

3.2.4-35 Option to Extend the Term of the Contract (February 2003)

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within _____ [insert in the clause the period of time in which the Contracting Officer has to exercise the option]; provided, that the Government shall give the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least 60 days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the Government to an extension.

(b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option provision.

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed ____ (months) ____ (years).

(End of clause)

PRESCRIPTION

Should be used in RFIs/RFPs and contracts when it is necessary to include a requirement that the TSA give the contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend the contract, a stipulation that an extension of the option, and/or a specified limitation on the total duration of the contract. The Contracting Officer should insert appropriate information in the clause.