Instructional Cover Sheet

ISSUING OFFICE:

USDA-Forest Service
Utah Acquisition Support Center
2222 West 2300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84119-2020
FAX: 801-975-3483 Phone: 801-975-3367

SOLICITATION NO: AG-84N8-S-16-0138

SET-ASIDE: Small Business

PROJECT NAME: 2016 Hells Backbone Culvert Cleaning

REPLY DUE DATE: July 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
FAX: 801-975-3367, Attn: Lu Fowler
E-MAIL: efowler@fs.fed.us

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OFFEROR – AT A MINIMUM, OFFEROR SHALL SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WITH THEIR OFFER:

- SF1442 – complete, sign, & date (Page 2-3)
- Schedule of Items (PAGE 4)
- Annual Representations & Certifications (PAGE)
- Experience & Equipment Questionnaire (PAGE 33-36)
- Technical Response as Identified in Section M

ENSURE THE SOLICITATION NUMBER IS ON THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR ENVELOPE & RETAIN A COPY OF THE SOLICITATION FOR YOUR RECORDS. RETURN TO ADDRESS ABOVE (ISSUING OFFICE). YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL OR FAX.

SOLICITATION: AG-84N8-S-16-0138, ATTN: ELOUISE FOWLER
EMAIL: EFOWLER@FS.FED.US
FAX: 801-975-3483, ATTN: ELOUISE FOWLER

FAR 52.204-7 In order to be considered for any award, it is required that contractors be REGISTERED, ACTIVE, AND VALID in the System For Award Management (SAM) Database at the time of the award. By signing the contractor's offer, the contractor is stating they are a small business under the NAICS Code and Size Standard on this solicitation.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING AT SAM CAN BE FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

https://www.sam.gov or http://www.acquisition.gov

OMB APPROVAL NO. 2700-0042

SOLICITATION, OFFER, AND AWARD (Construction, Alteration, or Repair)	1. SOLICITATION NO.	2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION	3. DATE ISSUED	PAGE OF PAGES
	AG-84N8-S-16-0138	☐ SEALED BID (IFB) ☐ NEGOTIATED (RFP)	07/18/2016	1

IMPORTANT - The "offer" section on the reverse must be fully completed by offeror.

4. CONTRACT NO.	809413	6. PROJECT NO.

7. ISSUED BY CODE 84N8	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO
USDA-Forest Service Utah Acquisition Support Center 2222 West 2300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84119-2020	Same as Block 7

9. FOR INFORMATION CALL:	A. NAME	B. TELEPHONE NO. *(Include area code)* ***(NO COLLECT CALLS)***
	Elouise Fowler, Contracting Officer	801-975-3367

SOLICITATION

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder."

10. THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRES PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THESE DOCUMENTS *(Title, identifying no., date):*

2016 Hells Backbone Culvert Cleaning, Dixie National Forest, Escalante Ranger District, Garfield County, Utah

The Magnitude estimated range for this request is: Less than $25,000
Place your quote in Section B-1 Schedule of Items

SITE VISIT: There is no site visit scheduled for this solicitation

The project area is located in the Garfield County on the Dixie National Forest. The contractor will be working in remote areas and will be exposed to natural conditions including, but not limited to, traveling over uneven and rocky terrain, encounters with bears and other wildlife, and inclement weather. The contractor is responsible for ensuring that all employees are trained and have proper safety equipment prior to commencing work in the project area.

11. The Contractor shall begin performance within 10 calendar days and complete it within 30 calendar days after receiving ☐ award, ☒ notice to proceed. This performance period is ☐ mandatory, ☐ negotiable. *(See 15.)*

12A. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH ANY REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS?
(If "YES," indicate within how many calendar days after award in Item 12B.)
☐ YES ☒ NO

13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. Sealed offers in original and 1 copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in Item 8 by *(hour)* local time *(date)*. If this is a sealed bid solicitation, offers must be publicly opened at that time. Sealed envelopes containing offers shall be marked to show the offeror's name and address, the solicitation number, and the date and time offers are due.

B. An offer guarantee ☐ is, ☒ is not required.

C. All offers are subject to the (1) work requirements, and (2) other provisions and clauses incorporated in the solicitation in full text or by reference.

D. Offers providing less than calendar days for Government acceptance after the date offers are due will not be considered and will be rejected.

OFFER *(Must be fully completed by offeror)*

14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR *(Include ZIP Code)*	15. TELEPHONE NO. *(Include area code)*
	16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS *(Include only if different than Item 14)*
CODE FACILITY CODE	

17. The offeror agrees to perform the work at the prices specified below in strict accordance with the terms of this solicitation, if this offer is accepted by the Government within ____ calendar days after the date offers are due. *(Insert any number equal to or greater than the minimum requirement stated in Item 13D. Failure to insert any number means the offeror accepts the minimum in Item 13D.*

AMOUNTS ➔

18. The offeror agrees to furnish any required performance and payment bonds.

19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the solicitation -- give number and date of each

AMENDMENT NO.										
DATE										

20A. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER *(Type or print)*	20B. SIGNATURE	20C. OFFER DATE

AWARD *(To be completed by Government)*

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

22. AMOUNT	23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN *(4 copies unless otherwise specified)* ➔	ITEM	25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO ☐ 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)( ) ☐ 41 U.S.C. 253(c)( )
26. ADMINISTERED BY CODE	84N8	27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY

CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 28 OR 29 AS APPLICABLE

☐ 28. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT *(Contractor is required to sign this document and return ____ copies to issuing office.)* Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items or perform all work, requisitions identified on this form and any continuation sheets for the consideration slated in this contract. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be governed by (a) this contract award, (b) the solicitation, and (c) the clauses, representations, certifications, and specifications or incorporated by reference in or attached to this	☐ 29. AWARD *(Contractor is not required to sign this document.)* Your offer on this solicitation is hereby accepted as to the items listed. This award consummates the contract, which consists of (a) the Government solicitation and your offer, and (b) this contract award. No further contractual document is necessary.

30A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN *(Type or print)*		31A. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER *(Type or print)*	
30B. SIGNATURE	30C. DATE	31B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	31C. AWARD DATE

PART I - THE SCHEDULE

SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES

2016 Hells Backbone Culvert Cleaning
Escalante Ranger District
Dixie National Forest
Garfield County, Utah

B-1 Schedule of Items

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	METHOD OF MEAS	UNIT	QTY	UNIT PRICE	SUBTOTAL
001	151 Mobilization	LS	LS	1	$	$
002	607.04 Cleaning Culverts in Place	AQ	Feet	652	$	$
003	622 Water Truck	AQ	HR	40.0	$	$
					TOTAL→	$

* Designated Method of Measurement: DQ - Designed Quantities, AQ - Actual Quantities, LSQ - Lump Sum Quantities, SQ - Staked Quantities, CQ - Contract Quantities

B-2 Quote on all items. Only quotes to the nearest cent will be accepted.

B-3 Written Acceptance

Any contract resulting from this solicitation will require written acceptance within 10 days of receipt by the Contractor.

B-4 Basis of Award

One award will be made. Offer of award will be made to the Quoter whose quote, as determined by the Contracting Officer, provides the best value to the Government, considering but not limited to, such factors as price, past performance, and capability to accomplish this type of work. The Experience Questionnaire will be used as part of this evaluation.

B-5 Disclosure of the Magnitude of Construction Projects (FAR 36.204)

The Government Estimates the magnitude of this project to be less than $25,000; more specifically towards the higher end of this range.

Name of Company (print):	Date:
Signature of Company Agent:	Duns No:
E-Mail Address:	Phone No:

PART I - THE SCHEDULE

SECTION C - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK

SECTION C

Mile Post	Dia.	Length
2.42	24	38
2.539	18	68
18.888	18	46
19.238	18	44
20.96	18	26
21.373	18	34
21.44	18	36
22.066	18	30
22.145	18	26
22.221	18	34
22.269	18	26
22.504	18	30
22.737	18	32
23.294	18	38
24.02	18	34
24.969	18	40
25.271	18	30
26.386	18	40
Total		652

2. DESCRIPTION OF WORK: This contract is for cleaning of culverts in place on the Dixie National Forest on the Escalante Ranger District. Forest Service will have all of the catch basins cleaned and the end of the culvert exposed.

3. PROJECT LOCATION: Culverts to be cleaned will be on Road # 30153 Hell's Backbone. In Garfield County.

4. TRAFFIC CONTROL AND CONSTRUCTION SIGNING: Construction Ahead signs shall be placed on each end of work area to provide advanced warning to the public

5. START DATE: Approx. July 27, 2016.

6. CONTRACT TIME: 20 Days from Notice to Proceed

7. SUBMITTALS: None

8. SPECIFICATIONS: **See FP-03. Section 607.--CLEANING, RECONDITIONING, AND REPAIRING EXISTING DRAINAGE STRUCTURES** Construction Requirements 607.04 Cleaning Culverts in Place**.**

(c) Price Range. Government Cost Estimate, per FAR 36.204. The Government estimates the magnitude of this project to be less than $25,000; more specifically towards the higher end this range.

C-2 Biobased Product Utilization

The Contractor must comply with the Agricultural Act of 2014; the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA), 7 U.S.C. 8102; the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (FSRIA), 7 U.S.C. 8102; the Federal Acquisition Regulation; Executive Order (EO) 13514, "*Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance*," dated October 5, 2009; EO 13423, "*Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management*," dated January 24, 2007; and Presidential Memorandum, "*Driving Innovation and Creating Jobs in Rural America through Biobased and Sustainable Product Procurement*," dated February 2012, to provide biobased products.

The Contractor shall utilize products and material made from biobased materials to the maximum extent possible without jeopardizing the intended end use or detracting from the overall quality delivered to the end user. All supplies and materials shall be of a type and quality that conform to applicable Federal specifications and standards. All supplies and materials to be used in the performance of work described herein are subject to the approval of the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

The following is an example list of products that may be used in this contract for which biobased products are available. The list is not all inclusive. It is desirable that Contractors be able to supply the greatest number of biobased products listed meeting the health and environmental specifications.

(*Sample of biobased products for building mtce – light construction projects (Operations and Maintenance)

Hydraulic Fluids	Penetrating Lubricants	Concrete and Asphalt Release Fluids
Absorbents	Diesel Fuel Additives	Greases
Dust Suppressants	2-Cycle Engine Oil	Wood and Concrete Sealers
Fertilizers	Roof Coatings	Water Tank Coatings
Adhesive and Mastic Removers	Cleaners	Sorbents
Floor Finish	Floor Stripper	Composite Panels
Insulating Foam	Sealers	Carpet
Metalworking Fluids	Graffiti and Grease Removers	Stain Removers
Degreasers	De-icers	

Biobased products that are designated for preferred procurement under USDA's Biopreferred Program must meet the required minimum biobased content as stated in the USDA Final Rule available at www.biopreferred.gov. The Contractor should provide data for their biobased products such as biobased content and source of biobased material.

In addition to the biobased products designated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Biopreferred Program, the Contractor is encouraged to use other commercially available biobased products.

The Contractor shall submit with the initial proposal a complete list of biobased products, indicating the name of the manufacturer, cost of each material, and the intended use of each of the materials that are to be used in carrying out the requirements of this contract (see Experience Questionnaire, pages **).

Additionally, the winning Contractor on each anniversary date of the contract shall compile a complete list of biobased products, including the information above, purchased to carry out the contract

requirements. The Contractor shall list volume to be used and total cost for each individual product. This information will be used for reporting purposes (see Section I, FAR Clause 52.223-2).

Within thirty (30) days of contract award, the Contractor shall submit an Operation Plan. This submittal will be approved by the COR in writing. The Contractor shall not commence work until this submittal is approved by the COR in writing. The Plan must be reviewed and updated annually, and as required by the COR. The Plan must contain and define the following elements:

- The Contractor's written policy stating its commitment to the use of biobased products, employee health and safety, and sound environmental management practices.

- Detail on how the Contractor intends to keep abreast of the development and increasing availability of designated and non-designated biobased products and how any new or improved products will be incorporated on an ongoing basis into contract performance.

- Proposed biobased construction products which must be selected in accordance with the criteria included above. At a minimum, the Plan must identify products by brand name for each of the product types.

  NOTE: A Contractor may propose more than one product within a product category and/or propose a product or products addressing more than one product category.

- The product guides which define standard operating procedures for instructing staff in the proper use, storage, and disposal of biobased products; proper maintenance of equipment; and other procedures/instructions to accomplish work under this contract.

The Contractor shall provide data on the quantity and dollar values of biobased products used in this contract. The data shall be submitted to the COR quarterly.

A demonstration of proper use, an effective training program, and technical assistance are essential to the success of the purchase and use of some biobased products that may function differently than a conventional product.

C-3 Government-Furnished Property *(If applicable, list property here, if none, delete.)

C-4 Standard Specifications

"Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads & Bridges of Federal Highway Projects" (FP-03, U.S. Customary Units) are included in this solicitation by reference only. The requirements contained in these Specifications are hereby made a part of this solicitation and any resultant contract.

Copies are available electronically on the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Federal Highways Administration website at *http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/design/specs/fp03.htm*.

C-5 Special Project Specifications

See Section J for the list of Special Project Specifications that are incorporated into this solicitation and any resultant contract.

C- 6 Drawings

See Section J for the listing of Drawings that are incorporated into this solicitation and any resultant contract.

PART I - THE SCHEDULE

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

E-1 FAR 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

Federal Acquisition Regulations - *http://www.acquisition.gov/far*
Agriculture Acquisition Regulations – *http://www.usda.gov/procurement/policy/agar.html*.

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) CLAUSES

52.246-12 Inspection of Construction (AUG 1996)
52.246-13 Inspection--Dismantling, Demolition, or Removal of Improvements (AUG 1996)

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SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

F-1 FAR 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

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FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) CLAUSES

52.242-14 Suspension of Work (APR 1984)

F-2 FAR 52.211-10 Commencement, Prosecution, and Completion of Work (APR 1984)

The Contractor shall be required to (a) commence work under this contract within **10-calendar days** after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed, (b) prosecute the work diligently, and (c) complete the entire work ready for use not later than _30 days___. The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.

F-6 AGAR 452.211-74 Period of Performance (FEB 1988)

The period of performance of this contract is from *___NTP____ through *___30 days_____.

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SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H-1 FAR 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

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AGRICULTURE ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 4) CLAUSES

AGAR 452.236-72 Use of Premises (NOV 1996)

H-2 AGAR 452.237-74 Key Personnel (FEB 1988)

(a) The Contractor shall assign to this contract the following key personnel: _Project Manager or Superintendent____

(b) During the first ninety (90) days of performance, the Contractor shall make no substitutions of key personnel unless the substitution is necessitated by illness, death, or termination of employment. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer within 15 calendar days after the occurrence of any of these events and provide the information required by paragraph (c) below. After the initial 90-day period, the Contractor shall submit the information required by paragraph (c) to the Contracting Officer at least 15 days prior to making any permanent substitutions.

(c) The Contractor shall provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions, complete resumes for the proposed substitutes, and any additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. Proposed substitutes should have comparable qualifications to those of the persons being replaced. The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor within 15 calendar days after receipt of all required information of the decision on substitutions. The contract will be modified to reflect any approved changes of key personnel.

H-3 Fire Control

(a) *Contractor's Responsibility for Contractor-Caused Fires.* The Contractor, whether or not directed by the Forest Service, shall immediately extinguish, without expense to the Government, all fires on or in the vicinity of the project which are caused by Contractor's employees, whether set directly or indirectly as a result of Contractor operations. The Contractor may be held liable for all damages and costs of additional labor, subsistence, equipment, supplies, and transportation resulting from fires set or caused by the Contractor's employees or resulting from contract operations.

(b) *Other Fires.* For the purpose of fighting forest fires on or in the vicinity of the project which are not caused by the Contractor or the Contractor’s employees, the Contractor when requested by the Contracting Officer shall place the employees and equipment temporarily at the disposal of the Forest Service. Payment for such services will be made by the Government at not less than the current rate for fire-fighting services established by the Forest Service in the area concerned.

Any employees and equipment furnished will be relieved from fire fighting as soon as the Forest Service finds that it is practicable to employ other labor and equipment adequate for the protection of the area.

An equitable adjustment in contract time may be made for this period.

(c) *Fire Protection Requirements - Fire Plan.* At all times during closed fire season period, as specified by State law, the Contractor shall comply with each of the following provisions to the extent applicable to the Contractor's operation under the contract.

(1) *Fire Tools.* The Contractor will provide for each employee in the contract area at least one approved handtool of a type appropriate in the contract area, such as shovel, pulaski, or ax. Tools required and furnished under (2) and (4) below, shall count toward fulfillment of the above requirement. Where additional tools, beyond those required under (2) and (4) below, are to be provided, the Contractor shall seal such tools in one or more boxes painted red and marked "Tools for Fire Only." All tools required herein shall be kept sharp and in good serviceable condition and maintained at locations to be designated by the Forest Service.

(2) *Fire Extinguishers and Tools on Mobile or Stationary Equipment.* Each unit of powered equipment used in connection with this contract, including automobiles, trucks, tractors, etc., shall be equipped with serviceable tools and fire extinguishers as follows:

One - fire extinguisher, dry chemical type of not less than 2-1/2 pound capacity with 4 BC or higher rating.

One - shovel, round point #0 lady or equal.

One - ax, 2 pounds or over, 26-inch minimum length, or one pulaski.

One - water container (at least 1-gallon capacity), not required with stationary equipment.

(3) *Spark Arresters.* Each internal combustion engine shall be provided with a spark arrester or spark arresting device approved by the Forest Service. Exceptions where the Forest Service may approve mufflers, or other equipment in lieu of spark arresters qualified and rated under Forest Service Standard 5100-1a are: (a) small multiposition engines, such as chain saws, shall meet Society of Automotive Engineers J335b standards; (b) passenger-carrying vehicles and light trucks may have baffle-type mufflers with tail pipe; (c) heavy-duty trucks may have a vertical stack exhaust system and muffler, provided the exhaust stack extends above the cab of the vehicle. An exhaust-driven turbocharger is considered to be a satisfactory spark arrester. Internal combustion engine exhaust systems, arresters, and other devices must be properly installed and maintained.

(4) *Powersaws.* For each powersaw used in connection with this contract, the following will be provided:

One - shovel, round point #0 lady or equal. Shovel must be immediately available for use.

One - Fire extinguisher, containing not less than 8 ounces of extinguisher fluid, or a dry chemical powder-type of not less than 1-pound capacity. The extinguisher must be immediately accessible to the saw operator at all times.

Any fueling or refueling of a powersaw shall only be done in an area which has first been cleared or is free of all material capable of carrying fire; powersaw shall be moved at least 10 feet from place of fueling before starting.

(5) *Blasting.* Fuse or prima cord shall not be used unless authorized in writing by the COR with special precautions stated.

(6) *Smoking.* Smoking shall not be permitted within the contract area except on surfaced or dirt roads, at landings, within closed vehicles, in camps, or at other posted places, and shall never be allowed while working or traveling on foot.

(7) *Storage of Petroleum and Other Highly Flammable Products.* Gasoline, oil, grease, or other highly flammable material will be stored either in a separate building used exclusively for such storage, or at a site where all combustible debris and vegetation is cleared away within a radius of 25 feet. Fire extinguishers and/or sand barrels may be required at such locations specified by the Forest Service when unusually hazardous conditions exist.

(8) *Debris Burning and Warming Fires.* Burning permits will be required for all debris burning fires. Lunch and warming fires may be allowed in fireproofed areas during periods of low fire danger if and as specified in the fire plan. Such fires must not be left burning unattended.

(9) *Precautions for Stoves.* Stovepipes on all temporary buildings, trailers, and tents using wood burning stoves, will be equipped with roof jacks and serviceable spark arresters of mesh with openings no larger than 5/8 inch.

All stovepipes, inside and out, will not be closer than 2 feet from any wood or other flammable material or 1 foot if the combustible material is protected by a metal or asbestos shield.

(10) *Welding.* Welding or use of cutting torches will be permitted only in areas that have been cleared or are free of all material capable of carrying fire. Flammable debris and vegetation must be removed from within a minimum of 10 feet radius of all welding and cutting torch operations. A shovel and a 5-gallon standard backpack water container (filled) with handpump attached, shall be immediately available for use in the event of a fire start.

(11) *Fire Plan.* Prior to initiating work on the contract area, during the closed fire season period, a fire prevention and suppression plan will usually be prepared. The Contractor and the Forest Service will jointly prepare this plan. Such plan shall include a detailed list of men and equipment at the Contractor's disposal for implementing the plan. The fire plan shall also specify additional measures and/or special requirements, such as Hoot Owl restrictions, necessary during periods of critical fire weather conditions.

When Hoot Owl restrictions are invoked, the Forest Service may curtail or shut down all or portions of a Contractor's operations. The following requirements may be imposed:

(i) All high fire risk operations could be terminated at 1300 local time.

(ii) All burning could be stopped, including debris burning fires.

(iii) Patrolman may be required for a period of 2 hours after high fire risk operations and 1 hour after end of work shift. The Contractor shall provide the patrolman unless the contract is for equipment rental, in which case the Government will provide the patrolman.

(12) *Pump and Trailer.* The Contractor shall provide at a location satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, a serviceable truck or trailer, equipped with a fire fighting tanker unit to be kept ready for instant use for suppressing forest fires. The unit shall consist of a tank of not less than 100-gallon capacity upon which shall be mounted a live hose reel or live hose basket with 250 feet of at least ¾-inch I.D. heavy-duty rubber hose; a portable or power takeoff pump with discharge capacity of at least 10 gallons per minute at 150 P.S.I. pressure. Gear type pumps shall be provided with a bypass or pressure relief valve so that the hose nozzle may be shut while the pump is operating. Each tanker unit shall have a hose nozzle of the shut-off type, adjustable for straight stream, spray or fog, at least 12 feet of 1-inch suction hose with an intake screen, and additional 250 feet of 3/4 –inch heavy-duty rubber hose or 1-inch cotton jacket rubber-lined or linen hose to be carried on the unit for use as needed. Tools, adapters, accessories and fuel necessary to operate the pump and truck or trailer shall be provided. If a trailer is used, a serviceable vehicle with proper trailer tow hitch shall be located at a point satisfactory to the Contracting Officer. Where water is available, a supply sufficient for rapidly filling the water tank shall be provided at one or more accessible points along or adjacent to the main truck roads.

(13) *Burning.* Before starting any open burning, the Contractor shall comply with the following:

(i) Submit a burning plan, subject to approval by the Contracting Officer, designed to minimize the impact on air quality and to lessen any fire damage.

(ii) Obtain a burning permit from the District Ranger.

(iii) Use weather forecasts as far as possible in scheduling burning for more favorable dispersal of smoke.

(iv) Fuel shall be reasonably free of dirt and piled to facilitate rapid and complete combustion. Piles shall be tended during burning operations to maintain combustion and to eliminate unnecessary smudges. Piles shall be patrolled during off-work hours to avoid wildfires.

(v) Unless fire season controls dictate otherwise, burning shall be scheduled, as far as practicable, for the most favorable conditions during the burning period.

(vi) Under certain atmospheric conditions, smoke accumulations may become excessive and in these cases, the Regional Forester may, at his/her discretion, prohibit all open burning for definite periods within specific areas of the National Forest.

H-4 Incidental Payment Items

The intent of the contract is to provide for the complete construction of the project described in the contract. Unless otherwise provided, the Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, and supplies and perform all work required to complete the project in accordance with drawings, specifications, and provisions of the contract. Payment for contract work will be made only for and under those pay items included in the Schedule of Items. All other work and materials will be considered as incidental to and included in the payment for items shown.

H-5 Conformity with Drawings and Specifications

Unless working tolerances are specified, all work performed and materials furnished shall be in reasonably close conformity with lines, grades, cross sections, dimensions, and material requirements shown on the

drawings, indicated in the specifications, or designated on the ground. "Reasonably close conformity" is compliance with reasonable and customary manufacturing and construction tolerances.

H-6 Samples, Tests, Cited Specifications

Reference made in the contract to specifications, standards, or test methods adopted by AASHTO, ASTM, GSA, or other recognized National technical associations, shall mean specifications, standards, or test methods (including interim or tentative issues) which are in effect on the date of the solicitation.

H-7 Barricades, Warning Signs, and Other Devices

The Contractor shall provide, erect, and maintain all necessary barricades, suitable and sufficient lights, danger signals, signs, and other traffic control devices, and shall take all necessary precautions for the protection of the work and safety of the public. Roads closed to traffic shall be protected by effective barricades, and obstructions shall be illuminated during the hours of darkness. Suitable warning signs shall be provided to properly control and direct traffic.

The Contractor shall erect warning signs in advance to any place on the project where operations may interfere with the use of the road or trail by traffic and at all intermediate points where the new work crosses or coincides with an existing road or trail. All road barricades, warning signs, lights, temporary signals, flagmen and pilot car operators and equipment, and other protective devices, except for special devices, shall conform with Part VI of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, published by the Federal Highway Administration and applicable safety codes.

Necessary warning signs and guards shall be posted during blasting operations to safeguard the public.

H-8 Weed-Free Equipment

In order to prevent the potential spread of noxious weeds into the project area, the Contractor shall be required to furnish the Contracting Officer with proof of weed-free equipment.

The following is considered proof of weed-free equipment:

> The Contractor will be required to clean all construction equipment (equipment that operates off existing roads) prior to entry on the project area. This cleaning shall remove all dirt and plant parts and material that may carry noxious weed seeds into the project area. Only construction equipment inspected by the Contracting Officer will be allowed to operate within the project area. All subsequent move-ins of construction equipment shall be treated the same as the initial move-in.

Prior to initial move-in of all construction equipment, and all subsequent move-ins, the Contractor shall make equipment available for inspection at an agreed location.

H-9 Landscape Preservation

(a) The Contractor shall confine operations to within the clearing limits or other areas designated in contract documents, and prevent the depositing of rocks, excavated materials, stumps, or other debris outside of these limits. Material, which falls outside of these limits, shall be retrieved, disposed of, or incorporated in the work as directed by the Contracting Officer.

(b) Operation shall be scheduled and conducted to minimize erosion of soils and to prevent silting and muddying of streams, rivers, irrigation systems, and impoundments (lakes, reservoirs, etc.).

Pollutants such as fuels, lubricants, bitumens, raw sewage, and other harmful materials shall not be discharged into or near rivers, streams, and impoundments or into natural or manmade channels leading thereto. Wash water or waste water from concrete or aggregate operations shall not be allowed to enter live streams prior to treatment by filtration, settling, or other means sufficient to reduce the sediment content to not more than that of the stream into which it is discharged.

Mechanized equipment shall not be operated in live streams without written approval by the Contracting Officer.

H-10 Invoice Processing Platform (IPP)

The Forest Service is utilizing the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) for the electronic submission and tracking of contracts/purchase orders, invoices, and payment information. IPP is a secure Government-wide, Web-based invoice processing service. Visit *http://www.ipp.gov* to learn more.

Upon award of a contract, Contractors must be registered at *https://www.ipp.gov/vendors/enrollment-vendors.htm*. Contractors shall submit all invoices electronically via IPP. Paper copies of invoices will no longer be accepted.

H-11 Prework Conference

Prior to commencement of work, the Contracting Officer will arrange a meeting with the Contractor to discuss the contract terms and work performance requirements. Also at this meeting such things as work progress schedule and fire prevention and suppression plans shall be developed and established in writing.

PART II - CONTRACT CLAUSES

SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

I-1 FAR 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

Federal Acquisition Regulations - *http://www.acquisition.gov/far*
Agriculture Acquisition Regulations – *http://www.usda.gov/procurement/policy/agar.html*.

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) CLAUSES

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52.233-1 Disputes (MAY 2014) Alternate I (DEC 1991)
52.233-3 Protest After Award (AUG 1996)
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52.236-5 Material and Workmanship (APR 1984)
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52.236-10 Operations and Storage Areas (APR 1984)
52.236-11 Use and Possession Prior to Completion (APR 1984)
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452.224-70 Confidentiality of Information (FEB 1988)
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I-2 FAR 52.204-13 System for Award Management Maintenance (JUL 2013

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

"Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number" means the 9-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to identify unique business entities, which is used as the identification number for Federal contractors.

"Data Universal Numbering System+4 (DUNS+4) number" means the DUNS number assigned by D&B plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned by a business concern. (D&B has no affiliation with this 4-character suffix.) This 4-character suffix may be assigned at the discretion of the business concern to establish additional SAM records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see the FAR at subpart 32.11) for the same concern.

"Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database" means that—

(1) The Contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the DUNS number or the DUNS+4 number, the Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) code, as well as data required by the

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (see Subpart 4.14), into the SAM database;

(2) The Contractor has completed the Core, Assertions, Representations and Certifications, and Points of Contact sections of the registration in the SAM database;

(3) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Contractor will be required to provide consent for TIN validation to the Government as a part of the SAM registration process; and

(4) The Government has marked the record “Active”.

“System for Award Management (SAM)” means the primary Government repository for prospective Federal awardee and Federal awardee information and the centralized Government system for certain contracting, grants, and other assistance-related processes. It includes—

(1) Data collected from prospective Federal awardees required for the conduct of business with the Government;

(2) Prospective contractor-submitted annual representations and certifications in accordance with FAR Subpart 4.14; and

(3) Identification of those parties excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain types of Federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits.

(b) The Contractor is responsible 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.

(c) (1) (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 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 of the FAR; and

(C) Agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.

(ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (c)(1)(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.

(2) 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 FAR subpart 32.8, Assignment of Claims). Assignees shall be separately registered in the SAM. 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.

(3) The Contractor shall ensure that the DUNS number is maintained with Dun & Bradstreet throughout the life of the contract. The Contractor shall communicate any change to the DUNS number to the Contracting Officer within 30 days after the change, so an appropriate modification can be issued to update the data on the contract. A change in the DUNS number does not necessarily require a novation be accomplished. Dun & Bradstreet may be contacted

(i) Via the internet at *http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform* or if the contractor does not have internet access, it may call Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711 if located within the United States; or

(ii) If located outside the United States, by contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

(d) Contractors may obtain additional information on registration and annual confirmation requirements at *http://www.acquisition.gov*.

I-3 FAR 52.204-18 Commercial and Government Entity Code Maintenance (NOV 2014)

(a) *Definition*. As used in this clause–

"Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code" means–

(1) An identifier assigned to entities located in the United States or its outlying areas by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch to identify a commercial or government entity, or

(2) An identifier assigned by a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or by the NATO Support Agency (NSPA) to entities located outside the United States and its outlying areas that the DLA Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch records and maintains in the CAGE master file. This type of code is known as an NCAGE code.

(b) Contractors shall ensure that the CAGE code is maintained throughout the life of the contract. For contractors registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), the DLA Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch shall only modify data received from SAM in the CAGE master file if the contractor initiates those changes via update of its SAM registration. Contractors undergoing a novation or change-of-name agreement shall notify the contracting officer in accordance with Subpart 42.12. The contractor shall communicate any change to the CAGE code to the contracting officer within 30 days after the change, so that a modification can be issued to update the CAGE code on the contract.

(c) Contractors located in the United States or its outlying areas that are not registered in SAM shall submit written change requests to the DLA Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch. Requests

for changes shall be provided on a DD Form 2051, Request for Assignment of a Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code, to the address shown on the back of the DD Form 2051. Change requests to the CAGE master file are accepted from the entity identified by the code.

(d) Contractors located outside the United States and its outlying areas that are not registered in SAM shall contact the appropriate National Codification Bureau or NSPA to request CAGE changes. Points of contact for National Codification Bureaus and NSPA, as well as additional information on obtaining NCAGE codes, are available at *http://www.dlis.dla.mil/Forms/Form_AC135.asp*.

(e) Additional guidance for maintaining CAGE codes is available at *http://www.dlis.dla.mil/cage_welcome.asp*.

I-4 AGAR 452.209-71 Assurance Regarding Felony Conviction or Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants (FEB 2012) Alternate I (FEB 2012)

(a) This award is subject to the provisions contained in sections 433 and 434 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. No. 112-74), Division E, as amended and/or subsequently enacted, regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies. Accordingly, by accepting this award the contractor acknowledges that it –

(1) does not have a tax delinquency, meaning that it is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and

(2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within 24 months preceding the award, unless a suspending and debarring official of the United States Department of Agriculture has considered suspension or debarment of the awardee, or such officer or agent, based on these convictions and/or tax delinquencies and determined that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(b) If the awardee fails to comply with these provisions, the Forest Service may terminate this contract for default and may recover any funds the awardee has received in violation of sections 433 or 434, amended and/or subsequently enacted.

I-5 AGAR 452.211-72 Statement of Work/Specifications. (FEB 1988)
The Contractor shall furnish the necessary personnel, material, equipment, service, and facilities (except as otherwise specified), to perform the Statement of Work/Specifications referenced in Section C and Section J.

I-6 AGAR 452.211-73 Attachments to Statements of Work/Specifications. (FEB 1988)
The attachments to the Statement of Work/Specifications listed in Section J are hereby made part of this solicitation and any resultant contract.

I-7 FAR 52.219-13 Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (NOV 2011)

The Contracting Officer will give notice of the order or orders, if any, to be set aside for small business concerns identified in 19.000(a)(3) and the applicable small business program. This notice, and its restrictions, will apply only to the specific orders that have been set aside for any of the small business concerns identified in 19.000(a)(3).

I-8 FAR 52.219-14 Limitations on Subcontracting (NOV 2011)

(a) This clause does not apply to the unrestricted portion of a partial set-aside.

(b) *Applicability.* This clause applies only to—

(1) Contracts that have been set aside or reserved for small business concerns or 8(a) concerns.

(2) Part or parts of a multiple-award contract that have been set aside for small business concerns or 8(a) concerns; and

(3) Orders set aside for small business or 8(a) concerns under multiple-award contracts as described in 8.405-5 and 16.505(b)(2)(i)(F).

(c) By submission of an offer and execution of a contract, the Offeror/Contractor agrees that in performance of the contract in the case of a contract for--

(1) Services (except construction). At least 50 percent of the cost of contract performance incurred for personnel shall be expended for employees of the concern.

(2) Supplies (other than procurement from a nonmanufacturer of such supplies). The concern shall perform work for at least 50 percent of the cost of manufacturing the supplies, not including the cost of materials.

(3) General construction. The concern will perform at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract, not including the cost of materials, with its own employees.

(4) Construction by special trade contractors. The concern will perform at least 25 percent of the cost of the contract, not including the cost of materials, with its own employees.

I-9 FAR 52.219-28 Post-Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (JUL 2013)

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

Long-term contract means a contract of more than five years in duration, including options. However, the term does not include contracts that exceed five years in duration because the period of performance has been extended for a cumulative period not to exceed six months under the clause at 52.217-8, Option to Extend Services, or other appropriate authority.

Small business concern means a concern, including its affiliates that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and the size standard in paragraph (c) of this clause. Such a concern is “not dominant in its field of operation” when it does not exercise a controlling or major influence on a national basis in a kind of business activity in which a number of business concerns are primarily engaged. In determining whether dominance exists, consideration shall be given to all appropriate factors, including volume of business, number of employees, financial resources, competitive status or position, ownership or control of materials, processes, patents, license agreements, facilities, sales territory, and nature of business activity.

(b) If the Contractor represented that it was a small business concern prior to award of this contract, the Contractor shall rerepresent its size status according to paragraph (e) of this clause or, if applicable, paragraph (g) of this clause, upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) Within 30 days after execution of a novation agreement or within 30 days after modification of the contract to include this clause, if the novation agreement was executed prior to inclusion of this clause in the contract.

(2) Within 30 days after a merger or acquisition that does not require a novation or within 30 days after modification of the contract to include this clause, if the merger or acquisition occurred prior to inclusion of this clause in the contract.

(3) For long-term contracts—

(i) Within 60 to 120 days prior to the end of the fifth year of the contract; and

(ii) Within 60 to 120 days prior to the date specified in the contract for exercising any option thereafter.

(c) The Contractor shall rerepresent its size status in accordance with the size standard in effect at the time of this rerepresentation that corresponds to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code assigned to this contract. The small business size standard corresponding to this NAICS code can be found at *http://www.sba.gov/content/table-small-business-size-standards*.

(d) The small business size standard for a Contractor providing a product which it does not manufacture itself, for a contract other than a construction or service contract, is 500 employees.

(e) Except as provided in paragraph (g) of this clause, the Contractor shall make the rerepresentation required by paragraph (b) of this clause by validating or updating all its representations in the Representations and Certifications section of the System for Award Management (SAM) and its other data in SAM, as necessary, to ensure that they reflect the Contractor's current status. The Contractor shall notify the contracting office in writing within the timeframes specified in paragraph (b) of this clause that the data have been validated or updated, and provide the date of the validation or update.

(f) If the Contractor represented that it was other than a small business concern prior to award of this contract, the Contractor may, but is not required to, take the actions required by paragraphs (e) or (g) of this clause.

(g) If the Contractor does not have representations and certifications in SAM, or does not have a representation in SAM for the NAICS code applicable to this contract, the Contractor is required to complete the following rerepresentation and submit it to the contracting office, along with the contract number and the date on which the rerepresentation was completed:

The Contractor represents that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a small business concern under NAICS Code _____ assigned to contract number _____.
[*Contractor to sign and date and insert authorized signer's name and title*].

I-10 FAR 52.222-55 Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (DEC 2015)

This clause implements Executive Order 13658, *Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors*, dated February 12, 2014, and OMB Policy Memorandum M-14-09, *Implementation of the President's Executive Order Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors*, dated June 12, 2014.

(a) Each service employee, laborer, or mechanic employed in the United States (the 50 states and the District of Columbia) in the performance of this contract by the prime Contractor or any subcontractor, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the Contractor and service employee, laborer, or mechanic, shall be paid not less than the applicable minimum wage under Executive Order 13658. The minimum wage required to be paid to each service employee, laborer, or mechanic performing work on this contract between January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015, shall be $10.10 per hour.

(b) The Contractor shall adjust the minimum wage paid under this contract each time the Secretary of Labor's annual determination of the applicable minimum wage under section 2(a)(ii) of Executive Order 13658 results in a higher minimum wage. Adjustments to the Executive Order minimum wage under section 2(a)(ii) of Executive Order 13658 will be effective for all service employees, laborers, or mechanics subject to the Executive Order beginning January 1 of the following year. The Secretary of Labor will publish annual determinations in the Federal Register no later than 90 days before such new wage is to take effect. The Secretary will also publish the applicable minimum wage on www.wdol.gov (or any successor website). The applicable published minimum wage is incorporated by reference into this contract.

(c) The Contracting Officer will adjust the contract price or contract unit price under this clause only for the increase in labor costs resulting from the annual inflation increases in the Executive Order 13658 minimum wage beginning on January 1, 2016. The Contracting Officer shall consider documentation as to the specific costs and workers impacted in determining the amount of the adjustment.

(d) The Contracting Officer will not adjust the contract price under this clause for any costs other than those identified in paragraph (c) of this clause, and will not provide price adjustments under this clause that result in duplicate price adjustments with the respective clause of this contract implementing the Service Contract Labor Standards statute (formerly known as the Service Contract Act) or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute (formerly known as the Davis Bacon Act).

(e) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e) in all subcontracts.

I-11 FAR 52.223-2 Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts (SEPT 2013)

(a) In the performance of this contract, the contractor shall make maximum use of biobased products that are United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-designated items unless—

(1) The product cannot be acquired—

(i) Competitively within a time frame providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;

(ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or

(iii) At a reasonable price.

(2) The product is to be used in an application covered by a USDA categorical exemption (see 7 CFR 3201.3(e)). For example, all USDA-designated items are exempt from the preferred procurement requirement for the following:

(i) Spacecraft system and launch support equipment.

(ii) Military equipment, *i.e.*, a product or system designed or procured for combat or combat-related missions.

(b) Information about this requirement and these products is available at *http://www.biopreferred.gov*.

(c) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall—

(1) Report to *http://www.sam.gov*, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, on the product types and dollar value of any USDA-designated biobased products purchased by the Contractor during the previous Government fiscal year, between October 1 and September 30; and

(2) Submit this report no later than—

(i) October 31 of each year during contract performance; and

(ii) At the end of contract performance.

I-12 FAR 52.225-9 Buy American--Construction Materials (MAY 2014)

(a) *Definitions*. As used in this clause--

"Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item"—

(1) Means any item of supply (including construction material) that is--

(i) A commercial item (as defined in paragraph (1) of the definition at FAR 2.101);

(ii) Sold in substantial quantities in the commercial marketplace; and

(iii) Offered to the Government, under a contract or subcontract at any tier, without modification, in the same form in which it is sold in the commercial marketplace; and

(2) Does not include bulk cargo, as defined in 46 U.S.C 40102(4), such as agricultural products and petroleum products.

"Component" means any article, material, or supply incorporated directly into construction materials.

"Construction material" means an article, material, or supply brought to the construction site by the Contractor or a subcontractor for incorporation into the building or work. The term also includes an item brought to the site preassembled from articles, materials, or supplies. However, emergency life safety

systems, such as emergency lighting, fire alarm, and audio evacuation systems, that are discrete systems incorporated into a public building or work and that are produced as complete systems, are evaluated as a single and distinct construction material regardless of when or how the individual parts or components of those systems are delivered to the construction site. Materials purchased directly by the Government are supplies, not construction material.

"Cost of components" means--

(3) For components purchased by the Contractor, the acquisition cost, including transportation costs to the place of incorporation into the end product (whether or not such costs are paid to a domestic firm), and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued); or

(4) For components manufactured by the Contractor, all costs associated with the manufacture of the component, including transportation costs as described in paragraph (1) of this definition, plus allocable overhead costs, but excluding profit. Cost of components does not include any costs associated with the manufacture of the construction material.

"Domestic construction material" means--

(1) An unmanufactured construction material mined or produced in the United States;

(2) A construction material manufactured in the United States, if—

(i) The cost of its components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States exceeds 50 percent of the cost of all its components. Components of foreign origin of the same class or kind for which nonavailability determinations have been made are treated as domestic; or

(ii) The construction material is a COTS item.

"Foreign construction material" means a construction material other than a domestic construction material.

"United States" means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas.

(b) *Domestic preference*.

(1) This clause implements41 U.S.C. chapter 83, Buy American, by providing a preference for domestic construction material. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. 1907, the component test of the Buy American statute is waived for construction material that is a COTS item (See FAR 12.505(a)(2)). The Contractor shall use only domestic construction material in performing this contract, except as provided in paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this clause.

(2) This requirement does not apply to information technology that is a commercial item or to the construction materials or components listed by the Government as follows:
_None_____

(3) The Contracting Officer may add other foreign construction material to the list in paragraph (b)(2) of this clause if the Government determines that--

(i) The cost of domestic construction material would be unreasonable. The cost of a particular domestic construction material subject to the requirements of the Buy American statute is unreasonable when the cost of such material exceeds the cost of foreign material by more than 6 percent;

(ii) The application of the restriction of the Buy American statute to a particular construction material would be impracticable or inconsistent with the public interest; or

(iii) The construction material is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality.

(c) *Request for determination of inapplicability of the Buy American statute*.

(1) (i) Any Contractor request to use foreign construction material in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this clause shall include adequate information for Government evaluation of the request, including--

(A) A description of the foreign and domestic construction materials;
(B) Unit of measure;
(C) Quantity;
(D) Price;
(E) Time of delivery or availability;
(F) Location of the construction project;
(G) Name and address of the proposed supplier; and
(H) A detailed justification of the reason for use of foreign construction materials cited in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this clause.

(ii) A request based on unreasonable cost shall include a reasonable survey of the market and a completed price comparison table in the format in paragraph (d) of this clause.

(iii) The price of construction material shall include all delivery costs to the construction site and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free certificate may be issued).

(iv) Any Contractor request for a determination submitted after contract award shall explain why the Contractor could not reasonably foresee the need for such determination and could not have requested the determination before contract award. If the Contractor does not submit a satisfactory explanation, the Contracting Officer need not make a determination.

(2) If the Government determines after contract award that an exception to the Buy American statute applies and the Contracting Officer and the Contractor negotiate adequate consideration, the Contracting Officer will modify the contract to allow use of the foreign construction material. However, when the basis for the exception is the unreasonable price of a domestic construction material, adequate consideration is not less than the differential established in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this clause.

(3) Unless the Government determines that an exception to the Buy American statute applies, use of foreign construction material is noncompliant with the Buy American statute.

(d) *Data*. To permit evaluation of requests under paragraph (c) of this clause based on unreasonable cost, the Contractor shall include the following information and any applicable supporting data based on the survey of suppliers:

Foreign and Domestic Construction Materials Price Comparison			
Construction Material Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Price (Dollars)*
Item 1:			
Foreign construction material	_____	_____	_____
Domestic construction material	_____	_____	_____
Item 2:	_____	_____	_____
Foreign construction material	_____	_____	_____
Domestic construction material			

[List name, address, telephone number, and contact for suppliers surveyed. Attach copy of response; if oral, attach summary.]
[Include other applicable supporting information.]
[Include all delivery costs to the construction site and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued).]*

I-13 FAR 52.236-7 Permits and Responsibilities (NOV 1991)

The Contractor shall, without additional expense to the Government, be responsible for obtaining any necessary licenses and permits, and for complying with any Federal, State, and municipal laws, codes, and regulations applicable to the performance of the work. The Contractor shall also be responsible for all damages to persons or property that occur as a result of the Contractor's fault or negligence. The Contractor shall also be responsible for all materials delivered and work performed until completion and acceptance of the entire work, except for any completed unit of work which may have been accepted under the contract.

I-14 FAR 52.252-4 Alterations in Contract (APR 1984)

Portions of this contract are altered as follows:

52.211-10 Commencement, Prosecution, and Completion of Work (APR 1984)

I-15 FAR 52.252-6 Authorized Deviations in Clauses (APR 1984)

(a) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of “(DEVIATION): after the date of the clause.

(b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 4) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of “(DEVIATION)” after the name of the regulation.

I-16 Order of Precedence--Construction

Any inconsistency in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

(a) The Schedule (excluding the Specifications) (Sections A-H).

(b) The representations and other instructions (Sections K and L).

(c) Contract clauses (Section I).

(d) Special Project Specifications.

(e) General Specifications.

(f) Drawings and Exhibits (Section J).

PART III - LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

SECTION J - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) Statute: If this is a contract in excess of $2,000, the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute requires the Contractor to pay certain minimum wages and benefits to employees working under this contract. These required minimum wages are stated in the attached Wage Decision. **Pursuant to Executive Order 13658, the minimum hourly wage rate required to be paid to workers performing on, or in connection with, contracts and subcontracts subject to FAR Subpart 22.19, is at least $10.10 per hour beginning January 1, 2015, and beginning January 1, 2016 , and annually thereafter, an amount determined by the Secretary of Labor. See FAR Subpart 22.19.**

The following attachments are a part of this solicitation and any resulting contract (see separate document(s)).

J-1	**Experience Questionnaire**	**Page 30-32**
J-2	**Davis-Bacon Wage Determination: WD UT160077 01/08/2016 UT77**	**Page 33-36**
J-3	**USDA-FS Contractor Camping Permit – SAMPLE**	**Page 37**

USDA Forest Service **J-1** **EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE** Instructions: See Box 11, Remarks, if extra space is needed to answer any item below, Mark "X: in appropriate boxes.		1. Contractor Name, Address, and Telephone Number
2. Submitted to (Office Name and Address)	3. Business [ ] Company [ ] Co-partnership [ ] Corporation [ ] Individual [ ] Non-profit Organization	4. How many years do you or your firm have in the line of work contemplated by this solicitation?
5. How many years experience have you or your business had as a (a) prime contractor ____ and/or (b) sub-contractor ____?		

6. List below the projects your business has completed within the last three years:

Contract Amount	Type of Project	Date Completed	Name, Address, and Telephone No. of Owner/Person to Contact for Project Information

7. List below all of your firm's contractual commitments running concurrently with the work contemplated by this solicitation:

Contract Number	Dollar Amt. of Award	Name, Address, and Telephone No. of Business/Government Agency Involved	Awarded (Units)	Percent Completed	Date Contract Complete

8a. Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you? [ ] Yes [ ] No
8b. Has work ever been completed by performance bond? [ ] Yes [ ] No
8c. Did you look at the project site(s) on-the-ground? [ ] Yes [ ] No
8d. If "Yes" to either item 8a. or 8b., specify location(s) and reason(s) why:

EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE CONTINUED

9. Employees and equipment that will be available for this project:
   a. (1) Minimum number of employees: _____ and (2) Maximum number of employees: _____
   b. Are employees regularly on your payroll: [ ] Yes [ ] No
   c. Specify equipment available for this contract:_____
   _____
   _____
   d. Estimate rate of progress below (such as 2.0 acres/man/day):
   (1) Minimum progress rate:_____ and (2) Maximum progress rate: _____

10. List below the experience of the principal individuals of your business: (Who will directly be involved in this contract?)

Individual's Name	Present Position	Years of Experience	Magnitude and Type of Work

11. Remarks -- Specify Box Numbers (*Attach sheets if extra space is needed to fully answer any above question*.):

NOTE: PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP EVALUATE YOUR ABILITY TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THIS PROJECT.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the statements made by me are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that any persons named as references are authorized to furnish the Forest Service with any information needed to verify my capability to perform this project.

12a. CERTIFYING OFFICIAL'S NAME AND TITLE

b. SIGNATURE *(Sign in ink)*

13. DATE

EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE CONTINUED

*(Biobased Products: See FAR Subpart 23.4; – required in operations and maintenance (bldg. mtce) procurements as well as **all** construction procurements. Also see list of designated items at *http://www.biopreferred.gov.)* – **CO's edit as needed**

The following is added:

Biobased Products

Offeror shall identify the biobased products to be purchased and used under this contract. For each biobased product, specify the name of the manufacturer, cost of each product, and the intended use of each of the materials that are to be used in carrying out the requirements of the contract. For each biobased product, the Offeror shall specify the percentage of biobased content, and for the USDA-designated biobased content products, the Offeror shall demonstrate that the products to be used under this contract will contain the percentage specified in the USDA recommendations or the highest level of biobased material practicable, consistent with USDA's recommended percentages of biobased content.

The Offeror shall document prior experience in specifying, purchasing, using, and installing biobased products. The Offeror shall provide a list of all relevant contracts over the past 3 years involving the specification, purchase, and/or use of biobased products. The Offeror shall include a list of the biobased products specified, purchased, used, and installed.

The above information shall be provided for all proposed subcontractors in the same format and level of detail as prescribed for the Offeror.

Attach additional sheets, as necessary.

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General Decision Number: UT160077 01/08/2016 UT77
Superseded General Decision Number: UT20150077
State: Utah
Construction Type: Highway
County: Garfield County in Utah.

Note: Under Executive Order (EO) 13658, an hourly minimum wage of $10.15 for calendar year 2016 applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the solicitation was issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least $10.15 (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in calendar year 2016. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

Modification Number	Publication Date
0	01/08/2016

ENGI0003-059 07/01/2013

	Rates	Fringes
OPERATOR: Power Equipment		
(3) Backhoe Loader Combination	$ 25.37	15.65
(4) Asphalt Laydown Machine, Oil Distributor	$ 24.37	15.65
Crane (Under 35 tons)-3	$ 25.70	15.65
Crane (35 to 100 tons)-2	$ 26.99	15.65
Crane (Over 100 tons)-1	$ 28.33	15.65

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* IRON0027-003 07/01/2015

	Rates	Fringes
IRONWORKER, STRUCTURAL (Excluding Fence Erection and Guard Rail Installation)	$ 26.18	19.10

IRON0847-001 08/01/2013

	Rates	Fringes
IRONWORKER, REINFORCING	$ 26.61	11.60

LABO0295-033 07/01/2014

	Rates	Fringes
LABORER		
(4)Asphalt Shoveler	$ 21.11	8.65

SUUT2008-061 09/10/2008

	Rates	Fringes
CARPENTER, Includes Form Work	$ 17.51	2.84
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	$ 17.36	2.04
INSTALLER - GUARDRAIL	$ 13.11	0.00
LABORER: Asphalt Raker	$ 12.18	2.60
LABORER: Common or General	$ 12.18	1.62
LABORER: Flagger	$ 8.77	2.53
LABORER: Landscape	$ 14.45	2.79
LABORER: Mason Tender - Cement/Concrete	$ 9.00	0.36
LABORER: Pipelayer	$ 15.52	2.79
LABORER: Fence Erector	$ 15.27	2.79

LABORER: Power Tool Operator: (Chain/Concrete Saw, Dirt Compactor (Hand Held), Hand Held Drill, Jackhammer/ Tamper and Vibrator Only)	$ 14.47	3.01
OPERATOR: Asphalt Paver	$ 20.59	6.67
OPERATOR: Asphalt Roller	$ 15.82	4.00
OPERATOR: Backhoe/Excavator/Trackhoe	$ 18.94	5.47
OPERATOR: Broom/Sweeper	$ 15.88	5.65
OPERATOR: Bulldozer	$ 21.78	7.04
OPERATOR: Crusher	$ 24.64	4.76
OPERATOR: Grade Setter	$ 20.21	7.08
OPERATOR: Grader/Blade	$ 19.42	5.95
OPERATOR: Loader (Front End)	$ 20.63	6.92
OPERATOR: Mechanic	$ 19.10	5.71
OPERATOR: Oiler	$ 20.74	5.89
OPERATOR: Roller (Dirt and Grade Compaction)	$ 16.39	6.12
OPERATOR: Rotomill	$ 24.25	6.00
OPERATOR: Scraper	$ 21.51	5.57
OPERATOR: Screed	$ 15.88	4.04
PAINTER, Including Parking Lot and Highway Line Striping	$ 14.05	1.62
SIGN Installer (Permanent and Temporary Road Signs)	$ 15.40	2.79
Traffic Control: Sets Cones and Barrels	$ 17.14	2.79
TRUCK DRIVER	$ 14.69	0.11

WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

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Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

The body of each wage determination lists the classification and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of "identifiers" that indicate whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local), a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate (weighted union average rate).

Union Rate Identifiers

A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than "SU" or "UAVG" denotes that the union classification and rate were prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of the union which prevailed in the survey for this classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1, 2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing this classification and rate.

Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the "SU" identifier indicate that no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an

internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a new survey is conducted.

Union Average Rate Identifiers

Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate that no single majority rate prevailed for those classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is based.

WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

* an existing published wage determination
* a survey underlying a wage determination
* a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
* a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour Regional Office for the area in which the survey was conducted because those Regional Offices have responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations
Wage and Hour Division
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.
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END OF GENERAL DECISION

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USDA-FOREST SERVICE
CONTRACTOR CAMPING PERMIT - SAMPLE

_____ Ranger District

This permit is revocable and non-transferable
This permit is issued pursuant to the provisions of the
_____.
Contract
Number:_____
Permission is hereby granted to _____ of _____, hereafter called the permittee, to camp, subject to the conditions set out below, on the following:

National Forest lands: _____ (see attached map)

Occupancy and use under this permit shall begin: _____ (date)

1. The permittee shall maintain all improvements and premises to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the forest officer in charge.
2. The permittee shall provide sanitary facilities to accommodate all camp refuse, toilet requirements, and equipment servicing refuse. The debris shall be disposed of on a timely schedule by the permittee in an approved county or municipal garbage dump off National Forest lands.
3. Unless otherwise agreed, no camping shall be permitted within developed recreation sites or along primary recreation roads.
4. No camping will be permitted within 100 feet of live streams.
5. The permittee, in exercising the privileges granted by tis permit, shall comply with the regulations of the Department of Agriculture and all Federal, State, county, and municipal laws, ordinances, or regulations which are applicable to the area of operations covered by this permit.
6. The permittee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent and suppress forest fires. No material shall be disposed of by burning in open fires during the closed season established by law or regulation without a written permit from the forest officer in charge of his authorized agent.
7. Upon abandonment, termination, revocation, or cancellation of this permit, the permittee shall remove within a reasonable time all structures and improvements except those owned by the United States, and shall restore the site, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing or in this permit. If the permittee fails to remove all structures or improvements within a reasonable period, they shall become the property of the United States, but that will not relieve the permittee of liability for the cost of their removal and restoration of the site.
8. This permit shall terminate on _____, unless extended with writing by the Forest Service. It may be terminated upon breech of any conditions herein or at the discretion of the forest officer in charge.
9. This permit is accepted subject to the conditions set forth above and to conditions _____
10. To _____, attached hereto and made a part to this permit.

Signature of Officer Issuing Permit:_____ Date:_____

Title:_____

(I)(WE) have read the foregoing permit of and agree to accept and abide by its terms and conditions:

Signature of Permittee:_____ Date_____

Title:_____

PART IV - REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

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

K-1 FAR 52.204-8 -- Annual Representations and Certifications. (Apr 2016)

(a)

(1) The North American Industry classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is ____237310__.

(2) The small business size standard is __$36.5___.

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

(b)

(1) If the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

(2) If the provision at 52.204-7 is not included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), and has completed the Representations and Certifications section of SAM electronically, the offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certification in the solicitation. The offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

[_] (i) Paragraph (d) applies.

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

(c)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) 52.204-3, Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management.

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

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

(B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and

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

(v) 52.209-2, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations—Representation.

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

(vii) 52.209-11, Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law. This provision applies to all solicitations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(xvii) 52.225-2, Buy American Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-1.

(xviii) 52.225-4, Buy American--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Basic, Alternates I, II, and III.) This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225- 3.

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

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

(C) If the acquisition value is $50,000 or more but is less than $77,533, the provision with its Alternate II applies.

(D) If the acquisition value is $79,507 or more but is less than $100,000, the provision with its Alternate III applies.

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

(xx) 52.225-20, Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan--Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxi) 52.225-25, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran—Representation and Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxii) 52.226-2, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions.

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

___ (i) 52.204-17, Ownership or Control of Offeror.

___ (ii) 52.204-20, Predecessor of Offeror.

__x_ (iii) 52.222-18, Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products.

___ (iv) 52.222-48, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment--Certification.

___ (v) 52.222-52 Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services--Certification.

___ (vi) 52.223-9, with its Alternate I, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Products (Alternate I only).

___ (vii) 52.227-6, Royalty Information.

___ (A) Basic.

___ (B) Alternate I.

___ (viii) 52.227-15, Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software.

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

FAR Clause	Title	Date	Change

Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on SAM.

K-2 FAR 52.204-16 Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting (Jul 2015)

(a) Definition. As used in this provision—

"Commercial and Government (CAGE) code" means--

(1) An identified assigned to entities located in the United States or its outlying areas by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch to identify a commercial or Government entity; or

(2) An identifier assigned by a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or by the NATO Support Agency (NSPA) to entities located outside the United States and its outlying areas that the DLA Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch records and maintains in the CAGE master file. This type of code is known as an NCAGE code.

(b) The Offeror shall enter its CAGE code in its offer with its name and address or otherwise include it prominently in its proposal. The CAGE code entered must be for that name and address. Enter "CAGE" before the number. The CAGE code is required prior to award.

(c) CAGE codes may be obtained via –

(1) Registration in the system for Award management (SAM) at www.sam.gov. If the Offeror is located in the United States or its outlying areas and does not already have a CAGE code assigned, the DLA Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch will assign a CAGE code as a part of the SAM registration process. SAM registrants located outside the United States and its outlying areas shall obtain a NCAGE code prior to registration in SAM (see paragraph (c)(3) of this provision).

(2) The DLA Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch. If registration in SAM is not required for the subject procurement, and the offeror does not otherwise register in SAM, an offeror located in the United States or its outlying areas may request that a CAGE code be assigned by submitting a request at http://www.dlis.dla.mil/cage_welcome.asp.

(3) The appropriate country codification bureau. Entities located outside the United States and its outlying areas may obtain an NCAGE code by contacting the Codification Bureau in the foreign entity's country if that country is a member of NATO or a sponsored nation. NCAGE codes may be obtained from the NSPA if the foreign entity's country is not a member of NATO or a sponsored nation. Points of contact for codification bureaus and NSPA, as well as additional information on obtaining NCAGE codes, are available at http://www.dlis.dla.mil/nato/ObtainCAGE.asp.

(d) Additional guidance for establishing and maintaining CAGE codes is available at http://www.dlis.dla.mil/cage_welcome.asp.

(e) When a CAGE Code is required for the immediate owner and/or the highest-level owner by 52.204-17 or 52.212-3(p), the Offeror shall obtain the respective CAGE Code from that entity to supply the CAGE Code to the Government.

(f) Do not delay submission of the offer pending receipt of a CAGE code.

K-3 AGAR 452.209-70 Representation by Corporations Regarding an Unpaid Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction (Deviation 2012-01) (FEB 2012) Alternate I (FEB 2012)

(a) Awards made under this solicitation are subject to the provisions contained in sections 433 and 434 in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. No. 112-74), Division E, as amended and/or subsequently enacted, regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies. To comply with these provisions, all Offerors must complete paragraph (1) of this representation, and all corporate Offerors also must complete paragraphs (2) and (3) of this representation.

(b) The Offeror represents that –

(1) The Offeror is ☐, is not ☐ *(check one)* an entity that has filed articles of incorporation in one of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or the various territories of the United States including American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Midway Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands. (Note that this includes both for-profit and non-profit organizations.)

If the Offeror checked "is" above, the Offeror must complete paragraphs (2) and (3) of the representation. If Offeror checked "is not" above, Offeror may leave the remainder of the representation blank.

(2) (i) The Offeror has ☐, has not ☐ *(check one)* been convicted of a felony criminal violation under Federal or State law in the 24 months preceding the date of offer.

(ii) Offeror has ☐, has not ☐ *(check one)* had any officer or agent of Offeror convicted of a felony criminal violation for actions taken on behalf of Offeror under Federal law in the 24 months preceding the date of offer.

(3) The Offeror does ☐, does not ☐ *(check one)* have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability.

PART IV - REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION L – INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS OR RESPONDENTS

L-1 FAR 52.252-1 Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

Federal Acquisition Regulations - *http://www.acquisition.gov/far*
Agriculture Acquisition Regulations – *http://www.usda.gov/procurement/policy/agar.html*.

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (48 CFR CHAPTER 1)

L-2 FAR 52.204-7 System for Award Management (JUL 2013)

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

"Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number" means the 9-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to identify unique business entities.

"Data Universal Numbering System +4 (DUNS+4) number" means the DUNS number assigned by D&B plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned by a business concern. (D&B has no affiliation with this 4-character suffix.) This 4-character suffix may be assigned at the discretion of the business concern to establish additional System for Award Management records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see the FAR at Subpart 32.11) for the same concern.

"Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database" means that--

(1) The offeror has entered all mandatory information, including the DUNS number or the DUNS+4 number, the Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) code, as well as data required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (see Subpart 4.14) into the SAM database;

(2) The offeror has completed the Core, Assertions, and Representations and Certifications, and Points of Contact sections of the registration in the SAM database;

(3) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The offeror will be required to provide consent for TIN validation to the Government as a part of the SAM registration process; and

(4) The Government has marked the record “Active”.

(b) (1) By submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the SAM database prior to award, during performance, and through final payment of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchasing agreement resulting from this solicitation.

(2) The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "DUNS" or "DUNS +4" followed by the DUNS or DUNS +4 number that identifies the offeror's name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The DUNS number will be used by the Contracting Officer to verify that the offeror is registered in the SAM database.

(c) If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one.

(1) An offeror may obtain a DUNS number--

(i) Via the Internet at *http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform* or if the offeror does not have internet access, it may call Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711 if located within the United States; or

(ii) If located outside the United States, by contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office. The offeror should indicate that it is an offeror for a U.S. Government contract when contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

(2) The offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:

(i) Company legal business.
(ii) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.
(iii) Company Physical Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code.
(iv) Company Mailing Address, City, State and Zip Code (if separate from physical).
(v) Company Telephone Number.
(vi) Date the company was started.
(vii) Number of employees at your location.
(viii) Chief executive officer/key manager.
(ix) Line of business (industry).
(x) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).

(d) If the Offeror does not become registered in the SAM database in the time prescribed by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered Offeror.

(e) Processing time, which normally takes 48 hours, should be taken into consideration when registering. Offerors who are not registered should consider applying for registration immediately upon receipt of this solicitation.

(f) Offerors may obtain information on registration at *http://www.acquisition.gov*.

L-3 AGAR 452.204-70 Inquiries (FEB 1988)

Inquiries and all correspondence concerning this solicitation should be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer. Offerors should contact only the Contracting Officer issuing the solicitation about any aspect of this requirement prior to contract award.

L-4 FAR 52.215-5 Facsimile Proposals (OCT 1997)

(a) *Definition*. "Facsimile proposal," as used in this provision, means a proposal, revision or modification of a proposal, or withdrawal of a proposal that is transmitted to and received by the Government via facsimile machine.

(b) Offerors may submit facsimile proposals as responses to this solicitation. Facsimile proposals are subject to the same rules as paper proposals.

(c) The telephone number of receiving facsimile equipment is: * 801-975-3483 or email to: efowler@fs.fed.us

(d) If any portion of a facsimile proposal received by the Contracting Officer is unreadable to the degree that conformance to the essential requirements of the solicitation cannot be ascertained from the document-

(1) The Contracting Officer immediately shall notify the offeror and permit the offeror to resubmit the proposal;

(2) The method and time for resubmission shall be prescribed by the Contracting Officer after consultation with the offeror; and

(3) The resubmission shall be considered as if it were received at the date and time of the original unreadable submission for the purpose of determining timeliness, provided the offeror complies with the time and format requirements for resubmission prescribed by the Contracting Officer.

(e) The Government reserves the right to make award solely on the facsimile proposal. However, if requested to do so by the Contracting Officer, the apparently successful offeror promptly shall submit the complete original signed proposal.

L-5 FAR 52.222-5 Construction Wage Rate Requirements—Secondary Site of the Work (MAY 2014)

(a) (1) The offeror shall notify the Government if the offeror intends to perform work at any secondary site of the work, as defined in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of the FAR clause at 52.222-6, Construction Wage Rate Requirements, of this solicitation.

(2) If the offeror is unsure if a planned work site satisfies the criteria for a secondary site of the work, the offeror shall request a determination from the Contracting Officer.

(b) (1) If the wage determination provided by the Government for work at the primary site of the work is not applicable to the secondary site of the work, the offeror shall request a wage determination from the Contracting Officer.

(2) The due date for receipt of offers will not be extended as a result of an offeror’s request for a wage determination for a secondary site of the work.

L-6 FAR 52.222-23 Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity for Construction (FEB 1999)

(a) The offeror's attention is called to the Equal Opportunity clause and the Affirmative Action Compliance Requirements for Construction clause of this solicitation.

(b) The goals for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Goals for minority participation for each trade	Goals for female participation for each trade
2.1%	6.9%

These goals are applicable to all the Contractor's construction work performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, the Contractor shall apply the goals established for the geographical area where the work is actually performed. Goals are published periodically in the *Federal Register* in notice form, and these notices may be obtained from any Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs office.

(c) The Contractor's compliance with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the regulations in 41 CFR 60-4 shall be based on (1) its implementation of the Equal Opportunity clause, (2) specific affirmative actions obligations required by the clause entitled "Affirmative Action Compliance Requirements for Construction," and (3) its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade. The Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor, or from project to project, for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the regulations in 41 CFR 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

(d) The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance, U. S. Department of Labor, within 10 working days following award of any construction subcontract in excess of $10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the--

(1) Name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor;

(2) Employer's identification number of the subcontractor;

(3) Estimated dollar amount of the subcontract;

(4) Estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and

(5) Geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

(e) As used in this Notice, and in any contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is _Utah, Garfield County, Escalante_____.

L-7 FAR 52.225-10 Notice of Buy American Requirement--Construction Materials (MAY 2014)

(a) *Definitions*. “Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item,” "construction material," "domestic construction material," and "foreign construction material," as used in this provision, are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American--Construction Materials" (Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 52.225-9).

(b) *Requests for determinations of inapplicability*. An offeror requesting a determination regarding the inapplicability of the Buy American statute should submit the request to the Contracting Officer in time to allow a determination before submission of offers. The offeror shall include the information and applicable supporting data required by paragraphs (c) and (d) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9 in the request. If an offeror has not requested a determination regarding the inapplicability of the Buy American statute before submitting its offer, or has not received a response to a previous request, the offeror shall include the information and supporting data in the offer.

(c) *Evaluation of offers*.

(1) The Government will evaluate an offer requesting exception to the requirements of the Buy American statute, based on claimed unreasonable cost of domestic construction material, by adding to the offered price the appropriate percentage of the cost of such foreign construction material, as specified in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9.

(2) If evaluation results in a tie between an offeror that requested the substitution of foreign construction material based on unreasonable cost and an offeror that did not request an exception, the Contracting Officer will award to the offeror that did not request an exception based on unreasonable cost.

(d) *Alternate offers*.

(1) When an offer includes foreign construction material not listed by the Government in this solicitation in paragraph (b)(2) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9, the offeror also may submit an alternate offer based on use of equivalent domestic construction material.

(2) If an alternate offer is submitted, the offeror shall submit a separate Standard Form 1442 for the alternate offer, and a separate price comparison table prepared in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (d) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9 for the offer that is based on the use of any foreign construction material for which the Government has not yet determined an exception applies.

(3) If the Government determines that a particular exception requested in accordance with paragraph (c) of the clause at FAR 52.225-9 does not apply, the Government will evaluate only those offers based on use of the equivalent domestic construction material, and the offeror shall be required to furnish such domestic construction material. An offer based on use of the foreign construction material for which an exception was requested--

(i) Will be rejected as nonresponsive if this acquisition is conducted by sealed bidding; or

(ii) May be accepted if revised during negotiations.

L-8 FAR 52.237-1 Site Visit (APR 1984)

Offerors or quoters are urged and expected to inspect the site where services are to be performed and to satisfy themselves regarding all general and local conditions that may affect the cost of contract performance, to the extent that the information is reasonably obtainable. In no event shall failure to inspect the site constitute grounds for a claim after contract award.

L- 9 AGAR 452.237-71 Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Conference (FEB 1988)

There is no Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Conference scheduled for this project. If you have any questions, please contact the COR: Robert Miller at 435-676-9356

L-10 FAR 52.252-3 Alterations in Solicitation (APR 1984)

Portions of this solicitation are altered as follows:

L-11 FAR 52.252-5 Authorized Deviations in Provisions (APR 1984)

(a) The use in this solicitation of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the date of the provision.

(b) The use in this solicitation of any Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 4) provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

L-12 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL						
The technical proposal shall provide the following:						
	Past Performance					
	Technical Capability					
PAST PERFORMANCE						
Provide details on work you have performed on similar projects. Provide a minimum of 3 references that we can contact.						
TECHNICAL CAPABILITY						
Provide personnel qualification including key personnel’s expertise.						
Describe the method you will use and how you plan to clean the culverts.						

PART IV - REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

Award will be made to the offeror whose proposal is determined to be the best value to the Government, has the demonstrated competence, and qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of this type of contract. Technical capabilities and past performance (non-price factors), when combined will be approximately equal to cost or price.

The technical/price trade-off will not be based on spread between the technical scores but rather on what, in the judgment of the Contracting Officer, specific advantages have been proposed and the value of the advantages as compared to price differentials between offers. The degree of importance of cost as a factor could become greater depending upon the quality of the proposals for other factors evaluated. Where competing proposals are determined to be substantially equal, total cost and other cost factors would become the controlling factors. The critical factor in making any cost/technical trade-offs is not the spread between technical rating, but is rather what it would cost the Government to take advantage of that difference.

This means that award may not necessarily be made to the offeror submitting the lowest proposed price but to an offeror proposing technical advantages that would appear to exceed those needed for the successful performance of the work. Thus the Government reserves the right to make technical/price trade-offs that are in the best interest and to the advantage of the Government.

Proposals should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms from a price and technical standpoint, which the offeror can submit to the Government. However, the Government may, after evaluation of proposals, conduct further oral or written discussions as appropriate, with all offerors whose proposals are within a competitive range.

EVALUATION FACTORS

The following evaluation factors are listed in descending order of importance.

Failure to adequately address any item or sub-item could remove proposal from consideration and/or reduce your rating.

1. Past Performance

a. Relationships & cooperation with customers, including identification and resolution of problems, and concern for customer interest.
b. Recent relevant contracts which support performance over the past three (3) years for similar work.
c. Minimum of three references who can confirm past performance.

The Government may also obtain past performance information from other than the sources identified by the offeror. Information obtained from the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) database located at http://www.ppirs.gov is one of the sources that may be utilized. PPIRS functions as the central warehouse for performance assessment reports received from several Federal performance information collection systems and is sponsored by the DOD E-Business Office and administered by the Naval Sea Logistics Center Detachment Portsmouth.

NOTE: *In accordance with FAR 15.305, in the case of an offeror without a record of relevant past performance or for whom information on past performance is not available, the offeror will not be evaluated either favorably or unfavorably in this area, but instead will receive a neutral rating in the area of past performance. Offerors that have relevant past performance and plan to supply references,*

please provide the following: Contractor's name, phone number and relevant work required in this solicitation.

2. Technical Capability

a. Technical Approach: Proposal of the contractor's approach that demonstrates the advantages of his/her technical capabilities, including:

1) Schedule for work to ensure timely delivery of specified products and materials to the job site allowing for submittal approval, fabrication, and delivery time to the job site.
2) Strategy to accomplish the work within the time allotted that coincides with acquisition and equipment plans, including timelines, tables, and/or gantt charts showing the proposed progression of the project.
3) Project specific quality control plan for all phase of the project to ensure that the quality required in the specifications is met, including testing and testing frequencies if they exceed contract requirements.
4) Equipment and availability.

b. Experience of Firm and Key Personnel

1) Description of the firm's technical abilities, experience in completely similar projects, how those abilities were acquired, including experience, training, and education.
2) Key Personnel - Descriptions of the availability of key personnel and their ability to perform the work, including relevant experience and technical knowledge, and:
   a) Name and résumé of superintendent to be assigned to the job;
   b) Applicable education, training and experience.
   c) Number of equipment operators. Include applicable training, education, qualifications, and experience.
   d) Number of laborers, including skilled laborers (welders, electricians, plumbers, etc.). Include applicable training, education, certification, licensing, and experience.
3) Subcontracting Plan specifying how subcontractors are to be utilized, each subcontractor's specific skills to be utilized for this project shall be included.

3.Price: Technical capability and past performance when combined are approximately equal to price.