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36.602-3(d) before presentation to the Associate Administrator having institutional responsibility.

1836.603 Collecting data on and appraising firms' qualifications.

The architect-engineer selection boards (see 1836.602-2) are designated as NASA's evaluation boards for the purposes of FAR 36.603.

1836.605 Government cost estimate for architect-engineer work. (NASA supplements paragraph (b))

(b) The contracting officer may disclose the overall amount of the Government estimate after award upon request of offerors.

Subpart 1836.7—Standard and Optional Forms for Contracting for Construction, Architect-Engineer Services, and Dismantling, Demolition, or Removal of Improvements

1836.702 Forms for use in contracting for architect-engineer services. (NASA supplements paragraph (a))

(a)(i) Instructions for completing Standard Form 252, Architect-Engineer Contract, are as follows:

(a) Block 5-Project Title and Location. Include a short description of the construction project and the estimated cost of constructing the facilities for the project. If the space provided is insufficient, include a more detailed description in the contract's specification/work statement and identify the location of the more detailed description in Block 10.

(b) Block 6-Contract For (General description of services to be provided). Include a brief description of the services and state that they are fully set out in the specification/work statement. Clearly specify the date by which design services must be completed. If supervision and inspection services during construction are to be acquired, clearly specify the date by which they must be completed and add a statement that the Government may extend the period for their performance as provided in the Changes clause of the contract.

(c) Block 7-Contract Amount. If the contract is for both design and super-

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vision and inspection services, set out the amounts for each effort separately.

(ii) The services to be furnished by an architect-engineer should be carefully defined during negotiation of the contract and a statement of them inserted in the contract's specification/work statement. The statement should clearly and concisely set forth the nature and extent of the services and include any special services, such as the nature and extent of subsurface exploration prior to designing foundations. A similar statement of supervision and inspection services should be inserted in the specification/work statement if supervision and inspection services are to be acquired.

Subpart 1836.70—Partnering

SOURCE: 63 FR 44170, Aug. 18, 1998, unless otherwise noted.

1836.7001 Definition.

Partnering means a relationship of open communication and close cooperation that involves both Government and Contractor personnel working together for the purpose of establishing a mutually beneficial, proactive, cooperative environment within which to achieve contract objectives and resolve issues and implementing actions as required.

1836.7002 General.

(a) The establishment of a partnering environment usually leads to higher quality products completed more quickly at lower overall costs and with fewer accidents and litigation.

(b) The use of partnering is encouraged as it has been shown to reduce the average contract cost and schedule growth and to reduce contract claims and litigation.

(c) Partnering is a voluntary contract relationship within the management process that is not to be used to unofficially alter terms of the contract.

1836.7003 Policy.

(a) Partnering should be used on a contract when the contracting officer, in coordination with the project manager, determines that the benefits to be

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achieved from its use are expected to be greater than the costs.

(b) In determining whether the benefits of partnering are greater than the costs, the following factors should be considered:

(1) The estimated dollar value of the contract;

(2) The complexity of the work to be performed;

(3) The contemplated length of the contract; and

(4) The estimated costs to be incurred in conducting the partnership development and team building initial and follow-up workshops.

1836.7004 NASA solicitation provision and contract clause.

The contracting officer may insert a clause substantially the same as stated at 1852.236-75, Partnering for Construction Contracts, in solicitations and contracts for construction, when it has been determined in accordance with 1836.7003 that the benefits to be derived from partnering exceed the costs.

PART 1837—SERVICE CONTRACTING

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Subpart 1837.1—Service Contracts—General

1837.101 Definitions.

Pension portability means the recognition and continuation in a successor service contract of the predecessor

service contract employees' pension rights and benefits.

1837.104 Personal services contracts. (NASA supplements paragraph (b))

(b) Section 203(c)(9) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 (42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(9)) authorizes NASA "to obtain services as authorized by Section 3109 of Title 5, United States Code." It is NASA policy to obtain the personal services of experts and consultants by appointment rather than by contract. The policies, responsibilities, and procedures pertaining to the appointment of experts and consultants are in NPG 3300.1, Appointment of Personnel To/From NASA, Chapter 4, Employment of Experts and Consultants.

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1837.110 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

1837.110-70 NASA solicitation provision and contract clauses.

(a) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 1852.237-70, Emergency Evacuation Procedures, in solicitations and contracts for on-site support services where emergency evacuations of the NASA installation may occur, e.g., snow, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, or other emergencies.

(b) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 1852.237-71, Pension Portability, in solicitations, contracts or negotiated contract modifications for additional work when the procurement officer makes the determination in 1837.170(a)(2).

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1837.170 Pension portability.

(a) It is NASA's policy not to require pension portability in service contracts. However, pension portability requirements may be included in solicitations, contracts, or contract modifications for additional work under the following conditions: