

**Department of Veterans Affairs**

**852.214-71**

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 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> will be considered only if acceptable bids on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> will be given equal consideration along with the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> and any such bids received may be accepted if to the advantage of the Government. Tie bids will be decided in favor of.<sup>6</sup>

(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.

<sup>5</sup>Contracting officer will insert an alternate item that is considered acceptable.

<sup>6</sup>Contracting officer will insert the required item and item number.

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ALTERNATE PACKAGING AND PACKING (APR 1984)

The bidder's offer must clearly indicate the quantity, package size, unit, or other different feature upon which the quote is made. Evaluation of the alternate or multiple alternates will be made on a common denominator such as per ounce, per pound, etc., basis.

(End of provision)

[49 FR 12629, Mar. 29, 1984, as amended at 50 FR 794, 796, Jan. 7, 1985]

**852.214-73 Bid samples.**

As prescribed in 814.202-4, insert the following provision:

BID SAMPLES (SEP 1993)

Any bid sample(s) furnished must be in the quantities specified in the solicitation and plainly marked with the complete lettering/numbering and description of the related bid item(s); the number of the Invitation for Bids; and the name of the bidder submitting the bid sample(s). Cases or packages containing any bid sample(s) must be plainly marked "Bid Sample(s)" and all charges pertaining to the preparation and transportation of bid sample(s) must be prepaid by the bidder. Bid sample(s) must be received at the location specified in the solicitation by the time and date for receipt of bids.

(End of provision)

[58 FR 48974, Sept. 21, 1993]

**852.216-70 Estimated quantities for requirements contracts.**

(a) When definite quantities cannot be determined, solicitations for facility-level requirements contracts will contain the applicable clause as set forth below. Solicitations issued by the VA National Acquisition Center will contain provisions developed by that Center for particular application to its operations, subject to legal review as prescribed in 801.602-70(c)(1).

(b) The following clause will be used for general equipment, supplies and services:

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES (APR 1984)

As it is impossible to determine the exact quantities that will be required during the contract term, each bidder whose bid is accepted wholly or in part will be required to deliver all articles or services that may be ordered during the contract term, except as he/she otherwise indicates in his/her bid and

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except as otherwise provided herein. Bids will be considered if made with the proviso that the total quantities delivered shall not exceed a certain specified quantity. Bids offering less than 75 percent of the estimated requirement or which provide that the Government shall guarantee any definite quantity, will not be considered. The fact that quantities are estimated shall not relieve the contractor from filling all orders placed under this contract to the extent of his/her obligation. Also, the Department of Veterans Affairs shall not be relieved of its obligation to order from the contractor all articles or services that may, in the judgment of the ordering officer, be needed except that in the public exigency procurement may be made without regard to this contract.

(End of clause)

(c) The following clause will be used in local coal-hauling contracts.

ESTIMATED QUANTITY

The estimated requirements shown in this invitation for bids cover the requirements for the entire contract period. It is understood and agreed that during the period of this contract the Government may order and the contractor will haul such coal as may, in the opinion of the Government, be required, except that in the public exigency procurement may be made without regard to this contract.

(End of clause)

(d) The following clause will be used for orthopedic, prosthetic, and optical supplies.

QUANTITIES

The supplies and/or services listed in the attached schedule will be furnished at such time and in such quantities as they are required.

(End of clause)

(e) The following clause will be used for National Cemetery System contracts for monuments:

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES (JUL 1989)

As it is impossible to determine the exact quantities that will be required during the contract term, each bidder whose bid is accepted wholly or in part will be required to deliver all articles that may be ordered during the contract term, except as he or she otherwise indicates in his or her bid and except as otherwise provided herein. Bids will be considered if made with the proviso that the total quantities delivered shall not exceed a certain specified quantity. The fact