

Department of Veterans Affairs

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Bids, and (ii) establish exactly what the bidder proposes to furnish and what the Government would be binding itself to purchase by making an award. The information furnished may include specific references to information previously furnished or to information otherwise available to the purchasing activity.

(2) If the bidder proposes to modify a product so as to make it conform to the requirements of the Invitation for Bids, he/she shall: (i) Include in his/her bid a clear description of such proposed modifications, and (ii) clearly mark any descriptive material to show the proposed modifications.

(3) Modifications proposed after bid opening to make a product conform to a brand name product referenced in the Invitation for Bids will not be considered.

(End of clause)

[50 FR 796, Jan. 7, 1985, as amended at 53 FR 7756, Mar. 10, 1988. Redesignated and amended at 63 FR 17338, Apr. 9, 1998]

852.211-78 Liquidated damages.

As prescribed in 811.504 and 836.206, the contracting officer may insert the following clause when appropriate:

PARTIAL PERFORMANCE AND ACCEPTANCE (APR 1984)

If any unit of the work contracted for is accepted in advance of the whole, the rate of liquidated damages assessed will be in the ratio that the value of the unaccepted work bears to the total amount of the contract. If a separate price for unaccepted work has not been stated in the contractor's bid, determination of the value thereof will be made from schedules of costs furnished by the contractor and approved by the contracting officer, as specified elsewhere in the contract.

(End of clause)

[49 FR 12629, Mar. 29, 1984, as amended at 50 FR 794, Jan. 7, 1985. Redesignated and amended at 63 FR 17338, Apr. 9, 1998]

852.214-70 Caution to bidders—bid envelopes.

As provided in 814.201, the following provision will be prominently placed on all IFB's:

CAUTION TO BIDDERS—BID ENVELOPES (APR 1984)

It is the responsibility of each bidder to take all necessary precautions, including the use of a proper mailing cover, to insure that the bid price cannot be ascertained by anyone prior to bid opening. If a bid envelope is

furnished with this invitation, the bidder is requested to use this envelope in submitting the bid. The bidder may, however, when it suits a purpose, use any suitable envelope, identified by the invitation number and bid opening time and date. If a bid envelope is not furnished, the bidder will complete and affix the enclosed Optional Form 17, Sealed Bid Label, to the lower left-hand corner of the envelope used in submitting the bid.

(End of provision)

[49 FR 12629, Mar. 29, 1984, as amended at 50 FR 794, Jan. 7, 1985]

852.214-71 Alternate items.

As prescribed in 814.201, consideration of alternate items may be appropriate. The following provisions may be used under the specified conditions:

(a) When an alternate item is to be considered only if no bids or insufficient bids are received on the item desired, the following will be included in the invitation:

ALTERNATE ITEM(S) (APR 1984)

Bids on _____⁵ will be considered only if acceptable bids on _____⁶ are not received or do not satisfy the total requirement.

(End of provision)

(b) When an alternate item will be considered on an equal basis with the item specified, the following will be included in the invitation:

ALTERNATE ITEM(S) (APR 1984)

Bids _____⁵ will be given equal consideration along with the _____⁶ and any such bids received may be accepted if to the advantage of the Government. Tie bids will be decided in favor of.⁶

(End of provision)

(c) In addition to the clause in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, the following provision will be included in the invitation when bids will be allowed on different packaging, unit designation, etc.

⁵Contracting officer will insert an alternate item that is considered acceptable.

⁶Contracting officer will insert the required item and item number.