

ORDER FOR SUPPLIES OR SERVICES

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1. DATE OF ORDER 09/09/2019		2. CONTRACT NO. (If any) GS23F0110M		6. SHIP TO: a. NAME OF CONSIGNEE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION	
3. ORDER NO. 31310019F0133		4. REQUISITION/REFERENCE NO. NRR-19-0083		b. STREET ADDRESS NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION	
5. ISSUING OFFICE (Address correspondence to) US NRC - HQ ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT DIVISION MAIL STOP TWFN-07B20M WASHINGTON DC 20555-0001				c. CITY WASHINGTON	e. ZIP CODE 20555-0001
7. TO: MOHSEN KHATIB-RAHBAR				f. SHIP VIA	
a. NAME OF CONTRACTOR ENERGY RESEARCH INC				8. TYPE OF ORDER	
b. COMPANY NAME				<input type="checkbox"/> a. PURCHASE REFERENCE YOUR: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. DELIVERY Except for billing instructions on the reverse, this delivery order is subject to instructions contained on this side only of this form and is issued subject to the terms and conditions of the above-numbered contract.	
c. STREET ADDRESS PO BOX 2034				Please furnish the following on the terms and conditions specified on both sides of this order and on the attached sheet, if any, including delivery as indicated.	
d. CITY ROCKVILLE		e. STATE MD	f. ZIP CODE 208472034		
9. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA See Schedule				10. REQUISITIONING OFFICE OFF OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION	

11. BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION (Check appropriate box(es)) <input type="checkbox"/> a. SMALL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. OTHER THAN SMALL <input type="checkbox"/> c. DISADVANTAGED <input type="checkbox"/> d. WOMEN-OWNED <input type="checkbox"/> e. HUBZone <input type="checkbox"/> f. SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED <input type="checkbox"/> g. WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (WOSB) ELIGIBLE UNDER THE WOSB PROGRAM <input type="checkbox"/> h. EDWOSB				12. F.O.B. POINT	
13. PLACE OF a. INSPECTION Destination		b. ACCEPTANCE Destination		14. GOVERNMENT B/L NO.	
				15. DELIVER TO F.O.B. POINT ON OR BEFORE (Date) 11/30/2020	
				16. DISCOUNT TERMS 30	

17. SCHEDULE (See reverse for Rejections)

ITEM NO. (a)	SUPPLIES OR SERVICES (b)	QUANTITY ORDERED (c)	UNIT (d)	UNIT PRICE (e)	AMOUNT (f)	QUANTITY ACCEPTED (g)
	The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) hereby issues this Delivery Order entitled, "Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) Transient Analysis Training." In addition to the terms and conditions set forth in the awardee's GSA Federal Supply Schedule Continued ...					

SEE BILLING INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE	18. SHIPPING POINT		19. GROSS SHIPPING WEIGHT		20. INVOICE NO.		17(h) TOTAL (Cont. pages)
	21. MAIL INVOICE TO:						
	a. NAME						\$0.00
	b. STREET ADDRESS (or P.O. Box)						
c. CITY						\$49,956.74	17(i) GRAND TOTAL
				d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE		

22. UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA BY (Signature)

09/09/2019

23. NAME (Typed)

JENNIFER A. DUDEK

TITLE: CONTRACTING/ORDERING OFFICER

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	<p>No. GS23F0110M, this Delivery Order is issued in accordance with the attached Statement of Work and the terms and conditions specified herein.</p> <p>Total Delivery Order Ceiling: \$49,956.74 Total Delivery Order Obligations: \$49,956.74</p> <p>Contractor Acceptance of Delivery Order 31310019F0133:</p> <p>Signature</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Title</p> <p>Date</p> <p>Accounting Info: 2019-X0200-FEEBASED-20-20D008-20B801-1061-11-4-151-251F-11-4-151-1061 Period of Performance: 09/09/2019 to 11/30/2020</p>					

TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD TO 1ST PAGE (ITEM 17(H))

\$0.00

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SECTION B - Supplies or Services/Prices**B.1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WORK**

(a) The title of this project is:

Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) Transient Analysis Training

(b) Summary work description:

The objective of this task order is for the contractor to develop and provide formalized training for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff on LOCA phenomena and analysis. The training will be recorded and used to develop NRC staff and contractors that will be reviewing licensing actions and topical reports related to LOCA.

(End of Clause)

B.2 CONSIDERATION AND OBLIGATION— FIRM-FIXED-PRICE (AUG 2011)

The total amount of the Firm-Fixed-Price contract is \$49,956.74 and this amount is fully-funded.

(End of Clause)

B.3 PRICE/COST SCHEDULE

FIXED PRICE CLINS				
LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	FIXED PRICE
00001	Task 1: Kick-Off Meeting	1	JOB	██████
00002	Task 2.1: Develop Training Course	1	JOB	██████
00003	Task 2.2: Provide Dry-Run of Training Course	1	JOB	██████
00004	Task 3: Provide Training Course & Final Report	1	JOB	██████
TOTAL FIXED PRICE CLINS				██████
OTHER COSTS				
LINE ITEM	CATEGORY	TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS		
00005	Other Direct Costs: Duplication costs, communication costs, shipping/postage, & media charges	██████		
00006	Travel (Cost Reimbursable) The government will pay up to the rates specified in the Government Federal Travel Regulations (FTR) for travel destination. NO PAYMENT WILL BE MADE WITHOUT BACKUP DOCUMENTATION/RECEIPTS. All travel must be approved in advance by the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative.	██████		
TOTAL FIXED PRICE CLINS & OTHER COSTS CLINS				\$49,956.74

SECTION C – Descriptions/Specifications/Statement of Work

C.1 Project Title

This is a contract to provide Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) and Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) training.

C.2 Background

In recent years, there have been multiple licensing actions and topical reports regarding LOCA methods with many more expected in the next few years. Therefore, the NRC is creating a development program related to LOCA that will support development objectives of NRC staff that are planned to be involved in these upcoming reviews. Part of the development program is for these staff members and potential contractors to receive formalized training related to LOCA phenomena (physical mechanisms leading to the challenge of core coolability), the models and methodology the industry is using to capture the phenomena, plant protection to minimize the effects of LOCA, and the licensing aspects related to LOCA.

C.3 Objective

The objective is for the contractor to develop and provide formalized training for NRC staff on LOCA phenomena and analysis. The training will be recorded and used to develop NRC¹ staff and contractors that will be reviewing licensing actions and topical reports related to LOCA.

C.4 Scope of Work

The contractor must develop PWR and BWR LOCA training material and provide the training.

Task 1 – Kick-Off Meeting

The contractor must attend a one-time kick-off meeting via conference call to discuss the scope of work, expectations, task order management, and performance requirements of the task order. The kick-off meeting shall be held within ten (10) working days after contractor receipt of materials.

Task 2.1 – Develop Training Course

The contractor must develop a training course in the areas of PWR and BWR LOCA for the NRC staff and select contractors. All course materials prepared or created by the contractor or obtained for the NRC for use in the presentation of this course will become the property of the NRC upon completion of this contract.

A minimum list of proposed course topics is shown below. The content of the final outline shall be agreed upon by the Contractor and COR. Course goals shall be accomplished through a combination of lectures, discussions, videos, and demonstrations. As a minimum, the course shall include the following:

¹ The NRC staff that will be attending this course have multiple years analyzing PWR and BWR transients and accidents.

1. PWR and BWR LOCA power transient calculations (including moderator temperature, void and fuel temperature feedback effects and decay heat) and cladding temperature, cladding rupture and swelling calculations
2. Current methodology, analytical techniques, and computer programs used to perform PWR and BWR LOCA calculations (development, implementation, applicability, and limitations). Additionally, the test facilities used to benchmark these numerical methods
3. LOCA mitigation systems
4. ECCS failure mode analysis
5. Transient blowdown, refill, and reflood analysis
6. Reactivity transients from un-borated water during small break LOCA
7. Long term cooling analysis and boron precipitation
8. Licensing aspects related to LOCA

The contractor must prepare and provide printed class material for up to 30 participants. The class material should also be provided electronically to the COR for final review prior to Task 3.

Task 2.2 – Provide Dry-Run of Training Course

The contractor must provide a shortened (1-2 day) dry run of the training course with select staff from NRC. The intent is to ensure alignment of all materials is captured as requested, delivery is appropriate, and key concepts are captured.

Task 3 – Provide Training Course

The contractor must travel to the NRC designated training facility and provide the training course to NRC staff in a classroom setting. The course is expected to be between 3 to 5 days in duration at the Professional Development Center at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, MD. The training course will be videotaped for use by NRC staff. NRC will provide videotaping equipment for the course.

C.5 Reporting Requirements

Final Report

The contractor shall provide a final report summarizing the training development and lessons learned when developing and presenting the training. The report must include as a minimum:

- a. A report addressing the development of the training;
- b. Discussion of problems or delays encountered when developing and/or presenting the training material and their solutions; and
- c. Recommendations for improvements.

C.6 Deliverables and Delivery Schedule

All deliverables should be submitted to the COR. The contractor shall provide all deliverables in electronic format using MS Office products (e.g. 2010 or compatible) or Adobe PDF. A copy of any videos to be used as course material will also be provided on CD/DVD. The contractor may propose alternate formats, but the decision of the COR conveyed to the contractor via e-mail is final.

Deliverable	Deliverable Description	Due Date
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Number		
1	Kick-off Meeting Report. This report summarizes any decisions reached and any understandings or technical direction given by the COR in Task 1 of Section C.4.	One week after the kick-off meeting.
2	Draft presentation materials including topics listed in Task 2.1 of Section C.4, as well as any other topics requested by the COR	Two months after submission of the kick off meeting report
3	Incorporate NRC comments on presentation materials in Deliverable 2 and provide final presentation materials	One week prior to start of the training
4	Present dry-run of training course to select NRC staff	Two weeks after NRC comments provided on presentation material
5	Printed class materials as described in Task 2.1	Start of the training course
6	Provide training course	As agreed upon by COR and contractor
8	Final Report in Section C.5	30 calendar days prior to contract expiration

C.8 Place of Performance

The training preparation will be performed at the contractor's site. The training will be provided at the Professional Development Center at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, MD.

C.9 Contractor Travel

Tasks 2 and 3 may involve up to two trips to NRC Headquarters, for one person, to prepare for and give training class.

C.10 GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED PROPERTY

The NRC will furnish the contractor with the following:

- a. The NRC website location where relevant documents (e.g., NRC regulations, Regulatory Guides, Information Notices, Bulletins, etc.) may be downloaded for use in development of the training materials or for distribution to students during the training (see <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>).
- b. A copy of HRTD Operating Procedure 0408 "Training Material Style Guide" for development of any texts (excluding PowerPoint Presentations).

C.11 KEY PERSONNEL AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Nuclear or mechanical engineers with the following requirements:

1. Minimum of 20 years cumulative experience in the following with a primary focus on PWR and BWR LOCA Analyses:
 - Failure mode analysis of the ECCS
 - Analytical techniques and computer programs used for blowdown, refill, and reflood

- Analytical techniques and computer programs used for power transient calculations (including moderator temperature, void and fuel temperature feedback effects, and decay heat) and for the cladding temperature, cladding rupture and swelling calculations
 - Small break LOCA reactivity transients from un-borated water
 - Core physics impact
 - Long term cooling analysis with boric acid precipitation modeling
2. Expertise in performing PWR and BWR LOCA analysis calculations
 3. Understanding of the historical and regulatory aspects of PWR and BWR LOCA including familiarity with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities"
 4. Recent licensing experience with state of the art LOCA calculations (5 year minimum in last 10 years)
 5. Experience developing or reviewing LOCA analyses licensing applications (5 year minimum)
 6. Experience developing or reviewing Nuclear and Thermal-Hydraulic Codes focused on LOCA (5 year minimum)
 7. Experience in delivering technical training material such as LOCA theory, calculations, licensing, and associated regulations
 8. Expertise in the test facilities used to benchmarking and code development for LOCA and the integration of these test results into methodologies

SECTION D - Packaging and Marking

D.1 BRANDING

The Contractor is required to use the statement below in any publications, presentations, articles, products, or materials funded under this contract/order, to the extent practical, in order to provide NRC with recognition for its involvement in and contribution to the project. If the work performed is funded entirely with NRC funds, then the contractor must acknowledge that information in its documentation/presentation.

Work Supported by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, under Contract/order number GS23F0110M / 31310019F0133.

(End of Clause)

D.2 PACKAGING AND MARKING

(a) The Contractor shall package material for shipment to the NRC in such a manner that will ensure acceptance by common carrier and safe delivery at destination. Containers and closures shall comply with the Surface Transportation Board, Uniform Freight Classification Rules, or regulations of other carriers as applicable to the mode of transportation.

(b) On the front of the package, the Contractor shall clearly identify the contract number under which the product is being provided.

(c) Additional packaging and/or marking requirements are as follows: N/A

(End of Clause)

SECTION E - Inspection and Acceptance

E.1 INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE BY THE NRC (SEP 2013)

Inspection and acceptance of the deliverable items to be furnished hereunder shall be made by the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) at the destination, accordance with FAR 52.247-34 - F.o.b. Destination.

Contract Deliverables:

Refer to delivery schedule in Section C.

(End of Clause)

SECTION F - Deliveries or Performance

F.1 TASK/DELIVERY ORDER PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE (SEP 2013)

The period of performance is from **Date of Award** through **November 30, 2020**.

(End of Clause)

F.2 PLACE OF DELIVERY-REPORTS

The items to be furnished hereunder shall be delivered, with all charges paid by the Contractor, to:

Electronic copies to:

a. Contracting Officer's Representative:

Refer to Section H.2 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORITY

b. Contracting Officer (CO) – Jennifer.Dudek@nrc.gov.

(End of Clause)

F.3 OPTION PERIODS – TASK ORDER/DELIVERY ORDER UNDER A GSA FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE CONTRACT (AUG 2011)

The Period of Performance (POP) for this requirement may extend beyond the Offeror's current POP on their GSA Schedule. Offerors may submit proposals for the entire POP as long as their current GSA Schedule covers the requested POP, or their GSA Schedule contains GSA's "Evergreen Clause" (Option to Extend the Term of the Contract), which covers the requested POP if/when the option(s) are exercised. Offerors are encouraged to submit accurate/realistic pricing for the requirement's entire POP, even if the proposed GSA Schedule does not include pricing for the applicable option years, etc.

For proposal evaluation purposes, the NRC assumes that applicable Evergreen Clause Option(s) will be exercised and the NRC will apply price analysis, as applicable. It is in the best interest of the Offeror to explain major deviations in escalation, proposed in any Evergreen Clause option years. Resulting GSA task/delivery order option years subject to the Evergreen Clause will be initially priced utilizing the same rates proposed under the last GSA-priced year of the subject GSA Schedule. Upon GSA's exercise of the GSA Schedule option year(s) applicable to the Evergreen Clause, the NRC will modify the awarded task/delivery order to incorporate either the proposed pricing for the option years or the GSA-approved pricing (whichever is lower).

It is incumbent upon the Offeror to provide sufficient documentation (GSA-signed schedule, schedule modifications, etc.) that shows both the effective dates, pricing and terms/conditions of the current GSA Schedule, as well as Evergreen Clause terms/conditions (as applicable). Failure to provide this documentation may result in the Offeror's proposal being found unacceptable.

(End of Clause)

SECTION G - Contract Administration Data

G.1 REGISTRATION IN FEDCONNECT® (JULY 2014)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) uses Compusearch Software Systems' secure and auditable two-way web portal, FedConnect®, to communicate with vendors and contractors. FedConnect® provides bi-directional communication between the vendor/contractor and the NRC throughout pre-award, award, and post-award acquisition phases. Therefore, in order to do business with the NRC, vendors and contractors must register to use FedConnect® at <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect>. The individual registering in FedConnect® must have authority to bind the vendor/contractor. There is no charge for using FedConnect®. Assistance with FedConnect® is provided by Compusearch Software Systems, not the NRC. FedConnect® contact and assistance information is provided on the FedConnect® web site at <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect>.

(End of Clause)

G.2 ELECTRONIC PAYMENT (DEC 2017)

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that all payments except IRS tax refunds be made by Electronic Funds Transfer. Payment shall be made in accordance with FAR 52.232-33, entitled "Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management."

To receive payment, the contractor shall prepare invoices in accordance with NRC's Billing Instructions. Claims shall be submitted through the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) (<https://www.ipp.gov/>). Back up documentation shall be included as required by the NRC's Billing Instructions.

(End of Clause)

SECTION H - Special Contract Requirements

H.1 2052.215-70 KEY PERSONNEL. (JAN 1993)

(a) The following individuals are considered to be essential to the successful performance of the work hereunder:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

The contractor agrees that personnel may not be removed from the contract work or replaced without compliance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) If one or more of the key personnel, for whatever reason, becomes, or is expected to become, unavailable for work under this contract for a continuous period exceeding 30 work days, or is expected to devote substantially less effort to the work than indicated in the proposal or initially anticipated, the contractor shall immediately notify the contracting officer and shall, subject to the concurrence of the contracting officer, promptly replace the personnel with personnel of at least substantially equal ability and qualifications.

(c) Each request for approval of substitutions must be in writing and contain a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions. The request must also contain a complete resume for the proposed substitute and other information requested or needed by the contracting officer to evaluate the proposed substitution. The contracting officer and the project officer shall evaluate the contractor's request and the contracting officer shall promptly notify the contractor of his or her decision in writing.

(d) If the contracting officer determines that suitable and timely replacement of key personnel who have been reassigned, terminated, or have otherwise become unavailable for the contract work is not reasonably forthcoming, or that the resultant reduction of productive effort would be so substantial as to impair the successful completion of the contract or the service order, the contract may be terminated by the contracting officer for default or for the convenience of the Government, as appropriate. If the contracting officer finds the contractor at fault for the condition, the contract price or fixed fee may be equitably adjusted downward to compensate the Government for any resultant delay, loss, or damage.

(End of Clause)

H.2 2052.215-71 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORITY

(a) The contracting officer's authorized representative hereinafter referred to as the COR for this contract is:

Name:	Ashley Smith
Address:	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office: NRR/DSS/SRXB Mail Stop: O-10H14 Washington, DC 20555-0001

Telephone Number: (301) 415-3201
Email Address: Ashley.Smith@nrc.gov

Alternate COR:

Name: Joshua Borromeo
Address: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office: NRR/DSS/SRXB
Mail Stop: O-10A1
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Telephone Number: (301) 415-1217
Email Address: Joshua.Borromeo@nrc.gov

(b) Performance of the work under this contract is subject to the technical direction of the NRC COR. The term "technical direction" is defined to include the following:

(1) Technical direction to the contractor which shifts work emphasis between areas of work or tasks, authorizes travel which was unanticipated in the Schedule (i.e., travel not contemplated in the Statement of Work or changes to specific travel identified in the Statement of Work), fills in details, or otherwise serves to accomplish the contractual statement of work.

(2) Provide advice and guidance to the contractor in the preparation of drawings, specifications, or technical portions of the work description.

(3) Review and, where required by the contract, approval of technical reports, drawings, specifications, and technical information to be delivered by the contractor to the Government under the contract.

(c) Technical direction must be within the general statement of work stated in the contract. The COR does not have the authority to and may not issue any technical direction which:

(1) Constitutes an assignment of work outside the general scope of the contract.

(2) Constitutes a change as defined in the "Changes" clause of this contract.

(3) In any way causes an increase or decrease in the total estimated contract cost, the fixed fee, if any, or the time required for contract performance.

(4) Changes any of the expressed terms, conditions, or specifications of the contract.

(5) Terminates the contract, settles any claim or dispute arising under the contract, or issues any unilateral directive whatever.

(d) All technical directions must be issued in writing by the COR or must be confirmed by the COR in writing within ten (10) working days after verbal issuance. A copy of the written direction must be furnished to the contracting officer. A copy of NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel, which has received final approval from the NRC must be furnished to the contracting officer.

(e) The contractor shall proceed promptly with the performance of technical directions duly issued by the COR in the manner prescribed by this clause and within the COR's authority under the provisions of this clause.

(f) If, in the opinion of the contractor, any instruction or direction issued by the COR is within one of the categories as defined in paragraph (c) of this section, the contractor may not proceed but shall notify the contracting officer in writing within five (5) working days after the receipt of any instruction or direction and shall request the contracting officer to modify the contract accordingly. Upon receiving the notification from the contractor, the contracting officer shall issue an appropriate contract modification or advise the contractor in writing that, in the contracting officer's opinion, the technical direction is within the scope of this article and does not constitute a change under the "Changes" clause.

(g) Any unauthorized commitment or direction issued by the COR may result in an unnecessary delay in the contractor's performance and may even result in the contractor expending funds for unallowable costs under the contract.

(h) A failure of the parties to agree upon the nature of the instruction or direction or upon the contract action to be taken with respect thereto is subject to 52.233-1 - Disputes.

(i) In addition to providing technical direction as defined in paragraph (b) of the section, the COR shall:

(1) Monitor the contractor's technical progress, including surveillance and assessment of performance, and recommend to the contracting officer changes in requirements.

(2) Assist the contractor in the resolution of technical problems encountered during performance.

(3) Review all costs requested for reimbursement by the contractor and submit to the contracting officer recommendations for approval, disapproval, or suspension of payment for supplies and services required under this contract.

(4) Assist the contractor in obtaining the badges for the contractor personnel.

(5) Immediately notify the Personnel Security Branch, Division of Facilities and Security (PERSEC/DFS) (via e-mail) when a contractor employee no longer requires access authorization and return the individual's badge to PERSEC/DFS within three days after their termination.

(End of Clause)

H.3 2052.209-72 CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. (JAN 1993)

(a) Purpose. The primary purpose of this clause is to aid in ensuring that the contractor:

(1) Is not placed in a conflicting role because of current or planned interests (financial, contractual, organizational, or otherwise) which relate to the work under this contract; and

(2) Does not obtain an unfair competitive advantage over other parties by virtue of its performance of this contract.

(b) Scope. The restrictions described apply to performance or participation by the contractor, as defined in 48 CFR 2009.570-2 in the activities covered by this clause.

(c) Work for others.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, during the term of this contract, the contractor agrees to forego entering into consulting or other contractual arrangements with any firm or organization the result of which may give rise to a conflict of interest with respect to the work being performed under this contract. The contractor shall ensure that all employees under this contract abide by the provision of this clause. If the contractor has reason to believe, with respect to itself or any employee, that any proposed consultant or other contractual arrangement with any firm or organization may involve a potential conflict of interest, the contractor shall obtain the written approval of the contracting officer before the execution of such contractual arrangement.

(2) The contractor may not represent, assist, or otherwise support an NRC licensee or applicant undergoing an NRC audit, inspection, or review where the activities that are the subject of the audit, inspection, or review are the same as or substantially similar to the services within the scope of this contract (or task order as appropriate) except where the NRC licensee or applicant requires the contractor's support to explain or defend the contractor's prior work for the utility or other entity which NRC questions.

(3) When the contractor performs work for the NRC under this contract at any NRC licensee or applicant site, the contractor shall neither solicit nor perform work in the same or similar technical area for that licensee or applicant organization for a period commencing with the award of the task order or beginning of work on the site (if not a task order contract) and ending one year after completion of all work under the associated task order, or last time at the site (if not a task order contract).

(4) When the contractor performs work for the NRC under this contract at any NRC licensee or applicant site,

(i) The contractor may not solicit work at that site for that licensee or applicant during the period of performance of the task order or the contract, as appropriate.

(ii) The contractor may not perform work at that site for that licensee or applicant during the period of performance of the task order or the contract, as appropriate, and for one year thereafter.

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contracting officer may authorize the contractor to solicit or perform this type of work (except work in the same or similar technical area) if the contracting officer determines that the situation will not pose a potential for technical bias or unfair competitive advantage.

(d) Disclosure after award.

(1) The contractor warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise set forth in this contract, that it does not have any organizational conflicts of interest as defined in 48 CFR 2009.570-2.

(2) The contractor agrees that if, after award, it discovers organizational conflicts of interest with respect to this contract, it shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the contracting officer. This statement must include a description of the action which the contractor has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. The NRC may, however, terminate the contract if termination is in the best interest of the Government.

(3) It is recognized that the scope of work of a task-order-type contract necessarily encompasses a broad spectrum of activities. Consequently, if this is a task-order-type contract, the contractor agrees that it will disclose all proposed new work involving NRC licensees or applicants which comes within the scope of work of the underlying contract. Further, if this contract involves work at a licensee or applicant site, the contractor agrees to exercise diligence to discover and disclose any new work at that licensee or applicant site. This disclosure must be made before the submission of a bid or proposal to the utility or other regulated entity and must be received by the NRC at least 15 days before the proposed award date in any event, unless a written justification demonstrating urgency and due diligence to discover and disclose is provided by the contractor and approved by the contracting officer. The disclosure must include the statement of work, the dollar value of the proposed contract, and any other documents that are needed to fully describe the proposed work for the regulated utility or other regulated entity. NRC may deny approval of the disclosed work only when the NRC has issued a task order which includes the technical area and, if site-specific, the site, or has plans to issue a task order which includes the technical area and, if site-specific, the site, or when the work violates paragraphs (c)(2), (c)(3) or (c)(4) of this section.

(e) Access to and use of information.

(1) If, in the performance of this contract, the contractor obtains access to information, such as NRC plans, policies, reports, studies, financial plans, internal data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a (1988)), or the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. Section 552 (1986)), the contractor agrees not to:

(i) Use this information for any private purpose until the information has been released to the public;

(ii) Compete for work for the Commission based on the information for a period of six months after either the completion of this contract or the release of the information to the public, whichever is first;

(iii) Submit an unsolicited proposal to the Government based on the information until one year after the release of the information to the public; or

(iv) Release the information without prior written approval by the contracting officer unless the information has previously been released to the public by the NRC.

(2) In addition, the contractor agrees that, to the extent it receives or is given access to proprietary data, data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a (1988)), or the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. Section 552 (1986)), or other confidential or privileged technical, business, or financial information under this contract, the contractor shall treat the information in accordance with restrictions placed on use of the information.

(3) Subject to patent and security provisions of this contract, the contractor shall have the right to use technical data it produces under this contract for private purposes provided that all requirements of this contract have been met.

(f) Subcontracts. Except as provided in 48 CFR 2009.570-2, the contractor shall include this clause, including this paragraph, in subcontracts of any tier. The terms contract, contractor, and contracting officer, must be appropriately modified to preserve the Government's rights.

(g) Remedies. For breach of any of the above restrictions, or for intentional nondisclosure or misrepresentation of any relevant interest required to be disclosed concerning this contract or for such erroneous representations that necessarily imply bad faith, the Government may terminate the contract for default, disqualify the contractor from subsequent contractual efforts, and pursue other remedies permitted by law or this contract.

(h) Waiver. A request for waiver under this clause must be directed in writing to the contracting officer in accordance with the procedures outlined in 48 CFR 2009.570-9.

(i) Follow-on effort. The contractor shall be ineligible to participate in NRC contracts, subcontracts, or proposals therefor (solicited or unsolicited) which stem directly from the contractor's performance of work under this contract. Furthermore, unless so directed in writing by the contracting officer, the contractor may not perform any technical consulting or management support services work or evaluation activities under this contract on any of its products or services or the products or services of another firm if the contractor has been substantially involved in the development or marketing of the products or services.

(1) If the contractor under this contract, prepares a complete or essentially complete statement of work or specifications, the contractor is not eligible to perform or participate in the initial contractual effort which is based on the statement of work or specifications. The contractor may not incorporate its products or services in the statement of work or specifications unless so directed in writing by the contracting officer, in which case the restrictions in this paragraph do not apply.

(2) Nothing in this paragraph precludes the contractor from offering or selling its standard commercial items to the Government.

(End of Clause)

H.4 ANNUAL AND FINAL CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

Annual and final evaluations of contractor performance for this task order under this contract will be prepared in accordance with FAR Subpart 42.15, "Contractor Performance Information," normally at or near the time the contractor is notified of the NRC's intent to exercise the contract option. If the multi-year contract does not have option years, then an annual evaluation will be prepared. Final evaluations of contractor performance will be prepared at the expiration of the contract during the contract closeout process.

The Contracting Officer will transmit the NRC Contracting Officer's Representative's (COR) annual and final contractor performance evaluations to the contractor's Project Manager, unless otherwise instructed by the contractor. The contractor will be permitted thirty days to review the document and submit comments, rebutting statements, or additional information.

Where a contractor concurs with, or takes no exception to an annual performance evaluation, the Contracting Officer will consider such evaluation final and releasable for source selection purposes. Disagreements between the parties regarding a performance evaluation will be referred to an individual one level above the Contracting Officer, whose decision will be final.

The Contracting Officer will send a copy of the completed evaluation report, marked "Source Selection Information", to the contractor's Project Manager for their records as soon as practicable after it has been finalized. The completed evaluation report also will be used as a tool to improve communications between the NRC and the contractor and to improve contract performance.

The completed annual performance evaluation will be used to support future award decisions in accordance with FAR 42.1502 and 42.1503. During the period the information is being used to provide source selection information, the completed annual performance evaluation will be released to only two parties - the Federal government personnel performing the source selection evaluation and the contractor under evaluation if the contractor does not have a copy of the report already.

(End of Clause)

H.5 NRCH340 COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS

NRC contractors are responsible to ensure that their alien personnel are not in violation of United States immigration laws and regulations, including employment authorization documents and visa requirements. Each alien employee of the Contractor must be lawfully admitted for permanent residence as evidenced by Permanent Resident Form I-551 (Green Card), or must present other evidence from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that employment will not affect his/her immigration status. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services provides information to contractors to help them understand the employment eligibility verification process for non-US citizens. This information can be found on their website, <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>.

The NRC reserves the right to deny or withdraw Contractor use or access to NRC facilities or its equipment/services, and/or take any number of contract administrative actions (e.g., disallow costs, terminate for cause) should the Contractor violate the Contractor's responsibility under this clause.

(End of Clause)

H.6 NRCH410 WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION FOR NRC CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES

(a) The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) contractor and its subcontractor are subject to the Whistleblower Employee Protection public law provisions as codified at 42 U.S.C. 5851. NRC contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) shall comply with the requirements of this Whistleblower Employee Protection law, and the implementing regulations of the NRC and the Department of Labor (DOL). See, for example, DOL Procedures on Handling Complaints at 29 C.F.R. Part 24 concerning the employer obligations, prohibited acts, DOL procedures and the requirement for prominent posting of notice of Employee Rights at Appendix A to Part 24 entitled: "Your Rights Under the Energy Reorganization Act".

(b) Under this Whistleblower Employee Protection law, as implemented by regulations, NRC contractor and subcontractor employees are protected from discharge, reprisal, threats,

intimidation, coercion, blacklisting or other employment discrimination practices with respect to compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of their employment because the contractor or subcontractor employee(s) has provided notice to the employer, refused to engage in unlawful practices, assisted in proceedings or testified on activities concerning alleged violations of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (as amended) and the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (as amended).

(c) The contractor shall insert this or the substance of this clause in any subcontracts involving work performed under this contract.

(End of Clause)

H.7 NRCH470 GREEN PURCHASING (SEP 2013)

(a) In furtherance of the sustainable acquisition goals included in Executive Order 13514, "Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance," products and services acquired under this contract/order shall be energy-efficient (Energy Star or Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) designated), water-efficient, biobased, environmentally preferable (e.g., Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) certified), non-ozone depleting, recycled content, and non-toxic or less toxic alternatives, to the maximum extent practicable in meeting NRC contractual requirements.

(b) See NRC's Green Purchasing Plan (GPP) at:
<http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1219/ML1219A130.pdf> and the General Service Administration's (GSA) Green Procurement Compilation at:
<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/198257>.

(c) The contractor shall flow down this clause into all subcontracts and other agreements that relate to performance of this contract/order.

(End of Clause)

H.8 2052.215-78 TRAVEL APPROVALS AND REIMBURSEMENT - ALTERNATE 1 (OCT 1999)

(a) Total expenditure for travel may not exceed **\$6,000.00** without the prior approval of the contracting officer.

(b) All foreign travel must be approved in advance by the NRC on NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel, and must be in compliance with FAR 52.247-63 Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers. The contractor shall submit NRC Form 445 to the NRC no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of travel.

(c) The contractor will be reimbursed only for travel costs incurred that are directly related to this contract and are allowable subject to the limitations prescribed in FAR 31.205-46.

(d) It is the responsibility of the contractor to notify the contracting officer in accordance with the FAR Limitations of Cost clause of this contract when, at any time, the contractor learns that travel expenses will cause the contractor to exceed the travel ceiling amount identified in paragraph (a) of this clause.

(e) Reasonable travel costs for research and related activities performed at State and nonprofit institutions, in accordance with Section 12 of Pub. L. 100-679, must be charged in accordance

with the contractor's institutional policy to the degree that the limitations of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance are not exceeded. Applicable guidance documents include OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State and Local Governments; OMB Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations; and OMB Circular A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions.

(End of Clause)

SECTION I - Contract Clauses

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

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

<https://www.acquisition.gov/>

52.227-14 RIGHTS IN DATA-GENERAL. (MAY 2014)

SECTION J – List of Documents, Exhibits and Other Attachments

Attachment Number	Title
1	BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIXED-PRICE TYPE CONTRACTS (JULY 2017)
2	Subpart 2009.5 Organizational Conflicts of Interest



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ATTACHMENT 1

**BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
FIXED-PRICE TYPE CONTRACTS (JULY 2017)**

General: During performance and through final payment of this contract, the contractor is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of data within the System for Award Management (SAM) database and the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) system and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete SAM and/or IPP data.

The contractor shall prepare invoices/vouchers for payment of deliverables identified in the contract, in the manner described herein. FAILURE TO SUBMIT INVOICES/VOUCHERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE INVOICE/VOUCHER AS IMPROPER.

Electronic Invoice/Voucher Submissions: Invoices/vouchers shall be submitted electronically to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) through the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) at www.ipp.gov.

Purchase of Capital Property: *(\$50,000 or more with life of one year or longer)*

Contractors must report to the Contracting Officer, electronically, any capital property acquired with contract funds having an initial cost of \$50,000 or more, in accordance with procedures set forth in NRC [Management Directive \(MD\) 11.1](#), NRC Acquisition of Supplies and Services.

Agency Payment Office: Payment will be made by the office designated in the contract in Block 12 of Standard Form 26, Block 25 of Standard Form 33, or Block 18a of Standard Form 1449, whichever is applicable.

Frequency: The contractor shall submit invoices/vouchers for payment once each month, unless otherwise authorized by the Contracting Officer.

Supporting Documentation: Any supporting documentation required to substantiate the amount billed shall be included as an attachment to the invoice created in IPP. If the necessary supporting documentation is not included, the invoice will be rejected.

Task Order Contracts: The contractor must submit a separate invoice/voucher for each individual task order with pricing information.

Final vouchers/invoices shall be marked "FINAL INVOICE" or "FINAL VOUCHER".

Currency: Invoices/Vouchers must be expressed in U.S. Dollars.

Supersession: These instructions supersede previous Billing Instructions for Fixed-Price Type Contracts (JAN 2015).

ATTACHMENT 1**BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
FIXED-PRICE TYPE CONTRACTS (JULY 2017)*****Does my company need to register in IPP?***

If your company is currently registered in IPP and doing business with other Federal Agencies in IPP, you will not be required to re-register.

If your company is not currently registered in IPP, please note the following:

- You will be receiving an invitation to register for IPP from IPP Customer Support, STLS.IPPHELPDESK@stls.frb.org.
- IPP Customer Support will send you two emails: the first email will contain the initial administrative IPP User ID and the second email, sent within 24 hours of receipt of the first email, will contain a temporary password.
- Please add the Customer Support email address (STLS.IPPHELPDESK@stls.frb.org) to your address book so you do not disregard these emails or mistake them for spam.
- During registration, one initial administrative user account will be created for your company and this user will be responsible for setting up all other user accounts including other administrators.
- Registration is complete when the initial administrative user logs into the IPP web site with the User ID and password provided by Treasury and accepts the rules of behavior.

What type of is training provided?

Vendor training materials, including a first time login tutorial, user guides, a [quick reference guide](#), and [frequently asked questions](#) are available on Treasury's IPP [website](#). **Individuals within your company responsible for submitting invoices should review these materials before work begins on the contract.**

How do I receive assistance with IPP?

Treasury's IPP Customer Support team provides vendor assistance related to the IPP application, and is also available to assist IPP users and to answer any questions related to accessing IPP or completing the registration process. IPP application support is also available via phone at (866) 973-3131, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm ET, and via email at IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov.

Specific questions regarding your contract or task order should be directed to the appropriate NRC Contracting Officer.

Subpart 2009.5 Organizational Conflicts of Interest

§2009.500 Scope of subpart.

In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 2210a., NRC acquisitions are processed in accordance with §2009.570, which takes precedence over FAR 9.5 with respect to organizational conflicts of interest. Where non-conflicting guidance appears in FAR 9.5, that guidance must be followed.

§2009.570 NRC organizational conflicts of interest.

§2009.570-1 Scope of policy.

(a) It is the policy of NRC to avoid, eliminate, or neutralize contractor organizational conflicts of interest. The NRC achieves this objective by requiring all prospective contractors to submit information describing relationships, if any, with organizations or persons (including those regulated by the NRC) which may give rise to actual or potential conflicts of interest in the event of contract award.

(b) Contractor conflict of interest determinations cannot be made automatically or routinely. The application of sound judgment on virtually a case-by-case basis is necessary if the policy is to be applied to satisfy the overall public interest. It is not possible to prescribe in advance a specific method or set of criteria which would serve to identify and resolve all of the contractor conflict of interest situations that might arise. However, examples are provided in these regulations to guide application of this policy guidance. The ultimate test is as follows: Might the contractor, if awarded the contract, be placed in a position where its judgment may be biased, or where it may have an unfair competitive advantage?

(c) The conflict of interest rule contained in this subpart applies to contractors and offerors only. Individuals or firms who have other relationships with the NRC (e.g., parties to a licensing proceeding) are not covered by this regulation. This rule does not apply to the acquisition of consulting services through the personnel appointment process, NRC agreements with other Government agencies, international organizations, or state, local, or foreign Governments. Separate procedures for avoiding conflicts of interest will be employed in these agreements, as appropriate.

§2009.570-2 Definitions.

Affiliates means business concerns which are affiliates of each other when either directly or indirectly one concern or individual controls or has the power to control another, or when a third party controls or has the power to control both.

Contract means any contractual agreement or other arrangement with the NRC except as provided in §2009.570-1(c).

Contractor means any person, firm, unincorporated association, joint venture, co-sponsor, partnership, corporation, affiliates thereof, or their successors in interest, including their chief executives, directors, key personnel (identified in the contract), proposed consultants or subcontractors, which are a party to a contract with the NRC.

Evaluation activities means any effort involving the appraisal of a technology, process, product, or policy.

Offeror or prospective contractor means any person, firm, unincorporated association, joint venture, co-sponsor, partnership, corporation, or their affiliates or successors in interest, including their chief

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executives, directors, key personnel, proposed consultants, or subcontractors, submitting a bid or proposal, solicited or unsolicited, to the NRC to obtain a contract.

Organizational conflicts of interest means that a relationship exists whereby a contractor or prospective contractor has present or planned interests related to the work to be performed under an NRC contract which:

- (1) May diminish its capacity to give impartial, technically sound, objective assistance and advice, or may otherwise result in a biased work product; or
- (2) May result in its being given an unfair competitive advantage.

Potential conflict of interest means that a factual situation exists that suggests that an actual conflict of interest may arise from award of a proposed contract. The term potential conflict of interest is used to signify those situations that

- (1) Merit investigation before contract award to ascertain whether award would give rise to an actual conflict; or
- (2) Must be reported to the contracting officer for investigation if they arise during contract performance.

Research means any scientific or technical work involving theoretical analysis, exploration, or experimentation.

Subcontractor means any subcontractor of any tier who performs work under a contract with the NRC except subcontracts for supplies and subcontracts in amounts not exceeding \$10,000.

Technical consulting and management support services means internal assistance to a component of the NRC in the formulation or administration of its programs, projects, or policies which normally require that the contractor be given access to proprietary information or to information that has not been made available to the public. These services typically include assistance in the preparation of program plans, preliminary designs, specifications, or statements of work.

§2009.570-3 Criteria for recognizing contractor organizational conflicts of interest.

(a) General.

(1) Two questions will be asked in determining whether actual or potential organizational conflicts of interest exist:

- (i) Are there conflicting roles which might bias an offeror's or contractor's judgment in relation to its work for the NRC?
- (ii) May the offeror or contractor be given an unfair competitive advantage based on the performance of the contract?

(2) NRC's ultimate determination that organizational conflicts of interest exist will be made in light of common sense and good business judgment based upon the relevant facts. While it is difficult to identify and to prescribe in advance a specific method for avoiding all of the various situations or relationships that might involve potential organizational conflicts of interest, NRC personnel will pay particular attention to proposed contractual requirements that call for the rendering of advice, consultation or evaluation activities, or similar activities that directly lay the groundwork for the NRC's decisions on regulatory activities, future procurements, and research programs. Any work performed at an applicant or licensee site will also be closely scrutinized by the NRC staff.

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(b) Situations or relationships. The following situations or relationships may give rise to organizational conflicts of interest:

(1) The offeror or contractor shall disclose information that may give rise to organizational conflicts of interest under the following circumstances. The information may include the scope of work or specification for the requirement being performed, the period of performance, and the name and telephone number for a point of contact at the organization knowledgeable about the commercial contract.

(i) Where the offeror or contractor provides advice and recommendations to the NRC in the same technical area where it is also providing consulting assistance to any organization regulated by the NRC.

(ii) Where the offeror or contractor provides advice to the NRC on the same or similar matter on which it is also providing assistance to any organization regulated by the NRC.

(iii) Where the offeror or contractor evaluates its own products or services, or has been substantially involved in the development or marketing of the products or services of another entity.

(iv) Where the award of a contract would result in placing the offeror or contractor in a conflicting role in which its judgment may be biased in relation to its work for the NRC, or would result in an unfair competitive advantage for the offeror or contractor.

(v) Where the offeror or contractor solicits or performs work at an applicant or licensee site while performing work in the same technical area for the NRC at the same site.

(2) The contracting officer may request specific information from an offeror or contractor or may require special contract clauses such as provided in §2009.570-5(b) in the following circumstances:

(i) Where the offeror or contractor prepares specifications that are to be used in competitive procurements of products or services covered by the specifications.

(ii) Where the offeror or contractor prepares plans for specific approaches or methodologies that are to be incorporated into competitive procurements using the approaches or methodologies.

(iii) Where the offeror or contractor is granted access to information not available to the public concerning NRC plans, policies, or programs that could form the basis for a later procurement action.

(iv) Where the offeror or contractor is granted access to proprietary information of its competitors.

(v) Where the award of a contract might result in placing the offeror or contractor in a conflicting role in which its judgment may be biased in relation to its work for the NRC or might result in an unfair competitive advantage for the offeror or contractor.

(c) Policy application guidance. The following examples are illustrative only and are not intended to identify and resolve all contractor organizational conflict of interest situations.

(1)(i) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to a Request For Proposal (RFP), proposes to undertake certain analyses of a reactor component as called for in the RFP. The ABC Corp. is one of several companies considered to be technically well qualified. In response to the inquiry in the RFP, the ABC Corp. advises that it is currently performing similar analyses for the reactor manufacturer.

(ii) Guidance. An NRC contract for that particular work normally would not be awarded to the ABC Corp. because the company would be placed in a position in which its judgment could be biased in

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relationship to its work for the NRC. Because there are other well-qualified companies available, there would be no reason for considering a waiver of the policy.

(2)(i) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to an RFP, proposes to perform certain analyses of a reactor component that is unique to one type of advanced reactor. As is the case with other technically qualified companies responding to the RFP, the ABC Corp. is performing various projects for several different utility clients. None of the ABC Corp. projects have any relationship to the work called for in the RFP. Based on the NRC evaluation, the ABC Corp. is considered to be the best qualified company to perform the work outlined in the RFP.

(ii) Guidance. An NRC contract normally could be awarded to the ABC Corp. because no conflict of interest exists which could motivate bias with respect to the work. An appropriate clause would be included in the contract to preclude the ABC Corp. from subsequently contracting for work with the private sector that could create a conflict during the performance of the NRC contract. For example, ABC Corp. would be precluded from the performance of similar work for the company developing the advanced reactor mentioned in the example.

(3)(i) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to a competitive RFP, submits a proposal to assist the NRC in revising NRC's guidance documents on the respiratory protection requirements of [10 CFR Part 20](#). ABC Corp. is the only firm determined to be technically acceptable. ABC Corp. has performed substantial work for regulated utilities in the past and is expected to continue similar efforts in the future. The work has and will cover the writing, implementation, and administration of compliance respiratory protection programs for nuclear power plants.

(ii) Guidance. This situation would place the firm in a role where its judgment could be biased in relationship to its work for the NRC. Because the nature of the required work is vitally important in terms of the NRC's responsibilities and no reasonable alternative exists, a waiver of the policy, in accordance with §2009.570-9 may be warranted. Any waiver must be fully documented in accordance with the waiver provisions of this policy with particular attention to the establishment of protective mechanisms to guard against bias.

(4)(i) Example. The ABC Corp. submits a proposal for a new system to evaluate a specific reactor component's performance for the purpose of developing standards that are important to the NRC program. The ABC Corp. has advised the NRC that it intends to sell the new system to industry once its practicability has been demonstrated. Other companies in this business are using older systems for evaluation of the specific reactor component.

(ii) Guidance. A contract could be awarded to the ABC Corp. if the contract stipulates that no information produced under the contract will be used in the contractor's private activities unless this information has been reported to the NRC. Data on how the reactor component performs, which is reported to the NRC by contractors, will normally be disseminated by the NRC to others to preclude an unfair competitive advantage. When the NRC furnishes information about the reactor component to the contractor for the performance of contracted work, the information may not be used in the contractor's private activities unless the information is generally available to others. Further, the contract will stipulate that the contractor will inform the NRC contracting officer of all situations in which the information, developed about the performance of the reactor component under the contract, is proposed to be used.

(5)(i) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to a RFP, proposes to assemble a map showing certain seismological features of the Appalachian fold belt. In accordance with the representation in the RFP and §2009.570-3(b)(1)(i), ABC Corp. informs the NRC that it is presently doing seismological studies for several utilities in the eastern United States, but none of the sites are within the geographic area contemplated by the NRC study.

(ii) Guidance. The contracting officer would normally conclude that award of a contract would not place ABC Corp. in a conflicting role where its judgment might be biased. Section 2052.209-72(c) Work for

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Others, would preclude ABC Corp. from accepting work which could create a conflict of interest during the term of the NRC contract.

(6)(i) Example. AD Division of ABC Corp., in response to a RFP, submits a proposal to assist the NRC in the safety and environmental review of applications for licenses for the construction, operation, and decommissioning of fuel cycle facilities. ABC Corp. is divided into two separate and distinct divisions, AD and BC. The BC Division performs the same or similar services for industry. The BC Division is currently providing the same or similar services required under the NRC's contract for an applicant or licensee.

(ii) Guidance. An NRC contract for that particular work would not be awarded to the ABC Corp. The AD Division could be placed in a position to pass judgment on work performed by the BC Division, which could bias its work for NRC. Further, the Conflict of Interest provisions apply to ABC Corp. and not to separate or distinct divisions within the company. If no reasonable alternative exists, a waiver of the policy could be sought in accordance with §2009.570-9.

(7)(i) Example. The ABC Corp. completes an analysis for NRC of steam generator tube leaks at one of a utility's six sites. Three months later, ABC Corp. is asked by this utility to perform the same analysis at another of its sites.

(ii) Guidance. Section 2052.290-72(c)(3) would prohibit the contractor from beginning this work for the utility until one year after completion of the NRC work at the first site.

(8)(i) Example. ABC Corp. is assisting NRC in a major on-site analysis of a utility's redesign of the common areas between its twin reactors. The contract is for two years with an estimated value of \$5 million. Near the completion of the NRC work, ABC Corp. requests authority to solicit for a \$100K contract with the same utility to transport spent fuel to a disposal site. ABC Corp. is performing no other work for the utility.

(ii) Guidance. The Contracting Officer would allow the contractor to proceed with the solicitation because it is not in the same technical area as the NRC work; and the potential for technical bias by the contractor because of financial ties to the utility is slight due to the relative value of the two contracts.

(9)(i) Example. The ABC Corp. is constructing a turbine building and installing new turbines at a reactor site. The contract with the utility is for five years and has a total value of \$100 million. ABC Corp. has responded to an NRC Request For Proposal requiring the contractor to participate in a major team inspection unrelated to the turbine work at the same site. The estimated value of the contract is \$75K.

(ii) Guidance. An NRC contract would not normally be awarded to ABC Corp. because these factors create the potential for financial loyalty to the utility that may bias the technical judgment of the contractor.

(d) Other considerations.

(1) The fact that the NRC can identify and later avoid, eliminate, or neutralize any potential organizational conflicts arising from the performance of a contract is not relevant to a determination of the existence of conflicts prior to the award of a contract.

(2) It is not relevant that the contractor has the professional reputation of being able to resist temptations which arise from organizational conflicts of interest, or that a follow-on procurement is not involved, or that a contract is awarded on a competitive or a sole source basis.

§2009.570-4 Representation.

(a) The following procedures are designed to assist the NRC contracting officer in determining whether situations or relationships exist which may constitute organizational conflicts of interest with respect to

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a particular offeror or contractor. The procedures apply to small purchases meeting the criteria stated in the following paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The organizational conflicts of interest representation provision at §2052.209-71 must be included in solicitations and contracts resulting from unsolicited proposals. The contracting officer must also include this provision for task orders and contract modifications for new work for:

(1) Evaluation services or activities;

(2) Technical consulting and management support services;

(3) Research; and

(4) Other contractual situations where special organizational conflicts of interest provisions are noted in the solicitation and would be included in the resulting contract. This representation requirement also applies to all modifications for additional effort under the contract except those issued under the "Changes" clause. Where, however, a statement of the type required by the organizational conflicts of interest representation provisions has previously been submitted with regard to the contract being modified, only an updating of the statement is required.

(c) The offeror may, because of actual or potential organizational conflicts of interest, propose to exclude specific kinds of work contained in a RFP unless the RFP specifically prohibits the exclusion. Any such proposed exclusion by an offeror will be considered by the NRC in the evaluation of proposals. If the NRC considers the proposed excluded work to be an essential or integral part of the required work and its exclusion would be to the detriment of the competitive posture of the other offerors, the NRC shall reject the proposal as unacceptable.

(d) The offeror's failure to execute the representation required by paragraph (b) of this section with respect to an invitation for bids is considered to be a minor informality. The offeror will be permitted to correct the omission.

§2009.570-5 Contract clauses.

(a) General contract clause. All contracts and simplified acquisitions of the types set forth in §2009.570-4(b) must include the clause entitled, "Contractor Organizational Conflicts of Interest," set forth in §2052.209-72.

(b) Other special contract clauses. If it is determined from the nature of the proposed contract that an organizational conflict of interest exists, the contracting officer may determine that the conflict can be avoided, or, after obtaining a waiver in accordance with §2009.570-9, neutralized through the use of an appropriate special contract clause. If appropriate, the offeror may negotiate the terms and conditions of these clauses, including the extent and time period of any restriction. These clauses include but are not limited to:

(1) Hardware exclusion clauses which prohibit the acceptance of production contracts following a related non-production contract previously performed by the contractor;

(2) Software exclusion clauses;

(3) Clauses which require the contractor (and certain of its key personnel) to avoid certain organizational conflicts of interest; and

(4) Clauses which provide for protection of confidential data and guard against its unauthorized use.

§2009.570-6 Evaluation, findings, and contract award.

ATTACHMENT 2

The contracting officer shall evaluate all relevant facts submitted by an offeror and other relevant information. After evaluating this information against the criteria of §2009.570-3, the contracting officer shall make a finding of whether organizational conflicts of interest exist with respect to a particular offeror. If it has been determined that real or potential conflicts of interest exist, the contracting officer shall:

- (a) Disqualify the offeror from award;
- (b) Avoid or eliminate such conflicts by appropriate measures; or
- (c) Award the contract under the waiver provision of §2009.570-9.

§2009.570-7 Conflicts identified after award.

If potential organizational conflicts of interest are identified after award with respect to a particular contractor and the contracting officer determines that conflicts do exist and that it would not be in the best interest of the Government to terminate the contract, as provided in the clauses required by §2009.570-5, the contracting officer shall take every reasonable action to avoid, eliminate, or, after obtaining a waiver in accordance with §2009.570-9, neutralize the effects of the identified conflict.

§2009.570-8 Subcontracts.

The contracting officer shall require offerors and contractors to submit a representation statement from all subcontractors (other than a supply subcontractor) and consultants performing services in excess of \$10,000 in accordance with §2009.570-4(b). The contracting officer shall require the contractor to include contract clauses in accordance with §2009.570-5 in consultant agreements or subcontracts involving performance of work under a prime contract.

§2009.570-9 Waiver.

(a) The contracting officer determines the need to seek a waiver for specific contract awards with the advice and concurrence of the program office director and legal counsel. Upon the recommendation of the Senior Procurement Executive, and after consultation with legal counsel, the Executive Director for Operations may waive the policy in specific cases if he determines that it is in the best interest of the United States to do so.

(b) Waiver action is strictly limited to those situations in which:

- (1) The work to be performed under contract is vital to the NRC program;
- (2) The work cannot be satisfactorily performed except by a contractor whose interests give rise to a question of conflict of interest.
- (3) Contractual and/or technical review and surveillance methods can be employed by the NRC to neutralize the conflict.

(c) The justification and approval documents for any waivers must be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

§2009.570-10 Remedies.

In addition to other remedies permitted by law or contract for a breach of the restrictions in this subpart or for any intentional misrepresentation or intentional nondisclosure of any relevant interest required to be provided for this section, the NRC may debar the contractor from subsequent NRC contracts.