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452.204-70 Inquiries.

As prescribed in 404.7001, insert the following provision:

INQUIRIES (FEB 1988)

Inquiries and all correspondence concerning this solicitation should be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer. Offerors should contact only the Contracting Officer issuing the solicitation about any aspect of this requirement prior to contract award.

(End of provision)

452.211-70 Brand Name or Equal.

As prescribed in 411.171, insert the following provision:

BRAND NAME OR EQUAL (NOV 1996)

(As used in this provision, the term “brand name” includes identification of products by make and model.)

(a) If items called for by this solicitation have been identified by a “brand name or equal” description, such identification is intended to be descriptive, but not restrictive, and is to indicate the quality and characteristics of products that will be satisfactory. Offers of “equal” products (including products of the brand name manufacturer other than the one described by brand name) will be considered for award if such products are clearly identified in the offer (see clause 452.211-2) and are determined by the Contracting Officer to meet fully the salient characteristics requirements listed in the solicitation.

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(b) Unless the offeror clearly indicates in its offer that it is offering an "equal" product, the offeror shall be considered as offering the brand name product(s) referenced in the solicitation.

(c)(1) If the offeror proposes to furnish an "equal" product or products, the brand name(s), if any, and any other required information about the product(s) to be furnished shall be inserted in the space provided in the solicitation. The evaluation of offers and the determination as to the equality of the product(s) offered shall be the responsibility of the Government and will be based on information furnished by the offeror or identified in its offer as well as other information reasonably available to the contracting activity. Caution to offerors: The contracting activity is not responsible for locating or securing any information which is not identified in the offer and is not reasonably available to the contracting activity. Accordingly, to assure that sufficient information is available, the offeror must furnish as a part of its offer all descriptive material (such as cuts, illustrations, drawings, or other information) necessary for the contracting activity to (i) determine whether the product offered meets the salient characteristics requirement of the solicitation, and (ii) establish exactly what the offeror proposes to furnish and what the Government would be binding itself to purchase by making an award. The information furnished may include specific reference to information previously furnished or to information otherwise available to the contracting activity.

(2) If an offeror proposes to modify a product so as to make it conform to the requirements of the solicitation, the offer shall include (i) a clear description of such proposed modifications and (ii) clearly marked descriptive material to show the proposed modifications.

(End of provision)

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452.211-71 Equal Products Offered.

As prescribed in 411.171, insert the following or substantially the same clause in solicitations seeking offers on a "brand name or equal" basis to allow offerors the opportunity to clearly identify the "equal" item being offered, and to illustrate how that item meets the salient characteristics requirements of the Government.

EQUAL PRODUCTS OFFERED (NOV 1996)

(a) Offerors proposing to furnish an "equal" product, in accordance with the

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"Brand Name or Equal" provision of this solicitation, shall provide the following information for each offered "equal" product:

Contract Line Item Number (if any): _____
Brand Name or Equal Product identified by the Government in this solicitation: _____
Offered Product Name: _____
Catalog Description or part number: _____

Manufacturer's Name: _____
Manufacturer's Address: _____

(b) Offerors are responsible for submitting all additional information on the above product necessary for the Contracting Officer to determine whether the product offered meets the "brand name or equal" product's salient characteristics listed in the solicitation.

(End of clause)

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452.211-72 Statement of Work/Specifications.

As prescribed in 411.171, insert the following clause:

STATEMENT OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS (FEB 1988)

The Contractor shall furnish the necessary personnel, material, equipment, services and facilities (except as otherwise specified), to perform the Statement of Work/Specifications referenced in Section J.

(End of clause)

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452.211-73 Attachments to Statement of Work/Specifications.

As prescribed in 411.171, insert the following clause:

ATTACHMENTS TO STATEMENT OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS (FEB 1988)

The attachments to the Statement of Work/Specifications listed in Section J are hereby made part of this solicitation and any resultant contract.

(End of clause)

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452.211-74 Period of Performance.

As prescribed in 411.404(a), insert the following clause: