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To: NCI Bid Board

From: Teferi Gebremariam

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Subject: NCI Bid Board Posting – Maintenance Agreement for BD LSRFortessa Cell Analyzer

Since its inception in 1956, the Lymphoid Malignancies Branch (formerly the Metabolism Branch) has been an exemplar of translational research. Its investigators combine basic research, preclinical investigation, and drug development with innovative, therapeutic clinical trials that have as their scientific basis fundamental research performed in the Branch. Primary interests of the Branch concern the identification of abnormalities to the regulation of the immune response and the definition of molecular disorders that underlie lymphoid malignancies. The fundamental laboratory-based studies concern molecular biology of human lymphoid malignancies (Louis Staudt); the Staudt Laboratory uses genomic approaches to establish a molecular diagnosis of lymphoid malignancies and to discover new targets for therapy of these diseases.

The primary objective of the Maintenance Agreement is to maintain and provide preventive maintenance for BD LSRFortessa Cell Analyzer with one Computer Workstation (Serial No: R64717700197), LSR FACSFlow (Serial No. N349277542, and BD High Throughput Sampler (Serial No. R658946000551).

The National Cancer Institute plans to purchase a Maintenance Agreement for BD LSRFortessa Cell Analyzer from BD to perform this work. This is not a request for competitive quotation. However, if any interested party believes it can meet the attached requirements, it may submit a statement of capabilities. The capability statement must be in writing and must contain information and material in sufficient detail to allow NCI to determine is the party can fully meet this requirement. The capability statement must be received in the contracting office by 11:30 AM on January 14, 2024 ET. A determination by the Government not to compete this requirement based upon responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the Government. Information received will be considered solely for the purpose of determining whether to conduct a competitive procurement.

Sole Source Justification:

BD Biosciences is the only contractor authorized and capable of providing service and parts to its proprietary systems. It was reached out to fellow scientists at the NIH for their recommendations, researched online at GSA Advantage, and SAMs.gov to identify possible 3rd party vendors. It was determined that BD Biosciences is the sole manufacturer of this equipment and the most qualified vendor to perform factory authorized maintenance and repair of the instrument.

Attached Documents:

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Statement of Work

FAR Clause 52.213-4 Simplified Acquisitions Terms and Conditions (AUG 2019) is applicable and available in full text upon request

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1.0 SCOPE

The Contractor shall provide all labor, material, and equipment necessary to maintain and provide preventive maintenance for the following equipment: BD LSRFortessa Cell Analyzer with one Computer Workstation (Serial No: R64717700197), LSR FACSFlow (Serial No. N349277542, and BD High Throughput Sampler (Serial No. R658946000551). The Lymphoid Malignancies Branch focuses on to elucidate the mechanisms by which lymphomas develop and identify therapeutic vulnerabilities in lymphoid malignancies using in vivo and in vitro models and whole genome CRISPR screens of lymphoma cell lines. A BD LSRFortessa Cell Analyzer (Serial No: R64717700197) is utilized for these efforts. All maintenance services shall be performed on-site in accordance with the manufacturer's standard commercial maintenance practices.

2.0 TYPE OF ORDER

This is a firm fixed-price purchase order.

3.0 SPECIAL ORDER REQUIREMENTS

3.1 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

The Contractor shall perform two (2) planned preventive maintenances during the contract period. Services shall be performed by technically qualified factory-trained personnel. Service shall consist of a thorough cleaning, calibration, adjusting, inspection, and testing of all equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's latest established service procedures. Equipment shall be operationally tested through at least one (1) complete operating cycle at the end of the preventive maintenance inspection to assure optimum and efficient performance.

3.2 EMERGENCY SERVICE

On-site, emergency repair service visit shall be provided during the term of this contract at no additional cost to the government. Emergency service shall be provided during normal working hours, Monday through Friday excluding Federal Holidays. Upon receipt of notice that any part of the equipment is not functioning properly the Contractor shall within provide a one (1) hour initial response with a four (4) hour on-site response a qualified factory-trained service representative to inspect the equipment and perform all repairs and adjustments necessary to restore the equipment to normal and efficient operating condition. Emergency service calls shall not replace the necessity for planned preventative maintenance. All labor and travel will be included.

3.3 REPLACEMENT PARTS

The Contractor shall furnish all required replacement parts, except for consumable parts, at no additional cost to the Government. Parts shall be certified OEM parts that are new to original equipment manufacturer specifications. Parts shall be delivered within 24 hours, or the next business day should the request fall on a Friday or a day preceding a Federal Holiday.

3.4 SOFTWARE UPDATES/SERVICE

The Contractor shall ensure that software is updated with all major software update releases, all maintenance release/service pack updates, Legal/Regulatory mandated updates, reliability fixes to existing software, Firmware updates, and all other similar updates. The Contractor must also diagnose and mitigate issues between system software and hardware to ensure equipment is fully operational. The contractor shall receive advance approval for the installation of all software updates and revisions from the Government. Defective software shall be replaced at no additional cost to the government.

The Contractor shall provide unlimited technical telephone support (24hrs/day, 7 days/week) for troubleshooting for the instrument, application, software, and operating system support (M-F 8am-9pm), excluding Federal holidays at no additional cost to the Government.

3.5 SERVICE EXCLUSIONS

The Contractor shall not be responsible for any repairs necessitated by abuse, neglect, vandalism, Acts of God, fire, or water. These repairs shall be the subject of a separate purchase order and shall not be performed under this contract.

3.6 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The base period of performance shall be for 7 months from February 1, 2024, to August 31, 2024.

3.7 PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS

Technically qualified factory-trained personnel shall perform service to BD LSRFortessa Cell Analyzer with one Computer Workstation (Serial No: R64717700197), LSR FACSFlow (Serial No. N349277542, and BD High Throughput Sampler (Serial No. R658946000551) located at NIH, NCI, Lymphoid Malignancies Branch, Bldg. 10, Room 6N115, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD, 20892, as covered by this contract. All primary service personnel shall have at least one backup support person with at least the same level of expertise on the equipment covered by this contract.

4.0 DELIVERABLES

An PDF copy of the Field Service Report shall be sent electronically to Michael Petrus (michael.petrus@nih.gov) within five (5) business days at the conclusion of the service.

5.0 PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

Onsite services shall be performed at the following location:

NIH, NCI, Lymphoid Malignancies Branch 10 Center Drive Bldg. 10, Room 6N115 Bethesda, MD 20892

6.0 PAYMENT

Payment shall be made <u>quarterly in arrears</u>. Payment authorization requires submission and approval of invoices to the COR and NIH OFM, in accordance with the payment provisions listed below:

The following clause is applicable to all Purchase Orders, Task or Delivery Orders, and Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) Calls: PROMPT PAYMENT (JUL 2013) FAR 52.232-25. Highlights of this clause and NIH implementation requirements follow:

I INVOICE REQUIREMENTS

- A. An invoice is the Contractor's bill or written request for payment under the contract for supplies delivered or services performed. A proper invoice is an "Original" which must include the items listed in subdivisions 1 through 12, below, in addition to the requirements of FAR 32.9. If the invoice does not comply with these requirements, the Contractor will be notified of the defect within 7 days after the date the designated billing office received the invoice (3 days for meat, meat food products, or fish, and 5 days for perishable agricultural commodities, dairy products, edible fats, or oils) with a statement of the reasons why it is not a proper invoice. (See exceptions under II., below.) Untimely notification will be considered in the computation of any interest penalty owed the Contractor.
 - 1. Vendor/Contractor: Name, Address, Point of Contact for the invoice (Name, title, telephone number, e-mail, and mailing address of point of contact).
 - 2. Remit-to address (Name and complete mailing address to send payment).
 - 3. Remittance name must match exactly with name on original order/contract. If the Remittance name differs from the Legal Business Name, then both names must appear on the invoice.
 - 4. Invoice date.
 - 5. Unique invoice #s for all invoices per vendor regardless of site.
 - 6. NBS document number formats must be included for awards created in the NBS: Contract Number; Purchase Order Number; Task or Delivery Order Number and Source Award Number (e.g., Indefinite Delivery Contract number; General Services Administration number); or BPA Call Number and BPA Parent Award Number.
 - 7. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) or DUNS + 4 as registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR).
 - 8. Federal Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). In those exceptional cases where a contractor does not have a DUN'S number or TIN, a Vendor Identification Number (VIN) must be referenced on the invoice. The VIN is the number that appears after the contractor's name on the face page of the award document.

- 9. Identify that payment is to be made using a three-way match.
- 10. Description of supplies/services that match the description on the award, by line billed.*
- 11. Freight or delivery charge must be billed as shown on the award. If it is included in the item price do not bill it separately. If identified in the award as a separate line item, it must be billed separately.
- 12. Quantity, Unit of Measure, Unit Price, Extended Price of supplies delivered or services performed, as applicable, and that match the line items specified in the award.*
- * NOTE: If your invoice must differ from the line items on the award, please contact the Contracting Officer before submitting the invoice. A modification to the order or contract may be needed before the invoice can be submitted and paid.
 - B. Shipping costs will be reimbursed only if authorized by the Contract/Purchase Order. If authorized, shipping costs must be itemized. Where shipping costs exceed \$100, the invoice must be supported by a bill of lading or a paid carrier's receipt.
 - C. Mail an original and 1 copy of the itemized invoice to:

National Institutes of Health Office of Financial Management, Commercial Accounts 2115 East Jefferson Street, Room 4B-432, MSC 8500 Bethesda, MD 20892-8500

For inquiries regarding payment call: (301) 496-6088

To facilitate the prompt payment of invoices, it is recommended that the vendor submit a photocopy of the invoice to the "Consignee" designated for the acquisition in blocks 6A – 6E of the face page of the Order/Award document.

II. INVOICE PAYMENT

- A. Except as indicated in paragraph B., below, the due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office shall be the later of the following two events:
 - 1. The 30th day after the designated billing office has received a proper invoice.
 - 2. The 30th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed.
- B. The due date for making invoice payments for meat and meat food products, perishable agricultural commodities, dairy products, and edible fats or oils, shall be in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act, as amended.

III. INTEREST PENALTIES

- A. An interest penalty shall be paid automatically, if payment is not made by the due date and the conditions listed below are met, if applicable.
 - 1. A proper invoice was received by the designated billing office.
 - 2. A receiving report or other Government documentation authorizing payment was

- processed and there was no disagreement over quantity, quality, or contractor compliance with a term or condition.
- 3. In the case of a final invoice for any balance of funds due the contractor for supplies delivered or services performed, the amount was not subject to further settlement actions between the Government and the Contractor.
- B. Determination of interest and penalties due will be made in accordance with the provisions of the Prompt Payment Act, as amended, the Contract Disputes Act, and regulations issued by the Office of Management and Budget.
- IV. PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENT TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS, FAR 52.232-40 (DEC 2013)
 - a) Upon receipt of accelerated payments from the Government, the Contractor shall make accelerated payments to its small business subcontractors under this contract, to the maximum extent practicable and prior to when such payment is otherwise required under the applicable contract or subcontract, after receipt of a proper invoice and all other required documentation from the small business subcontractor.
 - b) The acceleration of payments under this clause does not provide any new rights under the prompt Payment Act.

Include the substance of this clause, include this paragraph c, in all subcontracts with small business concerns, including subcontracts with small business concerns for the acquisition of commercial items.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS – SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS (OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Update per FAC 2023-05 Last updated: 9/2023

FAR 52.213-4 TERMS AND CONDITIONS – SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS (OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES) (SEP 2023).

- (a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses that are incorporated by reference:
 - (1) The clauses listed below implement provisions of law or Executive order:
- (i) <u>52.203-19</u>, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (JAN 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).
- (ii) <u>52.204-23</u>, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (Nov 2021) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).
- (iii) <u>52.204-25</u>, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (Nov 2021) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).
- (iv) <u>52.204-27</u>, Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application (JuN 2023) (Section 102 of Division R of Pub. L. 117-328), unless the agency grants an exception see paragraph (b) of 52.204-27.
 - (v) <u>52.222-3</u>, Convict Labor (Jun 2003) (E.O.11755).
 - (vi) <u>52.222-21</u>, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).
 - (vii) <u>52.222-26</u>, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O.11246).
- (viii) <u>52.225-13</u>, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (FEB 2021) (E.O.s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
- (ix) <u>52.232-40</u>, Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (Mar 2023) (31 U.S.C. 3903 and 10 U.S.C. 3801).
 - (x) <u>52.233-3</u>, Protest After Award (Aug 1996) (<u>31 U.S.C.3553</u>).

- (xi) <u>52.233-4</u>, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Pub.L.108-77 and 108-78 (<u>19 U.S.C. 3805 note</u>)).
 - (2) Listed below are additional clauses that apply:
 - (i) 52.232-1, Payments (APR 1984).
 - (ii) <u>52.232-8</u>, Discounts for Prompt Payment (FEB 2002).
 - (iii) 52.232-11, Extras (APR 1984).
 - (iv) <u>52.232-25</u>, Prompt Payment (JAN 2017).
 - (v) <u>52.232-39</u>, Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations (Jun 2013).
 - (vi) 52.233-1, Disputes (MAY 2014).
 - (vii) <u>52.244-6</u>, Subcontracts for Commercial Products and Commercial Services (SEP 2023).
 - (viii) <u>52.253-1</u>, Computer Generated Forms (JAN 1991).
- (b) The Contractor shall comply with the following FAR clauses, incorporated by reference, unless the circumstances do not apply:
 - (1) The clauses listed below implement provisions of law or Executive order:
- (i) <u>52.204-10</u>, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Jun 2020)(Pub. L. 109-282) (<u>31 U.S.C. 6101 note</u>) (Applies to contracts valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR 4.1403(a) on the date of award of this contract).
- (ii) <u>52.222-19</u>, Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (DEC 2022) (E.O. 13126) (Applies to contracts for supplies exceeding the micro-purchase threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of award of this contract).
- (iii) <u>52.222-20</u>, Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment., Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment (Jun 2020) (<u>41 U.S.C.chapter 65</u>) (Applies to supply contracts over the threshold specified in FAR 22.602 on the date of award of this contract, in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands).
- (iv) <u>52.222-35</u>, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Jun 2020) (<u>38 U.S.C. 4212</u>) (Applies to contracts valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR <u>22.1303</u>(a) on the date of award of this contract).
- (v) <u>52.222-36</u>, Equal Employment for Workers with Disabilities (Jun 2020) (<u>29</u> <u>U.S.C. 793</u>) (Applies to contracts over the threshold specified in FAR <u>22.1408</u>(a) on the date of

- award of this contract, unless the work is to be performed outside the United States by employees recruited outside the United States). (For purposes of this clause, "United States" includes the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Wake Island.)
- (vi) <u>52.222-37</u>, Employment Reports on Veterans (Jun 2020) (<u>38 U.S.C. 4212</u>) (Applies to contracts valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR <u>22.1303</u>(a) on the date of award of this contract).
- (vii) <u>52.222-41</u>, Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>) (Applies to service contracts over \$2,500 that are subject to the Service Contract Labor Standards statute and will be performed in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Johnston Island, Wake Island, or the outer Continental Shelf).
- (viii) (A) <u>52.222-50</u>, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Nov 2021)(<u>22 U.S.C. chapter 78</u> and E.O. 13627) (Applies to all solicitations and contracts).
- (B) Alternate I (MAR 2015) (Applies if the Contracting Officer has filled in the following information with regard to applicable directives or notices: Document title(s), source for obtaining document(s), and contract performance location outside the United States to which the document applies).
- (ix) <u>52.222-55</u>, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (Jan 2022) (Applies when <u>52.222-6</u> or <u>52.222-41</u> are in the contract and performance in whole or in part is in the United States (the 50 States and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Johnston Island, Wake Island, and the outer Continental Shelf as defined in the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331, *et seq.*))).
- (x) <u>52.222-62</u>, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (Jan 2022)) (E.O. 13706) (Applies when <u>52.222-6</u> or <u>52.222-41</u> are in the contract and performance in whole or in part is in the United States (the 50 States and the District of Columbia.))
- (xi) <u>52.223-5</u>, Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information (MAY 2011) (E.O. 13423) (Applies to services performed on Federal facilities).
- (xii) <u>52.223-11</u>, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693)(applies to contracts for products as prescribed at FAR <u>23.804(a)(1)</u>).
- (xiii) <u>52.223-12</u>, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693) (Applies to maintenance, service, repair, or disposal of refrigeration equipment and air conditioners).

- (xiv) <u>52.223-15</u>, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (MAY 2020) (<u>42 U.S.C. 8259b</u>) (Unless exempt pursuant to <u>23.204</u>, applies to contracts when energy-consuming products listed in the ENERGY STAR® Program or Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)) will be-
 - (A) Delivered;
- (B) Acquired by the Contractor for use in performing services at a Federally-controlled facility;
 - (C) Furnished by the Contractor for use by the Government; or
- (D) Specified in the design of a building or work, or incorporated during its construction, renovation, or maintenance).
- (xv) <u>52.223-20</u>, Aerosols (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693) (Applies to contracts for products that may contain high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons as a propellant or as a solvent; or contracts for maintenance or repair of electronic or mechanical devices).
- (xvi) <u>52.223-21</u>, Foams (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693) (Applies to contracts for products that may contain high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons or refrigerant blends containing hydrofluorocarbons as a foam blowing agent; or contracts for construction of buildings or facilities.
- (xvii) (A) <u>52.225-1</u>, Buy American-Supplies (Oct 2022) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>) (Applies to contracts for supplies, and to contracts for services involving the furnishing of supplies, for use in the United States or its outlying areas, if the value of the supply contract or supply portion of a service contract exceeds the micro-purchase threshold, as defined in FAR <u>2.101</u> on the date of award of this contract, and the acquisition-
 - (1) Is set aside for small business concerns; or
- (2) Cannot be set aside for small business concerns (see <u>19.502-2</u>), and does not exceed \$50,000).
- (B) Alternate I (OCT 2022) (Applies if the Contracting Officer has filled in the domestic content threshold below, which will apply to the entire contract period of performance. Substitute the following sentence for the first sentence of paragraph (1)(ii)(A) of the definition of domestic end product in paragraph (a) of 52.225-1: (A) The cost of its components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States exceeds __ percent of the cost of all its components. [Contracting officer to insert the percentage per instructions at 13.302-5(d)(4).])
- (xviii) <u>52.226-6</u>, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations., Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (Jun 2020) (<u>42 U.S.C. 1792</u>)

(Applies to contracts greater than the threshold specified in FAR <u>26.404</u> on the date of award of this contract, that provide for the provision, the service, or the sale of food in the United States).

- (xix) <u>52.232-33</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (OCT 2013)(Applies when the payment will be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) and the payment office uses the System for Award Management (SAM) as its source of EFT information).
- (xx) <u>52.232-34</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other than System for Award Management (JUL 2013) (Applies when the payment will be made by EFT and the payment office does not use the SAM database as its source of EFT information).
- (xxi) <u>52.247-64</u>, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Nov 2021) (<u>46 U.S.C. 55305</u>) (Applies to supplies transported by ocean vessels (except for the types of subcontracts listed at <u>47.504(d)</u>).
 - (2) Listed below are additional clauses that may apply:
- (i) <u>52.204-21</u>, Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems (Nov 2021) (Applies to contracts when the contractor or a subcontractor at any tier may have Federal contract information residing in or transiting through its information system.
- (ii) <u>52.209-6</u>, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (Nov 2021) (Applies to contracts over the threshold specified in FAR <u>9.405-2(b)</u> on the date of award of this contract).
- (iii) <u>52.211-17</u>, Delivery of Excess Quantities (Sept 1989) (Applies to fixed-price supplies).
- (iv) <u>52.247-29</u>, F.o.b. Origin (FEB 2006) (Applies to supplies if delivery is f.o.b. origin).
- (v) <u>52.247-34</u>, F.o.b. Destination (Nov 1991) (Applies to supplies if delivery is f.o.b. destination).
- (c) 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):

- (d) *Inspection/Acceptance*. The Contractor shall tender for acceptance only those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to inspect or test any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The Government may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or reperformance of nonconforming services at no increase in contract price. The Government must exercise its post acceptance rights-
- (1) Within a reasonable period of time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and
- (2) Before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item.
- (e) Excusable delays. The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence, such as acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to the Contracting Officer of the cessation of such occurrence.
- (f) Termination for the Government's convenience. The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges that the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government, using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred that reasonably could have been avoided.
- (g) *Termination for cause*. The Government may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the Government, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the Government shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the Government improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

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

(End of clause).

52.203-17 Contractor Employee Whistleblower Rights.

As prescribed in 3.906, insert the following clause:

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS (Nov 2023)

- (a) This contract and employees working on this contract will be subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies established at $\underline{41 \text{ U.S.C. } 4712}$ and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) $\underline{3.900}$ through $\underline{3.905}$.
- (b) The Contractor shall inform its employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under <u>41 U.S.C. 4712</u>, as described in FAR <u>3.900</u> through <u>3.905</u>.
- (c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts.

(End of clause)

Invoice and Payment Provisions (Vendor has Transitioned to IPP)

The following clause is applicable to all Purchase Orders, Task or Delivery Orders, and Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) Calls: **Prompt Payment** (Jan 2017) FAR 52.232-25. Highlights of this clause and NIH implementation requirements follow:

I. Invoice Requirements

- A. An invoice is the Contractor's bill or written request for payment under the contract for supplies delivered or services performed. A proper invoice is an "Original" which must include the items listed in subdivisions 1 through 12, below, in addition to the requirements of FAR 32.9. If the invoice does not comply with these requirements, the Contractor will be notified of the defect within 7 days after the date the designated billing office received the invoice (3 days for meat, meat food products, or fish, and 5 days for perishable agricultural commodities, dairy products, edible fats, or oils) with a statement of the reasons why it is not a proper invoice. (See exceptions under II., below.) Untimely notification will be considered in the computation of any interest penalty owed the Contractor.
- 1. Vendor/Contractor: Name, Address, Point of Contact for the invoice (Name, title, telephone number, e-mail and mailing address of point of contact).
- 2. Remit-to address (Name and complete mailing address to send payment).
- 3. Remittance name must match exactly with name on original order/contract. If the Remittance name differs from the Legal Business Name, then both names must appear on the invoice.
- 4. Invoice date.
- 5. Unique invoice #s for all invoices per vendor regardless of site.
- 6. NBS document number formats must be included for awards created in the NBS: Contract Number; Purchase Order Number; Task or Delivery Order Number and Source Award Number (e.g., Indefinite Delivery Contract number; General Services Administration number); or, BPA Call Number and BPA Parent Award Number.
- 7. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) which is in the System for Award Management (SAM) and replaces the Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number.
- 8. Federal Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). In those rare cases where a contractor does not have a UEI number or TIN, a Vendor Identification Number (VIN)must be referenced on the invoice. The VIN is the number that appears after the contractor's name on the face page of the award document.
- 9. Identify that payment is to be made using a three-way match.
- 10. Description of supplies/services that match the description on the award, by line billed.*
- 11. Freight or delivery charge must be billed as shown on the award. If it is included in the item price do not bill it separately. If identified in the award as a separate line item, it must be billed separately.
- 12. Quantity, Unit of Measure, Unit Price, Extended Price of supplies delivered or services performed, as applicable, and that **match** the line items specified in the award.*

NOTE: If your invoice must differ from the line items on the award, please contact the Contracting Officer before submitting the invoice. A modification to the order or contract may be needed before the invoice can be submitted and paid.

Shipping costs will be reimbursed only if authorized by the Contract/Purchase Order. If authorized, shipping costs must be itemized. Where shipping costs exceed \$100, the invoice must be supported by a bill of lading or a paid carrier's receipt.

B. The Contractor shall submit invoices to the Department of Treasury's Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) at https://www.ipp.gov with a copy to the approving official, as directed below.

The Contractor shall submit a copy of the electronic invoice to the following Approving Official (Contracting Officer) and Contracting Officer's Representative:

Approving Official: Cont	tracting Officer
Name	Email Address-
Contracting Officer's Re	presentative
Name	Email Address-

II. Invoice Payment

- A. Except as indicated in paragraph B., below, the due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office shall be the later of the following two events:
- 1. The 30th day after the designated billing office has received a proper invoice.
- 2. The 30th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed.
- B. The due date for making invoice payments for meat and meat food products, perishable agricultural commodities, dairy products, and edible fats or oils, shall be in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act, as amended.

III. Interest Penalties

- A. An interest penalty shall be paid automatically, if payment is not made by the due date and the conditions listed below are met, if applicable.
- 1. A proper invoice was received by the designated billing office.
- 2. A receiving report or other Government documentation authorizing payment was processed and there was no disagreement over quantity, quality, or contractor compliance with a term or condition.
- 3. In the case of a final invoice for any balance of funds due the contractor for supplies delivered or services performed, the amount was not subject to further settlement

actions between the Government and the Contractor.

B. Determination of interest and penalties due will be made in accordance with the provisions of the Prompt Payment Act, as amended, the Contract Disputes Act, and regulations issued by the Office of Management and Budget.

IV. PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENT TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS, FAR 52.232-40 (November 2021)

- (a) Upon receipt of accelerated payments from the Government, the Contractor shall make accelerated payments to its small business subcontractors under this contract, to the maximum extent practicable and prior to when such payment is otherwise required under the applicable contract or subcontract, after receipt of a proper invoice and all other required documentation from the small business subcontractor.
- (b) The acceleration of payments under this clause does not provide any new rights under the Prompt Payment Act.
- (c) Include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts with small business concerns, including subcontracts with small business concerns for the acquisition of commercial products or commercial services.

(End of Clause)

V. HHSAR 352.232-71 Electronic Submission of Payment Requests (February 2, 2022)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

Payment request means a bill, voucher, invoice, or request for contract financing payment with associated supporting documentation. The payment request must comply with the requirements identified in FAR 32.905(b), "Content of Invoices" and the applicable Payment clause included in this contract.

- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this clause, the Contractor shall submit payment requests electronically using the Department of Treasury Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) or successor system. Information regarding IPP, including IPP Customer Support contact information, is available at www.ipp.gov or any successor site.
- (c) The Contractor may submit payment requests using other than IPP only when the Contracting Officer authorizes alternate procedures in writing in accordance with HHS procedures.
- (d) If alternate payment procedures are authorized, the Contractor shall include a copy of the Contracting Officer's written authorization with each payment request.

(End of Clause)