

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

1) Price

2) Past Performance: Past Performance will be evaluated how the organization has performed on similar efforts in size and scope in the past. **Offerors must submit past performance history for all jobs of a similar nature performed in the past five (5) years.** The statement shall include an experience record for the individual(s) who will oversee the work that demonstrates the required experience and a list of references, for a minimum of the contractor's three most recent jobs of comparable scope to this project. The Past Performance evaluation will include assessments of service, quality, and ability to meet schedule and provide timely remedies. The Government may consider any information submitted by the offeror or its references as well as any information obtained or maintained by the Government, including any files and Past Performance databases. Past Performance data shall be submitted in accordance with section (b)(10) of clause 52.212-1 included herein.

If one quotation is better in terms of Past Performance and has the lower price, then it will be considered the best value. If one quotation is better in terms of Past Performance but has the higher price, then the Government will determine whether the differences in the non-price related factors are worth the difference in price. Accordingly, the Government reserves the right to issue an order to other than the lowest priced quote.

The Government intends to issue a purchase request to the successful quoter (the one submitting the quote with the Best Value) within the time specified in the quote. The quoter's written acceptance of the purchase request shall result in a binding agreement without further action by either party.

The Government intends to make its award decisions without discussions. Therefore, each offeror is encouraged to provide the Government with all of the information necessary to evaluate its proposal under the evaluation factors stated above. Offerors that fail to submit all the information necessary to evaluate their proposal with their initial proposal bear the risk that their proposal will be rejected without discussions.

b. Options. The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s). Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer),

whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

c. A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed, faxed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

(End of clause)