

PART I – THE SCHEDULE

SECTION H

SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

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SECTION H

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H.1 SALES OF CONVERSION PRODUCTS AND EXCESS URANIUM INVENTORY

(a) Definitions:

- (1) "Product" means any saleable material resulting from the DUF6 conversion process, including, but not limited to, Uranium Oxide (UOX), Hydrofluoric Acid (HF), and Calcium Fluoride (CaF₂).
- (2) "DUF6 Contractor's development and implementation costs," as used in this clause, means those costs incurred by the DUF6 Contractor in developing, testing, preparing, and submitting the proposal, as well as those costs incurred by the DUF6 Contractor to make the contractual changes required for approval by the Contracting Officer.
- (3) "DUF6 Contractor's proposal," as used in this clause, means the proposal the DUF6 Contractor prepares and submits to the Contracting Officer for approval in accordance with this clause.
- (4) "Government costs," as used in this clause, means those agency costs that result directly from developing and implementing the DUF6 Contractor's proposal, such as any net increases in the costs of testing, operations, maintenance, safety reviews, oversight, and logistics support. The term does not include the normal administrative costs of processing the DUF6 Contractor's proposal or any increase in this contract's cost or price resulting from negative contract savings (see below).
- (5) "Net acquisition savings" means total acquisition savings under this contract to include the product proceeds less: (1) the allowable costs associated with the sale that would not otherwise have been incurred during the performance of this contract except to generate the product proceeds and (2) applicable Government costs.
- (6) "Negative contract savings," as used in this clause, means allowable costs associated with acceptance of the DUF6 Contractor's proposal that exceed the product proceeds.
- (7) "Product proceeds" means the gross revenue obtained by the DUF6 Contractor from the sale of DUF6 or DUF6 conversion products under this contract.

(b) Sales:

- (1) The DUF6 Contractor shall be responsible for the sale of any product as a sales agent for the Government. Title to any product shall remain with the Government until the product is sold. The DUF6 Contractor shall, upon such terms and conditions as the Contracting Officer may approve, sell such property at a price (including “no-cost” sales) agreed upon by the Contracting Officer and the DUF6 Contractor as the fair value thereof.
 - (2) The Contractor shall provide assistance to DOE, as directed and authorized specifically by the Contracting Officer, to support or conduct sales of UF6 inventory consistent with the Secretarial Policy and DOE Excess Uranium Inventory Management Plan. This shall include moving cylinders, sampling, characterizing, transporting, and other handling activities in support of any uranium sales, independent of who conducts the sale on DOE's behalf. .
 - (3) The Contractor will take no action to market or sell any products or inventory items until specifically directed by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall not prepare and the DOE will not review any Proposal for sale of product or inventory until such action is initiated by Contracting Officer direction.
 - (4) If and only if allowed by law, sale proceeds may be applied to reduce allowable costs under this contract as directed by the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer will direct the disposition of product proceeds, to be returned to the U.S. Treasury or to be applied to reduce allowable costs under the contract.
- (c) DUF6 Contractor’s Proposal: When directed by the Contracting Officer, the DUF6 Contractor shall prepare a proposal for sale of UF6 inventory or any product and submit it to the Contracting Officer for review and approval. The DUF6 Contractor’s proposal should include, at a minimum, the following:
- (1) Description of the product or inventory items.
 - (2) Description of the projected quantities to be sold.
 - (3) Identification of the benefits and disadvantages to DOE of the proposed sale including, but not limited to, financial, technical, environmental, safety, and health.
 - (4) Identification and description of any impact or change to the current or projected conduct of operations.
 - (5) Detailed cost impact to current or projected operations including cost reduction and/or cost increases to the current or projected method of operations and any costs to be incurred in order to conduct sales.

- (6) Projected sales proceeds.
 - (7) Estimated net acquisition savings.
 - (8) Estimated negative contract savings, if any.
 - (9) Description of how the DUF6 Contractor's accounting system will track the costs and sales proceeds associated with the proposed sale.
 - (10) Identification of increased or decreased funding by fiscal year needed to implement the DUF6 Contractor's proposal, including funds for operations and capital improvements.
 - (11) Description and estimate of Government costs.
 - (12) Any projected impact to the environment and safety or health of project employees, site workers, and general public.
 - (13) Identification of any changes to the contract requirements, terms or conditions necessary to implement the DUF6 Contractor's proposal.
 - (14) Identification of any permits and/or licenses required.
 - (15) A statement of the time by which a contract modification accepting the DUF6 Contractor's proposal must be issued in order to achieve the maximum cost reduction or sales proceeds, noting any effect of delay or acceleration of approval on the contract completion time or delivery schedule.
 - (16) Identification of incurred and estimated DUF6 Contractor's development implementation costs.
 - (17) Identification of the projected customers and their proposed use(s) of proposed sales products or inventory.
- (d) Government Action:
- (1) The Contracting Officer will notify the DUF6 Contractor of the status of the DUF6 Contractor's proposal within thirty calendar days after receipt by the Contracting Officer. If additional time is required, the Contracting Officer will notify the DUF6 Contractor within the thirty day period and provide the reason for the delay and the expected date of the decision. The Government will not be liable for any delay in approving or rejecting the DUF6 Contractor's proposal.

- (2) The DOE decision may include direction to the Contractor for disposition of any product proceeds from the sale.
 - (3) The decision to approve or reject all or any part of the DUF6 Contractor's proposal will be a unilateral decision made solely at the discretion of the Contracting Officer.
- (e) DUF6 Contractor's Development and Implementation Costs
- (1) The DUF6 Contractor will account for all the development and implementation costs under this clause separately from all other contract costs. The DUF6 Contractor's development and implementation costs will be unallowable contract costs unless the Contracting Officer specifically approves them in advance or as part of the approval in paragraph (d) above.
 - (2) Approved development and implementation costs shall be included in the calculation of net acquisition savings.
- (f) Data Rights: If a DUF6 Contractor's proposal is approved, the DUF6 Contractor hereby grants the Government unlimited rights in the DUF6 Contractor's proposal and supporting data, except that, with respect to data qualifying and submitted as limited rights technical data, the Government shall have the rights specified in the contract modification implementing the DUF6 Contractor's proposal and shall appropriately mark the data. (The terms "unlimited rights" and "limited rights" are defined in Part 27 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.)
- (g) Accounting System:
- (1) The DUF6 Contractor's accounting system shall account for all net acquisition savings including product proceeds. Each proposed and approved DUF6 Contractor proposal for the sale of product or inventory item shall be accounted for separately unless otherwise agreed to by the Contracting Officer. By submitting a proposal under this clause, the DUF6 Contractor grants the Contracting Officer or an authorized representative the right to examine DUF6 Contractor records including books, documents, and other types of factual information including cost and pricing data necessary for an adequate evaluation of claimed net acquisition savings.
 - (2) If the cost of maintaining detailed accounting records is not warranted by the savings to be realized, the Contracting Officer and the DUF6 Contractor may agree on alternative means by which savings can be measured.
- (h) The DUF6 Contractor may not be the sole product sales agent for the Government. The Government reserves the right to use or otherwise dispose of any or all DUF6 and products, including disposition to third parties. In particular, the Government retains the right to encourage and promote third party use of DUF6 or any product.

H.2 NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This Contract is for the exclusive benefit and convenience of the parties hereto. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as granting, vesting, creating, or conferring any right of action or any other right or benefit upon past, present, or future employees of the Contractor, or upon any other third party. This provision is not intended to limit or impair the rights which any person may have under applicable Federal statutes.

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H.10 DOE-H-2073 RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE PROGRAMS

Contractor officials shall ensure that the requirements set forth below are applied in the establishment and administration of DOE-funded prime cost reimbursement contracts for management and operation of DOE facilities and other designated long-lived onsite contracts for which the contractor has established separate operating business units.

1. BASIC REQUIREMENTS.

- a. Maintain commercial insurance or a self-insured program, (i.e., any insurance policy or coverage that protects the contractor from the risk of legal liability for adverse actions associated with its operation, including malpractice, injury, or negligence) as required by the terms of the contract. Types of insurance include automobile, general liability, and other third party liability insurance. Other forms of coverage must be justified as necessary in the operation of the Department facility and/or the performance of the contract, and approved by the DOE.
- b. Contractors shall not purchase insurance to cover public liability for nuclear incidents without DOE authorization (See DEAR 970.5070, Indemnification, and DEAR 950.70, Nuclear Indemnification of DOE Contractors).

- c. Demonstrate that insurance programs and costs comply with the cost limitations and exclusions at FAR 28.307, Insurance Under Cost Reimbursement Contracts, FAR 31.205-19, Insurance and Indemnification, DEAR 952.231-71 Insurance-Litigation and Claims, and DEAR 970.5228-1, Insurance-Litigation and Claims.
- d. Demonstrate that the insurance program is being conducted in the government's best interest and at reasonable cost.
- e. The contractor shall submit copies of all insurance policies or insurance arrangements to the Contracting Officer no later than 30 days after the purchase date.
- f. When purchasing commercial insurance, the contractor shall use a competitive process to ensure costs are reasonable.
- g. Ensure self-insurance programs include the following elements:
 - (1) Compliance with criteria set forth in FAR 28.308, Self-Insurance. Approval of self-insurance is predicated upon submission of verifiable proof that the self-insurance charge does not exceed the cost of purchased insurance. This includes hybrid plans (i.e., commercially purchased insurance with self-insured retention (SIR) such as large deductible, matching deductible, retrospective rating cash flow plans, and other plans where insurance reserves are under the control of the insured). The SIR components of such plans are self-insurance and are subject to the approval and submission requirements of FAR 28.308, as applicable.
 - (2) Demonstration of full compliance with applicable state and federal regulations and related professional administration necessary for participation in alternative insurance programs.
 - (3) Safeguards to ensure third party claims and claims settlements are processed in accordance with approved procedures.
 - (4) Accounting of self-insurance charges.
 - (5) Accrual of self-insurance reserve. The Contracting Officer's approval is required and predicated upon the following:
 - (a) The claims reserve shall be held in a special fund or interest bearing account.
 - (b) Submission of a formal written statement to the Contracting Officer stating that use of the reserve is exclusively for the payment of insurance claims and losses, and that DOE shall receive its equitable share of any excess funds or reserve.
 - (c) Annual accounting and justification as to the reasonableness of the claims reserve submitted for Contracting Officer's review.

- (d) Claim reserves, not payable within the year the loss occurred, are discounted to present value based on the prevailing Treasury rate.
- h. Separately identify and account for interest cost on a Letter of Credit used to guarantee self-insured retention, as an unallowable cost and omitted from charges from the DOE contract.
- i. Comply with the Contracting Officer's written direction for ensuring the continuation of insurance coverage and settlement of incurred and/or open claims and payments of premiums owed or owing to the insurer for prior DOE contractors.

2. PLAN EXPERIENCE REPORTING.

The Contractor shall:

- a. provide the Contracting Officer with annual experience reports for each type of insurance (e.g., automobile and general liability), listing the following for each category:
 - (1) The amount paid for each claim
 - (2) The amount reserved for each claim
 - (3) The direct expenses related to each claim
 - (4) A summary of the year showing total number of claims
 - (5) A total amount for claims paid
 - (6) A total amount reserved for claims
 - (7) The total amount of direct expenses
- b. provide the Contracting Officer with an annual report of insurance costs and/or self-insurance charges. When applicable, separately identify total policy expenses (e.g., commissions, premiums, and costs for claims servicing) and major claims during the year, including those expected to become major claims (e.g., those claims valued at \$100,000 or greater).
- c. provide additional claim financial experience data as may be requested on a case-by-case basis.

3. TERMINATING OPERATIONS.

The Contractor shall:

- a. ensure protection of the government's interest through proper recording of cancellation credits due to policy terminations and/or experience rating.
- b. identify and provide continuing insurance policy administration and management requirements to a successor, other DOE contractor, or as specified by the Contracting Officer.

- c. reach agreement with DOE on the handling and settlement of self insurance claims incurred but not recorded at the time of contract termination; otherwise, the contractor shall retain this liability.

4. SUCCESSOR CONTRACTOR OR INSURANCE POLICY CANCELLATION

The Contractor shall:

- a. obtain the written approval of the Contracting Officer for any change in program direction; and
- b. ensure insurance coverage replacement is maintained as required and/or approved by the Contracting Officer.

H.11 DOE-H-1051 CONSECUTIVE NUMBERING (MAY 2009)

Due to automated procedures employed in formulating this document, clauses and provisions contained within may not always be consecutively numbered.

H.12 DOE-H-1005 WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

- (a) Contractors, other than those whose workers' compensation coverage is provided through a state funded arrangement or a corporate benefits program, shall submit to the Contracting Officer for approval all new compensation policies and all initial proposals for self-insurance (contractors shall provide copies to the Contracting Officer of all renewal policies for workers compensation).
- (b) Workers compensation loss income benefit payments, when supplemented by other programs (such as salary continuation, short-term disability) are to be administered so that total benefit payments from all sources shall not exceed 100 percent of the employee's net pay.
- (c) Contractors approve all workers compensation settlement claims up to the threshold established by the Contracting Officer for DOE approval and submit all settlement claims above the threshold to DOE for approval.
- (d) The Contractor shall obtain approval from the Contracting Officer before making any significant change to its workers compensation coverage and shall furnish reports as may be required from time to time by the Contracting Officer.

H.13 DOE-H-1011 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE DETERMINATIONS

In the performance of this Contract the Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor Wage Determination(s) located in Section J and FAR 52.222-42 Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires, when applicable.

H.14 DOE-H-1021 CONSERVATION OF UTILITIES

The Contractor shall instruct Contractor employees in utilities conservation practices. The Contractor shall operate under conditions that preclude the waste of utilities. The Contractor shall use lights only in areas where and at the time when work is actually being performed except in those areas where lighting is essential for purpose of safety and security.

H.15 DOE-H-1024 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)

- (a) The DOE and the Contractor both recognize that methods for fair and efficient resolution of significant disputes are essential to the successful and timely achievement of critical milestones and completion of all contract requirements. Accordingly, the parties agree that in the event of a dispute to jointly select a 'standing neutral.' The standing neutral will be available to help resolve disputes as they arise. Such standing neutral can be an individual, a board comprised of three independent experts, or a company with specific expertise in the contract area. If a standing neutral cannot be agreed upon, the DOE Office of Dispute Resolution will make a selection. Specific joint ADR processes shall be developed.
- (b) The parties agree the following provision may be invoked for significant disputes upon mutual agreement of the DOE and the Contractor:
 - (1) DOE and the Contractor shall use their best efforts to informally resolve any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement by consulting and negotiating with each other in good faith, recognizing their mutual interests, and attempting to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties. If any agreement cannot be reached through informal negotiations within 30 days after the start of negotiations, then such disagreement shall be referred to the standing neutral, pursuant to the jointly-developed ADR procedures.
 - (2) The standing neutral will not render a decision, but will assist the parties in reaching a mutually satisfactory agreement. In the event the parties are unable after 30 days to reach such an agreement, either party may request, and the standing neutral will render, a non-binding advisory opinion. Such opinion shall not be admissible in evidence in any subsequent proceedings.
- (c) If one party to this contract requests the use of the process set forth in Paragraphs b(1) and b(2) of this clause and the other party disagrees, the party disagreeing must express its position in writing to the other party. On any such occasion, if the party requesting the above process wishes to file a claim they may proceed in accordance with Section I, FAR 52.233-1 Disputes or FAR 52.233-1 Disputes Alternate I.

H.16 DOE-H-1025 CONTRACTOR INTERFACE WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS AND/OR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

The Government may award contracts for on-site work or services to additional contractors. The Contractor shall cooperate fully with all other on site DOE Contractors, and with Government employees, and carefully fit its own work to such other work as may be directed by the Contracting Officer or a duly authorized representative. The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act which will interfere with the performance of work by any other Contractor or by a Government employee.

H.17 DOE-H-1032 RELEASE OF INFORMATION

The DOE policy and procedure on news releases requires that all Contractor press releases be reviewed and approved by DOE prior to issuance. Therefore, the Contractor shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the planned issue date, submit a draft copy to the Contracting Officer of any planned press releases related to work performed under this contract. The Contracting Officer will then obtain necessary reviews and clearances and provide the Contractor with the results of such reviews prior to the planned issue date.

H.18 DOE-H-1040 LOBBYING RESTRICTION

The Contractor agrees that none of the funds obligated on this award shall be expended, directly or indirectly, to influence congressional action on any legislation or appropriation matters pending before Congress, other than to communicate to members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. § 1913. This restriction is in addition to those prescribed elsewhere in statute and regulations.

H.19 DOE-H-1048 SUSTAINABLE ACQUISITION UNDER DOE SERVICE CONTRACTS (MAY 2011)

Pursuant to Executive Orders 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management, and 13514, Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance, the Department of Energy is committed to managing its facilities in a manner that will promote the natural environment and protect the health and well-being of its Federal employees and Contractor service providers. As a service provider at a DOE facility you are urged to assist us in our efforts. Sustainable acquisition or environmentally preferable contracting has several interacting initiatives. Among the initiatives are the following:

Alternative Fueled Vehicles and Alternative Fuels
Biobased Content Products (USDA Designated Products)
Energy Efficient Products
Non-Ozone Depleting Alternative Products
Recycled Content Products (EPA Designated Products)
Water Efficient Products (EPA WaterSense Labeled Products)

You should familiarize yourself with these information resources:

Recycled Products are described at <http://epa.gov/cpg>

Biobased Products are described at <http://www.biopreferred.gov/>

Energy efficient products are at <http://energystar.gov/>

FEMP designated products are at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/procurement>

Environmentally Preferable Computers are at <http://www.epeat.net>

Non-Ozone Depleting Alternative Products at <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/strathome.html>

Water efficient plumbing fixtures at <http://epa.gov/watersense>

In the course of providing services at the DOE site, if your services necessitate the acquisition of any of these types of products, it is expected that you will acquire the sustainable, environmentally preferable models unless the product is not available competitively within a reasonable time, at a reasonable price, is not life cycle cost efficient in the case of energy consuming products, or does not meet reasonable performance standards. While there is no formal reporting, DOE prepares a sustainable acquisition annual report and you may be asked to share information for our report.

H.20 DOE-H-1055 COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNET PROTOCOL VERSION 6 (IPv6) IN ACQUIRING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (JULY 2011)

This contract involves the acquisition of Information Technology (IT) that uses Internet Protocol (IP) technology. The Contractor agrees that (1) all deliverables that involve IT that uses IP (products, services, software, etc.) comply with IPv6 standards and interoperate with both IPv6 and IPv4 systems and products; and (2) it has IPv6 technical support for fielded product management, development and implementation available. If the Contractor plans to offer a deliverable that involves IT that is not initially compliant, the Contractor shall (1) obtain the Contracting Officer's approval before starting work on the deliverable; and (2) have IPv6 technical support for fielded product management, development and implementation available.

Should the Contractor find that the Performance Work Statement of this contract does not conform to IPv6 standards, it must notify the Contracting Officer of such nonconformance and act in accordance with the instructions of the Contracting Officer.

H.21 DOE-H-1056 CONTRACTOR ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICES OF VIOLATION OR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, FINES, AND PENALTIES (JULY 2011)

(a) The Contractor shall accept, in its own name, notices of violation(s) or alleged violations (NOVs/NOAVs) issued by federal or state regulators to the Contractor resulting from the Contractor's performance of work under this contract, without regard to liability. The allowability of the costs associated with fines and penalties shall be subject to applicable laws, regulations and other provisions of this contract.

(b) After providing DOE advance written notice, the Contractor shall conduct negotiations with regulators regarding NOVs/NOAVs and fine and penalties. However, the Contractor shall not make any commitments or offers to regulators that

- would bind the Government, including monetary obligations, without first obtaining written approval from the Contracting Officer. Failure to obtain advance written approval may result in otherwise allowable costs being declared unallowable and/or the Contractor being liable for any excess costs to the Government associated with or resulting from such offers/commitments.
- (c) The Contractor shall notify DOE promptly when it receives service from the regulators of NOVs/NOAVs and fines and penalties.

H.22 DOE-H-1057 ASSIGNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS (JULY 2011)

- (a) Assignment of DOE Prime Contracts. During the period of performance of this Contract, it may become necessary for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to transfer and assign existing or future DOE prime contracts supporting site work to this contract. The Contractor shall accept the transfers and assignments of contracts. Any recommendations and/or suggestions regarding individual transfers directed by DOE shall be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer prior to the transfer or assignment.
- (b) Administration of Subcontracts. The administration of all subcontracts entered into and/or managed by the Contractor, including responsibility for payment hereunder, shall remain with the Contractor. The Government reserves the right at any time to require that the Contractor submit any or all other contractual arrangements, including but not limited to purchase orders or classes of purchase orders, for approval, and provide information concerning methods, practices, and procedures used or proposed to be used in subcontracting and purchasing. Subcontracts and purchase orders shall be made in the name of the Contractor, shall not bind nor purport to bind the Government, shall not relieve the Contractor of any obligation under this contract (including, among other things, the obligation to properly supervise and coordinate the work of subcontractors), and shall be in such form and contain such provisions as are required by this contract or as the Contracting Officer may prescribe. Any consent by the Contracting Officer to the placement of subcontracts shall not be construed to create subcontractor privity of contract with the Government.
- (c) Transfer of Subcontracts. As the successor contractor, the Contractor agrees to accept the transfer of existing subcontracts as determined necessary by DOE for continuity of operations. The Contractor shall attempt to negotiate changes to the assigned subcontracts incorporating mandatory flow-down provisions at no cost. If the subcontractor refuses to accept the changes or requests price adjustments, the Contractor will notify the Contracting Officer in writing. DOE reserves the right to direct the Contractor to transfer to DOE or another Contractor any subcontract awarded under this contract.

H.23 DOE-H-1061 KEY PERSONNEL (JULY 2011)

(a) Introduction

Key Personnel are considered essential to the success of all work being performed under this contract. This Clause provides specific requirements, in addition to the requirements of the clause in Section I entitled, "DEAR 952.215-70 Key Personnel," for the Key Personnel Team, requirements for changes to Key Personnel, reductions in available fee for changes to Key Personnel, and identification of all Key Personnel for this Contract.

(b) Key Personnel Team Requirements

The Contracting Officer and designated Contracting Officer's Representative(s) shall have direct access to the Key Personnel. All Key Personnel shall be permanently assigned to the position. In addition to the definition contained in the Section I Clause entitled, "DEAR 952.215-70, Key Personnel," Key Person(s) are considered managerial personnel.

(c) Definitions

For the purposes of this Clause, Changes to Key Personnel is defined as: (i) any change to the position assignment of a current Key Person under the contract, except for a person who acts for short periods of time, in the place of a Key Person during his or her absence the total time of which shall not exceed 30 working days during any given year; (ii) utilizing the services of a new substitute Key Person for assignment to the contract; or (iii) assigning a current Key Person for work outside the Contract.

(d) Contract Price Reductions for Changes to Key Personnel.

- (1) Notwithstanding approval by the Contracting Officer, any time the Project Manager (the initial Project Manager or any substitution approved by the Contracting Officer) is changed for any reason within two (2) years of being placed in the position, Available Fee described in Section B, may be permanently reduced by \$750,000 for each and every occurrence of a change.
- (2) Notwithstanding approval by the Contracting Officer, any time a Key Person other than the Project Manager (any initial Key Person or any substitution approved by the Contracting Officer) is changed for any reason within two (2) years of being placed in the position, Available Fee described in Section B, may be permanently reduced by \$350,000 for each and every occurrence of a change.
- (3) The Contractor may request in writing that the Contracting Officer consider waiving all or part of a reduction in Available Fee. Such written request shall include the factual basis for the request. The Contracting Officer shall have the

unilateral discretion to make the determination to waive all or part of the reduction in Available Fee.

- (e) The Key Personnel for this contract are identified below. This list will be amended during the course of the contract to change Key Personnel as approved by the Contracting Officer

DESIGNATED KEY PERSONNEL

NAME	TITLE
_____	Project Manager
_____	Environment, Safety, Health and Quality Manager
_____	Plant Manager- Portsmouth
_____	Plant Manager- Paducah
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

H.24 DOE-H-1063 PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AGREEMENT (JULY 2011)

The Contractor’s parent organization(s) or all member organizations if the Contractor is a joint venture, limited liability company, or other similar entity, shall guarantee performance of the contract as evidenced by the Executed Performance Guarantee Agreement incorporated in the contract in Section J, Attachment J-10.

If the Contractor is a joint venture, limited liability company, or other similar entity where more than one organization is involved, the parent(s) or all member organizations shall assume joint and severable liability for the performance of the contract. In the event any of the signatories to the Performance Guarantee Agreement enters into proceedings related to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish written notification of the bankruptcy to the Contracting Officer.

H.25 DOE-H-1064 RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE OFFICIAL AND CORPORATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (JULY 2011)

The Contractor has provided a guarantee of performance from its parent company(s) in the form set forth in the Section J Attachment entitled, "Performance Guarantee Agreement." The individual signing the "Performance Guarantee Agreement" for the parent company(s) should be the Responsible Corporate Official.

The Responsible Corporate Official is the person who has sole corporate (parent company(s)) authority and accountability for Contractor performance. DOE may contact, as necessary, the single Responsible Corporate Official identified below regarding Contract performance issues.

Responsible Corporate Official:

Name:
Position:
Company/Organization:
Address:
Phone:
Facsimile:
Email:

Should the Responsible Corporate Official or their contact information change during the period of the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer in writing of the change.

Identified below is each member of the Corporate Board of Directors that will have corporate oversight.

DOE may contact, as necessary, any member of the Corporate Board of Directors, who is accountable for corporate oversight of the Contractor organization and key personnel.

Corporate Board of Directors:

Name:
Position:
Company/Organization:
Address:
Phone:
Facsimile:
Email:

Should any change occur to the Corporate Board of Directors or their contact information during the period of the contract, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer in writing of the change.

H.26 DOE-H-1066 DISPOSITION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY – FAILURE TO COMPLETE CONTRACT (JULY 2011)

The following provisions shall apply in the event the Contractor does not complete contract performance for any reason:

- (a) The Government may take possession of and use all the technical data, including limited rights data, restricted computer software, and data and software obtained from subcontractors, licensors, and licensees, necessary to complete the work in conformance with this contract, including the right to use the data in any Government solicitations for the completion of the work contemplated under this contract. Technical data includes, but is not limited to, specifications, designs, drawings, operational manuals, flowcharts, software, databases and any other information necessary for the completion of the work under this contract. The Contractor shall ensure that its subcontractors and licensors make similar rights available to the Government and its contractors.
- (b) The Contractor agrees to and does hereby grant to the Government an irrevocable, non-exclusive, paid-up license in and to any inventions or discoveries regardless of when conceived or actually reduced to practice by the Contractor, and any other intellectual property, including technical data, which are owned or controlled by the Contractor, at any time through completion of this contract and which are incorporated or embodied in the construction of the facilities or which are utilized in the operation or remediation of the facilities or which cover articles, materials or products manufactured at a facility: (1) to practice or to have practiced by or for the Government at the facility; and (2) to transfer such license with the transfer of that facility. The acceptance or exercise by the Government of the aforesaid rights and license shall not prevent the Government at any time from contesting the enforceability, validity or scope of, or title to, any rights or patents or other intellectual property herein licensed.
- (c) In addition, the Contractor will take all necessary steps to assign permits, authorizations, leases, and licenses in any third party intellectual property to the Government, or such other third party as the Government may designate, that are necessary for the completion of the work contemplated under this contract.

H.27 DOE-H-1067 PRICE ANDERSON AMENDMENTS ACT NONCOMPLIANCE (JULY 2011)

The Contractor shall establish an internal Price-Anderson Amendments Act (PAAA) noncompliance identification, tracking, and corrective action system and shall provide access to and fully support DOE reviews of the system. The Contractor shall also implement a Price-Anderson Amendments Act reporting process which meets applicable DOE standards. The Contractor shall be accountable for ensuring that subcontractors adhere to these requirements.

H.28 DOE-H-1069 TRANSITION TO FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT (JULY 2009)

The Contractor recognizes that the work and services covered by this contract are vital to the DOE mission and must be maintained without interruption, both at the commencement and the expiration of this contract. It is therefore understood and further agreed in recognition of the above:

- (a) At the expiration of the contract term or any earlier termination thereof, the Contractor shall cooperate with a successor contractor or the Government by allowing its employees to interview for possible employment. For those employees who accept employment with the successor contractor, such employees shall be released in coordinated manner with the successor contractor. The Contractor shall cooperate with the successor contractor and Government with regard to the termination or transfer arrangements for such employees to assure maximum protection of employee service credits and fringe benefits.
- (b) Within fifteen (15) days after the Notice to Proceed, the Contractor and the outgoing contractor shall jointly prepare a mutual detailed plan for the phase-out and phase-in of operations. This plan shall specify a training and orientation program to cover each phase of the scope of work covered by the contract. A proposed date by which the Contractor will assume responsibility from the outgoing contractor for such work shall be established. The outgoing contractor will maintain full responsibility for such work until assumption thereof by the Contractor. Execution of the proposed plan or any part thereof shall be accomplished in accordance with the Contracting Officer's direction and approval.
- (c) This clause shall apply to subcontracts as approved by the Contracting Officer.

H.29 MODIFICATION AUTHORITY

Notwithstanding any of the other clauses of this contract, the Contracting Officer shall be the only individual authorized to:

- (a) Accept nonconforming work,
- (b) Waive any requirement of this contract, or
- (c) Modify any term or condition of this contract.

H.30 INCORPORATION OF REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFEROR

The representations, certifications, and other statements of Offeror, completed by the Contractor, dated **TBD**, are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

H.31 NOTICE REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS -- SENSE OF CONGRESS

It is the Sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and material purchased with funds made available under this award should be American-made.

H.32 COST ESTIMATING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

(a) Definitions.

Acceptable estimating system means an estimating system that complies with the system criteria in paragraph (d) of this clause, and provides for a system that—

- (1) Is maintained, reliable, and consistently applied;
- (2) Produces verifiable, supportable, documented, and timely cost estimates that are an acceptable basis for negotiation of fair and reasonable prices;
- (3) Is consistent with and integrated with the Contractor's related management systems; and
- (4) Is subject to applicable financial control systems.

Estimating system means the Contractor's policies, procedures, and practices for budgeting and planning controls, and generating estimates of costs and other data included in proposals submitted to customers in the expectation of receiving contract awards or contract modifications. Estimating system includes the Contractor's—

- (1) Organizational structure;
- (2) Established lines of authority, duties, and responsibilities;
- (3) Internal controls and managerial reviews;
- (4) Flow of work, coordination, and communication; and
- (5) Budgeting, planning, estimating methods, techniques, accumulation of historical costs, and other analyses used to generate cost estimates.

Significant deficiency means a shortcoming in the system that materially affects the ability of officials of the Department of Energy to rely upon information produced by the system that is needed for management purposes.

- (b) General. The Contractor shall establish, maintain, and comply with an acceptable estimating system.

- (c) Applicability. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of this clause apply if the Contractor is a large business to include a contractor teaming arrangement, as defined at 48 CFR 9.601(1), performing a contract in support of a Capital Asset Project (other than a management and operating contract as described at 917.6), as prescribed in DOE Order (DOE O) 413.3B, or current version; or a non-capital asset project and either—
 - (1) The total prime contract value exceeds \$50 million, including options; or
 - (2) The Contractor was notified, in writing, by the Contracting Officer that paragraphs (d) and (e) of this clause apply.
- (d) *System requirements.* (1) The Contractor shall disclose its estimating system to the Contracting Officer, in writing. If the Contractor wishes the Government to protect the information as privileged or confidential, the Contractor must mark the documents with the appropriate legends before submission. If the Contractor plans to adopt the existing system from the previous Contractor, the Contractor is responsible for the system and shall comply with the system requirements required in this clause.
 - (2) An estimating system disclosure is acceptable when the Contractor has provided the Contracting Officer with documentation no later than 60 days after contract award that—
 - (i) Accurately describes those policies, procedures, and practices that the Contractor currently uses in preparing cost proposals; and
 - (ii) Provides sufficient detail for the Government to reasonably make an informed judgment regarding the acceptability of the Contractor's estimating practices.
 - (3) The Contractor shall—
 - (i) Comply with its disclosed estimating system; and
 - (ii) Disclose significant changes to the cost estimating system to the Contracting Officer on a timely basis.
 - (4) The Contractor's estimating system shall provide for the use of appropriate source data, utilize sound estimating techniques and good judgment, maintain a consistent approach, and adhere to established policies and procedures. An acceptable estimating system shall accomplish the following functions:
 - (i) Establish clear responsibility for preparation, review, and approval of cost estimates and budgets.
 - (ii) Provide a written description of the organization and duties of the personnel responsible for preparing, reviewing, and approving cost estimates and budgets.

- (iii) Ensure that relevant personnel have sufficient training, experience, and guidance to perform estimating and budgeting tasks in accordance with the Contractor's established procedures.
 - (iv) Identify and document the sources of data and the estimating methods and rationale used in developing cost estimates and budgets.
 - (v) Provide for adequate supervision throughout the estimating and budgeting process.
 - (vi) Provide for consistent application of estimating and budgeting techniques.
 - (vii) Provide for detection and timely correction of errors.
 - (viii) Protect against cost duplication and omissions.
 - (ix) Provide for the use of historical experience, including historical vendor pricing information where appropriate.
 - (x) Require use of appropriate analytical methods.
 - (xi) Integrate information available from other management systems.
 - (xii) Require management review, including verification of compliance with the company's estimating and budgeting policies, procedures, and practices.
 - (xiii) Provide for internal review of, and accountability for, the acceptability of the estimating system, including the budgetary data supporting indirect cost estimates and comparisons of projected results to actual results, and an analysis of any differences.
 - (xiv) Provide procedures to update cost estimates and notify the Contracting Officer in a timely manner.
 - (xv) Provide procedures that ensure subcontract prices are reasonable based on a documented review and analysis provided with the prime proposal, when practicable.
 - (xvi) Provide estimating and budgeting practices that consistently generate sound proposals that are compliant with the provisions of the solicitation and are adequate to serve as a basis to reach a fair and reasonable price.
 - (xvii) Have an adequate system description, including policies, procedures, and estimating and budgeting practices, that comply with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR chapter 1) and Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR chapter 9).
- (e) *Significant deficiencies.* (1) The Contracting Officer will provide an initial determination to the Contractor, in writing, of any significant deficiencies. The initial determination will describe the deficiency in sufficient detail to allow the Contractor to understand the deficiency.
- (2) The Contractor shall respond within 30 days to a written initial determination from the Contracting Officer that identifies significant deficiencies in the Contractor's estimating system. If the Contractor disagrees with the initial determination, the Contractor shall state, in writing, its rationale for disagreeing. In the event the Contractor did not respond in writing to the initial determination within the response time, this lack of response shall indicate that the Contractor agrees with the initial determination.

- (3) The Contracting Officer will evaluate the Contractor's response or the Contractor's lack of response and notify the Contractor, in writing, of the Contracting Officer's final determination concerning—
- (i) Remaining significant deficiencies;
 - (ii) The adequacy of any proposed or completed corrective action; and
 - (iii) System disapproval, if the Contracting Officer determines that one or more significant deficiencies remain.
- (f) If the Contractor receives the Contracting Officer's final determination of significant deficiencies, the Contractor shall, within 45 days of receipt of the final determination, either correct the significant deficiencies or submit an acceptable corrective action plan showing milestones and actions to eliminate the significant deficiencies.
- (g) *Withholding payments.* If the Contracting Officer makes a final determination to disapprove the Contractor's estimating system, and the contract includes the Section H clause Contractor Business Systems, the Contracting Officer will withhold payments in accordance with that clause.

H.33 CONTRACTOR BUSINESS SYSTEMS

(a) This clause only applies to a fixed-price contract awarded to a large business on the basis of adequate price competition with or without submission of cost or pricing data; or covered contract that is subject to the Cost Accounting Standards under 41 U.S.C. chapter 15, as implemented in regulations found at 48 CFR 9903.201-1(a) and is not exempted at 9903.201-1(b)(1) through (14) (see the 48 CFR Appendix).

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

Acceptable contractor business systems means contractor business systems that comply with the terms and conditions of the applicable business system clauses listed in the definition of “contractor business systems” in this clause.

Contractor business systems means—

- (1) Accounting system, if this contract includes the Section H clause Accounting System Administration;
- (2) Earned value management system, if this contract includes the Section H clause Earned Value Management System;
- (3) Estimating system, if this contract includes the Section H clause Cost Estimating System Requirements;
- (4) Property management system, if this contract includes the Section H clause Contractor Property Management System Administration; and

(5) Purchasing system, if this contract includes the Section H clause Contractor Purchasing System Administration.

Significant deficiency, in the case of a contractor business system, means a shortcoming in the system that materially affects the ability of officials of the Department of Energy to rely upon information produced by the system that is needed for management purposes.

(c) *General*. The Contractor shall establish and maintain acceptable business systems in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract. If the Contractor plans to adopt any existing business system from the previous Contractor, the Contractor is responsible for the system and shall comply with the system requirements and criteria required in that specific business system clause.

(d) *Significant deficiencies*. (1) The Contractor shall respond, in writing, within 30 days to an initial determination that there are one or more significant deficiencies in one or more of the Contractor's business systems.

(2) The Contracting Officer will evaluate the Contractor's response and notify the Contractor, in writing, of the final determination as to whether the Contractor's business system contains significant deficiencies. If the Contracting Officer determines that the Contractor's business system contains significant deficiencies, the final determination will include a notice to withhold payments.

(e) *Withholding payments*. (1) If the Contracting Officer issues the final determination with a notice to withhold payments for significant deficiencies in a contractor business system required under this contract, the Contracting Officer will direct the Contractor, in writing, to withhold five percent from its invoices until the Contracting Officer has determined that the Contractor has corrected all significant deficiencies as directed by the Contracting Officer's final determination. The Contractor shall, within 45 days of receipt of the notice, either –

(i) Correct the deficiencies; or

(ii) Submit an acceptable corrective action plan showing milestones and actions to eliminate the deficiencies. The plan shall contain—

(A) Root cause(s) identification of the problem(s);

(B) The proposed corrective action(s) to address the root cause(s);

(C) A schedule for implementation; and

(D) The name of the person responsible for the implementation.

(2) If the Contractor submits an acceptable corrective action plan within 45 days of receipt of a notice of the Contracting Officer's intent to withhold payments, and the

Contracting Officer, in consultation with the auditor or functional specialist, determines that the Contractor is effectively implementing such plan, the Contracting Officer will direct the Contractor, in writing, to reduce the percentage withheld on invoices to two percent until the Contracting Officer determines the Contractor has corrected all significant deficiencies as directed by the Contracting Officer's final determination. However, if at any time, the Contracting Officer determines that the Contractor has failed to follow the accepted corrective action plan, the Contracting Officer will increase withholding and direct the Contractor, in writing, to increase the percentage withheld on invoices to the percentage initially withheld, until the Contracting Officer determines that the Contractor has corrected all significant deficiencies as directed by the Contracting Officer's final determination.

(3) *Payment withhold percentage limits.*

- (i) The total percentage of payments withheld on amounts due on this contract shall not exceed—
 - (A) Five percent for one or more significant deficiencies in any single contractor business system; and
 - (B) Ten percent for significant deficiencies in multiple contractor business systems.
- (ii) If this contract contains pre-existing withholds, and the application of any subsequent payment withholds will cause withholding under this clause to exceed the payment withhold percentage limits in paragraph (e)(3)(i) of this clause, the Contracting Officer will reduce the payment withhold percentage in the final determination to an amount that will not exceed the payment withhold percentage limits.

(4) For the purpose of this clause, payment means invoicing for any of the following payments authorized under this contract:

- (i) Interim payments under—
 - (A) Cost-reimbursement contracts;
 - (B) Incentive type contracts;
 - (C) Time-and-materials contracts; or
 - (D) Labor-hour contracts.
- (ii) Progress payments to include fixed-price contracts.
- (iii) Performance-based payments to include fixed-price contracts.

(5) Payment withholding shall not apply to payments on fixed-price line items where performance is complete and the items were accepted by the Government.

(6) The withholding of any amount or subsequent payment to the Contractor shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights or remedies the Government has under this contract.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of any clause in this contract providing for interim, partial, or other payment withholding on any basis, the Contracting Officer may withhold payment in accordance with the provisions of this clause.

(8) The payment withholding authorized in this clause is not subject to the interest-penalty provisions of the Prompt Payment Act.

(f) *Correction of deficiencies.* (1) The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer, in writing, when the Contractor has corrected the business system's deficiencies.

(2) Once the Contractor has notified the Contracting Officer that all deficiencies have been corrected, the Contracting Officer will take one of the following actions:

(i) If the Contracting Officer determines that the Contractor has corrected all significant deficiencies as directed by the Contracting Officer's final determination, the Contracting Officer will direct the Contractor, in writing, to discontinue the payment withholding from invoices under this contract associated with the Contracting Officer's final determination, and authorize the Contractor to bill for any monies previously withheld that are not also being withheld due to other significant deficiencies. Any payment withholding under this contract due to other significant deficiencies, will remain in effect until the Contracting Officer determines that those significant deficiencies are corrected.

(ii) If the Contracting Officer determines that the Contractor still has significant deficiencies, the Contractor shall continue withholding amounts from its invoices in accordance with paragraph (e) of this clause, and not invoice for any monies previously withheld.

(iii) If the Contracting Officer determines, based on the evidence submitted by the Contractor, that there is a reasonable expectation that the corrective actions have been implemented and are expected to correct the significant deficiencies, the Contracting Officer will discontinue withholding payments, and release any payments previously withheld directly related to the significant deficiencies identified in the Contractor notification, and direct the Contractor, in writing, to discontinue the payment withholding from invoices associated with the Contracting Officer's final determination, and authorize the Contractor to bill for any monies previously withheld.

(iv) If, within 90 days of receipt of the Contractor notification that the Contractor has corrected the significant deficiencies, the Contracting Officer has not made a determination in accordance with paragraphs (f)(2)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this clause, the Contracting Officer will direct the Contractor, in writing, to reduce the payment withholding from invoices directly related to the significant deficiencies identified in the Contractor notification by a specified percentage that is at least 50 percent, but not authorize the Contractor to bill for any monies previously withheld until the Contracting Officer makes a determination in accordance with paragraphs (f)(2)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this clause.

(v) At any time after the Contracting Officer directs the Contractor to reduce or discontinue the payment withholding from invoices under this contract, if the Contracting Officer determines that the Contractor has failed to correct the significant deficiencies

identified in the Contractor's notification, the Contracting Officer will reinstate or increase withholding and direct the Contractor, in writing, to reinstate or increase the percentage withheld on invoices to the percentage initially withheld, until the Contracting Officer determines that the Contractor has corrected all significant deficiencies as directed by the Contracting Officer's final determination.

H.34 ACCOUNTING SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

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

(1) *Acceptable accounting system* means a system that complies with the system criteria in paragraph (c) of this clause to provide reasonable assurance that—

- (i) Applicable laws and regulations are complied with;
- (ii) The accounting system and cost data are reliable;
- (iii) Risk of misallocations and mischarges are minimized; and
- (iv) Contract allocations and charges are consistent with billing procedures.

(2) *Accounting system* means the Contractor's system or systems for accounting methods, procedures, and controls established to gather, record, classify, analyze, summarize, interpret, and present accurate and timely financial data for reporting in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and management decisions, and may include subsystems for specific areas such as indirect and other direct costs, compensation, billing, labor, and general information technology.

(3) *Significant deficiency* means a shortcoming in the system that materially affects the ability of officials of the Department of Energy to rely upon information produced by the system that is needed for management purposes.

(b) *General.* The Contractor shall establish and maintain an acceptable accounting system. If the Contractor plans to adopt the existing system from the previous Contractor, the Contractor is responsible for the system and shall comply with the system criteria required in this clause. The Contractor shall provide in writing to the Contracting Officer documentation that its accounting system meets the system criteria in paragraph (c) of this clause no later than 60 days after contract award. Failure to maintain an acceptable accounting system, as defined in this clause, shall result in the withholding of payments if the contract includes the Section H clause Contractor Business Systems, and also may result in disapproval of the system.

(c) *System criteria.* The Contractor's accounting system shall provide for—

- (1) A sound internal control environment, accounting framework, and organizational structure;
- (2) Proper segregation of direct costs from indirect costs;

- (3) Identification and accumulation of direct costs by contract;
- (4) A logical and consistent method for the accumulation and allocation of indirect costs to intermediate and final cost objectives;
- (5) Accumulation of costs under general ledger control;
- (6) Reconciliation of subsidiary cost ledgers and cost objectives to general ledger;
- (7) Approval and documentation of adjusting entries;
- (8) Management reviews or internal audits of the system to ensure compliance with the Contractor's established policies, procedures, and accounting practices;
- (9) A timekeeping system that identifies employees' labor by intermediate or final cost objectives;
- (10) A labor distribution system that charges direct and indirect labor to the appropriate cost objectives;
- (11) Interim (at least monthly) determination of costs charged to a contract through routine posting of books of account;
- (12) Exclusion from costs charged to Government contracts of amounts which are not allowable in terms of 48 CFR part 31, Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, and other contract provisions;
- (13) Identification of costs by contract line item and by units (as if each unit or line item were a separate contract), if required by the contract;
- (14) Segregation of preproduction costs from production costs, as applicable;
- (15) Cost accounting information, as required—
 - (i) By contract clauses concerning limitation of cost (48 CFR 52.232-20), limitation of funds (48 CFR 52.232-22), or allowable cost and payment (48 CFR 52.216-7); and
 - (ii) To readily calculate indirect cost rates from the books of accounts;
- (16) Billings that can be reconciled to the cost accounts for both current and cumulative amounts claimed and comply with contract terms;
- (17) Adequate, reliable data for use in pricing follow-on acquisitions; and
- (18) Accounting practices in accordance with standards promulgated by the Cost Accounting Standards Board, if applicable, otherwise, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

(d) *Significant deficiencies.* (1) The Contracting Officer will provide an initial determination to the Contractor, in writing, on any significant deficiencies. The initial determination will describe the deficiency in sufficient detail to allow the Contractor to understand the deficiency.

(2) The Contractor shall respond within 30 days to a written initial determination from the Contracting Officer that identifies significant deficiencies in the Contractor's accounting system. If the Contractor disagrees with the initial determination, the Contractor shall state, in writing, its rationale for disagreeing. In the event the Contractor did not respond in writing to the initial determination within the response time, this lack of response shall indicate that the Contractor agrees with the initial determination.

(3) The Contracting Officer will evaluate the Contractor's response or the Contractor's lack of response and notify the Contractor, in writing, of the Contracting Officer's final determination concerning—

(i) Remaining significant deficiencies;

(ii) The adequacy of any proposed or completed corrective action; and

(iii) System disapproval, if the Contracting Officer determines that one or more significant deficiencies remain.

(e) If the Contractor receives the Contracting Officer's final determination of significant deficiencies, the Contractor shall, within 45 days of receipt of the final determination, either correct the significant deficiencies or submit an acceptable corrective action plan showing milestones and actions to eliminate the significant deficiencies.

(f) *Withholding payments.* If the Contracting Officer makes a final determination to disapprove the Contractor's accounting system, and the contract includes the Section H clause Contractor Business Systems, the Contracting Officer will withhold payments in accordance with that clause.

H.35 CONTRACTOR PURCHASING SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

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

Acceptable purchasing system means a purchasing system that complies with the system criteria in paragraph (c) of this clause.

Purchasing system means the Contractor's system or systems for purchasing and subcontracting, including make-or-buy decisions, the selection of vendors, analysis of quoted prices, negotiation of prices with vendors, placing and administering of orders, and expediting delivery of materials.

Significant deficiency means a shortcoming in the system that materially affects the ability of officials of the Department of Energy to rely upon information produced by the system that is needed for management purposes.

(b) *General.* The Contractor shall establish and maintain an acceptable purchasing system. If the Contractor plans to adopt the existing system from the previous Contractor, the Contractor is responsible for the system and shall comply with the system criteria required in this clause. The Contractor shall provide in writing to the Contracting Officer documentation that its purchasing system meets the system criteria in paragraph (c) of this clause no later than 60 days after contract award. Failure to maintain an acceptable purchasing system, as defined in this clause, may result in disapproval of the system by the Contracting Officer and/or withholding of payments.

(c) *System criteria.* The Contractor's purchasing system shall—

- (1) Have an adequate system description including policies, procedures, and purchasing practices that comply with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) (48 CFR Chapter 1) and the Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 9);
- (2) Ensure that all applicable purchase orders and subcontracts contain all flowdown clauses, including terms and conditions and any other clauses needed to carry out the requirements of the prime contract;
- (3) Maintain an organization plan that establishes clear lines of authority and responsibility;
- (4) Ensure all purchase orders are based on authorized requisitions and include a complete and accurate history of purchase transactions to support vendor selected, price paid, and document the subcontract/purchase order files which are subject to Government review;
- (5) Establish and maintain adequate documentation to provide a complete and accurate history of purchase transactions to support vendors selected and prices paid;
- (6) Apply a consistent make-or-buy policy that is in the best interest of the Government;
- (7) Use competitive sourcing to the maximum extent practicable, and ensure debarred or suspended contractors are properly excluded from contract award;
- (8) Evaluate price, quality, delivery, technical capabilities, and financial capabilities of competing vendors to ensure fair and reasonable prices;
- (9) Require management level justification and adequate cost or price analysis, as applicable, for any sole or single source award;

- (10) Perform timely and adequate cost or price analysis and technical evaluation for each subcontractor and supplier proposal or quote to ensure fair and reasonable subcontract prices;
- (11) Document negotiations in accordance with 48 CFR 15.406-3;
- (12) Seek, take, and document economically feasible purchase discounts, including cash discounts, trade discounts, quantity discounts, rebates, freight allowances, and company-wide volume discounts;
- (13) Ensure proper type of contract selection and prohibit issuance of cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost subcontracts;
- (14) Maintain subcontract surveillance to ensure timely delivery of an acceptable product and procedures to notify the Government of potential subcontract problems that may impact delivery, quantity, or price;
- (15) Document and justify reasons for subcontract changes that affect cost or price;
- (16) Notify the Government of the award of all subcontracts that contain the 48 CFR Chapter 1 and 48 CFR Chapter 9 flowdown clauses that allow for Government audit of those subcontracts, and ensure the performance of audits of those subcontracts;
- (17) Enforce adequate policies on conflict of interest, gifts, and gratuities, including the requirements of the 41 U.S.C. chapter 87, Kickbacks;
- (18) Perform internal audits or management reviews, training, and maintain policies and procedures for the purchasing department to ensure the integrity of the purchasing system;
- (19) Establish and maintain policies and procedures to ensure purchase orders and subcontracts contain mandatory and applicable flowdown clauses, as required by the 48 CFR chapter 1, including terms and conditions required by the prime contract and any clauses required to carry out the requirements of the prime contract;
- (20) Provide for an organizational and administrative structure that ensures effective and efficient procurement of required quality materials and parts at the best value from responsible and reliable sources;
- (21) Establish and maintain selection processes to ensure the most responsive and responsible sources for furnishing required quality parts and materials and to promote competitive sourcing among dependable suppliers so that purchases are reasonably priced and from sources that meet contractor quality requirements;
- (22) Establish and maintain procedures to ensure performance of adequate price or cost analysis on purchasing actions;

(23) Establish and maintain procedures to ensure that proper types of subcontracts are selected, and that there are controls over subcontracting, including oversight and surveillance of subcontracted effort; and

(24) Establish and maintain procedures to timely notify the Contracting Officer, in writing, if—

(i) The Contractor changes the amount of subcontract effort after award such that it exceeds 70 percent of the total cost of the work to be performed under the contract, task order, or delivery order. The notification shall identify the revised cost of the subcontract effort and shall include verification that the Contractor will provide added value; or

(ii) Any subcontractor changes the amount of lower-tier subcontractor effort after award such that it exceeds 70 percent of the total cost of the work to be performed under its subcontract. The notification shall identify the revised cost of the subcontract effort and shall include verification that the subcontractor will provide added value as related to the work to be performed by the lower-tier subcontractor(s).

(d) *Significant deficiencies.* (1) The Contracting Officer will provide notification of initial determination to the Contractor, in writing, of any significant deficiencies. The initial determination will describe the deficiency in sufficient detail to allow the Contractor to understand the deficiency.

(2) The Contractor shall respond within 30 days to a written initial determination from the Contracting Officer that identifies significant deficiencies in the Contractor's purchasing system. If the Contractor disagrees with the initial determination, the Contractor shall state, in writing, its rationale for disagreeing. In the event the Contractor did not respond in writing to the initial determination within the response time, this lack of response shall indicate that the Contractor agrees with the initial determination.

(3) The Contracting Officer will evaluate the Contractor's response or the Contractor's lack of response and notify the Contractor, in writing, of the Contracting Officer's final determination concerning—

(i) Remaining significant deficiencies;

(ii) The adequacy of any proposed or completed corrective action; and

(iii) System disapproval, if the Contracting Officer determines that one or more significant deficiencies remain.

(e) If the Contractor receives the Contracting Officer's final determination of significant deficiencies, the Contractor shall, within 45 days of receipt of the final determination,

either correct the significant deficiencies or submit an acceptable corrective action plan showing milestones and actions to eliminate the deficiencies.

(f) *Withholding payments.* If the Contracting Officer makes a final determination to disapprove the Contractor's purchasing system, and the contract includes the Section H clause Contractor Business Systems, the Contracting Officer will withhold payments in accordance with that clause.

H.36 CONTRACTOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

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

Acceptable property management system means a property system that complies with the system criteria in paragraph (c) of this clause.

Property management system means the Contractor's system or systems for managing and controlling Government property.

Significant deficiency means a shortcoming in the system that materially affects the ability of officials of the Department of Energy to rely upon information produced by the system that is needed for management purposes.

(b) *General.* The Contractor shall establish and maintain an acceptable property management system. If the Contractor plans to adopt the existing system from the previous Contractor, the Contractor is responsible for the system and shall comply with the system criteria required in this clause. The Contractor shall provide in writing to the Contracting Officer documentation that its property management system meets the system criteria in paragraph (c) of this clause no later than 60 days after contract award. Failure to maintain an acceptable property management system, as defined in this clause, may result in disapproval of the system by the Contracting Officer and/or withholding of payments.

(c) *System criteria.* The Contractor's property management system shall be in accordance with paragraph (f) of the contract clause at 48 CFR 52.245-1.

(d) *Significant deficiencies.* (1) The Contracting Officer will provide an initial determination to the Contractor, in writing, of any significant deficiencies. The initial determination will describe the deficiency in sufficient detail to allow the Contractor to understand the deficiency.

(2) The Contractor shall respond within 30 days to a written initial determination from the Contracting Officer that identifies significant deficiencies in the Contractor's property management system. If the Contractor disagrees with the initial determination, the Contractor shall state, in writing, its rationale for disagreeing. In the event the Contractor did not respond in writing to the initial determination within the response time, this lack of response shall indicate that the Contractor agrees with the initial determination.

(3) The Contracting Officer will evaluate the Contractor's response or the Contractor's lack of response and notify the Contractor, in writing, of the Contracting Officer's final determination concerning—

- (i) Remaining significant deficiencies;
- (ii) The adequacy of any proposed or completed corrective action; and
- (iii) System disapproval, if the Contracting Officer determines that one or more significant deficiencies remain.

(e) If the Contractor receives the Contracting Officer's final determination of significant deficiencies, the Contractor shall, within 45 days of receipt of the final determination, either correct the significant deficiencies or submit an acceptable corrective action plan showing milestones and actions to eliminate the significant deficiencies.

- (f) *Withholding payments.* If the Contracting Officer makes a final determination to disapprove the Contractor's property management system, and the contract includes the Section H clause Contractor Business Systems, the Contracting Officer will withhold payments in accordance with that clause.

H.37 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

- (a) The contractor shall operate and maintain a timely, accurate and reliable financial management system that is responsive to the reporting requirements of the Department and conforms to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, Federal Financial Accounting Standards, and Cost Accounting Standards.
- (b) The contractor shall submit a plan for CO approval of any substantive change to the financial management and business systems or subsystems at least 30 days in advance of implementation. This plan must identify the cost and schedule for changing from the existing financial systems, and provide a comparison of the capabilities of the new system(s) to the existing system(s). Any new system modifications are subject to review and audit.

H.38 DOE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION, OVERSIGHT AND SAFETY OVERSIGHT

- (a) The PWS presents significant work scope challenges to the contractor, and makes it imperative that DOE has a focused approach to oversight of contractor work. The approach shall provide effective DOE oversight of project work, yet it must not present the contractor with burdensome or "non-value added" work related distractions.
- (b) DOE's oversight approach shall include reviews of periodic administrative progress reports submitted by the contractor and direct observation by DOE employees of contractor work in progress. Additionally, DOE's oversight approach will rely heavily on the established Contractor Assurance System, as defined and required by DOE O 226.1, Implementation of Department of Energy Oversight Policy.

- (c) DOE's oversight of work in progress will include specific provisions for the designation and qualification of DOE employees conducting oversight activities. This will include the following elements:
- (1) The number of DOE employees providing technical direction to the contractor will be limited and formally designated, by name, in writing by the CO; and
 - (2) DOE employees assigned oversight responsibilities will be trained and qualified in areas of technical competency. The areas of technical competency will focus on the work conducted by the contractor (e.g., waste packaging, facility demolition, facility decontamination, crane operation, heavy-lifting safety, nuclear and general safety oversight.) Prior to conducting formal oversight of contractor work, the technical competency of designated DOE employees will be examined, approved and documented as defined in the DOE Oversight Plan.
- (d) DOE's oversight activities will focus primarily on assuring the safe operation of DUF6 conversion facilities at Portsmouth, OH and Paducah, KY. DOE's oversight will be conducted in a tailored and proactive manner with minimal interference with project progress. The contractor shall respond to DOE oversight and to concerns, findings and observations as identified by the CO or COR during the conduct of these oversight activities. The six fundamental areas of oversight are as follows:
- (1) **Project Management Oversight:** This includes daily field inspections and the monthly and quarterly assessment of project status, which will be used to determine and validate project performance.
 - (2) **Contract Management Oversight:** Administration and monitoring of the prime contract will be in accordance with the contract terms and conditions which include, but are not limited to, the oversight required under FAR Subchapter G – Contract Management (FAR Parts 42-51) and its supplements.
 - (3) **Financial Management Oversight:** DOE will review budgetary data submitted by the contractor to be provided into the Integrated Planning, Accountability, and Budgeting System (IPABS). DOE will review the status of designated Idaho management commitments. DOE or its designee will monitor and audit contractor financial management systems funds management practices and procedures, and accounting practices to ensure compliance with applicable regulations and statutes.
 - (4) **Daily Oversight:** DOE Facility Representatives, Project Managers and Subject Matter Experts will conduct daily oversight. The purpose of this oversight will be to assess compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract and to assure effective safety oversight. In addition to this daily involvement, the contractor shall support:
 - (i) DOE's safety oversight, which includes the capability for examining, assessing and auditing by all levels of the DOE organization;

- (ii) Senior Management walkthroughs, conducted in areas or locations where work is ongoing;
 - (iii) Periodic Walkthroughs by regulators, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB), or DOE Headquarters personnel; and
 - (iv) Employee concerns elevated to DOE for evaluation
- (5) Cyber Security Assessments: DOE Mission Information Protection Program subject matter experts will conduct cyber security assessments and site assist visits that will include a review of cyber security documentation, NIST SP 800-53 security control implementation and active penetration testing of the IT infrastructure.
- (6) Scheduled Assessments: DOE will publish a quarterly oversight schedule of assessments on the DOE Idaho Operations Office web site. Adjustments will be made no fewer than 30 days prior to any planned assessment (with the exception of a “For Cause” review.) Assessment reports will be formally transmitted to the contractor for development of a corrective action plan, if required. DOE will verify and validate the contractor’s effectiveness in correcting the root cause problem of the concerns and findings.
- (e) The CO shall designate the COR for giving technical direction by separate letter. The contractor shall use the COR as the primary point of contact on technical matters (See the Correspondence Procedures clause, Section G, for definition), subject to the restrictions of Section I clause entitled *DEAR 952.242-70 Technical Direction*. Other individuals, to be identified by the CO, may be delegated with administrative COR authority.

H.39 ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT (EEOICPA)

The Contractor shall provide support of the EEOICPA established under Title XXXVI of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2001 (Public Law 106-398). The Contractor shall provide records in accordance with the Section I Clause entitled, DEAR 970.5204-3, Access to and Ownership of Records, in support of EEOICPA claims and the claim process under the EEOICPA.

The Contractor shall:

- (a) Verify employment and provide other records which contain pertinent information for compensation under the EEOICPA. The Contractor shall provide this support for itself and any named subcontractors’ employees.
- (b) Provide reports as directed by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), such as costs associated with EEOICPA.
- (c) Provide an EEOICPA point-of-contact; this employee shall attend meetings, as requested by DOE.
- (d) Locate, retrieve and provide a minimum of two (2) copies of any personnel and other program records as requested.

- (e) Perform records research needed to complete the Department of Labor (DOL) claims or to locate records needed to complete the claims.
- (f) Perform/coordinate records declassification activities required for the processing of claims forms.
- (g) Keep Federal Compensation Program Act (FCPA) information current on EEOICPA claims activities.
- (h) Ensure that up-to-date cost information is input to the FCPA electronic reporting system by the 10th of each month.
- (i) Ensure all EEOICPA claims received are completed and returned to DOE within 45 calendar days of the date entered in the FCPA electronic reporting system.

The FCPA electronic reporting system will be provided to the Contractor.

H.40 CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

- (a) To the extent that the work under this contract requires that the Contractor be given access to confidential or proprietary business, technical, or financial information belonging to the Government or other companies, the Contractor shall, after receipt thereof, treat such information as confidential and agree not to appropriate such information to its own use or to disclose such information to third parties unless specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer in writing. The foregoing obligations, however, shall not apply to:
 - (1) Information which, at the time of receipt by the Contractor, is in the public domain;
 - (2) Information which is published after receipt thereof by the Contractor or otherwise becomes part of the public domain through no fault of the Contractor;
 - (3) Information which the Contractor can demonstrate was in his possession at the time of receipt thereof and was not acquired directly or indirectly from the Government or other companies; and
 - (4) Information which the Contractor can demonstrate was received by it from a third party that did not require the Contractor to hold it in confidence.
- (b) The Contractor shall obtain the written agreement, in a form satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, of each employee permitted access, whereby the employee agrees that he will not discuss, divulge or disclose any such information or data to any person or entity except those persons within the Contractor's organization directly concerned with the performance of the contract.
- (c) The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Government, to sign an agreement identical, in all material respects, to the provisions of this clause, with each company supplying information to the Contractor under this contract, and to supply a copy of such agreement to the Contracting Officer.
- (d) The Contractor agrees that upon request by DOE it will execute a DOE-approved

agreement with any party whose facilities or proprietary data it is given access to or is furnished, restricting use and disclosure of the data or the information obtained from the facilities. Upon request by DOE, such an agreement shall also be signed by Contractor personnel.

(e) This clause shall flow down to all subcontracts.

H.41 CONTRACT PARTICIPATION BY FOREIGN NATIONALS

- (a) The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer, in writing, prior to the employment of or participation by any foreign national in the performance of work under the contract.
- (b) The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer, in writing, prior to any visit to sites covered by this contract by any foreign national in connection with the work being performed under this contract. This notification shall be made at least 75 days prior to the planned visit.

H.42 SOFTWARE MADE AVAILABLE FOR CONTRACTOR'S USE

- (a) The Government, from time to time, may make certain software acquired under license available to the Contractor for its use in the performance of this contract.
- (b) The Contractor recognizes and acknowledges that such software or data contained therein may be proprietary and confidential to a third party.
- (c) The Contractor agrees that it and its employees will not use, copy, disclose, modify, or reverse engineer such software except as permitted by the license and any other terms and conditions under which the software is made available to the Contractor.
- (d) The Contractor is not authorized to violate any software licensing agreement, or to cause the Government to violate any licensing agreement. If, at any time during the performance of this contract, the Contractor has reason to believe that its utilization of Government-furnished software may involve or result in a violation of DOE's licensing agreement, the Contractor shall promptly notify the CO, in writing, of the pertinent facts and circumstances. Pending direction from the CO, the Contractor shall continue to perform to the full extent possible without utilizing the software in question.
- (e) Paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause shall flow down to all subcontracts.

H.43 GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED SERVICES AND ITEMS

- (a) DOE and the contractor recognize that implementation of the PWS in an optimized fashion is dependent upon many activities, including the Government Furnished Services and Items (GFSI) identified below.

- (b) Within thirty (30) days after the contract effective date and by September 1 prior to each fiscal year end, the contractor shall provide the CO a projection of its needed GFSI for the upcoming fiscal year in the format of Table H-1. The contractor shall also provide quarterly updates to this projection, if changes occur, to the CO. Amendments to the projection, if any, shall be provided to the CO 45 days in advance of the GFSI need date.
- (c) DOE will review each contractor submittal of GFSI needs and, within 15 calendar days, notify the contractor whether it will provide the requested GFSI. If DOE will not provide the GFSI by the need date requested by the contractor, DOE will identify when it will provide the requested GFSI within 30 days of the request.
- (d) All equipment, supplies and other materials needed to perform this work and not included as Government furnished equipment shall be supplied by the contractor. The listing of Government furnished property for this contract can be found in Exhibit C-23, Government Furnished Equipment.

Table H-1 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED SERVICES AND ITEMS		
Scope	Requirement	GFS/I
The Contractor shall support the operations of the Conversion Facilities at Portsmouth, OH and Paducah, KY by performing activities as described in Section C, Performance Work Statement	DOE shall ensure Government controlled data systems are available for contractor access as needed to provide infrastructure activities	DOE will ensure the following systems are available to the Contractor throughout the period of performance of this contract: -Integrated Planning Accountability and Budget - System (IPABS) -Facility Information Management System (FIMS) -Computerized Accident/Incident Reporting System (CAIRS) -Non-Compliance Tracking System (NTS) database -Occurrence Reporting and Processing System (ORPS) -Foreign Access Central Tracking System (FACTS) database -Federal Telephone System Access Condition Assessment Information System (CAIS) -Work Force Information System (WFIS)
The Contractor shall submit documentation, reports, etc., to DOE during performance of the activities in the Performance Work Statement	DOE shall provide comments and/or approval of documentation, reports, etc.	DOE will use its best efforts to provide comments and/or approval of documentation, reports, etc., in a timely manner. (See Section J, Attachment J-X)

<p>The Contractor shall process, store, package, and disposition products of the conversion facility in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and DOE directives.</p>	<p>DOE shall approve applicable procedures for the disposition of waste in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and DOE directives.</p>	<p>DOE will provide, when available, the negotiated rates for disposal of low-level waste.</p>
<p>The Contractor shall manage the Cylinder Yards and operate the Conversion Facilities in accordance with the design, engineering documentation, safety basis, and all applicable laws, regulations, DOE directives and agreements.</p>	<p>DOE shall review and approve applicable plans and procedures for Cylinder Surveillance and Maintenance and safe operation of the Cylinder Yards and Conversion Facilities</p>	<p>The required software, hardware, and engineering documentation to manage Surveillance and Maintenance, operate Cylinder Yards and Conversion Facilities will be provided.</p>

H.44 INTEGRATED CONTRACTOR WORK CONTROL SYSTEMS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS - RESERVED

H.45 EMERGENCY CLAUSE

- (a) The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office (PPPO) Manager or designee shall have sole discretion to determine when an emergency situation exists at the site. In the event that either the DOE-PPPO Manager or designee determines such an emergency exists, the applicable DOE Manager or designee will have the authority to direct any and all activities of the Contractor and subcontractors necessary to resolve the emergency situation. The applicable DOE Manager or designee may direct the activities of the Contractor and subcontractors throughout the duration of the emergency.
- (b) The Contractor shall include this clause in all subcontracts at any tier for work performed at the site.

H.46 INFORMATION

- (a) Management of Information Resources. The Contractor shall design and implement Information Resources Management (IRM) capabilities as required to execute this contract in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-130, Management of Federal Information Resources.
- (b) Release of Information. The Contractor shall provide timely, accurate, and complete responses to information requested by DOE to comply with Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act requirements. The Contractor shall develop, plan and coordinate proactive approaches to dissemination of timely information regarding DOE unclassified activities. This will be accomplished through coordination with DOE. Proactive communications or public affairs programs will include or make use of a variety of tools including, open houses,

newsletters, press releases and/or conferences, audio/visual presentations, speeches, forums, and tours. The Contractor shall implement this responsibility through coordination with DOE in such a manner that the public, whether it is the media, citizen's groups, private citizens or local, state or Federal Government officials, has a clear understanding of DOE activities at the DUF6 Facilities.

- (c) Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information (UCNI). Documents originated by the Contractor or furnished by the Government to the Contractor, in connection with this contract, may contain Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information as determined pursuant to Section 148 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. The Contractor shall be responsible for protecting such information from unauthorized dissemination in accordance with DOE regulations and directives and Section I Clauses entitled, DEAR 952.204-2, Security Requirements and DEAR 952.204-70, Classification/Declassification.
- (d) Confidentiality of Information. To the extent that the work under this contract requires that the Contractor be given access to confidential or proprietary business, technical, or financial information belonging to the Government or other companies, the Contractor shall, after receipt thereof, treat such information as confidential and agrees not to appropriate such information to its own use or to disclose such information to third parties unless specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer in writing. The foregoing obligations, however, shall not apply to:
 - (1) Information which, at the time of receipt by the Contractor, is in the public domain;
 - (2) Information which is published after receipt thereof by the Contractor or otherwise becomes part of the public domain through no fault of the Contractor;
 - (3) Information which the Contractor can demonstrate was in its possession at the time of receipt thereof and was not acquired directly or indirectly from the Government or other companies;
 - (4) Information which the Contractor can demonstrate was received by it from a third party that did not require the Contractor to hold it in confidence.
- (e) The Contractor shall obtain the written agreement, in a form satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, of each employee permitted access to such information, whereby the employee agrees that he/she will not discuss, divulge or disclose any such information or data to any person or entity except those persons within the Contractor's organization directly concerned with the performance of the contract.
- (f) The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Government, to sign an agreement identical, in all material respects, to the provisions of this subparagraph (f), with each company supplying information to the Contractor under this contract, and to supply a copy of such agreement to the Contracting Officer. Upon request from the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall supply the Government with reports itemizing information received as confidential or proprietary and setting forth the company or companies from which the Contractor received such information.

- (g) The Contractor agrees that upon request by DOE, it will execute a DOE-approved agreement with any party whose facilities or proprietary data it is given access to or is furnished, restricting use and disclosure of the data or the information obtained from the facilities. Upon request by DOE, such an agreement shall also be signed by Contractor personnel.
- (h) The Government reserves the right to require the Contractor to include this Clause or a modified version of this Clause in any subcontract as directed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

H.47 PERMITS, APPLICATIONS, LICENSES, AND OTHER REGULATORY DOCUMENTS

- (a) The Contractor shall be responsible for becoming a party to all regulatory compliance agreements/orders associated with scope under this contract including those previously executed. The Contractor is responsible for complying with all permits, licenses, certifications, authorizations and approvals from federal, state, and local regulatory agencies that are necessary for all activities under this contract (hereinafter referred to collectively as "permits"). Except as specifically provided in this section and to the extent not prohibited by law or cognizant regulatory authority, the Contractor (or, if applicable, its subcontractors) will be the sole applicant for any such permits required for its activities. The Contractor must take all appropriate actions to obtain transfer of existing permits, and DOE will use all reasonable means to facilitate transfer of existing permits. If DOE determines it is appropriate or if DOE is required by cognizant regulatory authority to sign permit applications, DOE may elect to sign as owner or similar designation, but the Contractor (or, if applicable, its subcontractors) must also sign as operator or similar designation reflecting its responsibility under the permit unless DOE waives this requirement in writing.
- (b) Unless otherwise authorized by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor must submit to DOE for DOE's review and comment all permit applications, reports or other documents required to be submitted to regulatory authorities. Such draft documents must be provided to DOE within a time frame, identified by DOE, sufficient to allow DOE substantive review and comment; and DOE will use its best efforts to perform such substantive review and comment within such time frame. When providing DOE with documents that are to be signed or co-signed by DOE, the Contractor will accompany such document with a certification statement, signed by the appropriate Contractor corporate officer, attesting to DOE that the document has been prepared in accordance with all applicable requirements and the information is, to the best of its knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete.
- (c) Except as specifically provided in this clause and to the extent not prohibited by law or cognizant regulatory authority, the Contractor (or, if applicable, its subcontractors) will be the signatory for reports, hazardous waste manifests, and other similar documents required under environmental permits or applicable environmental laws and regulations.

- (d) In the event of termination or expiration of this contract, DOE will require the new contractor to accept transfer of all environmental permits executed by the Contractor, or DOE will accept responsibility for such permits and the Contractor shall be relieved of all future liability and responsibility resulting from the acts or omissions of the successor Contractor or DOE.

H.48 GREEN PURCHASING UNDER DOE SERVICE CONTRACTS

Pursuant to Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management, the Department of Energy is committed to managing its facilities in a manner that will promote the natural environment and protect the health and well-being of its Federal employees and Contractor service providers. In the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor shall exert its best efforts to provide its services in a manner that will promote the natural environment and protect the health and well-being of Federal employees, contract service providers and visitors using the facility. Green purchasing or environmentally preferable contracting includes the initiatives described below:

- Alternative Fuels and Vehicles are described at <http://afdc.energy.gov/afdc/>
- Biobased Products are described at <http://www.biopREFERRED.gov/>
- Energy efficient products are described at <http://energystar.gov/products> for Energy Star products and at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/procurement> for FEMP designated products
- Environmentally Preferable Computers are described at <http://www.epeat.net>
- Non-Ozone Depleting Products are described at <http://www.epa.gov/Ozone/snap.index.html>
- Recycled Products are described at <http://epa.gov/cpg>
- Water efficient products are described at <http://epa.gov/watersense/>

To the extent that the services provided by the Contractor require the provision of any of the above types of products, the environmentally preferable type of product is to be furnished unless that type of product is not available competitively within a reasonable time, at a reasonable price, is not life cycle cost efficient in the case of energy consuming products, or does not meet reasonable performance standards. The clauses at FAR 52.223-2, Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products under Service and Construction Contracts, 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy Consuming Products, and 52.223-17, Affirmative Procurement of EPA-Designated Items in Service and Construction Contracts, in Section I require the use of products that have biobased content, are energy efficient, or have recycled content.

H.49 NUCLEAR FACILITY OPERATIONS

- (a) The activities under this contract include the operation of nuclear facilities. The Contractor recognizes that such operations involve the risk of a nuclear incident, which, while the chances are remote, could adversely affect the public health and

safety as well as the environment. Therefore, the Contractor will exercise a degree of care commensurate with the risk involved.

- (b) The Contractor shall comply with applicable DOE nuclear safety related rules, regulations, and directives and with those nuclear safety requirements (including reporting requirements and instructions) of DOE. Operations within the nuclear facility will be conducted in accordance with DOE approved authorization agreements.

H.50 ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CONTRACTOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

(a) In this Clause:

- (1) “Environmental” requirements means requirements imposed by applicable Federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, including, without limitation, statutes, ordinances, regulations, court orders, consent decrees, administrative orders, or compliance agreements, consent orders, permits, and licenses; and

- (2) “Party” means either the Contractor or DOE.

- (b) Responsibility and liability for fines or penalties arising from or related to violations of environmental requirements shall be borne by the party causing the violation regardless of which party:

- (1) The cognizant regulatory authority fines or penalizes;

- (2) Signs permit applications (including situations where DOE signs defective or non-conforming permit applications or other environmental submittals prepared by or under the direction of the Contractor), manifests, reports, or other required documents;

- (3) Is a permittee; or

- (4) Is the named subject of an enforcement action or assessment of a fine or penalty.

- (c) Consequently, if the Contractor causes a violation:

- (1) All fines and penalties arising from or related to violations of environmental requirements are unallowable costs. If DOE pays a fine or penalty for a violation that the Contractor caused, the amount of the fine or penalty shall be due from the Contractor, and DOE may immediately offset that amount against payments to which the Contractor is otherwise entitled for allowable costs and fee, or any other funds otherwise owed by the Government to the Contractor; and

- (2) Costs of challenging or defending actions brought against the Contractor for violations of environmental requirements are to be borne by the Contractor.

H.51 DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

The Contractor shall conduct activities in accordance with those DOE commitments to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB), which are contained in implementation plans, and other DOE correspondence to the DNFSB (Department of Energy Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 95-1, Improved Safety of Cylinders Containing Depleted Uranium, October 16, 1995). The Contractor shall support preparation of DOE responses to DNFSB issues and recommendations, which affect or can affect contract work. Based on the COR's direction, the Contractor shall fully cooperate with the DNFSB and provide access to such work areas, personnel, and information as necessary in a safe and efficient manner. The Contractor shall maintain a document process consistent with the DOE manual on interface with the DNFSB. The Contractor shall be accountable for ensuring that subcontractors adhere to these requirements.

H.52 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

In implementation of the clause in Section I entitled, "FAR 52.223-3 Hazardous Material Identification and Material Safety Data," the Contractor shall obtain, review and maintain a material safety data sheet (MSDS) in a readily accessible manner for each hazardous material (or mixture containing a hazardous material) ordered, delivered, stored or used; and maintain an accurate inventory and history of use of hazardous materials at each use and storage location. The MSDS shall conform to the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.1200(g).

H.53 PRIVATELY GENERATED RESTRICTED DATA

The DOE will not itself be providing any classified information as part of this contract. However, in the event that the Contractor introduces new or unique technology into the Conversion Process, the requirements of 10 CFR 1045.21, "Privately generated restricted data" may apply. If there is a chance that such technology will be utilized, the Contractor shall coordinate with DOE as soon as it is known that such technology will be used.

H.54 SITE SERVICES

- (a) The Contractor will be performing work at sites where other entities are conducting various activities, including other DOE prime contractors, subcontractors, and other organizations. These entities, including the Contractor, need to acquire or perform certain services in support of their activities that may be common to other entities on the site. In some instances it is to the net benefit to DOE for these services to be provided by one central source at the respective sites. Refer to Section J "DUF6 Services and Contractor Interface Requirements Matrix".

- (b) The Contractor may receive services from and provide services to other prime contractors, subcontractors, or other organizations at the sites as approved by the CO or designee. These services may be provided in one of the following categories:
- (1) Services that are the responsibility of the Contractor, but the Contractor elects, or the CO or designee directs the Contractor, to purchase the service from another prime contractor, subcontractor, or other organization rather than perform the work with its own employees or acquire the service from one of its subcontractors.
 - (2) Services that are common to the Contractor, other prime contractors, subcontractors, or other organizations where the Contractor elects, or the CO or designee directs the Contractor, to provide such services to such entities where it is to the overall net benefit to DOE.
- (c) When services are acquired under these provisions, the Contractor shall maintain control and accountability for the work under this contract and shall execute appropriate agreements with the other entities.
- (d) Services which the Contractor is expected to purchase from other prime contractors, subcontractors, or other entities at the sites include protective services, fire protection, emergency response, and other services of this general nature where it is not to the overall benefit of DOE for there to be multiple sources for such services.

H.55 EMPLOYEE CONCERNS PROGRAM

The Contractor shall submit an implementation plan to the Contracting Officer for approval within 90 days of issuance of the Notice to Proceed that describes an Employee Concerns Program (ECP) that implements all programmatic requirements in DOE Order 442.1A Department of Energy Employee Concerns Program, and all superseding versions.

H.56 MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM

The Department of Energy has established a Mentor-Protégé Program to encourage its prime contractors to assist firms certified under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act by SBA, other small disadvantaged businesses, women-owned small businesses, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions, other minority institutions of higher learning and small business concerns owned and controlled by service disabled veterans in enhancing their business abilities. Mentor and Protégé firms will develop and submit “lessons learned” evaluations to DOE at the conclusion of the contract. Any DOE contractor that is interested in becoming a Mentor should refer to the applicable regulations at 48 CFR 919.70 and should contact the Department of Energy’s Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

H.57 SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN

The Small Business Subcontracting Plan dated [**To be completed by DOE**] submitted by the Contractor for this contract, consistent with the provisions of the Section I clause entitled, "FAR 52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan," and approved by the Contracting Officer on [**To be completed by DOE at the time of Contract Award**], is incorporated in and made a material part of this contract as Section J, Attachment J-9.

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Contractor shall also submit an "annual" subcontracting plan which shall establish subcontracting goals as described in paragraph (d)(1) and (2) of Section I clause entitled "FAR 52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan," to remain in effect for each fiscal year. The annual plan shall be reviewed for approval by the Contracting Officer and shall be incorporated by reference as a material part of this Contract.

Performance against the above Plan will be considered in the past performance evaluation conducted annually by the CO.

H.58 PAPERLESS DIRECTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM

- (a) The Contractor, in addition to complying with applicable laws, rules, and other regulations, shall comply with those DOE orders and other directives applicable to Contractors, with the applicable departmental policies, plans, programs, and management directives, and with all changes to assigned work as agreed to by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer or designee.
- (b) DOE has developed a list of applicable DOE Directives, and is appended to the contract as Section J, Attachment J-2. The Contractor shall comply with the directives identified in such list. The Contractor shall make no claim, including a claim for equitable adjustment under the Changes clauses of this contract, for additional costs, fee or extension of time of performance relating to compliance with the directives in such list.
- (c) The List of Applicable DOE Directives to the contract will be revised and issued, by the DOE Contracting Officer, as a contract modification, as necessary. The Contracting Officer may direct the Contractor to comply with additional DOE Directives and local directives and revisions thereto, as follows:
 - (1) Pursuant to and in accordance with the Changes clause of the contract with respect to changes in directives within the general scope of this contract.
 - (2) Pursuant to any Environment, Safety, and Health provisions of this contract, and in accordance with the Changes clause of this contract with respect to changes in directives involving safety, environment, health, and quality.

- (d) At least once a month, the Contractor will extract directives from the DOE Paperless Directive System utilizing the Internet as notification of their availability by DOE electronic prompting. Copies of DOE directives may be obtained without charge from the Contracting Officer or by citing the number of this contract in a written request sent to the following address:

U.S. DOE
Distribution Section
1000 Independence Ave S.W.
Washington, DC 20585
James V. Forrestal Building

- (e) The Contracting Officer and his/her representative(s) expressly authorized in writing to do so are the only Government officials authorized to provide explanations as to the applicability of directives. The Contracting Officer is the only Government Official authorized to resolve possible conflicting requirements involving directives.
- (f) Upon receipt of a new or revised directive, the Contractor shall review it for consistency with the other terms of this contract and for impacts on funding, manpower and other provisions of the contract. If the Contractor considers the directive to be consistent with the other terms of this contract and it can be implemented within existing funds, manpower, and other provisions of the contract and the implementation will not have a negative impact on the cost, schedule, or other obligations of the Contractor, the Contractor shall establish an implementation schedule, and so advise the Contracting Officer within 30 calendar days of receipt. In the event the Contractor considers the directive to be inconsistent with the other terms of this contract or the requirements of the directive cannot be implemented within existing funding, manpower, and other provisions of the contract, the Contractor shall so advise the Contracting Officer within 30 calendar days of receipt. Such notice shall include the basis for the claimed inconsistency and the projected cost of implementation in excess of current funding, manpower, and other provisions of the contract. After evaluation of the Contractor's position, the Contracting Officer shall issue direction to the Contractor, pursuant to the applicable Changes clause in this contract, concerning appropriate implementation of the directive.
- (g) The Contractor will, at least quarterly, notify DOE of those directives obtained from the DOE Paperless Directive System as described in (d) above. The Contractor cognizant personnel will review these directives and recommend for concurrence disposition of the directives to DOE-PPPO.
- (h) Upon agreement between the Contractor and DOE, the directive will be implemented as outlined in a Contractor Management Summary or Implementation Plan, whichever is appropriate, and the directive added to Attachment J-2, Portsmouth List of Applicable DOE Directives (List B), of the contract and issued by the Contracting Officer. The same process will be utilized for deletion of directives.

- (i) The Contractor shall incorporate the substance of this clause with respect to applicable directives, excluding any reference to the Changes clause, in subcontracts for performance of work at the site and as directed by the Contracting Officer.

H.59 PRIVACY ACT SYSTEM OF RECORDS

- (a) The Contractor shall design, develop, or adopt the following systems of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function pursuant to the Section I Clause entitled, FAR 52.224-2, Privacy Act.

DOE Privacy Act System Number	DOE Privacy Act System Description
DOE-5	Personnel Records of Former Contractor Employees (includes all former workers)
DOE-10	Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act Files
DOE-13	Payroll and Leave Records
DOE-14	Report of Compensation
DOE-15	Intelligence-Related Access Authorization
DOE-28	General Training Records
DOE-31	Firearms Qualifications Records
DOE-33	Personnel Medical Records (present and former DOE employees and Contractor employees)
DOE-35	Personnel Radiation Exposure Records
DOE-38	Occupational and Industrial Accident Records
DOE-43	Personnel Security Clearance Files
DOE-45	Weapons Data Access Control System
DOE-48	Security Education and/or Infraction Reports
DOE-51	Employee and Visitor Access Control Records
DOE-52	Access Control Records of International Visits, Assignments, and Employment at DOE Facilities and Contractor Sites
DOE-77	Physical Fitness Test Records (for armed, uniformed guards)
DOE-81	Counterintelligence Administrative and Analytical Records and Reports
DOE-84	Counterintelligence Investigative Records
DOE-88	Epidemiologic and Other Health Studies, Surveys, and Surveillances

- (b) If the above list does not address all of the systems of records that are generated based on contract performance, then the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer prior to contract award or as soon as the discrepancy is discovered. The Contractor shall monitor the identified systems and notify the Contracting Officer immediately if there is a change to an existing system or if a new system is needed. Lack of notification does not exempt the Contractor from complying with the Privacy Act. To

- ensure that systems are monitored consistently, the Contractor must review the list annually and notify the Contracting Officer, in writing, that the list is accurate and up to date.
- (c) The above list shall be revised by mutual agreement between the Contractor and the Contracting Officer, in consultation with the local PAO and/or General Counsel, as necessary, to keep it current. A formal modification to the contract is not required to incorporate these revisions; however, the revisions become effective upon mutual written agreement of the parties. The mutually agreed upon revisions shall have the same effect as if they were actually among the systems listed in the table above, for the purpose of satisfying the listing requirement contained in paragraph (a)(1) of the contract clause for FAR 52.224-2, Privacy Act. The revisions will be formally incorporated at the next convenient contract modification. Additional information on Privacy Act Systems of Records can be found on the DOE Privacy Office home page.
 - (d) The “Privacy Act Notification” (FAR 52.224-1) and “Privacy Act” (FAR 52.224-2) clauses are mandatory flow-down clauses that must be included in any subcontract requiring design, development, or operation of a Privacy Act system of record, including third-party medical services contracts. Such subcontracts also require flow down of clauses specifically identifying applicable Privacy Act systems of records into the subcontracts. For example, medical services contracts must include the substance of this H clause identifying system of record DOE-33, “Personnel Medical Records,” along with language on records turnover. Subcontracts must also contain scope requirements necessary to ensure DOE and Contractor compliance with applicable records management and Privacy Act requirements.

H.60 GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CONTRACT TRANSITION PERIOD

All real and personal property currently accountable to the incumbent contractor for contract performance will be provided to the Contractor. During the contract transition period, an inventory record of such property in the DOE Facilities Information Management System (FIMS) and current contractor’s personal property databases will be provided to the Contractor. Specifically, the following property acceptance requirements will be implemented:

- (a) The Contractor must perform a joint wall-to-wall physical inventory with the current contractor(s) of all accountable high-risk and sensitive property during the transition period and accept full accountability for the high-risk property at the end of transition.
- (b) The Contractor must accept, at the end of transition, transfer of accountability for the remaining government-owned real and personal property not covered under paragraph (1), based on existing inventory records, on an “as-is, where-is” basis, or perform a wall-to-wall inventory within 120 calendar days of the Notice to Proceed . Any discrepancies from the existing inventory records shall be reported to the Contracting Officer. As the formal inventories are completed, the Contractor shall

assume responsibility and liability for subsequent losses and damages. If the physical inventory is not accomplished within the allotted time frame, the previous Contractor's records will become the inventory baseline.

H.61 PARTNERING

In order to most effectively accomplish this Contract, the Government proposes to form a cohesive partnership with the Contractor. It is a way of doing business based upon trust, dedication to common goals, and an understanding and respect of each other's expectations and values. The process creates a teambuilding environment, which fosters better communication and problem solving, and a mutual trust between the participants. These key elements create a climate in which issues can be raised, openly discussed, and jointly settled, without getting into an adversarial relationship. In this way, partnering is a mindset, and a way of doing business. It is an attitude toward working as a team, and achieving successful project execution. This endeavor seeks an environment that nurtures team building cooperation, and trust between the Government and the Contractor. The partnership strives to draw on the strengths of each organization in an effort to achieve a quality project done right the first time, within budget, and on schedule.

Participation in the partnership will be totally voluntary by the parties. Any cost associated with effectuating this partnership will be agreed to by both parties during Contract performance.

H.62 NNSA/EM STRATEGIC SOURCING PARTNERSHIP

The Contractor shall participate in the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)/Environmental Management (EM) Strategic Sourcing Partnership. Under this partnership, EM contractors shall work with the NNSA/EM Supply Chain Management Center (SCMC) to yield an enterprise-wide, synergistic strategic sourcing solution that leverages NNSA and EM purchasing power to gain pricing, processing, and report efficiencies to reduce costs overall for the Government.

H.63 REPORT AND APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFERENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Contractor is required to report and obtain approval from the Contracting Officer before incurring any costs associated with conference related activities. Conference expenses are defined as follows:

Conference expenses are defined as all direct and indirect conference costs paid by the Government, whether paid directly by agencies or reimbursed by agencies to contractors, travelers or others associated with the conference, but do not include funds paid under Federal grants to grantees. Conference expenses include any associated authorized travel

and per diem expenses, rental of rooms for official business, audiovisual use, light refreshments, registration fees, ground transportation, and other expenses as defined by the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR). All outlays for conference preparation and planning should be included, but employee time for conference preparation should not be included. The FTR provides some examples of direct and indirect conference costs included within conference expenses. See 41 CFR 301-74.2. Conference expenses should be net of any fees or revenue received by the agency or contractor through the conference.

H.64 INSURANCE-WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION

Contractors shall pursue a program of self-insurance unless they can demonstrate to the CO that commercial insurance is more economical. If the CO approves the contractor's request to acquire commercial insurance, the Contractor shall carry the following kinds and minimum amounts of insurance during the performance of this Contract:

(a) Worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance:

(1) The amount required by the state in which work is performed under applicable workers' compensation and occupational disease statutes.

(2) Employer's liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000.

(b) General liability insurance. Bodily injury liability coverage written on the comprehensive form of policy of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

(c) Automobile Liability Insurance. Coverage shall be provided on a comprehensive basis. It shall provide for bodily injury and property damage liability covering the operation of all automobiles used in connection with performance of this contract. Policies covering automobiles operated in the United States shall provide coverage of at least \$500,000 per person and \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and \$100,000 per occurrence for property damage.

The amount of liability coverage on other policies shall be commensurate with any legal requirements of the state and locality, plus sufficient to meet normal and customary claims.

Proof of all required insurance shall be provided to the Contracting Officer prior to the commencement of work.

H.65 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND MEASUREMENT PLAN

(a) The determination of award fee earned shall be based upon a Performance Evaluation and Measurement Plan (PEMP), which includes the performance criteria for earning award fee and the distribution of award fee as provided in paragraph (d) below. The PEMP will be unilaterally established by the Government. A copy of the plan shall be provided to

the Contractor with approval of the Contract Performance Baseline. Both the PEMP and the approved Contract Performance Baseline are hereby incorporated by reference.

- (b) The PEMP will set forth the evaluation period(s) and the criteria upon which the Contractor will be evaluated. The Contractor may submit a self-evaluation of performance for each evaluation period. While it is recognized that the basis for determination of the fee shall be the evaluation by the Government, the self-evaluation which is to be received within 15 days after the end of the period being evaluated will be given such consideration as the FDO shall find appropriate.
- (c) The PEMP may be revised unilaterally by the Government at any time during the period of performance. Notification of such changes shall be provided to the Contractor 30 calendar days prior to the start of the evaluation period to which the change will apply.
- (d) The Total Available Award Fee, identified in Section B.3, will be available to be earned over the term of the contract for the Contractor's performance against the criteria established in the PEMP.
- (e) The PEMP will identify the fee-bearing activities and establish the method of award fee determination.
- (f) Any unearned fee from the award fee made available for each evaluation period, Performance Based Incentive (PBI), or other incentive shall not be eligible to be earned under future periods, PBIs, or incentives.
- (g) While it is recognized that the basis for determination of the fee shall be the evaluation by the Government in accordance with this clause and the PEMP, the FDO may also consider any information available to him or her which relates to the Contractor's performance of contract requirements, regardless of whether or not those requirements are specifically identified. To the extent the Contractor does not perform those requirements; the FDO may reduce the fee determination. In the event that the Contractor's performance is considered unacceptable in any area of contract performance, even if no weight or fee is specifically assigned to the particular performance area, the FDO may at his/her sole discretion determine the Contractor's overall performance to be unacceptable, and accordingly may withhold the entire performance fee for the evaluation period.

H.66 LITIGATION MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

- (a) The Contractor shall maintain a legal function to support litigation, arbitration, environmental, procurement, employment, labor, and the Price-Anderson Amendments Act areas of law. The Contractor shall provide sound litigation management practices. Within 60 days of the Notice to Proceed (NTP), the Contractor shall provide a Legal Management Plan (defined as a document describing the contractor's practices for managing legal costs and legal matters for which it procures the services of retained legal counsel) compliant with Code of Federal

Regulations Title 10 Subpart 719, Contractor Legal Management Requirements. The Plan shall describe the Contractor's practices for managing legal costs and matters for which it procures the services of retained legal counsel. In doing so, the plan shall describe the matters in-house counsel will perform as well as anticipates performing throughout the life of the contract. The Contractor should not retain outside counsel for matters that can be performed by in-house counsel. The Contractor shall provide an annual legal budget to Department Counsel along with the Legal Management Plan. Within 30 days of the conclusion of the period covered by each annual legal budget, the Contractor shall provide a report to Department Counsel comparing its budgeted and actual legal costs.

- (b) As required by the Contracting Officer and upon mutual agreement of the parties to allow such costs under the contract, the Contractor shall provide support to the Government on regulatory matters, third-party claims, and threatened or actual litigation. Support includes, but is not necessarily limited to: case preparation, document retrieval, review and reproduction, witness preparation, expert witness testimony, and assistance with discovery or other information requests responsive to any legal proceeding.