AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.	3. EFFECTIVE DATE	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)
0003	22-Feb-2022	ACQR5881359	

6. ISSUED BY	CODE	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6)	CODE
NAVFAC FAR EAST FEAD SASEBO PSC 476 BOX 66 FPO AP 96322-1160	N40084	**See Item 6**	

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)			
		X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. N4008422R6301
		X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 23-Dec-2021
			10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
CODE	FACILITY CODE		10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

[X] The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offer [ ] is extended, [X] is not extended.

Offer must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

[ ] A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.

[ ] B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(B).

[ ] C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:

[ ] D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor [ ] is not, [ ] is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

Description of this amendment begins on page 2.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) TEL: EMAIL:	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED 22-Feb-2022

SECTION SF 30 BLOCK 14 CONTINUATION PAGE

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

SECTION SF 30 - BLOCK 14 CONTINUATION PAGE

The following have been added by full text:
AMENDMENT 0003

The purpose of this amendment is as described below:

(1) Provide Government response to offerors' Pre-proposal Inquiry (PPI), see Attachments (1), (3) and (n), and update the List of Attachments accordingly.

All other terms and conditions including the proposal due date and time remain unchanged.

SECTION SF 1449 - CONTINUATION SHEET

The following have been modified:
LIST OF ATTACHMENTS
List of attachments included in the RFP and any subsequent award:

Attachment (1) Performance Work Statement Amendment 0003 (610 pages)
Attachment (2) J-0200000-10 - CLIN and ELIN_N4008422R6301_Amendment 0001 - excel file (17 tabs)
Attachment (3) Government Response to PPI - Amendment 0003 (7 pages)

List of attachments included in the RFP only:

Attachment (a) Site Photos_22R6301 (6 pages)
Attachment (b) Pre-Proposal Inquiry Form (2 pages)
Attachment (c) Offeror Experience Project Data Sheet (2 pages)
Attachment (d) Safety Plan Sheet (1 page)
Attachment (e) Past_Performance_N4008422R6301 (6 pages)
Attachment (f) Provision 52.204-24 (1 page)
Attachment (g) Provision 52.229-11 (1 page)
Attachment (h) W-14 (2 pages)
Attachment (i) DBIDS Card - Paper Pass Request (5 tabs)
Attachment (j) SECNAV5512-1 (2 pages)
Attachment (k) PIEE Solicitation Module Guide (21 pages)
Attachment (l) PWS Amendment Summary Amendment 0001 (2 pages)
Attachment (m) PWS Amendment Summary Amendment 0002 (1 page)
Attachment (n) PWS Amendment Summary Amendment 0003 (1 page)

Notice: DFARS 252.204-7000 Disclosure of Information applies to all Documents, Exhibits, and Attachments as well as FAR 52.204-21 Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems and DFARS 252.204-7008 Compliance with Safeguarding Covered Defense Information Controls, 252.204-7009 Limitations on the Use or

Disclosure of Third-Party Contractor Reported Cyber Incident Information, and 252.204-7012 Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting.

Offerors are encouraged to seek guidance from their own legal or cyber-security compliance advisors for advice concerning the 15 security controls required by FAR 52.204-21. Additional information is also available through the below webpage:

https://www.navfac.navy.mil/navfac_worldwide/pacific/fecs/far_east/about_us/contractors_information.htm

52.212-2 EVALUATION--COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2014)

BASIS FOR AWARD

1. The Government reserves the right to eliminate from consideration for award any or all offers at any time prior to award of the contract to negotiate with offerors in the competitive range; and to award the contract to the offeror submitting the lowest priced, technically acceptable offer

2. As stated in the solicitation, the Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract without discussions with offerors (except clarifications as described in FAR 15.306(a)). The Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if the Contracting Officer later determines them to be necessary. In addition, if the Contracting Officer determines that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Contracting Officer may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals.

3. The LPTA process is selected as appropriate for this acquisition because the best value is expected to result from selection of the technically acceptable proposal with the lowest evaluated price.

4. An overall non-price factors rating must be at least “ACCEPTABLE” in order to be eligible for award. An “UNACCEPTABLE” rating in any factor results in the overall non-price factors proposal being rated “UNACCEPTABLE” unless corrected through discussions. An overall non-price factors rating of “UNACCEPTABLE” makes a proposal ineligible for award.

EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

1. The solicitation requires the evaluation of price and the following non-price factors*:*

   Factor 1 – Corporate Experience
   Factor 2 – Safety
   Factor 3 – Past Performance

2. General Submission Requirements. Offerors shall submit or complete the following items as part of their proposal:

(a) Cover letter not exceeding one (1) page that provides the full name, address, DUNS number, and point(s)-of-contact for the Offeror and generally introduces the capabilities of your firm.

(b) Representations and Certifications – Prior to submitting any proposal, Offerors must have an active registration and current Representation and Certifications in the online System for Award Management (SAM) database. Representations / Certifications – Electronic Annual representations and Certifications through On-line Representations and Certifications Application at https://www.acquisition.gov/. Offerors who are already

registered in SAM are advised to check SAM prior to submitting their proposal to ensure that their SAM registration and online representations & certifications are active and current.

(c) (If applicable) Copy of Joint Venture (JV) Agreement or Partnership Agreement. The JV or Partnership entity itself must be registered online in the System for Award Management (SAM) as the JV or Partnership. Each JV member or partner must also be individually registered in the SAM database. Failure to submit the Joint Venture Agreement may result in an offeror's proposal being rejected.

(d) Submit certificates or training records for the following Key Personnel the Offeror intends to utilize in performance of a contract, if a contract were to be award to the offeror. Equivalent certifications may be proposed, however, the onus is on the contractor to provide substantive documentation to clearly demonstrate any proposed equivalent certification meets or exceeds the required certifications as identified in the PWS.

- Minimum required business registration:
  - Building Cleaning (建築物清掃業)
- Project Manager (PM):
  - Cleaning Work Supervisor (清掃作業監督者)
  - Building Cleaning Technician (ビルクリーニング技能士)
  - Building Cleaning and Management Inspector (建築物清掃管理評価資格者) or submit registration for the course.
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- Quality Manager (QM):
  - Building Cleaning Technician (ビルクリーニング技能士)
  - ~~Construction Quality Management for Contractors~~
- Site Safety and Health Officer (SSHO):
  - Cleaning Work Supervisor (清掃作業監督者)

(e) Copies of all amendments (if applicable) acknowledged.

(f) Completed Attachment (f) Provision 52.204-24 - The Offeror must submit this unless the Offeror has represented that it "does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offeror products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument" in the provision at 52.204-26, Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services – Representation. If required, complete with the Contractor Name, RFP Number, Project Description, and Contractor POC, signed, and dated. The applicable block in the provision must be checked.

(g) Completed Attachment (g) Provision 52.229-11 with the Contractor Name, RFP Number, Project Description, and Contractor POC, signed, and dated. The applicable blocks in the provision must be checked.

(h) Completed IRS Form W-14, if applicable

Attachment (h) - W-14 (required for any "Foreign Contracting Party") – Completed in its entirety including being signed, dated, with the capacity to act (job title) included. See below for additional details.

FAR PROVISION 52.229-11 AND FAR CLAUSE 52.229-12

In accordance with FAR 29.402-3, Tax on certain foreign procurements, FAR provision 52.229-11 and FAR clause 52.229-12 are included in solicitations, including solicitations using part 12 procedures for the acquisition of commercial products and commercial services. Solicitation means any request to submit offers or quotations to the Government. Acquisition means acquiring by contract, task order (TO), or delivery order (DO), supplies or services (including construction) for the use of the Federal Government. The base contract will incorporate the clause

52.229-12, if the contractor has indicated that it is a foreign person in solicitation provision 52.229-11. All TOs or DOs issued off the base contract will also incorporate the provision and clause unless one of the following exceptions applies:

(1) Acquisitions using simplified acquisition procedures that do not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (as defined in 2.101).

(2) Emergency acquisitions using the emergency acquisition flexibilities defined in part 18.

(3) Acquisitions using the unusual and compelling urgency authority per 6.303-2.

(4) Contracts with a single individual for personal services that will not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold on an annual calendar year basis for all years of the contract.

(5) Acquisitions if the requiring activity identifies that the requirement is for certain foreign humanitarian assistance contracts which are payments made by the U.S. Government agencies pursuant to a contract with a foreign contracting party to obtain goods or services described in or authorized under 7 U.S.C. 1691, et seq., 22 U.S.C. 2151, et seq., 22 U.S.C 2601 et seq., 22 U.S.C. 5801 et seq., 22 U.S.C. 5401 et seq., 10 U.S.C. 402, 10 U.S.C. 404, 10 U.S.C. 407, 10 U.S.C. 2557, and 10 U.S.C. 2561.

This provision and clause concern the imposition of a 2 percent Federal excise tax withholding on any resultant contract award or payment request. This rule applies to Federal Government contracts for goods or services that are awarded to foreign persons. It implements the Department of the Treasury final regulations published in the Federal Register at 81 FR 55133 on August 18, 2016, under section 5000C of the Internal Revenue Code relating to the 2 percent tax on payments made by the U.S. Government to foreign entities pursuant to certain contracts.

Exemptions from this excise tax must be claimed by an Offeror when it submits, with its offer, a U.S. Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-14, Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments, available via the internet at www.irs.gov/w14. **If not submitted with the offer, exemptions will not be applied to any resulting contract and the Government will withhold a full 2 percent on each payment. Failure to submit IRS Form W-14 with a payment request will also result in an automatic withholding of 2 percent from the payment request.**

When filling out the IRS Form W-14 the following information may be used to complete Part I, Line 6 and 7:

Line 6 Contract / reference number: N4008422R6301
Line 7 Name and address of the acquiring agency: Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Far East
City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate: Bldg. 200, 2nd Floor, Hirase-Cho, Sasebo-shi, Nagasaki-ken 857-0056
Country (do not abbreviate): Japan

Any exemption claimed and self-certified is subject to audit by the IRS. Any disputes concerning this tax are adjudicated by the IRS because the Section 5000C tax is a tax matter not a contract issue.

Offerors are encouraged to seek guidance from their own tax, legal, or accounting professionals for advice concerning the provision, clause, and the execution/submission of IRS Form W-14. Additional information is also available at:
https://www.navfac.navy.mil/navfac_worldwide/pacific/fecs/far_east/about_us/contractors_information.html

Offerors are advised to consult Title 26 U.S.C. 5000C and its implementing regulations at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1 through 1.5000C-7 (see FAR 29.402-3, 31.205-41(b)(8)) for specific details and/or updates.

3. Basis of Evaluation and Submittal Requirements for Each Factor.

(a) Price:

(1) Solicitation Submittal Requirements:

(a) Standard Form (SF) 1449: Complete blocks 17a, 17b (if applicable) and 30a, 30b, 30c. Complete Contract Line Item Numbers (CLINs) 0001 through 0016 on the SF1449-Continuation Sheet and a total price for all CLINs. Prices shall be submitted in Japanese Yen only. CLIN prices are expressed in Japanese Yen. The contract will be awarded in a U.S. Dollar ($) amount value for the administrative convenience of the U.S. Government. Although the price of the contract will be stated in U.S. Dollars, payments will be made in Japanese Yen. Acknowledge and sign all amendments. Failure to do so may cause rejection of proposal. Offers are solicited on an "all or none" basis. Failure to submit offers for all line items listed shall be cause for rejection of the offer.

(b) Completed Exhibit Line Item Numbers (ELINs) Spreadsheet (J-0200000-12), Attachment D to the RFP J-0200000-12 ELIN List. Prices shall be stated in Japanese Yen only. In the event that there is a difference between a unit price and the extended total amount, the unit price will be held to be the intended bid/offer and the total of the CLINs or ELINs will be recomputed accordingly. The CLIN which includes recomputed contract ELINs will also be recomputed to take into account the change in the contract ELIN. If the offeror provides a total amount for a CLIN or ELIN but fails to enter the unit price, the total amount divided by the CLIN or ELIN will be held to be the intended unit price. The Government reserves the right to award some or all of the ELINS in any order depending on availability of funds and operational requirements.

(2) Basis of Evaluation: The Government will evaluate price based on the total price. Total price consists of the basic requirements and all option items (see Attachment D to the RFP J-0200000-12 ELIN List of the solicitation). The Government intends to evaluate all options and has included the provision FAR 52.217-5, Evaluation of Options (JUL 1990) in the solicitation. In accordance with FAR 52.217-5, Evaluation of Options will not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s). Analysis will be performed by one or more of the following techniques to ensure a fair and reasonable price:

(i) Comparison of proposed prices received in response to the RFP.

(ii) Comparison of proposed prices with the IGCE.

(iii) Comparison of proposed prices with available historical information.

(iv) Comparison of market survey results.

(b) Technical Factors:

Factor 1 Corporate Experience:

(1) Solicitation Submittal Requirements: The Offeror shall submit the following information:

(a) The Offeror shall submit a maximum of five (5) projects that best demonstrate the Offeror's experience on relevant projects using Offeror Experience Project Data Sheet, Attachment E of the RFP. In order to demonstrate a recent project, such contract must have been either completed (including all options) within the past five years of the date of issuance of this RFP, or ongoing and have completed at least 12 consecutive months of performance. A relevant project is defined as follows:

(i) Janitorial work to include floor care including protective coating and carpet deep cleaning, space cleaning, high area cleaning, and restroom cleaning by Offeror or partner/JV member or sub-contractor with an annual value of ¥30,000,000 or more by a single contract.

(ii) Cleaning and disinfection services for facilities where persons with COVID-19 have been identified or suspected using EPA-approved disinfectants or Government of Japan (GOJ) recommended cleaning materials and using of personal protective equipment (PPE) that complies with 29 CFR 1910.132 by Offeror or partner/JV member or sub-contractor with an annual value of ¥100,000 or more by a single contract.

Note: If/when only dollar amount, use the exchange rate of FY22, $106.4531.

(b) If the Offeror is a joint venture or partnership, the Offeror shall submit a maximum of three (3) projects for each partner/JV member. Offerors are still limited to a total of five (5) projects combined.

(c) The Offeror may rely on sub-contractors experience to meet the experience required in paragraph (a). However, an experience data sheet, Attachment E, is required for each sub-contractor and shall submit maximum of three (3) projects for each sub-contractor. Offerors are still limited to a total of five (5) projects combined.

(2) Basis of Evaluation: The Government is seeking to determine if the Offeror has demonstrated recent and relevant corporate experience involving 1) janitorial work and cleaning and disinfection services where persons where with COVID have been identified or suspected.

An Offeror will be rated "Acceptable" if collectively its submittals for "Corporate Experience" demonstrate experience involving the following:

(a) One relevant janitorial services project for a total annual contract value of ¥30,000,000 or more.

and

(b) One relevant cleaning and disinfection services project for facilities where persons with COVID-19 have been identified or suspected using EPA-approved disinfectants or Government of Japan (GOJ) recommended cleaning materials and using PPE that complies with 29 CFR 1910.132 with an annual value of ¥100,000 or more.

Or

One relevant project that includes both (a) and (b).

An Offeror will be rated "Unacceptable" if it fails to meet the requirements to be rated acceptable described above.

A proposal receiving an "Unacceptable" evaluation rating for Factor 1 will be ineligible for award.

Factor 2 Safety:

(1) Solicitation Submittal Requirements:

The Offeror shall submit a narrative no more than 2 single-sided (1 double-sided) pages that demonstrates its commitment to safely accomplishing the requirements identified in the Solicitation and how it will properly manage and implement safety procedures and accident prevention methods. The Offeror shall submit a completed Safety Plan Sheet, Attachment F. The narrative should address each of the following topics:

(a) The offeror's method for selecting a subcontractor with a safe performance record;

(b) The offeror's plan to monitor and oversee the safety compliance and performance of self-performed and subcontractor performed work;

(c) The offeror's methodology to execute an effective program that facilitates accident prevention techniques and processes, and employee reporting of unsafe conditions and unsafe activities.

(2) Basis of Evaluation: The Government is seeking to determine whether the information contained in the Offeror's proposal demonstrates a commitment to safety and that the Offeror plans to properly manage and implement safety procedures and accident prevention methods for itself and its subcontractors.

The evaluation will result in a rating of either "Acceptable" or "Unacceptable".

An Offeror will be rated "Acceptable" if it demonstrates a commitment to safety and that the Offeror plans to properly manage and implement safety procedures and accident prevention methods for itself and its subcontractors.

An Offeror will be rated "Unacceptable" if it fails to meet the requirements to be rated acceptable described above.

Factor 3 Past Performance:

(1) Solicitation Submittal Requirements:

(a) Offerors shall clearly demonstrate a history of past performance on contracts/projects that demonstrates experience in performing work similar to that described in the definition of a relevant project under Factor 1, Corporate Experience. The offeror shall submit past performance information for each project included in its proposal for Factor 1, Corporate Experience. If the Offeror is a joint venture or partnership, the Offeror shall submit a maximum of three (3) projects for each partner/JV member. Offerors are still limited to a total of five (5) projects combined.

(b) If a completed Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) evaluation is available for any of the prior contracts identified, the CPARS evaluation shall be submitted with the proposal. If there is not a completed CPARS evaluation available for any prior contract identified, offerors shall use the Past Performance Questionnaire (PPQ), Attachment G to the RFP PPQ Form, included in the solicitation for the offeror or its team members to submit to the client for each project. AN OFFEROR SHALL NOT SUBMIT A PPQ WHEN A COMPLETED CPARS IS AVAILABLE. The Government will accept a completed interim CPARS evaluations for any partially completed projects identified.

(c) IF A CPARS EVALUATION IS NOT AVAILABLE, ensure correct phone numbers and email addresses are provided for the client point of contact on the PPQ. Completed PPQs should be submitted with your proposal. If the offeror is unable to obtain a completed PPQ from a client for a past project before proposal closing date, the offeror should complete and submit with the proposal the first page of the PPQ, which will provide contract and client information for the respective project(s). Offerors should follow-up with clients/references to ensure timely submittal of questionnaires. If the client requests, questionnaires may be submitted directly to the Government's point of contact, Mr. Hirokazu Toyofuku, via email at hirokazu.toyo.ja@fe.navy.mil prior to proposal closing date. Offerors shall not incorporate by reference into their proposal PPQs or CPARS previously submitted for other RFPs. However, this does not preclude the Government from utilizing previously submitted PPQ information in the past performance evaluation.

(d) Offerors may provide any information on problems encountered and the corrective actions taken on projects submitted under Factor 1, Corporate Experience. Offerors may also address any adverse past performance issues. Explanations shall not exceed 4 single-sided (2 double-sided) pages in total.

Performance recognition/award(s) or additional similar information submitted will not be considered.

(e) The Government reserves the right to contact some, all, or none of the references for verification or additional information. The Government's inability to contact any of the offeror's references or the references unwillingness to provide the information requested may affect the Government's evaluation of this factor.

(f) In addition to the above, the Government may review any other sources of information for evaluating past performance. Other sources may include, but are not limited to, past performance information retrieved through the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) using all CAGE/DUNS numbers of team members (partnership, joint venture, teaming arrangement, or parent company/subsidiary/affiliate) identified in the offeror's proposal, inquiries of owner representative(s), Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS), Electronic Subcontract Reporting System (eSRS), and any other known sources not provided by the offeror. While the Government may elect to consider data from other sources, the burden of providing detailed, current, accurate and complete past performance information rests with the Offeror.

(g) All Past Performance Information must be submitted in English.

(2) Basis of Evaluation:

The Government is seeking to determine if the Offeror has relevant and recent past performance information that pertain to the services outlines in the solicitation. The past performance evaluation results is an assessment of the Offeror's probability of meeting the solicitation requirements. The evaluation will consider how well the Offeror performed on recent and relevant projects submitted under Factor 1 and may also consider past performance on other projects currently documented in known sources. The Government will consider the recency and relevance of the information, the source of the information, context of the data, and general trends in the Offeror's performance. This evaluation is separate and distinct from the Offeror's responsibility determination.

(a) The Government will evaluate the degree to which past performance evaluations and all other past performance information reviewed by the Government (e.g., PPIRS, Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS), Electronic Subcontract Reporting System (eSRS), performance recognition documents, and information obtained from any other source) reflect a trend of satisfactory performance considering:

- A pattern of successful completion of tasks;
- A pattern of deliverables that are timely and of good quality;
- A pattern of cooperativeness and teamwork with the Government at all levels (task managers, contracting officers, auditors, etc.);
- Recency of tasks performed that are identical to, similar to, or related to the task at hand; and
- A respect for stewardship of Government funds

The evaluation will result in a rating of either "Acceptable" or "Unacceptable".

NOTE: In the case of an offeror without a record of relevant past performance or for whom information on past performance is not available or so sparse that no meaningful past performance rating can be reasonably assigned, the offeror may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance (see FAR 15.305 (a)(2)(iv)). Therefore, the offeror shall be determined to have unknown (or "neutral") past performance. In the context of acceptability/unacceptability, a neutral rating shall be considered "acceptable."

(End of Summary of Changes)