

Dear prospective offeror,

SUBJECT: Solicitation Number SGR100-11-R-1351

The Embassy of the United States of America invites you to submit a proposal for the following project:
Underground Storage Tank Replacement

If you are interested in submitting a proposal on this project, read the instructions in Section L of the attached Request for Proposals (RFP).

If you intend to submit a proposal, you should thoroughly examine all documents contained in the contract solicitation package. The Embassy intends to conduct a site visit (see L.6, 52.236-27) and hold a pre-proposal conference. All prospective offerors who have received a solicitation package are invited to attend. The Embassy has established a site visit on **September 1, 2011 at 10.30 hours**. The conference will be held the **same day at 11.00hours..** Submit any questions you may have concerning the solicitation documents in writing by August 29, 2011 so that a response can be provided at this conference.

Your proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal Enclosed", Attn: Contracting Officer, 91 Vasilissis Sofias Avenue , Greece **on or before 14.00 hours on September 21, 2011**. No proposal will be accepted after this time.

Complete the OFFER portion of the Standard Form 1442, including all blank spaces, and have the form signed by an authorized representative of your company, or the proposal may be considered unacceptable and may be rejected.

In order for a proposal to be considered, you must also complete and submit the following:

1. Attachment 3, Proposal Breakdown by Divisions;
2. Section K, Representations and Certifications;
3. Bar Chart illustrating sequence of work to be performed;
4. Additional information as required in Section L.

The contract will be a firm fixed price contract, with no adjustment for any escalation in costs or prices of labor or materials. Each offeror will be responsible for determining the amount of labor and materials that will be required to complete the project, and for pricing its proposal accordingly.

Please be advised that each offeror is responsible for furnishing complete information to its subcontractor and suppliers, such as details and quantities required by the drawings and specifications. Subcontractors and suppliers should not be referred to the Embassy or the Architect for determining the amount or quantities of materials required.

The construction completion time is 40 calendar days, commencing seven (7) calendar days after receiving the Notice to Proceed. In the event of an unauthorized or unexcused delay in completing the project, liquidated damages in the amount of Euros 150.00 per calendar day will be assessed until substantial completion of the project is achieved.

The Contracting Officer reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in proposals received. In addition, the Embassy reserves the right to establish a competitive range of one or more offerors and to conduct further negotiations concerning price and other terms before awarding the contract, or to award without discussions.

Please direct any questions regarding this solicitation by letter or by telephone to Mr. Apostolos Mouyios, Procurement Agent. Questions must be written in English, and may be sent to fax number 210-722 7255 or email MouyiosTV@state.gov by 14.00 local time, on September 6, 2011

Sincerely,

Sergey A. Olhovsky
Contracting Officer

SOLICITATION, OFFER, AND AWARD <i>(Construction, Alteration, or Repair)</i>	1. SOLICITATION NO. SGR100-11-R-1351	2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION <input type="checkbox"/> SEALED BID (IFB) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGOTIATED (RFP)	3. DATE ISSUED 8/22/2011	PAGE OF PAGES 1 83
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IMPORTANT - The "offer" section on the reverse must be fully completed by offeror.

4. CONTRACT NO. SGR100-11-R-1351	5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO.	6. PROJECT NO.
7. ISSUED BY U.S. Embassy Athens – GSO 91 Vas. Sofias Avenue 101 60 ATHENS	CODE	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO See Item 7
9. FOR INFORMATION CALL:	A. NAME → Mr. Apostolos Mouyios	B. TELEPHONE NO. <i>(Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS)</i> 210- +30 - 210 - 720 2296

SOLICITATION

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

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

- Section A- SF 1442
- Section B - Supplies and prices
- Section C - Description/Specs/Work Statement
- Section D- Packaging and Marking
- Section E - Inspection and Acceptance
- Section F - Deliveries or Performance
- Section G – Contract Administration Data
- Section H - Special Contract Requirements
- Section I - Contract Clauses
- Section J - List of Attachments
- Section K - Representations and Certifications
- Section L - Instructions, Conditions and Notices to Offerors
- Section M - Evaluation Factors for Award

11. The Contractor shall begin performance on see F.2.a and complete it within see F.2.c. calendar days after receiving
 award, notice to proceed. This performance period is mandatory, negotiable. *(See F.3.)*

12A. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH ANY REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS? <i>(If "YES," indicate within how many calendar days after award in Item 12B.)</i> X YES NO	12B. CALENDAR DAYS Ten (10)
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13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Sealed offers in original and 2 copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in Item 8 by **14.00hours** local time, September 21, 2011. If this is a sealed bid solicitation, offers must be publicly opened at that time. Sealed envelopes containing offers shall be marked to show the offeror's name and address, the solicitation number, and the date and time offers are due
- B. An offer guarantee is, is not required.
- C. All offers are subject to the (1) work requirements, and (2) other provisions and clauses incorporated in the solicitation in full text or by reference.
- D. Offers providing less than 30 calendar days for Government acceptance after the date offers are due will not be considered and will be rejected.

OFFER (Must be fully completed by offeror)

14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR (Include ZIP Code)

15. TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code)

16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS (Include only if different than Item 14)

CODE

FACILITY CODE

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



Euros

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

19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT NO.										
DATE										

NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print)

B. SIGNATURE

C. OFFER DATE

AWARD (To be completed by Government)

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

22. AMOUNT

Euros

23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN
(4 copies unless otherwise specified)

ITEM

G.3.2.

25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO
 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)() 41 U.S.C. 253(c)()

26. ADMINISTERED BY

Block 31A

CODE

27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payment

CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 28 OR 29 AS APPLICABLE

28. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT (Contractor is required to sign this document and return 4 copies to issuing office.) Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items or perform all work, requisitions identified on this form and any continuation sheets for the consideration slated in this contract. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be governed by (a) this contract award, (b) the solicitation, and (c) the clauses, representations, certifications, and specifications or incorporated by reference in or attached to this contract.

29. AWARD (Contractor is not required to sign this document.) Your offer on this solicitation is hereby accepted as to the items listed. This award consummates the contract, which consists of (a) the Government solicitation and your offer, and (b) this contract award. No further contractual document is necessary.

30A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Type or print)

31A. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)

30B. SIGNATURE

30C. DATE

31B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BY:

31C. AWARD DATE

**SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES
AND PRICES/COSTS**

B.1 CONTRACT PRICE

The contractor shall complete all work (including furnishing all labor, material, equipment and services) required under this contract for the following firm fixed price and within the time specified. This price shall include all labor, materials, overhead (including insurance required by FAR 52.228-4, Workers' Compensation and War-Hazard Insurance, which shall be a direct reimbursement), and profit.

Description	Cost in Euros
Old tank removal phase	
New tank (purchase and delivery)	
New tank installation phase	
Total price	

B.2 TYPE OF CONTRACT

This is a firm fixed price contract payable entirely in the currency indicated in the SF1442. No additional sums will be payable for any escalation in the cost of materials, equipment or labor, or because of the contractor's failure to properly estimate or accurately predict the cost or difficulty of achieving the results required. The Government will not adjust the contract price due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. The Government will only make changes in the contract price or time to complete due to changes made by the Government in the work to be performed, or by delays caused by the Government.

The Government will make payments based on quantities and unit prices only to the extent specifically provided in the contract.

**SECTION C - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS
STATEMENT OF WORK**

C.1 CHARACTER AND SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor shall furnish and install all materials required by this contract. The contract drawings are set forth in Section J as Attachment 5 and the Specifications/Statement of Work are set forth in Section J as Attachment 4.

C.2 DRAWINGS

In case of differences between small and large-scale drawings, the latter will govern. Where a portion of the work is drawn in detail and the remainder of the work is indicated in outline, the parts drawn in detail shall apply also to all other portions of the work.

SECTION D - PACKAGING AND MARKING

D.1 The Contractor shall mark materials delivered to the site as follows:

United States Embassy
Attention: Facilities Manager
(Address to be provided)
Athens

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.1 FAR 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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

<http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html> or, <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm>

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<http://www.statebuy.state.gov/> to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet "search engine" (such as, Yahoo, Excite, Alta Vista, etc.) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CH. 1)

52.246-12	INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION	AUG 1996
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E.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Contractor shall institute an appropriate inspection system set forth in a Quality Assurance Plan. The plan shall include checklists of duties to be carried out, ensuring these duties are carried out by the supervisory staff and senior employees, and carrying out weekly inspections to determine whether the various services are being performed according to the contract. The Contractor shall provide copies of the weekly inspection reports to the COR.

The Contractor shall correct and improve promptly any shortcomings and substandard conditions noted during inspections. The Contractor shall bring any conditions beyond the responsibility of the Contractor to the attention of the Contracting Officer or COR.

E.2.1 MONTHLY REPORT: The Contractor shall submit to the COR a monthly progress report, along with the monthly invoice, summing up observations resulting from the inspections, progress, difficulties or irregularities encountered, resolution of problems, measures taken to improve conditions, recommendations, and other matters related to this contract.

E.2.2. INSPECTION BY GOVERNMENT: The COR, or his/her authorized representatives, will inspect from time to time the services being performed and the supplies furnished to determine whether work is being performed in a satisfactory manner, and that all supplies are of acceptable quality and standards.

The Contractor shall be responsible for any countermeasures or corrective action, within the scope of this contract, which may be required by the Contracting Officer as a result of such inspection.

E.3 SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

E.3.1 DEFINITIONS

(a) "Substantial Completion" means the stage in the progress of the work as determined and certified by the Contracting Officer in writing to the Contractor, on which the work (or a portion designated by the Government) is sufficiently complete and satisfactory. Substantial completion means that the property may be occupied or used for the purpose for which it is intended, and only minor items such as touch-up, adjustments, and minor replacements or installations remain to be completed or corrected which:

1. do not interfere with the intended occupancy or utilization of the work, and
2. can be completed or corrected within the time period required for final completion.

(b) The "date of substantial completion" means the date determined by the Contracting Officer or authorized Government representative as of which substantial completion of the work has been achieved.

E.3.2 USE AND POSSESSION UPON SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

The Government shall have the right to take possession of and use the work upon substantial completion. Upon notice by the Contractor that the work is substantially complete (a Request for Substantial Completion) and an inspection by the Contracting Officer or an authorized Government representative (including any required tests), the Contracting Officer shall furnish the Contractor a Certificate of Substantial Completion. The certificate shall be accompanied by a Schedule of Defects listing items of work remaining to be performed, completed or corrected before final completion and acceptance. Failure of the Contracting Officer to list any item of work shall not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for complying with the terms of the contract. The Government's possession or use upon substantial completion shall not be deemed an acceptance of any work under the contract.

E.4 FINAL COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.4.1 DEFINITIONS

(a) "Final completion and acceptance" means the stage in the progress of the work as determined by the Contracting Officer and confirmed in writing to the Contractor, at which all work required under the contract has been completed in a satisfactory manner, subject to the discovery of defects after final completion, and except for items specifically excluded in the notice of final acceptance.

(b) The "date of final completion and acceptance" means the date determined by the Contracting Officer when final completion of the work has been achieved, as indicated by written notice to the Contractor.

E.4.2 FINAL INSPECTION AND TESTS

The Contractor shall give the Contracting Officer at least five (5) days advance written notice of the date when the work will be fully completed and ready for final inspection and tests. Final inspection and tests will be started not later than the date specified in the notice unless the Contracting Officer determines that the work is not ready for final inspection and so informs the Contractor.

E.4.3 FINAL ACCEPTANCE

If the Contracting Officer is satisfied that the work under the contract is complete (with the exception of continuing obligations), the Contracting Officer shall issue to the Contractor a notice of final acceptance and make final payment upon:

(a) satisfactory completion of all required tests,

(b) a final inspection that all items by the Contracting Officer listed in the Schedule of Defects have been completed or corrected and that the work is finally complete (subject to the discovery of defects after final completion), and

(c) submittal by the Contractor of all documents and other items required upon completion of the work, including a final request for payment (Request for Final Acceptance).

SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

F.1 FAR 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CH. 1)

52.242.14	SUSPENSION OF WORK	APR 1984
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F.2 52.211-10 COMMENCEMENT, PROSECUTION, AND COMPLETION OF WORK (APR 1984)

The Contractor shall be required to:

- (a) commence work under this contract within **seven (7) calendar days** after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed,
- (b) prosecute the work diligently, and
- (c) complete the entire work ready for use not later than **forty (40) days** after the date the contractor receives the Notice to Proceed. The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises and completion of “punch list” items.

F.3 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

F.3.1 52.211-12 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES - CONSTRUCTION (SEP 2000)

- (a) If the Contractor fails to complete the work within the time specified in the contract, or any extension, the Contractor shall pay liquidated damages to the Government in the amount of **Euros 150.00** for each day of delay until the work is completed or accepted.
- (b) If the Government terminates the Contractor’s right to proceed, liquidated damages will continue to accrue until the work is completed. These liquidated damages are in addition to excess costs of repurchase under the Default clause.

F.3.2. ASSESSMENT AND APPORTIONMENT OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Liquidated damages will be assessed from the completion date indicated in the contract or extensions thereof to the date of substantial completion as actually achieved by the Contractor, as determined by the Contracting Officer.

F.4 CONTRACTOR'S SUBMISSION OF CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES

(a) The time for submission of the schedules referenced in Section I, 52.236-15, "Schedules for Construction Contracts", paragraph (a), is hereby modified to reflect the due date for submission as "ten (10) days after receipt of an executed contract".

(b) These schedules shall include the time by which shop drawings, product data, samples and other submittals required by the contract will be submitted for approval.

(c) The Contractor shall revise such schedules (1) to account for the actual progress of the work, (2) to reflect approved adjustments in the performance schedule, and (3) as required by the Contracting Officer to achieve coordination with work by the Government and any separate contractors used by the Government. The Contractor shall submit a schedule which sequences work so as to minimize disruption at the job site.

(d) All schedules shall be in the English language and any system of dimensions (English or metric) shown shall be consistent with that used in the contract. No extension of time shall be allowed due to a delay by the Government in approving such deliverables if the Contractor has failed to act promptly and responsively in submitting its deliverables. The Contractor shall identify each deliverable as required by the contract.

F.5 ACCEPTANCE OF SCHEDULE

When the Government has accepted any time schedule, it shall be binding upon the Contractor. The completion date is fixed and may be extended only by a written contract modification signed by the Contracting Officer. Acceptance or approval of any schedule or revision thereof by the Government shall not (1) extend the completion date or obligate the Government to do so, (2) constitute acceptance or approval of any delay, or (3) excuse the Contractor from or relieve the Contractor of its obligation to maintain the progress of the work and achieve final completion by the established completion date.

F.6 NOTICE OF DELAY

If the Contractor receives a notice of any change in the work, or if any other conditions arise which are likely to cause or are actually causing delays which the Contractor believes may result in late completion of the project, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer. The Contractor's notice shall state the effect, if any, of such change or other conditions upon the approved schedule, and shall state in what respects, if any, the relevant schedule or the completion date should be revised. The Contractor shall give this notice not more than ten (10)

days after the first event-giving rise to the delay or prospective delay. Only the Contracting Officer may make revisions to the approved time schedule.

F.7 NOTICE TO PROCEED

(a) After receiving and accepting any bonds or evidence of insurance, the Contracting Officer will issue the Contractor a Notice to Proceed. The Contractor shall then prosecute the work commencing and completing performance not later than the time period established in the contract.

(b) It is possible that the Contracting Officer may elect to issue the Notice to Proceed before receipt and acceptance of any bonds. Issuance of a Notice to Proceed by the Government before receipt of the required bonds or policies shall not be a waiver of the requirement to furnish these documents.

F.8 WORKING HOURS

All work shall be performed during 08.00-17.00, Monday through Friday except for the holidays identified below. Other hours, if requested by the Contractor, may be approved by the Contracting Officer's Representative. The Contractor shall give 24 hours in advance to COR who will consider any deviation from the hours identified above. Changes in work hours will not be a cause for a price increase.

(a) The Department of State observes the following days as holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King's Birthday
- Washington's Birthday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- OXI Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day

Any other day designated by Federal law, Executive Order or Presidential Proclamation.

When any such day falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday is observed; when any such day falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is observed. Observance of such days by Government personnel shall not be cause for additional period of performance or entitlement to compensation except as set forth in the contract. If the contractor's personnel work on a holiday, no form of holiday or other premium compensation will be reimbursed either as a direct or indirect cost, unless authorized pursuant to an overtime clause elsewhere in this contract.

F.9 EXCUSABLE DELAYS

The Contractor will be allowed time, not money, for excusable delays as defined in FAR 52.249-10, Default. Examples of such cases include:

- (1) acts of God or of the public enemy,
- (2) acts of the United States Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity,
- (3) acts of the government of the host country in its sovereign capacity,
- (4) acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the Government,
- (5) fires,
- (6) floods,
- (7) epidemics,
- (8) quarantine restrictions,
- (9) strikes,
- (10) freight embargoes,
- (11) delays in delivery of Government furnished equipment and
- (12) unusually severe weather.

In each instance, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, and the failure to perform. Furthermore, the failure:

- (1) must be one that the Contractor could not have reasonably anticipated and taken adequate measures to protect against,
- (2) cannot be overcome by reasonable efforts to reschedule the work, and
- (3) directly and materially affects the date of final completion of the project.

F.10 PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

A preconstruction conference will be held 10 days after contract award at the US Embassy, Athens to discuss the schedule, submittals, notice to proceed, mobilization and other important issues that affect construction progress. See FAR 52.236-26, Pre-Construction Conference in Section I.

F.11 DELIVERABLES

The following items shall be delivered under this contract:

Description	Quantity	Delivery Date	Deliver To:
H.1.2. Bonds/Insurance	1	10 days after award	CO
H.11.1. Safety Plan	1	10 days after award	COR
E.2. Quality Assurance Plan	1	10 days after award	COR
F.4. Construction Schedule	1	10 days after award	COR

H.14.1. Submittal Register	1	10 days after award	COR
F.10. Pre-Construction Conference	1	10 days after award	COR
H.13.2. Biographic Data on Personnel	1	10 days after award	COR
E.2. Inspection Reports	1	3 days after end of weekly period	COR
G.3.2 Payment Request	1	Last day of each month	COR
E.2.1. Monthly Progress Report	1	7 th day of the following month	COR
F.4.(c). Updates to Construction Schedule	1	Last day of each month	COR
E.3.2. Request for Substantial Completion	1	5 days before inspection	COR
H.4.4. As-built Drawings and Warranties	1	After final completion but before final acceptance	COR
E.4.2. Request for Final Acceptance	1	5 days before inspection	COR
F.6 Notice of Delay	1	Within 10 days after event	CO
F.8 Additional Hours	1	No later than 24 hours in advance of need	COR
H.2.4 Evidence of Insurance	1	10 days after award	CO
H.17.2 Differing Site Condition	1	Within 10 days of occurrence	CO

SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G.1 AUTHORITY OF CONTRACTING OFFICER

All work shall be performed under the general direction of the Contracting Officer, who alone shall have the power to bind the Government and to exercise the rights, responsibilities, authorities and functions vested by the contract.

G.2 MONITORING OF THE CONTRACTOR

G.2.1. 652.242-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) (AUG 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer may designate in writing one or more Government employees, by position title, to take action for the Contracting Officer under this contract. Each designee shall be identified as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Such designation(s) shall specify the scope and limitations of the authority so delegated; provided, that the designee shall not change the terms or conditions of the contract, unless the COR is a warranted Contracting Officer and this authority is delegated in the designation.

(b) The COR for this contract is the Facilities Maintenance Manager.

G.2.2 DUTIES

The COR is responsible for inspection and acceptance of services. These duties include review of Contractor invoices, including the supporting documentation required by the contract. The COR may provide technical advice, substantive guidance, inspections, invoice approval, and other purposes as deemed necessary under the contract. The COR is designated as the authority to act for the Contracting Officer in matters concerning technical clarification, random inspection of Contractor performance to ensure compliance with contract specifications and acceptance of the Contractor's performance under this contract. The COR will coordinate all work with the Contractor during the term of this contract. The COR is not authorized to alter the contract's terms, or conditions, including the design to budget parameter. Such changes must be authorized by the Contracting Officer in a written modification to the contract. Reference to the project architect within documents incorporated into this contract shall be read to mean COR.

G.3 PAYMENT

G.3.1 GENERAL

Payments are subject to FAR 52.232-5, "Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts".

G.3.2 DETAIL OF PAYMENT REQUESTS

Each application for payment shall cover the value of labor and materials completed and in place, including a prorated portion of overhead and profit. The Government will make payments no more frequently than monthly, unless otherwise provided in this contract. The Contractor shall address invoices to:

US Embassy Athens-Facilities Maintenance
91, Vas. Sofias Avenue
101 60 Athens

G.3.3 PAYMENTS TO SUBCONTRACTORS

The Contractor shall make timely payment from the proceeds of the progress or final payment for which request is being made to subcontractors and suppliers following the Contractor's contractual arrangements with them.

G.3.4 EVALUATION BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER

Following receipt of the Contractor's request for payment, and on the basis of an inspection of the work, the Contracting Officer shall make a determination as to the amount that is then due. If the Contracting Officer does not approve payment of the full amount applied for, less the retainage addressed in FAR 52.232-5, the Contracting Officer shall advise the Contractor of the reasons.

G.3.5 ADDITIONAL WITHHOLDING

The Government may withhold from payments due the Contractor any amounts as may be considered necessary to cover --

- (a) Wages or other amounts due the Contractor's employees on this project;
- (b) Wages or other amounts due employees of subcontractors on this project;
- (c) Amounts due suppliers of materials or equipment for this project; and
- (d) Any other amounts for which the Contractor may be held liable under this contract, including but not limited to the actual or prospective costs of correction of defective work and prospective liquidated damage when the Contractor has failed to make adequate progress.

This withholding is independent of monies retained by the Government under FAR 52.232-5, or otherwise as permitted to be retained under this contract.

G.3.6. PAYMENT

Under the authority of 52.232-27(a) the 14 day period identified in FAR 52.232-27(a)(1)(i)(A) is hereby changed to 30 days.

G.4 VAT

The U.S. Government is exempt from the payment of Value Added Tax(VAT) by virtue of Law 1642/86, Article 22

G.5 ADVANCE PAYMENT

Advance payment shall not be authorized during the performance of this contract.

SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1 BOND/IRREVOCABLE LETTERS OF CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

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The Contractor shall furnish (1) a performance and guaranty bond and a payment bond on forms provided by and from sureties acceptable to the Government, each in the amount of 20% of the contract price, or (2) comparable alternate performance security (irrevocable letter of credit) approved by the Government such as letter of credit/guaranty shown in Section J.

H.1.2 TIME FOR SUBMISSION

The Contractor shall provide the bonds or alternate security as required by the paragraph H.1.1 above within ten (10) days after contract award. Failure to submit (1) the required bonds or other security acceptable to the Government in a timely manner; (2) bonds from an acceptable surety; or (3) bonds in the required amount, may result in rescinding or termination of the contract by the Government. If the contract is terminated, the contractor will be liable for those costs as described in FAR 52.249-10, "Default (Fixed-Price Construction).

H.1.3 COVERAGE

The bonds or alternate performance security shall guarantee the Contractor's execution and completion of the work within the contract time and the correction of any defects after completion as required by this contract, the payment of all wages and other amounts payable by the Contractor under its subcontracts or for labor and materials, and the satisfaction or removal of any liens or encumbrances placed on the work.

H.1.4 DURATION OF COVERAGE

The required performance and payment securities shall remain in effect in the full amount required until final acceptance of the project by the Government. Upon final acceptance, the penal sum of the performance security only shall be reduced to 10% of the contract price. The performance security shall remain in effect for one year after the date of final completion and acceptance, and the Contractor shall pay any premium required for the entire period of coverage. The requirement for payment security terminates at final acceptance.

H.1.5 FAR 52.228-2 - ADDITIONAL BOND SECURITY (OCT 1997)

The Contractor shall promptly furnish additional security required to protect the Government and persons supplying labor or materials under this contract if --

(a) Any surety upon any bond, or issuing financial institution for other security, furnished with this contract becomes unacceptable to the Government;

(b) Any surety fails to furnish reports on its financial condition as required by the Government; or

(c) The contract price is increased so that the penal sum of any bond becomes inadequate in the opinion of the Contracting Officer; or

(d) An irrevocable letter of credit (ILC) used as security will expire before the end of the period of required security. If the contractor does not furnish an acceptable extension or replacement ILC, or other acceptable substitute, at least 30 days before an ILC's scheduled expiration, the Contracting Officer has the right to immediately draw on the ILC.

H.2 INSURANCE

H.2.1 AMOUNT OF INSURANCE

The Contractor is required by FAR 52.228-5 to provide whatever insurance is legally necessary. The Contractor, shall, at its own expense, provide and maintain during the entire performance period the following insurance amounts:

General Liability (includes premises/operations, collapse hazard, products, completed operations, contractual, independent contractors, broad form property damage, personal injury)

1. Bodily Injury on or off the site stated in US Dollars:

Per Occurrence	€17, 608
Cumulative	€44,020

The foregoing types and amounts of insurance are the minimums required. The Contractor shall obtain any other types of insurance required by local law or that are ordinarily or customarily obtained in the location of the work. The limit of such insurance shall be as provided by law or sufficient to meet normal and customary claims.

The Contractor agrees that the Government shall not be responsible for personal injuries or for damages to any property of the Contractor, its officers, agents, servants, and employees, or any other person, arising from and incident to the Contractor's performance of this contract. The Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the Government from any and all claims arising there from, except in the instance of gross negligence on the part of the Government.

The Contractor shall obtain adequate insurance for damage to, or theft of, materials and equipment in insurance coverage for loose transit to the site or in storage on or off the site.

H.2.2 GOVERNMENT AS ADDITIONAL INSURED

The general liability policy required of the Contractor shall name "the United States of America, acting by and through the Department of State", as an additional insured with respect to operations performed under this contract.

H.2.3 INSURANCE-RELATED DISPUTES

Failure to agree to any adjustment contemplated under this contract regarding insurance shall be a dispute within the meaning of the clause in Section I, 52.233-1, Alternate I, "Disputes". Nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the work.

H.2.4 TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE

The Contractor shall provide evidence of the insurance required under this contract within ten (10) days after contract award. Failure to timely submit this evidence, in a form acceptable to the Contracting Officer, may result in rescinding or termination of the contract by the Government.

H.3 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the definitions provided in Section I, FAR 52.202-1 and DOSAR 652.202-70, the following definitions shall apply when used in connection with this contract:

(a) Contract Drawings or Drawings, where indicated by the context, means those drawings specifically listed in the construction contract or as later incorporated into the contract by contract modification.

(b) Day means a calendar day unless otherwise specifically indicated.

(c) Host Country means the country in which the project is located.

(d) Material means all materials, fixtures and other articles incorporated in, or which are intended to remain with, the project.

(e) Notice to Proceed means a written notice to the Contractor from the Contracting Officer authorizing the Contractor to proceed with the work under the contract as of a date set forth in the Notice.

(f) Other Submittals includes progress schedules, shop drawings, testing and inspection reports, and other information required by the contract to be submitted by the Contractor for information or approval by the Government.

(g) Project Data includes standard drawings, diagrams, layouts, schematics, descriptive literature, illustrations, schedules, performance and test data, and similar materials furnished by the Contractor to explain in detail specific portions of the work required by the contract.

(h) Samples are physical examples which illustrate materials, equipment or workmanship and establish standards by which the work will be judged.

(i) Schedule of Defects means the list of items, prepared in connection with substantial completion of the work or early occupancy or utilization of a portion thereof, which the Contracting Officer has designated as remaining to be performed, completed or corrected before the work will be accepted by the Government.

(j) Separate Contractor means a contractor, other than the Contractor or any of its subcontractors, to whom the Government has awarded a contract for construction of a portion of the project.

(k) Work means any and all permanent construction which is intended to be incorporated into the finished project and required to be performed or otherwise provided by the Contractor under this contract, unless otherwise indicated by the context.

H.4 OWNERSHIP AND USE OF DOCUMENTS

H.4.1 OWNERSHIP AND USE OF DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS AND MODELS

(a) OWNERSHIP. All specifications, drawings, and copies thereof, and models, are the property of the Government.

(b) USE AND RETURN. The contractor shall not use or allow others to use the documents described in (a) above on other work. The Contractor shall return or account for the signed contractor set and additional copies provided to or made by the Contractor upon final completion of the work.

H.4.2 SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

The Contracting Officer shall furnish from time to time such detailed drawings and other information as is considered necessary, in the opinion of the Contracting Officer, to interpret, clarify, supplement, or correct inconsistencies, errors or omissions in the Contract documents, or to describe minor changes in the work not involving an increase in the contract price or extension of the contract time. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the supplemental documents, and unless the Contractor makes objection within 20 days, their issuance shall not provide for any claim for an increase in the Contract price or an extension of contract time.

H.4.3 RECORD DOCUMENTS

The Contractor shall maintain at the project site:

- a current marked set of Contract drawings and specifications indicating all interpretations and clarifications, contract modifications, change orders, or any other departure from the contract requirements approved by the Contracting Officer; and
- a complete set of record shop drawings, product data, samples and other submittals as approved by the Contracting Officer.

H.4.4 "AS-BUILT" DOCUMENTS

After final completion of the work, but before final acceptance, the Contractor shall provide:

- complete set of "as-built" drawings, based on the record set of drawings, marked to show the details of construction as actually accomplished; and
- record shop drawings and other submittals, in the number and form as required by the specifications.

H.5 GOVERNING LAW

The laws of the United States shall govern the contract and its interpretation.

H.6 LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

The manager assigned by the contractor to superintend the work on-site, as required by Section I, 52.236-6, "Superintendence by the Contractor", shall be fluent in written and spoken English.

H.7 LAWS AND REGULATIONS

H.7.1 COMPLIANCE REQUIRED

The Contractor shall, without additional expense to the Government, be responsible for complying with all laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations applicable to the performance of the work, including those of the host country, and with the lawful orders of any governmental authority having jurisdiction. Host country authorities may not enter the construction site without the permission of the Contracting Officer. Unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall comply with the more stringent of the requirements of such laws, regulations and orders and of the contract. In the event of a conflict between the contract and such laws, regulations and orders, the Contractor shall promptly advise the Contracting Officer of the conflict and of the Contractor's proposed course of action for resolution by the Contracting Officer.

H.7.2 LABOR, HEALTH AND SAFETY LAWS AND CUSTOMS

The Contractor shall comply with all local labor laws, regulations, customs and practices pertaining to labor, safety, and similar matters, to the extent that such compliance is not inconsistent with the requirements of this contract.

H.7.3 SUBCONTRACTORS

The Contractor shall give written assurance to the Contracting Officer that all subcontractors and others performing work on or for the project have obtained all requisite licenses and permits.

H.7.4 EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE

The Contractor shall submit proper documentation and evidence satisfactory to the Contracting Officer demonstrating compliance with this clause when directed by the Contracting Officer.

H.8 RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTOR

H.8.1 DAMAGE TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY

The Contractor shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property that occur as a result of the Contractor's fault or negligence, and shall take proper safety and health precautions to protect the work, the workers, the public, and the property of others.

H.8.2 RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK PERFORMED

The Contractor shall be responsible for all materials delivered and work performed until final completion and acceptance of the entire work, except for any completed unit of work which may have been accepted in writing under the contract.

H.9 CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

H.9.1 OPERATIONS AND STORAGE AREAS

(a) **CONFINEMENT TO AUTHORIZED AREAS.** The Contractor shall confine all operations (including storage of materials) on Government premises to areas authorized or approved by the Contracting Officer.

(b) **VEHICULAR ACCESS.** The Contractor shall, and in accordance with any regulations prescribed by the Contracting Officer, use only established site entrances and roadways.

H.9.2 USE OF PREMISES

(a) **Occupied Premises.** If the premises are occupied, the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their employees shall comply with the regulations promulgated by the Government governing access to, operation of, and conduct while in or on the premises and shall perform the work required under this contract in such a manner as not to unreasonably interrupt or interfere with the conduct of Government business.

(b) Requests from occupants. The Contractor shall refer any request from occupants of existing buildings to change the sequence of work to the Contracting Officer for determination.

(c) Access limited. The Contractor, its subcontractors and their employees shall not have access to or be admitted into any building or portion of the site outside the areas designated in this contract except with the permission of the Contracting Officer.

H.10 TEMPORARY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

The Contractor may erect temporary buildings (such as, storage sheds, shops, offices) and utilities only with the approval of the Contracting Officer. The cost of these temporary buildings is included in the contract fixed price. The temporary buildings and utilities shall remain the property of the Contractor and shall be removed by the Contractor at its expense upon completion of the work. With the written consent of the Contracting Officer, the buildings and utilities may be abandoned and need not be removed.

H.11 SAFETY

H.11.1 DOSAR 652.236-70 ACCIDENT PREVENTION (APR 2004)

(a) *General.* The contractor shall provide and maintain work environments and procedures which will safeguard the public and Government personnel, property, materials, supplies, and equipment exposed to contractor operations and activities; avoid interruptions of Government operations and delays in project completion dates; and, control costs in the performance of this contract. For these purposes, the contractor shall:

- (1) Provide appropriate safety barricades, signs and signal lights;
- (2) Comply with the standards issued by any local government authority having jurisdiction over occupational health and safety issues; and,
- (3) Ensure that any additional measures the contracting officer determines to be reasonably necessary for this purpose are taken.
- (4) For overseas construction projects, the contracting officer shall specify in writing additional requirements regarding safety if the work involves:
 - (i) Scaffolding;
 - (ii) Work at heights above two (2) meters;
 - (iii) Trenching or other excavation greater than one (1) meter in depth;
 - (iv) Earth moving equipment;
 - (v) Temporary wiring, use of portable electric tools, or other recognized electrical hazards. Temporary wiring and portable electric tools require the use of a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) in the affected circuits; other electrical hazards may also require the use of a GFCI;

(vi) Work in confined spaces (limited exits, potential for oxygen less than 19.5 percent or combustible atmosphere, potential for solid or liquid engulfment, or other hazards considered to be immediately dangerous to life or health such as water tanks, transformer vaults, sewers, cisterns, etc.);

(vii) Hazardous materials – a material with a physical or health hazard including but not limited to, flammable, explosive, corrosive, toxic, reactive or unstable, or any operations which creates any kind of contamination inside an occupied building such as dust from demolition activities, paints, solvents, etc.; or

(viii) Hazardous noise levels.

(b) *Records.* The contractor shall maintain an accurate record of exposure data on all accidents incident to work performed under this contract resulting in death, traumatic injury, occupational disease, or damage to or theft of property, materials, supplies, or equipment. The contractor shall report this data in the manner prescribed by the contracting officer.

(c) *Subcontracts.* The contractor shall be responsible for its subcontractors' compliance with this clause.

(d) *Written program.* Before commencing work, the contractor shall:

(1) Submit a written plan to the contracting officer for implementing this clause. The plan shall include specific management or technical procedures for effectively controlling hazards associated with the project; and,

(2) Meet with the contracting officer to discuss and develop a mutual understanding relative to administration of the overall safety program.

(e) *Notification.* The contracting officer shall notify the contractor of any non-compliance with these requirements and the corrective actions required. This notice, when delivered to the contractor or the contractor's representative on site, shall be deemed sufficient notice of the non-compliance and corrective action required. After receiving the notice, the contractor shall immediately take corrective action. If the contractor fails or refuses to promptly take corrective action, the contracting officer may issue an order suspending all or part of the work until satisfactory corrective action has been taken. The contractor shall not be entitled to any equitable adjustment of the contract price or extension of the performance schedule on any suspension of work order issued under this clause.

H.12 SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

H.12.1 CLAIMS AND ENCUMBRANCES

The Contractor shall satisfy as due all lawful claims of any persons or entities employed by the Contractor, including subcontractors, material men and laborers, for all labor performed and materials furnished under this contract, including the applicable warranty or correction period, unless the Government shall be directly liable by contract. The Contractor shall not at any time permit any lien, attachment, or other encumbrance to

be entered against or to remain on the building(s), or the premises, whether public or private, or any portion thereof, as a result of nonperformance of any part of this contract.

H.12.2 APPROVAL OF SUBCONTRACTORS

(a) **REVIEW AND APPROVAL.** The Government reserves the right to review proposed subcontractors for a period of five (5) days before providing notice of approval or rejection of any or all subcontractors.

(b) **REJECTION OF SUBCONTRACTORS.** The Government reserves the right to reject any or all subcontractors proposed if their participation in the project, as determined by the Contracting Officer, may cause damage to the national security interests of the United States. The Contractor agrees to promptly replace any subcontractor rejected by the Government under this clause.

H.13 CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL

H.13.1 REMOVAL OF PERSONNEL

The Contractor shall maintain discipline at the site and at all times take all reasonable precautions to prevent any unlawful, riotous, or disorderly conduct by or among those at the site. The contractor shall ensure the preservation of peace and protection of persons and property in the neighborhood of the project. The Contracting Officer may require, in writing, that the Contractor remove from the work any employee that the Contracting Officer deems incompetent, careless, insubordinate or otherwise objectionable, or whose continued employment on the project is deemed by the Contracting Officer to be contrary to the Government's interests.

H.13.2 CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL SECURITY

After award of the contract, the Contractor shall have ten days to submit to the Contracting Officer a list of workers and supervisors assigned to this project (Biographic Data on Personnel) for the Government to conduct all necessary security checks. It is anticipated that security checks will take approximately ten (10) days to perform. For each individual the list shall include:

- Complete application form provided by the Embassy**
- Copy of ID card**
- Passport**
- Greek Social Security Medical Book**
- Merchant Marine Seaman's book (if applicable)**
- Penal record of type A**
- Discharge papers (Greek Military service)**
- Pay Book (Greek Armed Forces)**

Failure to provide any of the above information may be considered grounds for rejection and/or re-submittal of the application. Once the Government has completed the

security screening and approved the applicants, the Government will provide a badge to the individual for access to the site. The Government may revoke this badge at any time due to the falsification of data, or misconduct on site.

H.14 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

H.14.1 SELECTION AND APPROVAL OF MATERIALS

(a) **STANDARD TO QUALITY.** All materials and equipment incorporated into the work shall be new and for the purpose intended, unless otherwise specified. All workmanship shall be of good quality and performed in a skillful manner that will withstand inspection.

(b) **SELECTION BY CONTRACTOR.** Where the contract permits the Contractor to select products, materials or equipment to be incorporated in the work, or where specific approval is otherwise required by the contract, the Contractor shall furnish a Submittal Register to the Contracting Officer, for approval. The Submittal Register shall include the names of the manufacturer, model number, and source of procurement of each such product, material or equipment, together with other pertinent information concerning the nature, appearance, dimensions, performance, capacity, and rating. To ensure a timely review the Contractor shall provide a submittal register ten days after contract award showing when shop drawings, samples, or submittals shall be made. When directed to do so, the Contractor shall submit samples for approval at the Contractor's expense, with all shipping charges prepaid. Installation or use of any products, materials or equipment without the required approval shall be at the risk of subsequent rejection.

H.14.2 CUSTODY OF MATERIALS

The Contractor shall be responsible for the custody of all materials received for incorporation into the project, including Government furnished materials, upon delivery to the Contractor or to any person for whom it is responsible, including subcontractors. The Contractor shall deliver all such items to the site as soon as practicable. If required by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall clearly mark in a manner directed by the Contracting Officer all items of which the Contractor has custody but which have not been delivered or secured at the site, clearly indicating the use of such items for the U.S. Government project.

H.14.3 BASIS OF CONTRACT PRICE

The contract price is based on the use of the materials, products and equipment specified in the contract, except for substitutions or "Or-Equal" items proposed by the Contractor which have been specifically approved by the Government at the time of execution of the contract. Any substitution approved by the Government after execution of the contract shall be subject to an appropriate adjustment of the contract price.

H.14.4 SUBSTITUTIONS

(a) **PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED.** The Contractor must receive approval in writing from the Contracting Officer before substitutions (1) proposed by the Contractor but not yet approved at the time of execution of the contract, or (2) proposed by the Contractor after execution of the contract may be used in the project. Sufficient information to permit evaluation by the Government must accompany any substitution request including but not limited to the reasons for the proposed substitution and data concerning the design, appearance, performance, composition, and relative cost of the proposed substitute. The Contractor shall make requests for substitutions in a timely manner to permit adequate evaluation by the Government. If, in the Contracting Officer's opinion, the use of such substitute items is not in the best interests of the Government, the Contractor must obtain the items originally specified with no adjustment in the contract price or completion date.

(b) **APPROVAL THROUGH SHOP DRAWINGS.** The Contractor may propose substitutions of materials in the submittal of shop drawings, provided such substitution is specifically requested in writing in the transmittal of the shop drawings to the Contracting Officer. Such substitution requests must be made in a timely manner and supported by the required information.

(c) **FINAL APPROVAL ON DELIVERY.** Acceptance or approval of proposed substitutions under the contract are conditioned upon approval of items delivered at the site or approval by sample. Approval by sample shall not limit the Government's right to reject material after delivery to the site if the material does not conform to the approved sample in all material respects.

H.14.5 "OR-EQUAL CLAUSE"

References in the Specifications/Statement of Work to materials, products or equipment by trade name, make, or catalog number, or to specific processes, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. The Contractor may propose for approval or rejection by the Contracting Officer the substitution of any material, product, equipment or process that the Contractor believes to be equal to or better than that named in the Specifications/Statement of Work, unless otherwise specifically provided in this contract.

H.14.6 USE AND TESTING OF SAMPLES

("Samples" include materials and equipment.)

(a) **USE.** The Contractor shall send approved samples not destroyed in testing to the Contracting Officer. Those which are in good condition will be marked for identification and may be used in the work. Materials and equipment incorporated in the work shall match the approved samples within any specified tolerances. Other samples

not destroyed in testing or not approved will be returned to the Contractor at its expense if so requested.

(b) **FAILURE OF SAMPLES.** If a sample fails to pass the specified tests described in this contract, any further samples of the same brand or make of that material or equipment may not be considered for use in performance under this contract.

(c) **TAKING AND TESTING OF SAMPLES.** Samples delivered on the site or in place may be taken by the Contracting Officer for additional testing by the Government outside of those required by the Contract documents. Samples failing to meet contract requirements will automatically void previous approvals of the items tested. The Contractor shall replace such materials or equipment found not to have met contract requirements, unless the Contracting Officer determines it to be in the Government's interest to accept the non-conforming materials or equipment with an appropriate adjustment of the Contract price as determined by the Contracting Officer.

(d) **COST OF ADDITIONAL TESTING BY THE GOVERNMENT.** When additional tests of samples are performed, only one test of each sample proposed for use will be made at the expense of the Government. Samples which do not meet contract requirements will be rejected. Further testing of additional samples, if required, will be made at the expense of the Contractor.

H.15 IMPORTED MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONNEL

H.15.1 SHIPMENT AND CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

(a) **Costs to be borne by Contractor.** The Contractor is responsible for paying all charges incurred in obtaining materials that must be imported for the project and in transporting the materials from their place or origin to the construction site. Moving costs shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, packing, handling, cartage, overland freight, ocean freight, transshipment, port, unloading, customs clearance and duties (other than customs duties specified below), unpacking, storage, and all other charges including administrative costs in connection with obtaining and transporting the materials from their source to the project site.

(b) **Duty-free clearance.** The Contractor shall not be responsible for customs duties for which the Government has been able to obtain a customs waiver. The Contractor shall follow the instructions of the Contracting Officer as to the manner of labeling the shipping containers or otherwise processing shipments of imported materials in order to obtain, or continue to receive, duty free clearance through customs. The Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of customs duties, if any, which

(1) are imposed on items which are not labeled and processed in accordance with the Contracting Officer's instructions,

(2) are imposed on the Contractor's tools, construction equipment and machinery imported for use on the project, or

(3) are otherwise ineligible for duty-free entry. The Contractor is responsible for customs duties where the Contractor has failed to give adequate and timely notice to the Contracting Officer of importation on containers or materials which may be eligible for a customs waiver. The Contracting Officer will provide instructions concerning time periods for notification of importation by the Contractor.

(c) Customs Clearance. The Government will be responsible for obtaining customs clearances, and for obtaining exemption certificates or paying customs duties not waived, for imported products, materials and equipment which are labeled and processed in accordance with the Contracting Officer's instructions. The Government shall not be responsible for obtaining customs clearance for the Contractor's tools, construction equipment or machinery, nor for obtaining visas, entry or work permits for the Contractor's personnel.

H.15.2 SURPLUS MATERIALS

Unless otherwise specified, any surplus materials, fixtures, articles or equipment remaining at the completion of the project shall become the property of the Contractor, except those items furnished by the Government, whose cost is not included in the contract price.

H.16 SPECIAL WARRANTIES

H.16.1 SPECIAL WARRANTY OBLIGATIONS

Any special warranties that may be required under the contract shall be subject to the stipulations set forth in 52.246-21, "Warranty of Construction", as long as they do not conflict with the special warranty.

H.16.2 WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Contractor shall obtain and furnish to the Government all information required in order to make any subcontractor's, manufacturer's, or supplier's guarantee or warranty legally binding and effective. The Contractor shall submit both the information and the guarantee or warranty to the Government in sufficient time to permit the Government to meet any time limit specified in the guarantee or warranty, but not later than completion and acceptance of all work under this contract.

H.17 EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENTS

H.17.1 BASIS FOR EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENTS

Any circumstance for which the contract provides an equitable adjustment that causes a change within the meaning of paragraph (a) of the "Changes" clause shall be treated as a change under that clause. The Contractor shall give the Contracting Officer written notice (within 20 days) stating:

(a) the date, circumstances, and applicable contract clause authorizing an equitable adjustment and

(b) that the Contractor regards the event as a changed condition for which an equitable adjustment is allowed under the contract.

H.17.2 DIFFERING SITE CONDITION NOTICE

The Contractor shall provide written notice of a differing site condition within 10 days of occurrence following FAR 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions.

H.17.3 DOCUMENTATION OF PROPOSALS FOR EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENTS

(a) **ITEMIZATION OF PROPOSALS AND REQUESTS.** The Contractor shall submit any request for equitable adjustment in the contract price, including any change proposal submitted in accordance with the "Changes" clause, in the form of a lump sum proposal supported with an itemized breakdown of all increases and decreases in the contract price in the detail required by the Contracting Officer. The request shall include all costs and delays related to or arising out of the change or event giving rise to the proposed adjustment, including any delay damages and additional overhead costs.

(b) **PROPOSED TIME ADJUSTMENTS.** The Contractor shall submit a proposed time extension (if applicable) with any request for an equitable adjustment or change proposal. The request shall include sufficient information to demonstrate whether and to what extent the change will delay the completion of the contract.

(c) **RELEASE BY CONTRACTOR.** The price and time adjustment made in any contract modification issued as a result of a change proposal or request for an equitable adjustment shall be considered to account for all items affected by the change or other circumstances giving rise to an equitable adjustment. Upon issuance of such contract modification, the Government shall be released from any and all liability under this contract for further equitable adjustments attributable to the facts and circumstances giving rise to the change proposal or request for equitable adjustment.

H.18 NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

If the Contractor, after receiving written notice from the Contracting Officer of noncompliance with any requirement of this contract, fails to initiate promptly appropriate action(s) to bring performance/work into compliance with a contract requirement within a reasonable period of time, the Contracting Officer shall have the right to order the Contractor to suspend any or all work under the contract. This order shall be in force until the Contractor has

complied or has initiated such action as may be appropriate to comply within a reasonable period of time. The Contractor will not be entitled to any extension of contract time or payment for any costs incurred as a result of being ordered to suspend work for such a cause.

H.19 ZONING APPROVALS AND BUILDING PERMITS

The Government is responsible for:

- obtaining proper zoning or other land use control approval for the project,
- obtaining the approval of the Contract Drawings and Specifications,
- paying fees due, and
- obtaining and paying for the initial building permits.

SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

I.1 FAR 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at: <http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html> or, <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm>

These addresses are subject to change. If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the locations indicated above, use the Dept. of State Acquisition Website at <http://www.statebuy.state.gov/> to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet “search engine” (such as, Yahoo, Excite, Alta Vista, etc.) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

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52.209-6	PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT’S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT	DEC 2010
52.215-2	AUDIT AND RECORDS – NEGOTIATION	OCT 2010
52.215-8	ORDER OF PRECEDENCE – UNIFORM CONTRACT FORMAT	OCT 1997
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THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES ARE SET FORTH IN FULL TEXT:

I.1 652.204-70 DEPARTMENT OF STATE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUANCE PROCEDURES (MAY 2011)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the Department of State (DOS) Personal Identification Card Issuance Procedures for all employees performing under this contract who require frequent and continuing access to DOS facilities, or information systems. The Contractor shall insert this clause in all subcontracts when the subcontractor's employees will require frequent and continuing access to DOS facilities, or information systems.

(b) The DOS Personal Identification Card Issuance Procedures may be accessed at <http://www.state.gov/m/ds/rls/rpt/c21664.htm>

I.2 652.243-70 NOTICES (AUG 1999)

Any notice or request relating to this contract given by either party to the other shall be in writing. Said notice or request shall be mailed or delivered by hand to the other party at the address provided in the schedule of the contract. The contracting officer must make all modifications to the contract in writing.

I.3 652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(a) The contractor warrants the following:

(1) That it has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;

(2) That it has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,

(3) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.

(b) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

I.4 RESERVED

I.5 THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE IS APPLICABLE IF CHECKED

652.229-70 EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION STATEMENT FOR CONTRACTORS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES (JUL 1988)

This is to certify that the item(s) covered by this contract is/are for export solely for the use of the U.S. Foreign Service Post identified in the contract schedule.

The Contractor shall use a photocopy of this contract as evidence of intent to export. Final proof of exportation may be obtained from the agent handling the shipment. Such proof shall be accepted in lieu of payment of excise tax.

I.6. 52.228-15 Performance and Payment Bonds—Construction (OCT 2010)

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

“Original contract price” means the award price of the contract; or, for requirements contracts, the price payable for the estimated total quantity; or, for indefinite-quantity contracts, the price payable for the specified minimum quantity. Original contract price does not include the price of any options, except those options exercised at the time of contract award.

(b) *Amount of required bonds.* Unless the resulting contract price is \$150,000 or less, the successful offeror shall furnish performance and payment bonds to the Contracting Officer as follows:

(1) *Performance bonds (Standard Form 25).* The penal amount of performance bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price.

(2) *Payment Bonds (Standard Form 25-A).* The penal amount of payment bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price.

(3) Additional bond protection.

(i) The Government may require additional performance and payment bond protection if the contract price is increased. The increase in protection generally will equal 100 percent of the increase in contract price.

(ii) The Government may secure the additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the penal amount of the existing bond or to obtain an additional bond.

(c) *Furnishing executed bonds.* The Contractor shall furnish all executed bonds, including any necessary reinsurance agreements, to the Contracting Officer, within the time period specified in the Bid Guarantee provision of the solicitation, or otherwise specified by the Contracting Officer, but in any event, before starting work.

(d) *Surety or other security for bonds.* The bonds shall be in the form of firm commitment, supported by corporate sureties whose names appear on the list contained in Treasury Department Circular 570, individual sureties, or by other acceptable security such as postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or bonds or notes of the United States. Treasury Circular 570 is published in the Federal Register or Department of Treasury, Financial Management Service, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East West Highway, Room 6F01, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Or via the internet at

<http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/>.

(e) *Notice of subcontractor waiver of protection (40 U.S.C. 3133(c)).* Any waiver of the right to sue on the payment bond is void unless it is in writing, signed by the person whose right is waived, and executed after such person has first furnished labor or material for use in the performance of the contract.”

I.7 652.225-71 SECTION 8(A) OF THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACTS OF 1979, AS AMENDED (AUG 1999)

(a) Section 8(a) of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)), prohibits compliance by U.S. persons with any boycott fostered by a foreign country against a country which is friendly to the United States and which is not itself the object of any form of boycott pursuant to United States law or regulation. The Boycott of Israel by Arab League countries is such a boycott, and therefore, the following actions, if taken with intent to comply with, further, or support the Arab League Boycott of Israel, are prohibited activities under the Export Administration Act:

(1) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to do business with or in Israel, with any Israeli business concern, or with any national or resident of Israel, or with any other person, pursuant to an agreement of, or a request from or on behalf of a boycotting country;

(2) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to employ or otherwise discriminating against any person on the basis of race, religion, sex, or national origin of that person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such person;

(3) Furnishing information with respect to the race, religion, or national origin of any U.S. person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such U.S. person;

(4) Furnishing information about whether any person has, has had, or proposes to have any business relationship (including a relationship by way of sale, purchase, legal or commercial representation, shipping or other transport, insurance, investment, or supply) with or in the State of Israel, with any business concern organized under the laws of the State of Israel, with any Israeli national or resident, or with any person which is known or believed to be restricted from having any business relationship with or in Israel;

(5) Furnishing information about whether any person is a member of, has made contributions to, or is otherwise associated with or involved in the activities of any charitable or fraternal organization which supports the State of Israel; and,

(6) Paying, honoring, confirming, or otherwise implementing a letter of credit which contains any condition or requirement against doing business with the State of Israel.

(b) Under Section 8(a), the following types of activities are not forbidden "compliance with the boycott," and are therefore exempted from Section 8(a)'s prohibitions listed in paragraphs (a)(1)-(6) above:

(1) Complying or agreeing to comply with requirements:

(i) Prohibiting the import of goods or services from Israel or goods produced or services provided by any business concern organized under the laws of Israel or by nationals or residents of Israel; or,

(ii) Prohibiting the shipment of goods to Israel on a carrier of Israel, or by a route other than that prescribed by the boycotting country or the recipient of the shipment;

(2) Complying or agreeing to comply with import and shipping document requirements with respect to the country of origin, the name of the carrier and route of shipment, the name of the supplier of the shipment or the name of the provider of other services, except that no information knowingly furnished or conveyed in response to such requirements may be stated in negative, blacklisting, or similar exclusionary terms, other than with respect to carriers or route of shipments as may be permitted by such regulations in order to comply with precautionary requirements protecting against war

risks and confiscation;

(3) Complying or agreeing to comply in the normal course of business with the unilateral and specific selection by a boycotting country, or national or resident thereof, of carriers, insurance, suppliers of services to be performed within the boycotting country or specific goods which, in the normal course of business, are identifiable by source when imported into the boycotting country;

(4) Complying or agreeing to comply with the export requirements of the boycotting country relating to shipments or transshipments of exports to Israel, to any business concern of or organized under the laws of Israel, or to any national or resident of Israel;

(5) Compliance by an individual or agreement by an individual to comply with the immigration or passport requirements of any country with respect to such individual or any member of such individual's family or with requests for information regarding requirements of employment of such individual within the boycotting country; and,

(6) Compliance by a U.S. person resident in a foreign country or agreement by such person to comply with the laws of that country with respect to his or her activities exclusively therein, and such regulations may contain exceptions for such resident complying with the laws or regulations of that foreign country governing imports into such country of trademarked, trade named, or similarly specifically identifiable products, or components of products for his or her own use, including the performance of contractual services within that country, as may be defined by such regulations.

I.8 652.229-71 PERSONAL PROPERTY DISPOSITION AT POSTS ABROAD (AUG 1999)

Regulations at 22 CFR Part 136 require that U.S. Government employees and their families do not profit personally from sales or other transactions with persons who are not themselves entitled to exemption from import restrictions, duties, or taxes. Should the contractor experience importation or tax privileges in a foreign country because of its contractual relationship to the United States Government, the contractor shall observe the requirements of 22 CFR Part 136 and all policies, rules, and procedures issued by the chief of mission in that foreign country.

I.9 CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION (JULY 2008)

Contract performance may require contractor personnel to attend meetings with government personnel and the public, work within government offices, and/or utilize government email.

Contractor personnel must take the following actions to identify themselves as non-federal employees:

- 1) Use an email signature block that shows name, the office being supported and company affiliation (e.g. “John Smith, Office of Human Resources, ACME Corporation Support Contractor”);
- 2) Clearly identify themselves and their contractor affiliation in meetings;
- 3) Identify their contractor affiliation in Departmental e-mail and phone listings whenever contractor personnel are included in those listings; and
- 4) Contractor personnel may not utilize Department of State logos or indicia on business cards.

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PERFORMANCE AND GUARANTY BOND
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PAYMENT BOND

(to be provided upon award)

ATTACHMENT 3

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BREAKDOWN OF PRICE BY DIVISIONS OF SPECIFICATIONS**

(1) DIVISION/DESCRIPTION	(2) LABOR	(3) MATERIALS	(4) OVERHEAD	(5) PROFIT	(6) TOTAL
1. General Requirements/ Mobilization					
2. Site Work					
3. Concrete					
4. Masonry					
5. Metals					
6. Wood and Plastic					
7. Thermal and Moisture					
8. Doors and Windows					
9. Finishes					
10. Specialties					
11. Equipment					
12. Furnishings					
13. Special Construction					
14. Conveying Systems					
15. Mechanical					
16. Electrical					
TOTAL					

Allowance Items:

PROPOSAL PRICE TOTAL:

Alternates (list separately do not total)

Offeror:

Date

ATTACHMENT 4

Embassy Office Building Athens, Greece

**“Underground storage tank
replacement”**

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Introduction/summary of works

The contractor shall provide labor, equipment, and materials to remove one existing steel underground storage tank (UST) and install one new double wall fiberglass reinforced plastic or one double wall polymer jacketed steel tank. The new UST shall be approximately 38,000 liters. The new tank installation work will include all associated equipment for leak detection and monitoring and all piping in accordance with the specifications detailed in this document. The new UST will be used to store diesel. The contractor is responsible for all aspects of the work necessary to deliver a complete functioning system that meets the performance criteria outlined below and the general design intent.

Scope of services

The contractor shall arrange and prepare all the details associated with the installation of the new UST and the removal of the existing UST, including all the necessary labor, equipment, and materials, tests, certification, local permits (if any) and commissioning services. A project schedule shall be provided by the contractor as a part of the proposal. The schedule shall be based on the number of days from notice of award, and should include milestones including, but not limited to, ordering of materials (tanks, piping, accessories, and monitoring system), delivery of materials to site, mobilization of labor and equipment to job site, site activities, completion of site work, new system startup, and training. Contractor will be responsible for delivering the new tank to the installation site at the U.S. Embassy.

The contractor shall submit all design plans and product specifications regarding the installation of the new UST system to the Embassy prior to start of work

Contaminated soil or water is not anticipated during this project; however, if contaminated material is encountered during excavation of the soil for the new tank, the Embassy should be notified immediately for direction. The scope of services required includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Site visit

The contractor shall conduct an initial site inspection, if necessary, to obtain an overview of the project and document the existing job conditions to allow for proper design, cost estimating, and scheduling of work.

Temporary storage containers and transfer of fuel

The contractor shall provide temporary storage of at least 10,000 liters. The remaining fuel from the current UST shall be pumped into a truck and stored off-site. The contractor shall filter and transfer fuel from the existing UST into the temporary tank. The Contractor shall provide temporary storage and delivery system to maintain fuel service to the existing generator and boiler during the construction activities. The contractor shall furnish and install temporary, flexible supply and return lines to connect to the existing generator, if needed. Continuous fuel supply to the existing generator and boilers shall be maintained using the temporary tank. The contractor shall provide a temporary fencing around the temporary tank.

Following installation of the new UST, fuel remaining in the temporary tank must be transferred to the newly installed UST. The fuel that was stored off-site shall be filtered and transferred into the new UST.

Underground storage tank installation

The contractor shall use an experienced crew to install the new UST that will provide fuel to the existing connection at the building for the generator and the boiler. The UST system shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of this section, local requirements, and all UST manufacturers' installation guidelines. The contractor shall be responsible for all the work and quality control associated with the installation of the new UST. This work includes, but is not limited to, the following:

UST specifications

The new UST shall be double wall fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) or double wall polymer jacketed steel tank (for example Glasteel, Plasteel Titan, Permatank, or equivalent) tank with nominal capacity of approximately 38,000 liters. The new tank should not be special ordered due to its size. A standard size that is close to the required capacity will suffice. The new UST shall comply with the applicable, if any, Underwriters Laboratory (UL 58 and UL 1746) Standards.

Quality assurance

Governing standards:

- U.L. 58, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Steel Underground Tanks for Flammable and Combustible Liquids.
- U.L. 1746, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Corrosion Protection Systems for Underground Storage Tanks.
- NFPA 30 and 30A, National Fire Protection Association Flammable and Combustible Code.
- Uniform Fire Code, International Fire Code Institute.
- PEI/RP-100 Petroleum Equipment Institute, Recommended Practices for Installation of Underground Liquid Storage Systems
- ANSI B137.1-1971
- ACT 100, Steel Tank Institute Specification for the Fabrication of FRP/Clad Underground Tanks.

Submittals

- A. Shop Drawings: Contractor shall submit copies of shop drawings for each tank, location of fittings and accessories with specific dimensions shall be shown on all drawings.
- B. Drawing Approval: Contractor shall receive drawing approval prior to product fabrication.
- C. Catalog Data: Contractor shall submit current copies of the manufacturer's literature.
- D. Certification: Tank shall bear the U.L. Listing Mark for secondary containment, composite underground tank for flammable liquid storage and the ACT 100 label for corrosion protection.
- E. Installation Instructions: Contractor shall submit copies of manufacturer's current installation instructions.

Products

A. Loading Conditions: Tank shall meet the following design criteria.

1. Surface Loads: When installed according to manufacturer's installation instructions, tanks shall withstand surface H-20 axle load (32,000 lbs/axle).

2. Internal load: Primary and secondary tank shall withstand an air pressure test of 3 to 5 psi.

3. Tanks shall be designed to support accessory equipment such as ladders, submerged pumps, containment sumps, etc. when installed according to manufacturer's instructions and limitations.

4. Tank shall be designed in such a manner to provide for monitoring of the interstice.

5. Primary and secondary tank shall be designed per Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.

Standard UL-58 / UL-1746 part 2 and so labeled.

B. Product Storage Requirements

1. Tank shall be capable of storing liquids with specific gravity up to 1.1.

2. Tank are designed for operation at atmospheric pressure only. All primary tanks shall be vented to the atmosphere.

3. Tank shall be capable of storing gasoline, gasohol, jet fuel, diesel fuel or methanol at ambient underground temperature or used for fuel oil at temperatures not to exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

4. The interstice shall be monitored using a static monitoring system.

C. Dimensional Requirements

1. Nominal capacity of the tank shall be 38.000 liters.

2. Nominal outside diameter of the tank shall be 2.5m.

3. Overall length of the tank shall be approximately 8.4m.

Accessories

A. Certification Plate: Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. label and ACT 100 label shall be affixed to each tank.

B. Fittings – NPT

1. All threaded fittings shall be of a material of construction consistent with the requirements of the Underwriters Laboratories listing. All fittings shall be protected using threaded plugs or suitable covers.

2. Standard fittings shall be 4" NPT forged steel weld flanges. (If required by regulation, a 5" NPT forged steel weld flange with 5"x4" nylon dielectric bushing may be used).

3. Interstice monitoring opening shall be 3" forged steel weld flange with 3" x 2" nylon dielectric bushing installed.

4. Location: Refer to drawings for location.

C. Interior Ladder: If required, supplied by tank manufacturer and designed to provide for tank deflection.

D. Manways (optional):

1. All manways shall be furnished with U.L.listed gaskets, bolts, and covers.

E. Containment Piping Sump (optional):

1. As required, sump may be used for secondary containment at the submerged pump location.

F. Interior Paint and Coating:

1. If required, see Paint Section.

G. Anchor Straps: If required, provide flat carbon steel anchor straps or other approved anchoring material as recommended by the tank manufacturer for each tank. The number, size and location shall be as that shown on the contract drawings. A suitable dielectric material shall be placed between the steel strap and tank at time of installation.

H. Lifting Lugs: Suitably designed and located lifting lugs or lifting plugs shall be provided with each tank and be capable of sustaining the tank weight with a 2:1 safety factor.

The contractor shall verify points of connection with all piping connected to the UST and identify opening locations on UST. The contractor shall submit the design and all manufacturer specifications regarding the proposed UST to the Embassy for approval prior to the start of the project. No work shall proceed without the approval of the Embassy.

Installation

Tank shall be installed in strict accordance with the most recent installation instructions provided by the tank manufacturer, PEI/RP100, NFPA 30, UFC, local ordinance, or other applicable codes.

Testing

A. The tank shall be delivered to jobsite with a vacuum of at least 5.3 inches Hg on the interstitial space. If the minimum vacuum is maintained for one hour, the inner tank and outer tank may be considered properly tested.

B. Alternate: The primary tank shall successfully complete an air pressure test of 3-5 psi. See manufacturer's air testing procedures. **WARNING:** Pressure testing of the interstice shall be in strict accordance with manufacturer's instructions. **Do not** overpressurize.

C. A volumetric test shall be performed on the entire storage system prior to being placed into operation.

Tank shipment

The contractor will be responsible for moving and delivering the new UST to its respective location for installation. The contractor will take full responsibility for the condition of the UST. If the tank is damaged during transport or installation, the tank will be repaired by the contractor and recertified by the manufacturer at no cost to the Embassy. If the tank is beyond repair, it will be replaced by the contractor at no cost to the Embassy.

The instructions given in the UST manufacturer's installation manual shall strictly govern all movement and temporary placement of UST from the point of distribution to the point of installation. The UST shall be moved only using the manufacturer's specific guidelines. UST shall not be lifted or hoisted while under pressure, shall not be moved with chains or cables around the tank, and shall not be rolled or dropped.

Pre-installation testing

The contractor shall test the UST prior to installation to ensure that it meets the required manufacturer specifications. This testing shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- i. Exterior Tank Inspection. Inspect the exterior of the tank for any cracks. Lift tank by lifting lugs to inspect the bottom of the tank.

- ii. Primary Tank Pressure Test. Pressure test the UST by pressurizing the tank to a maximum 35 kPa (5psi) or as recommended by the manufacturer. Monitor the air gauge for a minimum of one hour to make sure the air pressure is maintained. Apply soapy water to all tank fittings and manways and check for air leaks via bubbles. If bubbles are present, tighten plugs and/or bolts and retest the tank.
- iii. Secondary Tank Pressure Test. Following successful air testing of the primary tank, the secondary tank shall be tested by bleeding air from the primary tank slowly into the secondary interstitial space. As with the primary tank, the pressure will be monitored for a minimum of one hour and any secondary tank fittings and exterior tank joints (i.e., joint between tank cylinder and end caps) soaped to check for leaks.

If the UST fails repeated pressure tests, the Embassy's on-site designated representative shall be notified immediately. Under no circumstance shall the failed tank be installed. It is the Contractor's responsibility either to repair the UST and obtain manufacturer certification on the repair, or provide another UST that will pass the pressure test.

Excavation preparation and support

During or prior to testing activities, the excavation area for the new UST shall be made ready to accept the tank. At a minimum, the sidewalls of the excavation shall be 610 mm away from the sides and ends of the UST. The excavation shall be sloped, benched, or shored as necessary to allow safe entry into the excavation and to prevent cave-ins. The contractor is responsible for all excavation means and methods, including sheeting/shoring, to ensure the safety of workers in and around the excavation at all times. The contractor shall ensure the structural safety of all the adjacent buildings and utilities.

There are chiller lines (including power) that will have to be temporarily relocated during the construction process. Existing chiller lines (including power) running over the UST area will be replaced by flexible supply and return lines which will run around the area. Flexible lines will maintain connection with the chiller during UST installation. The contractor shall provide adequate cover for the relocated lines. The chiller shall remain functional during the construction process. After construction is completed the chiller lines (including power) shall be placed in the original location as pre-construction in a similar duct as the original.

Burial depth and cover

The top of the UST shall not be buried at a depth that exceeds 2.1 meters from the ground surface. The burial depth shall be sufficient to prevent tank float when combined with tank anchoring, and to allow sloping of product piping from the connection point at the building back to the tank at a minimum of 1 percent. A minimum of 300 mm of bedding material shall be placed beneath the tank over a 300 mm thick concrete hold-down slab.

Contractor should pay specific attention to placement and direction of tank when considering pipe layout.

Anchoring of tank

UST shall be mechanically anchored using concrete slabs above and/or below the UST, or by burying the tank at a depth indicated by the manufacturer to prevent the UST from floating assuming a completely flooded tank excavation.

The UST weight, overburden above tank, weight of concrete hold down slab, and UST buoyancy shall be considered in the computation for sizing concrete hold down slabs if a subsurface hold down slab is to be used. A safety factor of hold down forces to buoyancy forces of a minimum of 1.5 shall be demonstrated.

The excavation shall have a suitably prepared bed, and the tank shall not be dumped or dropped, but shall be carefully placed. The UST shall be secured using manufacturer approved hold down anchor straps placed at the manufacturer-designated locations on the UST if anchoring is employed. The UST shall be checked for deflection by measuring the tank diameter before and after tightening the anchor straps.

Backfilling and site restoration

The excavation shall be dewatered, if necessary, to provide a stable base to begin backfilling. Excavation support might be required prior to backfilling and is the responsibility of the contractor.

Uncontaminated soil may be used as backfill in the UST excavation so long as the material meets manufacturer's recommendations and the backfill criteria specified below.

The UST shall be handled in a manner that will prevent damage to the UST coating by impact or abrasion. Tank bedding and backfill material shall consist of rounded, washed pea gravel with sizes varying from 3.175 mm to 19.05 mm, or may be crushed stone aggregate with sizes varying from 3.175 mm to 12.7 mm, or may be washed sand. Tank backfill shall cover the tank by not less than 305 mm. Backfill material shall be tamped thoroughly in courses of 300 mm layers. No foreign material, such as broken bricks, cinder blocks, cobbles, etc., shall be permitted in the backfill. Backfill must also not contain any ash, cinders, ironite, or other corrosive material. For layers of backfill material over 30cm deep they will have to be compacted in layers to assure stability.

If native soils outside the limits of excavation are unstable, and/or may have the ability to wash into the tank bedding/backfill, then the tank excavation will be lined with filter fabric prior to bedding the hole with manufacturer's approved material. The contractor is to assume this is necessary.

Following backfilling, the site shall be restored to match existing conditions using sod. The contractor is responsible to ensure the sod matches existing and that rooting is established including watering as necessary. Every effort shall be made to preserve the existing trees and shrubs.

UST manholes and access

UST manholes and access shall be provided with the tank. The installation of such shall be done in accordance with tank manufacturer's specifications. At a minimum, one tank access manway with a containment sump shall be provided. The tank manways are to be made accessible through at-grade manholes with a minimum 914 mm opening. All manholes at grade shall be slight raised so the water drains away from them.

A metal placard (sign) shall be placed installed in the manhole indicating the size of the tank, the date of installation and the contents of the tank.

Tank removal

There is one existing approximately 40,000 liter UST on site that is to be removed. The Contractor shall develop a detailed site-specific UST removal plan.

The contractor shall use an experienced crew to remove the tank and all associated accessories. The contractor shall be responsible for all of the work associated with the removal of the existing UST. This work includes, but is not limited to:

Site preparation

After the receipt of the delivery order and when all preparation and planning activities are complete, a crew shall be dispatched to the site on the scheduled start date. Necessary equipment shall be mobilized and coordinated to arrive on site at or before the scheduled start date. The crew superintendent shall check in with the facility contact upon arrival at the site to introduce himself and his crew, and verify activities to be conducted. He shall ensure that no unplanned facility operations are being conducted that would interfere with the UST work and that the contractor is still cleared to proceed with the work.

Before work is initiated, the crew shall identify the limits of work, establish work zones, and install appropriate safety fencing, temporary chain link fencing, barricades, and signage, if needed. Work zones shall be clearly demarcated and areas for staging and stockpiling contaminated and non-contamin

Erosion and sediment controls shall be established at each work and stockpile area and also at storm-water drainage inlets to prevent runoff from entering the excavation and eliminate sediments from accumulating in the catch basins.

Product transfer, storage, removal and disposal

Following the completion of the temporary tank installation, product in the existing tank shall be filtered and transferred by the contractor into the temporary tank. Prior to transfer of product, fuel lines shall be drained back to the existing UST and taken out of service to the extent possible. All remaining tank contents shall be removed from the tank using a pump truck. Unusable residual product and/or sludge shall be characterized and taken off site by the contractor for disposal/recycling.

UST inerting and cleaning

After transfer of useable product, existing product lines are to be drained back to the tank and flushed. Fuel residue and/or sludge shall be removed. Residue and shall be removed using a pump truck and shall be disposed of at a permitted wastewater treatment or disposal facility. Confined entry into the tank is not permitted.

All accessible ancillary equipment associated with the UST shall be removed in its entirety or capped at the appropriate locations. Any piping that will remain underground shall be free of all residual fuel and rendered inert with nitrogen, carbon dioxide or other approved methods.

Tank excavation and removal

An initial excavation will be conducted to access the top of the tank to allow the tank to be pumped out, inerted and cleaned. Following this initial excavation, shoring will be installed, as necessary, and upon completion of shoring, the remaining excavation will be performed. During excavation, soil will be screened for the presence of contamination through visual observation, as well as through measurements with a direct-reading organic vapor analyzer, if available (such as a photoionization detector). Any evidence of contamination that is encountered will be immediately reported to the Embassy.

Any stockpiling of soil will be done such that contaminated soils are segregated from uncontaminated soil at a safe distance from the excavation, and covered with plastic sheeting and bermed.

When a tank is fully excavated and ready for removal, it will be visually inspected for evidence of structural weakness. If evidence of structural weakness is observed, a plan will be submitted to the Embassy for tank removal that will prevent further damage and contamination. The tank will not be removed until the plan is approved. If no evidence of structural weakness is observed, the tank will be lifted using chains or cables and lifting eyes, or straps under the ends of the tank. A crane of the appropriate size to handle the tank weight and boom distance from the tank to the crane positioning location will be used or the excavation equipment as appropriate. Upon removal, the tank will be placed on polyethylene sheeting for external cleaning and secured with wood blocks to prevent rolling.

Tank cleaning

Soil adhered to the exterior of the tank will be removed with non-sparking tools to eliminate soil deposition on roadways during transportation to the tank cleaning and dismantling location and to ensure markings will adhere to the tank surface. If the soil is not contaminated, it will be added to the uncontaminated soil stockpile. If it is contaminated, it will be added to the contaminated soil stockpile. After cleaning the tank exterior, it shall be labeled as follows:

TANK HAS CONTAINED DIESEL FUEL
NOT SUITABLE FOR FOOD OR DRINKING WATER

Any residual free liquids will be recovered using the vacuum pump truck and/or wiped with sorbent pads. Prior to removing the tanks from the site, all holes will be plugged or capped. One tank fitting plug will have a one-eighth-inch vent hole to prevent the tank from being subjected to an excessive pressure differential caused by extreme temperature changes.

Cleaning will be accomplished in a manner to eliminate the need for confined space entry into the tank. Cutting and dismantling of the tank will be accomplished using non-sparking equipment. After final cleaning, the tank will be recycled at an approved facility. Manifests and certificates of recycling/disposal shall be provided for each tank removed.

Handling of contaminated soil

During excavation activities, the contractor shall field screen the excavated soil to determine if the excavated soil contains petroleum hydrocarbons. Contaminated soil is not anticipated in during excavation. However, removal and disposal of contaminated soil shall be a COST OPTION ITEM included with the contractor's bid as a cost per unit item. Any evidence of soil contamination that is encountered shall be immediately reported to the Embassy on-site designated representative. The contaminated soil shall be separated from uncontaminated soil,

and shall be placed on a plastic sheet, covered, and bermed. The Contractor shall make every effort possible to reduce the possibility of any further contamination or any cross contamination. The contractor shall be provided direction regarding the handling and disposal/recycling of the contaminated soil by the Embassy on-site designated representative. However, the contractor shall provide recommendations or options on how to best handle the contaminated soil. If the contaminated soil must be disposed of/recycled, it shall be done in accordance with local regulations. The contractor shall be responsible for the safe transportation and disposal of the contaminated soil at an approved facility. The contractor shall provide manifests and certificates of disposal for all the contaminated soil that is disposed.

Inventory control and leak detection monitoring system

The contractor shall provide and install an electronic tank inventory control and leak detection system (Vedder Root TLS 300 or equivalent). The console will be installed inside the office in the boiler room. The contractor shall run the wiring in a conduit underground initially and along the building and then penetrate the building to install the leak detection panel inside the boiler room. The marble flooring that is cut to run the wiring until it reaches the building shall be restored to match the existing/original condition. The contractor will be responsible to install compatible fuel probe, remote alarm, and interstitial sensor for the new tank. The system must be able to conduct precision leak testing and detect a leak rate of 0.38 liters per hour. The monitoring system shall activate an audible and visual alarm in the event of any of the following conditions:

- Tank leak test failure.
- Fuel detected in interstitial space.
- Tank overfill condition.
- High fuel level in tank.
- Tank low level condition

Additional visual and audible alarm in the event of:

- Tank overfill condition.
- High fuel level in tank.

shall be installed at the guard building adjacent to the remote fill.

The contractor shall submit the design and all manufacturer specifications regarding the proposed electronic inventory control and the leak detection monitoring to the Embassy for approval prior to the start of the project. No work shall proceed without the approval of the Embassy.

The UST shall have a port that can be used to manually measure the fuel level in the tank. This port shall have a cover flush mounted with the surface. It shall be slightly raised so water drains away from it.

Monitoring system features (Vedder Root TLS 300 or equivalent)

- RS-232 communication interface with auxiliary port providing two 25-pin D-connectors for data transmission to computers or other terminals
- Automatic continuous leak sensing: tank interstitial space, piping sump
- Audible alarm and display indicating leak location
- In-tank warnings and alarms activated for the following conditions: leak overfill low product, sudden loss, high water, delivery needed, test failure, tank test not performed
- Accepting up to eight interstitial/containment float sensors
- Interstitial and piping pump warnings and alarms, activated for the following conditions: fuel presence, low liquid, high liquid.
- Alarm relays triggering alarm/security devices
- Built-in inputs providing solid state of switch input for external devices
- Built-in outputs relays providing for outputs to overfill alarms and external audible and visual warning devices
- Either relay can shut down the submersible if power to the monitor is lost or a leak is detected

Piping

The contractor shall be responsible for the installation of all of the piping associated with the UST system to the point of connection to existing piping at the building. This shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

Underground fuel lines

All underground fuel supply/return lines shall be non-metallic, double-walled and manufactured specifically for use in underground petroleum/diesel applications (UPP, APT or equivalent). Product supply/return piping must not be smaller than 25 mm in diameter. All fuel piping shall meet the applicable UL 971 or EN14125 standards (if applicable). The new supply and return line shall be connected to the existing fuel supply and return lines where they enter the building. All underground fuel line shall be installed at a minimum depth of 457 mm with the proper bedding and backfill. No debris or waste shall be used for backfill material. The flooring that is cut to install the underground fuel lines shall be restored to match the existing/original condition.

Vent piping

Vent piping shall be galvanized steel coated with bituminous mastic or cathodic/rust protection tape. The vent pipe shall be a minimum of 50 mm diameter. Vent lines will run underground reaching the closest of the lighting poles in the basketball court. The vent riser shall extend as high as pole level.

Vent lines shall pitch toward the tank at least one percent. Vent lines shall have a weatherproof cap.

The flooring that is cut to install the underground vent piping shall be restored to match the existing/original condition.

Valves and joints

All valves and joints shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer specifications. All piping connections shall be compatible with the type of piping material used. A sump shall be installed where the new pipe connection is made to the existing pipe at the building.

Remote fill and overflow protection

The fuel shall be delivered to the UST through a secured remote fill point, flush mounted on the floor with a unique key to open the remote fill port. The remote fill point shall be at the existing location. The remote fill shall be a gravity fed system to deliver fuel from the remote fill point to the UST. The number of piping bends piping runs shall be minimized to transfer the fuel from the remote fill point to the UST. Pumps shall not be placed on piping between the fill point and the USTs. The initial run of schedule 40 black steel piping at the remote fill port shall be installed at a 45 degree angle on the inside of the compound. The fill pipe shall have a minimum diameter of 100 mm. The remote fill line shall enter the ground and continue with a 1% downward slope until the UST is reached.

The fill pipe at the remote fill point shall be fitted with a spill catchment basin/bucket to catch any fuel during filling operations. The spill basin shall fit directly on to the fill riser and set in flush at grade. The remote fill point shall be placed so water drains away from fill point.

Overflow prevention shall be by a visual and audible alarm operated through the electronic inventory control and leak detection system. The overflow valve shall be installed to restrict flow at 90% of tank volume and the alarm will be controlled by a relay in the tank monitor and activated when the tank reaches 95% capacity. The visual and audible alarm shall be installed at the guard building adjacent to the remote fill.

Final systems test

Final tests shall be conducted on all newly installed UST, piping and other UST components at the completion of the work to ensure that the new system meets all manufacturer requirements and specifications. These tests shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- i. Pneumatic Tests of Fuel and Vent Lines. Pneumatic pressure testing of primary and secondary fuel lines and vent lines shall be completed before the lines are covered. The lines shall be pressurized in accordance with manufacturer instructions (minimum 350 kPa or 50 psi) and the pressure maintained for a minimum of two hours. In addition, all

fittings shall be covered with a soapy solution and observed for leaks. Any encountered leaks must be repaired by the Contractor.

- ii. Precision and Pressure Tests of UST. UST shall be pressure tested for two hours after they are secured in the excavation and backfill is placed to the top of the UST, and prior to introducing and product. Air pressure test the tanks as described for pre-installation testing at 35 kPa (5psi). Following successful completion of the above pressure test, the Embassy will fill the tank with fuel to a minimum of 75% capacity. At that point, the Contractor will initiate a leak test on the installed electronic inventory control/leak detection system. A report will be printed out from the console to be provided to the U.S. Embassy on site designated representative.
- iii. System Performance Tests. System performance tests shall also be conducted to demonstrate that the system meets the performance requirements for which it was designed and all manufacturer specifications. These shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Inventory control/leak detection system operates properly.
 - b. Proper working of emergency stop push buttons.
 - c. Alarm and control panels are operational.
 - d. Vent piping is clear of debris and valves are operating properly

Training

The Contractor shall provide training to U.S. Embassy personnel to familiarize them with all the components of the new UST system, especially the leak detection system and the safety switches.

Reporting

The contractor shall maintain daily reports summarizing all field activities. These shall include daily work reports, monitoring logs, photographs, and soil screening results. Furthermore, shipping/receipt manifests and weight tickets shall be maintained for each load of material delivered or removed from the site. If disposal of contaminated wastes is necessary, a certificate of destruction should be issued by the treatment facility. Likewise, all contaminated liquids or UST removed from the site shall be manifested and a certificate of destruction issued verifying proper disposal.

The Contractor shall provide warranties, product data, and operation and maintenance manuals for all installed equipment including but not limited to:

- The underground storage tank.

- Piping system (pipes and sumps).
- The electronic inventory control/leak detection system.

In addition, the contractor is to furnish to the Embassy, as built drawings.

Control quality and safety control

The Contractor shall implement an effective program of safety, inspections, testing, administration, management, reporting, recordkeeping, and other tasks necessary to verify compliance with the requirements of the contract plans and specifications.

The Contractor's site superintendent shall be responsible for managing the quality and safety control program on site. At a minimum, each worker on site shall have a hard hat, hard toe boots, safety glasses and gloves.

Permits

The contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all applicable local permits associated with installation of the new UST, including all accessories and the removal of the existing UST. These permits shall include construction permits and permits associated with the refueling of the tank.

Project closeout

When all site work is complete, the contractor's site superintendent shall review all activities and walk the project area with the Embassy personnel to ensure that the Embassy is satisfied and all work items are acceptable. If any items are not completed, they shall be addressed and completed immediately.

The contractor shall ensure that, upon demobilization, the site is left in a clean and orderly appearance equal to or better than prior to start of work.

The contractor shall compile record documents as the work progresses and maintain a copy of these documents as part of the quality control program. At the conclusion of the work, the contractor shall submit closure documentation and all UST system manufacturer specifications to the Embassy.

ATTACHMENT 5

DRAWINGS

(CD to be provided upon request)

REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

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

K.1 52.203-02 CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION (APR 1985)

(a) The offeror certifies that-

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to-

- (i) Those prices;
- (ii) The intention to submit an offer; or
- (iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.

(2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory-

(1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraph (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; or

(2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above ***[insert full name of person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the offeror's organization]***; and

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.

(c) If the offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)(2) above, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

K.2 52.203-11 CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE REGARDING PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS (SEP 2007)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision – “Lobbying contact” has the meaning provided at 2 USC 1602(8). The terms “agency”, “influencing or attempting to influence”, “officer or employee of an agency”, “person”, “reasonable compensation”, and “regularly employed” are defined in the FAR clause of this solicitation entitled Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (52.203-12).

(b) Prohibition. The prohibition and exceptions contained in the FAR clause of this solicitation entitled “Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions” (52.203-12) are hereby incorporated by reference in this provision.

(c) Certification. The offeror, by signing its offer, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress on its behalf in connection with the awarding of this contract.

(d) Disclosure. If any registrants under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 have made a lobbying contract on behalf of the offeror with respect to this contract, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its officer, OMB Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to provide the name of the registrants. The offeror need not report regularly employed officers or employees of the offeror to whom payments of reasonable compensation were made.

(e) Penalty. Submission of this certification and disclosure is a prerequisite for making or entering into this contract imposed by 31 USC 1352. Any persons who makes an expenditure prohibited under this provision or who fails to file or amend the disclosure required to be filed or amended by this provision, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000, and not more than \$150,000, for each failure.

K.3 52.204-3 TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION (OCT 98)

(a) Definitions:

"Common parent", as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a

consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member.

“Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)”, as used in this provision, means the number required by the IRS to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.

(b) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (d) through (f) of this provision in order to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325 (d), reporting requirements of 26 USC 6041, 6041A, and 6050M and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If the resulting contract is subject to the reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the failure or refusal by the offeror to furnish the information may result in a 31 percent reduction of payments otherwise due under the contract.

(c) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror’s relationship with the Government (31 USC 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror’s TIN.

(d) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

TIN: _____

TIN has been applied for.

TIN is not required because:

Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the U.S. and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the U.S.;

Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(e) Type of Organization.

Sole Proprietorship;

Partnership;

Corporate Entity (not tax exempt);

Corporate Entity (tax exempt);

Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

Foreign government;

International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;

Other _____

(f) Common Parent.

___ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (a) of this clause.
___ Name and TIN of common parent;

Name _____
TIN _____

K.4 52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications (MAY 2011)

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is _____ [*Note to Contracting Officer: insert NAICS code*].

(2) The small business size standard is _____ *Note to Contracting Officer: insert size standard*].

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

(b)(1) If the clause at [52.204-7](#), Central Contractor Registration, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

(2) If the clause at [52.204-7](#) is not included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently registered in CCR, and has completed the ORCA electronically, the offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

(i) Paragraph (d) applies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) [52.204-3](#), Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include the clause at [52.204-7](#), Central Contractor Registration.

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

- (A) Are not set aside for small business concerns;
- (B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and
- (C) Are for contracts that will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

(v) [52.209-2](#), Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations—Representation. This provision applies to solicitations using funds appropriated in fiscal years 2008, 2009, or 2010.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(C) If the acquisition value is \$50,000 or more but is less than \$67,826, the provision with its Alternate II applies.

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

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

(xx) 52.225-25, Prohibition on Engaging in Sanctioned Activities Relating to Iran-Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxi) 52.226-2, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to—

(A) Solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions; and

(B) For DoD, NASA, and Coast Guard acquisitions, solicitations that contain the clause at 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns.

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

[*Contracting Officer check as appropriate.*]

___ (i) 52.219-22, Small Disadvantaged Business Status.

___ (A) Basic.

___ (B) Alternate I.

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

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

___ (iv) 52.222-52, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Certain Services—Certification.

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

___ (vi) 52.227-6, Royalty Information.

___ (A) Basic.

___ (B) Alternate I.

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

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

FAR CLAUSE #	TITLE	DATE	CHANGE
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Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on ORCA.

(End of provision)

K. 5 RESERVED

K.6. 52.225-18 Place of Manufacture (Sept 2006)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

“Manufactured end product” means any end product in Federal Supply Classes (FSC) 1000-9999, except—

- (1) FSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;
- (2) Federal Supply Group (FSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;
- (3) FSG 88, Live Animals;
- (4) FSG 89, Food and Related Consumables;
- (5) FSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) FSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) FSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (8) FSC 9610, Ores;
- (9) FSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and
- (10) FSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

“Place of manufacture” means the place where an end product is assembled out of components, or otherwise made or processed from raw materials into the finished product that is

to be provided to the Government. If a product is disassembled and reassembled, the place of reassembly is not the place of manufacture.

(b) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly—

(1) In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); or

(2) Outside the United States.

**K.7 52.225-20 PROHIBITION ON CONDUCTING RESTRICTED BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN SUDAN—
CERTIFICATION (AUG 2009)**

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

“Business operations” means engaging in commerce in any form, including by acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or any other apparatus of business or commerce.

“Marginalized populations of Sudan” means—

(1) Adversely affected groups in regions authorized to receive assistance under section 8(c) of the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act (Pub. L. 109-344) ([50 U.S.C. 1701 note](#)); and

(2) Marginalized areas in Northern Sudan described in section 4(9) of such Act.

“Restricted business operations” means business operations in Sudan that include power production activities, mineral extraction activities, oil-related activities, or the production of military equipment, as those terms are defined in the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174). Restricted business operations do not include business operations that the person conducting the business can demonstrate—

(1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;

(2) Are conducted pursuant to specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;

(3) Consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;

(4) Consist of providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;

(5) Consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education; or

(6) Have been voluntarily suspended.

(b) *Certification.* By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies that it does not conduct any restricted business operations in Sudan.

K.8 RESERVED

K.9 652.225-70 ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL (AUG 1999)

(a) DEFINITIONS. As used in this provision:

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person as defined below.

United States person means any United States resident or national (other than an individual resident outside the United States and employed by other than a United States person), any domestic concern (including any permanent domestic establishment of any foreign concern), and any foreign subsidiary or affiliate (including any permanent foreign establishment) of any domestic concern which is controlled in fact by such domestic concern, as provided under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended.

(b) CERTIFICATION. By submitting this offer, the offeror certifies that it is not:

- (1) Taking or knowingly agreeing to take any action, with respect to the boycott of Israel by Arab League countries, which Section 8(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)) prohibits a United States person from taking; or,
- (2) Discriminating in the award of subcontracts on the basis of religion.

K.10 652.228-70 DEFENSE BASE ACT – COVERED CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES (JUN 2006)

(a) Bidders/offerors shall indicate below whether or not any of the following categories of employees will be employed on the resultant contract, and, if so, the number of such employees:

Category	Yes/No	Number
(1) United States citizens or residents		
(2) Individuals hired in the United States, regardless of citizenship		
(3) Local nationals or third country nationals where contract performance takes place in a country <i>where there are no</i> local workers' compensation laws		Local nationals: _____ Third Country Nationals: _____
(4) Local nationals or third country nationals where contract performance takes place in a		Local nationals: _____

country where there <i>are</i> local workers' compensation laws		Third Country Nationals: _____
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(b) The contracting officer has determined that for performance in the country of

Workers' compensation laws exist that will cover local nationals and third country nationals.

Workers' compensation laws do not exist that will cover local nationals and third country nationals.

(c) If the bidder/offeror has indicated "yes" in block (a)(4) of this provision, the bidder/offeror shall not purchase Defense Base Act insurance for those employees. However, the bidder/offeror shall assume liability toward the employees and their beneficiaries for war-hazard injury, death, capture, or detention, in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.228-4.

(d) If the bidder/offeror has indicated "yes" in blocks (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this provision, the bidder/offeror shall compute Defense Base Act insurance costs covering those employees pursuant to the terms of the contract between the Department of State and the Department's Defense Base Act insurance carrier at the rates specified in DOSAR 652.228-74, Defense Base Act Insurance Rates – Limitation. If DOSAR provision 652.228-74 is not included in this solicitation, the bidder/offeror shall notify the contracting officer before the closing date so that the solicitation can be amended accordingly.

K.11. 52.209-2 Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations—Representation. (May 2011)

(a) *Definition.* "Inverted domestic corporation" and "subsidiary" have the meaning given in the clause of this contract entitled Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations ([52.209-10](#)).

(b) *Relation to Internal Revenue Code.* An inverted domestic corporation as herein defined does not meet the definition of an inverted domestic corporation as defined by the Internal Revenue Code at [26 U.S.C. 7874](#).

(c) *Representation.* By submission of its offer, the offeror represents that—

(1) It is not an inverted domestic corporation; and

(2) It is not a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation.

(End of provision)

K.12 52.209-5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (APR 2010)

(a)(1) The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that—

(i) The Offeror and/or any of its Principals—

(A) Are or are not o presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;

(B) Have o have not o, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property (if offeror checks “have”, the offeror shall also see [52.209-7](#), if included in this solicitation);

(C) Are o are not o presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision;

(D) Have o, have not o, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied.

(1) Federal taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:

(i) *The tax liability is finally determined.* The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge to the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.

(ii) *The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment.* A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.

(2) *Examples.*

(i) The taxpayer has received a statutory notice of deficiency, under I.R.C. § 6212, which entitles the taxpayer to seek Tax Court review of a proposed tax deficiency. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek Tax Court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(ii) The IRS has filed a notice of Federal tax lien with respect to an assessed tax liability, and the taxpayer has been issued a notice under I.R.C. § 6320 entitling the taxpayer to request a hearing with the IRS Office of Appeals contesting the lien filing, and to further appeal to the Tax Court if the IRS determines to sustain the lien filing. In the course of the hearing, the taxpayer is entitled to contest the underlying tax liability because the taxpayer has had no prior opportunity to contest the liability. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek tax court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(iii) The taxpayer has entered into an installment agreement pursuant to I.R.C. § 6159. The taxpayer is making timely payments and is in full compliance with the agreement terms. The taxpayer is not delinquent because the taxpayer is not currently required to make full payment.

(iv) The taxpayer has filed for bankruptcy protection. The taxpayer is not delinquent because enforced collection action is stayed under 11 U.S.C. 362 (the Bankruptcy Code).

(ii) The Offeror has or has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.

(2) “Principal,” for the purposes of this certification, means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a division or business segment; and similar positions).

This Certification Concerns a Matter Within the Jurisdiction of an Agency of the United States and the Making of a False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Certification May Render the Maker Subject to Prosecution Under Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code.

(b) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(c) A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror’s responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

(End of provision)

K.13 52.225-25 Prohibition on Engaging in Sanctioned Activities Relating to Iran – Certification (SEP 2010)

(a) *Definition.*

“Person”—

(1) Means—

(i) A natural person;

(ii) A corporation, business association, partnership, society, trust, financial institution, insurer, underwriter, guarantor, and any other business organization, any other nongovernmental entity, organization, or group, and any governmental entity operating as a business enterprise; and

(iii) Any successor to any entity described in paragraph (1)(ii) of this definition; and

(2) Does not include a government or governmental entity that is not operating as a business enterprise.

(b) *Certification.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this provision or if a waiver has been granted in accordance with FAR 25.703-2(d), by submission of its offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror, or any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not engage in any activities for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996. These sanctioned activities are in the areas of development of the petroleum resources of Iran, production of refined petroleum products in Iran, sale and provision of refined petroleum products to Iran, and contributing to Iran's ability to acquire or develop certain weapons.

(c) *Exception for trade agreements.* The certification requirement of paragraph (b) of this provision does not apply if—

(1) This solicitation includes a trade agreements certification (*e.g.*, [52.225-4](#), [52.225-11](#) or comparable agency provision); and

(2) The offeror has certified that all the offered products to be supplied are designated country end products or designated country construction material.

(End of provision)

SECTION L - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS OR QUOTERS

L.1 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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

<http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html/> or, <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm>

These addresses are subject to change. If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the locations indicated above, use of an Internet "search engine" (such as, Yahoo, Infoseek, Alta Vista, etc.) is suggested to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

<http://www.statebuy.state.gov/>

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CH. 1)

52.204-6	CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER-DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (DUNS) NUMBER	APR 2008
52.214-34	SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE	APR 1991
52.215-1	INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION	JAN 2004
52.236-28	PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS – CONSTRUCTION	OCT 1997

L.2 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS IN FULL TEXT

52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)

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

52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (SEPT 2006)

(a) Protests, as defined in section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the General Accounting Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from the Contracting Officer, 91 Vas. Sofias Avenue, 101 60 Athens.

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

L.3 QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFERORS

Offerors must be technically qualified and financially responsible to perform the work described in this solicitation. At a minimum, each Offeror must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be able to understand written and spoken English;
- (2) Have an established business with a permanent address and telephone listing;
- (3) Be able to demonstrate prior construction experience with suitable references for company and Project manager;
- (4) Have the necessary personnel, equipment and financial resources available to perform the work;
- (5) Have all licenses and permits required by local law;
- (6) Meet all local insurance requirements;
- (7) Have the ability to obtain a performance and guarantee bond and a payment bond, or to post adequate performance security, such as irrevocable letters of credit or guarantees issued by a reputable financial institution;
- (8) Have no adverse criminal record; and
- (9) Have no political or business affiliation which could be considered contrary to the interests of the United States.

L.4 REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

Each Offeror is responsible for:

- (1) Obtaining a complete set of contract drawings and specifications;

- (2) Thoroughly reviewing such documents and understanding their requirements;
- (3) Visiting the project site and becoming familiar with all working conditions, local laws and regulations; and
- (4) Determining that all materials, equipment and labor required for the work are available.

Any ambiguity in the solicitation, including specifications and contract drawings, must be reported immediately to the Contracting Officer. Any prospective Offeror who requires a clarification, explanation or interpretation of the contract requirements must make a request to the Contracting Officer not less than ten working days before the closing date of the solicitation. Offerors may rely ONLY upon written interpretations by the Contracting Officer.

L.5 SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

L.5.1 SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS

Each offer shall consist of the following physically separate volumes:

Volume	Title	No. of Copies*
I	Executed Standard Form 1442, <i>Solicitation, Offer and Award (Construction, Alteration, or Repair)</i> , and completed Section K	1
II	Price Proposal and Completed Section B. The price proposal shall include a completed Section J, Attachment 3, "Breakdown of Proposal Price by Divisions of Specifications".	2
III	Performance schedule in the form of a "bar chart" and Business Management/Technical Proposal.	2

Submit the complete offer to the address indicated at Block 7 of Standard Form (SF) 1442, if mailed, or the address set forth below, if hand delivered (if this is left blank, the address is the same as that in Block 7 of SF 1442).

The offeror shall identify and explain/justify any deviations, exceptions, or conditional assumptions taken with respect to any of the instructions or requirements of this solicitation in the appropriate volume of the offer.

L.5.2 DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

L.5.2.1 Volume I: Standard Form (SF) 1442 and Section K. Complete blocks 14 through 20C of the SF 1442 and all of Section K.

L.5.2.2 Volume II: Price proposal and Section B. The price proposal shall consist of completion of Section B and Section J, Attachment 3, "BREAKDOWN OF PROPOSAL PRICE BY DIVISIONS OF SPECIFICATIONS. Complete all applicable portions of this form in each relevant category (such as., labor, materials, etc.).

L.5.2.3 Volume III: Performance schedule and Business Management/Technical Proposal.

(a) Present the performance schedule in the form of a "bar chart" indicating when the various portions of the work will be commenced and completed within the required contract completion schedule. This bar chart shall be in sufficient detail to clearly show each segregable portion of work and its planned commencement and completion date.

(b) The Business Management/Technical Proposal shall be in two parts, including the following information:

PROPOSED WORK INFORMATION - Provide the following:

- (1) A list of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the owners, partners, and principal officers of the Offeror;
- (2) The name and address of the Offeror's field superintendent for this project; and
- (3) A list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of subcontractors and principal materials suppliers to be used on the project, indicating what portions of the work will be performed by them.

EXPERIENCE AND PAST PERFORMANCE - List all contracts and subcontracts your company has held over the past three years for the same or similar work. Provide the following information for each contract and subcontract:

- (1) Customer's name, address, and telephone numbers of customer's lead contract and technical personnel;
- (2) Contract number and type;
- (3) Date of the contract award place(s) of performance, and completion dates;
- (4) Contract dollar value;
- (5) Brief description of the work, including responsibilities;
- (6) Comparability to the work under this solicitation;
- (7) Brief discussion of any major technical problems and their resolution;

- (8) Method of acquisition (fully competitive, partially competitive, or noncompetitive), and the basis for award (cost/price, technical merit, etc.);
- (9) Cost/price management history, including any cost overruns and under runs, and cost growth and changes;
- (10) Percent turnover of contract key technical personnel per year; and
- (11) Any terminations (partial or complete) and the reason (convenience or default)
- (12) Identify any accidents or safety concerns that occurred and resolution.

L.6 52.236-27 SITE VISIT (FEB 1995)

(a) The clauses at 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions, and 52.236-3, Site Investigations and Conditions Affecting the Work, will be included in any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation. Accordingly, offerors or quoters are urged and expected to inspect the site where the work will be performed.

(b) A site visit has been scheduled for **September 1, 2011 at 10.30 hours**

(c) Participants will meet at the Entrance of the US Embassy Athens. Offerors should send the names of participants to fax no 210 722 7255, Attention: Mr. Mouyios, **no later than 13.00 hours, August 31, 2011**

L.7 652.206-70 COMPETITION ADVOCATE/OMBUDSMAN (AUG 1999) (DEVIATION)

(a) The Department of State's Competition Advocate is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged to first contact the contracting office for the respective solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact the Department of State Competition Advocate on (703) 516-1693, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: U.S. Department of State, Competition Advocate, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 900, SA-27, Washington, DC 20522-2712.

(b) The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and post-award phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract

disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman, Attention : Management Affairs Counselor at Phone 210-7202275 and Fax no 210- 7227255. For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1693, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 900, SA-27, Washington, DC 20522-2712.

652.228-74 DEFENSE BASE ACT INSURANCE RATES – LIMITATION (JUN 2006)

(a) The Department of State has entered into a contract with an insurance carrier to provide Defense Base Act (DBA) insurance to Department of State covered contractor employees at a contracted rate. For the purposes of this provision, “covered contractor employees” includes the following individuals:

- (1) United States citizens or residents;
- (2) Individuals hired in the United States or its possessions, regardless of citizenship; and
- (3) Local nationals and third country nationals where contract performance takes place in a country where there are no local workers’ compensation laws.

(b) In preparing the cost proposal, the bidder/offeror shall use the following rates in computing the cost for the DBA insurance:

Services @ \$3.60 per \$100.00 of employee compensation; or

Construction @ \$4.95 per \$100.00 of employee compensation.

(c) Bidders/Offerors shall compute the total compensation (direct salary plus differential, but excluding per diem, housing allowances) to be paid to covered contractor employees and the cost of DBA insurance in their bid/proposal using the foregoing rate. Bidders/offerors shall include the estimated DBA insurance costs in their proposed fixed price or estimated cost. However, the DBA insurance costs shall be identified in a separate line item in the bid proposal.”

L.8 MAGNITUDE OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

It is anticipated that the range in price of this contract will be: Between \$100,000 and \$250,000 (equivalent in euros)

L.9 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

If asked by the Contracting Officer, the offeror shall provide a current statement of its financial condition, certified by a third party, that includes:

Income (profit-loss) Statement that shows profitability for the past three (3) years;

Balance Sheet that shows the assets owned and the claims against those assets, or what a firm owns and what it owes; and

Cash Flow Statement that shows the firm's sources and uses of cash during the most recent accounting period. This will help the Government assess a firm's ability to pay its obligations.

The Government will use this information to determine the offeror's financial responsibility and ability to perform under the contract. Failure of an offeror to comply with a request for this information may cause the Government to determine the offeror to be nonresponsible.

SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

M.1 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

M.1.1 GENERAL. To be acceptable and eligible for evaluation, proposals must be prepared in accordance with Section L - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS, and must meet all the requirements set forth in the other sections of this solicitation.

M.1.2 BASIS FOR AWARD.

The Government intends to award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the lowest priced, technically acceptable offeror who is a responsible contractor. The evaluation procedures are set forth below:

(a) INITIAL EVALUATION. The Government will evaluate all proposals received to ensure that each proposal is complete in terms of submission of each required volume, as specified in Section L. The Government may reject proposals which are missing a significant amount of the required information.

(b) TECHNICAL EVALUATION. After the Initial Evaluation, the Government will review those proposals remaining for consideration to determine technical acceptability. The Government will consider the following evaluation criteria in determining the acceptability of the technical proposal. To be considered technically acceptable, the technical proposal must provide the information requested in Section L and conform to the requirements of the solicitation.

- The Proposed Work Information described in L.5.2.3(b).
- The qualifications and experience of the offeror's proposed project superintendent and subcontractors.
- Experience and Past Performance (L.5.2.3.(b)). The Government may contact references to verify the quality of the past performance.
- The performance schedule (bar chart) (Section L.5.2.3.).
- Responses to all other technical requirements contained in the solicitation.

(c) The Government will make a responsibility determination by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:

- adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;

- ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
- satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them;
- necessary equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them; and
- be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

The Government reserves the right to reject proposals that are unreasonably low or high in price. Unsuccessful offerors will be notified in accordance with FAR 15.5.

M.1.3 AWARD SELECTION

The Government will review the prices of all technically acceptable firms and award the contract to the lowest priced, technically acceptable, responsible offeror.

M.2 AWARD WITHOUT DISCUSSIONS

Under FAR provision 52.215-1 (included in Section L of this RFP), award of this contract may be made based on initial proposals and without holding discussions, following FAR 15.306(a)(3).

M.3 52.225-17 EVALUATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY OFFERS (FEB 2000):

If the Government receives offers in more than one currency, the Government will evaluate offers by converting the foreign currency to United States currency using the exchange rate used by the Embassy in effect as follows:

- (a) For acquisitions conducted using sealed bidding procedures, on the date of bid opening.
- (b) For acquisitions conducted using negotiation procedures—
 - (1) On the date specified for receipt of offers, if award is based on initial offers; otherwise
 - (2) On the date specified for receipt of proposal revisions.

M.4 SEPARATE CHARGES

Separate charges, in any form, are not solicited. For example, any charges for failure to exercise an option are unacceptable.