

2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0138	3. EFFECTIVE DATE See Block 16C	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code) Fluor Federal Petroleum Operations, LLC Attn: Paul Avery 850 S Clearview Pkwy New Orleans LA 701233401	(x)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.
		9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
	x	10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO. DE-FE0011020
		10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13) 09/18/2013
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**11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS**

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers  is extended.  is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or electronic communication which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by letter or electronic communication, provided each letter or electronic communication makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)  
See Schedule

**13. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

CHECK ONE	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
X	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation data, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

**E. IMPORTANT:** Contractor  is not  is required to sign this document and return \_\_\_\_\_ copies to the issuing office.


14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible)  
UEI: KJDUB6XQDTN4  
Pursuant to the authority of FAR 43.103(b), contact number DE-FE0011020 is hereby modified to reflect the following changes.

Reference Section G.

A. Reference Section G, G.1(c) - Technical and Administrative Correspondence Matters: Update point of contact information to reflect changes occurred to DEO Contract Officer. (Section G is replaced in its entirety. See attached)

B. Reference Section G, G.4 - Life Extension 2 (LE2): Update point of contact information  
Continued ...

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9 A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)	16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Kelly M. Gele
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR  <i>(Signature of person authorized to sign)</i>	15C. DATE SIGNED
	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  <i>(Signature of Contracting Officer)</i>
	16C. DATE SIGNED 02/08/2023

**CONTINUATION SHEET**

REFERENCE NO. OF DOCUMENT BEING CONTINUED  
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NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR  
Fluor Federal Petroleum Operations, LLC

ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
	<p>to reflect changes occurred to LE2 staffing personnel. (Section G is replaced in its entirety. See attached)</p> <p>Reference Section H</p> <p>C. Reference Section H.17 - Updated Prime Contract Clause H.17 (c) - Responsible Corporate Official and Corporate Board of Directors: Update contractor's point of contact information to reflect changes occurred to FFPO Board of Directors. (Section H is replaced in its entirety. See attached)</p> <p>Payment:                      OR for SPRO                      U.S. Department of Energy                      Oak Ridge Financial Service Center                      P.O. Box 6017                      Oak Ridge TN 37831</p> <p>Period of Performance: 04/01/2014 to 03/31/2024</p>				

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## SECTION G

### CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

#### **G.1 TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CORRESPONDENCE MATTERS**

To promote timely and effective administration, correspondence submitted by the contractor under this contract shall be subject to the following procedures:

- (a) Technical and Administrative Correspondence/Matters. Technical and administrative correspondence (as used herein, excludes other correspondence described in Paragraph (b)) concerning performance of this contract shall be addressed to the DOE Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)/Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) with an information copy of the correspondence to the DOE Contracting Officer and the DOE Contract Specialist.
- (b) Other Correspondence. All other correspondence, including patent or technical data issues, waivers, deviations, or modifications to the requirements, terms, or conditions of this contract, shall be addressed to the Contracting Officer (CO), with information copies of the correspondence to the DOE Contract Specialist or DOE Patent Counsel (where patent or technical data issues are involved).
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**G.2 DOE PROPERTY ADMINISTRATOR**

The Contractor may use the DOE Property Administrator as a point of contact for guidance and assistance involving property requirements. The CO shall be contacted for any matter which involves a change in any of the expressed terms and conditions of the contract. Correspondence being sent regarding the Property Administrator should be addressed to:

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The Contractor shall identify to the CO the Contractor contact who has the authority and is responsible for managing, administering, and negotiating changes to the terms and conditions of this contract, as well as executing contract modifications on behalf of the Contractor.

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## **SECTION H**

### **SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

#### **H.1 REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

The Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Offeror for this contract as completed by the Contractor are hereby incorporated in this contract by reference.

#### **H.2 MODIFICATION AUTHORITY**

Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this contract, a Contracting Officer shall be the only individual on behalf of the Government to:

- (a) Accept nonconforming work;
- (b) Waive any requirement of this contract; or
- (c) Modify any term or condition of this contract.

#### **H.3 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: PAY AND BENEFITS**

- (a) Contractor Employee Compensation Plan

The Contractor shall submit, for Contracting Officer approval, by close of contract transition, a Contractor Employee Compensation Plan demonstrating how the Contractor will comply with the requirements of this Contract. The Contractor Employee Compensation Plan shall describe the Contractor's policies regarding compensation, pensions and other benefits, and how these policies will support at reasonable cost the effective recruitment and retention of a highly skilled, motivated, and experienced workforce.

A description of the Contractor Employee Compensation Program should include the following components;

- (1) Philosophy and strategy for all pay delivery programs.
- (2) System for establishing a job worth hierarchy.
- (3) Method for relating internal job worth hierarchy to external market.
- (4) System that links individual and/or group performance to compensation decisions.

- (5) Method for planning and monitoring the expenditure of funds.
- (6) Method for ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- (7) System for communicating the programs to employees.
- (8) System for internal controls and self-assessment.
- (9) System to ensure that reimbursement of compensation, including stipends, for employees who are on joint appointments with a parent or other organization shall be on a pro-rated basis.

(b) Total Compensation System

The Contractor shall develop, implement and maintain formal policies, practices and procedures to be used in the administration of its compensation system consistent with FAR 31.205-6 and DEAR 970.3102-05-6; "Compensation for Personal Services". DOE-approved standards (e.g., set forth in an advance understanding or appendix), if any, shall be applied to the Total Compensation System. The Contractor's Total Compensation System shall be fully documented, consistently applied, and acceptable to the Contracting Officer. Costs incurred in implementing the Total Compensation System shall be consistent with the Contractor's documented Contractor Employee Compensation Plan as approved by the Contracting Officer.

(c) Reports and Information

The Contractor shall provide the Contracting Officer with the following reports and information with respect to pay and benefits provided under this Contract:

- (1) An Annual Contractor Salary-Wage Increase Expenditure Report to include, at a minimum, breakouts for merit, promotion, variable pay, special adjustments, and structure movements for each pay structure showing actual against approved amounts.
- (2) A list of the top five most highly compensated executives as defined in FAR 31.205-6(p)(4)(ii) and their total cash compensation at the time of Contract award, and at the time of any subsequent change to their total cash compensation. This should be the same information provided to the System for Award Management (SAM) per FAR 52.204-10.
- (3) An Annual Report Compensation and Benefits Report no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

(d) Pay and Benefit Programs

The Contractor shall establish pay and benefit programs for Incumbent Employees and Non-Incumbent Employees as defined in paragraphs (1) and (2) below; provided, however, that employees scheduled to work fewer than 20 hours per week receive only those benefits required by law. Employees are eligible for benefits, subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of each benefit program.

(1) Incumbent Employees are the employees who are regular employees of the incumbent Contractor.

(A) Pay. Subject to the Workforce Transition Clause, the Contractor shall provide equivalent base pay to Incumbent Employees as compared to pay provided by DM Petroleum Operations Company for at least the first year of the term of the Contract.

(B) Pension and Other Benefits. The Contractor shall provide a total package of benefits to Incumbent Employees comparable to that provided by DM Petroleum Operations Company. Comparability of the total benefit package shall be determined by the Contracting Officer in his/her sole discretion.

Incumbent Employees shall remain in their existing pension plans (or comparable successor plans if continuation of the existing plans is not practicable) pursuant to pension plan eligibility requirements and applicable law.

(2) Non-Incumbent Employees are new hires, i.e., employees other than Incumbent Employees who are hired by the Contractor after date of award. All Non-Incumbent Employees shall receive a total pay and benefits package that provides for market-based retirement and medical benefit plans that are competitive with the industry from which the Contractor recruits its employees and in accordance with Contract requirements.

(3) Cash Compensation

(A) The Contractor shall submit the below information, as applicable, to the Contracting Officer for a determination of cost allowability for reimbursement under the Contract:

(i) Any proposed major compensation program design changes prior to implementation.

(ii) Variable pay programs/incentives. If not already authorized under Section J, Attachment A of the contract, a justification shall be provided with a proposed cost and impacts to budget.



- (iii) In the absence of Departmental policy to the contrary (e.g., Secretarial pay freeze) a Contractor that meets the criteria, as set forth below, is not required to submit a Compensation Increase Plan (CIP) request to the Contracting Officer for an advance determination of cost allowability for a Merit Increase fund or Promotion Adjustment fund:
- The Merit Increase fund does not exceed the mean percent increase included in the annual Departmental guidance providing the WorldatWork Salary Budget Survey's salary increase projected for the CIP year. The Promotion/Adjustment fund does not exceed .5 percent in total.
  - The budget used for both Merit Increase funds and Promotion/Adjustment funds shall be based on the payroll for the end of the previous CIP year.
  - Salary structure adjustments do not exceed the mean WorldatWork structure adjustments projected for the CIP year and communicated through the annual Department CIP guidance.
  - Please note: No later than the first day of the CIP cycle, Contractors must provide notification to the Contracting Officer of planned increases and position to market data by mutually agreed-upon employment categories. No presumption of allowability will exist for employee job classes that exceed market position.
- (iv) If a Contractor does not meet the criteria included in (iii) above, a CIP must be submitted to the Contracting Officer for an advance determination of cost allowability. The CIP should include the following components and data:
- (1) Comparison of average pay to market average pay.
  - (2) Information regarding surveys used for comparison.
  - (3) Aging factors used for escalating survey data and supporting information.

- (4) Projection of escalation in the market and supporting information.
- (5) Information to support proposed structure adjustments, if any.
- (6) Analysis to support special adjustments.
- (7) Funding requests for each pay structure to include breakouts of merit, promotions, variable pay, special adjustments, and structure movement.
  - a) The proposed plan totals shall be expressed as a percentage of the payroll for the end of the previous CIP year.
  - b) All pay actions granted under the compensation increase plan are fully charged when they occur regardless of time of year in which the action transpires and whether the employee terminates before year end.
  - c) Specific payroll groups (e.g., exempt, nonexempt) for which CIP amounts are intended shall be defined by mutual agreement between the Contractor and the Contracting Officer.
  - d) The Contracting Officer may adjust the CIP amount after approval based on major changes in factors that significantly affect the plan amount (for example, in the event of a major reduction in force or significant ramp-up).
- (8) A discussion of the impact of budget and business constraints on the CIP amount.
- (9) Comparison of pay to relevant factors other than market average pay.
- (v) After receiving DOE CIP approval or if criteria in (d)(3)(A)(iii) was met, Contractors may make minor shifts of up to 10% of approved CIP funds by employment category (e.g., Scientist/Engineer, Admin, Exempt, Non-Exempt) without obtaining DOE approval.

- (vi) Individual compensation actions for the top Contractor official (e.g., laboratory director/plant manager or equivalent) and Key Personnel not included in the CIP. For those Key Personnel included in the CIP, DOE will approve salaries upon the initial contract award and when Key Personnel are replaced during the life of the contract. DOE will have access to all individual salary reimbursements. This access is provided for transparency; DOE will not approve individual salary actions (except as previously stated).
- (B) The Contracting Officer's approval of individual compensation actions will be required only for the top Contractor official (e.g., laboratory director/plant manager or equivalent) and Key Personnel as stated in (d)(3)(A)(vi) above. The base salary reimbursement level for the top Contractor official establishes the maximum allowable base salary reimbursement under the contract. Unusual circumstances may require a deviation for an individual on a case-by-case basis. Any such deviations must be approved by the Contracting Officer.
- (C) Severance Pay is not payable to an employee under this Contract if the employee:
  - (i) Voluntarily separates, resigns or retires from employment,
  - (ii) Is offered employment with a successor/replacement Contractor,
  - (iii) Is offered employment with a parent or affiliated company, or
  - (iv) Is discharged for cause.
- (D) Service Credit for purposes of determining severance pay does not include any period of prior service for which severance pay has been previously paid through a DOE cost-reimbursement contract.
- (e) Pension and Other Benefit Programs
  - (1) No presumption of allowability will exist when the Contractor implements a new benefit plan or makes changes to existing benefit plans that increase costs or are contrary to Departmental policy or written instruction or until the Contracting Officer makes a determination of cost allowability for reimbursement for new or changed benefit plans. Changes shall be in accordance with and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract. Advance notification, rather than approval, is required for changes that do

not increase costs and are not contrary to Departmental policy or written instruction.

- (2) Cost reimbursement for Employee pension and other benefit programs sponsored by the Contractor will be based on the Contracting Officer's approval of Contractor actions pursuant to an approved "Employee Benefits Value Study" and an "Employee Benefits Cost Survey Comparison" as described below.
- (3) Unless otherwise stated, or as directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall submit the studies required in paragraphs (A) and (B) below. The studies shall be used by the Contractor in calculating the cost of benefits under existing benefit plans. An Employee Benefits Value (Ben-Val) Study method using no less than 15 comparator organizations and an Employee Benefits Cost Survey Comparison method shall be used in this evaluation to establish an appropriate comparison method. In addition, the Contractor shall submit updated studies to the Contracting Officer for approval prior to the adoption of any change to a pension or other benefit plan which increases costs.
  - (A) The Ben-Val, every two years for each benefit tier (e.g., group of employees receiving a benefit package based on date of hire), which is an actuarial study of the relative value (RV) of the benefits programs offered by the Contractor to Employees measured against the RV of benefit programs offered by the Contracting Officer approved comparator companies. To the extent that the value studies do not address post-retirement benefits other than pensions, the Contractor shall provide a separate cost and plan design data comparison for the post-retirement benefits other than pensions using external benchmarks derived from nationally recognized and Contracting Officer approved survey sources and,
  - (B) An Employee Benefits Cost Study Comparison, annually for each benefit tier that analyzes the Contractor's employee benefits cost for Employees as a percent of payroll and compares it with the cost as a percent of payroll, including geographic factor adjustments, reported by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics or other Contracting Officer approved broad based national survey.
- (4) When the net benefit value exceeds the comparator group by more than five percent, the Contractor shall submit a corrective action plan to the Contracting Officer for approval, unless waived in writing by the Contracting Officer.
- (5) When the benefit costs as a percent of payroll exceeds the comparator group by more than five percent, when and if required by the Contracting Officer,

the Contractor shall submit an analysis of the specific plan costs that result in or contribute to the percent of payroll exceeding the costs of the comparator group and submit a corrective action plan if directed by the Contracting Officer.

- (6) Within two years, or longer period as agreed to between the Contractor and the Contracting Officer, of the Contracting Officer acceptance of the Contractor's corrective action plan, the Contractor shall align employee benefit programs with the benefit value and the cost as a percent of payroll in accordance with its corrective action plan.
  - (7) The Contractor may not terminate any benefit plan during the term of the Contract without the prior approval of the Contracting Officer in writing.
  - (8) Cost reimbursement for post-retirement benefits other than pensions (PRBs) is contingent on DOE approved service eligibility requirements for PRB that shall be based on a minimum period of continuous employment service not less than 5 years under a DOE cost reimbursement contract(s) immediately prior to retirement. Unless required by Federal or State law, advance funding of PRBs is not allowable.
  - (9) Each Contractor sponsoring a defined benefit pension plan and/or postretirement benefit plan will participate in the annual plan management process which includes written responses to a questionnaire regarding plan management, providing forecasted estimates of future reimbursements in connection with the plan(s) and participating in a conference call to discuss the Contractor submission (see (g)(6) below for Pension Management Plan requirements).
  - (10) Each Contractor will respond to quarterly data calls issued through iBenefits, or its successor system.
- (f) Establishment and Maintenance of Pension Plans for which DOE Reimburses Costs
- (1) Employees working for the Contractor shall only accrue credit for service under this Contract after the date of Contract award.
  - (2) Except for Commingled Plans in existence as of the effective date of the Contract, any pension plan maintained by the Contractor for which DOE reimburses costs, shall be maintained as a separate pension plan distinct from any other pension plan that provides credit for service not performed under a DOE cost-reimbursement contract. When deemed appropriate by the Contracting Officer, Commingled Plans shall be converted to Separate Plans at the time of new contract award or the extension of a contract.

(g) Basic Requirements

The Contractor shall adhere to the requirements set forth below in the establishment and administration of pension plans that are reimbursed by DOE pursuant to cost reimbursement contracts for management and operation of DOE facilities and pursuant to other cost reimbursement facilities contracts. Pension Plans include Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution plans.

- (1) The Contractor shall become a sponsor of the existing pension and other benefit plans (or comparable successor plans), including other PRB plans, as applicable, with responsibility for management and administration of the plans. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining the qualified status of those plans consistent with the requirements of ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Contractor shall carry over the length of service credit and leave balances accrued as of the date of the Contractor's assumption of Contract performance.
- (2) Each Contractor defined benefit and defined contribution plan shall be subjected to a limited-scope audit annually that satisfies the requirements of ERISA Section 103, except that every third year the Contractor must conduct a full-scope audit of defined benefit plan(s) satisfying ERISA section 103. Alternatively, the Contractor may conduct a full-scope audit satisfying ERISA Section 103 annually. In all cases, the Contractor must submit the audit results to the Contracting Officer. In years in which a limited scope audit is conducted, the Contractor must provide the Contracting Officer with a copy of the qualified trustee or custodian's certification regarding the investment information that provides the basis for the plan sponsor to satisfy reporting requirements under ERISA Section 104.

While there is no requirement to submit a full-scope audit for defined contribution plans, Contractors are responsible for maintaining adequate controls for ensuring that defined contributions plan assets are correctly recorded and allocated to plan participants.

- (3) For existing Commingled Plans, the Contractor shall maintain and provide annual Separate Accounting of DOE liabilities and assets as for a Separate Plan.
- (4) For existing Commingled Plans, the Contractor shall be liable for any shortfall in the plan assets caused by funding or events unrelated to DOE contracts.
- (5) The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of ERISA if applicable to the pension plan and any other applicable laws.

- (6) The Pension Management Plan (PMP) shall include a discussion of the Contractor's plans for management and administration of all pension plans consistent with the terms of this Contract. The PMP shall be submitted in the iBenefits system or its successor system no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of each applicable year. A full description of the necessary reporting will be provided in the annual management plan data request. Within sixty (60) days after the date of the submission, appropriate Contractor representatives shall participate in a conference call to discuss the Contractor's PMP submission and any other current plan issues or concerns.
- (h) Reimbursement of Contractors for Contributions to Defined Benefit (DB) Pension Plans
  - (1) Contractors that sponsor single employer or multiple employer defined benefit pension plans will be reimbursed for the annual required minimum contributions under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), as amended by the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006 and any other subsequent amendments. Reimbursement above the annual minimum required contribution will require prior approval of the Contracting Officer. Minimum required contribution amounts will take into consideration all pre-funding balances and funding standard carryover balances. Early in the fiscal year but no later than the end of November, the Contractor requesting above the minimum may submit/update a business case for funding above the minimum if preliminary approval is needed prior to the Pension Management Plan process. The business case shall include a projection of the annual minimum required contribution and the proposed contribution above the minimum. The submission of the business case will provide the opportunity for the Department to provide preliminary approval, within 30 days after Contractor submission, pending receipt of final estimates, generally after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. Final approval of funding will be communicated by the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) when discount rates are finalized and it is known whether there are any budget issues with the proposed contribution amount.
  - (2) Contractors that sponsor multi-employer DB pension plans will be reimbursed for pension contributions in the amounts necessary to ensure that the plans are funded to meet the annual minimum requirement under ERISA, as amended by the PPA. However, reimbursement for pension contributions above the annual minimum contribution required under ERISA, as amended by the PPA, will require prior approval of the Contracting Officer and will be considered on a case by case basis. Reimbursement amounts will take into consideration all pre-funding balances and funding standard carryover balances. Early in the fiscal year but no later than the end of November, the Contractor requesting above the minimum may submit/update a business case for funding above the minimum if preliminary approval is needed prior to the Pension

Management Plan process. The business case shall include a projection of the annual minimum required contribution and the proposed contribution above the minimum. The submission of the business case will provide the opportunity for the Department to provide preliminary approval, within 30 days after Contractor submission, pending receipt of final estimates, generally after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. Final approval of funding will be communicated by the HCA when discount rates are finalized and it is known whether there are any budget issues with the proposed contribution amount.

(i) Reporting Requirements for Designated Contracts

The following reports shall be submitted to DOE as soon as possible after the last day of the plan year by the Contractor responsible for each designated pension plan funded by DOE but no later than the dates specified below:

- 1) Actuarial Valuation Reports. The annual actuarial valuation report for each DOE-reimbursed pension plan and when a pension plan is commingled, the Contractor shall submit separate reports for DOE's portion and the plan total by the due date for filing IRS Form 5500.
- 2) Forms 5500. Copies of IRS Forms 5500 with Schedules for each DOE-funded pension plan, no later than that submitted to the IRS.
- 3) Forms 5300. Copies of all forms in the 5300 series submitted to the IRS that document the establishment, amendment, termination, spin-off, or merger of a plan submitted to the IRS.

(j) Changes to Pension Plans

At least sixty (60) days prior to the adoption of any changes to a pension plan, the Contractor shall submit the information required below, as applicable, to the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer must approve plan changes that increase costs as part of a determination as to whether the costs are deemed allowable pursuant to FAR 31.205-6, as supplemented by DEAR 970.3102-05-6.

- (1) For proposed changes to pension plans and pension plan funding, the Contractor shall provide the following to the Contracting Officer:
  - (A) a copy of the current plan document (as conformed to show all prior plan amendments), with the proposed new amendment indicated in redline/strikeout;



- (B) an analysis of the impact of any proposed changes on actuarial accrued liabilities and costs;
  - (C) except in circumstances where the Contracting Officer indicates that it is unnecessary, a legal explanation of the proposed changes from the counsel used by the plan for purposes of compliance with all legal requirements applicable to private sector defined benefit pension plans;
  - (D) the Summary Plan Description; and,
  - (E) any such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer.
- (2) Contractors shall submit new benefit plans and changes to plan design or funding methodology with justification to the Contracting Officer for approval, as applicable (see (e)(1) above). The justification must:
- (A) demonstrate the effect of the plan changes on the contract net benefit value or percent of payroll benefit costs,
  - (B) provide the dollar estimate of savings or costs, and
  - (C) provide the basis of determining the estimated savings or cost.
- (k) Terminating Operations

When operations at a designated DOE facility are terminated and no further work is to occur under the prime contract, the following apply:

- (1) No further benefits for service shall accrue.
- (2) The Contractor shall provide a determination statement in its settlement proposal, defining and identifying all liabilities and assets attributable to the DOE contract.
- (3) The Contractor shall base its pension liabilities attributable to DOE contract work on the market value of annuities or lump sum payments or dispose of such liabilities through a competitive purchase of annuities or lump sum payouts.
- (4) Assets shall be determined using the “accrual-basis market value” on the date of termination of operations.

- (5) DOE and the Contractor(s) shall establish an effective date for spinoff or plan termination. On the same day as the Contractor notifies the IRS of the spinoff or plan termination, all plan assets assigned to a spun-off or terminating plan shall be placed in a low-risk liability matching portfolio until the successor trustee, or an insurance company, is able to assume stewardship of those assets.

(1) Terminating Plans

- (1) DOE Contractors shall not terminate any pension plan (Commingled or site specific) without requesting Departmental approval at least 60 days prior to the scheduled date of plan termination.
- (2) To the extent possible, the Contractor shall satisfy plan liabilities to plan participants by the purchase of annuities through competitive bidding on the open annuity market or lump sum payouts. The Contractor shall apply the assumptions and procedures of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.
- (3) Funds to be paid or transferred to any party as a result of settlements relating to pension plan termination or reassignment shall accrue interest from the effective date of termination or reassignment until the date of payment or transfer.
- (4) If ERISA or IRC rules prevent a full transfer of excess DOE reimbursed assets from the terminated plan, the Contractor shall pay any deficiency directly to DOE according to a schedule of payments to be negotiated by the parties.
- (5) On or before the same day as the Contractor notifies the IRS of the spinoff or plan termination, all plan assets assigned to a spun-off or terminating plan shall be placed in a low-risk liability matching portfolio until the successor trustee, or an insurance company, is able to assume stewardship of those assets.
- (6) DOE liability to a Commingled pension plan shall not exceed that portion which corresponds to DOE contract service. The DOE shall have no other liability to the plan, to the plan sponsor, or to the plan participants.
- (7) After all liabilities of the plan are satisfied, the Contractor shall return to DOE an amount equaling the asset reversion from the plan termination and any earnings which accrue on that amount because of a delay in the payment to DOE. Such amount and such earnings shall be subject to DOE audit. To affect the purposes of this paragraph, DOE and the Contractor may stipulate to a schedule of payments.

(m) Special Programs

Contractors must advise DOE and receive prior approval for each early-out program, window benefit, disability program, plan-loan feature, employee contribution refund, asset reversion, or incidental benefit.

(n) Definitions

- (1) Commingled Plans. Cover employees from the Contractor's private operations and its DOE contract work.
- (2) Current Liability. The sum of all plan liabilities to employees and their beneficiaries. Current liability includes only benefits accrued to the date of valuation. This liability is commonly expressed as a present value.
- (3) Defined Benefit Pension Plan. Provides a specific benefit at retirement that is determined pursuant to the formula in the pension plan document.
- (4) Defined Contribution Pension Plan. Provides benefits to each participant based on the amount held in the participant's account. Funds in the account may be comprised of employer contributions, employee contributions, investment returns on behalf of that plan participant and/or other amounts credited to the participant's account.
- (5) Designated Contract. For purposes of this clause, a contract (other than a prime cost reimbursement contract for management and operation of a DOE facility) for which the Head of the Departmental Contracting Activity determines that advance pension understandings are necessary or where there is a continuing Departmental obligation to the pension plan.
- (6) Pension Fund. The portfolio of investments and cash provided by employer and employee contributions and investment returns. A pension fund exists to defray pension plan benefit outlays and (at the option of the plan sponsor) the administrative expenses of the plan.
- (7) Separate Accounting. Account records established and maintained within a commingled plan for assets and liabilities attributable to DOE contract service. NOTE: The assets so represented are not for the exclusive benefit of any one group of plan participants.
- (8) Separate Plan. Must satisfy IRC Sec. 414(l) definition of a single plan, designate assets for the exclusive benefit of employees under DOE contract, exist under a separate plan document (having its own Department of Labor plan number) that is distinct from corporate plan documents and identify the Contractor as the plan sponsor.

- (9) Spun-off Plan. A new plan which satisfies IRC Reg. 1.414 (l)-1 requirements for a single plan and which is created by separating assets and liabilities from a larger original plan. The funding level of each individual participant's benefits shall be no less than before the event, when calculated on a "plan termination basis."

#### **H.4 LABOR RELATIONS**

- (a) The Contractor shall respect the right of employees to organize and to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to bargain collectively through their chosen labor representatives, to engage in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection, and to refrain from any or all of these activities.
- (b) The Contractor shall meet with the Contracting Officer or designee(s) for the purpose of reviewing the Contractor's bargaining objectives prior to negotiations of any collective bargaining agreement or revision thereto and shall consult with and obtain the approval of the Contracting Officer regarding appropriate economic bargaining parameters, including those for pension and medical benefit costs, prior to the Contractor entering into the collective bargaining process. During the collective bargaining process, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer before submitting or agreeing to any collective bargaining proposal which can be calculated to affect allowable costs under this Contract or which could involve other items of special interest to the Government. During the collective bargaining process, the Contractor shall obtain the approval of the Contracting Officer before proposing or agreeing to changes in any pension or other benefit plans.
- (c) The Contractor will seek to maintain harmonious bargaining relationships that reflect a judicious expenditure of public funds, equitable resolution of disputes and effective and efficient bargaining relationships consistent with the requirements of FAR, Subpart 22.1 and DEAR, Subpart 970.2201 and all applicable Federal and State Labor Relations laws.
- (d) The Contractor will notify the Contracting Officer or designee in a timely fashion of all labor relations issues and matters of local interest including organizing initiatives, unfair labor practice, work stoppages, picketing, labor arbitrations, and settlement agreements and will furnish such additional information as may be required from time to time by the Contracting Officer.

#### **H.5 NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Contract is for the exclusive benefit and convenience of the parties hereto. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as granting, vesting, creating, or conferring any right of action or any other right or benefit upon past, present, or future employees of the Contractor, or upon any other third party. This provision is not intended to limit or impair the rights which any person may have under applicable Federal statutes.

## **H.6 WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

- (a) Contractors, other than those whose workers' compensation coverage is provided through a state funded arrangement or a corporate benefits program, shall submit to the Contracting Officer for approval all new compensation policies and all initial proposals for self-insurance (contractors shall provide copies to the Contracting Officer of all renewal policies for workers compensation).
- (b) Workers compensation loss income benefit payments, when supplemented by other programs (such as salary continuation, short-term disability) are to be administered so that total benefit payments from all sources shall not exceed 100 percent of the employee's net pay.
- (c) Contractors approve all workers compensation settlement claims up to the threshold established by the Contracting Officer for DOE approval and submit all settlement claims above the threshold to DOE for approval.
- (d) The Contractor shall obtain approval from the Contracting Officer before making any significant change to its workers compensation coverage and shall furnish reports as may be required from time to time by the Contracting Officer.

## **H.7 WORKFORCE TRANSITION**

- (a) Right of First Refusal. Subject to the availability of funds, the Contractor shall offer employment to all Incumbent Employees, except as stated in paragraph (b) below, who, as of the date of Contract award, are in good standing and who hold regular appointments and are engaged in performance of work within the PWS under this Contract. Individuals who hold regular appointments are individuals who are employed for an indefinite duration, with either a full-time work schedule of at least 40 hours per week, or a part-time work schedule of fewer than 40 hours per week, but more than 20 hours per week.
- (b) Discretionary Incumbent Management Employees Excepted. It is the Contractor's prerogative to establish its own management structure. Therefore, the right of first refusal set forth in the Workforce Transition clause is not applicable to Discretionary Incumbent Management Employees. Discretionary Incumbent Management Employees are individuals permanently assigned in the positions listed below. The Contractor may offer employment to said employees, in either their current positions or other positions, at the Contractor's sole discretion.
  - (1) For those positions listed below, any changes in job positions or classifications shall be accompanied by a commensurate alteration in compensation.

- (2) Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the Contractor from separating employees when in its judgment it is appropriate to do so based on the employee's performance or conduct.

Discretionary Incumbent Management:

Site Director, West Hackberry  
Site Director, Bayou Choctaw  
Site Director, Bryan Mound  
Site Director, Big Hill  
Director, Cavern Integrity  
Director, Data Systems  
Director, Security and Emergency Preparedness  
Director, Human Resources and Development  
Director, Energy and Sustainability  
General Counsel

**H.8 POST CONTRACT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PENSION AND OTHER BENEFIT PLANS**

- (a) If this Contract expires or terminates and DOE has awarded a contract under which the new contractor becomes a sponsor and assumes responsibility for management and administration of the pension or other benefit plans covering active or retired contractor employees with respect to service at the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (collectively, the "Plans"), the Contractor shall cooperate and transfer to the new contractor its responsibility for sponsorship, management and administration of the Plans consistent with direction from the Contracting Officer. If a Commingled plan is involved, the contractor shall:
  - (1) Spin off the DOE portion of any Commingled Plan used to cover employees working at the DOE facility into a separate plan. The new plan will normally provide benefits similar to those provided by the commingled plan and shall carry with it the DOE assets on an accrual basis market value, including DOE assets that have accrued in excess of DOE liabilities.
  - (2) Bargain in good faith with DOE or the successor contractor to determine the assumptions and methods for establishing the liabilities involved in a spinoff. DOE and the contractor(s) shall establish an effective date of spinoff. On or before the same day as the contractor notifies the IRS of the spinoff or plan termination, all plan assets assigned to a spun-off or terminating plan shall be placed in a low-risk liability matching portfolio until the successor trustee, or an insurance company, is able to assume stewardship of those assets.
- (b) If this Contract expires or terminates and DOE has not awarded a contract to a new contractor under which the new contractor becomes a sponsor and assumes

responsibility for management and administration of the Plans, or if the Contracting Officer determines that the scope of work under the Contract has been completed (any one such event may be deemed by the Contracting Officer to be “Contract Completion” for purposes of this clause), whichever is earlier, and notwithstanding any other obligations and requirements concerning expiration or termination under any other clause of this Contract, the following actions shall occur regarding the Contractor’s obligations regarding the Plans at the time of Contract Completion:

- (1) Subject to subparagraph (2) below, and notwithstanding any legal obligations independent of the Contract the Contractor may have regarding responsibilities for sponsorship, management, and administration of the Plans, the Contractor shall remain the sponsor of the Plans, in accordance with applicable legal requirements.
- (2) The parties shall exercise their best efforts to reach agreement on the Contractor’s responsibilities for sponsorship, management and administration of the Plans prior to or at the time of Contract Completion. However, if the parties have not reached agreement on the Contractor’s responsibilities for sponsorship, management and administration of the Plans prior to or at the time of Contract Completion, unless and until such agreement is reached, the Contractor shall comply with written direction from the Contracting Officer regarding the Contractor’s responsibilities for continued provision of pension and welfare benefits under the Plans, including but not limited to continued sponsorship of the Plans, in accordance with applicable legal requirements. To the extent that the Contractor incurs costs in implementing direction from the Contracting Officer, the Contractor’s costs will be reimbursed pursuant to applicable Contract provisions.

## **H.9 PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AGREEMENT**

The Contractor’s parent organization(s) or all member organizations if the Contractor is a joint venture, limited liability company, or other similar entity, shall guarantee performance of the contract as evidenced by the Performance Guarantee Agreement incorporated in the contract in Section J, Attachment I.

If the Contractor is a joint venture, limited liability company, or other similar entity where more than one organization is involved, the parent(s) or all member organizations shall assume joint and severable liability for the performance of the contract. In the event any of the signatories to the Performance Guarantee Agreement enters into proceedings related to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish written notification of the bankruptcy to the Contracting Officer.

## **H.10 CONTRACTOR PRESS RELEASES**

The DOE policy and procedure on news releases requires that all Contractor press releases be reviewed and approved by DOE prior to issuance. Therefore, the Contractor shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the planned issue date, submit a draft copy to the Contracting Officer of any planned press releases related to work performed under this contract. The Contracting Officer will then obtain necessary reviews and clearances and provide the Contractor with the results of such reviews prior to the planned issue date.

## **H.11 SUSTAINABLE ACQUISITION UNDER DOE SERVICE CONTRACTS**

Pursuant to Executive Orders 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management, and 13514, Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance, the Department of Energy is committed to managing its facilities in a manner that will promote the natural environment and protect the health and well being of its Federal employees and contractor service providers. As a service provider at a DOE facility you are urged to assist us in our efforts. Sustainable acquisition or environmentally preferable contracting has several interacting initiatives. Among the initiatives are the following:

- Alternative Fueled Vehicles and Alternative Fuels
- Biobased Content Products (USDA Designated Products)
- Energy Efficient Products
- Non-Ozone Depleting Alternative Products
- Recycled Content Products (EPA Designated Products)
- Water Efficient Products (EPA WaterSense Labeled Products)

You should familiarize yourself with these information resources:

- Recycled Products are described at <http://epa.gov/cpg>
- Biobased Products are described at <http://www.biopreferred.gov/>
- Energy efficient products are at <http://energystar.gov/products> for Energy Star products and FEMP designated products are at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/procurement>
- Environmentally Preferable Computers are at <http://www.epeat.net>
- Non-Ozone Depleting Alternative Products at <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/strathome.html>
- Water efficient plumbing fixtures at <http://epa.gov/watersense>

In the course of providing services at the DOE site, if your services necessitate the acquisition of any of these types of products, it is expected that you will acquire the sustainable, environmentally preferable models unless the product is not available competitively within a reasonable time, at a reasonable price, is not life cycle cost efficient in the case of energy consuming products, or does not meet reasonable



performance standards. While there is no formal reporting, DOE prepares a sustainable acquisition annual report and you may be asked to share information for our report.

## **H.12 TRANSITION ACTIVITIES**

- (a) During the transition period, as specified in the clause in Section F entitled “Period of Performance,” the Contractor shall perform those activities that are necessary to transition the work from the incumbent Contractor in a manner that (1) assures that all work for which the Contractor is responsible under the contract is continued without disruption; (2) provides for an orderly transfer of resources, responsibilities, and accountability from the incumbent Contractor; and (3) allows the Contractor to perform the work in an efficient, effective, and safe manner. The Contractor is responsible for providing all necessary personnel and logistical support (office space, computers, telephone, etc.) during the transition period, unless specifically directed otherwise by the Contracting Officer.
- (b) The Contractor shall submit a transition plan consistent with the approach in the proposal as the basis for beginning the transition activities immediately upon award of the contract. The Contractor shall submit a transition plan and budget to the Contracting Officer for approval within 7 days after award of the contract.
- (c) After completion of the transition activities contained in the approved transition plan and such other transition activities as may be authorized or directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing that it is ready to assume full responsibility for the work. The Contractor shall assume full responsibility for the work upon the date specified in writing by the Contracting Officer.
- (d) The transition plan shall include a schedule of major activities, and address as a minimum:
  - (1) Communication process among the Contractor, incumbent Contractor, and DOE;
  - (2) Identification of key transition issues and milestones;
  - (3) Identification of a transition team (inclusive of consultants and teaming members, if any);
  - (4) Integration of work packages (direct and indirect) and budgets from incumbent Contractor;
  - (5) Approach to minimizing impacts on continuity of operations;
  - (6) Dispute Resolution;

- (7) Assumption of SPR related programs and projects;
- (8) Comprehensive human resource management plan as described in the Section H clause entitled “Employee Compensation: Pay and Benefits”;
- (9) Implementation of proposed management systems (e.g., Project Management, Integrated Safety Management, Accounting, Procurement, Property, Budget and Planning);
- (10) Assumption of all ES&H responsibilities, functions, and activities;
- (11) Identification and prioritization of issues after transition; and
- (12) A detailed cost breakdown by transition activity (include cost breakdown as an appendix to the plan).

**H.13 TECHNICAL DIRECTION – DEAR 952.242-70 (DEC 2000)**

- (a) Performance of the work under this contract shall be subject to the technical direction of the DOE Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR). The term “technical direction” is defined to include, without limitation:
  - (1) Providing direction to the Contractor that redirects contract effort, shift work emphasis between work areas or tasks, require pursuit of certain lines of inquiry, fill in details, or otherwise serve to accomplish the contractual PWS.
  - (2) Providing written information to the Contractor that assists in interpreting drawings, specifications, or technical portions of the work description.
  - (3) Reviewing and, where required by the contract, approving, technical reports, drawings, specifications, and technical information to be delivered by the Contractor to the Government.
- (b) The Contractor will receive a copy of the written COR designation from the Contracting Officer. It will specify the extent of the COR’s authority to act on behalf of the Contracting Officer.
- (c) Technical direction must be within the PWS stated in the contract. The COR does not have the authority to, and may not, issue any technical direction that—
  - (1) Constitutes an assignment of additional work outside the PWS;
  - (2) Constitutes a change as defined in the contract clause entitled “Changes;”

- (3) In any manner causes an increase or decrease in the total estimated contract cost, the fee (if any), or the time required for contract performance;
  - (4) Changes any of the expressed terms, conditions or specifications of the contract; or
  - (5) Interferes with the Contractor's right to perform the terms and conditions of the contract.
- (d) All technical direction shall be issued in writing by the COR.
- (e) The Contractor must proceed promptly with the performance of technical direction duly issued by the COR in the manner prescribed by this clause and within its authority under the provisions of this clause. If, in the opinion of the Contractor, any instruction or direction by the COR falls within one of the categories defined in (c)(1) through (c)(5) of this clause, the Contractor must not proceed and must notify the Contracting Officer in writing within five (5) working days after receipt of any such instruction or direction and must request the Contracting Officer to modify the contract accordingly. Upon receiving the notification from the Contractor, the Contracting Officer must—
- (1) Advise the Contractor in writing within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Contractor's letter that the technical direction is within the scope of the contract effort and does not constitute a change under the Changes clause of the contract;
  - (2) Advise the Contractor in writing within a reasonable time that the Government will issue a written change order; or
  - (3) Advise the Contractor in writing within a reasonable time not to proceed with the instruction or direction of the COR.
- (f) A failure of the Contractor and Contracting Officer either to agree that the technical direction is within the scope of the contract or to agree upon the contract action to be taken with respect to the technical direction will be subject to the provisions of the clause entitled "Disputes."

#### **H.14 SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN**

The Small Business Subcontracting Plan, submitted by the Contractor consistent with the provisions of the clause entitled "FAR 52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan" in Section I, and approved by the Contracting Officer is incorporated and made a material part of this contract as an Attachment to Section J.

Prior to the beginning of each Fiscal Year, the Contractor shall also submit an "annual subcontracting plan which shall establish subcontracting goals, as described in paragraph

(d)(1) and (2) of Section I clause entitled “ FAR 52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan,” to remain in effect for each fiscal year. The annual plan shall be reviewed for approval by the Contracting Officer and shall be incorporated into this contract.

#### **H.15 CYBER SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

- (a) General Computing System Use Policies. DOE policies as well as the Information Technology (IT) policies defined at the SPR are intended to protect computer hardware, software, and data from unauthorized access, intentional compromise or destruction, and inadvertent damage. All users including contractor staff are responsible for the protection of computer resources located in their work areas and those computer resources assigned by the SPR to the user. The following computer security requirements apply to all computer users at the SPR.
- (b) Computer Access Request (Including Foreign National Special Requirements). Before any request can be processed the individual needs to have a DOE ID badge or PIV (Personal Identification Verification) card. In order to be assigned a user ID and be allowed access to the SPR computers and network, the person’s manager must submit a computer access request or by using the SPR User Management System. The person must also complete the SPRPMO User Certification For Protection of DOE Sensitive Information. If the individual is a foreign national they must fill out a “Foreign National Request” through the Security Department and be properly vetted before being granted access to SPR information systems or data.
- (c) Password. Your assigned login ID and password are for your use only. Your password is not to be disclosed to anyone. You are responsible for all computer work processed under your assigned logon ID and password in accordance with DOE policy.
- (d) User Responsibilities and Prohibited Use. Users must comply with End-User Rules of Behavior defined in Appendix E of the applicable System Security Plan (SSP) for the SPR system being accessed. Users must attend annual computer security awareness briefings.
- (e) Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Protected PII shall not be stored or transmitted on portable/mobile devices or on removable media, or remotely access Protected PII on DOE systems without specific approval of the Designated Approval Official.
- (f) Remote Access. Users shall only do remote access to SPRPMO systems using two-factor authentication with SPRPMO supplied credentials. Remote access to protected PII on government systems must be approved in writing by the Designated Approval Authority. Remote access is any access to an organizational information system by a user (or an information system) communicating through an external, non-organization-controlled network (e.g., the Internet).

- (g) **Restriction on the Use of Portable/Removable Media.** SPRPMO policy is to restrict the use of portable and removable media to access, collect, create, process, transmit, disseminate, or store SPR information within and outside SPR security areas. Use of portable and removable media to store or transfer SPR electronic information will be considered the exception rather than the normal operating procedure. Only SPR-issued portable and removable media are allowed to be connected to SPR information systems or networks. Use of Personally Owned Devices (PODs) are not allowed on SPR information systems without prior written approval of the ISSM (Information System Security Manager) or the SPR Designated Approval Official.
- (h) **Restriction on the Use of Cellular Technology.** SPRPMO policy is to restrict the use of cellular wireless communications technology to access SPR information system assets or data. Cellular technology must be incapacitated or disabled before connecting to any SPR information system or network.

#### **H.16 SEPARATE CORPORATE ENTITY**

The Contractor under this contract shall be a separate corporate entity from its parent company(ies). The separate corporate entity must be set up solely to perform this contract, and shall be totally responsible for all contract activities.

#### **H.17 RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE OFFICIAL AND CORPORATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Responsible Corporate Official

- (a) The Contractor has provided a guarantee of performance from its parent(s) company(s) in the form set forth in Section J Attachment entitled, "Performance Guarantee Agreement." The individual signing the "Performance Guarantee Agreement" for the parent company(s) should be the Responsible Corporate Official.
- (b) The Responsible Corporate Official is the person who has sole corporate (parent company(s)) authority and accountability for Contractor performance. DOE may contact, as necessary, the single Responsible Corporate Official identified below regarding contract performance issues.

### Responsible Corporate Official

Name: J. Greg Meyer  
Position: Sr. Vice President  
Company/Organization: Fluor Federal Services, Inc.  
Address: 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1110  
Arlington, VA 22201  
Phone: 703-351-1298  
Email: [greg.meyer@fluor.com](mailto:greg.meyer@fluor.com)

- (c) Should the Responsible Corporate Official or their contact information change during the period of the contract, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer in writing of the change.

Identified below is each member of the Corporate Board of Directors that will have corporate oversight.

DOE may contact, as necessary, any member of the Corporate Board of Directors, who is accountable for corporate oversight of the Contractor organization and key personnel.

### Corporate Board of Directors:

Name: J. Greg Meyer  
Position: Sr. Vice President  
Company/Organization: Fluor Federal Services, Inc.  
Address: 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1110  
Arlington, VA 22201  
Phone: 703-351-1298  
Email: [greg.meyer@fluor.com](mailto:greg.meyer@fluor.com)

Name: Phil Huff  
Position: Huston Office Manager of Projects  
Company/Organization: Fluor Enterprises, Inc.  
Address: 1 Fluor Daniel Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77478  
Phone: 281-263-4046  
Email: [phil.huff@fluor.com](mailto:phil.huff@fluor.com)

Name: Steven Earhart  
Position: Vice President, Mission Assurance,  
Mission Solutions  
Company/Organization: Fluor Enterprises, Inc.  
Address: 100 Fluor Daniel Drive,  
Greenville, SC 29607  
Phone: 806-420-0163  
Email: [steven.earhart@fluor.com](mailto:steven.earhart@fluor.com)

Should any change occur to the Corporate Board of Directors or their contact information during the period of the contract, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer in writing of the change.

#### **H.18 HOME OFFICE EXPENSES**

Home office expenses, whether direct or indirect, relating to activities of the Contractor are unallowable, except as otherwise specifically provided in the contract or specifically agreed to in writing by the Contracting Officer.

#### **H.19 PROJECT CONTROL SYSTEM**

- (a) In the performance of this Contract, the Contractor shall establish, maintain and use a system for the management and control of projects, which meets the requirements set forth in the Contract. The systems shall be cost-effective and of a level of detail commensurate with management principles necessary for management and control of the project. Specific project control systems guideline requirements and time frames for implementation of these requirements shall be transmitted to the Contractor by the Contracting Officer. The systems shall be reviewed by the Contracting Officer, or duly authorized representative(s), for adequacy in meeting the designated requirements. As part of the review procedure, the Contractor shall furnish the Government a description of the project control system applicable to each project as required by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor agrees to provide access to all pertinent records, data and plans as requested by representatives of the Government for the conduct of this review.
- (b) The description of the project control systems accepted by the Contracting Officer shall be maintained and used by the Contractor in the performance of this Contract.
- (c) Contractor changes to the reviewed systems shall be submitted for review and approval as required by the Contracting Officer. When Contracting Officer approval is required, the Contracting Officer shall advise the Contractor of the acceptability of such changes within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt from the Contractor. When systems existing at the time of contract award do not comply with the designated guidelines, adjustments necessary to assure compliance will be made at no change in contract price or fee.
- (d) The Contractor agrees to provide access to all pertinent records and data requested by the Contracting Officer, or duly authorized representative(s), for the purpose of permitting Government surveillance to insure continuing application of the accepted systems to the project or group of projects under this Contract.
- (e) The Contractor shall require that each selected subcontractor, as determined by the Contracting Officer, meet specific guidelines for the project control systems as set forth in subcontract and shall incorporate in all such subcontracts adequate

provisions for review and surveillance of subcontractor's systems to be carried out by the prime Contractor, or by the Government when requested by either the Government, prime or subcontractor.

## **H.20 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- (a) Work Breakdown Structure. Except as provided for elsewhere in the contract, the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS), as approved by the Contracting Officer, shall provide the basis for all reports required under this contract. The WBS shall be derived from the PWS described in this contract and shall also conform to any implementation guidance which may be provided by the Contracting Officer.
- (b) Periodic Plans and Reports. The Contractor shall submit periodic cost, schedule, and technical performance plans and reports, in such form and substance as required by the Contracting Officer. These periodic plans and reports shall be submitted at the interval, and to the addresses and in the quantities as specified by the Contracting Officer. Where specific forms are required for individual plans and reports, the Contracting Officer shall provide such forms to the Contractor. The plans and reports expected to be submitted by the Contractor are described generally as follows:

General Management Reports narratively summarize schedule, labor, and cost plans and status, and provide explanations of status variances from plans.

Schedule/Labor Cost Reports provide information on schedule, labor and cost plans and status.

Performance Measurement Reports provide information regarding the actual cost of work performed relative to the budgeted cost for work performed relative to the budgeted cost for work scheduled, and provide for reporting data on performance measurement baseline maintenance and estimates at completion.

Technical Reports are the means by which scientific, technical, and engineering information acquired in the performance of the work is disseminated. Plans and reports shall be prepared by the Contractor in such a manner as to provide for—

- (1) Consistency with the contract PWS, the Work Authorization Directives (WADs), and the approved WBS.
  - (2) Correlation of data among the various plans and reports.
- (c) Changes in Work Effort. The reporting system established and maintained by the Contractor pursuant to this subsection shall recognize changes in work effort directed by the Contracting Officer, as provided for in the Work Control System. During performance of this contract, the Contractor shall update and/or change, as appropriate, the WBS (including any diagrams, supporting work descriptions, and WBS dictionary) to reflect changes in the PWS or discrete WADs. The Contractor's



reporting system shall be able to provide for the following at the WAD level, or such lower level, as specified by the Contracting Officer:

- (1) Incorporate contractual changes affecting estimated cost and schedule in a timely manner.
  - (2) Reconcile estimated cost for those elements of the WBS identified in the contract as either priced line items or discrete WADs, and for those elements at the lowest level of the project summary WBS with current performance measurement budgets in terms of:
    - (i) Changes to the authorized work; and
    - (ii) Internal replanning in the detail needed by management for effective control.
  - (3) Prohibit retroactive changes to records pertaining to work performed that will change previously reported costs except for correction of errors and routine accounting adjustments.
  - (4) Prevent revisions to the contract estimated costs except for Government-directed changes to the contractual effort.
  - (5) Document, internal changes to the performance measurement baseline and, on a timely basis, notify the Contracting Officer of such changes.
- (d) The Contractor agrees to provide the Contracting Officer, or designated authorized representatives, access to any and all information and documents comprising the Contractor's reporting system.
- (e) The Contractor shall include the requirements of this clause in all subcontracts that are cost-reimbursement type of contracts when—
- (1) The value of the subcontract is greater than \$2 million, unless specifically waived by the Contracting Officer, and,
  - (2) The Contracting Officer determines that the contract/subcontract effort is, or involves, a critical task related to the contract.

## **H.21 WORK AUTHORIZATION**

- (a) Prior to the start of each fiscal year, the DOE shall provide the Contractor program execution guidance in sufficient detail to develop estimated costs, scope, and schedule for the performance thereof. The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer or other designated authorized representative, a detailed PWS consistent with Section C, "Performance Work Statement," a budget of estimated

costs and corresponding schedule of performance for work to be performed during the next fiscal year. The level of work activities, estimated cost, and schedule shall be a task level 2 of the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS), consistent with the PWS or other level as specified by the Contracting Officer.

- (b) Budget Negotiations: Prior to the authorization to proceed with the performance of any work under this contract, the Contractor and the DOE shall mutually establish a budget of estimated costs, a detailed PWS, and schedule of performance for each task at level 2 of the WBS or as otherwise specified by the Contracting Officer for that fiscal year. The established estimated costs, detailed PWS, and schedule of performance shall be incorporated into the contract's Section J, Attachment entitled "Work Authorization Directives (WADs)," and by modification. If agreement cannot be reached on the scope, schedule, and/or estimated cost for the WADs, the Contracting Officer shall issue a unilateral modification establishing the estimated cost and issue the WAD pursuant to this subsection authorizing Contractor performance, which shall not be subject to the Contract Clause entitled "Disputes - Alternate I."
- (c) No activities shall be authorized and no costs incurred until either the Contracting Officer has issued direction concerning continuation of activities.
- (d) Work Authorization Directives: The WADs authorizing the Contractor to proceed with performance of the annual PWS, shall be provided in writing to the Contractor by the Contracting Officer. Each WAD so issued will include the following:
  - (1) Authorization number and work initiation date.
  - (2) Description of Work.
  - (3) Revision Number.
  - (4) The total estimated cost for the work to be performed under this authorization and current period estimated cost if the WAD performance schedule exceeds the current fiscal year.
  - (5) Appropriate schedule and milestone dates.
  - (6) Cost, schedule, and all other reporting requirements.
  - (7) Performance, objectives, measures, and targets.
  - (8) Date of issue.
  - (9) Responsible DOE Designated Official signature.
  - (10) Contracting Officer signature.

- (e) Performance Direction: Government direction of the performance of all work authorized for performance under this contract shall be in accordance with the Clause (H.13) entitled “Technical Direction.”
- (f) Modification: The Contracting Officer may at any time and without notice issue WADs within the PWS of this contract requiring additional work, or directing the omission of, or changes to the PWS of this contract. A proposal for adjustment in the budget of estimated costs and schedule of performance of work established in accordance with paragraph (g) of this subsection shall be submitted by the Contractor as mutually agreed upon with the Contracting Officer.
- (g) Expenditure of Funds and Incurrence of Cost: The performance of work and the incurrence of cost in the execution of the PWS of this contract shall be initiated only when authorized in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. The expenditure of monies by the Contractor in the performance of all authorized work shall also be governed by the provisions of the Contract Clause entitled “Obligation of Funds.” The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer whenever it anticipates under-running a WAD by more than 10% or over-running a WAD in any amount as identified in the Financial Plan and in accordance with the WAD ceilings.
- (h) Remuneration: An annual fee shall be negotiated in accordance with the contract clause entitled “Total Available Fee: Base Fee Amount and Performance Fee Amount” for the performance of work authorized pursuant to this subsection. In accordance with the Contract Clause entitled “Changes,” when a WAD results in a material change in the negotiated budget of total estimated cost or character of the PWS, an equitable adjustment of the fee shall be made in accordance with the agreement of the parties and the contract shall be modified in writing.
- (i) Order of Precedence: This subsection is of lesser order of precedence than the Contract Clauses entitled “Obligation of Funds,” and “Payments and Advances.” The Contractor is not authorized to incur costs on any WAD which are not in compliance with the other terms and conditions of this contract.
- (j) Conflicts: In the event there is a conflict between the requirements of this subsection and Section J, Attachment entitled “List of Applicable Directives,” as amended, the Contractor shall obtain guidance from the Contracting Officer.
- (k) Reporting: Reporting shall be in accordance with the Special Contract Requirement entitled “Reporting Requirements.”
- (l) Responsibility to Achieve Environmental, Safety and Health Compliance: Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the Contractor has, in the event of an emergency, authority to authorize corrective actions as may be necessary to sustain operations in a manner consistent with applicable environmental, safety and health statutes, regulations, and procedures. In the event that the Contractor takes

such an action, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer within 24 hours after such action was initiated and, with 30 days after such action has been initiated, submit a proposal for adjustment in the estimated costs and schedule of performance of work established in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

## **H.22 WITHDRAWAL OF WORK**

- (a) The Contracting Officer reserves the right to have any of the work contemplated by Section C, Performance Work Statement, of this contract performed by either another contractor or Government employees
  
- (b) Work may be withdrawn:
  - (1) In order for the Government to conduct pilot programs;
  - (2) If the Contractor's estimated cost of the work is considered unreasonable;
  - (3) For less than satisfactory performance by the Contractor; or
  - (4) For any other reason deemed by the Contracting Officer to be in the best interest of the Government.
  
- (c) If any work is withdrawn by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor agrees to fully cooperate with the new performing entity and to provide whatever support is required.
  
- (d) The contract will be modified to reduce the estimated costs and fee for any work withdrawn by the Contracting Officer.

## **H.23 PERFORMANCE CRITERIA, MEASURES, OUTPUT TARGETS, AND INCENTIVES**

The Government will develop performance criteria, measures and output targets for the coming fiscal year which will be set forth in the Work Authorization Directives developed and issued pursuant to the Section H Provision entitled "Work Authorization." The Contractor may also propose additional performance measures, which will be negotiated prior to placement in the Work Authorization Directives. The evaluation areas and individual requirements that will be subject to incentivization will be included in the Performance Evaluation and Measurement Plan developed and issued pursuant to the Clause in Section I entitled, "Total Available Fee: Base Fee Amount and Performance Fee Amount." The evaluation of performance against measures will be a consideration in (1) development of fee awards, if any, (2) the DOE decision whether to exercise the option to extend the contract and (3) terminating the contract for default.

NOTE – COST REDUCTION INCENTIVE: The Department of Energy (DOE) expects the contractor to manage and operate the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in an efficient and effective manner. To this end, the contractor will be provided an incentive to achieve significant cost reduction without adversely affecting the level of performance required by the contract. Details implementing this incentive will be set forth in the annual Performance Evaluation and Measurement Plan issued pursuant to Section I Clause entitled “Total Available Fee: Base Fee Amount and Performance Fee Amount” of this contract. DOE anticipates that up to 25 percent of annual available fee will be assigned to this evaluation area in the Performance Evaluation and Measurement Plan incorporated in the contract in Section J, Attachment J.

The baseline for the measurement of the contractor’s performance will be the contractor’s approved Annual Operating Plan established each fiscal year. Reductions resulting from schedule delays, direction given by the DOE or changes in the mission, work scope, or routine reorganization of the contractor due to changes in the budget do not qualify for this incentive.

#### **H.24 EMPLOYEE CONCERNS PROGRAM (ECP)**

The Contractor shall submit an implementation plan to the Contracting Officer for approval within 90 days of contract award that describes an Employee Concerns Program (ECP) that implements all programmatic requirements of the applicable DOE Order 442.1A.

#### **H.25 ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, AND HEALTH (ES&H)**

- (a) The Contractor shall comply with existing system description document in accordance with the Section I Clause DEAR 970.5223-1 entitled, “Integration of ES&H Into Work Planning and Execution.” The Contractor shall submit an update to the existing Integrated Safety Management System (ISMS) Description Document within 60 days of contract award and thereafter in accordance with the Work Authorization Directive. Any changes to the ISMS Description Document after the Contracting Officer’s or designee’s initial approval, shall be approved by the Contracting Officer or designee.
- (b) The initial update of the ISMS Description Document shall include any revisions to ES&H Plans/Programs and include interfaces with other equivalent plans/program approved by DOE as required by the Contract Clause in Section I entitled “Laws, Regulations, and DOE Directives.”
- (c) This contract establishes the agreed-upon safety requirements and other operating parameters for the site-wide operations covered by the contract.

## **H.26 ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS**

Except as otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor is required to prepare all necessary Federal, State, and local permit applications. If any agency or agencies, which regulate the permits, require the signature of an operator on the permit, the Contractor, in recognition of its operator responsibilities, shall sign the permit as required by the regulators. In the event of termination or expiration of this Contract, DOE will require the new Contractor to accept transfer of all environmental permits executed by the Contractor.

## **H.27 CONTRACTOR ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICES OF VIOLATION(S) AND FINES AND PENALTIES**

- (a) The Contractor shall accept, in its own name, notices of violation(s) or alleged violations (NOVs/NOAVs) issued by federal or state regulators to the Contractor resulting from the Contractor's performance of work under this contract, without regard to liability. The allowability of the costs associated with fines and penalties shall be subject to other provisions of this contract.
- (b) After providing DOE advance written notice, the Contractor shall conduct negotiations with regulators regarding NOVs/NOAVs and fines and penalties. However, the Contractor shall not make any commitments or offers to regulators that would bind the Government, including monetary obligations, without first obtaining written approval from the Contracting Officer. Failure to obtain advance written approval may result in otherwise allowable costs being declared unallowable and/or the Contractor being liable for any excess costs to the Government associated with or resulting from such offers/commitments.
- (c) The Contractor shall notify DOE promptly when it receives service from the regulators of NOVs/NOAVs and fines and penalties.

## **H.28 PROHIBITION OF CONTRACTS WITH PERSONS FALSELY LABELING PRODUCTS AS MADE IN AMERICA**

Pursuant to FAR 9.405(b), awards shall not be made to entities that are included on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

Any possible violation of the prohibition against falsely labeling products as made in America, and the entity is not on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs, should be promptly reported through the Contracting Officer. The DOE Contracting Officer is responsible for reporting of an entity in violation of the prohibition against falsely labeling products as American-Made to the Office of Management Systems, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, for potential debarment of the entity pursuant to FAR 9.406-2(a)(4) and 9.406-2(b)(1)(iii).

**H.29 DISPOSITION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY – FAILURE TO COMPLETE CONTRACT PERFORMANCE**

The following provision shall apply in the event the Contractor does not complete contract performance for any reason:

- (a) The Government may take possession of all technical data, including limited rights data, restricted computer software, and data and software obtained from subcontractors, licensors, and licensees, necessary to complete the work in conformance with this contract, including right to use the data in any Government solicitations for the completion of the work contemplated under this contract. Technical information includes, but is not limited to specifications, designs, drawings, operational manuals, flowcharts, software, databases and any other information necessary for the completion of work under this contract. Limited rights data and restricted computer software will be protected in accordance with the provisions of the Section I clause entitled “Rights in Data-Facilities.” The Contractor shall ensure that its subcontractors and licensors make similar rights available to the Government and its contractors.
- (b) The Contractor agrees to and does hereby grant to the Government an irrevocable, nonexclusive, paid-up license in and to any inventions or discoveries regardless of when conceived or actually reduced to practice by the Contractor and any other intellectual property, including technical data, which are owned or controlled by the Contractor, at any time through completion of this contract and which are incorporated or embodied in the construction of the facilities or which are utilized in the operation or remediation of the facilities or which cover articles of materials or products manufactured at a facility: (1) to practice or to have practiced by or for the Government at the facility, and (2) to transfer such license with the transfer of that facility. The acceptance or exercise by the Government of the aforesaid rights and license shall not prevent the Government at any time from contesting the enforceability, validity, or scope of, or title to, any rights or patents or other intellectual property herein licensed.
- (c) In addition, the Contractor will take all necessary steps to assign permits, authorizations, and any licenses in any third party intellectual property to the Government, or such third party as the Government may designate, that are necessary for the completion of the work contemplated under this contract.

**H.30 GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTY**

On April 1, 2014, the Contractor shall accept the transfer of and accountability for Government-owned property from Contract DE-AC96-03PO92207.

### **H.31 CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION**

- (a) To the extent that the work under this contract requires that the Contractor be given access to confidential or proprietary business or financial information belonging to the Government or other companies, the Contractor shall, after receipt thereof, treat such information as confidential and agrees not to disclose such information to its own use or to disclose such information to third parties, unless specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer in writing. The foregoing obligations, however, shall not apply to:
  - (1) Information which, at the time of receipt by the Contractor, is in public domain;
  - (2) Information which is published after receipt thereof by the Contractor or otherwise becomes part of the public domain through no fault of the Contractor;
  - (3) Information which the Contractor can demonstrate was in its possession at the time of receipt thereof and was not acquired directly or indirectly from the Government or other companies;
  - (4) Information which the Contractor can demonstrate was received from a third party who did not require the Contractor to hold it in confidence.
- (b) The Contractor shall obtain the written agreement, in a form satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, of each employee permitted access, whereby the employee agrees that he will not discuss, divulge, or disclose any such information to any person or entity except those persons within the Contractor's organization directly concerned with the performance of the contract.
- (c) The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Government, to sign an agreement identical, in all material respects, to the provisions of this clause, with each company supplying information to the Contractor under this contract, and to supply a copy of such agreement to the Contracting Officer.
- (d) The Contractor agrees that upon request by DOE it will execute a DOE-approved agreement with any party whose facilities or information data it is given access to or is furnished, restricting the use and disclosure of the information obtained from the facilities. Upon request by DOE, such an agreement shall also be signed by Contractor personnel.
- (e) This clauses shall flow down to all appropriate subcontracts.
- (f) Technical data is addressed in DEAR 970.5227-1.



### **H.32 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**

- (a) Costs incurred for lodging, meals, and incidental expenses are considered reasonable and allowable to the extent that they do not exceed the maximum per diem rates in effect at the time of travel as set forth in:
- (1) Federal Travel Regulations (FTR) for travel within the 48 states;
  - (2) Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) for travel in Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, an territories and possession of the United States; or
  - (3) Standardized Regulations (SR) for travel allowances in foreign areas.

The definitions of lodging, meals, and incidental expenses, and special or unusual situations of the above regulations are applicable to Contractor travel.

- (b) Airfare costs in excess of the lowest customary standard, coach, or equivalent airfare offered during normal business hours are unallowable except when such accommodations require circuitous routing, require travel during unreasonable hours, excessively prolong travel, result in increased cost that would offset transportation savings, are not reasonably adequate for physical or medial needs of the traveler, or are not reasonably available to meet mission requirements. However, in order for airfare costs in excess of the above standard airfare to be allowable, the applicable condition(s) set forth above must be documented and justified.

### **H.33 LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS**

- (a) The Contractor agrees that none of the funds obligated on this contract to be expended, directly or indirectly, to influence congressional action on any legislation or appropriation matters pending before Congress, other than to communicate to Members of Congress described in 18 U.S.C 1913. This restriction is in addition to those prescribed elsewhere in applicable statute and regulation.

### **H.34 TRANSITION TO FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT**

The Contractor recognizes that the work and services covered by this contract are vital to the DOE mission and must be maintained without interruption, both at the commencement and the expiration of this contract. It is therefore understood and further agreed in recognition of the above that:

At the expiration of the contract term or any earlier termination therefor, the Contractor shall cooperate with a successor Contractor or the Government by allowing either to interview its employees for possible employment, and if such employees accept employment with the replacement Contractor, shall release such employees at the time

established by the new employer or by DOE. The Contractor shall cooperate with the replacement Contractor and Government with regard to the termination or transfer arrangements for such employees to assure maximum protection of employee service credits and fringe benefits. After selection by the Government of any successor Contractor, the Contractor and such successor Contractor shall jointly prepare mutual detailed plans for phase-out and phase-in operations. Such plans shall specify a training and orientation program for the successor Contractor to cover each phase of the PWS covered by the contract. A proposed date by which successor Contractor will assume full responsibility for such work shall be established. The Contractor shall assume full responsibility for such work until assumption thereof by the successor Contractor. Execution of the proposed plan or any part thereof shall be accomplished in accordance with the Contracting Officer's direction and approval. This clause shall apply to subcontracts as approved by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for all reasonable phase-in and phase-out costs, i.e., costs incurred within the agreed period after contract expiration that result from phase-in and phase-out operations.

### **H.35 SERVICES**

Services acquired by the Contractor for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve are acquired for the benefit of the Department of Energy and are immediately resold to the Government as a resale of services in accordance with Texas and Louisiana sales tax provisions.

### **H.36 ASSIGNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS**

(a) Assignment of DOE Prime Contracts.

During the period of performance of this Contract, it may become necessary for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to transfer and assign existing or future DOE prime contracts support site work to this contract. The Contractor shall accept the transfers and assignments of contracts. Any recommendations and/or suggestions regarding individual transfers directed by DOE shall be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer prior to the transfer or assignment.

(b) Administration of Subcontracts.

The administration of all subcontracts entered into and/or managed by the Contractor, including responsibility for payment hereunder, shall remain with the Contractor. The Government reserves the right at any time to require that the Contractor submit any or all other contractual arrangements, including but not limited to purchase orders or classes of purchase orders, for approval, and provide information concerning methods, practices, and procedures used or proposed to be used in subcontracting and purchasing. Subcontracts and purchase orders shall be made in the name of the Contractor, shall not bind nor purport to bind the

Government, shall not relieve the Contractor of any obligation under this contract (including, among other things, the obligation to properly supervise and coordinate the work of subcontractors), and shall be in such form and contain such provisions as are required by this contract or as the Contracting Officer may prescribe. Any consent by the Contracting Officer to the placement of subcontracts shall not be construed to create subcontractor privity of contract with the Government.

(c) Transfer of Subcontracts.

On April 1, 2014, the Contractor shall assume responsibility for existing contracts and other agreements from the Contract Number DE-AC96-03PO92207. These include: (a) all subcontracts and purchase orders with the exception of incumbent contractor's parent company task orders, mentor-protégé agreements, and teaming agreements (b) consulting agreements, (c) regulatory agreement and permits, (d) site-wide plans (e.g., safety and security plans), and (e) other agreements in effect prior to the execution of this contract.

**H.37 RECOGNITION OF PERFORMING ENTITY**

- (a) The Contractor and the Government recognize that the parties named below form the performing entity on which the award of this contract was based.

Fluor Federal Petroleum Operations, LLC

- (b) Accordingly, the Contractor and the Government agree that:

The Contractor shall take no action to replace the components of the Offeror named in Paragraph (a) above without the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer.

**H.38 LITIGATION MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

- (a) The Contractor (including entities named in Paragraph (a) of the provision in Section H entitled "Recognition of Performing Entity") shall prepare a Management of Litigation Procedure(s) compliant with Code of Federal Regulations Title 10 Subpart 719, which shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer within 60 days after the effective date of the contract, and shall be updated thereafter as required.
- (b) The SPR Chief Counsel is the authorized designee of the Contracting Officer for approval of this Procedure.
- (c) Reasonable litigation and other legal expenses are allowable when incurred in accordance with the DOE-approved Contractor legal management procedures (including cost guidelines) as such procedures may be revised from time to time, and if not otherwise made unallowable by law or the provisions of this contract.

### **H.39 ADVANCE UNDERSTANDING(S)**

The following Advance Understanding is made a part of this contract:

An advance understanding on certain contractor costs is incorporated in Section J, Attachment A.

### **H.40 PROVISIONAL PAYMENT OF AWARD FEE**

Monthly provisional payments of award fee in the amount of \$300,000 shall be made to the Contractor. In the event that overpayment results from the payment of fee on a provisional basis, the Contractor shall reimburse the Government upon demand, payable with interest in accordance with contract clause I.71 entitled "Interest."

### **H. 41 Conference Management**

The Contractor agrees that:

- a) The contractor shall ensure that contractor-sponsored conferences reflect the DOE/NNSA's commitment to fiscal responsibility, appropriate stewardship of taxpayer funds and support the mission of DOE/NNSA as well as other sponsors of work. In addition, the contractor will ensure conferences do not include any activities that create the appearance of taxpayer funds being used in a questionable manner.
- b) For the purposes of this clause, "conference" is defined in Attachment 2 to the Deputy Secretary's memorandum of August 17, 2015 entitled "Updated Guidance on Conference-Related Activities and Spending."
- c) Contractor-sponsored conferences include those events that meet the conference definition and either or both of the following:
  - 1) The contractor provides funding to plan, promote, or implement an event, except in instances where a contractor:
    - i) covers participation costs in a conference for specified individuals (e.g. students, retirees, speakers, etc.) in a total amount not to exceed \$10,000 (by individual contractor for a specific conference) or
    - ii) purchases goods or services from the conference planners (e.g., attendee registration fees, renting booth space).

- 2) The contractor authorizes use of its official seal, or other seals/logos/trademarks to promote a conference. Exceptions include non-M&O contractors who use their seal to promote a conference that is unrelated to their DOE contract(s) (e.g., if a DOE IT contractor were to host a general conference on cyber security).
- d) Attending a conference, giving a speech or serving as an honorary chairperson does not connote sponsorship.
- e) The contractor will provide information on conferences they plan to sponsor with expected costs exceeding \$100,000 in the Department's Conference Management Tool, including:
  - 1) Conference title, description, and date
  - 2) Location and venue
  - 3) Description of any unusual expenses (e.g., promotional items)
  - 4) Description of contracting procedures used (e.g., competition for space/support)
  - 5) Costs for space, food/beverages, audio visual, travel/per diem, registration costs, recovered costs (e.g., through exhibit fees)
  - 6) Number of attendees
- f) The contractor will not expend funds on the proposed contractor-sponsored conferences with expenditures estimated to exceed \$100,000 until notified of approval by the contracting officer.
- g) For DOE-sponsored conferences, the contractor will not expend funds on the proposed conference until notified by the contracting officer.
  - 1) DOE-sponsored conferences include events that meet the definition of a conference and where the Department provides funding to plan, promote, or implement the conference and/or authorizes use of the official DOE seal, or other seals/logos/trademarks to promote a conference. Exceptions include instances where DOE:
    - i) covers participation costs in a conference for specified individuals (e.g. students, retirees, speakers, etc.) in a total amount not to exceed \$10,000 (by individual contractor for a specific conference) or
    - ii) purchases goods or services from the conference planners (e.g., attendee registration fees; renting booth space); or provide funding

to the conference planners through Federal grants.

- 2) Attending a conference, giving a speech, or serving as an honorary chairperson does not connote sponsorship.
  - 3) The contractor will provide cost and attendance information on their participation in all DOE-sponsored conference in the DOE Conference Management Tool.
- h) For non-contractor sponsored conferences, the contractor shall develop and implement a process to ensure costs related to conferences are allowable, allocable, reasonable, and further the mission of DOE/NNSA. This process must at a minimum:
- 1) Track all conference expenses.
  - 2) Require the Laboratory Director (or equivalent) or Chief Operating Officer approve a single conference with net costs to the contractor of \$100,000 or greater.
- i) Contractors are not required to enter information on non-sponsored conferences in DOE'S Conference Management Tool.
- j) Once funds have been expended on a non-sponsored conference, contractors may not authorize the use of their trademarks/logos for the conference, provide the conference planners with more than \$10,000 for specified individuals to participate in the conference, or provide any other sponsorship funding for the conference. If a contractor does so, its expenditures for the conference may be deemed unallowable.

#### **H.42 RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE PROGRAMS**

Contractor officials shall ensure that the requirements set forth below are applied in the establishment and administration of DOE-funded prime cost reimbursement contracts for management and operation of DOE facilities and other designated long-lived onsite contracts for which the contractor has established separate operating business units.

##### **1. BASIC REQUIREMENTS**

- a. Maintain commercial insurance or a self-insured program, (i.e., any insurance policy or coverage that protects the contractor from the risk of

legal liability for adverse actions associated with its operation, including malpractice, injury, or negligence) as required by the terms of the contract. Types of insurance include automobile, general liability, and other third party liability insurance. Other forms of coverage must be justified as necessary in the operation of the Department facility and/or the performance of the contract, and approved by the DOE.

- b. Contractors shall not purchase insurance to cover public liability for nuclear incidents without DOE authorization (See DEAR 950.5070, Indemnification and DEAR 950.70, Nuclear Indemnification of DOE Contractors).
- c. Demonstrate that insurance programs and costs comply with the cost limitations and exclusions at FAR 28.307, Insurance Under Cost Reimbursement Contracts; and FAR 31.205-19, DEAR 931.205-19, and DEAR 970.3102-05-19, Insurance and Indemnification.
- d. Demonstrate that the insurance program is being conducted in the government's best interest and at reasonable cost.
- e. The contractor shall submit copies of all insurance policies or insurance arrangements to the contracting officer no later than 30 days after the purchase date.
- f. When purchasing commercial insurance, the contractor shall use a competitive process to ensure costs are reasonable.
- g. Ensure self-insurance programs include the following elements:
  - (1) Compliance with criteria set forth in FAR 28.308, Self-Insurance. Approval of self-insurance is predicated upon submission of verifiable proof that the self-insurance charge does exceed the cost of purchased insurance. This includes hybrid plans (i.e., commercially purchased insurance with self-insured retention (SIR) such as large deductible, matching deductible, retrospective rating cash flow plans, and other plans where insurance reserves are under the control of the insured). The SIR components of such plans are self-insurance and are subject to the approval and submission requirements of FAR 28.308, as applicable.
  - (2) Demonstration of full compliance with applicable state and federal regulations and related professional administration necessary for participation in alternative insurance programs.
  - (3) Safeguards to ensure third party claims and claims settlements are processed in accordance with approved procedures.

- (4) Accounting of self-insurance charges.
  - (5) Accrual of self-insurance reserve. The Contracting Officer's approval is required and predicated upon the following:
    - (a) The claims reserve shall be held in a special fund or interest bearing account.
    - (b) Submission of a formal written statement to the Contracting Officer stating that use of the reserve is exclusively for the payment of insurance claims and losses, and that DOE shall receive its equitable share of any excess funds or reserve.
    - (c) Annual accounting and justification as to the reasonableness of the claims reserve submitted for Contracting Officer's review.
    - (d) Claim reserves, not payable within the year the loss occurred, are discounted to present value based on the prevailing Treasury rate.
  - h. Separately identify and account for interest cost on a Letter of Credit used to guarantee self-insured retention, as an unallowable cost and omitted from charges to the DOE contract.
  - i. Comply with the Contracting Officer's written direction for ensuring the continuation of insurance coverage and settlement of incurred and/or open claims and payments of premiums owed or owing to the insurer for prior DOE contractors.
2. PLAN EXPERIENCE REPORTING. The Contractor shall:
- a. Provide the Contracting Officer with annual experience reports for each type of insurance (e.g., automobile and general liability), listing the following for each category:
    - (1) The amount paid for each claim.
    - (2) The amount reserved for each claim.
    - (3) The direct expenses related to each claim.
    - (4) A summary for the year showing total number of claims.
    - (5) A total amount for claims paid.
    - (6) A total amount reserved for claims.



- (7) The total amount of direct expenses.
  - b. Provide the Contracting Officer with an annual report of insurance costs and/or self-insurance charges. When applicable, separately identify total policy expenses (e.g., commissions, premiums, and costs for claims servicing) and major claims during the year, including those expected to become major claims (e.g., those claims valued at \$100,000 or greater).
  - c. Provide additional claim financial experience data as may be requested on a case-by-case basis.
3. TERMINATING OPERATIONS. The Contractor shall:
- a. Ensure protection of the government's interest through proper recording of cancellation credits due to policy terminations and/or experience rating.
  - b. Identify and provide continuing insurance policy administration and management requirements to a successor, other DOE contractor, or as specified by the Contracting Officer.
  - c. Reach agreement with DOE on the handling and settlement of self-insurance claims incurred but not reported at the time of contract termination; otherwise, the contractor shall retain this liability.
4. SUCCESSOR CONTRACTOR OR INSURANCE POLICY CANCELLATION.
- The Contractor shall:
- a. Obtain the written approval of the Contracting Officer for any change in program direction; and
  - b. Ensure insurance coverage replacement is maintained as required and/or approved by the Contracting Officer.

**H.43 MANAGEMENT AND OPERATING CONTRACTOR (M&O) SUBCONTRACT REPORTING (SEP 2015)**

(a) *Definitions. As used in this clause-*

“First-tier subcontract” means a subcontract awarded directly by the Contractor for the purpose of acquiring supplies or services (including construction) for performance of a prime contract. It does not include Contractor’s supplier agreements with vendors, such as long-term arrangements for materials or supplies

that would benefit multiple contracts and/or the costs of which are normally applied to a Contractor's general and administrative expenses or indirect cost.

"M&O Subcontract Reporting Capability (MOSRC)" means a DOE system and associated processes to collect key information about M&O first-tier subcontracts for reporting to the Small Business Administration.

"Transaction" means any awarded contract, agreement, order or modification, etc. (other than one involving an employer-employee relationship) entered into by a DOE M&O prime contractor calling for supplies and services (including construction) required solely for performance of the prime contract.

(b) *Limited Interim Reporting.*

- (1) The Contractor shall report no less than the twenty highest dollar value first-tier small business subcontract transactions under the contract by December 1 for the previous fiscal year until the Contractor's business system can report the required data as set forth in paragraph (c) below. Classified subcontracts shall be excluded from the reporting requirement and shall not be counted towards the total number of transactions of the reporting requirement.
- (2) Transactions with a corporation, company, or subdivision that is an affiliate of the Contractor are not included in these reports.
- (3) The Contractor shall provide the data on first-tier small business subcontract transactions under the contract, as described in the *MOSRC Guide* via the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet co-located at <https://max.gov> in the MOSRC Collaboration Center. The spreadsheet will be submitted to [HQProcurementSystems@hq.doe.gov](mailto:HQProcurementSystems@hq.doe.gov).

(c) *Full Reporting.*

The Contractor shall update their business systems and processes to collect and report data to MOSRC in compliance with the MOSRC Guide. The Contractor shall report data in MOSRC for FY17 (and each year thereafter) for first-tier small business subcontracting transactions under the contract. Classified subcontracts shall be excluded from the reporting requirements. All Contractor systems shall be updated in order to provide the first FY17 report in November 2016 for October 2016 transactions.

(d) Pilot M&Os.

Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the National Security Campus at Kansas City Plant, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory shall have their business

systems updated in order to provide the first FY16 report in April 2016 for March 2016 transactions.

**H.44 MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION FOR DOE INFORMATION SYSTEMS (JUN 2016)**

The Contractor shall take all necessary actions to achieve multifactor authentication (MFA) for standard and privileged user accounts of all classified and unclassified networks by September 30, 2016. In so doing, the Contractor shall comply with the requirements and procedures established in the document "U.S. Department of Energy Multifactor Authentication Implementation Approach."

The Contractor shall periodically report its progress in achieving the implementation goal by September 30, 2016 as required by the Contracting Officer.

**H.45 PAID LEAVE UNDER SECTION 3610 OF THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT) TO MAINTAIN EMPLOYEES AND SUBCONTRACTORS IN A READY STATE**

(a) The Contractor may submit for reimbursement and the Government (without requiring consideration but precluding additional fee) will treat as allowable (if otherwise allowable per federal regulations) the costs of paid leave (including sick leave) the Contractor or its subcontractors provide to keep employees in a ready state if--

(1) The employees: cannot perform work on a site approved by the Federal Government (including a federally-owned or leased facility or site) due to facilities closures or other restrictions; and cannot telework because their job duties cannot be performed remotely during the public health emergency declared on January 31, 2020 for COVID-19.

(2) The costs are incurred from January 31, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

(3) The costs do not reflect any amount exceeding an average of 40 hours per week for paid leave.

(b) Where other relief provided for by the CARES Act or any other Act would benefit the contractor or the contractor's subcontractors, including, but not limited to, funds available under sections 1102 and 1106 of the CARES Act, the contractor should evaluate the applicability of such benefits in seeking reimbursement under the contract.

(c) The Contractor must represent in any request for reimbursement--

(1) Either it: has not received, has not claimed, and will not claim any other reimbursement, including claims for reimbursement via letter of credit, for federal funds available under the CARES Act for the same purpose, including, but not limited to, funds available under sections 1102 and 1106 of the CARES Act; or if it has received, claimed, or will claim other reimbursement, that reimbursement has been reflected, or will be reflected when known, in requests for reimbursement but in no case reflected later than in its final proposal to determine allowable incurred costs.

- (2) Its request reflects or will reflect as soon as known all applicable credits, including
- (i) Tax credits, including credits allowed pursuant to division G of Public Law 116-127; and
  - (ii) Applicable credits allowed under the CARES Act, including applicable credits for loan guarantees.

(End of clause)