

SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

X Evaluation Exclusive of Option

The laboratory will evaluate offers for award purposed by including only the price for the basic requirement; i.e., options will not be included in the evaluation for award purposes.

X Evaluation of Options Exercised at Time of Contract Award

Except when it is determined not to be in the Laboratory's best interests, the Laboratory will evaluate the total price for the basic requirement together with any option(s) exercised at the time of award.

X Evaluation of Options

Except when it is determined not to be in the Laboratory's best interests, the Laboratory will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. Evaluation of options will not obligate the Laboratory to exercise the option(s).

X Unbalanced Offers

The Laboratory may reject offers which are determined to be materially unbalanced with respect to prices or separately priced items.

An offer is mathematically unbalanced if it is based on prices which are significantly less than the cost for some items and significantly overstated in relation to cost for other items. An offer is materially unbalanced if it is mathematically unbalanced, and (1) there is a reasonable doubt that the offer would result in the lowest cost to the Laboratory, even though it is the lowest evaluated offer; or (2) the offer is so grossly unbalanced that its acceptance would be tantamount to allowing an advance payment.