

Use this provision in Section L of the solicitation if the Contracting Officer determines Partnering is appropriate for the procurement. If this is a cost type contract also place the "Partnering - Cost Type Contracts" local provision in Section M of the solicitation. If this is a fixed price type contract also place the "Partnering - Fixed Price Type Contracts" local provision in Section M of the solicitation.

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(a) In an effort to most effectively accomplish the objectives of this contract, it is proposed that after contract award, the Government, the contractor, and its major subcontractors will engage in the Partnering process.

(b) Participation in the Partnering process is entirely voluntary and is based upon a mutual commitment between Government and industry to work cooperatively as a Team to identify and resolve problems and facilitate contract performance. The primary objective of the process is providing the American soldier with the highest quality supplies/services on time and at a reasonable price. Partnering requires the parties to look beyond the strict bounds of the contract in order to formulate actions that promote their common goals and objectives. It is a relationship that is based upon open and continuous communication, mutual trust and respect, and the replacement of the "us vs. them" mentality of the past with a "win-win" philosophy for the future. Partnering also promotes synergy, creative thinking, pride in performance, and the creation of a shared vision for success.

(c) After contract award, the Government and the successful offeror will decide whether or not to engage in the Partnering process. Accordingly, offerors shall not include any anticipated costs associated with the implementation of the Partnering process in their proposed cost/price (e.g. cost of hiring a facilitator and conducting the Partnering Workshop). If the parties elect to partner, any costs associated with that process shall be identified and agreed to after contract award.

(d) The establishment of a Partnering arrangement does not affect the legal responsibilities or relationship of the parties and cannot be used to alter, supplement or deviate from the terms of the contract. Any changes to the contract must be executed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(e) Implementation of this Partnering relationship will be based upon the AMC Model Partnering process, as well as the principles and procedures set forth in the AMC Partnering Guide, which can be found on the AMC website at http://www.amc.army.mil/army_core/command_counsel/Partnering_Link.asp.