

The interim rule, published at 80 FR 81888, on December 31, 2015, put the WOSB Program on a level playing field with other SBA Government contracting programs with sole source authority and provided an additional, needed tool for agencies to meet the statutorily mandated goal of 5 percent of the total value of all prime contract and subcontract awards for WOSBs.

There were no significant issues raised by the public in response to the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis provided in the interim rule.

This rule may have a positive economic impact on WOSB concerns. The Dynamic Small Business Supplemental Search (DSBS) lists approximately 41,500 firms as either WOSBs or EDWOSBs under the WOSB Program. An analysis of the Federal Procurement Data System from April 1, 2011 (the implementation date of the WOSB Program), through September 1, 2015, revealed that there were approximately 17,353 women-owned small business concerns that received obligated funds from Federal contract awards, task or delivery orders, and modifications to existing contracts, in an industry where a WOSB or EDWOSB sole source is authorized, and where the contract is valued at or below the thresholds for sole source contracts to WOSBs or EDWOSBs. Of those 17,353 women-owned small business concerns, 328 EDWOSBs and 974 WOSBs were eligible to participate in the WOSB Program (*i.e.*, received set-asides under the WOSB Program), and could have received sole source awards. This rule could affect a smaller number of EDWOSBs and WOSBs than those eligible under the WOSB Program since the sole source authority can only be used where a contracting officer conducts market research in an industry where a WOSB or EDWOSB set-aside is authorized, and cannot identify two or more eligible EDWOSB or WOSB concerns that can perform at a fair and reasonable price, but identifies one WOSB or EDWOSB that can perform. In addition, the sole source authority for WOSBs and EDWOSBs is limited to contracts valued at \$6.5 million or less for manufacturing contracts and \$4 million or less for all other contracts.

This rule does not impose any new reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small businesses. This rule does not duplicate, overlap, or conflict with any other Federal rules.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the FRFA from the Regulatory Secretariat Division. The Regulatory Secretariat Division has submitted a copy of the FRFA to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

## VI. Paperwork Reduction Act

The rule does not contain any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

## List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 2, 4, 6, 18, 19, and 52

Government procurement.

Dated: September 19, 2016.

**William F. Clark,**

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## Interim Rule Adopted as Final With Change

■ Accordingly, the interim rule amending 48 CFR parts 2, 4, 6, 18, 19, and 52 which was published in the **Federal Register** at 80 FR 81888, on December 31, 2015, is adopted as a final rule with the following change:

### PART 19—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 19 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 51 U.S.C. 20113.

#### 19.1505 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend section 19.1505 by removing from paragraph (a)(1) “Program.” and adding “Program; and” in its place.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

#### 48 CFR Parts 2, 4, 9, 12, 19, 52, and 53

[FAC 2005–91; FAR Case 2015–022; Item V; Docket No. 2015–0022, Sequence No. 1]

**RIN 9000-AN00**

### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Unique Identification of Entities Receiving Federal Awards

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to redesignate the terminology for unique identification of entities receiving Federal awards. The change to the FAR removes the proprietary standard or number.

**DATES:** *Effective:* October 31, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Zenaida Delgado, Procurement Analyst, at 202–969–7207 for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–501–4755. Please cite FAC 2005–91, FAR Case 2015–022.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

DoD, GSA, and NASA published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** at 80 FR 72035 on November 18, 2015, to redesignate the terminology for unique identification of entities receiving Federal awards. The change to the FAR eliminates references to the proprietary Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS®) number, and provides appropriate references to the Web site where information on the unique entity identifier used for Federal contractors will be located. This final rule also establishes definitions of “unique entity identifier”, and “electronic funds transfer (EFT) indicator”. Ten respondents submitted comments on the proposed rule.

### II. Discussion and Analysis

The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (the Councils) reviewed the comments in the development of the final rule. All ten respondents agreed with the rule. No changes were made to the rule as a result of those comments. A discussion of the comments is provided as follows:

#### A. Analysis of Public Comments

1. Alternatives to and Considerations for the Evaluation of a Nonproprietary Entity Identifier

*Comment:* Six respondents provided an alternative to the current entity identifier (*e.g.*, Legal Entity Identifier (LEI), Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) code) and four respondents provided additional considerations for the evaluation of alternatives for the entity identifier.

*Response:* The scope of this rule is limited to removing the proprietary standard or number. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Department of Treasury, in collaboration with the General Services Administration and the Award Committee for E-Government, are establishing a process for considering alternatives to existing entity identifiers, including soliciting information about viable options from and reaching out about nonproprietary alternatives to all sectors, including private companies, nonprofits, and Federal Government

providers. The analysis of the alternatives for the entity identifier and the analysis of considerations for the evaluation of alternatives for the entity identifier are beyond the scope of the case. However, the FAR Council will share these recommendations with the agencies conducting the analysis and implementing the changes.

## 2. Challenges to Statements Made in the Proposed Rule **Federal Register** Preamble

*Comment:* One respondent believed that the statement that the “current requirement limits competition by using a proprietary number and organization to meet the identification need as well as the need for other business information associated with that number” incorrectly suggests that the business information is only accessible through usage of the DUNS number. This respondent also challenged the assertion that the Government is not currently in a position to move away from use of the DUNS number in the short term. This respondent recommended that Government agencies consider expanding their acquisitions of business information services through competitive procurements.

*Response:* There is nothing in the FAR linking business information services to the use of the DUNS number. Agencies are free to procure business information services as deemed appropriate. Regarding the short term ability of the Government to move away from the use of the DUNS number, the Government is in the process of determining requirements. The unique entity identifier provides multiple pieces of business information and serves multiple functions. Analysis will be conducted to ensure the replacement satisfies the full range of information needed. The Government is establishing a process for considering alternatives to existing entity identifiers, including soliciting information about viable options for and reaching out about nonproprietary alternatives to all sectors, including private companies, nonprofits, and Federal government providers. The analysis of alternatives is anticipated to be completed in fiscal year 2017. The scope of this rule is limited to removing the proprietary standard or number hence removing the impediment in anticipation of the change. The Government is interested in reducing cost and that is the reason we are pursuing this case. Recommendations regarding business information services are beyond the scope of the case.

## B. Other Changes

Conforming changes were made to the following forms: Standard Forms 294, 330, and 1447, and Optional Form 307. These form changes will be made to be “Previous Edition Usable” in order to avoid Government agencies and Federal contractors having to make unnecessary system changes to accommodate nonsubstantive changes to forms.

## III. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). E.O. 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under Section 6(b) of E.O. 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

## IV. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD, GSA, and NASA have prepared a Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) consistent with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* The FRFA is summarized as follows:

The rule removes a proprietary standard or number for the unique identification of entities receiving Federal awards. The current requirement limits competition by using a proprietary number and organization to meet the identification needs.

Unique identification of such entities is critical to ensure Federal dollars are awarded to responsible parties, awardees are paid in a timely manner, and awards are appropriately recorded and reported. This is currently accomplished in the FAR by using the proprietary Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS®) number from Dun and Bradstreet. This rule eliminates references to the proprietary standard or number, and provides appropriate references to the Web site where information on the unique entity identifier used for Federal contractors will be designated. Although the Government does not intend to move away from use of the DUNS number in the short term, elimination of regulatory references to a proprietary entity identifier will provide opportunities for future competition that can reduce costs to taxpayers.

No public comments were submitted in response to the initial regulatory flexibility analysis.

The final rule is internal to the Government and does not directly impose any requirements on the vendor community.

However, the rule may affect certain entities if those entities have arranged certain of their business systems to utilize, accept, or otherwise recognize the existing unique identifier (DUNS number) and should that unique identifier be changed at some point to another identifier. As of June 2015, there were 380,092 unique and active DUNS numbers designated in the System for Award Management and attributed to Government contracting.

There is no change to recordkeeping as a result of this rule.

There are no known significant alternative approaches to the rule that would meet the requirements.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the FRFA from the Regulatory Secretariat. The Regulatory Secretariat has submitted a copy of the FRFA to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

## V. Paperwork Reduction Act

The rule does not contain any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

## List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 2, 4, 9, 12, 19, 52, and 53

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Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 2, 4, 9, 12, 19, 52, and 53 as set forth below:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 2, 4, 9, 12, 19, 52, and 53 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 51 U.S.C. 20113.

## PART 2—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS

■ 2. Amend section 2.101, in paragraph (b)(2) by—

■ a. Removing the definitions “Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number” and “Data Universal Numbering System +4 (DUNS+4) number”;

■ b. Adding, in alphabetical order, the definition “Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator”;

■ c. Revising paragraph (1) of the definition “Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database”; and

■ d. Adding, in alphabetical order, the definition, “Unique entity identifier”.

The revisions and additions read as follows:

2.101 Definitions.

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(b) \* \* \*
(2) \* \* \*

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator means a four-character suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity to establish additional System for Award Management records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see subpart 32.11) for the same entity.

Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database \* \* \*

(1) The Contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the unique entity identifier and the Electronic Funds Transfer indicator (if applicable), the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code, as well as data required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (see subpart 4.14), into the SAM database;

Unique entity identifier means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See www.sam.gov for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers.

PART 4—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Amend section 4.601 by removing the definition "Generic DUNS number" and adding, in alphabetical order, the definition "Generic entity identifier" to read as follows:

4.601 Definitions.

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Generic entity identifier means a number or other identifier assigned to a category of vendors and not specific to any individual or entity.

4. Amend section 4.605 by revising paragraph (b), the heading of paragraph (c), and paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) introductory text; and removing from paragraph (c)(2)(i)(C) "DUNS number" and adding "unique entity identifier" in its place.

The revisions read as follows:

4.605 Procedures.

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(b) Unique entity identifier. The contracting officer shall identify and report a unique entity identifier for the successful offeror on a contract action. The unique entity identifier shall correspond to the successful offeror's

name and address as stated in the offer and resultant contract, and as registered in the System for Award Management database in accordance with the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management. The contracting officer shall ask the offeror to provide its unique entity identifier by using either the provision at 52.204-6, Unique Entity Identifier, the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, or the provision at 52.212-1, Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items. (For a discussion of the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code, which is a different identifier, see subpart 4.18.)

(c) Generic entity identifier. (1) The use of a generic entity identifier should be limited, and only used in the situations described in paragraph (c)(2) of this section. Use of a generic entity identifier does not supersede the requirements of provisions 52.204-6, Unique Entity Identifier or 52.204-7, System for Award Management (if present in the solicitation) for the contractor to have a unique entity identifier assigned.

(2) Authorized generic entity identifiers, maintained by the Integrated Award Environment (IAE) program office (http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/105036), may be used to report contracts in lieu of the contractor's actual unique entity identifier only for—

- 5. Amend section 4.607 by—
a. Removing from paragraph (b) "Data Universal Numbering System Number" and adding "Unique Entity Identifier" in its place; and
b. Revising paragraph (c) to read as follows.

4.607 Solicitation provisions and contract clause.

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(c) Insert the clause at 52.204-12, Unique Entity Identifier Maintenance, in solicitations and resulting contracts that contain the provision at 52.204-6, Unique Entity Identifier.

- 6. Amend section 4.1103 by—
a. Removing from paragraph (a)(1) "must register;" and adding "shall register;" in its place;
b. Removing from the introductory text of paragraph (a)(2) "DUNS number or, if applicable, the DUNS+4 number," and adding "unique entity identifier" in its place;
c. Adding to the end of paragraph (a)(2)(i) "or"; and
d. Revising paragraphs (a)(3) and (d) to read as follows:

4.1103 Procedures.

(a) \* \* \*
(3) Need not verify registration before placing an order or call if the contract or agreement includes the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, or the clause at 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, or a similar agency clause, except when use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card is contemplated as a method of payment. (See 32.1108(b)(2)).

(d) The contracting officer shall, on contractual documents transmitted to the payment office, provide the unique entity identifier and, if applicable, the Electronic Funds Transfer indicator, in accordance with agency procedures.

4.1402 [Amended]

7. Amend section 4.1402 by removing from paragraph (b), last sentence, "DUNS number" and adding "entity identifier" in its place.

4.1705 [Amended]

- 8. Amend section 4.1705 by removing from paragraphs (a) and (b) "DUNS number" and adding "entity identifier" in their places.
9. Amend section 4.1800 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows.

4.1800 Scope of subpart.

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(b) For information on the unique entity identifier, which is a different identifier, see 4.605 and the provisions at 52.204-6, Unique Entity Identifier, and 52.204-7, System for Award Management.

10. Amend section 4.1802 by revising paragraph (a)(1) and removing from paragraph (b) "DUNS Number" and adding "unique entity identifier" in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

4.1802 Policy.

(a) \* \* \* (1) Offerors shall provide the contracting officer the CAGE code assigned to that offeror's location prior to the award of a contract action above the micro-purchase threshold, when there is a requirement to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) or a requirement to have a unique entity identifier in the solicitation.

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4.1804 [Amended]

11. Amend section 4.1804 by removing from paragraph (a)(1) "Data Universal Numbering System Number" and adding "Unique Entity Identifier" in its place.

## PART 9—CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

### 9.404 [Amended]

■ 12. Amend section 9.404 by revising paragraph (b)(6) to read as follows:

#### 9.404 System for Award Management Exclusions.

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(b) \* \* \*

(6) Unique Entity Identifier;

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## PART 12—ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS

### 12.301 [Amended]

■ 13. Amend section 12.301 by removing from paragraphs (d)(1) and (2) “DUNS Number” and adding “unique entity identifier” in their places.

## PART 19—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

### 19.704 [Amended]

■ 14. Amend section 19.704 by removing from paragraphs (a)(10)(v) and (vi) “DUNS number” and adding “unique entity identifier” in their places.

## PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

■ 15. Revise section 52.204–6 to read as follows.

### 52.204–6 Unique Entity Identifier.

As prescribed in 4.607(b), insert the following provision:

#### Unique Entity Identifier (Oct 2016)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision—  
*Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator* means a four-character suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity to establish additional System for Award Management records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see subpart 32.11) for the same entity.

*Unique entity identifier* means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers.

(b) The Offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation “Unique Entity Identifier” followed by the unique entity identifier that identifies the Offeror’s name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The Offeror also shall enter its EFT indicator, if applicable.

(c) If the Offeror does not have a unique entity identifier, it should contact the entity designated at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) for establishment of the unique entity identifier directly to obtain one. The Offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:

(1) Company legal business name.  
(2) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.  
(3) Company physical street address, city, state and Zip Code.  
(4) Company mailing address, city, state and Zip Code (if separate from physical).  
(5) Company telephone number.  
(6) Date the company was started.  
(7) Number of employees at your location.  
(8) Chief executive officer/key manager.  
(9) Line of business (industry).  
(10) Company headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).  
(End of provision)

■ 16. Amend section 52.204–7 by—  
■ a. Revising the provision heading and the date of the provision;  
■ b. Amending paragraph (a) by—  
■ 1. Removing the definitions “Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number” and “Data Universal Numbering System +4 (DUNS+4) number”;  
■ 2. Adding, in alphabetical order, the definition “Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator”;  
■ 3. Revising paragraph (1) of the definition “Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database”; and  
■ 4. Adding, in alphabetical order, the definition “Unique entity identifier”;  
■ c. Removing from paragraph (b)(1) “the offeror” and adding “the Offeror” in its place; and  
■ d. Revising paragraphs (b)(2) and (c).  
The revisions and additions read as follows:

### 52.204–7 System for Award Management.

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#### System for Award Management

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision—  
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*Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator* means a four-character suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity to establish additional System for Award Management records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see subpart 32.11) for the same entity.

*Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database* means that—

(1) The Offeror has entered all mandatory information, including the unique entity identifier and the EFT indicator, if applicable, the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code, as well as data required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (see subpart 4.14) into the SAM database;  
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*Unique entity identifier* means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers.

(b) \* \* \*

(2) The Offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation “Unique Entity Identifier” followed by the unique entity identifier that identifies the Offeror’s name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The Offeror also shall enter its EFT indicator, if applicable. The unique entity identifier will be used by the Contracting Officer to verify that the Offeror is registered in the SAM database.

(c) If the Offeror does not have a unique entity identifier, it should contact the entity designated at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) for establishment of the unique entity identifier directly to obtain one. The Offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:

(1) Company legal business name.  
(2) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.  
(3) Company physical street address, city, state, and Zip Code.  
(4) Company mailing address, city, state and Zip Code (if separate from physical).  
(5) Company telephone number.  
(6) Date the company was started.  
(7) Number of employees at your location.  
(8) Chief executive officer/key manager.  
(9) Line of business (industry).  
(10) Company headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).  
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■ 17. Amend section 52.204–10 by—  
■ a. Revising the date of the clause; and  
■ b. Removing from paragraph (d)(2)(i) “identifier (DUNS Number)” and adding “entity identifier” in its place.  
The revision reads as follows:

### 52.204–10 Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards.

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#### Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Oct 2016)

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■ 18. Revise section 52.204–12 to read as follows:

### 52.204–12 Unique Entity Identifier Maintenance.

As prescribed in 4.607(c), insert the following clause:

#### Unique Entity Identifier Maintenance (Oct 2016)

(a) *Definition.* *Unique entity identifier*, as used in this clause, means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers.

(b) The Contractor shall ensure that the unique entity identifier is maintained with the entity designated at the System for Award Management (SAM) for establishment of the unique entity identifier throughout the life of the contract. The Contractor shall



communicate any change to the unique entity identifier to the Contracting Officer within 30 days after the change, so an appropriate modification can be issued to update the data on the contract. A change in the unique entity identifier does not necessarily require a novation be accomplished.

(End of clause)

■ 19. Amend section 52.204-13 by—

■ a. Revising the date of the clause;

■ b. Amending paragraph (a) by—

■ 1. Removing the definitions “Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number” and “Data Universal Numbering System +4 (DUNS+4) number”;

■ 2. Adding, in alphabetical order, the definition “Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator”;

■ 3. Revising paragraph (1) of the definition “Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database”;

■ 4. Adding, in alphabetical order, the definition “Unique entity identifier”;

and

■ c. Revising paragraph (c)(3);

The revisions and additions read as follows:

52.204-13 System for Award Management Maintenance.

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System for Award Management Maintenance (Oct 2016)

(a) Definitions. \* \* \*

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator means a four-character suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity to establish additional System for Award Management (SAM) records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see subpart 32.11) for the same entity.

Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database means that—

(1) The Contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the unique entity identifier and the EFT indicator (if applicable), the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code, as well as data required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (see subpart 4.14), into the SAM database;

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Unique entity identifier means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See www.sam.gov for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers.

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(c) \* \* \*

(3) The Contractor shall ensure that the unique entity identifier is maintained with the entity designated at www.sam.gov for establishment of the unique entity identifier throughout the life of the contract. The Contractor shall communicate any change to the unique entity identifier to the Contracting Officer within 30 days after the change, so an

appropriate modification can be issued to update the data on the contract. A change in the unique entity identifier does not necessarily require a novation be accomplished.

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■ 20. Amend section 52.204-14 by—

■ a. Revising the date of the clause; and

■ b. Removing from paragraph (f)(1)(i) “DUNS number” and adding “unique entity identifier” in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

52.204-14 Service Contract Reporting Requirements.

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Service Contract Reporting Requirements (Oct 2016)

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■ 21. Amend section 52.204-15 by—

■ a. Revising the date of the clause; and

■ b. Removing from paragraph (f)(1)(i) “DUNS number” and adding “unique entity identifier” in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

52.204-15 Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts.

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Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (Oct 2016)

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■ 22. Amend section 52.212-1 by revising the date of the provision and paragraph (j) to read as follows:

52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items.

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Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items (Oct 2016)

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(j) Unique entity identifier. (Applies to all offers exceeding \$3,500, and offers of \$3,500 or less if the solicitation requires the Contractor to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database.) The Offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation “Unique Entity Identifier” followed by the unique entity identifier that identifies the Offeror’s name and address. The Offeror also shall enter its Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator, if applicable. The EFT indicator is a four-character suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the Offeror to establish additional SAM records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see subpart 32.11) for the same entity. If the Offeror does not have a unique entity identifier, it should contact the entity designated at www.sam.gov for unique entity identifier establishment directly to obtain one. The Offeror should indicate that it is an offeror for a Government contract when contacting the entity designated at

www.sam.gov for establishing the unique entity identifier.

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■ 23. Amend section 52.212-3 by—

■ a. Revising the date of the provision; and

■ b. Removing from the introductory text of paragraph (p) “DUNS Number” and adding “unique entity identifier” in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

52.212-3 Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items.

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Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items (Oct 2016)

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■ 24. Amend section 52.212-5 by revising the date of the clause and paragraphs (b)(4), (b)(6), (b)(7), and (b)(17)(i) to read as follows:

52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items.

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Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items (Oct 2016)

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(b) \* \* \*

(4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Oct 2016) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

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(6) 52.204-14, Service Contract Reporting Requirements (Oct 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

(7) 52.204-15, Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (Oct 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

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(17)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Oct 2016) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).

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■ 25. Amend section 52.213-4 by revising the date of the clause and paragraph (b)(1)(i) to read as follows:

52.213-4 Terms and Conditions—Simplified Acquisitions (Other Than Commercial Items).

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Terms and Conditions—Simplified Acquisitions (Other Than Commercial Items) (Oct 2016)

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(i) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Oct 2016) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31

U.S.C. 6101 note) (Applies to contracts valued at \$30,000 or more).

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- 26. Amend section 52.219–9 by—
- a. Revising the section heading;
- b. Revising the date of the clause;
- c. Removing from paragraph (d)(10)(vi) “DUNS number,” and adding “unique entity identifier,” in its place.

The revisions read as follows:

**52.219–9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan.**

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**Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Oct 2016)**

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**PART 53—FORMS**

**53.214 [Amended]**

- 27. Amend section 53.214 by removing from paragraph (d) “SF 1447 (Rev. 2/2012)” and adding “SF 1447 (Rev. 8/2016)” in its place.

**53.215–1 [Amended]**

- 28. Amend section 53.215–1 by removing from paragraph (e) “OF 307 (9/97)” and adding “OF 307 (Rev. 8/2016)” in its place.

**53.219 [Amended]**

- 29. Amend section 53.219 by removing from the paragraph “(Rev. 10/2015)” and adding “(Rev. 8/2016)” in its place.

**53.236–2 [Amended]**

- 30. Amend section 53.236–2 by removing from paragraph (b) “SF 330 (Rev. 3/2013)” and adding “SF 330 (Rev. 8/2016)” in its place.
- 31. Revise section 53.301–294 to read as follows:

**53.301–294 Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts.**

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|--|---------------|---|--|---|--|
| <b>SUBCONTRACTING REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS</b><br><i>(See instructions on reverse)</i>  |               |   |  | OMB Control Number: 9000-0006<br>Expiration Date: 2/28/2019   |  |
| <p>Paperwork Reduction Act Statement - This information collection meets the requirements of 44 USC § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 9000-0006. We estimate that it will take 13.5 hours to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. Send only comments relating to our time estimate, including suggestions for reducing this burden, or any other aspects of this collection of information to: General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (M1V1CB), 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405.</p> |               |   |  |   |  |
| 1. CORPORATION, COMPANY, OR SUBDIVISION COVERED  |               |   |  | 3. DATE SUBMITTED   |  |
| a. COMPANY NAME  |               |   |  | 4. REPORTING PERIOD FROM INCEPTION OF CONTRACT THRU:<br><input type="checkbox"/> MAR 31 <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 30    YEAR<br>5. TYPE OF REPORT<br><input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL <input type="checkbox"/> REVISED |  |
| b. STREET ADDRESS  |               |   |  |   |  |
| c. CITY  |               | d. STATE  | e. ZIP CODE                              |   |  |
| 2. CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER  |               |   |  |   |  |
| 6. ADMINISTERING ACTIVITY <i>(Please check applicable box)</i>   |               |   |  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARMY  |               | <input type="checkbox"/> GSA                                |  | <input type="checkbox"/> NASA   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY  |               | <input type="checkbox"/> DOE                                |  | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY <i>(Specify)</i>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE   |               | <input type="checkbox"/> DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY |  |   |  |
| 7. REPORT SUBMITTED AS <i>(Check one and provide appropriate number)</i>   |               |   | 8. AGENCY OR CONTRACTOR AWARDED CONTRACT |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PRIME CONTRACTOR  |               | PRIME CONTRACT NUMBER                                       |  | a. AGENCY'S OR CONTRACTOR'S NAME  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUBCONTRACTOR   |               | SUBCONTRACT NUMBER  |  | b. STREET ADDRESS   |  |
| 9. DOLLARS AND PERCENTAGES IN THE FOLLOWING BLOCKS:  |               |   |  | c. CITY   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DO INCLUDE INDIRECT COSTS   |               | <input type="checkbox"/> DO NOT INCLUDE INDIRECT COSTS      |  | d. STATE  |  |
|  |               |   |  | e. ZIP CODE   |  |
| <b>SUBCONTRACT AWARDS</b>  |               |   |  |   |  |
| TYPE   | CURRENT GOAL  |   | ACTUAL CUMULATIVE                        |   |  |
|  | WHOLE DOLLARS | PERCENT   | WHOLE DOLLARS                            | PERCENT   |  |
| 10a. SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS <i>(Dollar Amount and Percent of 10c.)</i> (SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS)  |               |   |  |   |  |
| 10b. LARGE BUSINESS CONCERNS <i>(Dollar Amount and Percent of 10c.)</i> (SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS)  |               |   |  |   |  |
| 10c. TOTAL <i>(Sum of 10a and 10b.)</i>  |               | 100.0%  |  | 100.0%  |  |
| 11. SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS (SDB) CONCERNS <i>(Dollar Amount and Percent of 10c.)</i> (SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS)   |               |   |  |   |  |
| 12. WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (WOSB) CONCERNS <i>(Dollar Amount and Percent of 10c.)</i> (SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS)  |               |   |  |   |  |
| 13. HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HBCU) AND MINORITY INSTITUTIONS (MI) <i>(If applicable) (Dollar Amount and Percent of 10c.)</i> (SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS)  |               |   |  |   |  |
| 14. HUBZone SMALL BUSINESS (HUBZone SB) CONCERNS <i>(Dollar Amount and Percent of 10c.)</i> (SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS)  |               |   |  |   |  |
| 15. VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS <i>(Dollar Amount and Percent of 10c.)</i> (SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS)   |               |   |  |   |  |
| 16. SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS <i>(Dollar Amount and Percent of 10c.)</i> (SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS)  |               |   |  |   |  |
| 17. ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS (ANCs) AND INDIAN TRIBES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AS SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES <i>(Dollar Amount)</i> (SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS)   |               |   |  |   |  |
| 18. ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS (ANCs) AND INDIAN TRIBES THAT ARE NOT SMALL BUSINESSES <i>(Dollar Amount)</i> (SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS)   |               |   |  |   |  |

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19. REMARKS

|   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 20a. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL ADMINISTERING SUBCONTRACTING PLAN | 20b. TELEPHONE NUMBER |        |
|   | AREA CODE             | NUMBER |

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This report is not required for small businesses.
2. This report is not required for commercial items for which a commercial plan has been approved, nor from large businesses in the Department of Defense (DOD) Test Program for Negotiation of Comprehensive Subcontracting plans. The Summary Subcontract Report (SSR) is required for contractors operating under one of these two conditions and should be submitted to the Government in accordance with the instructions on that form.
3. This form collects subcontract award data from prime contractors/subcontractors that: (a) hold one or more contracts over \$700,000 (over \$1,500,000 for construction of a public facility); and (b) are required to report subcontracts awarded to Small Business (SB), Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB), Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB), HUBZone Small Business (HUBZone SB), Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business concerns under a subcontracting plan. For the Department of Defense (DOD), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Coast Guard, this form also collects subcontract award data for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Institutions (MIs).
4. This report is required for each contract containing a subcontracting plan and must be submitted to the administrative contracting officer (ACO) or contracting officer if no ACO is assigned, semi-annually, during contract performance for the periods ended March 31st and September 30th. A separate report is required for each contract at contract completion. Reports are due 30 days after the close of each reporting period unless otherwise directed by the contracting officer. Reports are required when due, regardless of whether there has been any subcontracting activity since the inception of the contract or since the previous report.
5. Only subcontracts involving performance in the United States or its outlying areas should be included in this report with the exception of subcontracts under a contract awarded by the State Department or any other agency that has statutory or regulatory authority to require subcontracting plans for subcontracts performed outside the United States and its outlying areas.
6. Purchases from a corporation, company, or subdivision that is an affiliate of the prime/subcontractor are not included in this report.
7. Subcontract award data reported on this form by prime contractors/subcontractors shall be limited to awards made to their immediate subcontractors. Credit cannot be taken for awards made to lower tier subcontractors unless you have been designated to receive an SB and SDB credit from an Alaska Native Corporation (ANC) or Indian tribe.
8. FAR 19.703 sets forth the eligibility requirements for participating in the subcontracting program.
9. Actual achievements must be reported on the same basis as the goals set forth in the contract. For example, if goals in the plan do not include indirect and overhead items, the achievements shown on this report should not include them either.

**SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

**BLOCK 2:** For the Contractor Identification Number, enter the unique entity identifier that identifies the specific contractor establishment. If there is no unique entity identifier that identifies the exact name and address entered in Block 1, contact the entity designated at SAM for establishment of the unique entity identifier.

**BLOCK 4:** Check only one. Note that all subcontract award data reported on this form represents activity since the inception of the contract through the date indicated on this block.

**BLOCK 5:** Check whether this report is a "Regular," "Final," and/or "Revised" report. A "Final" report should be checked only if the contractor has completed the contract or subcontract reported in Block 7. A "Revised" report is a change to a report previously submitted for the same period.

**BLOCK 6:** Identify the department or agency administering the majority of subcontracting plans.

**BLOCK 7:** Indicate whether the reporting contractor is submitting this report as a prime contractor or subcontractor and the prime contract or subcontract number.

**BLOCK 8:** Enter the name and address of the Federal department or agency awarding the contract or the prime contractor awarding the subcontract.

**BLOCK 9:** Check the appropriate block to indicate whether indirect costs are included in the dollar amounts in blocks 10a through 16. To ensure comparability between the goal and actual columns, the contractor may include indirect costs in the actual column only if the subcontracting plan included indirect costs in the goal.

**BLOCKS 10a through 18:** Under "Current Goal," enter the dollar and percent goals in each category (SB, SDB, WOSB, VOSB, service-disabled VOSB, and HUBZone SB) from the subcontracting plan approved for this contract. (If the original goals agreed upon at contract award have been revised as a result of contract modifications, enter the original goals in Block 19. The amounts entered in Blocks 10a through 16 should reflect the revised goals.) There are no goals for Blocks 17 and 18. Under "Actual Cumulative," enter actual subcontract achievements (dollars and percent) from the inception of the contract through the date of the report shown in Block 4. In cases where indirect costs are included, the amounts should include both direct awards and an appropriate prorated portion of indirect awards. However, the dollar amounts reported under "Actual Cumulative" must be for the same period of time as the dollar amounts shown under "Current Goal." For a contract with options, the current goal should represent the aggregate goal since the inception of the contract. For example, if the contractor is submitting the report during Option 2 of a multiple year contract, the current goal would be the cumulative goal for the base period plus the goal for Option 1 and the goal for Option 2.

**BLOCK 10a:** Report all subcontracts awarded to SBs including subcontracts to SDBs, WOSB, VOSB, service-disabled VOSB, and HUBZone SBs. For DOD, NASA, and Coast Guard contracts, include subcontracting awards to HBCUs and MIs. Include subcontracts awarded to ANCs and Indian tribes that are not small businesses and that are not certified by the SBA as SDBs where you have been designated to receive their SB and SDB credit. Where your company and other companies have been designated by an ANC or Indian tribe to receive SB and SDB credit for a subcontract awarded to the ANC or Indian tribe, report only the portion of the total amount of the subcontract that has been designated to your company.

**BLOCK 10b:** Report all subcontracts awarded to large businesses (LBs) and any other-than-small businesses. Do not include subcontracts awarded to ANCs and Indian tribes that have been reported in 10a above.

**BLOCK 10c:** Report on this line the total of all subcontracts awarded under this contract (the sum of lines 10a and 10b).

**BLOCKS 11 - 16:** Each of these items is a subcategory of Block 10a. Note that in some cases the same dollars may be reported in more than one block (e.g., SDBs owned by women or veterans).

**BLOCK 11:** Report all subcontracts awarded to SDBs (including WOSB, VOSB, service-disabled VOSBs, and HUBZone SB SDBs). Include subcontracts awarded to ANCs and Indian tribes that have not been certified by SBA as SDBs where you have been designated to receive their SDB credit. Where your company and other companies have been designated by an ANC or Indian tribe to receive their SDB credit for a subcontract awarded to the ANC or Indian tribe, report only the portion of the total amount of the subcontract that has been designated to your company. For DoD, NASA, and Coast Guard contracts, include subcontracting awards to HBCUs and MIs.

**BLOCK 12:** Report all subcontracts awarded to WOSBs (including SDBs, VOSBs (including service-disabled VOSBs), and HUBZone SBs that are also WOSBs).

**BLOCK 13:** (For contracts with DoD, NASA, and Coast Guard): Report all subcontracts with HBCUs/MIs. Complete the column under "Current Goal" only when the subcontracting plan establishes a goal.

**BLOCK 14:** Report all subcontracts awarded to HUBZone SBs (including WOSBs, VOSBs (including service-disabled VOSBs), and SDBs that are also HUBZone SBs).

**BLOCK 15:** Report all subcontracts awarded to VOSBs including service-disabled VOSBs (and including SDBs, WOSBs, and HUBZone SBs that are also VOSBs).

**BLOCK 16:** Report all subcontracts awarded to service-disabled VOSBs (including SDBs, WOSBs, and HUBZone SBs that are also service-disabled VOSBs).

**BLOCK 17:** Report all subcontracts awarded to ANCs and Indian tribes that are reported in Block 11, but have not been certified by SBA as SDBs.

**BLOCK 18:** Report all subcontracts awarded to ANCs and Indian tribes that are reported in Block 10a, but are not small businesses.

**BLOCK 19:** Enter a short narrative explanation if (a) SB, SDB, WOSB, VOSB, service-disabled VOSB, or HUBZone SB accomplishments fall below that which would be expected using a straight-line projection of goals through the period of contract performance; or (b) if this is a final report, any one of the six goals were not met.

#### DEFINITIONS

1. Direct Subcontract Awards are those that are identified with the performance of one or more specific Government contract(s).

2. Indirect costs are those which, because of incurrence for common or joint purposes, are not identified with specific Government contracts; these awards are related to Government contract performance but remain for allocation after direct awards have been determined and identified to specific Government contracts.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THIS REPORT

##### For the Awarding Agency or Contractor:

The original copy of this report should be provided to the contracting officer at the agency or contractor identified in Block 8. For contracts with DOD, a copy should also be provided to the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) at the cognizant Defense Contract Management Area Operations (DCMAO) office.

##### For the Small Business Administration (SBA):

A copy of this report must be provided to the cognizant Commercial Market Representative (CMR) at the time of a compliance review. It is NOT necessary to mail the SF 294 to SBA unless specifically requested by the CMR.

■ 32. Revise section 53.301–330 to read as follows:

**53.301–330 Architect-Engineer Qualifications.**

## ARCHITECT-ENGINEER QUALIFICATIONS

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### PURPOSE

Federal agencies use this form to obtain information from architect-engineer (A-E) firms about their professional qualifications. Federal agencies select firms for A-E contracts on the basis of professional qualifications as required by 40 U.S.C. chapter 11, Selection of Architects Engineers, and Part 36 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

The Selection of Architects and Engineers statute requires the public announcement of requirements for A-E services (with some exceptions provided by other statutes), and the selection of at least three of the most highly qualified firms based on demonstrated competence and professional qualifications according to specific criteria published in the announcement. The Act then requires the negotiation of a contract at a fair and reasonable price starting first with the most highly qualified firm.

The information used to evaluate firms is from this form and other sources, including performance evaluations, any additional data requested by the agency, and interviews with the most highly qualified firms and their references.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part I presents the qualifications for a specific contract.

Part II presents the general qualifications of a firm or a specific branch office of a firm. Part II has two uses:

1. An A-E firm may submit Part II to the appropriate central, regional or local office of each Federal agency to be kept on file. A public announcement is not required for certain contracts, and agencies may use Part II as a basis for selecting at least three of the most highly qualified firms for discussions prior to requesting submission of Part I. Firms are encouraged to update Part II on file with agency offices, as appropriate, according to FAR Part 36. If a firm has branch offices, submit a separate Part II for each branch office seeking work.

2. Prepare a separate Part II for each firm that will be part of the team proposed for a specific contract and submitted with Part I. If a firm has branch offices, submit a separate Part II for each branch office that has a key role on the team.

### INDIVIDUAL AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

Individual agencies may supplement these instructions. For example, they may limit the number of projects or number of pages submitted in Part I in response to a public announcement for a particular project. Carefully comply with any agency instructions when preparing and submitting this form. Be as concise as possible and provide only the information requested by the agency.

### DEFINITIONS

**Architect-Engineer Services:** Defined in FAR 2.101.

**Branch Office:** A geographically distinct place of business or subsidiary office of a firm that has a key role on the team.

**Discipline:** Primary technical capabilities of key personnel, as evidenced by academic degree, professional registration, certification, and/or extensive experience.

**Firm:** Defined in FAR 36.102.

**Key Personnel:** Individuals who will have major contract responsibilities and/or provide unusual or unique expertise.

### SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

#### Part I - Contract-Specific Qualifications

##### Section A. Contract Information.

1. **Title and Location.** Enter the title and location of the contract for which this form is being submitted, exactly as shown in the public announcement or agency request.

2. **Public Notice Date.** Enter the posted date of the agency's notice on the Federal Business Opportunity website (FedBizOpps), other form of public announcement or agency request for this contract.

3. **Solicitation or Project Number.** Enter the agency's solicitation number and/or project number, if applicable, exactly as shown in the public announcement or agency request for this contract.

##### Section B. Architect-Engineer Point of Contact.

4-8. **Name, Title, Name of Firm, Telephone Number, Fax (Facsimile) Number and E-mail (Electronic Mail) Address.** Provide information for a representative of the prime contractor or joint venture that the agency can contact for additional information.



**Section C. Proposed Team.**

9-11. **Firm Name, Address, and Role in This Contract.** Provide the contractual relationship, name, full mailing address, and a brief description of the role of each firm that will be involved in performance of this contract. List the prime contractor or joint venture partners first. If a firm has branch offices, indicate each individual branch office that will have a key role on the team. The named subcontractors and outside associates or consultants must be used, and any change must be approved by the contracting officer. (See FAR Part 52 Clause "Subcontractors and Outside Associates and Consultants (Architect-Engineer Services)"). Attach an additional sheet in the same format as Section C if needed.

**Section D. Organizational Chart of Proposed Team.**

As an attachment after Section C, present an organizational chart of the proposed team showing the names and roles of all key personnel listed in Section E and the firm they are associated with as listed in Section C.

**Section E. Resumes of Key Personnel Proposed for this Contract.**

Complete this section for each key person who will participate in this contract. Group by firm, with personnel of the prime contractor or joint venture partner firms first. The following blocks must be completed for each resume:

12. **Name.** Self-explanatory.

13. **Role in this contract.** Self-explanatory.

14. **Years Experience.** Total years of relevant experience (block 14a), and years of relevant experience with current firm, but not necessarily the same branch office (block 14b).

15. **Firm Name and Location.** Name, city and state of the firm where the person currently works, which must correspond with one of the firms (or branch office of a firm, if appropriate) listed in Section C.

16. **Education.** Provide information on the highest relevant academic degree(s) received. Indicate the area(s) of specialization for each degree.

17. **Current Professional Registration.** Provide information on current relevant professional registration(s) in a State or possession of the United States, Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia according to FAR Part 36.

18. **Other Professional Qualifications.** Provide information on any other professional qualifications relating to this contract, such as education, professional registration, publications, organizational memberships, certifications, training, awards, and foreign language capabilities.

19. **Relevant Projects.** Provide information on up to five projects in which the person had a significant role that demonstrates the person's capability relevant to her/his proposed role in this contract. These projects do not necessarily have to be any of the projects presented in Section F for the project team if the person was not involved in any of those projects or the person worked on other projects that were more relevant than the team projects in Section F. Use the check box provided to indicate if the project was performed with any office of the current firm. If any of the professional services or construction projects are not complete, leave Year Completed blank and indicate the status in Brief Description and Specific Role (block (3)).

**Section F. Example Projects Which Best Illustrate Proposed Team's Qualifications for this Contract.**

Select projects where multiple team members worked together, if possible, that demonstrate the team's capability to perform work similar to that required for this contract. Complete one Section F for each project. Present ten projects, unless otherwise specified by the agency. Complete the following blocks for each project:

20. **Example Project Key Number.** Start with "1" for the first project and number consecutively.

21. **Title and Location.** Title and location of project or contract. For an indefinite delivery contract, the location is the geographic scope of the contract.

22. **Year Completed.** Enter the year completed of the professional services (such as planning, engineering study, design, or surveying), and/or the year completed of construction, if applicable. If any of the professional services or the construction projects are not complete, leave Year Completed blank and indicate the status in Brief Description of Project and Relevance to this Contract (block 24).

23a. **Project Owner.** Project owner or user, such as a government agency or installation, an institution, a corporation or private individual.

23b. **Point of Contact Name.** Provide name of a person associated with the project owner or the organization which contracted for the professional services, who is very familiar with the project and the firm's (or firms') performance.

23c. **Point of Contact Telephone Number.** Self-explanatory.

24. **Brief Description of Project and Relevance to this Contract.** Indicate scope, size, cost, principal elements and special features of the project. Discuss the relevance of the example project to this contract. Enter any other information requested by the agency for each example project.

25. Firms from Section C Involved with this Project. Indicate which firms (or branch offices, if appropriate) on the project team were involved in the example project, and their roles. List in the same order as Section C.

Section G. Key Personnel Participation in Example Projects.

This matrix is intended to graphically depict which key personnel identified in Section E worked on the example projects listed in Section F. Complete the following blocks (see example below).

26. and 27. Names of Key Personnel and Role in this Contract. List the names of the key personnel and their proposed roles in this contract in the same order as they appear in Section E.

28. Example Projects Listed in Section F. In the column under each project key number (see block 29) and for each key person, place an "X" under the project key number for participation in the same or similar role.

29. Example Projects Key. List the key numbers and titles of the example projects in the same order as they appear in Section F.

Section H. Additional Information.

30. Use this section to provide additional information specifically requested by the agency or to address selection criteria that are not covered by the information provided in Sections A-G.

Section I. Authorized Representative.

31. and 32. Signature of Authorized Representative and Date. An authorized representative of a joint venture or the prime contractor must sign and date the completed form. Signing attests that the information provided is current and factual, and that all firms on the proposed team agree to work on the project. Joint ventures selected for negotiations must make available a statement of participation by a principal of each member of the joint venture.

33. Name and Title. Self-explanatory.

**SAMPLE ENTRIES FOR SECTION G (MATRIX)**

| 26. NAMES OF KEY PERSONNEL<br>(From Section E, Block 12) | 27. ROLE IN THIS CONTRACT<br>(From Section E, Block 13) | 28. EXAMPLE PROJECTS LISTED IN SECTION F<br>(Fill in "Example Projects Key" section below first, before completing table. Place "X" under project key number for participation in same or similar role.) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
|  |   | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Jane A. Smith  | Chief Architect   | X  |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Joseph B. Williams                                       | Chief Mechanical Engineer                               | X  | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Tara C. Donovan  | Chief Electricial Engineer                              | X  | X |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |    |

**29. EXAMPLE PROJECTS KEY**

| NUMBER | TITLE OF EXAMPLE PROJECT (From Section F)          | NUMBER | TITLE OF EXAMPLE PROJECT (From Section F) |
|--------|--|--------|---|
| 1      | Federal Courthouse, Denver, CO                     | 6      | XYZ Corporation Headquarters, Boston, MA  |
| 2      | Justin J. Wilson Federal Building, Baton Rouge, LA | 7      | Founder's Museum, Newport, RI             |

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**Part II - General Qualifications**

See the "General Instructions" on page 1 for firms with branch offices. Prepare Part II for the specific branch office seeking work if the firm has branch offices.

1. Solicitation Number. If Part II is submitted for a specific contract, insert the agency's solicitation number and/or project number, if applicable, exactly as shown in the public announcement or agency request.

2a-2e. Firm (or Branch Office) Name and Address. Self-explanatory.

3. Year Established. Enter the year the firm (or branch office, if appropriate) was established under the current name.

4. Unique Entity Identifier. Insert the unique entity identifier issued by the entity designated at SAM. See FAR part 4.6.

5. Ownership.

a. Type. Enter the type of ownership or legal structure of the firm (sole proprietor, partnership, corporation, joint venture, etc.).

b. Small Business Status. Refer to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code in the public announcement, and indicate if the firm is a small business according to the current size standard for that NAICS code (for example, Engineering Services (part of NAICS 541330), Architectural Services (NAICS 541310), Surveying and Mapping Services (NAICS 541370)). The small business categories and the internet website for the NAICS codes appear in FAR part 19. Contact the requesting agency for any questions. Contact your local U.S. Small Business Administration office for any questions regarding Business Status.

6a-6c. Point of Contact. Provide this information for a representative of the firm that the agency can contact for additional information. The representative must be empowered to speak on contractual and policy matters.

7. Name of Firm. Enter the name of the firm if Part II is prepared for a branch office.

8a-8c. Former Firm Names. Indicate any other previous names for the firm (or branch office) during the last six years. Insert the year that this corporate name change was effective and the associated unique entity identifier. This information is used to review past performance on Federal contracts.

9. Employees by Discipline. Use the relevant disciplines and associated function codes shown at the end of these instructions and list in the same numerical order. After the listed disciplines, write in any additional disciplines and leave the function code blank. List no more than 20 disciplines. Group remaining employees under "Other Employees" in column b. Each person can be counted only once according to his/her primary function. If Part II is prepared for a firm (including all branch offices), enter the number of employees by disciplines in column c(1). If Part II is prepared for a branch office, enter the number of employees by discipline in column c(2) and for the firm in column c(1).

10. Profile of Firm's Experience and Annual Average Revenue for Last 5 Years. Complete this block for the firm or branch office for which this Part II is prepared. Enter the experience categories which most accurately reflect the firm's technical capabilities and project experience. Use the relevant experience categories and associated profile codes shown at the end of these instructions, and list in the same numerical order. After the listed experience categories, write in any unlisted relevant project experience categories and leave the profile codes blank. For each type of experience, enter the appropriate revenue index number to reflect the professional services revenues received annually (averaged over the last 5 years) by the firm or branch office for performing that type of work. A particular project may be identified with one experience category or it may be broken into components, as best reflects the capabilities and types of work performed by the firm. However, do not double count the revenues received on a particular project.

11. Annual Average Professional Services Revenues of Firm for Last 3 Years. Complete this block for the firm or branch office for which this Part II is prepared. Enter the appropriate revenue index numbers to reflect the professional services revenues received annually (averaged over the last 3 years) by the firm or branch office. Indicate Federal work (performed directly for the Federal Government, either as the prime contractor or subcontractor), non-Federal work (all other domestic and foreign work, including Federally-assisted projects), and the total. If the firm has been in existence for less than 3 years, see the definition for "Annual Receipts" under FAR 19.101.

12. Authorized Representative. An authorized representative of the firm or branch office must sign and date the completed form. Signing attests that the information provided is current and factual. Provide the name and title of the authorized representative who signed the form.

List of Disciplines (*Function Codes*)

| Code | Description                              | Code | Description                         |
|------|--|------|-------------------------------------|
| 01   | Acoustical Engineer                      | 32   | Hydraulic Engineer                  |
| 02   | Administrative                           | 33   | Hydrographic Surveyor               |
| 03   | Aerial Photographer                      | 34   | Hydrologist                         |
| 04   | Aeronautical Engineer                    | 35   | Industrial Engineer                 |
| 05   | Archeologist                             | 36   | Industrial Hygienist                |
| 06   | Architect                                | 37   | Interior Designer                   |
| 07   | Biologist                                | 38   | Land Surveyor                       |
| 08   | CADD Technician                          | 39   | Landscape Architect                 |
| 09   | Cartographer                             | 40   | Materials Engineer                  |
| 10   | Chemical Engineer                        | 41   | Materials Handling Engineer         |
| 11   | Chemist                                  | 42   | Mechanical Engineer                 |
| 12   | Civil Engineer                           | 43   | Mining Engineer                     |
| 13   | Communications Engineer                  | 44   | Oceanographer                       |
| 14   | Computer Programmer                      | 45   | Photo Interpreter                   |
| 15   | Construction Inspector                   | 46   | Photogrammetrist                    |
| 16   | Construction Manager                     | 47   | Planner: Urban/Regional             |
| 17   | Corrosion Engineer                       | 48   | Project Manager                     |
| 18   | Cost Engineer/Estimator                  | 49   | Remote Sensing Specialist           |
| 19   | Ecologist                                | 50   | Risk Assessor                       |
| 20   | Economist                                | 51   | Safety/Occupational Health Engineer |
| 21   | Electrical Engineer                      | 52   | Sanitary Engineer                   |
| 22   | Electronics Engineer                     | 53   | Scheduler                           |
| 23   | Environmental Engineer                   | 54   | Security Specialist                 |
| 24   | Environmental Scientist                  | 55   | Soils Engineer                      |
| 25   | Fire Protection Engineer                 | 56   | Specifications Writer               |
| 26   | Forensic Engineer                        | 57   | Structural Engineer                 |
| 27   | Foundation/Geotechnical Engineer         | 58   | Technician/Analyst                  |
| 28   | Geodetic Surveyor                        | 59   | Toxicologist                        |
| 29   | Geographic Information System Specialist | 60   | Transportation Engineer             |
| 30   | Geologist                                | 61   | Value Engineer                      |
| 31   | Health Facility Planner                  | 62   | Water Resources Engineer            |

List of Experience Categories (*Profile Codes*)

| Code | Description   | Code | Description  |
|------|---|------|--|
| A01  | Acoustics, Noise Abatement  | E01  | Ecological & Archeological Investigations  |
| A02  | Aerial Photography; Airborne Data and Imagery Collection and Analysis           | E02  | Educational Facilities; Classrooms   |
| A03  | Agricultural Development; Grain Storage; Farm Mechanization                     | E03  | Electrical Studies and Design  |
| A04  | Air Pollution Control   | E04  | Electronics  |
| A05  | Airports; Navairs; Airport Lighting; Aircraft Fueling                           | E05  | Elevators; Escalators; People-Movers   |
| A06  | Airports; Terminals and Hangars; Freight Handling                               | E06  | Embassies and Chanceries   |
| A07  | Arctic Facilities   | E07  | Energy Conservation; New Energy Sources  |
| A08  | Animal Facilities   | E08  | Engineering Economics  |
| A09  | Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection   | E09  | Environmental Impact Studies, Assessments or Statements  |
| A10  | Asbestos Abatement  | E10  | Environmental and Natural Resource Mapping   |
| A11  | Auditoriums & Theaters  | E11  | Environmental Planning   |
| A12  | Automation; Controls; Instrumentation   | E12  | Environmental Remediation  |
|      |   | E13  | Environmental Testing and Analysis   |
| B01  | Barracks; Dormitories   | F01  | Fallout Shelters; Blast-Resistant Design   |
| B02  | Bridges   | F02  | Field Houses; Gyms; Stadiums   |
| C01  | Cartography   | F03  | Fire Protection  |
| C02  | Cemeteries ( <i>Planning &amp; Relocation</i> )                                 | F04  | Fisheries; Fish ladders  |
| C03  | Charting: Nautical and Aeronautical   | F05  | Forensic Engineering   |
| C04  | Chemical Processing & Storage   | F06  | Forestry & Forest products   |
| C05  | Child Care/Development Facilities   | G01  | Garages; Vehicle Maintenance Facilities; Parking Decks   |
| C06  | Churches; Chapels   | G02  | Gas Systems (Propane; Natural, Etc.)   |
| C07  | Coastal Engineering   | G03  | Geodetic Surveying: Ground and Air-borne   |
| C08  | Codes; Standards; Ordinances  | G04  | Geographic Information System Services: Development, Analysis, and Data Collection             |
| C09  | Cold Storage; Refrigeration and Fast Freeze                                     | G05  | Geospatial Data Conversion: Scanning, Digitizing, Compilation, Attributing, Scribing, Drafting |
| C10  | Commercial Building ( <i>low rise</i> ); Shopping Centers                       | G06  | Graphic Design   |
| C11  | Community Facilities  | H01  | Harbors; Jetties; Piers, Ship Terminal Facilities  |
| C12  | Communications Systems; TV; Microwave   | H02  | Hazardous Materials Handling and Storage   |
| C13  | Computer Facilities; Computer Service   | H03  | Hazardous, Toxic, Radioactive Waste Remediation  |
| C14  | Conservation and Resource Management  | H04  | Heating; Ventilating; Air Conditioning   |
| C15  | Construction Management   | H05  | Health Systems Planning  |
| C16  | Construction Surveying  | H06  | Highrise; Air-Rights-Type Buildings  |
| C17  | Corrosion Control; Cathodic Protection; Electrolysis                            | H07  | Highways; Streets; Airfield Paving; Parking Lots   |
| C18  | Cost Estimating; Cost Engineering and Analysis; Parametric Costing; Forecasting | H08  | Historical Preservation  |
| C19  | Cryogenic Facilities  | H09  | Hospital & Medical Facilities  |
| D01  | Dams ( <i>Concrete; Arch</i> )  | H10  | Hotels; Motels   |
| D02  | Dams ( <i>Earth; Rock</i> ); Dikes; Levees                                      | H11  | Housing ( <i>Residential, Multi-Family; Apartments; Condominiums</i> )                         |
| D03  | Desalinization ( <i>Process &amp; Facilities</i> )                              | H12  | Hydraulics & Pneumatics  |
| D04  | Design-Build - Preparation of Requests for Proposals                            | H13  | Hydrographic Surveying   |
| D05  | Digital Elevation and Terrain Model Development                                 |      |  |
| D06  | Digital Orthophotography  |      |  |
| D07  | Dining Halls; Clubs; Restaurants  |      |  |
| D08  | Dredging Studies and Design   |      |  |

List of Experience Categories (*Profile Codes continued*)

| Code | Description   | Code | Description  |
|------|---|------|--|
| I01  | Industrial Buildings; Manufacturing Plants                      | P09  | Product, Machine Equipment Design                          |
| I02  | Industrial Processes; Quality Control                           | P10  | Pneumatic Structures, Air-Support Buildings                |
| I03  | Industrial Waste Treatment                                      | P11  | Postal Facilities  |
| I04  | Intelligent Transportation Systems                              | P12  | Power Generation, Transmission, Distribution               |
| I05  | Interior Design; Space Planning                                 | P13  | Public Safety Facilities                                   |
| I06  | Irrigation; Drainage  | R01  | Radar; Sonar; Radio & Radar Telescopes                     |
| J01  | Judicial and Courtroom Facilities                               | R02  | Radio Frequency Systems & Shieldings                       |
| L01  | Laboratories; Medical Research Facilities                       | R03  | Railroad; Rapid Transit                                    |
| L02  | Land Surveying  | R04  | Recreation Facilities (Parks, Marinas, Etc.)               |
| L03  | Landscape Architecture  | R05  | Refrigeration Plants/Systems                               |
| L04  | Libraries; Museums; Galleries                                   | R06  | Rehabilitation (Buildings; Structures; Facilities)         |
| L05  | Lighting (Interior; Display; Theater, Etc.)                     | R07  | Remote Sensing   |
| L06  | Lighting (Exteriors; Streets; Memorials; Athletic Fields, Etc.) | R08  | Research Facilities  |
| M01  | Mapping Location/Addressing Systems                             | R09  | Resources Recovery; Recycling                              |
| M02  | Materials Handling Systems; Conveyors; Sorters                  | R10  | Risk Analysis  |
| M03  | Metallurgy  | R11  | Rivers; Canals; Waterways; Flood Control                   |
| M04  | Microclimatology; Tropical Engineering                          | R12  | Roofing  |
| M05  | Military Design Standards                                       | S01  | Safety Engineering; Accident Studies; OSHA Studies         |
| M06  | Mining & Mineralogy   | S02  | Security Systems; Intruder & Smoke Detection               |
| M07  | Missile Facilities (Silos; Fuels; Transport)                    | S03  | Seismic Designs & Studies                                  |
| M08  | Modular Systems Design; Pre-Fabricated Structures or Components | S04  | Sewage Collection, Treatment and Disposal                  |
| N01  | Naval Architecture; Off-Shore Platforms                         | S05  | Soils & Geologic Studies; Foundations                      |
| N02  | Navigation Structures; Locks                                    | S06  | Solar Energy Utilization                                   |
| N03  | Nuclear Facilities; Nuclear Shielding                           | S07  | Solid Wastes; Incineration; Landfill                       |
| O01  | Office Buildings; Industrial Parks                              | S08  | Special Environments; Clean Rooms, Etc.                    |
| O02  | Oceanographic Engineering                                       | S09  | Structural Design; Special Structures                      |
| O03  | Ordnance; Munitions; Special Weapons                            | S10  | Surveying; Platting; Mapping; Flood Plain Studies          |
| P01  | Petroleum Exploration; Refining                                 | S11  | Sustainable Design   |
| P02  | Petroleum and Fuel (Storage and Distribution)                   | S12  | Swimming Pools   |
| P03  | Photogrammetry  | S13  | Storm Water Handling & Facilities                          |
| P04  | Pipelines (Cross-Country - Liquid & Gas)                        | T01  | Telephone Systems ( <i>Rural; Mobile; Intercom, Etc.</i> ) |
| P05  | Planning (Community, Regional, Areawide and State)              | T02  | Testing & Inspection Services                              |
| P06  | Planning (Site, Installation, and Project)                      | T03  | Traffic & Transportation Engineering                       |
| P07  | Plumbing & Piping Design  | T04  | Topographic Surveying and Mapping                          |
| P08  | Prisons & Correctional Facilities                               | T05  | Towers ( <i>Self-Supporting &amp; Guyed Systems</i> )      |
|      |   | T06  | Tunnels & Subways  |

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List of Experience Categories (*Profile Codes continued*)

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| <b>Code</b> | <b>Description</b>                               |
|-------------|--|
| U01         | Unexploded Ordnance Remediation                  |
| U02         | Urban Renewals; Community Development            |
| U03         | Utilities (Gas and Steam)                        |
| V01         | Value Analysis; Life-Cycle Costing               |
| W01         | Warehouses & Depots                              |
| W02         | Water Resources; Hydrology; Ground Water         |
| W03         | Water Supply; Treatment and Distribution         |
| W04         | Wind Tunnels; Research/Testing Facilities Design |
| Z01         | Zoning; Land Use Studies                         |



## ARCHITECT - ENGINEER QUALIFICATIONS

### PART I - CONTRACT-SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS

#### A. CONTRACT INFORMATION

|   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> |                                   |
| 2. PUBLIC NOTICE DATE                         | 3. SOLICITATION OR PROJECT NUMBER |

#### B. ARCHITECT-ENGINEER POINT OF CONTACT

|                     |               |                   |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 4. NAME AND TITLE   |               |                   |
| 5. NAME OF FIRM     |               |                   |
| 6. TELEPHONE NUMBER | 7. FAX NUMBER | 8. E-MAIL ADDRESS |

#### C. PROPOSED TEAM

*(Complete this section for the prime contractor and all key subcontractors.)*

|    | (Check)                  |                          | 9. FIRM NAME                                    | 10. ADDRESS | 11. ROLE IN THIS CONTRACT |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------|---------------------------|
|    | PRIME<br>CONTRACTOR      | JOINT<br>VENTURE         |   |             |                           |
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF BRANCH OFFICE |             |                           |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF BRANCH OFFICE |             |                           |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF BRANCH OFFICE |             |                           |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF BRANCH OFFICE |             |                           |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF BRANCH OFFICE |             |                           |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF BRANCH OFFICE |             |                           |

#### D. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF PROPOSED TEAM

*(Attached)*

| E. RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL PROPOSED FOR THIS CONTRACT<br><i>(Complete one Section E for each key person.)</i> |                           |   |                                     |
|--|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 12. NAME   | 13. ROLE IN THIS CONTRACT | 14. YEARS EXPERIENCE  |                                     |
|  |                           | a. TOTAL  | b. WITH CURRENT FIRM                |
| 15. FIRM NAME AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i>   |                           |   |                                     |
| 16. EDUCATION <i>(Degree and Specialization)</i>   |                           | 17. CURRENT PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION <i>(State and Discipline)</i>   |                                     |
| 18. OTHER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS <i>(Publications, Organizations, Training, Awards, etc.)</i>             |                           |   |                                     |
| 19. RELEVANT PROJECTS  |                           |   |                                     |
| (1) TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i>   |                           | (2) YEAR COMPLETED  |                                     |
|  |                           | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES   | CONSTRUCTION <i>(if applicable)</i> |
| a. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE                              |                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm |                                     |
|  |                           |   |                                     |
| (1) TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i>   |                           | (2) YEAR COMPLETED  |                                     |
|  |                           | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES   | CONSTRUCTION <i>(if applicable)</i> |
| b. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE                              |                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm |                                     |
|  |                           |   |                                     |
| (1) TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i>   |                           | (2) YEAR COMPLETED  |                                     |
|  |                           | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES   | CONSTRUCTION <i>(if applicable)</i> |
| c. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE                              |                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm |                                     |
|  |                           |   |                                     |
| (1) TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i>   |                           | (2) YEAR COMPLETED  |                                     |
|  |                           | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES   | CONSTRUCTION <i>(if applicable)</i> |
| d. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE                              |                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm |                                     |
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| (1) TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i>   |                           | (2) YEAR COMPLETED  |                                     |
|  |                           | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES   | CONSTRUCTION <i>(if applicable)</i> |
| e. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE                              |                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm |                                     |
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| <b>F. EXAMPLE PROJECTS WHICH BEST ILLUSTRATE PROPOSED TEAM'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS CONTRACT</b><br><i>(Present as many projects as requested by the agency, or 10 projects, if not specified. Complete one Section F for each project.)</i> |                                | 20. EXAMPLE PROJECT KEY NUMBER<br>_____      |
| 21. TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i><br>_____   | 22. YEAR COMPLETED             |  |
|   | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES<br>_____ | CONSTRUCTION <i>(if applicable)</i><br>_____ |

23. PROJECT OWNER'S INFORMATION

|                           |                                   |   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| a. PROJECT OWNER<br>_____ | b. POINT OF CONTACT NAME<br>_____ | c. POINT OF CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER<br>_____ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|

24. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND RELEVANCE TO THIS CONTRACT *(Include scope, size, and cost)*

25. FIRMS FROM SECTION C INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT

|    | (1) FIRM NAME | (2) FIRM LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (3) ROLE |
|----|---------------|---|----------|
| a. | _____         | _____                                     | _____    |
| b. | _____         | _____                                     | _____    |
| c. | _____         | _____                                     | _____    |
| d. | _____         | _____                                     | _____    |
| e. | _____         | _____                                     | _____    |
| f. | _____         | _____                                     | _____    |

G. KEY PERSONNEL PARTICIPATION IN EXAMPLE PROJECTS

| 26. NAMES OF KEY PERSONNEL<br>(From Section E, Block 12) | 27. ROLE IN THIS CONTRACT<br>(From Section E, Block 13) | 28. EXAMPLE PROJECTS LISTED IN SECTION F<br>(Fill in "Example Projects Key" section below before completing table.<br>Place "X" under project key number for participation in same or similar role.) |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
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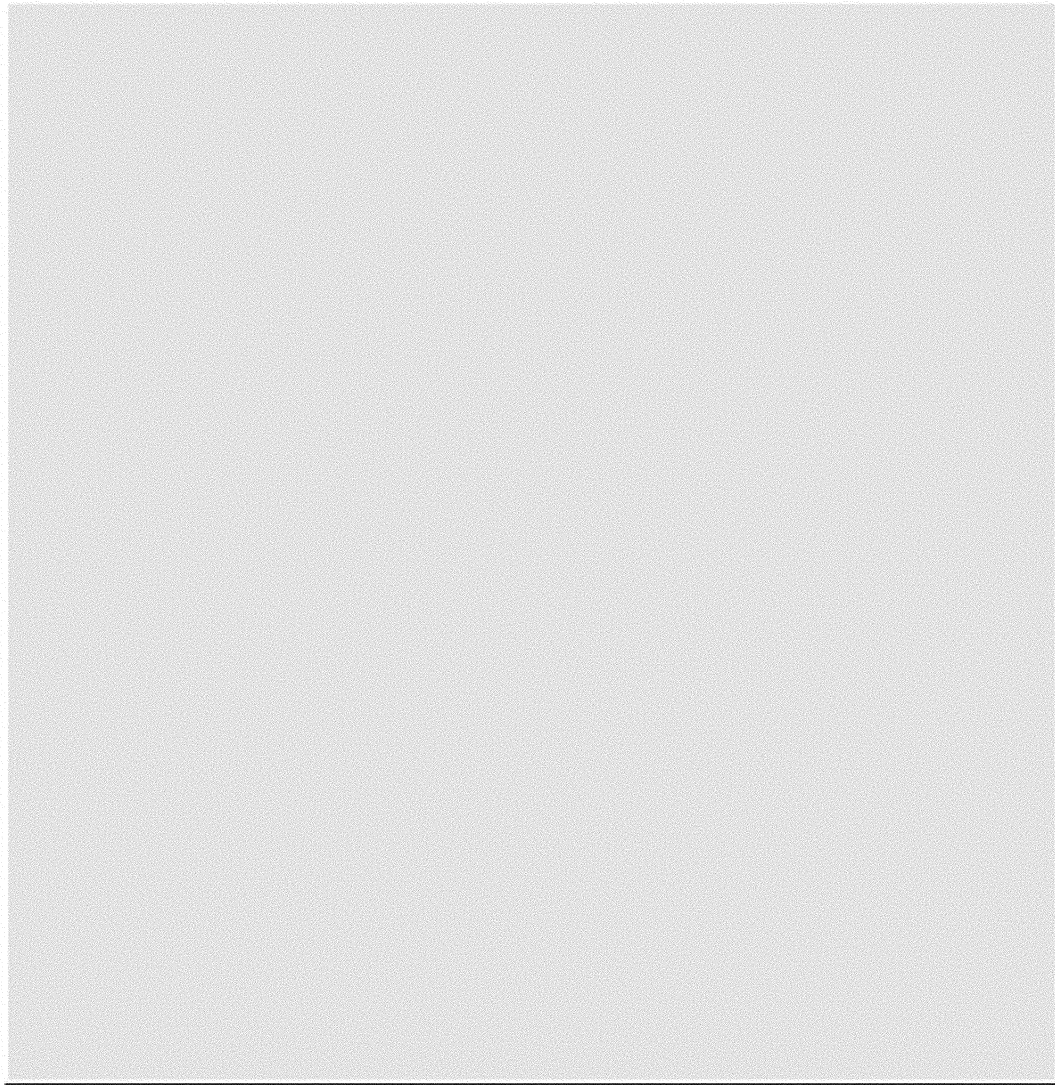
29. EXAMPLE PROJECTS KEY

| NUMBER | TITLE OF EXAMPLE PROJECT (From Section F) | NUMBER | TITLE OF EXAMPLE PROJECT (From Section F) |
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| 2      |   | 7      |   |
| 3      |   | 8      |   |
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| 5      |   | 10     |   |



H. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

30. PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE AGENCY. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NEEDED.



I. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE  
*The foregoing is a statement of facts.*

31. SIGNATURE



32. DATE



33. NAME AND TITLE





|   |                                   |   |  |  |  |
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| <b>SOLICITATION/CONTRACT</b>  |                                   | 1. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700)   |  | RATING                                     | PAGE OF  |
| <i>BIDDER/OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 11, 13, 15, 21, 22, &amp; 27</i>   |                                   |   |  |  |  |
| 2. CONTRACT NUMBER  | 3. AWARD/EFFECTIVE DATE           | 4. SOLICITATION NUMBER  | 5. SOLICITATION TYPE<br><input type="checkbox"/> SEALED BIDS (IFB) <input type="checkbox"/> NEGOTIATED (RFP)   |  | 6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE                       |
| 7. ISSUED BY  |                                   | CODE  | 8. THIS ACQUISITION IS <input type="checkbox"/> UNRESTRICTED OR <input type="checkbox"/> SET ASIDE: % FOR:   |  |  |
|   |                                   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (WOSB) ELIGIBLE UNDER THE WOSB PROGRAM<br><input type="checkbox"/> HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> EDWOSB<br><input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS    NAICS:<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8(A)    SIZE STANDARD: |  |  |
| 9. (Agency Use)   |                                   |   |  |  |  |
| 10. ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED (Brief Description)<br><input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLIES <input type="checkbox"/> SERVICES  |                                   |   |  |  |  |
| 11. IF OFFER IS ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT WITHIN   |                                   |   | 12. ADMINISTERED BY  |  |  |
| CALENDAR DAYS (60 CALENDAR DAYS UNLESS OFFEROR INSERTS A DIFFERENT PERIOD) FROM THE DATE SET FORTH IN BLOCK 9 ABOVE, THE CONTRACTOR AGREES TO HOLD ITS OFFERED PRICES FIRM FOR THE ITEMS SOLICITED HEREIN AND TO ACCEPT ANY RESULTING CONTRACT SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN. |                                   |   | CODE   |  |  |
| 13. CONTRACTOR OFFEROR  |                                   | CODE  | 14. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY  |  | CODE   |
| FACILITY CODE   |                                   |   |  |  |  |
| TELEPHONE NUMBER  |                                   | UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER  |  | SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK: |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF REMITTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND PUT SUCH ADDRESS IN OFFER   |                                   | 16. AUTHORITY FOR USING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION <input type="checkbox"/> 10 U.S.C. 2304 <input type="checkbox"/> 41 U.S.C. 253 |  |  |  |
| 15. PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT   |                                   | (    ) (    )   |  |  |  |
| 17. ITEM NUMBER   | 18. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES |   | 19. QUANTITY   | 20. UNIT                                   | 21. UNIT PRICE                                   |
|   |                                   |   |  |  | 22. AMOUNT                                       |
| 23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA   |                                   |   |  |  | 24. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Government Use Only) |
| 25. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY CONTINUATION SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED HEREIN.                             |                                   |   | 26. AWARD OF CONTRACT: YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION NUMBER SHOWN IN BLOCK 4 INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN, IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS:  |  |  |
| 27. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR   |                                   |   | 28. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Signature of Contracting Officer)  |  |  |
| NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or Print)  |                                   | DATE SIGNED   | NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER  |  | DATE SIGNED                                      |

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| NO RESPONSE FOR REASONS CHECKED   |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNOT COMPLY WITH SPECIFICATIONS  | <input type="checkbox"/> CANNOT MEET DELIVERY REQUIREMENT  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE ITEM(S)   | <input type="checkbox"/> DO NOT REGULARLY MANUFACTURE OR SELL THE TYPE OF ITEMS INVOLVED   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER ( <i>Specify</i> )   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WE DO  | <input type="checkbox"/> WE DO NOT, DESIRE TO BE RETAINED ON THE MAILING LIST FOR FUTURE PROCUREMENT OF THE TYPE OF ITEMS INVOLVED |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF FIRM ( <i>Include Zip Code</i> )  | SIGNATURE  |
|   | TYPE OR PRINT NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER   |
| <p>FROM: <span style="float: right;">AFFIX<br/>STAMP<br/>HERE</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">TO:</p> <p>SOLICITATION NUMBER _____</p> <p>DATE AND LOCAL TIME _____</p> |  |

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■ 34. Revise section 53.302–307 to read as follows:

**53.302–307 Optional Form 307, Contract Award.**

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| <b>CONTRACT AWARD</b>                     |  |                                      |  | PAGE | OF                            | PAGES |
| 1. CONTRACT NUMBER                        |  | 2. EFFECTIVE DATE                    | 3. SOLICITATION NUMBER   |      | 4. REQUISITION/PROJECT NUMBER |       |
| 5. ISSUED BY<br>CODE                      |  |                                      | 6. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 5)<br>CODE  |      |                               |       |
| 7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR<br>CODE |  |                                      | 8. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY   |      |                               |       |
| 9A. UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER              |  | 9B. TAXPAYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER | 10. SUBMIT INVOICES (4 copies unless otherwise specified) TO<br><input type="checkbox"/> ITEM 5 <input type="checkbox"/> ITEM 6 <input type="checkbox"/> ITEM 8 <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify) |      |                               |       |

| 11. TABLE OF CONTENTS |         |   |         |  |         |  |
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12. BRIEF DESCRIPTION

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13. TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRACT

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| <p><b>14. CONTRACTOR'S AGREEMENT.</b> Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver the items or perform services to the extent stated in this document for the consideration stated. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be subject to and governed by this document and any documents attached or incorporated by reference.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN FOUR COPIES TO THE ISSUING OFFICE. (Check if applicable)</p> <p>B. SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN</p> <p>C. NAME OF SIGNER</p> <p>D. TITLE OF SIGNER</p> <p>E. DATE</p> | <p><b>15. AWARD.</b> The Government hereby accepts your offer on the solicitation identified in item 3 above as reflected in this award document. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be subject to and governed by this document and any documents attached or incorporated by reference.</p> <p>A. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Signature of Contracting Officer)</p> <p>B. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER</p> <p>C. DATE</p> |
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Parts 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16,  
19, and 52****[FAC 2005-91; FAR Case 2014-015; Item  
VI; Docket No. 2014-0015, Sequence No.  
1]****RIN 9000-AM92****Federal Acquisition Regulation;  
Consolidation and Bundling****AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD),  
General Services Administration (GSA),  
and National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration (NASA).**ACTION:** Final rule.**SUMMARY:** DoD, GSA, and NASA are  
issuing a final rule to amend the Federal  
Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to  
implement sections of the Small  
Business Jobs Act of 2010 and  
regulatory changes made by the Small  
Business Administration, which provide  
for a Governmentwide policy on  
consolidation and bundling.**DATES:** *Effective:* October 31, 2016.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms.  
Mahruba Uddowla, Procurement  
Analyst, at 703-605-2868, for  
clarification of content. For information  
pertaining to status or publication  
schedules, contact the Regulatory  
Secretariat at 202-501-4755. Please cite  
FAC 2005-91, FAR Case 2014-015.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**DoD, GSA, and NASA published a  
proposed rule in the **Federal Register** at  
80 FR 31561 on June 3, 2015, to revise  
the FAR to provide for a  
Governmentwide policy on  
consolidation and bundling. The  
proposed rule incorporated regulatory  
changes made by the Small Business  
Administration (SBA) in its final rule  
which published in the **Federal Register**  
at 78 FR 61113 on October 2, 2013,  
concerning contract consolidation and  
bundling.SBA's final rule implements the  
statutory requirements related to  
bundling and consolidation as set forth  
in sections 1312 and 1313 of the Small  
Business Jobs Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-  
240), as well as section 1671 of theNational Defense Authorization Act for  
Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239).  
Eight respondents submitted comments  
on the FAR proposed rule.**II. Discussion and Analysis**The Civilian Agency Acquisition  
Council and the Defense Acquisition  
Regulations Council (the Councils)  
reviewed the comments in the  
development of the final rule. A  
discussion of the comments and the  
changes made to the rule as a result of  
those comments are provided as  
follows:**A. Summary of Significant Changes**This final rule makes the following  
significant changes from the proposed  
rule:

- FAR 2.101—Amends the definition of “Small Business Teaming Arrangement” to note the differences applicable to DoD because of the DoD Pilot Mentor-Protégé Program. A similar change is made at FAR 52.207-6.
- FAR 7.104(d)—Amends the conditions under which the small business specialist must notify the agency Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization or the Office of Small Business Programs to be consistent with 13 CFR 125.2(c)(4)(ii).

- FAR 7.105(b)(1)(iv)—The second sentence no longer mentions consolidation since SBA's implementing rule does not require the identification of incumbent contractors and contracts affected by the consolidation.

- FAR 7.107-1(b)—Adds an exception for acquisitions from a mandatory source to the requirements at FAR 7.107 for acquisitions involving consolidation, bundling, or substantial bundling.

- FAR 7.107-1—The coverage formerly at FAR 7.107-1 on necessary and justified bundling for consolidation and bundling has been separated and moved to 7.107-2 and 7.107-3, due to differences in the statutory and regulatory requirements.

- FAR 7.107-2(e)—Provides procedures for consolidation corresponding to those for bundling at FAR 7.107-3(c) (now at 7.107-3(f)), to address the determination that consolidation is necessary and justified when the expected benefits do not meet the quantifiable dollar thresholds for a substantial benefit but are critical to the agency's mission success.

- FAR 7.107-5(c)—Removes the phrase “(even if additional requirements have been added or some have been deleted)” and adds a subparagraph (4) which requires that the notice to SBA

include a list of requirements that have  
been added or deleted for the follow-on  
bundled or consolidated procurement.  
The changes will facilitate a more  
accurate comparison of savings and  
benefits from the prior procurement.

- FAR 15.304(c)(3) and (4)—Excludes solicitations that are set aside for small business from the requirements relating to small business subcontracting-related evaluation factors for solicitations involving consolidation.

**B. Analysis of Public Comments****1. General****a. Support for the Rule***Comment:* One respondent expressed general support for the rule and that the proposed changes are positive which will provide much needed transparency and ensure that unnecessary and unjustified bundling do not become the contracting standard.*Response:* Noted.**b. Experiences With Consolidation***Comment:* Two respondents commented on their experience with consolidation and/or bundling; the adverse impact on small businesses' ability to compete in this environment; and expressed, had this rule been in effect, their experience very likely could have been different.*Response:* Noted.**c. Need for Table of Thresholds***Comment:* One respondent requested that a table of dollar thresholds may be useful to clarify the differences between consolidation and bundling.*Response:* With regard to the use of a table to clarify the differing dollar thresholds associated with these terms, the preferred approach is to provide the guidance for processing a consolidated or bundled requirement in the area of the FAR where the respective subject matter is addressed. For example, the dollar threshold for triggering the Senior Procurement Executive's or Chief Acquisition Officer's determination of necessary and justified consolidation is discussed in the area of the FAR, 7.107-2, which addresses consolidation. Similarly, the dollar thresholds for substantial bundling and the attendant requirements for processing these acquisitions are provided at FAR 7.107-4. The FAR is arranged in this manner to allow contracting officers to quickly turn to the area of the FAR where the requisite guidance needed for their given situation is provided.