To: Prospective Quoters

Subject: Request for Quotations number 19MK8022Q0032.

Enclosed is a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for purchase of Advancing Biotechnology as Key to Food Security for American Embassy Skopje. If you would like to submit a quotation, follow the instructions in Section 3 of the solicitation, complete the required portions of the attached document, and submit it to the email address shown on the Standard Form 1449 that follows this letter.

The U.S. Government intends to award a contract/purchase order to the responsible company submitting technically acceptable quotation at the lowest price. We intend to award a contract based on initial quotations.

If purchase exceeds $30,000 the vendor must be registered in SAM (System For Award Management) Instructions can be found on US Embassy Skopje web page under business/contract-solicitations or directly on www.sam.gov.

The quotations are due by 11:30 hrs., on Friday September 9, 2022. No quotations will be accepted after this time.

Direct any questions regarding this solicitation to Ivan Tashovski, Procurement Agent by an email to skopjegsoprocurement@state.gov or by telephone +389 (0)2 310 2186, during regular business hours.

Sincerely,

Erin Concors
Contracting Officer
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25. Accounting and Appropriation Data

26. Total Award Amount (For Govt. Use Only)

USD/MKD

27a. Solicitation incorporates by reference FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-3 and 52.212-5 are attached. Addenda are NOT attached.

27b. Contract/Purchase Order incorporates by reference FAR 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-5 is attached. Addenda are NOT attached.

28. Contractor is required to sign this document and return copies to issuing office. Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items set forth or otherwise identified above and on any additional sheets subject to the terms and conditions specified herein.

29. Award of contract: Ref. Offer dated . Your offer on solicitation (Block 5), including any additions or changes which are set forth herein, is accepted as to items:

30a. Signature of Offeror/Contractor

30b. Name and Title of Signer (Type or Print)

30c. Date Signed

31a. United States of America (Signature of Contracting Officer)

31b. Name of Contracting Officer (Type or Print)

31c. Date Signed

Erin E. Concors

| Offeror to Complete Blocks 12, 17, 23, 24, & 30 |

2. Contract No. ____________________________

3. Award/Effective Date _________________________

4. Order Number _____________________________

5. Solicitation Number _________________________

6. Solicitation Issue Date 08/25/2022

7. For Solicitation Information Call

a. Name: Ivan Tashovski

b. Telephone Number: +389 (2) 310-2186

8. Offer Due Date/Local Time 09/09/2022, 11:30 hrs

9. Issued By

AMERICAN EMBASSY SKOPJE
UL. SAMOILOVA # 21, 1000, SKOPJE
NORTH MACEDONIA
ATTN: GSO/PROCUREMENT

10. This Acquisition Is

- UNRESTRICTED
- SMALL BUSINESS
- HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS
- 8(A)
- SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED

NAICS: 721110
SIZE STD:

11. Delivery for FOB Destination Unless Block is Marked

x SEE SCHEDULE

12. Discount

13a. This Contract is a Rated Order

13b. Rating

14. Method of Solicitation

x RFQ  IFB  RFP

15. Deliver to:

AMERICAN EMBASSY SKOPJE
UL. SAMOILOVA # 21, 1000, ATTN: GSO/WAREHOUSE
SKOPJE
NORTH MACEDONIA

16. Administered by:

AMERICAN EMBASSY SKOPJE
UL. SAMOILOVA # 21, 1000, ATTN: GSO/PROCUREMENT
SKOPJE
NORTH MACEDONIA

17a. Contractor/Offeror Code 0

18a. Payment Will Be Made By

AMERICAN EMBASSY SKOPJE
UL. SAMOILOVA # 21, 1000, ATTN: FMO
SKOPJE
NORTH MACEDONIA

18b. Submit Invoices to Address Shown in Block 18a Unless Block Below Is Checked __ SEE ADDENDUM

19. Item No.

20. Schedule of Supplies/Services

- SEE LINE ITEMS –

(Use Reverse and/or Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary)

21. Quantity

22. Unit

23. Unit Price

24. Amount

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28. Contractor is Required to Sign This Document and Return Copies to Issuing Office. Contractor Agrees to Furnish and Deliver All Items Set Forth or Otherwise Identified Above and on Any Additional Sheets Subject to the Terms and Conditions Specified Herein.

29. Award of Contract: Ref. Offer Dated . Your Offer on Solicitation (Block 5), Including Any Additions or Changes Which Are Set Forth Herein, Is Accepted as to Items:

30a. Signature of Offeror/Contractor

30b. Name and Title of Signer (Type or Print)

30c. Date Signed

31a. United States of America (Signature of Contracting Officer)

31b. Name of Contracting Officer (Type or Print)

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### SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES

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### NOTE

A. All prices are in MKD Denars (local currency).
B. The prices should include VAT TAX.

Please fill clause 52.204-26 Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation (DEC 2019) located in the clauses section below. Send the filled clause 52.204-26 together with your quote.
Statement of Work:  
*Advancing Biotechnology as Key to Food Security US Mission Skopje*

**Activity 1: Facilitate Dialogue among Media, Government, and Business on Biotechnology Development**

Roundtable discussions with representatives of the local media, business groups, science and education, and relevant government agencies to improve scientific literacy and reduce fear of the unknown.

In case of extended COVID-19/unforeseen travel restrictions or restrictions for in person events, roundtable discussions will be online, and funding will either be used to increase the number of events or will be redirected to expand Activity 2.

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**Activity 2: Video Outreach Campaign and Public Opinion Polling**

Conduct polls and engage with youth and other focus groups to solicit opinions on biotechnology and its use in human nutrition.

Production of a series of informational videos addressing frequently raised concerns around biotechnology products (based on polls feedback), featuring local and international experts to dispel myths and familiarize consumers with the benefits—and normality—of biotechnology.

Activity 2 will remain feasible even in case of renewed COVID-19 restrictions.

Videos to be freely available for posting on university, business group, government, and media webpages.

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Vendor should prepare and submit a final report to POLECON Officer after completion of each of the activities.
Evaluations Criteria:

- Technically acceptable requirements:
  - Previous experience in conducting polls and generating results
  - Previous experience in creating educational video campaigns
  - Previous experience in working with youth and other focus groups
  - Organization of conferences and events, including logistical support for international travelers.
- Lowest Price

SECTION 2 - CONTRACT CLAUSES

FAR 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated By Reference (FEB 1998)

This purchase order or BPA incorporates the following 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 electroncally at this address: Acquisition.gov this address is subject to change.

DOSAR clauses may be accessed at: https://acquisition.gov/dosar

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1) CLAUSES

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The following clause is provided in full text:

52.212-5  CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS-COMMERCIAL ITEMS (AUG 2020)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

(1) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (JAN 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

(2) 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (JUL 2018) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).

(3) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (AUG 2020) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

(4) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (NOV 2015).


(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:


(5) [Reserved].


(10) [Reserved].

(11)

(i) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

(ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-3.

(12)

(i) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (MAR 2020) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

(ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-4.

(13) [Reserved]

(14)

(i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (MAR 2020) of 52.219-6 (15 U.S.C. 644).

(ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-6.

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(ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-7.

(16) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2018) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).
(17) (i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (JUN 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).
   (ii) Alternate I (NOV 2016) of 52.219-9.
   (iii) Alternate II (NOV 2016) of 52.219-9.
   (iv) Alternate III (JUN 2020) of 52.219-9.
   (v) Alternate IV (JUN 2020) of 52.219-9.

(18) (i) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)).
   (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-13.

(19) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).


(22) (i) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (MAY 2020) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).
   (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2020) of 52.219-28.

(23) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business Concerns (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).

(24) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Women-Owned Small Business Concerns Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (Mar2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).


(26) 52.219-33, Nonmanufacturer Rule (MAR 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17)).


(28) 52.222-19, Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN2020) (E.O.13126).
(29) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

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(i) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O.11246).

(ii) Alternate I (FEB 1999) of 52.222-26.

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(ii) Alternate I (JUL 2014) of 52.222-35.

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(ii) Alternate I (JUL 2014) of 52.222-36.


(34) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496).

(35)


(36) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.)

(37)

(i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA–Designated Items (May 2008) (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

(ii) Alternate I (MAY 2008) of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

(38) 52.223-11, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).
(39) 52.223-12, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).

(40)

(i) 52.223-13, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (Jun 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).


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(i) 52.223-14, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Televisions (Jun 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

(ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-14.


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(i) 52.223-16, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (Oct 2015) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

(ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-16.

(44) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (Jun 2020) (E.O. 13513).

(45) 52.223-20, Aerosols (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).

(46) 52.223-21, Foams (June 2016) (E.O. 13693).

(47)


(ii) Alternate I (Jan 2017) of 52.224-3.


(49)


(ii) Alternate I (May 2014) of 52.225-3.

(iii) Alternate II (May 2014) of 52.225-3.
(iv) Alternate III (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3.


(51) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (JUN 2008) (E.O.’s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).


(53) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

(54) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

(55) 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements (JUN 2020).


(59) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).


(63)

(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631).

(ii) Alternate I (APR 2003) of 52.247-64.

(iii) Alternate II (FEB 2006) of 52.247-64.

(c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being
incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

(1) **52.222-41**, Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 67](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/cgi-bin/getdoc?dbname=frvol&id=fr20180801.031.052.0041)).


(5) **52.222-51**, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 67](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/cgi-bin/getdoc?dbname=frvol&id=fr20180801.031.052.0041)).


(9) **52.226-6**, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (Jun 2020) ([42 U.S.C. 1792](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/cgi-bin/getdoc?dbname=frvol&id=fr20200617.045.0063.005)).

(d) *Comptroller General Examination of Record.* The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101, on the date of award of this contract, and does not contain the clause at **52.215-2**, Audit and Records-Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor’s directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work
terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e)

(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1) in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause-


(ii) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

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(iv) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (AUG 2020) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

(v) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2018) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds the applicable threshold specified in FAR 19.702(a) on the date of subcontract award, the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(vi) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

(vii) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (SEP 2015) (E.O.11246).


(xi) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause 52.222-40.


(xiii)


(B) Alternate I (Mar2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).


(xvi) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (OCT 2015) (E.O. 12989).

(xvii) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (DEC 2015).


(xix)

(B) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of 52.224-3.


(xx) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (JUN 2020) (42 U.S.C. 1792). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.

(xxii) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

(2) While not required, the Contractor may include in its subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(End of clause)

52.204-24 REPRESENTATION REGARDING CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT (Aug 2020)

The Offeror shall not complete the representation at paragraph (d)(1) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it “does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument” in the provision at 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision—

Backhaul, covered telecommunications equipment or services, critical technology, interconnection arrangements, reasonable inquiry, roaming, and substantial or essential component have the meanings provided in the clause 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(b) Prohibition.

(1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

(i)Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a
service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract or extending or renewing a contract with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

(i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(c) Procedures. The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (https://www.sam.gov) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services”.

(d) Representation. The Offeror represents that—

(1) It □ will, □ will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(1) of this section if the Offeror responds “will” in paragraph (d)(1) of this section; and

(2) After conducting a reasonable inquiry, for purposes of this representation, the Offeror represents that—

It □ does, □ does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(2) of this section if the Offeror responds “does” in paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

(e) Disclosures.

(1) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “will” in the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(i) For covered equipment—

(A) The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or a distributor, if known);
(B) A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

(C) Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

(ii) For covered services—

(A) If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B) If not associated with maintenance, the Product Service Code (PSC) of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

(2) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “does” in the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(i) For covered equipment—

(A) The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor, if known);

(B) A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

(C) Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

(ii) For covered services—

(A) If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B) If not associated with maintenance, the PSC of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

(End of provision)
(a) Definitions. As used in this provision, “covered telecommunications equipment or services” has the meaning provided in the clause 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(b) Procedures. The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (https://www.sam.gov) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services”.

(c) Representation. The Offeror represents that it □ does, □ does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument.

(End of provision)
the subcontractor's employees will require frequent and continuing access to DOS facilities, or information systems.

(b) The DOS Personal Identification Card Policy and Procedures may be accessed at: http://www.state.gov/m/ds/rls/rpt/c21664.htm.

(End of clause)