This agreement may not be assigned, nor may any rights or obligations thereunder be delegated, without the Government's prior approval, except as expressly permitted under subparagraph (b) of this clause at 552.212-4.

(xii) Confidential information. If this agreement includes a confidentiality clause, such clause is hereby amended to state that neither the agreement nor the Federal Supply Schedule price list (if applicable) shall be deemed "confidential information." Issues regarding release of "unit pricing" will be resolved consistent with the Freedom of Information Act. Notwithstanding anything in this agreement to the contrary, the Government may retain any confidential information as required by law, regulation or its internal document retention procedures for legal, regulatory or compliance purposes; provided, however, that all such retained confidential information will continue to be subject to the confidentiality obligations of this agreement.

(2) If any language, provision, or clause of this agreement conflicts or is inconsistent with the preceding paragraph (w)(1), the language, provisions, or clause of paragraph (w)(1) shall prevail to the extent of such inconsistency.

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**552.232-39 UNENFORCEABILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS  
(JUN 2013) (FAR DEVIATION - JUL 2015)**

(a) Except as stated in paragraph (b) of this clause, when any supply or service acquired under this contract is subject to any commercial supplier agreement (as defined in 502.101) that includes any language, provision, or clause requiring the Government to indemnify the Contractor or any person or entity for damages, costs, fees, or any other loss or liability that would create an Anti-Deficiency Act violation (31 U.S.C. 1341), the following shall govern:

(1) Any such language, provision, or clause is unenforceable against the Government.

(2) Neither the Government nor any Government authorized end user shall be deemed to have agreed to such clause by virtue of it appearing in the commercial supplier agreement. If the commercial supplier agreement is invoked through an "I agree" click box or other comparable mechanism (e.g., "click-wrap" or "browse-wrap" agreements), execution does not bind the Government or any Government authorized end user to such clause.

(3) Any such language, provision, or clause is deemed to be stricken from the commercial supplier agreement.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this clause does not apply to indemnification by the Government that is expressly authorized by statute and specifically authorized under applicable agency regulations and procedures.

## SCHEDULE 23V AUTOMOTIVE SUPERSTORE SPECIFIC SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

### The following clauses have been added:

- 52.204-14 *Service Contract Reporting Requirements (Jan 2014)*
    - (a) *Definition.*

“First-tier subcontract” means a subcontract awarded directly by the Contractor for the purpose of acquiring supplies or services (including construction) for performance of a prime contract. It does not include the Contractor’s supplier agreements with vendors, such as long-term arrangements for materials or supplies that benefit multiple contracts and/or the costs of which are normally applied to a Contractor’s general and administrative expenses or indirect costs.
    - (b) The Contractor shall report, in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause, annually by October 31, for services performed under this contract during the preceding Government fiscal year (October 1-September 30).
    - (c) The Contractor shall report the following information:
      - (1) Contract number and, as applicable, order number.
      - (2) The total dollar amount invoiced for services performed during the previous Government fiscal year under the contract.
      - (3) The number of Contractor direct labor hours expended on the services performed during the previous Government fiscal year.
      - (4) Data reported by subcontractors under paragraph (f) of this clause.
    - (d) The information required in paragraph (c) of this clause shall be submitted via the internet at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). (See SAM User Guide). If the Contractor fails to submit the report in a timely manner, the contracting officer will exercise appropriate contractual remedies. In addition, the Contracting Officer will make the Contractor’s failure to comply with the reporting requirements a part of the Contractor’s performance information under FAR subpart 42.15.
    - (e) Agencies will review Contractor reported information for reasonableness and consistency with available contract information. In the event the agency believes that revisions to the Contractor reported information are warranted, the agency will notify the Contractor no later than November 15. By November 30, the Contractor shall revise the report or document its rationale for the agency.
    - (f)
      - (1) The Contractor shall require each first-tier subcontractor providing services under this contract, with subcontract(s) each valued at or above the thresholds set forth in 4.1703(a)(2), to provide the following detailed information to the Contractor in sufficient time to submit the report:
        - (i) Subcontract number (including subcontractor name and DUNS number); and
        - (ii) The number of first-tier subcontractor direct-labor hours expended on the services performed during the previous Government fiscal year.
      - (2) The Contractor shall advise the subcontractor that the information will be made available to the public as required by section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010.
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- 552.223-73 *Preservation, Packaging, Packing, Marketing and Labeling of Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) for Shipments (Jun 2015)*
    - (a) *Definition.* United States, as used in this clause, means the 48 adjoining U.S. States, Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. territories and possessions, such as Puerto Rico.
    - (b) Preservation, packaging, packing, marking and labeling of hazardous materials for export shipment outside the United States in all transport modes shall comply with the following, as applicable:
      - (1) International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code as established by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
      - (2) U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Material Regulation (HMR) 49 CFR parts 171 through 180. (Note: Classifications permitted by the HMR, but not permitted by the

IMDG code, such as Consumer Commodities classed as ORM-D, shall be packaged in accordance with the IMDG Code and dual-marked with both Consumer Commodity and IMDG marking and labeling.)

(3) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Regulation 29 CFR part 1910.1200.

(4) International Air Transport Association (IATA), Dangerous Goods Regulation and/or International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Technical Instructions.

(5) AFMAN 24-204, Air Force Inter-Service Manual, Preparing Hazardous Materials For Military Air Shipments.

(6) Any preservation, packaging, packing, marking and labeling requirements contained elsewhere in this solicitation and contract.

(c) Preservation, packaging, packing, marking and labeling of hazardous materials for domestic shipments within the United States in all transport modes shall comply with the following; as applicable:

(1) U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Material Regulation (HMR) 49 CFR parts 171 through 180.

(2) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Regulation 29 CFR part 1910.1200.

(3) Any preservation, packaging, packing, marking and labeling requirements contained elsewhere in this solicitation and contract.

(d) Hazardous Material Packages designated for outside the United States destinations through Forwarding Points, Distribution Centers, or Container Consolidation Points (CCPs) shall comply with the IMDG, IATA, ICAO or AFMAN 24-204 codes, as applicable.

(e) The test certification data showing compliance with performance-oriented packaging or UN-approved packaging requirements shall be made available to GSA contract administration/management representatives or regulatory inspectors upon request.

## **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

The period of performance of any contract awarded under this solicitation is from the date of award or effective date whichever is later through 5 years thereafter, with 3 (5-year) options.

The period of performance for orders or BPAs awarded under this contract shall be as specified in the order or BPA by the ordering agency, to include options, if any. Orders or BPAs must be solicited and awarded prior to the expiration date of this contract and may extend up to 5 years after this contract term expires and shall be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions to the same extent as if it were completed during the contract term.

Accordingly, the cumulative term of contract may span up to 20 years in accordance with FAR 52.217-9, Option to Extend the Term of the Contract, if exercised, and the cumulative term of all orders or BPAs placed under this solicitation may span up to 25 years.