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B19.02 ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT (OVERSEAS) (DESC AUG 2000)

(a) **WARRANTIES.** The Contractor warrants that--

(1) The unit prices set forth in the Schedule do not include allowances for any portion of the contingency covered by this clause;

and

(2) The prices to be invoiced hereunder shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of this contract.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.** As used throughout this clause, the term--

(1) **Award price** means the unit price set forth opposite the item in the Schedule.

(2) **Reference price** means the independent index or established price set forth in this clause with which the award price is to fluctuate. The reference price should be a price for the same or similar product(s) as the item being purchased.

(3) **Independent index** means an index measuring the general rate and direction of price movements for a commodity within a market which is beyond the control of the Contractor. Examples of such indices would include a wholesale price index such as that published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(4) **Established price** means one that is an established catalog or market price for a commercial item as defined in FAR 2.101,

Definitions.

(5) **Date of delivery** means--

(i) **FOR TANKER OR BARGE DELIVERIES.**

(A) **F.O.B. ORIGIN.** The date and time vessel commences loading;

(B) **F.O.B. DESTINATION.** The date and time vessel commences discharging;

(ii) **FOR PIPELINE DELIVERIES.** The date and time product commences to move past the specified f.o.b. point; and

(iii) **FOR ALL OTHER TYPES OF DELIVERIES.** The date product is received.

(c) **ADJUSTMENTS.** The prices payable under this contract shall be the award price increased or decreased by the amount, determined according to the following formula, that the reference price shall have increased or decreased, to and including the date of delivery.

(1) The amount of increase or decrease in the award price shall be--

(Buyer - Check appropriate box and complete applicable blanks.)

The same number of cents, or fraction thereof, that the reference price increases or decreases per like unit of measure.

The number of cents, or fraction thereof, determined by the ratio of \$_____ per gallon for each \$_____ per barrel that the reference price increases or decreases.

The number of cents, or fraction thereof, at the rate of \$_____ per gallon for each \$_____ per barrel that the reference price increases or decreases.

(2) The reference price with which the award price for the listed item is to fluctuate (and which is more fully defined in the Table below) is--

(i) The low price published in _____.
(name of publication)

(ii) The average of the prices published in Oil Market Report – Monthly Survey (O.M.R.).
(name of publication)

(iii) The established price posted by _____.
(name of company)

and published in _____.
(name of publication)

(3) **COMMERCIAL.** For price adjustments utilizing **commercial** publications such as Platt's Oilgram, etc., the reference price in effect on the date of delivery shall be that item's preselected reference price that is published as dated in the Table below. An increase or decrease in any reference price published in a trade price service or in a commercial journal shall apply only to deliveries made on or after the effective date of such trade price service or commercial journal.

(4) **NONCOMMERCIAL (NOTIFICATION).** For price adjustments utilizing a reference price indicator **other than commercial** publications such as Platt's Oilgram, the Contractor shall notify the **Contracting Officer** of any changes in the reference price in writing within 15 calendar days from the date thereof.

(i) **INCREASES.** Any increase in unit price as a result of an increase in reference price shall apply only to deliveries made on or after the date of receipt by the Contracting Officer of a written notification from the Contractor of such increase. However, the prices payable under this contract shall in no event exceed the Contractor's posted or established selling price in effect on the date of delivery for the product supplied in the form of delivery made at the point of delivery. Also, no notification incorporating an increase in a contract unit price shall be executed pursuant to this clause until the increase has been verified by the Contracting Officer.

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(ii) **DECREASES.** If the Contractor fails to notify the Contracting Officer of any decrease in the reference price, within the allotted 15 day period, such decrease shall apply to all deliveries made on or after the effective date of such decrease. However, if any overpayment is made to the Contractor as a result of the Contractor's failure to give timely notice to the Contracting Officer of any decrease in the established price, the Contractor shall be charged interest on such overpayment from the date of the overpayment to the date of reimbursement by the Contractor for the overpayment in accordance with the Disputes paragraph of the CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS clause of this contract.

(5) Where the reference price is an established price (see (c)(2)(iii) above), the Contractor warrants that the product selected is one for which, except for modification required by the specifications of this contract, the Contractor has an established price. Such price is the net price after applying any applicable standard trade discounts offered by the Contractor for his catalog, list, or schedule price. The Contractor further warrants that, as of the current date, any differences between the unit prices of the line items identified in the Schedule and the Contractor's established price for like quantities of the nearest commercial equivalents of such contract items are due to compliance with contract specifications and to compliance with any requirements that this contract may contain for preservation, packaging, and packing beyond standard commercial practice.

(d) **MODIFICATIONS.** Any resultant price changes shall be provided via notification through contract modifications and/or postings to the DESC web page under the heading **Doing Business with DESC.**

(e) **FAILURE TO DELIVER.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this clause, no upward adjustment shall apply to product scheduled under the contract to be delivered before the effective date of the adjustment, unless the Contractor's failure to deliver according to the delivery schedule results from causes beyond the Contractor's control and without its fault or negligence, within the meaning of the Excusable Delays and Termination for Cause paragraphs of the CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS clause of the this contract, or is the result of an allocation made in accordance with the terms of the ALLOCATION clause of this contract, in which case the contract shall be amended to make an equitable extension of the delivery schedule.

(f) **UPWARD CEILING ON ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT.** The Contractor agrees that the total increase in any contract unit price pursuant to these economic price adjustment provisions shall not exceed 60 percent of the award price during the first program year or of the unit price in effect as of the start of any subsequent program year (if this is a long-term or multiyear program), except as provided hereafter:

(1) If at any time the Contractor has reason to believe that within the near future a price adjustment under the provisions of this clause will be required that will exceed the current contract ceiling price for any item, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer in writing of the expected increase. The notification shall include a revised ceiling the Contractor believes is sufficient to permit completion of remaining contract performance, along with appropriate explanation and documentation as required by the Contracting Officer.

(2) If an actual increase in the reference price would raise a contract unit price for an item above the current ceiling, the Contractor shall have no obligation under this contract to fill pending or future orders for such item, as of the effective date of the increase, unless the Contracting Officer issues a contract modification to raise the ceiling. If the contract ceiling will not be raised, the Contracting Officer shall so promptly notify the Contractor in writing.

(g) **REVISION OF REFERENCE PRICE INDICATOR.** In the event—

(1) Any applicable reference price is discontinued or its method of derivation is altered substantially;

(2) The reference price is an average of published or posted prices, and any one price ceases to be published or posted;

(3) The reference price is published in a trade price service or commercial journal and such publication ceases to publish said reference price or changes its method of quoting prices; *or*

(4) The Contracting Officer determines that the reference price consistently and substantially failed to reflect market conditions— the parties shall mutually agree upon an appropriate and comparable substitute for determining the price adjustment described hereunder. The contract shall be modified to reflect such substitute effective on the date the indicator was discontinued, altered, or began to consistently and substantially fail to reflect market conditions. If the parties fail to agree on an appropriate substitute, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the Disputes paragraph of the CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS clause of this contract.

(h) **CONVERSION FACTORS.** If this clause requires quantity conversion for economic price adjustment purposes, the conversion factors for applicable products, as specified in the CONVERSION FACTORS clause, apply unless otherwise specified in the Schedule.

(i) **EXAMINATION OF RECORDS.** The Contractor agrees that the Contracting Officer or designated representatives shall have the right to examine the Contractor's books, records, documents, or other data the Contracting Officer deems necessary to verify Contractor adherence to the provisions of this clause.

(j) **FINAL INVOICE.** The Contractor shall include a statement on the final invoice that the amounts invoiced hereunder have applied all decreases required by this clause.

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(k) TABLE.

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
Item No. (listed items)	Name of company/ publication (identify by number from (c)(2) above)	If company - name of product; If publication - heading under which reference price is published and name of product	Location where reference price is applicable	Method of delivery applicable to the reference price	Reference price as of <u>01 April 00*</u> DM/100 liters (exclude all taxes)	Maximum price payable under this contract (includes any tax included in the award price)

BASE REFERENCE PRICE – AVERAGE (HIGH) MONTHLY – MARCH 2000

OMR REGIONS APPLICABLE:		
WEST		160.03
RHINE-MAIN		160.33
SOUTH WEST		160.10
SOUTH		160.77
SUM TOTAL:		641.23
AVG:		160.31
LESS TAXES:		50.31
OMR PRICE IN DM/L:		0.5031

Contract price will be updated once a month effective the 1st of the current month through the end of the month using the average (high) monthly postings as published in the Oil Market Report under the heading O.M.R. Oil Market Report – Monthly Survey.

(DESC 52.216-9FAA)

I1.04 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS - COMMERCIAL ITEMS (AUG 2000)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following 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) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (E.O. 11755);
- (2) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (31 U.S.C. 3553).

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b), which 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 or components:

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[Contracting Officer shall check as appropriate.]

- 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government, with Alternate I (41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402).
- 52.219-3, Notice of Total HUBZone Set-Aside (Jan 1999).
- 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (Jan 1999) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer).
- 52.219-5, Very Small Business Set-Aside (Pub. L. 103-403, section 304, Small Business Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 1994). Alt I. Alt II.
- 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).
- 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (15 U.S.C. 637 (d)(4)).
- 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).
- 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323) (if the offeror elects to waive the adjustment, it shall so indicate in its offer). Alt I.
- 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program - Disadvantaged Status and Reporting (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).
- 52.219-26, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program - Incentive Subcontracting (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).
- 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999).
- 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (E.O. 11246).
- 52.222-35, Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (29 U.S.C. 793).
- 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Products (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)). Alt I (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)).
- 52.225-1, Buy American Act - Balance of Payments Program - Supplies (41 U.S.C. 10a - 10d).
- 52.225-3, Buy American Act - North American Free Trade Agreement - Israeli Trade Act - Balance of Payments Program (41 U.S.C 10a - 10d, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note). Alt I. Alt II.
- 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (19 U.S.C 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).
- 52.225-13, Restriction on Certain Foreign Purchases (E.O.'s 12722, 12724, 13059, 13067; 13121, and 13129).
- 52.225-15, Sanctioned European Union Country End Products (E.O. 12849).
- 52.225-16, Sanctioned European Union Country Services (E.O. 12849).

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- 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer -- Central Contractor Registration (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer -- Other than Central Contractor Registration (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (5 U.S.C. 552a).
- 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (46 U.S.C. 1241). Alt I.

(c) The Contractor shall comply with FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, which 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 or components:

[Contracting Officer shall check as appropriate.]

- 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965, as amended (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351 et seq.).
- 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act - Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351 et seq.).
- 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act - Price Adjustment (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351 et seq.).
- 52.222-47, SCA Minimum Wages and Fringe Benefits Applicable to Successor Contract Pursuant to Predecessor Contractor Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) (41 U.S.C. 351 et seq.).
- 52.222-50, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (E.O. 129333).

(d) **COMPTROLLER GENERAL EXAMINATION OF RECORD.** The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, AUDIT AND RECORDS - NEGOTIATION.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the DISPUTES clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to include any FAR clause, other than those listed below (and as may be required by any addenda to this paragraph to establish the reasonableness of prices under Part 15), in a subcontract for commercial items or commercial components:

- 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (E.O. 11246);
- 52.222-35, Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (38 U.S.C. 4212); and
- 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (29 U.S.C. 793).
- 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (46 U.S.C. 1241) (flow down not required for subcontracts awarded beginning May 1, 1996).

(FAR 52.212-5)

II.05 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS APPLICABLE TO DEFENSE ACQUISITIONS OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS (MAR 2000)

(a) The Contractor agrees to comply with any clause that is checked on the following list of DFARS clauses which, if checked, is included in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items or components.

- 252.205-7000 Provision of Information to Cooperative Agreement Holders (10 U.S.C. 2416)
- 252.206-7000 Domestic Source Restriction (10 U.S.C. 2304)
- 252.219-7003 Small, Small Disadvantaged, and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan (DoD Contracts) (15 U.S.C. 637)
- 252.225-7001 Buy American Act and Balance of Payments Program (41 U.S.C. 10a-10-d, E.O. 10582)
- 252.225-7007 Buy American Act -Trade Agreements Act - Balance of Payments Program (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d, 19 U.S.C. 2501-2518, and 19 U.S.C. 3301 note)
- 252.225-7012 Preference for Certain Domestic Commodities
- 252.225-7014 Preference for Domestic Specialty Metals (10 U.S.C. 2341 note)
- 252.225-7015 Preference for Domestic Hand or Measuring Tools (10 U.S.C. 2241 note)
- 252.225-7021 Trade Agreements (19 U.S.C. 2501-2518 and 19 U.S.C. 3301 note)
- 252.225-7027 Restriction on Contingent Fees for Foreign Military Sales (22 U.S.C. 2779)
- 252.225-7028 Exclusionary Policies and Practices of Foreign Governments (22 U.S.C. 2755)
- 252.225-7029 Preference for United States or Canadian Air Circuit Breakers (10 U.S.C. 2534(a)93)
- 252.225-7036 Buy American Act - North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act - Balance of Payments Program (Alt I) (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d and 19 U.S.C. 3301 note)
- 252.227-7015 Technical Data Commercial Items (10 U.S.C. 2320)
- 252.227-7037 Validation of Restrictive Markings on Technical Data (10 U.S.C. 2321)
- 252.243-7002 Requests for Equitable Adjustment (10 U.S.C. 2410)
- 252.247-7023 Transportation of Supplies by Sea (Alt I), (Alt II) (10 U.S.C. 2631)
- 252.247-7024 Notification of Transportation of Supplies by Sea (10 U.S.C. 2631)

(b) In addition to the clauses listed in paragraph (e) of the CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS clause of this contract (Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.212-5), the Contractor shall include the terms of the following clauses, if applicable, in subcontracts for commercial items or commercial components, awarded at any tier under this contract.

- 252.225-7014 Preference for Domestic Specialty Metals, Alternate I (10 U.S.C. 2241 note)
- 252.247-7023 Transportation of Supplies by Sea (10 U.S.C. 2631)
- 252.247-7024 Notification of Transportation of Supplies by Sea (10 U.S.C. 2631)
(DFARS 252.212-7001)

L2.05-5 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS - COMMERCIAL ITEMS (PC&S) (DESC SEP 2000)

(a) **AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATIONS.** If this solicitation is amended, all terms and conditions that are not amended remain unchanged. Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation by the date and time specified in the amendment(s).

(b) **MASTER SOLICITATION.**

(1) This solicitation is [], is not [X] a master solicitation for the Germany PC&S Purchase Program. If this is a master solicitation, it will contain the terms and conditions for this solicitation and for future supplemental solicitations in the program year. Each supplemental solicitation will incorporate by reference the same terms and conditions as this master solicitation, except as specifically stated in that supplemental solicitation. The identical terms and conditions will not be repeated. (Therefore, if this is a master solicitation, it should be retained for the duration of the program.) However, each supplemental solicitation will be considered a separate and individual solicitation.

(2) The initial opening/closing date for the solicitation is January 24, 2001. Subsequent openings/closings for future requirements will be on an as-required basis starting with the first supplemental solicitation and thereafter until the end of the program ordering period as stated in the solicitation.

(c) **SUBMISSION, MODIFICATION, REVISION, AND WITHDRAWAL OF OFFERS.**

(1) Unless other methods (e.g., electronic commerce or facsimile) are permitted in the solicitation, signed and dated offers and modifications thereto shall be submitted in paper media in sealed envelopes or packages (i) addressed to the office specified in the solicitation, and (ii) showing the time and date specified for receipt, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. Offerors using commercial carriers should ensure that the offer is marked on the outermost wrapper with the information in subdivisions (i) and (ii) above. Offers may be submitted on the SF 1449, letterhead stationery, or as otherwise specified in the solicitation.

(2) The first page of the offer must show--

(i) The solicitation number;

(ii) The name, address, and telephone and facsimile numbers of the offeror (and electronic address if available);

(iii) Include name, title, and signature of person authorized to sign the offer. Offers signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the issuing office.

(iv) A technical description of the items being offered in sufficient detail to evaluate compliance with the requirements in the solicitation. This may include product literature, or other documents, if necessary;

(v) Terms of any express warranty;

(vi) Price and any discount terms; and

(vii) A completed copy of the representations and certifications in the Offeror Submission Package.

(3) **IFBs ONLY.**

(i) Facsimile bids _____ authorized for this solicitation.

(ii) **EVALUATION - Net Payment Terms.** Offers under an IFB that include net payment terms less than 30 days will be determined nonresponsive.

(iii) Prices shall be offered on an economic price adjustment basis only. Firm prices will be nonresponsive and will be rejected.

(iv) The prices set forth on the Price Data Sheet in the block marked "Bid Price" will be a per gallon price. These prices shall not exceed six digits to the right of the decimal (e.g., \$1.030454).

(4) **RFPs ONLY.**

(i) If the offer is not submitted on the SF 1449, include a statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation. Offers that fail to furnish required representations or information, or that reject the terms and conditions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.

(ii) Past performance information, when included as an evaluation factor, to include recent and relevant contracts for the same or similar items and other references (including contract numbers, points of contact with telephone numbers and other relevant information); and

(d) **NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NAICS) CODE AND SMALL BUSINESS SIZE STANDARD.** The NAICS code and small business size standard for this acquisition appear in Block 10 of the solicitation cover sheet (SF 1449). However, the small business size standard for a concern that submits an offer in its own name, but which proposes to furnish an item that it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(e) **PERIOD FOR ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS.** The offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for 100 calendar days from the date specified for receipt of offers, unless another time period is specified in an addendum to the solicitation.

(f) **PRODUCT SAMPLES.** When required by the solicitation, product samples shall be submitted at or prior to the time specified for receipt of offers. Unless otherwise specified in this solicitation, these samples shall be submitted at no expense to the Government, and returned at the sender's request and expense, unless they are destroyed during preaward testing.

(g) **MULTIPLE OFFERS.** Offerors are encouraged to submit multiple offers presenting alternative terms and conditions or commercial items for satisfying the requirements of this solicitation. Each offer submitted will be evaluated separately.

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(h) **LATE SUBMISSIONS, MODIFICATIONS, REVISIONS, AND WITHDRAWALS OF OFFERS.**

(1) Offerors are responsible for submitting offers, and any modifications, revisions, or withdrawals, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office on the date that offers or revisions are due.

(2) (i) Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is "**late**" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition; and--

(A) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of offers; or

(B) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of offers; or

(C) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, it was the only proposal received.

(ii) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer, that makes its terms more favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

(3) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the offer wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.

(4) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that offers cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of offers by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation or other notice of an extension of the closing date, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.

(5) Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers. Oral offers in response to oral solicitations may be withdrawn orally. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers, subject to the conditions specified in the solicitation concerning facsimile offers. An offer may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for receipt of offers, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer.

(i) Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, the offeror may propose to provide any item or combination of items.

(j) Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation shall be in English and in U.S. dollars unless otherwise permitted by the solicitation.

(k) Offerors may submit revised proposals only if requested or allowed by the Contracting Officer.

(l) Proposals may be withdrawn at any time before award. Withdrawals are effective upon receipt of notice by the Contracting Officer.

(m) **CONTRACT AWARD.**

(1) **RFPs ONLY (not applicable to IFBs).**

(i) While the Government intends to evaluate offers and award a contract without discussions, it reserves the right to conduct discussions if later determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary.

(ii) The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract after conducting discussions with offerors whose proposals have been determined to be within the competitive range. If the Contracting Officer determines that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Contracting Officer may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals. Therefore, the offeror's initial proposal should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint.

(iii) Exchanges with offerors after receipt of a proposal do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by the Government.

(2) The Government intends to award a contract or contracts resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror(s) whose offer(s) conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, cost or price and other factors (including subfactors) specified elsewhere in this solicitation, considered.

(3) The Government may reject any or all offers if such action is in the Government's interest.

(4) The Government may waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.

(5) The Government may accept any item or group of items of a proposal, unless the offeror qualifies the proposal by specific limitations. Unless otherwise provided in the Schedule, proposals may not be submitted for quantities less than those specified. The Government reserves the right to make an award on any item for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit prices offered, unless the offeror specifies otherwise in the offer.

(6) A written award or acceptance of offer mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time specified in the offer shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

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- (7) The Government may disclose the following information in postaward debriefings to other offerors:
- (i) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful offeror;
 - (ii) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection;
 - (iii) A summary of the rationale for award; and
 - (iv) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror.

(n) **AVAILABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENTS CITED IN THE SOLICITATION.**

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