

Department of Veterans Affairs

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852.211-74 Telecommunications equipment.

(a) When a detailed purchase description of formal specification is the basis for solicitations for telecommunications equipment as defined in VA Manual MP-6, Part VIII, (available at any Department of Veterans Affairs facility), solicitations, including those for construction, will include the following provision:

SPECIAL NOTICE (APR 1984)

Descriptive literature. The submission of descriptive literature with offers is not required and voluntarily submitted descriptive literature which qualifies the offer will require rejection of the offer.

However, within 5 days after award of contract, the contractor will submit to the contracting officer literature describing the equipment he/she intends to furnish and indicating strict compliance with the specification requirements.

The contracting officer will, by written notice to the contractor within 20 calendar days after receipt of the literature, approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the equipment proposed to be furnished. The notice of approval or conditional approval will not relieve the contractor from complying with all requirements of the specifications and all other terms and conditions of this contract. A notice of conditional approval will state any further action required of the contractor. A notice of disapproval will cite reasons therefor.

If the equipment is disapproved by the Government, the contractor will be subject to action under the Default provision of this contract. However, prior to default action the contractor will be permitted a period (at least 10 days) under that clause to submit additional descriptive literature on equipment originally offered or descriptive literature on other equipment.

The Government reserves the right to require an equitable adjustment of the contract price for any extension of the delivery schedule necessitated by additional descriptive literature evaluations.

(End of provision)

(b) The descriptive literature to be furnished by the contractor after award in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section is subject to the controls established in 870.112(b).

(c) The time of delivery or performance to be specified in the solicitation will include the time required for submission, receipt, the evaluation and approval required by 870.112(b) of this

chapter, and return to the contractor of the descriptive literature.

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852.211-75 Technical industry standards.

When items are required to conform to technical industry standards, such as those adopted by Underwriter's Laboratories, Incorporated; Factory Mutual Laboratories; American Gas Association; American Society Mechanical Engineers; National Electrical Manufacturers' Association; American Society Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers; or similar organizations where such standards are generally recognized and accepted in the industry involved, the invitation for bids, request for proposals or request for quotations will so state. In no instance, where there is a multiple choice of laboratories, shall the invitation for bid, request for proposal or request for quotation indicate that the label or certificate of only one such laboratory is acceptable. The following provision will be used unless comparable provisions are contained in the item specification:

TECHNICAL INDUSTRY STANDARDS (APR 1984)

The supplies or equipment required by this invitation for bid or request for proposal must conform to the standards of the _____³ and _____³ as to _____.⁴ The successful bidder or offeror will be required to submit proof that the item(s) he furnishes conforms to this requirement. This proof may be in the form of a label or seal affixed to the equipment or supplies, warranting that they have been tested in accordance with and conform to the specified standards. The seal or label of any nationally recognized laboratory such as those listed by the National Fire Protection Association, Boston, Massachusetts, in the current edition of their publication "Research on Fire," is acceptable. Proof may also be furnished in the form of a certificate from one of these laboratories certifying that the item(s) furnished have been tested in accordance with and conform to the specified standards.

³Insert name(s) of organization(s), the standards of which are pertinent to the Government's needs.

⁴Insert pertinent standards, i.e. fire and casualty, safety and fire protection, etc.

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(End of provision)

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852.211-76 Noncompliance with packaging, packing, and/or marking requirements.

The following clause will be included in contracts for supplies for delivery to supply distribution warehouses or depots for storage and subsequent issue to a using activity. It may also be included when appropriate when delivery is direct to a using activity.

NONCOMPLIANCE WITH PACKAGING, PACKING AND/OR MARKING REQUIREMENTS (JUL 1989)

Failure to comply with the packaging, packing, and/or marking requirements indicated herein, or incorporated herein by reference, may result in rejection of the merchandise and request for replacement or repackaging, repacking, and/or marking. The Government reserves the right, without obtaining authority from the contractor, to perform the required repackaging, repacking, and/or marking services and charge the contractor at the actual cost to the Government for the same or have the required repackaging, repacking, and/or marking services performed commercially under Government order and charge the contractor at the invoice rate. In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from the date of completion of such repackaging, repacking, and/or marking services.

(End of clause)

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852.211-77 Brand name or equal.

The brand name or equal clause when used as prescribed by 811.104 will be as follows:

BRAND NAME OR EQUAL (NOV 1984)

(NOTE: As used in this clause, the term "brand name" includes identification of products by make and model.)

(a) If items called for by this invitation for bids have been identified in the schedule 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. Bids offering "equal" products (including products of the brand name manufacturer other than the one de-

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scribed by brand name) will be considered for award if such products are clearly identified in the bids and are determined by the Government to meet fully the salient characteristics requirements listed in the invitation.

(b) Unless the bidder clearly indicates in his bid that he is offering an "equal" product, his bid shall be considered as offering a brand name product referenced in the invitation for bids.

(c)(1) If the bidder proposes to furnish an "equal" product, the brand name, if any, of the product to be furnished shall be inserted in the space provided in the Invitation for Bids, or such product shall be otherwise clearly identified in the bid. The evaluation of bids and the determination as to equality of the product offered shall be the responsibility of the Government and will be based on information furnished by the bidder or identified in his/her bid as well as other information reasonably available to the purchasing activity. CAUTION TO BIDDERS. The purchasing activity is not responsible for locating or securing any information which is not identified in the bid and reasonably available to the purchasing activity. Accordingly, to insure that sufficient information is available, the bidder must furnish as a part of his/her bid all descriptive material (such as cuts, illustration, drawings or other information) necessary for the purchasing activity to: (i) Determine whether the product offered meets the salient characteristics requirement of the Invitation for Bids, and (ii) establish exactly what the bidder proposes to furnish and what the Government would be binding itself to purchase by making an award. The information furnished may include specific references to information previously furnished or to information otherwise available to the purchasing activity.

(2) If the bidder proposes to modify a product so as to make it conform to the requirements of the Invitation for Bids, he/she shall: (i) Include in his/her bid a clear description of such proposed modifications, and (ii) clearly mark any descriptive material to show the proposed modifications.

(3) Modifications proposed after bid opening to make a product conform to a brand name product referenced in the Invitation for Bids will not be considered.

(End of clause)

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852.211-78 Liquidated damages.

As prescribed in 811.504 and 836.206, the contracting officer may insert the following clause when appropriate: