

AWARD DATA

Orders May Be Placed Through 6/26/2010

Crown Space Thinning and Conifer Limb Pruning, Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quantity

Ordering Agencies:

USDI BLM, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service,
National Park Service and USDA Forest Service

BLM Contract No.: HAC072K00

BLM contact: Sherry Marshall, Contracting Officer, 503-808-6217

Contractor: GE Forestry, Inc.
5315 McLoughlin Dr.
Central Point, Oregon 97502
541-857-1106

For maps and illustrations, contact: Minh-Hao Le at 503-808-6359

MOL is \$60,000/task order
30-day MOL is \$90,000

All amendments have been incorporated into text.

2. CONTRACT NUMBER HAC072K00	3. SOLICITATION NUMBER HAB078100/0002	4. TYPE OF SOLICITATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEALED BID (IFB) <input type="checkbox"/> NEGOTIATED (RFP)	5. DATE ISSUED 05/18/2007	6. REQUISITION/PURCHASE NUMBER See Lines
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7. ISSUED BY BLM-OR OREGON STATE OFFICE* 333 SW FIRST AVENUE-7TH FLOOR PORTLAND, OR 97204-3440 TEL: (503) 808-6359 ext. FAX: (503) 808-6312 ext.	CODE OR952	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO (If other than Item 7)
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NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder".

SOLICITATION

9. Sealed offers in original and 0 copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in Item 8, or if handcarried, in the depository located in Section L until 2:00 PM local time 05/31/2007
(Hour) (Date)

ION - LATE submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals: See Section L, Provision No. 52.214-7 or 52.215-1. All offers are subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation.

10. FOR INFORMATION CALL:	A. NAME Jessica Clark	B. TELEPHONE (NO COLLECT CALLS) AREA CODE: 503 NUMBER: 808-6226 EXT.:	C. E-MAIL ADDRESS Jessica_Clark@or.blm.gov
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OFFER (Must be fully completed by offeror)

Item 12 does not apply if the solicitation includes the provisions at 52.214-16, Minimum Bid Acceptance Period

12. In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within _____ calendar days (60 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the offeror) from the date for receipt of offers specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified in the schedule.

13. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See Section I, Clause No. 52-232-8)	10 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	20 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	30 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	CALENDAR DAYS (%)
14. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS (the offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the SOLICITATION for offerors and related documents numbered and dated):	AMENDMENT NO.	DATE	AMENDMENT NO.	DATE
	1	05/17/2007		
	2	05/18/2007		

15A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR	CODE 1	FACILITY G E FORESTRY INC 5315 MCLOUGHLIN DRIVE CENTRAL POINT, OR 97502-9446	16. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print) Esteban Gonzalez
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15B. TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA CODE: 541 NUMBER: 857-1106 EXT.:	15C. CHECK IF REMITTANCE ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE - ENTER SUCH ADDRESS IN SCHEDULE. <input type="checkbox"/>	17. SIGNATURE	18. OFFER DATE 05/18/2007
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AWARD (To be completed by Government)

19. ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS NUMBERED A-C	20. AMOUNT \$0.00	21. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION -----
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22. AUTHORITY FOR USING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION: <input type="checkbox"/> 10 U.S.C. 2304 (c) () <input type="checkbox"/> 41. U.S.C. 253(c) ()	23. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN (4 copies unless otherwise specified) ITEM COR
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24. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 7) CODE	25. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY BLM-BC NATIONAL BUSINESS CENTER* BC620 BLDG 50, DFC, PO BOX 25047 DENVER, CO 80225-0047 CODE: BC620
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26. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Sherry A. Marshall	27. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA <i>Sherry Marshall</i> (Signature of Contracting Officer)	28. AWARD DATE 06/26/2007
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IMPORTANT - Award will be made on this Form, or on Standard Form 26, or by other authorized official written notice.

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Total Funding: \$0.00

FYs	Fund	Budget Org	Sub	Object Class	Sub	Program	Cost Org	Sub	Proj/Job No.	Sub	Reporting Category
Division	Closed FYs	Cancelled Fund									

Line Item Number	Description	CLIN Ref	Delivery Date (Start Date to End Date)	Quantity	Unit of Issue	Unit Price	Total Cost (Includes Discounts)
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Crown Spacing Thinning and Conifer Limb Pruning, Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quantity, Southwestern Oregon

DUNS: 054639971

0001	Item A - Crown-Spacing with 100% Brushing	0001	06/03/2008	0.00	acres	\$278.000	\$ 0.00
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Year 1 - June 4, 2007 through June 3, 2008

Ref Req No: R-0703948

0002	Item B - 1st Lift Conifer Limb Pruning 100 TPA	0002	06/03/2008	0.00	acres	\$98.000	\$ 0.00
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Year 1 - June 4, 2007 through June 3, 2008

Ref Req No: R-0703948

0003	Item C - 2nd Lift Conifer Limb Pruning 100 TPA	0003	06/03/2008	0.00	acres	\$119.000	\$ 0.00
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Year 1 - June 4, 2007 through June 3, 2008

Ref Req No: R-0703948

0004	Item A - Crown-Spacing with 100% Brushing	0004	06/03/2009	0.00	acres	\$283.000	\$ 0.00
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Year 2 - June 4, 2008 through June 3, 2009

0005	Item B - 1st Lift Conifer Limb Pruning 100 TPA	0005	06/03/2009	0.00	acres	\$100.000	\$ 0.00
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Year 2 - June 4, 2008 through June 3, 2009

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Total Funding: \$0.00

FYs Fund Budget Org Sub Object Class Sub Program Cost Org Sub Proj/Job No. Sub Reporting Category

Division Closed FYs Cancelled Fund

Line Item Number	Description	CLIN Ref	Delivery Date (Start Date to End Date)	Quantity	Unit of Issue	Unit Price	Total Cost (Includes Discounts)
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0006	Item C - 2nd Lift Conifer Limb Pruning 100 TPA	0006	06/03/2009	0.00	acres	\$122.000	\$ 0.00
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Year 2 - June 4, 2008 through June 3, 2009

0007	Item A - Crown-Spacing with 100% Brushing	0007	06/03/2010	0.00	acres	\$289.000	\$ 0.00
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Year 3 - June 4, 2009 through June 3, 2010

0008	Item B - 1st Lift Conifer Limb Pruning 100 TPA	0008	06/03/2010	0.00	acres	\$102.000	\$ 0.00
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Year 3 - June 4, 2009 through June 3, 2010

0009	Item C - 2nd Lift Conifer Limb Pruning 100 TPA	0009	06/03/2010	0.00	acres	\$125.000	\$ 0.00
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Year 3 - June 4, 2009 through June 3, 2010

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Total Funding: \$0.00

FYs	Fund	Budget Org	Sub	Object Class	Sub	Program	Cost Org	Sub	Proj/Job No.	Sub	Reporting Category	
Division	Closed FYs	Cancelled Fund										

Line Item Number	Description	(Start Date to End Date)	Quantity	Unit of Issue	Unit Price	Total Cost (Includes Discounts)
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Total Cost: \$0.00

TPA = Trees Per Acre

Delivery date and quantities are estimated

**Contract Level
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\$0.00

Total Funding: \$0.00

Address Detail

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Invoice Addresses

Code	Detail
0001	<p>Org: BLM-OR GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA Addr: 2164 NE SPALDING AVENUE</p> <p>GRANTS PASS OR 97528</p> <p>Attn: . Phone: () - ext. Fax: () - ext.</p>

SECTION B - SCHEDULE OF ITEMS

This is a three-year indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contract for Crown Space thinning, and conifer limb pruning. These services shall be performed in southwestern Oregon. The quantities listed are the estimated acres anticipated to be ordered by the Bureau of Land Management throughout the life of the contract. In accordance with Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 2001, Public Law 106-291, Contracting Officers from the Bureau of Land Management Oregon State Office, Medford District Office and Roseburg District Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and USDA, Forest Service are hereby authorized to issue task orders against this contract.

Offerors shall enter a unit price for each item listed then multiply the unit price by the estimated quantity to obtain the total amount. These prices will be used to determine the price for award of contract and each subsequent task order.

PERFORMANCE TIME: One (1) calendar day for each \$1,500 value of the task order.
ESTIMATED START WORK DATE: June 4, 2007

EVALUATION FOR AWARD

Award will be made on an all or none basis to the offeror offering the lowest total acceptable bid and will not be made for less than a total of all quantities as set forth in the schedule of items for each bid item.

TASK ORDERS

After award, task orders may be placed by the Government. Task orders will be awarded based on a combination of awarded Contractor's prices and past performance. Offeror shall provide organization's record of work experience and quality, especially in southwest Oregon with its bid. Include a list of references (names, phone numbers, and addresses).

All task orders will be placed no later than three years from the date of contract award. Prices for the base year will be effective for one year from the date of contract award. Prices for subsequent years will be effective the first day after the anniversary date of contract award. The date of the order placed by the Government will determine the task order prices. The total value of all task orders of all awarded contracts will not exceed \$400,000.

The Sample Task Order (See Section J) is a sample order and given for illustration only.

MINIMUM GUARANTEE

The minimum guarantee under the awarded contract is \$30,000 (even if the Contractor's maximum task order limitation is higher).

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS (continued)

MAXIMUM TASK ORDER LIMITATION

The Contractor's maximum task order limitation is \$ _____ (Insert task order limitation. Maximum is \$60,000 if no amount is shown.).

The Contractor may limit the maximum dollar value of task orders it is willing to accept from all ordering offices within a 30-calendar day period. The Contractor's maximum limitation for a 30-calendar day period is \$ _____ (Insert order limitation. Maximum is \$90,000 if no amount is shown.)

THIS SOLICITATION IS SET ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.

BID (BONDS REQUIRE POWER OF ATTORNEY), PERFORMANCE IS REQUIRED (SEE SECTION I, 52.228-1 - BID GUARANTEE (20%), AND SECTION H.12.0 – PERFORMANCE SECURITY). THE BID GUARANTEE SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN 20 PERCENT OF THE MINIMUM GUARANTEE (\$30,000).

REFER TO SECTION I, CLAUSES:

- 52.216-18 ORDERING
- 52.216-19 TASK ORDER LIMITATIONS
- 52.216-22 INDEFINITE QUANTITY
- 1452.228-70 LIABILITY INSURANCE (NOTE: Liability Insurance is required)

SECTION C - SPECIFICATIONS APPLICABLE TO INDEFINITE-DELIVERY,
INDEFINITE-QUANTITY CROWN SPACE THINNING AND LIMB
PRUNING

C.1.0 GENERAL

C.1.1 Introduction

C.1.1.1 The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is contracting for land treatment services as an integrated approach to young stand management. Manual methods of accomplishing the crown space thinning and limb pruning specific to this contract will be required, on a wide variety of reforestation units varying in both complexity and quantities. The indefinite quantities feature of this contract provides for the ability to order specific treatments on additional units at a predetermined price from the Schedule of Items. Additional acres may be added up to the maximum not-to-exceed dollar amount as specified in the contract, with the Contractor being issued task orders to furnish the required services.

C.1.1.2 The treatments will include: Crown-spacing of conifers with 100% brush-cutting, and limb pruning of conifers. One or more of these treatments may be used in conjunction when treating any unit.

C.1.2 Background - The BLM project areas are young managed and natural stands dominated by conifers and hardwood species. The establishment of these stands generally occurred 10 to 50 years ago. These units were either planted with seedlings, aerial or hand seeded or natural regeneration. Past silviculture practices included: planting, spot and broadcast burning, scarification, herbicide use for grass and brush control, scalping, mulching, vexar tubing, shading and netting. These methods were used for seedling survival and helped establish healthy, vigorous seedling/sapling plantations.

C.1.3 Scope

C.1.3.1 Scientific research and empirical data supports the concept of timely and effective maintenance treatments. Overstocked stands increase competition for water, soil nutrients and growing space, reducing overall forest health. Crown spacing and brush control will be utilized to enhance young stand development. Conifer limb pruning will be utilized to produce higher quality wood and further reduce wildfire hazard.

C.1.3.2 This contract requires cutting of brush, hardwoods and thinning of surplus conifers to reduce competition in natural stands and overstocked plantations. Conifer seedlings and saplings shall be released by cutting most small diameter hardwoods and shrubs away from them, using a total brushing approach.

C.1.4 Description of Project Units - The proposed project includes reforestation units that range in size from 1-200 acres, although most units are in the 10 to 40 acre range.

Project units are between 800 and 5,200 foot elevation. Topography is gentle to steep (10-90% slope).

- C.1.5 Location of Project Areas - The work will be performed primarily in southwestern Oregon, within 55 miles of Glendale, Oregon. The specific location of sample task order projects are shown on the maps located in Section J.
- C.1.6 Boundaries - Boundaries of units and subunits are marked by orange paint and timber sale posters, fire lines and recently burned areas, timber stands, by roads or other man made or natural features, property line boundaries, or yellow flagging where clearly designated unit areas are not obvious, or as specified on the unit maps in Section J.
- C.1.7 Access
 - C.1.7.1 Project areas are accessible by graveled or natural-surfaced roads, which may require four-wheel drive vehicles. Natural-surfaced roads may be impassable for several days after heavy rains or snow-blocked during the winter months. Most of the units will require less than one-quarter (1/4) mile walking distance. Standard access will include up to one-half (1/2) mile foot travel to the unit boundary.
 - C.1.7.2 Contractors accessing project areas via private land shall obtain permission from the landowner to travel over private lands before proceeding to start work on any project unit accessed through private land. The Contractor shall provide the Contracting Officer (CO) a written statement of permission or written documentation of verbal approval given by a named person on a stated date and time that the Contractor has been granted permission to travel over private lands.
 - C.1.7.3 If an all-terrain vehicle is used, it shall be of such design that it will travel over rough, uneven terrain and not create wheel ruts and channels. The vehicle shall be approved by the CO prior to use. Use may be restricted seasonally because of Port Orford cedar disease restrictions.
- C.1.8 Road Gates - Some project units are beyond locked gates that may require a key for access. Access behind locked gates shall be for the purpose of conducting work under this contract only. Gates with locks shall be locked immediately after entry or exit by the Contractor for each project unit. Keys may be issued to the Contractor by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) at the BLM, Medford District Office. Supplying the Contractor a key for access is at the discretion of the COR. Gate keys shall be returned to the COR or Project Inspector (PI) within 5 days of completing unit(s) work. A charge of \$50.00 will be assessed for each gate key not returned in a usable condition and will be deducted from the final payment for the task order.
- C.1.9 When two or more locks are present on a gate, the Contractor shall secure the lock so that access is not restricted nor prevent the unlocking of other locks on the gate.
- C.1.10 Unique Features of Project

- C.1.10.1 No-cut treatment zones or reserve areas may be present within the units or project areas. No-treatment areas identified on project maps are excluded from unit acreage for payment purposes. No-treatment areas not identified on project maps will be included in unit acreage for payment purposes.
- C.1.10.2 Riparian areas within the unit boundary may be identified as areas of no treatment. These areas will be identified on the task order map, but will not be flagged or otherwise identified within the unit.
- C.1.10.3 Pacific yew trees shall not be cut, damaged, or considered to be an acceptable leave tree as defined in C.2.0 Definitions. Live Pacific yew trees found in an inspection plot will not be counted for determining payment. However, Pacific yew trees found cut or damaged in an inspection plot will be counted as cut crop/leave trees for purposes of determining payment.
- C.1.10.4 Trees used as bearing trees or any tree blazed or tagged to mark the line of any Government survey, shall not be cut or destroyed under penalty of law. Trees with reference tags or posters identifying BLM projects, or trees with orange paint shall not be cut or damaged.

C.2.0 DEFINITIONS

Acceptable Leave Tree - Any live conifer seedling, natural or planted, which meets the following conditions for conifers under three (3) feet in height:

- a. Survived at least one growing season.
- b. At least eight (8) inches tall.
- c. Has no damage to the main stem.
- d. Is not chlorotic and is disease free.
- e. Demonstrates good vigor.

Conifers greater than three (3) feet in height:

- a. Minimum four (4) inches terminal leader with 40% live crown ratio.
- b. Non-chlorotic, light or dark green with very little or no yellowish tint.
- c. Undamaged top.
- d. Free of visible disease, cankers, fire damage, or blister rust.
- e. Demonstrates good form and vigor.
- f. No multiple tops.

Acceptable Leave Tree for Crown-Spacing of Conifers - In the absence of trees that meet the above definition for an Acceptable Leave Tree:

- a) Leave pole size or sapling conifers with at least 30% crown, or
- b) Any live conifer seedling, natural or planted, that is at least six (6) inches tall, or

c) Any tree formed hardwoods over 5 inches in diameter when no conifers are present.

Bearing Tree - A tree that is used as a reference monument to locate a property corner.

Brush - Vegetation consisting of shrub species with single or multi-stems originating at, or near ground level, not normally reaching twenty (20) feet in height. Examples include but are not limited to: Blackberry, Ceanothus, Hazel, Manzanita, Ocean Spray, Poison Oak, Tan Oak, Chinkapin and other hardwood species inclusive.

Buffer strip – a no treatment area measured horizontally: 1) 25 feet from the high water line along both sides of any stream containing water or 2) 25 feet away from springs or seeps. Any area specifically designated by the COR not to be treated.

Canker - A diseased infection site caused by white pine blister rust on natural and planted sugar pine seedlings and trees. The site is identified by a large bull's eye or swollen spindle shaped wound on the bole or branch of the tree. The infection is sometimes evident on the branches by bright orange needles on an otherwise healthy seedling or tree.

Conifer - An evergreen, cone-bearing tree.

Crown spacing - method of spacing in which the crown coverage from the branch tips plus four feet (for the cylinder) mandates tree spacing. Due to variables in nature and previous planting spacing these trees may be 2 to 8 feet between branch tips when the work is completed. Branch tips of conifer crowns in the same horizontal plane shall not overlap. Trees thinned in this manner should be free to grow with an unobstructed space all around.

Cull Tree - A conifer that has damaged stems, broken, dead or forked tops, or shows signs of disease, low vigor or other undesirable characteristics. Examples will be identified by the PI.

Cut Leave Tree - A tree that should not have been cut.

Damaged Leave Tree - A leave tree damaged through felling of other trees or brush or excessive contact with cutting tools.

DBH - Diameter of the tree at breast height, measured at a point four and one half (4.5) feet above ground level from the uphill side of the tree.

Drip line – An area located approximately at the branch tips where the branches create the widest part of the tree crown.

First Lift – A method of pruning limited to 10 feet in height or the first stage of pruning commonly used on younger stands from 15 to 35 feet in height. At least 50% of the live crown shall remain after pruning.

Hardwood - A broad-leaved tree which usually has a single, well-defined trunk and attains a height of greater than 20 feet. Examples include but are not limited to: Alder, Big Leaf Maple, Madrone and Oak species. Sprouting hardwood species may be in the form of multi-stemmed clumps.

Leave Trees - All conifers not required to be cut. All conifers and hardwoods over seven (7) inches DBH are considered to be leave trees. Hardwoods shall be used in spacing when adequate conifers are not available to meet spacing requirements.

Lodged Trees and Brush - Cut trees and brush leaning into, supported by, or covering a leave tree.

Non-Woody Vegetation - All herbaceous vegetation including (but not limited to) grasses, ferns, sedge, forbs, thistle, and mullein.

No Treatment Zones -

- a. 25 feet of each side of nonfish-bearing streams.
- b. 25 feet away from springs or seeps.
- c. Riparian areas designated by the COR.
- d. Buffers for T&E plants are flagged with yellow and black striped ribbon and/or yellow posters with black lettering stating “Plant Site” to denote vascular plants or lichens and bryophytes.
- e. Areas specifically designated by the COR.

No-treatment zones are to be measured horizontally from the edge of the stream channel or flagging and posters.

Pruning - The severing of all live, dead or infected limbs (including whiskers) from the bole of a selected tree to the specified pruning height.

Pullback Strip - An area to be cleared of slash created by crown spacing and pruning treatments. For this contract the pullback strip is the area within 10 horizontal feet of the ditchline of roads that border or pass through the project area.

Reserve Area - A portion of a unit area excluded from treatment.

Reserve Trees – All Pacific Yew trees and other trees as designated by the COR.

Second Lift- Second lift pruning is the pruning of conifer limbs between 10 feet and 17.5 feet in height. Generally on older bigger trees 10-20 inches DBH and up to 60 feet in height. First and second lift may be ordered concurrently.

Slash - Any material which has been cut by the Contractor or cut during previous land management activities.

Stream - A drainage that has flowing water during project work or shows evidence of annual scouring or run-off happening yearly.

Stub - The protruding end of a cut or broken branch or limb.

Stump Height - Distance from top of stump to the ground line measured on the uphill side of stump.

Surplus Trees and Brush

- a. All brush at least one (1) foot in height as measured from the base to the end of the stem.
- b. All hardwood trees at least one (1) foot in height as measured from the base to the end of the stem and not considered leave trees.
- c. All conifers seven (7) inches DBH and less that have had mechanical damage from logging activity or natural disturbance unless needed for spacing.
- d. All conifers that lean more than 25 degrees from true vertical to the horizontal plane and are seven (7) inches DBH and less unless needed for spacing.

Thinning - Intermediate cutting aimed primarily at controlling growth of stands through adjustments in stand density.

Treatment - The following work activities described in this contract:

- a. Crown-Space Conifer thinning with 100% brushing
- b. Conifer limb pruning 1st lift (to 10 ft height)
- c. Conifer limb pruning 2nd Lift (10 to 17.5 feet)

Uncut Surplus Trees or Brush – Trees or brush that should have been cut to provide the required release of leave trees but was not. Live limbs still attached to cut stumps will also be considered as uncut surplus trees and brush.

Unpruned tree - A tree found during inspection that should have been pruned.

Whiskers - Small branches, live or dead, usually less than (1) one inch in diameter and generally less than (2) two feet in length. These branches are often very small and can be easily overlooked.

Wildlife Trees - Standing dead or live trees left for nesting, feeding, perching and shelter for birds and mammals. Trees may be marked with paint and/or designated with a tag stating that it is a wildlife tree or as identified by the COR.

Woody Vegetation - Hardwood species less than one (1) inch DBH and all brush species.

C.3.0 CONTRACTOR-FURNISHED ITEMS

C.3.1 Contractor Requirements

C.3.1.1 Contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, supervision, transportation, tools, materials and incidentals necessary to perform all treatments in accordance with the enclosed specifications, terms and conditions. Equipment and materials for services include, but are not limited to, chainsaws for thinning, hand clippers, loppers, and pruning saws, pruning knives and pole saws specifically designed for tree pruning and incidentals necessary to perform services.

C.3.1.2 The Contractor shall also provide a means of communication whereby the BLM can contact crew foremen in the field within two (2) hours of request from BLM to Contractor. This must be available between the hours of 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

C.3.2 Crew Requirements

C.3.2.1 The Contractor shall keep the CO informed of the crew(s) location(s) by calling or faxing in their location every Monday morning between 7 and 9 AM. The Contractor shall also contact the CO when treatment units are completed and when new units are started. The sequence of work on each task order will be determined by the CO and may be subject to change. The Contractor shall notify the CO whenever the crew(s) will be absent from the work site for more than 24 hours (except normal weekends).

C.3.2.2 The Contractor shall designate one fluent, English speaking and literate supervisor for each crew. Supervisors shall be identified by the Contractor at the prework conference. Any changes in supervisory designations must be submitted in writing to the CO at least 24 hours prior to the change taking effect.

C.3.2.3 The person designated by the Contractor as supervisor must actually perform in that capacity. The supervisor must effectively direct the crew by:

- a. making periodic inspections of the crew's work,
- b. advising them of any discrepancies found in the work that deviate from the specifications and provide instructions to correct any improper work.

C.3.2.4 The supervisor shall be present at the work site each work day. If a supervisor is not present, the employees of the Contractor will not be permitted to work.

C.3.2.5 The supervisor shall have a copy of the contract, task order, and know the requirements of the contract including technical requirements and unit locations. The PI will not act as a supervisor to the crew(s). The PI may require that the supervisor act solely as the supervisor and perform no other work if work quality is found to be below acceptable quality standards.

C.3.2.6 Crew members must be kept together at all times, working as a crew under the control of a supervisor. All crew members shall know, understand, and perform according to the specifications. Prior notice must be given to the CO if there will be significant change in crew personnel.

C.3.3 Camping on BLM Administered Land

C.3.3.1 Camping on BLM administered lands will only be allowed in approved sites and with the prior written authorization of the Field Manager. Should such a work camp be authorized, the Contractor shall maintain the camp in an orderly and sanitary manner. This will require a portable sanitation unit. All fire regulations and permits shall be followed. Requests for camping authorization shall be made in writing.

C.3.3.2 Any refuse, debris or garbage left by the Contractor shall be cleaned up as each unit is completed. All such debris, garbage and refuse shall be removed from the project areas by the Contractor and disposed of legally off site before final payment is made. No illegal dumping of any material on either BLM or private property is acceptable.

C.3.4 Work hours will be restricted as described in Section H.1.0.

C.4.0 GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED PROPERTY

The Government will furnish maps, keys if applicable and forms for inspection if requested.

C.5.0 SPECIFIC TASKS

C.5.1 Records, Notification and Inspections

C.5.1.1 Records and Notification - The Contractor shall maintain adequate daily records to allow the Government to monitor contract progress and for the Contractor to be accountable for work quality. Contractor records shall include: (1) project unit names (2) the number of acres treated (3) supervisor/inspector's name (4) work quality percentage and (5) supervisor signature and date. Daily work record reports for each treatment shall be submitted to the COR within three (3) days of completing a treatment on a unit.

C.5.1.2 Inspection and Analysis - The Contractor shall provide and maintain an inspection system acceptable to the Government covering the services under this contract.

Inspections shall be performed on a minimum one percent sample of the treatment area, concurrently with the work being done. The inspection results and summary shall be used by the Contractor to gauge compliance with contract specifications. Government inspection forms for Contractor's use are available upon request. Complete records of all inspection work performed by the Contractor shall be maintained and provided to the COR upon completion of the units.

C.5.1.3 Payment will be based on the Government's inspection results. The Contractor's inspection results are to be used as a guide for the Contractor's use in complying with contract specifications and not as a basis for payment.

C.5.2 Subitem A - Crown-Spacing of Conifers with 100% Brushing

C.5.2.1 Within treatment areas all leave tree conifers shall be spaced from the lateral branch tips or drip-line out (4) four feet horizontal and vertical as a target opening. Due to variables in nature and previous plant spacing, these trees may require 3 to 8 feet between branch tips. When the work is completed, branch tips shall not overlap. No conifers shall be left closer than the crown-space requirements (4 feet average) unless they are greater than 7 inches DBH. Trees thinned in this manner should be free to grow with an unobstructed space all around. Understory trees may remain as long as the space around the crown is open and the understory trees remain free to grow with at least 4 feet between the terminal leader and the nearest branches (see Illustration 1).

C.5.2.2 Criteria for Selecting Leave Vegetation

a. Leave trees >7 " DBH – All conifers and hardwoods 7.1 inches DBH and larger are reserved from cutting. These trees shall be included in spacing requirements.

b. Leave trees ≤ 7 " DBH – The largest, healthiest, best formed trees shall be selected as leave trees. Characteristics used in the selection of leave trees include the following:

1. Has no apparent damage to the main bole;
2. Is not chlorotic;
3. Demonstrates good vigor and is disease free;
4. Has at least 40 percent crown ratio or largest crown ratio if none greater than 40 percent are present.

c. In project areas containing a variety of conifer species, leave trees shall be selected using the following species preference:

1. Sugar pine
2. Douglas-fir
3. Ponderosa pine
4. Western red cedar

5. Incense-cedar
6. Knob cone pine and other conifer species

However, in selecting leave trees, tree form, size and vigor as described in paragraph C.5.2.2 shall take precedence over the listed species preference.

Conifers not selected as acceptable leave trees shall be severed completely with a maximum stump height of eight (8) inches above the ground and cut at a 90-degree angle to the stem.

d. All healthy sugar pine trees regardless of spacing shall be retained. Where spacing of healthy sugar pines are closer than the required distance, space off the outer-most individual pine. All sugar pine trees with white pine blister rust disease as evidenced by bole cancers, diamond shaped, or bulls-eye shaped wounds on the bole shall be cut as surplus trees.

e. In areas where the dominant trees are knobcone pine the Contractor shall not consider knobcone pine over 7 inches DBH within the required spacing.

C.5.2.3 Treatment of Surplus Vegetation

a. All surplus conifer and hardwood trees, brush and woody vegetation over one (1) foot tall and seven (7) inches DBH and less within the cutting zone of an acceptable leave tree shall be severed within eight (8) inches of the ground.

b. All cut hardwoods, brush and woody vegetation shall be severed at a 90-degree angle to the stem. No live limbs shall be left on the stump of any cut stem.

c. Acceptable leave trees shall not be damaged or buried with slash (see Illustration No. 2)

d. Resulting slash shall be cut to a maximum length of (9) nine feet, limbed, lopped and/or scattered to a depth not to exceed three (3) feet above the ground surface. Stems may have to be cut into multiple pieces to insure material is within three (3) feet of the ground surface.

e. All slash shall be removed from any roads, road prisms and trails within the project area concurrently with the treatment. Slash falling outside the project areas shall be moved completely into the project area concurrently with the treatment.

f. Slash shall be removed at least ten (10) feet from the road cut on the upper side and ten (10) feet from the road shoulder on the lower side within project units, except where no-cut buffers are required (see Illustration No.3)

C.5.2.4 Streams, as designated on the project area maps, shall have a 50-foot buffer area where surplus trees and brush shall not be cut. The no-cut buffer area shall be 25 feet on each side of stream banks as measured horizontally from the edge of the channel.

C.5.2.5 Refueling of chainsaws is not allowed within 150 feet of any stream or wet area. Spilled fuel and/or oil shall be cleaned up and disposed of legally off site within one day of any spill event.

C.5.2.6 The Contractor shall immediately notify the COR prior to work beginning on any unit, if metal stakes supporting vexar tubing or wire wickets from tree shades remain installed in any unit.

C.5.3 Items B & C, Limb Pruning of Conifers

C.5.3.1 These items may be utilized in conjunction with treatments on the contract, or independently on previously thinned units or natural stands. Example: Item C could be ordered on a unit that has previously been pruned to 10 feet. In this case only the preselected pruned trees would require treatment.

C.5.3.2 All pruning will take place at an approximate 20 foot by 20 foot spacing resulting in approximately 100 trees per acre being pruned. Trees to be limb-pruned shall be healthy Sugar pine first, and then Douglas fir and Ponderosa pine. Trees shall be selected from the trees remaining after stocking level control operations.

C.5.3.3 First Lift Pruning Specifications

- a. Conifers 20 feet in height or greater shall have all branches, whiskers, lateral sprouts, and stubs pruned to a maximum height of ten (10) feet as measured from ground level on the uphill side of the tree (see Illustration No. 4).
- b. Conifers less than 20 feet in height shall have all branches, whiskers, lateral sprouts, and stubs pruned to a height equal to 50 percent of the total tree height.
- c. For sugar pine only, regardless of spacing or total tree height, all infected, diseased and /or swollen limbs shall be pruned off.

C.5.3.4 Second Lift Conifer Limb Pruning Specifications

- a. Conifers to be pruned shall have all branches, whiskers, lateral sprouts, and stubs pruned to a maximum height of seventeen point five (17.5) feet as measured from ground level on the uphill side of the tree. Trees will be of various heights and diameters between 35 and 70 feet tall and 8 to 20 inches DBH (see Illustration No. 5).
- b. Regardless of total tree height, no tree shall be pruned to the extent that less than ½ the live crown remains after pruning.

- C.5.3.5 The use of a small ladder to aid in pruning is permitted. If the Contractor chooses to use a ladder, the ladder shall be used in a manner that does not damage the pruned tree. If using pole saws for second lift no ladder will be needed.
- C.5.3.6 Remove all live, dead and infected limbs, whiskers, lateral sprouts, and stubs to the required height by completely severing from the tree as close to the bole as possible without damaging the branch collar or the bole. Severed branch stubs shall be smooth and less than ½ inch from branch collar. (See Illustration No. 6).
- C.5.3.7 Only approved pruning saws with at least 10 teeth per inch or more. Pruning loppers/shears specifically designed for limb pruning (Porter-Ferguson, HIT-27, Prune-off loppers, or the equivalent) or hand held anvil pruners may also be used if approved by the Government in advance.
- C.5.3.8 Sandviks, clubs and machetes shall not be used to remove limbs or whiskers.
- C.5.3.9 The use of chain saws, hand held gas powered pruning saws and clubs is prohibited. Any other tool not specified that results in shattered or jagged branch stubs after use is prohibited.
- C.5.3.10 Limbs pruned from the selected conifers shall be dispersed a minimum of one (1) foot away from the base of the pruned trees. (See Illustration No. 7)

C.5.4 Special Treatment Requirements - In order to comply with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion #1-7-96-F-392 for 1996 through 2005 BLM Silviculture projects (updated September, 2001), the following restrictions shall apply on BLM task orders if the Government detects Murrelet or Spotted Owl activity or nesting sites within the BLM project area:

Murrelets - If the Government determines that Marbled Murrelet activity or nesting sites exist within 35 miles of the coast, chainsaw activity will not occur within 0.25 miles of any occupied stand or unsurveyed suitable habitat starting April 1 through August 5. For the period between August 6 through September 15, work activities shall be confined to between two hours after sunrise and two hours before sunset. This 35 mile line is shown on the Glendale Resource Area Map in Section J. These units will be identified by the Government.

Spotted Owls - Chain saw activity will not occur within a 0.25-mile radius of a nest site or activity center of known pairs or resident singles from March 1 through June 30. If the Government determines that an active spotted owl nest or activity center is located within or adjacent to a project area, a suspend work order will be issued for the area of activity until after September 30.

SECTION C - ILLUSTRATIONS

Illustration 1 - Cutting Zone

Illustration 2 - Leave tree buried

Illustration 3 - Road Prism

Illustration 4 - Pruning Height

Illustration 5 - Second Lift Pruning

Illustration 6 - Proper Pruning

Illustration 7 - Limb Dispersal

Illustration 8 - Pruning Inspection Forms

Illustration 9 - Crown Spacing Inspection forms

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

52.246-4 INSPECTION OF SERVICES - FIXED-PRICE (AUG 1996)

(a) Definitions. Services, as used in this clause, include services performed, workmanship, and material furnished or utilized in the performance of services.

(b) The Contractor shall provide and maintain an inspection system acceptable to the Government covering the services under this contract. Complete records of all inspection work performed by the Contractor shall be maintained and made available to the Government during contract performance and for as long afterwards as the contract requires.

(c) The Government has the right to inspect and test all services called for by the contract, to the extent practicable at all times and places during the term of the contract. The Government shall perform inspections and tests in a manner that will not unduly delay the work.

(d) If the Government performs inspections or tests on the premises of the Contractor or a subcontractor, the Contractor shall furnish, and shall require subcontractors to furnish, at no increase in contract price, all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient performance of these duties.

(e) If any of the services do not conform to contract requirements, the Government may require the Contractor to perform the services again in conformity with contract requirements, at no increase in contract amount. When the defects in services cannot be corrected by reperformance, the Government may (1) require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to contract requirements and (2) reduce the contract price to reflect the reduced value of the services performed.

(f) If the Contractor fails to promptly perform the services again or to take the necessary action to ensure future performance in conformity with contract requirements, the Government may (1) by contract or otherwise, perform the services and charge to the Contractor any cost incurred by the Government that is directly related to the performance of such service or (2) terminate the contract for default.

E.1.0 SURVEILLANCE PLAN

E.1.1 All work included in the contract specifications shall be subject to inspections by the Government at periodic intervals during the performance of this contract. Treatment inspections are for the sole benefit of the Government and shall not release the Contractor of the responsibility of providing quality control measures to assure that the work strictly complies with the contract requirements.

E.1.2 Government inspection of completed units will not occur until the Notification of Completed Work form and Contractor's field inspection cards are received by the COR.

- E.1.3 After receipt of the Notification of Completed Work and Contractor's field inspection cards, the Government will complete all inspections within twenty one (21) calendar days.
- E.1.4 Item A, Crown Spacing with 100% Brushing
- E.1.4.1 Inspections will be based on a minimum one-percent inspection sample well-distributed throughout the unit. Each plot will be inspected and evaluated for compliance with all contract specifications. The plot radius, number of plots and the spacing requirements will be documented.
- E.1.4.2 Inspection results will be recorded on the Crown-Spacing Inspection Form. (See Illustration No. 8).
- E.1.4.3 If multiple treatments are required on the same unit, inspections for all of those treatments will be made at the same time and on the same inspection segments as the initial treatment inspection. Each inspection plot will be inspected and evaluated for compliance with all contract specifications.
- E.1.6 Item B, 1st Lift Conifer Limb Pruning, 100 TPA and Item C, 2nd Lift Conifer Limb Pruning, 100 TPA
- E.1.6.1 Inspections for pruning will be made at the same time and on the same plot as the inspections for Item A, and recorded on the Limb Pruning Inspection Form. (Illustration No. 9) Each plot will be inspected and evaluated for compliance with all contract specifications in accordance with E.1.0.
- E.1.6.2 The following data will be recorded for each plot:
- a. Number of leave trees (Pine/Fir) that should have been pruned on the plot.
 - b. Number of correctly pruned trees on the plot.
 - c. Number of improperly pruned trees for the following reasons noted under the Comments column:
 - 1) Number of trees pruned to improper height.
 - 2) Number of limbs requiring pruning, not pruned off.
 - 3) Number of trees unacceptably damaged during pruning. Unacceptable damage permits wood in the tree's bole to be seen, or results in more than three areas on the pruned tree having damage to the outer bark. Damage may also include, but is not limited to damage to the branch collar and/or bole of the tree from cutting tools or damage from improper or careless use of a ladder or damage from climbing.

4) Number trees having improper removal of limbs, lateral sprouts, and/or whiskers, which may include, but is not limited to; pruning that leaves any branch end more than one half inch in length or pruning that leaves more than three lateral sprouts and/or whiskers on the area required to be treated.

5) Improper dispersal of pruned limbs at the base of the tree.

E.2.0 ACCEPTANCE

E.2.1 Acceptance of work will be determined by the results of the Government inspections.

E.2.2 Acceptability of treatments will be determined by surveys revealing the number of well-spaced suitable treatments per acre adequate to meet minimum standards on all acres as specified on the task order. Adequacy of spacing will be determined by the presence or absence of treatments on individual plots examined over the entire unit.

E.2.3 Acceptance of work will be based on compliance with all Section C.5.0 Specific Tasks minimum quality standards that correspond to the treatment.

E.2.4 Work Quality Percent (WQP) - The WQP is derived from inspection plot data and is used in determining payment.

E.2.4.1 Item A - The WQP will be determined by dividing the total number of satisfactorily treated trees by the total number of trees inspected from all plots in an entire unit. This rate multiplied by 100 provides the WQP.

EXAMPLE:

Number of satisfactory treated trees	- 54
Number of trees inspected	- 60
WQP - (54 divided by 60) x 100	= 90%

E.2.4.2 Items B & C - The WQP will be determined by dividing the total number of satisfactorily pruned trees by the total number of trees on the plots that should have been pruned. This rate multiplied by 100 provides the WQP.

EXAMPLE:

Number of satisfactorily pruned Conifers	- 23
Number of Conifers that should have been pruned	- 25
WQP (23 divided by 25) x 100	= 92%

E.2.5 Acceptable Quality Level (AQL)

- E.2.5.1 AQL is the quality level of work required for acceptance. A minimum WQP of 90% is required to meet the AQL for acceptance.
- E.2.5.2 The CO may terminate treatments on units where the Contractor has failed to obtain the required AQL.
- E.2.5.3 Acceptance for the number of acres satisfactorily treated will be on a unit-by-unit basis.
- E.2.6 Unsatisfactory Work
 - E.2.6.1 If the WQP falls below 90%, the CO will immediately notify the Contractor in writing and direct him to improve the quality of his work. If the quality of work is not raised to an acceptable level within one (1) working day after written notification, the CO may issue a Suspend Work Order to resolve the problem, during which time contract performance time will continue to run. If untreated or unsatisfactorily treated trees are the primary reason for unsatisfactory work, the area shall be reworked to obtain satisfactory work quality. The Contractor shall rework once any unit which has a WQP less than 90%. If the unit fails the second time, the Contractor will be paid based on the results of the reinspection and charged for the cost to reinspect the unit.
 - E.2.6.2 If untreated or unsatisfactorily treated areas and/or untreated brush or trees are the primary reason for unsatisfactory work, the area may be reworked at the discretion of the CO to obtain satisfactory work quality.
- E.2.7 Reinspection - When units fall below the AQL of 90%, rework may be required. When instructed by the COR, the Contractor shall rework the unit one time for reinspection by the Government. If the unit again fails to meet the AQL, the CO has the option of accepting the unit at the WQP calculated from inspection plots or by ordering the Contractor to rework the unit again. If the CO elects to accept the unit at the WQP calculated after rework, the Contractor will be paid based on the results of the reinspection.
- E.2.9 Reinspection Costs - The Contractor shall be charged for all the Government's reinspection costs including, but not limited to vehicle lease costs, mileage and inspector's wages. Reinspection costs will be charged for any subsequent inspections after the initial inspection for payment purposes.
- E.3.0 PAYMENT
 - E.3.1 Payment will be based on the Government inspection results.
 - E.3.2 Payment will be made on completed units for the actual number of acres treated as listed in the task order, inspected and accepted by the Government, minus the adjustment in payment based on the WQP, if any. An adjustment of 5 percent will be added to the WQP for those units achieving 95 percent before rework. If the WQP equals or exceeds 95 percent before rework, full payment (100 percent) will be made for the number of acres inspected and accepted by the Government on the completed units.

- E.3.3 Units achieving a WQP of 90-94 before rework, and units achieving a WQP of 90 to 100 after rework (if allowed) will be paid at that percentage rate.
- E.3.4 If units are accepted which do not meet the required AQL, payment will be made at a rate determined by multiplying the actual WQP by the bid price. Continued failure to meet the AQL may be grounds for termination for default.
- E.3.5 The Contractor will be paid only for acres and treatments ordered by the Government.
- E.3.6 Measurement of Treatment Areas
- E.3.6.1 Individual treatment areas will be identified within units. Acres will be calculated using a combination of aerial photograph interpretation and established field measurement methods.
- E.3.6.2 The acreage for the purpose of payment is measured on the horizontal plane.
- E.3.6.3 Roads do not require treatment and have been excluded from the unit acreage to be measured and paid for under the contract. Average widths of roads are estimated to be 20 feet throughout the project. Likewise, stream and other buffers identified on the project map have also been excluded from unit acreage.
- E.3.7 Remeasurement of Treatment Areas
- E.3.7.1 The Contractor may, at any time during the course of the contract, request remeasurement of any treatment area if he feels that the acreage stated in the contract and on the project maps is incorrect. This request must be made in writing to the COR.
- E.3.7.2 If remeasurement indicates that a variance of 5 percent or less exists, the Contractor will pay for the actual cost of the remeasurement. Payment for the treatment area will be based on the acreage stated in the contract.
- E.3.7.3 If remeasurement indicates that the actual acreage variance is more than 5 percent of that shown in the contract, payment for the treatment area will be based on the remeasured acreage. The cost for remeasurement will be incurred by the Government.

SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

F.1.0 TASK ORDERS

Task orders may be placed throughout the contract by the CO at the prices listed on the Schedule of Items. COs for agencies identified on the Schedule of Items may also place orders. The CO will consider price and past performance on this and previous contracts in determining placement of task orders.

F.2.0 CONTRACT TIME

The Contractor shall begin work within 3 calendar days from the effective date of the notice to proceed for each task order. The Contractor shall continue performance of the work under the contract without delay or interruption except by causes beyond his control as defined by contract clauses, or by the receipt of a "Suspend Work Order" issued by the Government. Failure to do so may be cause for action under the "Default" clause. The Contractor shall complete all work required within the time specified in the Schedule of Items.

F.3.0 PROGRESS PLAN

At the prework conference, the Contractor shall provide to the COR a written "work progress plan" that details his proposed work force and schedule to provide for orderly completion of the work within the contract performance time. This work schedule must be acceptable to the Government. At a minimum, the schedule should reflect a work progress rate equal to the available amount of contract performance time. The unit sequence work schedule will be determined by the COR at the prework conference and may be subject to change because of normal variations in weather conditions at no change in contract time or price.

SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G.1.0 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE DEFINITION

The "Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)" is the on-the-ground administrator for the Contracting Officer.

G.2.0 PROJECT INSPECTOR DEFINITION

"Project Inspector" means the person designated by the COR to perform, as needed, on-the-job Government inspection of work accomplished by the Contractor.

G.3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE AND PROJECT INSPECTOR

G.3.1 The COR's authorities and responsibilities are defined in the COR's Designation Letter. The COR is authorized to clarify technical requirements, and to review and approve work which is clearly within the scope of work. The COR is NOT authorized to issue changes pursuant to the changes clause or to in any other way modify the scope of work.

G.3.2 The Project Inspector is responsible for checking the Contractor's compliance with the technical specifications, drawings, work schedule, and labor provisions at the site of the work.

G.4.0 NOTICE TO PROCEED

G.4.1 The COR will issue to the Contractor a written notice to proceed for each task order. Issuance of the notice may be delayed for a reasonable time, at the discretion of the Government, if adverse soil, vegetative, or climatological conditions exist.

G.4.2 The Contractor shall perform no preliminary work prior to receipt of the written notice to proceed. Contract time starts on the effective date of the notice to proceed.

SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1.0 WORK HOURS

No work shall be done on Saturday or Sunday unless mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer. Work hours under this contract shall be limited to the time between one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day, except for chainsaw work when required within a marbled murrelet zone. Refer to C.5.4 regarding specific work restrictions and the Endangered Species Act.

H.2.0 PROSECUTION OF THE WORK

H.2.1 The capacity of the Contractor's plant, method of operation, and forces employed shall, at all times during the continuance of the contract, be subject to the approval of the Contracting Officer and shall be such as to assure the completion of the work within the specified period of time. To the extent stated in the specifications, the Contracting Officer shall have the right to select the sequence in which the individual work will be completed.

H.2.2 If work is seriously or chronically deficient, the Contractor's right to proceed may be suspended until the performance problems can be resolved and work may resume. The contract time will continue to run during any such period of suspension.

H.2.3 The Contracting Officer may, in writing, require the Contractor to remove from the work any employee found to be working in an unsafe manner.

H.3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL INTERRUPTION OF WORK

H.3.1 Environmental - The Contracting Officer, by issuance of a suspend work order, may direct the Contractor to shut down any work that may be subject to damage due to weather conditions or fire danger. The Contractor will be given a resume work order which will document the date the work suspension ends. An allowance has been included in the contract time for short term environmental delays up to one day at a time. The count of contract time will therefore continue during work interruptions of one day or less, but the count of contract time will stop during work interruptions in excess of one day at a time. All periods of interruptions directed by the Government will be documented. The Contractor will not be entitled to additional monetary compensation for such suspensions regardless of duration.

H.3.2 Endangered Species - The Government may direct the Contractor to discontinue all operations in the event that listed or proposed threatened or endangered plants or animals protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, or Federal candidate (Category 1 and 2), sensitive or state listed species, identified under BLM Manual 6840, are discovered to be present in or adjacent to the project area. Actions taken under this paragraph shall be subject to the Suspension of Work clause in Section I, FAR 52.242-14.

H.4.0 PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

If, in connection with operations under this contract, the Contractor, subcontractors, or the employees of any of them, discovers, encounters or becomes aware of any objects or sites of cultural value on the project area, such as historical or prehistorical ruins, graves or grave markers, fossils, or artifacts, the Contractor shall immediately suspend all operations in the vicinity of the cultural value and shall notify the COR in writing of the findings. No objects of cultural resource value may be removed. Operations may resume at the discovery site upon receipt of written instructions. Actions taken under this paragraph shall be subject to the Suspension of Work clause in Section I, FAR 52.242-14.

H.5.0 SUBCONTRACTS

If the contractor desires to subcontract any work under the contract, it shall obtain the Contracting Officer's written consent. The request to subcontract shall contain the following information:

- a. Name of subcontractor
- b. Description and amount of supplies or services to be subcontracted. The Contractor shall insert in any subcontracts all applicable clauses contained in the contract.

H.6.0 RESTORATION OF RESOURCES

H.6.1 Cleanup - The Contractor is responsible for cleaning up all camp and worksites before leaving the area. Final payment may be withheld until the Contractor has complied with this requirement.

H.6.2 Access Roads - Public or private access roads damaged by the Contractor shall be restored, at his expense, to the same condition they were in at the commencement of work.

H.7.0 FIRE DANGER SEASON

If the COR allows the Contractor to continue work during periods of Closed Fire Season, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable State laws relating to fire prevention and with all special conditions of work as directed by the COR.

H.8.0 UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

This contract involves the employment of unskilled labor working under arduous field conditions. Such employment may be attractive to persons coming from foreign countries, sometimes illegally. Bidders are reminded that it is a crime to bring into the United States, transport within the United States, and to harbor aliens who do not have a proper visa for entry and working in this country (8 U.S.C. ' 1323-1325). If violations are suspected by the COR during the performance of work on this (these) project(s) they will be reported to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service for investigation and appropriate action. Conviction of the Contractor for commission of a criminal offense referred to herein will be deemed sufficient cause for default and the initiation of debarment or suspension proceedings to prevent the Contractor from receiving future Government contracts.

H.9.0 MIGRANT SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS PROTECTION ACT REGISTRATION

H.9.1 As set forth in Title 29, Part 500 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection, the Contractor shall maintain all necessary U.S. Department of Labor registrations during the performance period of this contract. Failure to maintain a valid registration is grounds for termination of this contract.

H.9.2 In compliance with the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, the Contractor shall provide the following to meet minimum safety and health standards for housing employees when camping on Federal lands:

- a. A shelter to provide protection from the elements. Where heat adequate for weather conditions is not provided, other arrangements should be made to protect the workers from the cold.
- b. Sanitary facilities for storing food. Ice chests or coolers, with ice supply made from potable water replenished as necessary, to meet the requirement for storage of perishable food items.
- c. An adequate and convenient potable water supply, approved by the appropriate health authority, in each camp for drinking and cooking purposes. As an alternative, commercial bottled water may be used.
- d. Toilet and hand washing facilities adequate for the capacity of the camp, at not less than a 1:15 ratio, supplied with adequate toilet paper. Such facilities shall be maintained in a sanitary condition.
- e. Fly-tight, rodent-tight, impervious, cleanable or single service containers to be used for the storage of garbage. Such containers shall be kept clean and emptied when full.
- f. Basic first aid supplies under the charge of a person trained to administer first aid.

- g. A laundry tray or tub for every 30 workers, or transportation, at least weekly, to a commercial laundromat for all workers.

H.10.0 OREGON FARM/FOREST LABOR CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

If the State of Oregon requires an Oregon Farm/Forest Labor Contractor's License, then the contractor awarded this contract and all first-tier subcontractors shall be required to obtain and maintain, during the term of this contract, such a license. Contractors not having a current license will be required to furnish evidence of having obtained such license within ten (10) days after receipt of written notification of contract award. Failure to obtain, keep and maintain a current license during the term of this contract or the extension thereof shall be a basis for termination for default.

Information on obtaining this license may be obtained from:

Bureau of Labor and Industries
Wage and Hour Division
3865 Wolverine St. NE; E-1
Salem, OR 97305-1268

Contact: Licensing Unit
Telephone: (503) 373-1463
Fax: (503) 373-7636

H.11.0 IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED MATERIAL

- H.11.1 Improper disposal includes, but is not limited to, the wrongful ditching, hiding or burying of Government-furnished material (GFM). The Government may, by issuance of a written order, suspend the Contractor's right to proceed for improper disposal of GFM. The Contractor may be required to remove from the contract site any individuals involved in the improper disposal of GFM.
- H.11.2 The Contractor will be charged for the actual costs of the improperly disposed GFM. The costs will be based on the current market value and any associated costs. Serious or repeated improper disposal may be referred to law enforcement for investigation and appropriate action. Conviction of the Contractor for commission of a criminal offense referred to herein will be deemed sufficient cause for default and the initiation of debarment or suspension proceedings to prevent the Contractor from receiving future Government contracts.

H.12.0 PERFORMANCE SECURITY

- H.12.1 The successful offeror shall furnish to the Contracting Officer performance security on Standard Form (SF) 25 in an amount not less than 20 percent of the minimum guarantee not to exceed \$30,000. The security shall be submitted within ten (10) days after receipt of written notification of award.
- H.12.2 Performance security may be in the form of a corporate or an individual surety, certified or cashier's check, bank draft, postal money order, irrevocable letter of credit, currency or certain bonds or notes of the United States
- H.12.3 Each corporate surety bond, executed by an agent or attorney-in-fact for a corporate surety, is required to have submitted with it a power of attorney specifically naming the agent or attorney-in-fact to represent the corporate surety. The power of attorney shall be executed upon a date reasonably proximate to the date of the bond or shall be accompanied by a certification of the surety to the effect that the power of attorney was in full force and effect upon a date reasonably proximate to the date of the bond.
- H.12.4 Each individual surety shall be submitted in accordance with Clause 52.228-11, Pledge of Assets.
- H.12.5 Certified or cashier's checks, bank drafts, postal money orders, and certain bonds or notes of the United States shall be drawn payable to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and reference the applicable contract number. Securities or currency may be deposited by the BLM in the U.S. Treasury. Irrevocable letters of credit (ILC) shall be issued by a federally-insured financial institution in the name of the contracting agency and which identify the agency and solicitation or contract number for which the ILC is provided (see clause 52.228-14).
- H.12.6 Performance security shall be maintained through date of final payment, except for the security interest in the individual surety (lien on real property or personal property in escrow) and ILCs, which both shall be maintained for 90 days following final payment or until completion of any warranty period, whichever is later.

H.13.0 TASK ORDER OMBUDSMAN

1510-52.216-70 - The task order contract ombudsman for this contract is: Stephanie Coleman, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office (952), 333 S.W. First Avenue, 4th floor, Portland, Oregon 97204; mailing address P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208-2965; telephone number 503-808-6216; facsimile number 503-808-6312; and e-mail address Stephanie_Coleman@blm.gov. In accordance with FAR 16.505(b)(4), the ombudsman shall review complaints from contractors regarding contracts awarded under

this solicitation. Failure of an agency to follow ombudsman advice may result in termination of the agency's authority to place orders.

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SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

52.202-1 DEFINITIONS

(JUL 2004)

(a) When a solicitation provision or contract clause uses a word or term that is defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), the word or term has the same meaning as the definition in FAR 2.101 in effect at the time the solicitation was issued, unless—

- (1) The solicitation, or amended solicitation, provides a different definition;
- (2) The contracting parties agree to a different definition;
- (3) The part, subpart, or section of the FAR where the provision or clause is prescribed provides a different meaning; or
- (4) The word or term is defined in FAR Part 31, for use in the cost principles and procedures.

(b) The FAR Index is a guide to words and terms the FAR defines and shows where each definition is located. The FAR Index is available via the Internet at <http://www.acqnet.gov> at the end of the FAR, after the FAR Appendix.

52.204-7 CENTRAL CONTRACT REGISTRATION

(JULY 2006)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

“Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database” means the primary Government repository for Contractor information required for the conduct of business with the Government.

“Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number” means the 9-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to identify unique business entities.

“Data Universal Numbering System +4 (DUNS+4) number” means the DUNS number assigned by D&B plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned by a business concern. (D&B has no affiliation with this 4-character suffix.) This 4-character suffix may be assigned at the discretion of the business concern to establish additional CCR records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see the FAR at Subpart 32.11) for the same parent concern.

“Registered in the CCR database” means that—

(1) The Contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the DUNS number or the DUNS+4 number, into the CCR database; and

(2) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and has marked the record “Active”. The contractor will be required to provide consent for TIN validation to the Government as a part of the CCR registration process.

(b)(1) By submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the CCR database prior to award, during performance, and through final payment of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchasing agreement resulting from this solicitation.

(2) The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation “DUNS” or “DUNS +4” followed by the DUNS or DUNS +4 number that identifies the offeror’s name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The DUNS number will be used by the Contracting Officer to verify that the offeror is registered in the CCR database.

(c) If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one.

(1) An offeror may obtain a DUNS number—

(i) If located within the United States, by calling Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711 or via the Internet at <http://www.dnb.com>; or

(ii) If located outside the United States, by contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

(2) The offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:

(i) Company legal business.

(ii) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.

(iii) Company Physical Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code.

(iv) Company Mailing Address, City, State and ZIP Code (if separate from physical).

(v) Company Telephone Number.

(vi) Date the company was started.

(vii) Number of employees at your location.

(viii) Chief executive officer/key manager.

(ix) Line of business (industry).

(x) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).

(d) If the Offeror does not become registered in the CCR database in the time prescribed by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered Offeror.

(e) Processing time, which normally takes 48 hours, should be taken into consideration when registering. Offerors who are not registered should consider applying for registration immediately upon receipt of this solicitation.

(f) The Contractor is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the CCR database, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in the CCR database after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to review and update on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates its information in the CCR database to ensure it is current, accurate and complete. Updating information in the CCR does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document.

(g)

(1)

(i) If a Contractor has legally changed its business name, "doing business as" name, or division name (whichever is shown on the contract), or has transferred the assets used in performing the contract, but has not completed the necessary requirements regarding novation and change-of-name agreements in Subpart 42.12, the Contractor shall provide the responsible Contracting Officer a minimum of one business day's written notification of its intention to (A) change the name in the CCR database; (B) comply with the requirements of Subpart 42.12 of the FAR; and (C) agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer. The Contractor must provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.

(ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (g)(1)(i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (g)(1)(i)(C) of this clause, and, in the absence of a properly executed novation or change-of-name agreement, the CCR information that shows the Contractor to be other than the Contractor indicated in the contract will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of Payment" paragraph of the electronic funds transfer (EFT) clause of this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall not change the name or address for EFT payments or manual payments, as appropriate, in the CCR record to reflect an assignee for the purpose of assignment of claims (see

FAR Subpart 32.8, Assignment of Claims). Assignees shall be separately registered in the CCR database. Information provided to the Contractor's CCR record that indicates payments, including those made by EFT, to an ultimate recipient other than that Contractor will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of payment" paragraph of the EFT clause of this contract.

(h) Offerors and Contractors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via the internet at <http://www.ccr.gov> or by calling 1-888-227-2423, or 269-961-5757.

52.214-29 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE - SEALED BIDDING (JAN 1986)

Any inconsistency in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- (a) The Schedule (excluding the specifications);
- (b) Representations and other instructions;
- (c) Contract clauses;
- (d) Other documents, exhibits, and attachments; and
- (e) The specifications.

52.216-18 ORDERING (OCT 1995)

(a) Any supplies and services to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by issuance of delivery orders or task orders by the individuals or activities designated in the Schedule. Such orders may be issued for three years from the date of contract award.

(b) All delivery orders or task orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event of conflict between a delivery order or task order and this contract, the contract shall control.

(c) If mailed, a delivery order or task order is considered "issued" when the Government deposits the order in the mail. Orders may be issued orally, or by facsimile, or by electronic commerce methods only if authorized in the Schedule.

52.216-19 ORDER LIMITATIONS (OCT 1995)

(a) Minimum order. When the Government requires supplies or services covered by this contract in an amount of less than \$30,000, the Government is not obligated to purchase, nor is the Contractor obligated to furnish, those supplies or services under the contract.

(b) Maximum order. The Contractor is not obligated to honor-

- (1) Any order for single item in excess of (See Schedule).
- (2) Any order for a combination of items in excess of (See Schedule).
- (3) A series of orders from the same ordering office within 30 days that together call for quantities exceeding the limitation in subparagraph (1) or (2) of this section.

(c) If this is a requirements contract (i.e., includes the Requirements clause at subsection 52.216-21 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)), the Government is not required to order a part of any

one requirement from the Contractor if that requirement exceeds the maximum-order limitations in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the Contractor shall honor any order exceeding the maximum order limitations in paragraph (b), unless that order (or orders) is returned to the ordering office within seven (7) days after issuance, with written notice stating the Contractor's intent not to ship the item (or items) called for and the reasons. Upon receiving this notice, the Government may acquire the supplies or services from another source.

52.216-22 INDEFINITE QUANTITY

(OCT 1995)

(a) This is an indefinite-quantity contract for the supplies or services specified, and effective for the period stated, in the Schedule. The quantities of supplies and services specified in the Schedule are estimates only and are not purchased by this contract.

(b) Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. The Contractor shall furnish to the Government, when and if ordered, the supplies or services specified in the Schedule up to and including the quantity designated in the Schedule as the "maximum." The Government shall order at least the quantity of supplies or services designated in the Schedule as the "minimum."

(c) Except for any limitations on quantities in the Delivery-Order Limitations clause or in the Schedule, there is no limit on the number of orders that may be issued. The Government may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations.

(d) Any order issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order. The contract shall govern the Contractor's and Government's rights and obligations with respect to that order to the same extent as if the order were completed during the contract's effective period; provided, that the Contractor shall not be required to make any deliveries under this contract after one year following the last date that task orders may be placed.

52.219-14 LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING

(DEC 1996)

(a) This clause does not apply to the unrestricted portion of a partial set-aside.

(b) By submission of an offer and execution of a contract, the Offeror/Contractor agrees that in performance of the contract in the case of a contract for—

(1) *Services (except construction)*. At least 50 percent of the cost of contract performance incurred for personnel shall be expended for employees of the concern.

(2) *Supplies (other than procurement from a nonmanufacturer of such supplies)*. The concern shall perform work for at least 50 percent of the cost of manufacturing the supplies, not including the cost of materials.

(3) *General construction*. The concern will perform at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract, not including the cost of materials, with its own employees.

(4) *Construction by special trade contractors*. The concern will perform at least 25 percent of the cost of the contract, not including the cost of materials, with its own employees.

52.222-39 NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE RIGHTS CONCERNING
PAYMENT OF UNION DUES OR FEES

(DEC 2004)

(a) *Definition.* As used in this clause—

“United States” means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Wake Island.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this clause, during the term of this contract, the Contractor shall post a notice, in the form of a poster, informing employees of their rights concerning union membership and payment of union dues and fees, in conspicuous places in and about all its plants and offices, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted. The notice shall include the following information (except that the information pertaining to National Labor Relations Board shall not be included in notices posted in the plants or offices of carriers subject to the Railway Labor Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 151-188)).

Notice to Employees

Under Federal law, employees cannot be required to join a union or maintain membership in a union in order to retain their jobs. Under certain conditions, the law permits a union and an employer to enter into a union-security agreement requiring employees to pay uniform periodic dues and initiation fees. However, employees who are not union members can object to the use of their payments for certain purposes and can only be required to pay their share of union costs relating to collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustment.

If you do not want to pay that portion of dues or fees used to support activities not related to collective bargaining, contract administration, or grievance adjustment, you are entitled to an appropriate reduction in your payment. If you believe that you have been required to pay dues or fees used in part to support activities not related to collective bargaining, contract administration, or grievance adjustment, you may be entitled to a refund and to an appropriate reduction in future payments.

For further information concerning your rights, you may wish to contact the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) either at one of its Regional offices or at the following address or toll free number:

National Labor Relations Board
Division of Information
1099 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20570
1-866-667-6572
1-866-316-6572 (TTY)

To locate the nearest NLRB office, see NLRB's website at <http://www.nlr.gov>.

(c) The Contractor shall comply with all provisions of Executive Order 13201 of February 17, 2001, and related implementing regulations at 29 CFR Part 470, and orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(d) In the event that the Contractor does not comply with any of the requirements set forth in paragraphs (b), (c), or (g), the Secretary may direct that this contract be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and declare the Contractor ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures at 29 CFR Part 470, Subpart B—Compliance Evaluations, Complaint Investigations and Enforcement Procedures. Such other sanctions or remedies may be imposed as are provided by 29 CFR Part 470, which implements Executive Order 13201, or as are otherwise provided by law.

(e) The requirement to post the employee notice in paragraph (b) does not apply to—

(1) Contractors and subcontractors that employ fewer than 15 persons;

(2) Contractor establishments or construction work sites where no union has been formally recognized by the Contractor or certified as the exclusive bargaining representative of the Contractor's employees;

(3) Contractor establishments or construction work sites located in a jurisdiction named in the definition of the United States in which the law of that jurisdiction forbids enforcement of union-security agreements;

(4) Contractor facilities where upon the written request of the Contractor, the Department of Labor Deputy Assistant Secretary for Labor-Management Programs has waived the posting requirements with respect to any of the Contractor's facilities if the Deputy Assistant Secretary finds that the Contractor has demonstrated that—

(i) The facility is in all respects separate and distinct from activities of the Contractor related to the performance of a contract; and

(ii) Such a waiver will not interfere with or impede the effectuation of the Executive order; or

(5) Work outside the United States that does not involve the recruitment or employment of workers within the United States.

(f) The Department of Labor publishes the official employee notice in two variations; one for contractors covered by the Railway Labor Act and a second for all other contractors. The Contractor shall—

(1) Obtain the required employee notice poster from the Division of Interpretations and Standards, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5605, Washington, DC 20210, or from any field office of the Department's Office of Labor-Management Standards or Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs;

(2) Download a copy of the poster from the Office of Labor-Management Standards website at <http://www.olms.dol.gov>; or

(3) Reproduce and use exact duplicate copies of the Department of Labor's official poster.

(g) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order that exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold, entered into in connection with this contract, unless exempted by the Department of Labor Deputy Assistant Secretary for Labor-Management Programs on account of special circumstances in the national interest under authority of 29 CFR 470.3(c). For indefinite quantity subcontracts, the Contractor shall include the substance of this clause if the value of orders in any calendar year of the subcontract is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold. Pursuant to 29 CFR Part 470, Subpart B—Compliance Evaluations, Complaint

Investigations and Enforcement Procedures, the Secretary of Labor may direct the Contractor to take such action in the enforcement of these regulations, including the imposition of sanctions for noncompliance with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order. If the Contractor becomes involved in litigation with a subcontractor or vendor, or is threatened with such involvement, as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States, through the Secretary of Labor, to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

52.222-42 STATEMENT OF EQUIVALENT RATES FOR FEDERAL HIRES (MAY 1989)

In compliance with the Service Contract Act of 1965, as amended, and the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (29 CFR Part 4), this clause identifies the classes of service employees expected to be employed under the contract and states the wages and fringe benefits payable to each if they were employed by the contracting agency subject to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 5341 or 5332.

*This Statement is for Information Only:
It is not a Wage Determination*

Employee Class	Monetary Wage -Fringe Benefits
[See Section J]	[See Section J]

52.228-1 BID GUARANTEE (SEP 1996)
(Applicable if required on Schedule of Items.)

(a) Failure to furnish a bid guarantee in the proper form and amount, by the time set for opening of bids, may be cause for rejection of the bid.

(b) The bidder shall furnish a bid guarantee in the form of a firm commitment, *e.g.*, bid bond supported by good and sufficient surety or sureties acceptable to the Government, postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or, under Treasury Department regulations, certain bonds or notes of the United States. The Contracting Officer will return bid guarantees, other than bid bonds—

(1) To unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after the opening of bids; and

(2) To the successful bidder upon execution of contractual documents and bonds (including any necessary coinsurance or reinsurance agreements), as required by the bid as accepted.

(c) The amount of the bid guarantee shall be not less than 20 percent of the minimum guarantee (\$30,000).

(d) If the successful bidder, upon acceptance of its bid by the Government within the period specified for acceptance, fails to execute all contractual documents or furnish executed bond(s) within 10 days after receipt of the forms by the bidder, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract for default.

(e) In the event the contract is terminated for default, the bidder is liable for any cost of acquiring the work that exceeds the amount of its bid, and the bid guarantee is available to offset the difference.

52.228-11 PLEDGES OF ASSETS

(FEB 1992)

(Applicable if bonds required. See Schedule of Items.)

(a) Offerors shall obtain from each person acting as an individual surety on a bid guarantee, a performance bond, or a payment bond—

(1) Pledge of assets; and

(2) Standard Form 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety.

(b) Pledges of assets from each person acting as an individual surety shall be in the form of—

(1) Evidence of an escrow account containing cash, certificates of deposit, commercial or Government securities, or other assets described in FAR 28.203-2 (except see 28.203-2(b)(2) with respect to Government securities held in book entry form) and/or;

(2) A recorded lien on real estate. The offeror will be required to provide—

(i) Evidence of title in the form of a certificate of title prepared by a title insurance company approved by the United States Department of Justice. This title evidence must show fee simple title vested in the surety along with any concurrent owners; whether any real estate taxes are due and payable; and any recorded encumbrances against the property, including the lien filed in favor of the Government as required by FAR 28.203-3(d);

(ii) Evidence of the amount due under any encumbrance shown in the evidence of title;

(iii) A copy of the current real estate tax assessment of the property or a current appraisal dated no earlier than 6 months prior to the date of the bond, prepared by a professional appraiser who certifies that the appraisal has been conducted in accordance with the generally accepted appraisal standards as reflected in the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, as promulgated by the Appraisal Foundation.

52.232-1 PAYMENTS

(APR 1984)

The Government shall pay the Contractor, upon the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract. Unless otherwise specified in this contract, payment shall be made on partial deliveries accepted by the Government if—

(a) The amount due on the deliveries warrants it; or

(b) The Contractor requests it and the amount due on the deliveries is at least \$1,000 or 50 percent of the total contract price.

52.232-25 PROMPT PAYMENT

(OCT 2003)

Notwithstanding any other payment clause in this contract, the Government will make invoice payments under the terms and conditions specified in this clause. The Government considers payment as being made on the day a check is dated or the date of an electronic funds transfer (EFT). Definitions of pertinent terms are set forth in sections 2.101, 32.001, and 32.902 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. All days referred to in this clause are calendar days, unless otherwise specified. (However, see paragraph (a)(4) of this clause concerning payments due on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.)

(a) Invoice payments—

(1) Due date.

(i) Except as indicated in paragraphs (a)(2) and (c) of this clause, the due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office is the later of the following two events:

(A) The 30th day after the designated billing office receives a proper invoice from the Contractor (except as provided in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this clause).

(B) The 30th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed. For a final invoice, when the payment amount is subject to contract settlement actions, acceptance is deemed to occur on the effective date of the contract settlement.

(ii) If the designated billing office fails to annotate the invoice with the actual date of receipt at the time of receipt, the invoice payment due date is the 30th day after the date of the Contractor's invoice, provided the designated billing office receives a proper invoice and there is no disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with contract requirements.

(2) Certain food products and other payments.

(i) Due dates on Contractor invoices for meat, meat food products, or fish; perishable agricultural commodities; and dairy products, edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils are—

(A) For meat or meat food products, as defined in section 2(a)(3) of the Packers and Stockyard Act of 1921 (7 U.S.C. 182(3)), and as further defined in Pub. L. 98-181, including any edible fresh or frozen poultry meat, any perishable poultry meat food product, fresh eggs, and any perishable egg product, as close as possible to, but not later than, the 7th day after product delivery.

(B) For fresh or frozen fish, as defined in section 204(3) of the Fish and Seafood Promotion Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 4003(3)), as close as possible to, but not later than, the 7th day after product delivery.

(C) For perishable agricultural commodities, as defined in section 1(4) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act of 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499a(4)), as close as possible to, but not later than, the 10th day after product delivery, unless another date is specified in the contract.

(D) For dairy products, as defined in section 111(e) of the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 4502(e)), edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils, as close as possible to, but not later than, the 10th day after the date on which a proper invoice has been received. Liquid milk, cheese, certain processed cheese products, butter, yogurt, ice cream, mayonnaise, salad dressings, and other similar products, fall within this classification. Nothing in the Act limits this classification to refrigerated products. When questions arise regarding the proper classification of a specific product, prevailing industry practices will be followed in specifying a contract payment due date. The burden of proof that a classification of a specific product is, in fact, prevailing industry practice is upon the Contractor making the representation.

(ii) If the contract does not require submission of an invoice for payment (*e.g.*, periodic lease payments), the due date will be as specified in the contract.

(3) *Contractor's invoice.* The Contractor shall prepare and submit invoices to the designated billing office specified in the contract. A proper invoice must include the items listed in paragraphs (a)(3)(i) through (a)(3)(x) of this clause. If the invoice does not comply with these requirements, the designated billing office will return it within 7 days after receipt (3 days for meat, meat food products, or fish; 5 days for perishable agricultural commodities, dairy products, edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils), with the reasons why it is not a proper invoice. The Government will take into account untimely notification when computing any interest penalty owed the Contractor.

(i) Name and address of the Contractor.

(ii) Invoice date and invoice number. (The Contractor should date invoices as close as possible to the date of the mailing or transmission.)

(iii) Contract number or other authorization for supplies delivered or services performed (including order number and contract line item number).

(iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price, and extended price of supplies delivered or services performed.

(v) Shipping and payment terms (*e.g.*, shipment number and date of shipment, discount for prompt payment terms). Bill of lading number and weight of shipment will be shown for shipments on Government bills of lading.

(vi) Name and address of Contractor official to whom payment is to be sent (must be the same as that in the contract or in a proper notice of assignment).

(vii) Name (where practicable), title, phone number, and mailing address of person to notify in the event of a defective invoice.

(viii) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The Contractor shall include its TIN on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(ix) Electronic funds transfer (EFT) banking information.

(A) The Contractor shall include EFT banking information on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(B) If EFT banking information is not required to be on the invoice, in order for the invoice to be a proper invoice, the Contractor shall have submitted correct EFT banking information in accordance with the applicable solicitation provision (*e.g.*, 52.232-38, Submission of Electronic Funds Transfer Information with Offer), contract clause (*e.g.*, 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Central Contractor Registration, or 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other Than Central Contractor Registration), or applicable agency procedures.

(C) EFT banking information is not required if the Government waived the requirement to pay by EFT.

(x) Any other information or documentation required by the contract (*e.g.*, evidence of shipment).

(4) *Interest penalty.* The designated payment office will pay an interest penalty automatically, without request from the Contractor, if payment is not made by the due date and the conditions listed in paragraphs (a)(4)(i) through (a)(4)(iii) of this clause are met, if applicable. However, when the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the designated payment office may make payment on the following working day without incurring a late payment interest penalty.

(i) The designated billing office received a proper invoice.

(ii) The Government processed a receiving report or other Government documentation authorizing payment, and there was no disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with any contract term or condition.

(iii) In the case of a final invoice for any balance of funds due the Contractor for supplies delivered or services performed, the amount was not subject to further contract settlement actions between the Government and the Contractor.

(5) *Computing penalty amount.* The Government will compute the interest penalty in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR Part 1315.

(i) For the sole purpose of computing an interest penalty that might be due the Contractor, Government acceptance is deemed to occur constructively on the 7th day (unless otherwise specified in this contract) after the Contractor delivers the supplies or performs the services in accordance with

the terms and conditions of the contract, unless there is a disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with a contract provision. If actual acceptance occurs within the constructive acceptance period, the Government will base the determination of an interest penalty on the actual date of acceptance. The constructive acceptance requirement does not, however, compel Government officials to accept supplies or services, perform contract administration functions, or make payment prior to fulfilling their responsibilities.

(ii) The prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR 1315.10(c) do not require the Government to pay interest penalties if payment delays are due to disagreement between the Government and the Contractor over the payment amount or other issues involving contract compliance, or on amounts temporarily withheld or retained in accordance with the terms of the contract. The Government and the Contractor shall resolve claims involving disputes and any interest that may be payable in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.233-1, Disputes.

(6) *Discounts for prompt payment.* The designated payment office will pay an interest penalty automatically, without request from the Contractor, if the Government takes a discount for prompt payment improperly. The Government will calculate the interest penalty in accordance with the prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR Part 1315.

(7) Additional interest penalty.

(i) The designated payment office will pay a penalty amount, calculated in accordance with the prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR Part 1315 in addition to the interest penalty amount only if—

(A) The Government owes an interest penalty of \$1 or more;

(B) The designated payment office does not pay the interest penalty within 10 days after the date the invoice amount is paid; and

(C) The Contractor makes a written demand to the designated payment office for additional penalty payment, in accordance with paragraph (a)(7)(ii) of this clause, postmarked not later than 40 days after the invoice amount is paid.

(ii)(A) The Contractor shall support written demands for additional penalty payments with the following data. The Government will not request any additional data. The Contractor shall—

(1) Specifically assert that late payment interest is due under a specific invoice, and request payment of all overdue late payment interest penalty and such additional penalty as may be required;

(2) Attach a copy of the invoice on which the unpaid late payment interest is due; and

(3) State that payment of the principal has been received, including the date of receipt.

(B) If there is no postmark or the postmark is illegible—

(1) The designated payment office that receives the demand will annotate it with the date of receipt, provided the demand is received on or before the 40th day after payment was made; or

(2) If the designated payment office fails to make the required annotation, the Government will determine the demand's validity based on the date the Contractor has placed on the demand, provided such date is no later than the 40th day after payment was made.

(iii) The additional penalty does not apply to payments regulated by other Government regulations (e.g., payments under utility contracts subject to tariffs and regulation).

(b) *Contract financing payment.* If this contract provides for contract financing, the Government will make contract financing payments in accordance with the applicable contract financing clause.

(c) *Fast payment procedure due dates.* If this contract contains the clause at 52.213-1, Fast Payment Procedure, payments will be made within 15 days after the date of receipt of the invoice.

(d) *Overpayments.* If the Contractor becomes aware of a duplicate contract financing or invoice payment or that the Government has otherwise overpaid on a contract financing or invoice payment,

the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer and request instructions for disposition of the overpayment.

52.232-33 PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER- (OCT 2003)
CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

(a) *Method of payment.*

(a) Method of payment.

(1) All payments by the Government under this contract shall be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT), except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this clause. As used in this clause, the term "EFT" refers to the funds transfer and may also include the payment information transfer.

(2) In the event the Government is unable to release one or more payments by EFT, the Contractor agrees to either—

(i) Accept payment by check or some other mutually agreeable method of payment; or

(ii) Request the Government to extend the payment due date until such time as the Government can make payment by EFT (but see paragraph (d) of this clause).

(b) *Contractor's EFT information.* The Government shall make payment to the Contractor using the EFT information contained in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. In the event that the EFT information changes, the Contractor shall be responsible for providing the updated information to the CCR database.

(c) *Mechanisms for EFT payment.* The Government may make payment by EFT through either the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network, subject to the rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association, or the Fedwire Transfer System. The rules governing Federal payments through the ACH are contained in 31 CFR Part 210.

(d) *Suspension of payment.* If the Contractor's EFT information in the CCR database is incorrect, then the Government need not make payment to the Contractor under this contract until correct EFT information is entered into the CCR database; and any invoice or contract financing request shall be deemed not to be a proper invoice for the purpose of prompt payment under this contract. The prompt payment terms of the contract regarding notice of an improper invoice and delays in accrual of interest penalties apply.

(e) Liability for uncompleted or erroneous transfers.

(1) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Government used the Contractor's EFT information incorrectly, the Government remains responsible for—

(i) Making a correct payment;

(ii) Paying any prompt payment penalty due; and

(iii) Recovering any erroneously directed funds.

(2) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Contractor's EFT information was incorrect, or was revised within 30 days of Government release of the EFT payment transaction instruction to the Federal Reserve System, and—

(i) If the funds are no longer under the control of the payment office, the Government is deemed to have made payment and the Contractor is responsible for recovery of any erroneously directed funds; or

(ii) If the funds remain under the control of the payment office, the Government shall not make payment, and the provisions of paragraph (d) of this clause shall apply.

(f) *EFT and prompt payment.* A payment shall be deemed to have been made in a timely manner in accordance with the prompt payment terms of this contract if, in the EFT payment transaction

instruction released to the Federal Reserve System, the date specified for settlement of the payment is on or before the prompt payment due date, provided the specified payment date is a valid date under the rules of the Federal Reserve System.

(g) *EFT and assignment of claims.* If the Contractor assigns the proceeds of this contract as provided for in the assignment of claims terms of this contract, the Contractor shall require as a condition of any such assignment, that the assignee shall register separately in the CCR database and shall be paid by EFT in accordance with the terms of this clause. Notwithstanding any other requirement of this contract, payment to an ultimate recipient other than the Contractor, or a financial institution properly recognized under an assignment of claims pursuant to Subpart 32.8, is not permitted. In all respects, the requirements of this clause shall apply to the assignee as if it were the Contractor. EFT information that shows the ultimate recipient of the transfer to be other than the Contractor, in the absence of a proper assignment of claims acceptable to the Government, is incorrect EFT information within the meaning of paragraph (d) of this clause.

(h) *Liability for change of EFT information by financial agent.* The Government is not liable for errors resulting from changes to EFT information made by the Contractor's financial agent.

(i) *Payment information.* The payment or disbursing office shall forward to the Contractor available payment information that is suitable for transmission as of the date of release of the EFT instruction to the Federal Reserve System. The Government may request the Contractor to designate a desired format and method(s) for delivery of payment information from a list of formats and methods the payment office is capable of executing. However, the Government does not guarantee that any particular format or method of delivery is available at any particular payment office and retains the latitude to use the format and delivery method most convenient to the Government. If the Government makes payment by check in accordance with paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government shall mail the payment information to the remittance address contained in the CCR database.

52.233-1 DISPUTES -- ALTERNATE I (DEC 1991)

(JUL 2002)

(a) This contract is subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, as amended (41 U.S.C. 601-613).

(b) Except as provided in the Act, all disputes arising under or relating to this contract shall be resolved under this clause.

(c) "Claim," as used in this clause, means a written demand or written assertion by one of the contracting parties seeking, as a matter of right, the payment of money in a sum certain, the adjustment or interpretation of contract terms, or other relief arising under or relating to this contract. However, a written demand or written assertion by the Contractor seeking the payment of money exceeding \$100,000 is not a claim under the Act until certified. A voucher, invoice, or other routine request for payment that is not in dispute when submitted is not a claim under the Act. The submission may be converted to a claim under the Act, by complying with the submission and certification requirements of this clause, if it is disputed either as to liability or amount or is not acted upon in a reasonable time.

(d)(1) A claim by the Contractor shall be made in writing and, unless otherwise stated in this contract, submitted within 6 years after accrual of the claim to the Contracting Officer for a written decision. A claim by the Government against the Contractor shall be subject to a written decision by the Contracting Officer.

(2)(i) The Contractor shall provide the certification specified in paragraph (d)(2)(iii) of this clause when submitting any claim exceeding \$100,000.

(ii) The certification requirement does not apply to issues in controversy that have not been submitted as all or part of a claim.

(iii) The certification shall state as follows: "I certify that the claim is made in good faith; that the supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief; that the amount requested accurately reflects the contract adjustment for which the Contractor believes the Government is liable; and that I am duly authorized to certify the claim on behalf of the Contractor."

(3) The certification may be executed by any person duly authorized to bind the Contractor with respect to the claim.

(e) For Contractor claims of \$100,000 or less, the Contracting Officer must, if requested in writing by the Contractor, render a decision within 60 days of the request. For Contractor-certified claims over \$100,000, the Contracting Officer must, within 60 days, decide the claim or notify the Contractor of the date by which the decision will be made.

(f) The Contracting Officer's decision shall be final unless the Contractor appeals or files a suit as provided in the Act.

(g) If the claim by the Contractor is submitted to the Contracting Officer or a claim by the Government is presented to the Contractor, the parties, by mutual consent, may agree to use alternative dispute resolution (ADR). If the Contractor refuses an offer for ADR, the Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer, in writing, of the Contractor's specific reasons for rejecting the offer.

(h) The Government shall pay interest on the amount found due and unpaid from (1) the date that the Contracting Officer receives the claim (certified, if required); or (2) the date that payment otherwise would be due, if that date is later, until the date of payment. With regard to claims having defective certifications, as defined in FAR 33.201, interest shall be paid from the date that the Contracting Officer initially receives the claim. Simple interest on claims shall be paid at the rate, fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in the Act, which is applicable to the period during which the Contracting Officer receives the claim and then at the rate applicable for each 6-month period as fixed by the Treasury Secretary during the pendency of the claim.

(i) The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal, or action arising under or relating to the contract, and comply with any decision of the Contracting Officer.

52.236-6 SUPERINTENDENCE BY THE CONTRACTOR

(APR 1984)

At all times during performance of this contract and until the work is completed and accepted, the Contractor shall directly superintend the work or assign and have on the worksite a competent superintendent who is satisfactory to the Contracting Officer and has authority to act for the Contractor.

52.236-7 PERMITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(NOV 1991)

The Contractor shall, without additional expense to the Government, be responsible for obtaining any necessary licenses and permits, and for complying with any Federal, State, and municipal laws, codes, and regulations applicable to the performance of the work. The Contractor shall also be responsible for all damages to persons or property that occur as a result of the Contractor's fault or negligence. The Contractor shall also be responsible for all materials delivered and work performed until completion and acceptance of the entire work, except for any completed unit of work which may have been accepted under the contract.

52.242-14 SUSPENSION OF WORK

(APR 1984)

(a) The Contracting Officer may order the Contractor, in writing, to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the work of this contract for the period of time that the Contracting Officer determines appropriate for the convenience of the Government.

(b) If the performance of all or any part of the work is, for an unreasonable period of time, suspended, delayed, or interrupted (1) by an act of the Contracting Officer in the administration of this contract, or (2) by the Contracting Officer's failure to act within the time specified in this contract (or within a reasonable time if not specified), an adjustment shall be made for any increase in the cost of performance of this contract (excluding profit) necessarily caused by the unreasonable suspension, delay, or interruption, and the contract modified in writing accordingly. However, no adjustment shall be made under this clause for any suspension, delay, or interruption to the extent that performance would have been so suspended, delayed, or interrupted by any other cause, including the fault or negligence of the Contractor, or for which an equitable adjustment is provided for or excluded under any other term or condition of this contract.

(c) A claim under this clause shall not be allowed—

(1) For any costs incurred more than 20 days before the Contractor shall have notified the Contracting Officer in writing of the act or failure to act involved (but this requirement shall not apply as to a claim resulting from a suspension order); and

(2) Unless the claim, in an amount stated, is asserted in writing as soon as practicable after the termination of the suspension, delay, or interruption, but not later than the date of final payment under the contract.

52.243-1 CHANGES - FIXED-PRICE (AUG 1987) - ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)

(a) The Contracting Officer may at any time, by written order, and without notice to the sureties, if any, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following:

(1) Description of services to be performed.

(2) Time of performance (*i.e.*, hours of the day, days of the week, etc.).

(3) Place of performance of the services.

(b) If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and shall modify the contract.

(c) The Contractor must assert its right to an adjustment under this clause within 30 days from the date of receipt of the written order. However, if the Contracting Officer decides that the facts justify it, the Contracting Officer may receive and act upon a proposal submitted before final payment of the contract.

(d) If the Contractor's proposal includes the cost of property made obsolete or excess by the change, the Contracting Officer shall have the right to prescribe the manner of the disposition of the property.

(e) Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause. However, nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed.

52.245-4 GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED PROPERTY (SHORT FORM) (JUNE 2003)

(a) The Government shall deliver to the Contractor, at the time and locations stated in this contract, the Government-furnished property described in the Schedule or specifications. If that property, suitable for its intended use, is not delivered to the Contractor, the Contracting Officer shall equitably adjust affected provisions of this contract in accordance with the Changes clause when—

- (1) The Contractor submits a timely written request for an equitable adjustment; and
- (2) The facts warrant an equitable adjustment.

(b) Title to Government-furnished property shall remain in the Government. The Contractor shall use the Government-furnished property only in connection with this contract. The Contractor shall maintain adequate property control records in accordance with sound industrial practice and will make such records available for Government inspection at all reasonable times, unless the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.245-1, Property Records, is included in this contract.

(c) Upon delivery of Government-furnished property to the Contractor, the Contractor assumes the risk and responsibility for its loss or damage, except—

- (1) For reasonable wear and tear;
- (2) To the extent property is consumed in performing this contract; or
- (3) As otherwise provided for by the provisions of this contract.

(d) Upon completing this contract, the Contractor shall follow the instructions of the Contracting Officer regarding the disposition of all Government-furnished property not consumed in performing this contract or previously delivered to the Government. The Contractor shall prepare for shipment, deliver f.o.b. origin, or dispose of the Government property, as may be directed or authorized by the Contracting Officer. The net proceeds of any such disposal shall be credited to the contract price or shall be paid to the Government as directed by the Contracting Officer.

(e) If this contract is to be performed outside the United States and its outlying areas, the words “Government” and “Government-furnished” (wherever they appear in this clause) shall be construed as “United States Government” and “United States Government-furnished,” respectively.

52.249-4 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT (SERVICES) (SHORT FORM) (APR 1984)

The Contracting Officer, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the Government’s interest. If this contract is terminated, the Government shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

52.249-8 DEFAULT (FIXED-PRICE SUPPLY AND SERVICE) (APR 1984)

(a)(1) The Government may, subject to paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate this contract in whole or in part if the Contractor fails to—

- (i) Deliver the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension;
- (ii) Make progress, so as to endanger performance of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause); or
- (iii) Perform any of the other provisions of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause).

(2) The Government's right to terminate this contract under subdivisions (a)(1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this clause, may be exercised if the Contractor does not cure such failure within 10 days (or more if authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer) after receipt of the notice from the Contracting Officer specifying the failure.

(b) If the Government terminates this contract in whole or in part, it may acquire, under the terms and in the manner the Contracting Officer considers appropriate, supplies or services similar to those terminated, and the Contractor will be liable to the Government for any excess costs for those supplies or services. However, the Contractor shall continue the work not terminated.

(c) Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include (1) acts of God or of the public enemy, (2) acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) quarantine restrictions, (7) strikes, (8) freight embargoes, and (9) unusually severe weather. In each instance the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

(d) If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

(e) If this contract is terminated for default, the Government may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the Government, as directed by the Contracting Officer, any (1) completed supplies, and (2) partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (collectively referred to as "manufacturing materials" in this clause) that the Contractor has specifically produced or acquired for the terminated portion of this contract. Upon direction of the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall also protect and preserve property in its possession in which the Government has an interest.

(f) The Government shall pay contract price for completed supplies delivered and accepted. The Contractor and Contracting Officer shall agree on the amount of payment for manufacturing materials delivered and accepted and for the protection and preservation of the property. Failure to agree will be a dispute under the Disputes clause. The Government may withhold from these amounts any sum the Contracting Officer determines to be necessary to protect the Government against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.

(g) If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Government.

(h) The rights and remedies of the Government in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

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):

<http://www.arnet.gov/far>, <http://www.doi.gov/pam/aindex.html>.

1452.228-70 LIABILITY INSURANCE -- DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (JUL 1996)

(a) The contractor shall procure and maintain during the term of this contract and any extension thereof liability insurance in form satisfactory to the Contracting Officer by an insurance company which is acceptable to the Contracting Officer. The named insured parties under the policy shall be the Contractor and the United States of America. The amounts of the insurance shall be not less than as follows:

\$300,000 each person
\$300,000 each occurrence
\$300,000 property damage

(b) Each policy shall have a certificate evidencing the insurance coverage. The insurance company shall provide an endorsement to notify the Contracting Officer 30 days prior to the effective date of cancellation or termination of the policy or certificate; or modification of the policy or certificate which may adversely affect the interest of the Government in such insurance. The certificate shall identify the contract number, the name and address of the Contracting Officer, as well as the insured, the policy number and a brief description of contract services to be performed. The contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer with a copy of an acceptable insurance certificate prior to beginning the work.

SECTION J - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

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SECTION J

Coos Bay, Eugene, Lakeview, Medford, Prineville and Roseburg.

CLASSIFICATION AND WAGES OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

It is anticipated that the following classes of service employees will be utilized in the performance of work under this contract. If employed by the Federal Government, the wage scales and fringe benefits received under 5 USC 5341 would be indicated:

<u>Labor Classification</u>		<u>Basic Rate</u>	<u>Fringe Benefits</u>
Laborer	WG-3	\$ 11.18	Life and Health Insurance partly paid by the Gov't
Foreman	WL-3	\$ 12.29	- Retirement
Truck Driver	WG-5	\$ 12.75	- Annual/Sick Leave

The classification shown above are the wages that would be paid to Federal employees. They are for comparison only and not the wage rates that apply to this project.

Contractors must pay at least the prevailing minimum wage rate to laborers and mechanics on Government projects. However, if a wage determination is contained in the bid package or contract, the wage rates that are contained therein apply to the project work.

REGISTER OF WAGE DETERMINATIONS UNDER
THE SERVICE CONTRACT ACT
By direction of the Secretary of Labor

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20210

William W. Gross Division of Wage Wage Determination No: 1977-0079
Director Determinations Revision No: 35
Date Of Revision: 09/12/2006

State: Oregon
Area: Oregon Statewide

****Fringe Benefits Required Follow the Occupational Listing****

Employed on contract(s) for Forestry and Logging Services.

OCCUPATION CODE - TITLE MINIMUM WAGE RATE

- 08010 - Brush/Precommercial Thinner 13.92
- 08040 - Choker Setter 14.02
- 08070 - Faller/Bucker 24.76
- 08100 - Fire Lookout 13.46
- 08130 - Forestry Equipment Operator 16.26
- 08160 - Forestry/Logging Heavy Equipment Operator 16.26
- 08190 - Forestry Technician 17.94
- 08200 - Forestry Truck Driver 14.24
- 08250 - General Forestry Laborer 11.22
- 08280 - Nursery Specialist 18.65
- 08310 - Slash Piler/Burner 8.95
- 08340 - Tree Climber 8.95
- 08370 - Tree Planter 12.61
- 08400 - Tree Planter, Mechanical 12.61

ALL OCCUPATIONS LISTED ABOVE RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

HEALTH & WELFARE: \$3.01 per hour or \$120.40 per week or \$521.73 per month

VACATION: 2 weeks paid vacation after 1 year of service with a contractor or successor; and 3 weeks after 10 years. Length of service includes the whole span of continuous service with the present contractor or successor, wherever employed, and with the predecessor contractors in the performance of similar work at the same Federal facility. (Reg. 29 CFR 4.173)

HOLIDAYS: HOLIDAYS: A minimum of ten paid holidays per year, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. (A contractor may substitute for any of the named holidays another day off with pay in accordance with a plan communicated to the employees involved.) (See 29 CFR 4174)

**** UNIFORM ALLOWANCE ****

If employees are required to wear uniforms in the performance of this contract (either by the terms of the Government contract, by the employer, by the state

or local law, etc.), the cost of furnishing such uniforms and maintaining (by laundering or dry cleaning) such uniforms is an expense that may not be borne by an employee where such cost reduces the hourly rate below that required by the wage determination. The Department of Labor will accept payment in accordance with the following standards as compliance:

The contractor or subcontractor is required to furnish all employees with an adequate number of uniforms without cost or to reimburse employees for the actual cost of the uniforms. In addition, where uniform cleaning and maintenance is made the responsibility of the employee, all contractors and subcontractors subject to this wage determination shall (in the absence of a bona fide collective bargaining agreement providing for a different amount, or the furnishing of contrary affirmative proof as to the actual cost), reimburse all employees for such cleaning and maintenance at a rate of \$3.35 per week (or \$.67 cents per day). However, in those instances where the uniforms furnished are made of "wash and wear" materials, may be routinely washed and dried with other personal garments, and do not require any special treatment such as dry cleaning, daily washing, or commercial laundering in order to meet the cleanliness or appearance standards set by the terms of the Government contract, by the contractor, by law, or by the nature of the work, there is no requirement that employees be reimbursed for uniform maintenance costs.

**** NOTES APPLYING TO THIS WAGE DETERMINATION ****

Under the policy and guidance contained in All Agency Memorandum No. 159, the Wage and Hour Division does not recognize, for section 4(c) purposes, prospective wage rates and fringe benefit provisions that are effective only upon such contingencies as "approval of Wage and Hour, issuance of a wage determination, incorporation of the wage determination in the contract, adjusting the contract price, etc." (The relevant CBA section) in the collective bargaining agreement between (the parties) contains contingency language that Wage and Hour does not recognize as reflecting "arm's length negotiation" under section 4(c) of the Act and 29 C.F.R. 5.11(a) of the regulations. This wage determination therefore reflects the actual CBA wage rates and fringe benefits paid under the predecessor contract.

The duties of employees under job titles listed are those described in the "Service Contract Act Directory of Occupations," Fifth Edition, April 2006, unless otherwise indicated. Copies of the Directory are available on the Internet. A links to the Directory may be found on the WHD home page at or through the Wage Determinations On-Line (WDOL) Web site at .

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Conformance Process:

The contracting officer shall require that any class of service employee which is not listed herein and which is to be employed under the contract (i.e., the work to be performed is not performed by any classification listed in the wage determination), be classified by the contractor so as to provide a reasonable relationship (i.e., appropriate level of skill comparison) between such unlisted classifications and the classifications listed in the wage determination. Such conformed classes of employees shall be paid the monetary wages and furnished the fringe benefits as are determined. Such conforming process shall be initiated by the contractor prior to the performance of contract work by such unlisted class(es) of employees. The conformed classification, wage rate, and/or fringe benefits shall be retroactive to the commencement date of the contract. {See Section 4.6 (C)(vi)} When multiple wage determinations are included in a contract, a separate SF 1444 should be prepared for each wage determination to which a class(es) is to be conformed.

The process for preparing a conformance request is as follows:

- 1) When preparing the bid, the contractor identifies the need for a conformed occupation(s) and computes a proposed rate(s).
- 2) After contract award, the contractor prepares a written report listing in order proposed classification title(s), a Federal grade equivalency (FGE) for each proposed classification(s), job description(s), and rationale for proposed wage rate(s), including information regarding the agreement or disagreement of

the authorized representative of the employees involved, or where there is no authorized representative, the employees themselves. This report should be submitted to the contracting officer no later than 30 days after such unlisted class(es) of employees performs any contract work.

3) The contracting officer reviews the proposed action and promptly submits a report of the action, together with the agency's recommendations and pertinent information including the position of the contractor and the employees, to the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, for review. (See section 4.6(b)(2) of Regulations 29 CFR Part 4).

4) Within 30 days of receipt, the Wage and Hour Division approves, modifies, or disapproves the action via transmittal to the agency contracting officer, or notifies the contracting officer that additional time will be required to process the request.

5) The contracting officer transmits the Wage and Hour decision to the contractor.

6) The contractor informs the affected employees.

Information required by the Regulations must be submitted on SF 1444 or bond paper.

When preparing a conformance request, the "Service Contract Act Directory of Occupations" (the Directory) should be used to compare job definitions to insure that duties requested are not performed by a classification already listed in the wage determination. Remember, it is not the job title, but the required tasks that determine whether a class is included in an established wage determination. Conformances may not be used to artificially split, combine, or subdivide classifications listed in the wage determination.

SECTION J - BLM FIRE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

This outline covers the fire protection requirements of a contractor or private party who performs service or construction contracts on BLM land. In western Oregon, the BLM allows Oregon Forest Law (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) to apply to these operations on BLM lands rather than develop similar rules applicable only to BLM lands.

1. CLOSED FIRE SEASON

The closed fire season means that fire season has been declared. ORS 477.505 gives the State Forester the authority to establish the fire season. The authority has been delegated to the District Foresters around the state who issue public notices through the newspapers and radio when fire season will be closed for their individual districts. Closed fire season depends upon the drying of forest fuels, rainfall, and time of year. During the closed fire season, the following requirements must be met:

- a. Fire tools must be on site;
- b. Fire extinguisher must be in all vehicles;
- c. Chainsaws must have a .023-inch mesh screen installed in the exhaust;
- d. Only unmodified saws are to be used in the forest;
- e. Approved spark arresters must be on all internal combustion engines;
- f. Watchman service must be provided for 3 hrs after shutdown of power equipment for the day;
- g. No smoking is permitted while working or traveling through any operations area in the forest;
- h. No use of explosives is permitted unless approved by the State Forester's representative;
- i. Permits to burn are required unless waived by a representative of the State Forester.

Changes or modifications to the above requirements are possible depending upon changes in State of Oregon law and requirements of the State Districts and Protective Associations.

2. FIRE PRECAUTION LEVELS

There are 4 fire precaution levels that begin with level 1 at the start of the closed fire season and can go through level 4 if conditions warrant. The fire precaution levels restrict certain forest operations as the fire danger increases. It is the responsibility of the individual operating on forest land to know the precaution level for the day and take the correct fire precautions. There are no precaution levels prior to the closed fire season. Each fire precaution level requires adherence to the restrictions applicable to all lower levels in addition to the limits placed by that level.

Level 1 is the lowest level of fire danger usually occurring early in the season and perhaps again after significant rainfall during the season. All requirements listed above apply. Waivers may be issued by the State Districts or Protective Associations and these MUST be approved by the BLM. Waivers will only be considered if the conditions on the work site are not as severe as predicted. The requirements for fire tools on site, screens installed in saws, and fire extinguishers with saws will not be waived.

Level 2 is the partial hootowl where saws can operate from first light in the morning until 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon. From 1:00 p.m. until the end of the day saws are to be shut down. Waivers for operating beyond the 1:00 p.m. shutdown will be evaluated on a site-by-site basis.

Level 3 is the partial shutdown of all forest industrial operations and shuts down contractor operations with few exceptions. Waivers may be issued on a site-by-site basis.

Level 4 is the general shutdown of all contractor operations. Waivers will not be issued. Landowners are permitted entry into their lands.

ORS. 477.066 requires that an operator on forest land take immediate action to control and extinguish a fire on forest land. The contractor shall take this action and notify the BLM and the nearest State of Oregon District office immediately.

OAR. 629-43-030 requires watchmen to be:

- a. Physically capable and experienced in operating any firefighting equipment on site.
- b. On duty for 3 hours after the shutdown of the last power-driven equipment for the day.
- c. Furnished adequate facilities for transportation and communications in order to summon assistance if needed.
- d. Patrolling and visually inspecting all sites where work was done during the day.

3. FIRE TOOLS REQUIRED DURING CLOSED FIRE SEASON

The operator/contractor shall furnish fire tools to all personnel on site using the following combinations.

	NUMBER OF PERSONNEL												
	1-4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
KINDS OF TOOLS	NUMBER OF TOOLS												
Pulaskis	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Shovels	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	5		
Hazel Hoes	1	2	3	3	4	5	5	5	6	6	6		

In addition to the above handtools, the operator/contractor must provide a backpack pump can filled with water located with the tool box in a readily available area.

All shovels are to be size 0 or larger, long handled. All tools shall be sharp and ready for service. Fire extinguishers as follows:

- a. For chainsaws - 8 oz. capacity by weight.
- b. For vehicles - UL rating of at least 4 BC.