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# SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Freedom of Information

Re: Final Response to FOIA Request No. 2021-APHIS-05022-F

4700 River Road Unit 50 Riverdale, MD 20737-1232

This is in response to your July 29, 2021, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which was received in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) on the same date. Your request has been assigned FOIA case number 2021-APHIS-05022-F. Please cite this number in any correspondence you send to APHIS regarding your request. Your FOIA request states:

In FY 2021, APHIS will mitigate challenges presented in FY 2020 by: Upgrading equipment used to depopulate poultry flocks affected by animal diseases. I request records concerning the APHIS upgrading of equipment used to depopulate poultry flocks affected by animal diseases. This includes planning documents, status reports, etc. You may limit this request to the timeframe October 1, 2020 to the present.

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the Veterinary Services (VS) program office for its personnel to search for records that are responsive to your FOIA request. On August 3, 2021, VS personnel began a search of their files using keywords that would most likely uncover responsive records. The search resulted in 45 pages of records being located. After a review of the records, APHIS determined that there may be confidential business information therein. Therefore, pursuant to Executive Order 12,600 and 7 C.F.R. § 1.8, APHIS was required to send the records to the business submitter in order to afford the submitter the opportunity to provide justification for withholding certain information under FOIA exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4). APHIS received the business submitter's response and have taken it into consideration in making this final determination.

After carefully reviewing the records and the business submitters objections, we have determined that some of the information in the enclosed pages must be withheld, in part, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(4) and (b)(6). The rationale behind this decision is explained below.

## **FOIA Exemption 4**

FOIA Exemption 4 permits the government to withhold "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential." See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4). Under FOIA Exemption 4, the term "person" includes a wide range of entities, including corporations, banks, state governments or Indian tribes or nations. Therefore, the records submitted by Kifco were obtained from a person. The withheld information, namely, the information in Kifco's proposal letters is commercial information that the submitter holds as private and confidential and does not customarily release to the public. As a result, the marked information is exempt from release under FOIA Exemption 4. Additionally, APHIS has withheld accounting information from the Solicitation/ Contract/Order for Commercial Items. This financial information is also privileged and confidential and is therefore being withheld from disclosure.

# **FOIA Exemption 6**

FOIA Exemption 6 permits the government to withhold from "personnel and medical files and similar files" information about individuals when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6). In order to determine whether information may be withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, an agency must undertake a three-step analysis. First, the agency must determine whether a significant privacy interest would be compromised by the disclosure of the information. If no privacy interest is identified, the information may not be withheld pursuant to Exemption 6. Second, the agency must determine whether the release of the information would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations and activities of the Government. Third, the agency must balance the identified privacy interests against the public interest in disclosure. The purpose for which the request for information is made does not impact this balancing test because a release of information requested under the FOIA constitutes a release to the general public.

In this case, we have withheld the name and a cellular phone number of two private individuals that are mentioned in the records. We have determined that releasing the information of these individuals would subject them to possible reprisals, harassment, or unwarranted attention, which would result in an invasion of their personal privacy.

Under Exemption 6, the only pertinent public interest is whether release of the information would shed light on the agency's activities and the agency's performance of its statutory duties. We do not find that there is public interest in the request for this information. However, even if a minimal public interest exists, the protection against unwanted contact or attention towards these individuals far outweigh any public interest in disclosing their personal information. Therefore, because the harm to personal privacy is greater than any minimal public interest that may be served by disclosure, release of this personal information would constitute a

clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individuals and is therefore exempt from disclosure.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may submit an administrative appeal. During the pandemic, our offices are closed. Instead of physically mailing your appeal, we ask that in the short term you submit your appeals electronically by email to <a href="FOIA.MRP.Appeals@usda.gov">FOIA.MRP.Appeals@usda.gov</a>. Your appeal must be electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this response. Please reference case number 2021-APHIS-05022-F and the phrase "FOIA APPEAL" in the subject line of your email. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, please provide specific reasons why you believe modification of this determination is warranted.

To resolve any questions or concerns you may have, please contact LaRima Coleman, the analyst who processed your request, at (301) 851-4106 or by email, at LaRima.L.Coleman@usda.gov. You may also contact Ms. Abbey Fretz, our FOIA Public Liaison, at (301) 851-4100 and/or the Office of Government Information Service (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6601

Email: ogis@nara.gov Phone: (202) 741-5770 Toll Free: (877) 684-6448 Fax: (202) 741-5769

This completes APHIS's response to your FOIA request. We thank you for the opportunity to provide you this customer service.

Sincerely,

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#### 1.0 CLAUSES

#### 1,1 Clauses by Reference

52.204-18	Commercial and Government Entity Code Maintenance (Jul 2016)		
52.212-4	Contract Terms and Conditions Commercial Items (Oct 2018)		
52.232-40	Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (Dec 2013)		
52.252-2	Clauses Incorporated by Reference (Feb 1998)		
	This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and		
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	their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at		
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#### 1.2 Clauses in Full Text

# 52.204-21 Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems (Jun 2016)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

"Covered contractor information system" means an information system that is owned or operated by a contractor that processes, stores, or transmits Federal contract information.

"Federal contract information" means information, not intended for public release, that is provided by or generated for the Government under a contract to develop or deliver a product or service to the Government, but not including information provided by the Government to the public (such as on public Web sites) or simple transactional information, such as necessary to process payments.

"Information" means any communication or representation of knowledge such as facts, data, or opinions, in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual (Committee on National Security Systems Instruction (CNSSI) 4009).

"Information system" means a discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information (44 U.S.C. 3502).

"Safeguarding" means measures or controls that are prescribed to protect information systems.

- (b) Safeguarding requirements and procedures.
  - (1) The Contractor shall apply the following basic safeguarding requirements and procedures to protect covered contractor information systems. Requirements and procedures for basic safeguarding of covered contractor information systems shall include, at a minimum, the following security controls:
    - (i) Limit information system access to authorized users, processes acting on behalf of authorized users, or devices (including other information systems).
    - (ii) Limit information system access to the types of transactions and functions that authorized users are permitted to execute.

- (iii) Verify and control/limit connections to and use of external information systems.
- (iv) Control information posted or processed on publicly accessible information systems.
- (v) Identify information system users, processes acting on behalf of users, or devices.
- (vi) Authenticate (or verify) the identities of those users, processes, or devices, as a prerequisite to allowing access to organizational information systems.
- (vii) Sanitize or destroy information system media containing Federal Contract Information before disposal or release for reuse.
- (viii) Limit physical access to organizational information systems, equipment, and the respective operating environments to authorized individuals.
- (ix) Escort visitors and monitor visitor activity; maintain audit logs of physical access; and control and manage physical access devices.
- (x) Monitor, control, and protect organizational communications (i.e., information transmitted or received by organizational information systems) at the external boundaries and key internal boundaries of the information systems.
- (xi) Implement subnetworks for publicly accessible system components that are physically or logically separated from internal networks.
- (xii) Identify, report, and correct information and information system flaws in a timely manner.
- (xiii) Provide protection from malicious code at appropriate locations within organizational information systems.
- (xiv) Update malicious code protection mechanisms when new releases are available.
- (xv) Perform periodic scans of the information system and real-time scans of files from external sources as files are downloaded, opened, or executed.
- (2) Other requirements. This clause does not relieve the Contractor of any other specific safeguarding requirements specified by Federal agencies and departments relating to covered contractor information systems generally or other Federal safeguarding requirements for controlled unclassified information (CUI) as established by Executive Order 13556.
- (c) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in subcontracts under this contract (including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial items, other than commercially available off-the-shelf items), in which the subcontractor may have Federal contract information residing in or transiting through its information system.

(End of clause)

# 52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders – Commercial Items (Jan 2021)

- (a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:
- (1) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).
- (2) 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (Jul 2018) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).
- (3) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (Aug 2019) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).
  - (4) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (Nov 2015).
  - (5) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (Aug 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).
- (6) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Oct 2004) (Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 (19 U.S.C. 3805note)).
- (b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:
- [Contracting Officer check as appropriate.] X (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Sept 2006), with Alternate I (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4704 and 10 U.S.C. 2402). \_\_ (2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Oct 2015) (41 U.S.C. 3509)). (3) 52.203-15, Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (June 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5). (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.) X (4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Oct 2018) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note). \_\_ (5) [Reserved]. (6) 52.204-14, Service Contract Reporting Requirements (Oct 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C). (7) 52.204-15, Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (Oct 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C). X (8) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (Oct 2015) (31 U.S.C. 6101note). (9) 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Oct 2018) (41 U.S.C. 2313). \_\_ (10) [Reserved].
- (15 U.S.C.657a). (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) of 52.219-3.

\_\_ (12) (i) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (Mar 2020) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

(11) (i) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (Mar 2020)

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) of 52.219-4.

\_\_ (13) [Reserved]

\_X\_ (14) (i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (Mar 2020) (15 U.S.C.644).

\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020).

(15) (i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (Mar 2020) (15 U.S.C. 644). \_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) of 52.219-7. X (16) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Oct 2018) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)). (17) (i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Mar 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)). \_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Nov 2016) of 52.219-9. \_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2016) of 52.219-9. \_\_ (iv) Alternate III (Mar 2020) of 52.219-9. \_\_ (v) Alternate IV (Aug 2018) of 52.219-9 \_\_ (18) (i) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (Mar 2020) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)). (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) (19) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (Mar 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)). \_\_ (20) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages-Subcontracting Plan (Jan 1999) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)). (21) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (Mar 2020) (15 U.S.C. 657f). X (22) (i) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (Mar 2020) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)). (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2020) of 52.219-28. (23) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business Concerns (Mar 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)). (24) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Women-Owned Small Business Concerns Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (Mar 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)). \_\_\_ (25) 52.219-32, Orders Issued Directly Under Small Business Reserves (Mar 2020) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)). (26) 52.219-33, Nonmanufacturer Rule (Mar 2020) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17)). \_X\_ (27) 52,222-3, Convict Labor (June 2003) (E.O.11755). X (28) 52,222-19, Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Jan 2020) (E.O.13126). X (29) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Apr 2015). X (30) (i) 52,222-26, Equal Opportunity (Sept 2016) (E.O.11246). (ii) Alternate I (Feb 1999) of 52.222-26. X (31) (i) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Oct 2015) (38 U.S.C. 4212). \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (July 2014) of 52,222-35. X (32) (i) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jul 2014) (29 U.S.C.793). \_\_ (ii) Alternate I (July 2014) of 52.222-36. X (33) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (Feb 2016) (38 U.S.C. 4212). \_X\_ (34) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496). \_X\_ (35) (i) 52,222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Jan 2019) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627). (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter78 and E.O. 13627). (36) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Oct 2015). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.) (37) (i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items (May 2008) (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.) (ii) Alternate I (May 2008) of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

(38) 52.223-11, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693). (39) 52.223-12, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693). \_\_ (40) (i) 52.223-13, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (Jun 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514). (ii) Alternate | (Oct 2015) of 52.223-13. \_\_ (41) (i) 52.223-14, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Televisions (Jun 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514). \_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-14. \_\_\_ (42) 52,223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (Dec 2007) (42 U.S.C. 8259b). (43) (i) 52.223-16, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (Oct 2015) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514). (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-16. X (44) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (Aug 2011) (E.O. 13513). \_\_ (45) 52.223-20, Aerosols (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693). \_\_\_ (46) 52.223-21, Foams (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693). \_\_ (47) (i) 52.224-3 Privacy Training (Jan 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552 a). \_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jan 2017) of 52.224-3. \_\_ (48) 52.225-1, Buy American-Supplies (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83). (49) (i) 52.225-3, Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43. \_\_ (ii) Alternate I (May 2014) of 52.225-3. \_\_ (iii) Alternate II (May 2014) of 52.225-3. (iv) Alternate III (May 2014) of 52,225-3. (50) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (Oct 2019) (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note). X (51) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (June 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury). (52) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note). \_\_ (53) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150). (54) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150). (55) 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements (Jun 2020) X (56) 52,232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002) (41 U.S.C.4505, 10 U.S.C.2307(f)). (57) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Jan 2017) (41 U.S.C.4505, 10 U.S.C.2307(f)). X (58) 52,232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (Oct 2018) (31 U.S.C. 3332). (59) 52,232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C.3332). \_\_ (60) 52,232-36, Payment by Third Party (May 2014) (31 U.S.C.3332). \_\_ (61) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a). (62) 52.242-5, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (Jan 2017) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(13)).

- (63) (i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). \_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) of 52.247-64. (iii) Alternate II (Feb 2006) of 52.247-64. (c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items: [Contracting Officer check as appropriate.] X (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (Aug 2018) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67). \_\_\_ (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U,S.C, chapter 67), (3) 52,222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (Aug 2018) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67). (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (May 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67). (5) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67). (6) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67). X (7) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (Dec 2015). \_X\_ (8) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (Jan 2017) (E.O. 13706). \_\_ (9) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (May 2014)
- (42 U.S.C. 1792).
  (d) Comptroller General Examination of Record. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records-Negotiation.
- (1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.
- (2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.
- (3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.
- (e)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1) in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause-
  - (i) 52,203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Oct 2015) (41 U.S.C. 3509).
- (ii) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing

Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

- (iii) 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (Jul 2018) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).
- (iv) 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (Aug 2019) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).
- (v) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Oct 2018) (15 U.S.C.637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.
  - (vi) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Apr 2015).
  - (vii) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Sept 2015) (E.O.11246).
  - (viii) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Oct 2015) (38 U.S.C.4212).
  - (ix) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jul 2014) (29 U.S.C.793).
  - (x) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (Feb 2016) (38 U.S.C.4212)
- (xi) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause 52.222-40.
  - (xii) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (Aug 2018) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (xiii) (A) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Jan 2019) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O 13627).
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  - (xvi) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Oct 2015) (E.O. 12989).
  - (xvii) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (Dec 2015).
  - (xviii) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (Jan 2017) (E.O. 13706).
  - (xix) (A) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (Jan 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a).
    - (B) Alternate I (Jan 2017) of 52.224-3.
- (xx) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).
  - (xxi) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (May 2014)
- (42 U.S.C. 1792). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.
- (xxii) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx.1241(b) and 10 U.S.C.2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.
- (2) While not required, the Contractor may include in its subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(End of clause)

#### Addendum

In the event this contract is terminated for the convenience of the government, in accordance with FAR 12.403 Termination, Kifco, Inc., shall present to the government documentation of any charges the vendor is liable for as a result of termination. The parties understand that, should the contract be

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terminated, custom parts and materials purchased in the performance of this contract may not be returned for credit, sold, used, or consumed in the course of Kifco's usual business, and that Kifco may pursue relief to recover nonrefundable costs.

#### Attachment 04 Inherently Governmental and Service Contract Approval Memorandum

# Clear Form

In accordance with Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Procurement Policy Publication of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Policy Letter 11–01, Performance of Inherently Governmental and Critical Functions and Federal Acquisition Regulation 7.5 Inherently Governmental Functions, the following determination is being made.

As part of acquisition planning, agencies shall confirm that the services to be procured do not include work that must be reserved for performance by Federal employees and that the agency will be able to manage the contractor consistent with its responsibility to perform all inherently governmental functions and maintain control of its mission and operations.

functions and maintain control of its mission and operations.
Check the following if true:
The function does not appear on the list of Inherently Governmental Functions (appendix A) and does not otherwise qualify as an inherently governmental function, taking into consideration, as necessary, the tests in appendix A;
A statute, such as an annual appropriations act, does not identify the function as inherently governmental or otherwise require it to be performed by Federal employees;
The proposed role for the contractor is not so extensive that the ability of senior agency management to develop and consider options or take an alternative course of action is or would be preempted or inappropriately restricted.
After reviewing the statement of work and the definitions and descriptions of critical functions and closely associated to inherently governmental functions (Appendix B) I have made the following determination (check as appropriate).
Closely Associated to Inherently Governmental AND (If checked above, the following additional determinations need to be made)
Special consideration has been given to using Federal employees to perform the function in accordance with applicable law and implementing guidance;
The agency has sufficient capacity and capability to give special management attention to contractor performance, limit or guide the contractor's exercise of discretion, ensure reasonable identification of contractors and contractor work products, avoid or mitigate conflicts of interest, and preclude unauthorized personal services.
The agency will comply with the checklist of responsibilities in appendix C
Critical Function (CF) (If checked, the following additional determination needs to be made)
The agency has sufficient internal capability to control its mission and operations

Combination of Critical Function and Closely Associated (CF, CA)

Other (None of the Above Apply) (OT)

Requirement Nam	e: Upgrade and Overhaul AV-ST3 AVI-Foam Guard Unit			
Requesting	Name: VS Field Operations Logistics Center			
Agency/Office:	Address: 4700 River Road, Riverdale			
	City/State/Zip: Riverdale, MD 20737			
Agency Point of	Name: Yvetta Northcutt			
Contact (APOC):	Email Address: yvetta.northcutt@usda.gov			
	Telephone Number: (b) (6)			

#### Description of Requirement:

The current foam units are 12 years old and require a lot of maintenance and often encounter failures during operation. The upgrades will ensure the foam units are more reliable and dependable.

Total Estimated Dollar Value (inclusive of all options): \$917.302.00

Estimated Period of Performance (inclusive of all options):

04/01/2021 To: 03/31/2022

#### REVIEW AND APPROVALS (All service contracts)

I certify that I reviewed the applicable attachments and the above determination is true and correct.



Signature Date

(Lisa A. Brown, Logistics Chief) Manager (GS-12 or higher)

ADDITIONAL APPROVAL – Senior Executive Service review and approval required for all Commercial Service Contracts Over \$250,000.



Signature Date

Adis Dijab, Executive Director

Requiring Agency Program Senior Executive (SES)



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# AFTER-ALLOCATION DECISION MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Rodney A. White

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Director, Field Operations, Logistics Center

THROUGH: Dr. Thomas McKenna

Associate Deputy Administrator

THROUGH: Eric Balcerzak

Director, Money Management

Upgrade and Overhaul AV-ST3 AVI-Foam Guard Unit, SUBJECT:

\$917,302.00

# **PURPOSE**

The current foam units are 12 years old and require a lot of maintenance and often encounter failures during operation. The recommended upgrades will ensure the foam units are more reliable and dependable during poultry depopulation. The maintenance failures often encountered during operation will be reduced with the upgrade to a diesel-powered engine and the installation of an improved pump. VS will benefit by having equipment capable of performing foam depopulation operations when needed during national emergencies.

## BUDGET

The project is supported by the National Veterinary Stockpile functional line.

Double click the applicable box:

Repurpose an existing business-unit allocation Request an additional allocation Increase to an existing spending plan

See attached Quote

# **Prior & Current Funding**

There has been no prior year or current fiscal year funds allocated for this acquisition.

## AFTER-ALLOCATION DECISION MEMORANDUM

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# Length of Agreement/Contract/Etc.

This is a new acquisition. A one-time contract will have to be established to perform the upgrade and overhaul for this equipment.

# **JUSTIFICATION**

This acquisition was added to the program activity report but not included in the budget report which resulted in the acquisition not being funded for FY21. This aligns with the APHIS mission: "To protect the health and value of American Agriculture and Natural Resources;" with USDA Strategic Goal 2, Objective 2.3: Protect agricultural health by preventing and mitigating the spread of agricultural pests and diseases; and APHIS Goal 6: Protect the health of U.S. agricultural resources, including addressing zoonotic disease issues and incidences, by implementing surveillance, preparedness and response, and control programs.

DECISION BY THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR
APPROVED: Electronically Signed by Burke Healey
DISAPPROVED:
SCHEDULE DISCUSSION:
Date:

Thorne, Earl T., APHIS: White, Rodney A.- APHIS: Brown, Lisa A.- APHIS: Northcutt, Events C.- APHIS: Row

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Good morning Rodney, Earl,

#### Requisition 1029739 is currently in progress. This requisition is pending your approvals

BOC 3121 and New accounting, provided by Earl was used

Stockpile Work 21XX AP001600AD APVSFL5024 APOOPMNVSTOCK000 FPDEFAULT

Best wishes.

Ken

From: Northcutt, Yvetta C - APHIS <Yvetta Northcutt@usda gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 3:29 PM

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Cc: White, Rodney A - APHIS < rodney white@usda gov>; Thorpe, Earl T - APHIS < earl t thorpe@usda gov>; Johnson, Nathan D - APHIS < nathan d johnson@usda gov>; Brown, Lisa A -

APHIS lisa a brown@usda gov>

Subject: FW: Requisition Needed: Upgrade and Overhaul AV-ST3 AVI-Foam Guard Unit - Update

Importance: High

Good Afternoon Ken.

Please change the BOC to 3121

v/r,

YVETTA NORTHCUTT | LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST APHIS Veterinary Services Field Operations (FiOps), Logistics Center (LC) 4700 River Road, 5B-02.6 Riverdale, MD 20737

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APHIS «lisa a brown@usda.gov»

Subject: Requisition Needed: Upgrade and Overhaul AV-ST3 AVI-Foam Guard Unit

#### Good Afternoon Ken.

Please submit the following requisition in Prism

BOC: 3110

Fund Code:

Please assign to Rodney White as IAS Approver

Please assign to Earl Thorpe as Budget Approver Please assign requisition to Contracting Officer: Nathan Johnson

Please attach all attachments in the Requisition

Please Reply to all with the requisition number and approval status

Line Items	Service	Annual Cost
001	Upgrade and Overhaul AV-ST3 AVI-Foam Guard Unit	\$917,302.00

v/c

YVETTA NORTHCUTT LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST APHIS Veterinary Services Field Operations (FiOps), Logistics Center (LC) 4700 River Road, 5B-02.6 Riverdale, MD 20737



# MRP Requisition Checklist

Templates can be found at https://ias.usda.gov/ias ap templates.html

\*\*\* Submit Statements of Work and Justifications in Word document form. \*\*\*

# **Description Information**

PURPOSE: Upgrade and Overhaul AV-ST3 AVI-Foam Guard Unit

DESCRIPTION:

Upgrades will ensure the foam units are more reliable and dependable during poultry depop.

PROGRAM OFFICE: FiOps Logistics Center PROGRAM MANAGER: Yvetta C. Northcutt

ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$ 917,302.00 SUPPLIES OR SERVICES: \* Needs IGF form if services Services

IT RELATED PURCHASE: No AAR# (If Applicable):

IT INVESTMENT MANAGER:

COR (If Applicable): Yvetta C. Northcutt

IPP APPROVER: Lisa A. Brown

TECHNICAL POC NAME: Yvetta C. Northcutt TECHNICAL POC PHONE: Upgrade and Overh

TECHNICAL POC EMAIL: VS Field Operations Logistics Center

REQUIRED PERFORMANCE START / ITEM DELIVERY DATE: 08/01/2021

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE INCLUDING OPTIONS: TO.

# Market Research Information

PREVIOUSLY ORDERED

HAS THIS PRODUCT/SERVICE BEEN ORDERED IN THE PAST?

No

IF YES, PROVIDE PRIOR CONTRACT NUMBER:

(b) (6)

# **CONTINUING REQUIREMENTS**

IS THIS A CONTINUING REQUIREMENT? No

IF YES, CURRENT CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER: \$ 917,302.00

IF YES, CURRENT CONTRACTOR NAME:

IF YES, EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT CONTRACT:

IF YES, WAS CURRENT CONTRACT COMPETED?

#### **EXISTING INVENTORIES**

HAVE EXISTING INVENTORIES OF USDA SOFTWARE, HARDWARE OR SERVICES BEEN REVIEWED?

IF NO, YOU MUST PROVIDE A STATEMENT:

Non IT related

#### **EXISTING CONTRACTS**

HAVE EXISTING CONTRACTS, BPAs AND AGREEMENTS BEEN EVALUATED? No

Existing Contracts, BPAs and Agreements must be evaluated prior to initiating a new award. Use of existing vehicles can greatly increase efficiency and decrease the time for procurement.

Please contact your MASPM or Contracting Office for help with finding existing contract vehicles.

USDA-Wide Contracts: https://ias.usda.gov/usdacontracts/

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUCH AS POTENTIAL SOURCES SHOULD BE PROVIDED

HERE OR AS AN ATTACHMENT:

(Lisa A. Brown, Logistics Chief)

#### SOLE SOURCE

IS THIS A SOLE SOURCE ACQUISITION?

IF YES, A JUSTIFICATION MUST BE ATTACHED



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January 25, 2021

Lisa Brown

USDA/Aphis

Via Email: lisa.a.brown@usda.gov

In Re: Pump and Engine Replacement/Thorough Inspection and Repairs – 13 AV-ST3 Units

Dear Ms. Brown,

Thank you for giving Kifco the opportunity to work with the USDA for the procurement of replacement pump and engines, along with a complete inspection on the USDA's existing fleet of AV-ST3 Avi-FoamGuard® units.

Below you will find a detailed summary of what Kifco is proposing for each unit.

# **Pump & Engine Replacement**



# Included Replacements:







# **Included Replacements (continued)**



# **Additional Equipment Upgrades**

Each unit will receive the following equipment upgrades at no additional charge:







# **Field Test**

Each unit will be hooked up to water and field tested to ensure proper operation of all components. During the field test the each unit will be inspected prior to shipment for the following:

**Leaks:** Kifco will inspect and make sure there are no leaks from any gaskets or seals while water is flowing through the system. If any leaks are found, gaskets and or seals will be replaced.

Accurate Operation: During the field test, Kifco will ensure accurate operation of (b) (4)

When testing, all valves will be actuated and inspected for ease of movement



Winterization: Each unit will be properly winterized after testing

#### **Detailed Maintenance Inspection**

The following items on each Avi-FoamGuard will be inspected to make sure they are in proper working order. Maintenance will be performed as described on each of the following:

Drive Belts: Each belt will be inspected for wear and tightness, adjusted accordingly and replaced if worn.



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#### Detailed Maintenance Inspection (continued)



\*Gearbox: The gearbox will be inspected to make sure it is in proper working order. The oil level will be checked and refilled (if needed) on each gearbox.

Lubrication: During inspection, designated areas will be lubricated with a water resistant grease.

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January 25, 2021

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Via Email: lisa.a.brown@usda.gov

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#### **Pricing - Option A**

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# Payment Terms and Timeline for Option A



#### Pricing - Option B

If the USDA agrees to a timeline beginning October 15, 2021, Kifco is able to offer a discounted price (outlined below). As you know, Kifco's main line of business is irrigation. While we are able to begin work sooner, it would be ideal for our company to perform this work during the "off-season" of irrigation.



## Payment Terms and Timeline for Option B



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Justification for Single Source or Brand Name Over Simplified Acquisition Threshold

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#### 1.1 Identification of the Agency and Contracting Activity

Veterinary Services (VS), Field Operations (FiOps), Logistics Center (LC)

#### 1.2 The Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Approved

Describe the type of action being proposed – such as a negotiated sole source/limited source/brand name, etc.; the contemplated type of contract – such as firm fixed-price, time and materials, etc.; and the name of the proposed contractor(s). Example: The USDA proposes to enter into a limited source brand-name, firm fixed-price contract with XYZ Corporation, using the simplified procedures for certain commercial items under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 13.5

Enter Information about the Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Approved

The VS Field Operations Logistics Center proposes to enter into a sole source firm fixed-price contract with Kifco.

## 1.3 Description of the Supplies or Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs (Including the Estimated Value)

Provide a concise description of the supplies or services required and include the estimated value. If the contract will include option periods, include the estimated value for the base period and each option period as well as the total estimated value (base plus all option periods).

#### Enter a Description of the Supplies/Services Required and the Estimated Value

Kifco will perform an upgrade and overhaul of thirteen AV-ST3 Avi-Foam Guard units which will include but not limit too replacing major components like the pumps, engines, supply hoses, pressure gauges, suction hoses, shocks, and elbows. In addition to replacing the above listed parts, Kifco will also perform a complete field test of each unit and a detailed maintenance inspection. Each unit will also receive additional equipment upgrades (i.e. 1971)

The LC will be notified additional issues found that are not covered in the quote and all additional costs (if any) will have to be approved before services are performed. The estimated cost of all services is \$917,302.00.

This will be a firm fixed price contract with no options. Per the attached quote, services will start approximately twelve weeks after contract award. The period of performance will be one year.

#### 1.4 Authority and Supporting Rationale

Choose the statutory authority that permits other than full and open competition. Delete any authorities that are not applicable. Provide the additional detail for the applicable authority as noted below:

#### 1.4.1 41 U.S.C § 1901

41 U.S.C § 1901 - Simplified Acquisition Procedures up to \$7 million, as authorized by FAR 13.500(a) and implemented by FAR 13.501(a)

Enter information about the procedures.

#### 1.4.2 41 U.S.C § 1903

41 U.S.C. § 1903 - Special emergency procurement authority, up to \$13 million for contingency operations as authorized by FAR 13.500(c) and implemented by FAR 13.501(a).

Enter information about the emergency procurement authority or contingency operations.

## 1.5 Statement Demonstrating the Unique Qualifications of the Proposed Contractor or Nature of the Action Requiring the Use of the Authority

Provide a detailed explanation of the contractor's unique capabilities or qualifications, or the nature of the acquisition that requires the use of the authority cited. This is the most important part of the justification as it demonstrates that the prospective contractor has unique qualifications and/or specialized capabilities or expertise that is not prevalent in the marketplace.

Alternatively, for brand name requirements, provide detailed explanation of the unique attributes of the brand name item and explain why no other contractor or product/service can meet the Government's unique or specialized need. List other similar products

(if applicable) and explain why the other similar products lack the particular feature, do not meet, or cannot be modified to meet the Government's requirement, e.g., limited data rights, proprietary processes or technical data, etc.

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Enter information about the contractor's unique qualifications.

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Describe efforts used to ensure offers were/will be solicited from as many sources as practicable. Include whether or not a Federal Business Opportunities (FedBizOps) announcement (FAR 5.2) was made and what response, if any, was received. Include the exception under FAR 5.202 if not synopsized. Describe whether any additional or similar requirements are anticipated in the future

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Provide information as to how the anticipated cost to the Government will be determined fair and reasonable

Enter information about the determination that anticipated cost will be fair and reasonable.

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Describe market research conducted and the results or the reason why no market research was conducted. Include responses received from FedBizOps announcement if used. Note: FAR Part 10.001 requires agencies to conduct market research appropriate to the circumstances: (a) before developing new requirements documents for an agency acquisition; (b) before soliciting offers for acquisitions with an estimated value in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT); (c) before soliciting offers for acquisitions that could lead to a bundled contract; and (d) on an ongoing basis, take advantage of commercially available market research methods in order to effectively identify the capabilities of small businesses and new entrants into the market.

Enter information about the market research conducted or why market research was not conducted. No market research was conducted. This is a sole source acquisition because Kifco owns the data rights (patent(for this equipment.

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Provide additional information such as an explanation of why technical data packages, specifications, engineering descriptions, statements of work or purchase descriptions suitable for full and open competition have not been developed or are not available. When unusual and compelling urgency is cited as the basis for other than full and open competition, include the estimated cost, or other rationale for the extent and nature of the harm to the Government if normal procedures and timeframes were followed.

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Enter listing of sources, if any.

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Describe actions that may or can be taken to remove any barriers to competition if subsequent acquisition/orders are anticipated, including challenges to restrictive data markings, data rights, preparation of a performance-based work statement, etc.

Enter actions that may or can be taken to remove barriers to competition.

#### Section 2: Certifications and Approvals

#### 2.1 Program or Technical Personnel

Supporting data which form the basis for and included in this justification are certified accurate and complete.

Insert Name of Program or Technical Personnel
Insert Title of Program/Technical Personnel

### 2.2 Contracting Officer

The information contained in this Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition is certified accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Insert Name of Contracting Officer Contracting Officer

#### 2.3 Additional Reviews and Approvals

Signatures are required at each threshold below up to the total estimated dollar value of the acquisition.

#### 2.3.1 Advocate for Competition for Procuring Activity

Required if over \$700,000, but not exceeding \$13.5 million

I have reviewed this justification and find it to be accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Therefore, unless additional approvals are required as prescribed below, as advocate for competition for the procuring activity, I hereby approve this justification.

Insert Name of the Mission Area Competition Advocate
Mission Area Advocate for Competition

#### Section 3: Notes and Guidance

Delete these notes prior to finalizing document for signature.

Acquisitions using the procedures in FAR Part 13.5 (e.g., commercial supplies/services valued at more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT) but not exceeding \$7 million, including options), are exempt from the requirements in FAR Part 6; however, Contracting Officers must conduct sole source acquisitions (including brand name) under FAR 13.501 only if the need to do so is justified in writing and approved at the levels specified in FAR 13.501(a)(2).

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**Signatures.** After review and completion by the Program Office and Contracting Officer, the Word document shall be converted to an Adobe PDF file and routed for electronic signatures. Adobe signature blocks shall include dates.



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