52.247–61 Guaranteed Shipping Characteristics (DEC 1989)

(a) The offeror is requested to complete subparagraph (a)(1) of this clause, for each part or component which is packed or packaged separately. This information will be used to determine transportation costs for evaluation purposes. If the offeror does not furnish sufficient data in subparagraph (a)(1) of this clause, to permit determination by the Government of the item shipping costs, evaluation will be based on the shipping characteristics submitted by the offeror when the offer produces the highest transportation costs or in the absence thereof, by the Contracting Officer's best estimate of the actual transportation costs. If the item shipping costs, based on the actual shipping characteristics, exceed the item shipping costs used for evaluation purposes, the Contractor agrees that the contract price shall be reduced by an amount equal to the difference between the transportation costs actually incurred, and the costs which would have been incurred if the evaluated shipping characteristics had been accurate.

1. To be completed by the offeror:
   (i) Type of container: Wood Box , Fiber Box , Barrel , Reel , Drum , Other (specify) ;
   (ii) Shipping configuration: Knocked-down , Set-up , Nested , Other (specify) ;
   (iii) Size of container __" (Length) × __" (Width) × __" (Height) = ____ Cubic FT;
   (iv) Number of items per container ____ Each;
   (v) Gross weight of container and contents ____ LBS;
   (vi) Palletized/skidded Yes No;
   (vii) Number of containers per pallet/skid ____;
   (viii) Weight of empty pallet bottom/skid and sides ____ LBS;
   (ix) Size of pallet/skid and contents ____ LBS Cube __
   (x) Number of containers or pallets/skid per railcar ____;
   (xi) Number of containers or pallet/skid per trailer ____.

Type of railcar __
Size of railcar __
Type of trailer __
Size of trailer __ FT

(2) To be completed by the Government after evaluation but before contract award:
   (i) Rate used in evaluation ____;
   (ii) Tender/Tariff ____;
   (iii) Item ____.

(b) The guaranteed shipping characteristics requested in subparagraph (a)(1) of this clause do not establish actual transportation requirements, which are specified elsewhere in this solicitation. The guaranteed shipping characteristics will be used only for the purpose of evaluating offers and establishing any liability of the successful offeror for increased transportation costs resulting from actual shipping characteristics which differ from those used for evaluation in accordance with paragraph (a) of this clause.

(End of clause)


As prescribed in 47.305–16(c), insert the following clause in solicitations and contracts when volume rates may apply:


The Contractor agrees that shipment will be made in carload and truckload lots when the quantity to be delivered to any one destination in any delivery period pursuant to the contract schedule of deliveries is sufficient to constitute a carload or truckload shipment, except as may otherwise be permitted or directed in writing by the Contracting Officer. The agreed weight of a carload or truckload will be the highest applicable minimum weight which will result in the lowest freight rate (or per car charge) on file or published in common carrier tariffs or tenders as of date of shipment. In the event the total weight of any scheduled quantity to a destination is less than the highest carload/truckload minimum weight, the Contractor agrees to ship such scheduled quantity in one shipment. The Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any increased costs to the Government resulting from failure to comply with the above requirements. This liability shall not attach if supplies are outsized or of such nature that they cannot be loaded at the highest minimum weight bracket.

(End of clause)

52.247–62 Specific Quantities Unknown.

As prescribed in 47.305–16(d)(2), insert the following clause in solicitations and contracts when total requirements and destinations to which shipments will be made are known, but the specific quantity to be shipped to each destination cannot be predetermined. This clause protects the interests of