

C.6 OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

a. Procurement, Delivery, and Installation Requirements

All equipment, supplies, medicines, and other relevant items for making health facilities operational must be of high-quality and consistent with international standards and MOH and local needs. Specific details will be discussed with the Contractor once initial assessments have been completed and priorities identified by the MOH, DART, and USAID mission.

See Section H.6. for authorized geographic code information.

The Contractor will be responsible for providing communications equipment compatible with USG/USAID frequencies, vehicles for staff equipped with GPS transmitters, and full support for in-country staff.

The HSS contractor shall work with the USAID-supported Logistics contractor to determine the most cost-effective mechanism to establish and maintain supply depots and deliver health commodities/materials/equipment. The Contractors will inform the CTO of the recommended mechanism, who will determine whether the HSS Contractor or the Logistics contractor shall purchase, store, and deliver the required health supplies. If the HSS Contractor is considered the most appropriate provider, the HSS contractor shall be responsible for purchase, delivery, and installation (or oversight of installation if applicable) of any needed medicines, equipment, and materials purchased for delivering health services (e.g. refrigerators, microscopes, computers, furniture, etc.) in the facilities specified by USAID. The Contractor will also be responsible for any needed follow-up maintenance, including spare parts, and training on use of equipment. If required, the Contractor will issue to sub-contractors/sub-grantees the commodities/materials/equipment required to complete their projects and the value of these will be deducted from their approved budgets.

The Contractor is responsible for determining if certain health and safety precautions (e.g. immunizations, biological and chemical protection gear, malaria prophylaxis) are necessary for key staff to be located in Iraq. If so, the Contractor will also be responsible for procuring and delivering these items to key staff prior to their deployment to the region

b. Reporting Requirements

The Contractor will be responsible for providing all the reports specified in Section F of the contract.

c. Security

See the special security provision in Section H.16.

SECTION D - PACKAGING AND MARKING

D.1 AIDAR 752.7009 MARKING (JAN 1993)

(a) It is USAID policy that USAID-financed commodities and shipping containers, and project construction sites and other project locations be suitably marked with the USAID emblem. Shipping containers are also to be marked with the last five digits of the USAID financing document number. As a general rule, marking is not required for raw materials shipped in bulk (such as coal, grain, etc.), or for semi-finished products which are not packaged.

(b) Specific guidance on marking requirements should be obtained prior to procurement of commodities to be shipped, and as early as possible for project construction sites and other project locations. This guidance will be provided through the cognizant technical office indicated on the cover page of this contract, or by the Mission Director in the Cooperating Country to which commodities are being shipped, or in which the project site is located.

(c) Authority to waive marking requirements is vested with the Regional Assistant Administrators, and with Mission Directors.

(d) A copy of any specific marking instructions or waivers from marking requirements is to be sent to the Contracting Officer; the original should be retained by the Contractor.

D.2 REPORTS

Reports should be in accordance with AIDAR 752.242-70 and as indicated in Section F.

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.1 NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference (by Citation Number, Title, and Date) in accordance with the clause at FAR "52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE" in Section I of this contract. See FAR 52.252-2 for an internet address (if specified) for electronic access to the full text of a clause.

NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
52.246-3	INSPECTION OF SUPPLIES--COST REIMBURSEMENT	MAY 2001
52.246-5	INSPECTION OF SERVICES--COST REIMBURSEMENT	APR 1984

E.2 INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

USAID inspection and acceptance of services, reports and other required deliverables or outputs shall take place in Iraq, at the Contractor's facilities or project sites or at any other location where the services are performed and reports and deliverables or outputs are produced or submitted. The CTO listed in Section G has been delegated authority to inspect and accept all services, reports and required deliverables or outputs.

E.3 MONITORING AND EVALUATION PLAN

Evaluation of the Contractor's overall performance in accordance with performance standards/*indicators established under this contract shall be conducted jointly by the CTO and the Contracting Officer, and shall form the basis of the Contractor's permanent performance record with regard to this contract. The CTO and Contracting Officer will undertake an evaluation at the conclusion of the contract.

** Indicators are provided in Attachment 5. Further details may be referenced in the contractor's technical proposal, Chapter One (Plan) dated 3/17/03. The indicators will be coordinated with the CTO.*