

**AG-03H6-S-14-0008
Helena National Forest
Steel Fence Materials**

Issued: **July 10, 2014**

This solicitation is issued as a Request for Quotation (RFQ).

The solicitation and incorporated provisions and clauses are those in effect through the most current Federal Acquisition Circular FAC 2005-73.

The applicable North American Industry Classification (NAICS) is 332312 (Fabricated Structural Metal Manufacturing): Size Standard is 500 employees.

This is 100% small business set-aside.

General Information

The intent of this solicitation is to obtain quotes for steel fencing materials. See attachments for complete description.

Provide quote by: 4:00 PM, Mountain Standard Time on **July 18, 2014**.

DOCUMENTS TO RETURN:

The following documents shall be submitted by the offeror for evaluation to be considered responsive:

1. Schedule of Items
2. Completed provisions FAR and AGAR.
3. Equal Products Clause (if applicable)

Send quote to: Forest Service, East Side Acquisition Team (ESAT)
Attn: Alisha Knaub
415 South Front Street
Townsend, MT 59644

E-mail to: aknaub@fs.fed.us or fax to (406)266-5484

For solicitation questions call Alisha Knaub at (406)495-3860.

Period of Performance: delivery within 30 days after issuance of Purchase Order.

Performance Locations:

Delivery will be to:

Helena:
USDA Forest Service,
Helena Ranger District
Admin Service Site Attn: Front office
2001 Poplar St
Helena, MT 59602

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Delivery location is not staffed so you must call ahead of delivery: 406-449-5201 must be able to unload order from your truck. **No forklift available.** Someone will meet you to show unload area. M-F 0800-1630 excluding federal holidays

And

Townsend:

Townsend Ranger District Admin Service Site
Attn: Tracy
121 Highway 12 East
Townsend, MT 59644

Delivery location is not staffed so you must call ahead of delivery: 406-266-3425 must be able to unload order from your truck. **No forklift available.** Someone will meet you to show unload area.

M-F 0800-1630 excluding federal holidays

Offers shall include:

COMPANY NAME: _____
DUNS NUMBER: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Quote Details: Items delivered to Helena, MT – see above for details.

Item No.	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
001	Steel T-posts, 5-1/2' with clips, 1.33	Ea	530		
002	Steel T-posts, 6-1/2' with clips, 1.33	Ea	100		
003	Barbed wire, 12.5 gauge, 2 point, Red Brand or approved equal (#50 Defender), ¼ mi/roll	Roll	40		
004	Barbless wire, 12 gauge, 2 strand, ¼ mi/roll	Roll	9		
005	Spikes, 5/8" x 6" Pole barn ring shank (60D), 50#/box	Box	38		
006	Spikes, 5/16" x 8" Pole barn ring shank (60D), 50#/box	Box	1		
007	T-steel Post Clips	EA	2000		
008	1 3/4 " staples, 50#/box	Box	2		
008	Delivery and Unloading		1	xxxxx	
				TOTAL	

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Quote Details: Items delivered to Townsend, MT – see above for details

Item No.	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
009	Steel T-posts, 5-1/2' with clips, 1.33	Ea	400		
010	Barbed wire, 12.5 gauge, 2 point, Red Brand or approved equal (#50 Defender), ¼ mi/roll	Roll	30		
011	Barbless wire, 12 gauge, 2 strand, ¼ mi/roll	Roll	7		
012	Delivery and Unloading		1	xxxxx	
TOTAL					

The "Submit Invoice-to" address for USDA orders is the Department of Treasury's Invoice Processing Platform (IPP). The contractor must follow the instructions on how to register and submit invoices via IPP as prescribed in the previous communications from USDA and Treasury. All invoices are to be submitted via the electronic Invoice Processing Platform. This is a mandatory requirement initiated by the U.S. Department of Treasury and you can find more information at this website <https://www.ipp.gov/index.htm>. Please make sure that your company has registered at <https://www.ipp.gov/vendors/enrollment-vendors.htm> to establish your account.

52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required To Implement Statutes or Executive Orders -- Commercial Items (Jun 2014)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

- (1) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (FEB 2009) (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).
 ___ Alternate I (AUG 2007) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).
- (2) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (AUG 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).
- (3) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Pub. L. 108-77, 108-78).

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the contracting officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

- ___ (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Sept 2006), with Alternate I (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4704 and 10 U.S.C. 2402).
- ___ (2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Apr 2010) (41 U.S.C. 3509).
- ___ (3) 52.203-15, Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Jun 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub L. 111-5) (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009).
- ___ (4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Jul 2013) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).
- ___ (5) [Reserved]
- ___ (6) 52.204-14, Service Contract Reporting Requirements (Jan 2014) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).
- ___ (7) 52.204-15, Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (Jan 2014) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).
- ___ (8) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (Aug 2013) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).
- ___ (9) 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Jul 2013) (41 U.S.C. 2313).

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- ___ (10) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (May 2012) (section 738 of Division C of Public Law 112-74, section 740 of Division C of Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Division D of Pub. L. 111-8, and section 745 of Division D of Pub. L. 110-161).
- ___ (11) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657a).
- ___ (12) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (Jan 2011) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer)(15 U.S.C. 657a).
- ___ (13) [Reserved]
- X (14) (i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Aside (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644).
___ (ii) Alternate I (Nov 2011).
___ (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2011).
- ___ (15) (i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003) (15 U.S.C. 644).
___ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 1995) of 52.219-7.
___ (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of 52.219-7.
- ___ (16) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (May 2014) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).
- ___ (17) (i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).
___ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.
___ (iii) Alternate II (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.
___ (iv) Alternate III (July 2010) of 52.219-9.
- ___ (18) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)).
- ___ (19) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).
- ___ (20) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (Jan 1999) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).
- ___ (21) (i) 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns (Oct 2008) (10 U.S.C. 2323) (if the offeror elects to waive the adjustment, it shall so indicate in its offer).
___ (ii) Alternate I (June 2003) of 52.219-23.
- ___ (22) 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Disadvantaged Status and Reporting (Jul 2013) (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).
- ___ (23) 52.219-26, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Incentive Subcontracting (Oct 2000) (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).
- ___ (24) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657f).
- X (25) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)). The Contractor represents that it is, is not a small business concern under NAICS Code 332312 assigned to contract number _____

Contractor's Signature

Date

Print Contractor's Name

Contractor's Title

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- ___ (26) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB) Concerns (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
- ___ (27) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Concerns Eligible Under the WOSB Program (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
- _X_ (28) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (June 2003) (E.O. 11755).
- _X_ (29) 52.222-19, Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Jan 2014) (E.O. 13126).
- _X_ (30) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999).
- _X_ (31) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Mar 2007) (E.O. 11246).
- ___ (32) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Sep 2010) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- _X_ (33) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (Oct 2010) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- ___ (34) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (Sep 2010) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- ___ (35) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496).
- _X_ (36) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Aug 2013). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.)
- ___ (37) (i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items (May 2008) (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (May 2008) of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- ___ (38) (i) 52.223-13, Acquisition of EPEAT® -Registered Imaging Equipment (Jun 2014) + (E.O.s 13423 and 13514
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-13.
- ___ (39) (i) 52.223-14, Acquisition of EPEAT® -Registered Television (Jun 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-14.
- ___ (40) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (Dec 2007) (42 U.S.C. 8259b).
- ___ (41) (i) 52.223-16, Acquisition of EPEAT® -Registered Personal Computer Products (Jun 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-16.
- _X_ (42) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging while Driving (Aug 2011).
- ___ (43) 52.225-1, Buy American--Supplies (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83).
- _X_ (44) (i) 52.225-3, Buy American--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (May 2014) of 52.225-3.
- ___ (iii) Alternate II (May 2014) of 52.225-3.
- ___ (iv) Alternate III (May 2014) of 52.225-3
- ___ (45) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (Nov 2013) (19 U.S.C. 2501, *et seq.*, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).
- _X_ (46) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (Jun 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
- ___ (47) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2303 Note).
- ___ (48) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

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- ___ (49) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
- ___ (50) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002) (41 U.S.C. 4505), 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- ___ (51) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- ___ (52) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer— System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- ___ (53) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other Than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- ___ (54) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (May 2014) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- ___ (55) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).
- ___ (56) (i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631).
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) of 52.247-64.

(c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

- ___ (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965 (Nov 2007) (41 U.S.C. 351, *et seq.*).
- ___ (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67)
- ___ (3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards -- Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (May 2014) (29 U.S.C.206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- ___ (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards -- Price Adjustment (May 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- ___ (5) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-- Requirements (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- ___ (6) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services--Requirements (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- ___ (7) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (May 2014) (E.O. 13495).
- ___ (8) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations. (May 2014) (42 U.S.C. 1792).
- ___ (9) 52.237-11, Accepting and Dispensing of \$1 Coin (Sep 2008) (31 U.S.C.

5112(p)(1)).

(d) *Comptroller General Examination of Record* The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records -- Negotiation.

- (1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.
- (2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.
- (3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or

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maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e)

(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1) in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause—

(i) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Apr 2010) (Pub. L.110-252, Title VI, Chapter 1 (41 U.S.C. 251 note)).

(ii) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (May 2014) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$650,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(iii) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (May 2014) (E.O. 13495). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (1) of FAR clause 52.222-17

(iv) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Mar 2007) (E.O. 11246).

(v) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Sep 2010) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

(vi) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (Oct 2010) (29 U.S.C. 793).

(vii) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause 52.222-40.

(viii) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (May 2014), (41 U.S.C. chapter 67 (ix) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Feb 2009) (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

____ Alternate I (Aug 2007) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

(x) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment--Requirements (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67.)

(xi) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services--Requirements (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67)

(xii) 52.222-54, 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Aug 2013).

(xiii) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

(xiv) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations. (May 2014) (42 U.S.C. 1792). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.

(xv) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately-Owned U.S. Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

(2) While not required, the contractor may include in its subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

52.216-1 Type of Contract. (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of a firm-fixed price contract resulting from this solicitation.

52.211-6 Brand Name or Equal. (AUG 1999)

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AGENCY CLAUSES

**452.209-71 Assurance Regarding Felony Conviction or Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants
ALT 1 (FEB 2012)**

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

(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 debarment 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 and 434.

452.211-71 Equal Products Offered. (NOV 1996)

(a) Offerors proposing to furnish an "equal" product, in accordance with the "Brand Name or Equal" provision of this solicitation, shall provide the following information for each offered "equal" product:

Contract Line Item Number (if any): 003 and 010

Brand Name or Equal Product identified by the Government in this solicitation: **listed on page 2**

Offered Product Name: _____

Catalog Description or part number: _____

Manufacturer's Name: _____

Manufacturer's Address: _____

(b) Offerors are responsible for submitting all additional information on the above product necessary for the Contracting Officer to determine whether the product offered meets the "brand name or equal" product's salient characteristics listed in the solicitation.

PROVISIONS

52.212-1, Instruction to Offerors-Commercial Items, applies without addenda apply by reference. The FAR clauses and provisions can be accessed via Internet at www.acquisition.gov/far.

52.212-2 Evaluation - Commercial Items. (JAN 1999) - Contract will be awarded to the responsive and responsible small business offering the best value to the Government considering price, past performance and experience in similar work.

52.212-3 -- Offeror Representations and Certifications -- Commercial Items (Feb 2012), applies without addenda apply by reference. The FAR clauses and provisions can be accessed via Internet at www.acquisition.gov/far.

Offeror shall be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database and have completed the annual representations and certificates electronically via <https://www.sam.gov> to be eligible for award. If an offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at this website, the offeror shall provide a complete copy of their representations and certifications at time of quote.

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452.209 – 70 Re-representation by Corporations Regarding an Unpaid Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction. (Alternate 1 (FEB 2012))

(a) Awards made under this solicitation are subject to the provisions contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. No. 112-74), Division E, Sections 433 and 434 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.

452.211-70 Brand Name or Equal. (NOV 1996)

(a) If items called for by this solicitation have been identified by a "brand name or equal" description, such identification is intended to be descriptive, but not restrictive, and is to indicate the quality and characteristics of products that will be satisfactory. Offers of "equal" products (including products of the brand name manufacturer other than the one described by brand name) will be considered for award if such products are clearly identified in the offer (see clause 452.211-71) and are determined by the Contracting Officer to meet fully the salient characteristics requirements listed in the solicitation.

(b) Unless the offeror clearly indicates in its offer that it is offering an "equal" product, the offeror shall be considered as offering the brand name product(s) referenced in the solicitation.

(c)(1) If the offeror proposes to furnish an "equal" product or products, the brand name(s), if any, and any other required information about the product(s) to be furnished shall be inserted in the space provided in the solicitation. The evaluation of offers and the determination as to the equality of the product(s) offered shall be the responsibility of the Government and will be based on information furnished by the offeror or identified in its offer as well as other information reasonably available to the contracting activity. Caution to offerors: The contracting activity is not responsible for locating or securing any information which is not identified in the offer and is not reasonably available to the contracting activity. Accordingly, to assure that sufficient information is available, the offeror must furnish as a part of its offer all descriptive material (such as cuts, illustrations, drawings, or other information) necessary for the contracting activity to (i) determine whether the product offered meets the salient characteristics requirement of the solicitation, and (ii) establish exactly what the offeror proposes to furnish and what the Government would be binding itself to purchase by making an award. The information furnished may include specific reference to information previously furnished or to information otherwise available to the contracting activity.

(2) If an offeror proposes to modify a product so as to make it conform to the requirements of the solicitation, the offer shall include (i) a clear description of such proposed modifications and (ii) clearly marked descriptive material to show the proposed modifications.