Health and Human Services

352.239–72 Security requirements for Federal information technology resources.

As prescribed in 339.7103, the Contracting Officer shall insert the following clause:

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES (JANUARY 2010)

(a) Applicability. This clause applies whether the entire contract or order (hereafter “contract”), or portion thereof, includes information technology resources or services in which the Contractor has physical or logical (electronic) access to, or operates a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) system containing information that directly supports HHS’ mission. The term “information technology (IT)”, as used in this clause, includes computers, ancillary equipment (including imaging peripherals, input, output, and storage devices necessary for security and surveillance), peripheral equipment designed to be controlled by the central processing unit of a computer, software, firmware and similar procedures, services (including support services) and related resources. This clause does not apply to national security systems as defined in FISMA.

(b) Contractor responsibilities. The Contractor is responsible for the following:

(1) Integrity, which means guarding against improper information modification or destruction, and includes ensuring information non-repudiation and authenticity;

(2) Availability, which means ensuring timely and reliable access to and use of information.

(b) Contractor responsibilities. The Contractor is responsible for the following:

(1) Protecting Federal information and Federal information systems in order to ensure their—

(i) Integrity, which means guarding against improper information modification or destruction, and includes ensuring information non-repudiation and authenticity;

(ii) Confidentiality, which means preserving authorized restrictions on access and disclosure, including means for protecting personal privacy and proprietary information; and,

(iii) Availability, which means ensuring timely and reliable access to and use of information.

(c) Contractor security deliverables. In accordance with the timeframes specified, the Contractor shall prepare and submit the following security documents to the Contracting Officer for review, comment, and acceptance:

(1) IT Security Plan (IT–SP)—due within 30 days after contract award. The IT–SP shall be consistent with, and further detail the approach to, IT security contained in the Contractor’s bid or proposal that resulted in the award of this contract. The IT–SP shall describe the processes and procedures that the Contractor will follow to ensure appropriate security of IT resources that are developed, processed, or used under this contract. If the IT–SP only applies to a portion of the contract, the Contractor shall specify those parts of the contract to which the IT–SP applies.

(i) The Contractor’s IT–SP shall comply with applicable Federal laws that include, but are not limited to, the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002 (Title III of the E-Government Act of 2002, Public Law 107–347), and the following Federal and HHS policies and procedures:


(B) National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-18, Guide for Developing Security Plans for Federal Information Systems, in form and content, and with any pertinent contract Statement of Work/Performance Work Statement (SOW/PWS) requirements. The IT–SP shall identify and document appropriate IT security controls consistent with the sensitivity of the information and the requirements of Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 200, Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information
Systems. The Contractor shall review and update the IT-SP in accordance with NIST SP 800-26, Security Self-Assessment Guide for Information Technology Systems and FIPS 200, on an annual basis.

(C) HHS-OCIO Information Systems Security and Privacy Policy.

(ii) After resolution of any comments provided by the Government on the draft IT-SP, the Contracting Officer shall accept the IT-SP and incorporate the Contractor’s final version into the contract for Contractor implementation and maintenance. On an annual basis, the Contractor shall provide to the Contracting Officer verification that the IT-SP remains valid.

(2) IT Risk Assessment (IT-RA)—due within 30 days after contract award. The IT-RA shall be consistent, in form and content, with NIST SP 800-30, Risk Management Guide for Information Technology Systems, and any additions or augmentations described in the HHS-OCIO Information Systems Security and Privacy Policy. After resolution of any comments provided by the Government on the draft IT-RA, the Contracting Officer shall accept the IT-RA and incorporate the Contractor’s final version into the contract for Contractor implementation and maintenance. The Contractor shall update the IT-RA on an annual basis.

(3) FIPS 199 Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems Assessment (FIPS 199 Assessment)—due within 30 days after contract award. The FIPS 199 Assessment shall be consistent with the cited NIST standard. After resolution of any comments provided by the Government on the draft FIPS 199 Assessment, the Contracting Officer shall accept the FIPS 199 Assessment and incorporate the Contractor’s final version into the contract.

(A) IT Security Certification and Accreditation (IT-SC&A)—due within 3 months after contract award. The Contractor shall submit written proof to the Contracting Officer that an IT-SC&A was performed for applicable information systems—see paragraph (a) of this clause. The Contractor shall perform the IT-SC&A in accordance with the HHS Chief Information Security Officer’s Certification and Accreditation Checklist; NIST SP 800-37, Guide for the Security Certification and Accreditation of Federal Information Systems; and NIST SP 800-33, Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems. An authorized senior management official shall sign the draft IT-SC&A and provide it to the Contracting Officer for review, comment, and acceptance.

(i) After resolution of any comments provided by the Government on the draft IT-SC&A, the Contracting Officer shall accept the IT-SC&A and incorporate the Contractor’s final version into the contract as a compliance requirement.

(ii) The Contractor shall also perform an annual security control assessment and provide to the Contracting Officer verification that the IT-SC&A remains valid. Evidence of a valid system accreditation includes written results of:

(A) Annual testing of the system contingency plan; and

(B) The performance of security control testing and evaluation.

(d) Personal identity verification. The Contractor shall identify its employees with access to systems operated by the Contractor for HHS or connected to HHS systems and networks. The Contracting Officer’s Technical Representative (COTR) shall identify, for those identified employees, position sensitivity levels that are commensurate with the responsibilities and risks associated with their assigned positions. The Contractor shall comply with the HSPD-12 requirements contained in “HHS-Controlled Facilities and Information Systems Security” requirements specified in the SOW/PWS of this contract.

(e) Contractor and subcontractor employee training. The Contractor shall ensure that its employees, and those of its subcontractors, performing under this contract complete HHS-furnished initial and refresher security and privacy education and awareness training before being granted access to systems operated by the Contractor on behalf of HHS or access to HHS systems and networks. The Contractor shall provide documentation to the COTR evidencing that Contractor employees have completed the required training.

(f) Government access for IT inspection. The Contractor shall afford the Government access to the Contractor’s and subcontractors’ facilities, installations, operations, documentation, databases, and personnel used in performance of this contract to the extent required to carry out a program of IT inspection (to include vulnerability testing), investigation, and audit to safeguard against threats and hazards to the integrity, confidentiality, and availability, of HHS data or to the protection of information systems operated on behalf of HHS.

(g) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall incorporate the substance of this clause in all subcontracts that require protection of Federal information and Federal information systems as described in paragraph (a) of this clause, including those subcontracts that—

1. Have physical or electronic access to HHS’ computer systems, networks, or IT infrastructure; or

2. Use information systems to generate, store, process, or exchange data with HHS or on behalf of HHS, regardless of whether the data resides on a HHS or the Contractor’s information system.
352.239-73 Electronic information and technology accessibility.

(a) As prescribed in 339.201-70(a), the Contracting Officer shall insert the following provision:

**ELECTRONIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY (JANUARY 2010)**

(a) Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board Electronic and Information Technology (EIT) Accessibility Standards (36 CFR Part 1194), require that, unless an exception applies, all EIT products and services developed, acquired, maintained, or used by any Federal department or agency permit—

(1) Federal employees with disabilities to have access to and use information and data that is comparable to the access and use of information and data by Federal employees who are not individuals with disabilities; and

(2) Members of the public with disabilities seeking information or services from a Federal agency to have access to and use of information and data that is comparable to the access and use of information and data by members of the public who are not individuals with disabilities.

(b) Accordingly, any vendor submitting a proposal/quotations in response to this solicitation must demonstrate compliance with the established EIT accessibility standards. Information about Section 508 is available at [http://www.section508.gov](http://www.section508.gov). The complete text of Section 508 Final Provisions can be accessed at [http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/provisions.htm](http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/provisions.htm).

(c) The Section 508 accessibility standards applicable to this solicitation are identified in the Statement of Work/Specification/Performance Work Statement. In order to facilitate the Government’s evaluation to determine whether EIT products and services proposed meet applicable Section 508 accessibility standards, offerors must prepare an HHS Section 508 Product Assessment Template, in accordance with its completion instructions, and provide a binding statement of conformance. The purpose of the template is to assist HHS acquisition and program officials in determining that EIT products and services proposed support applicable Section 508 accessibility standards. The template allows vendors or developers to self-evaluate their products or services and document in detail how they do or do not conform to a specific Section 508 accessibility standard. Instructions for preparing the HHS Section 508 Evaluation Template may be found under Section 508 policy on the HHS Office on Disability Web site ([http://www.hhs.gov/od/disability](http://www.hhs.gov/od/disability)).

(d) Respondents to this solicitation must also provide any additional detailed information necessary for determining applicable Section 508 accessibility standards conformance, as well as for documenting EIT products or services that are incidental to the project, which would constitute an exception to Section 508 requirements. If a vendor claims its products or services, including EIT deliverables such as electronic documents and reports, meet applicable Section 508 accessibility standards in its completed HHS Section 508 Product Assessment Template, and it is later determined by the Government—i.e., after award of a contract/order, that products or services delivered do not conform to the described accessibility standards in the Product Assessment Template, remediation of the products or services to the level of conformance specified in the vendor’s Product Assessment Template will be the responsibility of the Contractor and at its expense.

(End of provision)

(b) As prescribed in 339.201-70(b), the Contracting Officer shall insert the following clause:

**ELECTRONIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY (JANUARY 2010)**

(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 electronic and information technology