

name or equal" description, that identification is intended to be descriptive, not restrictive, and is to indicate the quality and characteristics of products that will be satisfactory. Bids offering "equal" products, including products of the brand name manufacturer other than the one described by brand name, will be considered for award if the products are clearly identified in the bids and are determined by the Government to meet fully the salient characteristics requirements referenced in the solicitation.

(c) Unless the offeror clearly indicates in the bid that it is offering an "equal" product, the bid shall be considered as offering a brand-name product referenced in the solicitation.

(d)(1) If the offeror proposes to furnish an "equal" product, the brand name, if any, of the product to be furnished shall be inserted in the space provided in the solicitation, or that product shall be otherwise clearly identified in the bid. The evaluation of bids and the determination as to equality of the product offered shall be the responsibility of the Government and will be based on information furnished by the offeror or identified in its bid, as well as on other information reasonably available to the contracting activity.

(2) Caution to Offerors: The contracting office is not responsible for locating or securing any information not identified in the bid and reasonably available to the contracting office. Accordingly, to ensure that sufficient information is available, the offeror must furnish as a part of its bid all descriptive material (such as cuts, illustrations, drawings, or other information) necessary for the contracting office to (i) determine whether the product offered meets the salient characteristics requirements of the solicitation and (ii) establish exactly what the offeror proposes to furnish and what the Government would be binding itself to purchase by making an award. The information furnished may include specific references to information previously furnished or to information otherwise available to the contracting office.

(3) If the offeror proposes to modify a product so as to make it conform to the requirements of the solicitation, it shall (i) include in the bid a clear description of the proposed modifications and (ii) clearly mark any descriptive material to show them.

(4) If this is a sealed-bid acquisition, modifications proposed after bid opening to make a product conform to a brand name product referenced in the solicitation will not be considered.

(End of provision)

[54 FR 28340, July 5, 1989, as amended at 56 FR 12460, Mar. 26, 1991]

1852.211-70 Packaging, handling, and transportation.

As prescribed in 1811.404-70, insert the following clause:

PACKAGING, HANDLING, AND TRANSPORTATION (SEPT 2005)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with NASA Procedural Requirements (NPR) 6000.1, "Requirements for Packaging, Handling, and Transportation for Aeronautical and Space Systems, Equipment, and Associated Components", as may be supplemented by the statement of work or specifications of this contract, for all items designated as Class I, II, or III.

(b) The Contractor's packaging, handling, and transportation procedures may be used, in whole or in part, subject to the written approval of the Contracting Officer, provided (1) the Contractor's procedures are not in conflict with any requirements of this contract, and (2) the requirements of this contract shall take precedence in the event of any conflict with the Contractor's procedures.

(c) The Contractor must place the requirements of this clause in all subcontracts for items that will become components of deliverable Class I, II, or III items.

(End of clause)

[65 FR 37062, June 13, 2000, as amended at 70 FR 52941, Sept. 6, 2005]

1852.212-70 Notice of delay.

As prescribed at 1812.104-70(a), insert the following clause:

NOTICE OF DELAY (DEC 1988)

If, because of technical difficulties, the Contractor becomes unable to complete the contract work at the time specified, notwithstanding the exercise of good faith and diligent efforts in performing the work called for under this contract, the Contractor shall give the Contracting Officer written notice of the anticipated delay and the reasons for it. The notice and reasons shall be delivered promptly after the condition creating the anticipated delay becomes known to the Contractor but in no event less than 45 days before the completion date specified in this contract, unless otherwise permitted by the Contracting Officer. When notice is given, the Contracting Officer may extend the time specified in the Schedule for such period as is deemed advisable.