# United States Department of the Interior

INTERIOR BUSINESS CENTER
Washington, DC 20240

**COMBINED SYNOPSIS/SOLICITATION**
**140D0426Q0576**

**This requirement is being issued by the United States Department of the Interior (DOI), Interior Business Center (IBC), Acquisition Services Directorate (AQD), on behalf of Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI), Center for Biomedical Informatics and Information Technology (CBIIT). AQD operates as a Federal Franchise Fund Contracting Office under the authority of the Government Management Reform Act and provides contracting support to Federal Civilian and Department of Defense Agencies. AQD will handle the solicitation and resultant order administration, as well as payment of invoices.**

## SECTION 1 – COMBINED SYNOPSIS/SOLICITATION

This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial products or commercial services prepared in accordance with Revolutionary Federal Acquisition Regulations Overall (RFO) Part 12. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation. Offers are being requested and a separate written solicitation will not be issued.

Solicitation number 140D0426Q0576 is issued as a Request for Quote (RFQ) for Globus High Assurance Subscription and Globus for Amazon S3 High Assurance Level support.

**This is a set-aside for small business concerns.**

This solicitation incorporates provisions and clauses by reference. The full text of provisions and clauses may be accessed electronically at www.acquisition.gov.

List of item numbers:

| Item Description | Quantity (Units) | Total ($) |
|---|---|---|
| Globus High Assurance Subscription Renewal | 1 | $TBD * |
| Globus for Amazon S3 (High Assurance Level) | 1 | $TBD * |
| Total | | $TBD * |

* = The offeror shall provide these dollar amounts in the price quote.

Description of the Requirements for the items to be acquired, including documentation supporting any brand name description (See 12.102): This item is for Globus High Assurance Subscription and Globus for Amazon S3 High Assurance Level support.

Date(s) and place(s) of delivery and acceptance and F.O.B. Point: The contractor shall furnish software subscription licenses, including maintenance, updates, and technical support, for the duration of the contract period. Delivery of the software shall be completed electronically upon contract award. Delivery and installation will occur at the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI), **Center for Biomedical Informatics and Information Technology (CBIIT)**.

A list of solicitation provisions that apply to the acquisition (See 12.205(a)): See Section 7 of the solicitation.

A list of contract clauses that apply to the acquisition (See 12.205(b)): See Section 8 of the solicitation.

Date, time, and place for receipt of offer and point of contact: Quotes submitted in response to this RFQ must be emailed to Melissa_Onyszko@ibc.doi.gov and Patrick_Jackson@ibc.doi.gov; no later than **10:00 AM Eastern Time, July 8, 2026,** to be considered for award**.** Questions related to this Request for Quote (RFQ) package must be emailed to Melissa_Onyszko@ibc.doi.gov and Patrick_Jackson@ibc.doi.gov not later than **10:00 AM Eastern Time, July 20, 2026.** Any questions received after the specified cut-off date and time will not be accepted or answered. Please be advised that the Government reserves the right to transmit questions and answers of a common interest to all prospective offerors. No oral

questions will be accepted.

***Please be advised that it is the offeror's responsibility to ensure the Government receives your submission via the method and to the location specified in the solicitation on or before the specified due date and time.*** The Government reserves the right to reject quotes that are not submitted in accordance with these instructions. The Government reserves the right to reject late quotes.

Any additional information required by 5.101(c): The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code applicable to this requirement is 541519 "Information Technology Value Added Reseller," size standard 150 employees. The Product Service Code is DA10 "IT and Telecom – Business Application/Application Development Software as a Service (SaaS)."

(End of Section 1)

## SECTION 2 – QUOTE PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

In order to participate in this acquisition, the offeror must submit the following:

- On cover page or price quote include:
    - Name and Address of offeror
    - Phone number and email address for offeror point of contact
    - Corresponding solicitation number and acknowledgement of amendments
    - Unique Entity ID (UEI) in System for Award Management (SAM)
- Completed Provisions-See Attachment 1
- Technical quote: Technical and Price Assumptions (if any). If not noted in this section of your quote, it will be assumed that the Contractor proposes no assumptions for award and agrees to comply with all of the terms and conditions as set forth herein. The Government will not seek out and identify assumptions, conditions, or exceptions buried within the Contractor's submission.
- Firm-fixed-price quote submitted as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. Include at a minimum, the item number, unit price, total price for all items of same item, any other direct costs, and the total overall price.
- Assumptions (if any). If not noted in this section of your quote, it will be assumed that the Contractor proposes no assumptions for award and agrees to comply with all of the terms and conditions as set forth herein. The Government will not seek out and identify assumptions, conditions, or exceptions buried within the Contractor's submission.
- Completed Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) (See Attachment 2; https://www.itic.org/policy/accessibility/vpat has an editable version)

Offeror agrees to hold the prices in its quote firm for at least 90 calendar days. Offerors must submit one quote and are not encouraged to submit multiple quotes. Partial quotes will not be accepted. The Government intends to issue one award.

The offeror must ensure that your firm is currently registered in SAM at www.sam.gov at the time of quote submission and at the time of award.

**Discounts are requested**.

**All items being requested in this RFQ are Brand Name only. A redacted copy of the associated Brand Name Justification is posted with this RFQ.**

(End of Section 2)

## SECTION 3 - EVALUATION OF QUOTES AND BASIS FOR AWARD

The Government will review the offeror's quote to ensure all required documentation in Section 2 has been submitted and is complete.

The Government will make award to the lowest priced technically acceptable (LPTA) offeror that provides all required documentation.

The Government will review the lowest-priced offeror's technical response to determine technical acceptability. If the offeror meets the technical acceptability factors and provides all required documentation, award will be made to that offeror. If the offeror does not meet the technical acceptability factors or doesn't provide the required documentation, the Government will review the next lowest-priced offeror's response and will continue to review quotes for the lowest-priced offeror that meets the technical acceptability requirements and provides all required documentation. Technical acceptability will be based on the following process:

1. Offeror will demonstrate that it can provide all brand-name item numbers within the solicitation by including the correct item number/quantity on the price quote.

The lowest-priced offeror meeting the above requirement will be asked to provide the following:
1. Completed Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT)
2. Representations and Certifications
3. Proof of being an authorized reseller (if applicable)

If the lowest-priced offeror is unable to provide the required documentation the Government will request the information from the next lowest-priced offeror.

The CO will review the information in the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) and System for Award Management (SAM) Responsibility / Qualification (R/Q) for the prospective awardee in order to perform a responsibility determination as required by FAR 9.104.

The Government reserves the right not to make an award, if in the opinion of the Government the submission would not provide satisfactory performance at a cost that is considered fair and reasonable and/or economically feasible.

(End of Section 3)

## SECTION 4 – STATEMENT OF NEED (SON)

### 1.0 TITLE

Data Protection and Storage Globus GridFTP Subscription

### 2.0 BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI), Center for Biomedical Informatics and Information Technology (CBIIT), Infrastructure Branch (IB) requires Globus High Assurance Subscription and Globus for Amazon S3 High Assurance Level support for Government-owned equipment. The NCI produces and receives many large data sets that need to be transferred via network/internet connections. Globus is the industry standard tool used for these transfers, allowing NCI to efficiently move these large data sets.

### 3.0 OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this acquisition is to allow the NCI access to Globus - the high-performance file transfer tool supported by many of the large super-computing sites and collaborators for the purpose of performing large scale parallel data transfers between NCI, NIH, and non-NCI locations.

### 4.0 SCOPE

The contractor shall provide Globus High Assurance Subscription and Support, including Globus for Amazon S3 High Assurance Level in accordance with the manufacturer's latest established service procedures, to include support via http://support.globus.org and email access to technical support. Software updates and revisions shall be provided, to include: all minor updates and major upgrades that are released and/or recommended during the term of the support plan. Defective software shall be replaced at no additional cost to the Government. Covered items include the following:

| Description | Period of Performance |
|---|---|
| Globus High Assurance Subscription Renewal | **8/18/2026 – 8/17/2027** |
| Globus for Amazon S3 (High Assurance Level) | **8/18/2026 – 8/17/2027** |

The Contractor shall provide the following support as noted below:

- Website and email address where support request can be entered.
- Support provided Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm CT, excluding US Federal Holidays
- Access to websites with product documentation
- Product updates /upgrades

**5.0** TYPE OF ORDER

This is a Firm Fixed-Price Order.

**6.0** PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance shall be 08/18/2026 – 08/17/2027

**7.0** PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

Services shall be provided at the Contractor's facility.

**8.0** REPORT(S)/DELIVERABLES AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Pursuant to FAR clause 52.212-4, all work described in the SON to be delivered under this contract is subject to final inspection and acceptance by an authorized representative of the Government. The authorized representative of the Government is the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), who is responsible for inspection and acceptance of all services, materials, or supplies to be provided by the Contractor.

All services delivered to the COR will be deemed to have been accepted 30 calendar days after date of delivery, except as otherwise specified in this order, if written approval or disapproval has not been given within such period. The COR's approval or revision to the services delivered shall be within the general scope of work stated in this order.

**9.0** HHS Digital Accessibility Conformance Standards

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-220) requires that when Federal agencies develop, procure, maintain, or use information and communication technology (ICT), it shall be accessible to people with disabilities. Federal employees and members of the public who have disabilities must have access to, and use of, information and data that is comparable to people without disabilities.

All products, platforms and services delivered as part of this solicitation that are ICT, or contain ICT, must conform to all HHS digital accessibility conformance standards identified in the HHS Digital Accessibility Conformance Checklists. The standards include the Revised 508 Standards, which are located at 36 C.F.R. § 1194.1 & Apps. A, B, & C, and available at https://www.access-board.gov/ict/.

All requirements are applicable to support services and documentation deliverables. All functional performance criteria apply when using an alternative design or technology that achieves substantially equivalent or greater accessibility and usability by individuals with disabilities, than would be provided by conformance to one or more of the requirements in Chapters 4-6 of the Revised 508 Standards, or when Chapters 4-6 do not address one or more functions of ICT.

The standards listed below apply to all functionality of the supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, training, and services that are part of this contract. 508 Chapter 2:

    - E207 Software
    - E208 Support Documentation and Services
- 255 Chapter 2:
    - C205 Software
    - C206 Support Documentation and Services
- Chapter 5: Software
- Chapter 6: Support Services and Documentation Requirements

Offerors must explain how the development/creation efforts associated with the objectives will be measured to achieve HHS digital accessibility conformance standards and meet the legal framework of Section 508 standards. For each proposed supply, license, product, or platform, a fully completed Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR) must be submitted. An ACR can be built from the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT), applicable HHS conformance checklist(s), or other agency conformance assessment template.

Prior to acceptance of deliverables, the offeror must demonstrate conformance to the HHS digital accessibility conformance standards. The government reserves the right to perform testing on required ICT items to validate the offeror's digital accessibility and Section 508 conformance claims. If the government determines that conformance does not meet the HHS digital accessibility conformance standards, the government shall, at its option, require the offeror to remediate the item, at no additional cost to the government, to align with the HHS digital accessibility conformance standards prior to acceptance.

References:

- Section 508 Standards: https://www.access-board.gov/ict/
- HHS Policy on Section 508 Compliance and Digital Accessibility of Information and Communications Technology (ICT): https://www.hhs.gov/web/governance/digital-strategy/it-policy-archive/department-of-health-and-human-services-hhs-policy-on-section-508-and-accessibility-of-technology.html
- HHS Digital Accessibility Conformance Checklists: https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/accessibility-checklists/index.html

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**508 Testing, Verification, and Documentation:** The Contractor must perform accessibility testing using ICT Baseline Tests or other acceptable Section 508 testing methodologies before delivery to ensure conformance with all relevant Section 508 requirements. Each major ICT deliverable must be accompanied by an Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR) using one of the following: NIH Section 508 ACR Creation Tool, HHS Conformance Checklist, VPAT® (WCAG 2.x edition), or another CO-approved template that demonstrates conformance. Ancillary deliverables--such as slides, invoices, reports, training or other documentation--must be tested for accessibility, and an ACR or equivalent documentation must be provided upon request by the Government. NIH reserves the right to independently verify any deliverable's

conformance, and the Contractor must remediate non-conformant items at no additional cost to the Government.

(End of Section 5)

## SECTION 6– GENERAL ORDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 61 Period of Performance

The period of performance is to be completed at time of award.

### 6.2 Travel & Other Direct Costs

Travel and ODCs are not anticipated in performance of this order. If travel should become necessary, see the Statement of Need for further guidance.

### 6.3 Administrative Considerations

All questions and concerns regarding this effort must be directed to the Contracting Officer (CO) and COR identified below:

**The CO for this effort is as follows:**
Melissa Onyszko
Department of the Interior
Interior Business Center
Acquisition Services Directorate
Telephone: 703-964-3638
Email: melissa_onyszko@ibc.doi.gov

**The COR for this effort is as follows:**
Provided at time of award.

## SECTION 7 – PROVISIONS

**** See Attachment 1 – Contract Certifications and Provisions for additional full-text provisions.**

**52.252-1 Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference (Feb 1998)**
This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far

*HHS has adopted all Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) FAR parts. The full text RFO provisions may be accessed electronically at this address: https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul.*

The following provisions are hereby incorporated by reference:

| Provision Number | Provision Title | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 52.203-18 | Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements-Representation | Jan 2017 |
| 52.204-7 | System for Award Management—Registration | Deviation Date Nov 2025 |
| 52.209-2 | Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations—Representation | Nov 2015 |
| 52.209-11 | Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law | Feb 2016 |
| 52.212-1 | Instructions to Offerors-Commercial Products and Commercial Services | Deviation Date Nov 2025 |
| 52.240-90 | Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications | Deviation Date Nov 2025 |

(End of provision)

**SECTION 8 – CLAUSES**

**NOTICE:** System updates may lag policy updates. The System for Award Management (SAM) may continue to require entities to complete representations based on provisions that are not included in agency solicitations. Contracting Officers will not consider these representations when making award decisions or enforce requirements. Entities are not required to, nor are they able to, update their entity registration to remove these representations in SAM.

**52.252-2 -- Clauses Incorporated by Reference (Feb 1998)**
This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this address: https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far.

*HHS has adopted all Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) FAR parts. The full text RFO clauses may be accessed electronically at this address: https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul.*

The following clauses are hereby incorporated by reference.

| FAR Clause | Clause Title | Clause Date |
|---|---|---|
| 52.203-17 | Contractor Employee Whistleblower Rights | NOV 2023 |
| 52.203-19 | Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements | JAN 2017 |

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| 52.204-13 | System for Award Management Maintenance | DOI Deviation MAR 2026 |
| 52.204-19 | Incorporation by Reference of Representations and Certifications | DOI Deviation MAR 2026 |
| 52.209-6 | Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting With Contractors Debarred, Suspended, Proposed for Debarment, or Voluntarily Excluded | DOI DEVIATION MAR 2026 |
| 52.209-10 | Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations | DOI DEVIATION MAR 2026 |
| 52.212-4 | Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Products and Commercial Services | DOI Deviation MAR 2026 |
| 52.222-3 | Convict Labor | DOI DEVIATION MAY 2026 |
| 52.222-19 | Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies | DOI Deviation MAY 2026 |
| 52.222-35 | Equal Opportunity for Veterans | DOI DEVIATION MAY 2026 |
| 52.222-36 | Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities | DOI DEVIATION MAY 2026 |
| 52.222-37 | Employment Reports on Veterans | DOI DEVIATION MAY 2026 |
| 52.222-50 | Combating Trafficking in Persons | DOI DEVIATION MAY 2026 |
| 52.222-54 | Employment Eligibility Verification | DOI DEVIATION MAY 2026 |
| 52.222-90 | Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors | DOI Deviation May 2026 |
| 52.223-23 | Sustainable Products and Services | DOI DEVIATION MAY 2026 |
| 52.225-13 | Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases | FEB 2021 |
| 52.226-8 | Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving | MAR 2026 |
| 52.227-14 | Rights in Data—General | May 2014 |
| 52.227-19 | Commercial Computer Software License | DEC 2007 |
| 52.232-33 | Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management | OCT 2018 |
| 52.232-40 | Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors. | MAR 2023 |
| 52.233-4 | Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim | AUG 1996 |
| 52.240-91 | Security Prohibitions and Exclusions | DOI Deviation MAR 2026 |

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| 52.240-93 | Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems | DOI Deviation MAR 2026 |
| 52.244-6 | Subcontracts for Commercial Products and Commercial Services | DOI Deviation MAY 2026 |

**FAR CLAUSES INCORPORATED IN FULL TEXT**

**52.252-6 Authorized Deviations in Clauses (Nov 2020)**

(a) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the date of the clause.

(b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Department of the Interior (48 CFR Chapter 14) and Health and Human Services (48 CFR Chapter 3) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

(End of clause)

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR CLAUSES**

**Electronic Invoicing and Payment Requirements - Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) (Feb 2021)**

Payment requests must be submitted electronically through the U. S. Department of the Treasury's Invoice Processing Platform System (IPP).

"Payment request" means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment by the Contractor. To constitute a proper invoice, the payment request must comply with the requirements identified in the applicable Prompt Payment clause included in the contract, or the clause 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions - Commercial Items included in commercial item contracts. The IPP website address is: https://www.ipp.gov.

Under this contract, the following documents are required to be submitted as an attachment to the IPP invoice:

1. CLIN/Item number of deliverable
2. Description of deliverable
3. Price of deliverable
4. Quantity of deliverable
5. Date deliverable was provided to the Government for inspection
6. Serial number/part number if applicable
7. Included with the electronic IPP invoice shall be an attached itemized (printable) invoice.

Additional supporting documentation MAY BE REQUESTED at the discretion of the COR.

The Contractor must use the IPP website to register access and use IPP for submitting requests for payment. The Contractor Government Business Point of Contact (as listed in SAM) will

receive enrollment instructions via email from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (FRBSTL) within 3 - 5 business days of the award date. Contractor assistance with enrollment can be obtained by contacting the IPP Production Helpdesk via email IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov or phone (866) 973-3131.

If the Contractor is unable to comply with the requirement to use IPP for submitting invoices for payment, the Contractor must submit a waiver request in writing to the Contracting Officer with its proposal or quotation.

The vendor must submit an invoice for payment no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the month of performance of services/delivery.

The Contractor is responsible for ensuring invoices submitted are accurate and complete, and all labor, travel and other direct costs are in accordance with federal guidelines, the Federal Travel Regulations and other Government mandates and directives, as applicable.

**DIAR 1452.201-70 Authorities and Delegations (Sep 2011)**

(a) The Contracting Officer is the only individual authorized to enter into or terminate this contract, modify any term or condition of this contract, waive any requirement of this contract, or accept nonconforming work.

(b) The Contracting Officer will designate a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) at time of award. The COR will be responsible for technical monitoring of the Contractor's performance and deliveries. The COR will be appointed in writing, and a copy of the appointment will be furnished to the Contractor. Changes to this delegation will be made by written changes to the existing appointment or by issuance of a new appointment.

(c) The COR is not authorized to perform, formally or informally, any of the following actions:

(1) Promise, award, agree to award, or execute any contract, contract modification, or notice of intent that changes or may change this contract;
(2) Waive or agree to modification of the delivery schedule;
(3) Make any final decision on any contract matter subject to the Disputes Clause;
(4) Terminate, for any reason, the Contractor's right to proceed;
(5) Obligate in any way, the payment of money by the Government.

(d) The Contractor shall comply with the written or oral direction of the Contracting Officer or authorized representative(s) acting within the scope and authority of the appointment memorandum. The Contractor need not proceed with direction that it considers to have been issued without proper authority. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing, with as much detail as possible, when the COR has taken an action or has issued direction (written or oral) that the Contractor considers to exceed the COR's appointment, within 3 days of the occurrence. Unless otherwise provided in this contract, the Contractor assumes all costs, risks, liabilities, and consequences of performing any work it is directed to perform that falls within any of the categories defined in paragraph (c) prior to receipt of the Contracting Officer's response issued under paragraph (e) of this clause.

(e) The Contracting Officer shall respond in writing within 30 days to any notice made under paragraph (d) of this clause. A failure of the parties to agree upon the nature of a direction, or upon the contract action to be taken with respect thereto, shall be subject to the provisions of the Disputes clause of this contract.

(f) The Contractor shall provide copies of all correspondence to the Contracting Officer and the COR.

(g) Any action(s) taken by the Contractor, in response to any direction given by any person acting on behalf of the Government or any Government official other than the Contracting Officer or the COR acting within his or her appointment shall be at the Contractor's risk.

(End of clause)

**HHSAR CLAUSES**

**352.239.79 Information and Communication Technology Accessibility Notice (March 2024) (DEVIATION)**

(a) Pursuant to Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, all information and communication technology (ICT) supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, and services support developed, acquired, maintained or delivered under this contract or order must comply with the Revised 508 Standards, which are located at 36 C.F.R. 1194.1 and Appendices A, B, and C, and are available at https://www.access-board.gov/ict/.
Information about Section 508 is available at https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/index.html.

(b) Additional Section 508 accessibility standards applicable to this contract or order may be identified in the specification, statement of work, or performance work statement. If it is determined by the Government that ICT supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, and services support provided by the Contractor do not conform to the described accessibility standards in the contract, remediation of the supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support to the level of conformance specified in the contract will be the responsibility of the Contractor at its own expense.

(c) In the event of a modification(s) to this contract or order, which adds new ICT supplies or services or revises the type of, or specifications for, supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support, the Contracting Officer shall require that the Contractor submit a completed HHS Section 508 Accessibility Conformance Checklist (see *https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/accessibility-checklists/index.html*) or an Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR) (based on the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) see https://www.itic.org/policy/accessibility/vpat), and any other additional information necessary to assist the Government in determining that the ICT supplies or services conform to Section 508 accessibility standards. If it is determined by the Government that ICT supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, and services support provided by the Contractor do not conform to the described accessibility standards in the contract, remediation of the supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support to the level of

conformance specified in the contract will be the responsibility of the Contractor at its own expense.

(d) If this is an Indefinite-Delivery type contract, a Blanket Purchase Agreement or a Basic Ordering Agreement, the task/delivery order requests that include ICT supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support will define the specifications and accessibility standards for the order. In those cases, the Contractor shall be required to provide a completed HHS Section 508 Accessibility Conformance Checklist (see *https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/accessibility-checklists/index.html*) or an ACR (based on the VPAT see https://www.itic.org/policy/accessibility/vpat), and any other additional information necessary to assist the Government in determining that the ICT supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support conform to Section 508 accessibility standards. If it is determined by the Government that ICT supplies and services provided by the Contractor do not conform to the described accessibility standards in the provided documentation, remediation of the supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support to the level of conformance specified in the contract will be the responsibility of the Contractor at its own expense.
(e) The Contractor shall identify to the Contracting Officer any perceived exception or exemption to Section 508 requirements.

(End of clause)

## SECTION 7– RFQ ATTACHMENTS

**The following documents are attached and made part of this Solicitation.**

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| Attachment 1: | Contract Certifications and Provisions |
| Attachment 2: | Section 508 Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) |
| Attachment 3: | Redacted Brand Name Justification for an Exception to Fair Opportunity |
| Attachment 4: | Pricing Sheet |