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REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS – CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE PLANTERS

A. PRICE

A.1. The Contractor shall complete all work, including furnishing all labor, material, equipment and services required under this contract for the following firm fixed price. This price shall include all direct costs (labor, materials), indirect costs, overhead (including cost of Workers' Compensation and War-Hazard Insurance, which shall not be a direct reimbursement), and profit.

Total price of contract: B\$ _____ (quoter to insert)

A.2 <u>TYPE OF CONTRACT</u>

This contract is a firm fixed price contract payable Brunei Dollars. No additional sums will be payable on account of any escalation in the cost of materials, equipment or labor, or because of the contractor's failure to properly estimate or accurately predict the cost or difficulty of achieving the results required by this contract. Nor will the contract price be adjusted on account of fluctuations in the currency exchange rates. Changes in the contract price or time to complete will be made only due to changes made by the Government in the work to be performed, or by delays caused by the Government.

Payments based on quantities and unit prices will be made only to the extent specifically provided in the contract.

B. SCOPE OF WORK and WORK STATEMENT

B.1. The character and scope of the work are set forth in the contract. The Contractor shall furnish and install all materials required by this contract. This project is to provide 29 concrete planters around Teck Guan Building, along roads Jalan Mc Arthur and Jalan Sultan.

B.2. The specifications and installation instructions are provided in Attachments A to C. The planters shall be of Mediterranean style similar in appearance to the one in the cross-sectional sketch in Attachment B. As the concrete planters will be occasionally moved from the installation sites, the design of the planters shall allow for the easy uplift of the planters with minimum damage to the surface of the planters. Casting of planters will be done at the Contractor's work site.

B.3. Within 7 days of award, the Contractor shall submit a drawing showing the external and cross sectional design of the planters for the approval of the COR. The drawing shall show the Contractor's plan for reinforcement bar placement for approval of the COR. On approval of the COR, the Contractor shall fabricate a mould and cast one sample for the approval of the COR. He shall only complete the order of 29 planters when the sample (which will be made part of the order if approved) is approved. If the sample is not approved, the Contractor shall rectify the

drawing or materials or construction methods in accordance with the Government's instructions. A maximum of one (1) Government change to the specifications or design will be permitted.

B.4. The Contractor shall also install the planters at the locations indicated on Attachment C.

C. PACKAGING AND MARKING

Mark materials delivered to the site as follows:

American Embassy, Teck Guan Plaza, Jalan Sultan BS 8811, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

D. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

D.1. The COR, or his/her authorized representatives, will inspect from time to time the services being performed and the supplies furnished to determine whether work is being performed in a satisfactory manner, and that all supplies are of acceptable quality and standards.

The Contractor shall be responsible for any countermeasures or corrective action, within the scope of this contract, which may be required by the Contracting Officer as a result of such inspection.

D.2. Inspection of Sample

The Contractor shall cast one piece of the planter in the presence of US Government officials. The Contractor shall give the Contracting Officer at least three (3) days advance notice of date and time for such casting. Upon acceptance of the cast sample, the Contracting Officer shall furnish a Notice to Proceed (NTP) to complete the remaining 28 pieces. If the sample is defective, the Contracting Officer shall provide a Schedule of Defects to the Contractor who will take steps to correct the defects. The Contractor shall then re-cast the sample in the presence of US Government officials. The accepted "sample" planter will be included in the total quantity ordered.

D.3. Final Acceptance of Planters

Planters must be cured for 30 days after casting. The COR will make an inspection of all the completed planters. Prior to installation, the Contracting Officer shall issue to the Contractor an acceptance notice for the planters and authorize the installation of the planters at locations defined in Attachment C.

E - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

E.1. The Contractor shall be required to commence work under this contract after receipt of an executed contract, prosecute the work diligently, and complete the entire work ready for use not

later than 90 days. The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the affected public areas.

The Contractor will be permitted to extend the completion time only if delay are caused by the Government, example, delay in approval of the sample. See F

E.2. CONTRACTOR'S SUBMISSION OF PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES

(a) The Contractor shall within 7 days of award submit a practicable schedule showing the order in which work will be performed to include dates for starting and completing the salient features of the work.

(b) The Contractor shall revise such schedules to (1) account for the actual progress of the work, (2) reflect approved adjustments in the performance schedule, and (3) as required by the Contracting Officer, to achieve coordination with work by the Government and any separate contractors used by the Government.

(c) All deliverables shall be in the English language and any system of dimensions (English or metric) shown shall be consistent with that used in the contract. No extension of time shall be allowed due to delay by the Government in approving such deliverables if the Contractor has failed to act promptly and responsively in submitting its deliverables. The Contractor shall identify each deliverable as required by the contract.

(d) Acceptance of Schedule: When the Government has accepted any time schedule; it shall be binding upon the Contractor. The completion date is fixed and may be extended only by a written contract modification signed by the Contracting Officer. Acceptance or approval of any schedule or revision thereof by the Government shall not:

(1) extend the completion date or obligate the Government to do so,

- (2) constitute acceptance or approval of any delay, or
- (3) excuse the Contractor from or relieve the Contractor of its obligation to maintain the progress of the work and achieve final completion by the established completion date.

E.3. <u>NOTICE OF DELAY</u>. If the Contractor receives a notice of any change in the work, or if any other conditions arise which are likely to cause or are actually causing delays which the Contractor believes may result in late completion of the project, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer. The Contractor's notice shall state the effect, if any, of such change or other conditions upon the approved schedule, and shall state in what respects, if any, the relevant schedule or the completion date should be revised. The Contractor shall give such notice promptly, not more than ten (10) days after the first event giving rise to the delay or prospective delay. Only the Contracting Officer may make revisions to the approved time schedule.

E.4. <u>NOTICE TO PROCEED</u> The Contractor shall proceed to fabricate the balance of 28 planters only after approval of the sample planter is given by the Government. On approval of the sample, the Government will issue a Notice to Proceed (NTP).

E.5. <u>WORKING HOURS</u> Installation work shall be performed during the night time between 9 pm and 6 am. The Contractor shall give 24 hours in advance to COR who will consider any deviation from the hours identified above. Changes in work hours, initiated by the Contractor, will not be a cause for a price increase.

E.6. <u>DELIVERABLES</u> The following items shall be delivered under this contract:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	Delivery Date	Deliver to:		
B. Design/drawings of Planter	1	7days after award	COR		
D.2. Request for inspection	1	3 days' notice	COR		
of sample					
D.2. Notice to Proceed	1	on approval of sample	Contractor		
D.3. Final Acceptance Notice	1	on completion of casting	Contractor		
G. Securities/Insurance	1	10 days after award	Contracting Officer		
E.2. Construction Schedule	1	7 days after award	COR		
E.1. Deliver/install planters	29	90 days after award	COR		
F. Payment Request	3	see F.2	COR		

F. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

F.1. 652.242-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) (AUG 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer may designate in writing one or more Government employees, by name or position title, to take action for the Contracting Officer under this contract. Each designee shall be identified as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Such designation(s) shall specify the scope and limitations of the authority so delegated; provided, that the designee shall not change the terms or conditions of the contract, unless the COR is a warranted Contracting Officer and this authority is delegated in the designation.

(b) The COR for this contract is Terry Murphree, Management Officer.

F.2. <u>Payment</u>: The Contractor's attention is directed to Section H, 52.232-5, "Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts". The following elaborates on the information contained in that clause.

Requests for payment, may be made no more frequently than three times -(a) on completion and approval of sample planter, (b) on completion of casting of balance 28 planters and (c) on completion of installation work. Payment requests shall cover the value of labor and materials completed and in place, including a prorated portion of overhead and profit.

Under the authority of 52.232-27(a), the 14 day period identified in FAR 52.232-27(a)(1)(i)(A) is hereby changed to 30 days. Payment will be made within 30 days of receipt of invoice at the following address:

American Embassy 4th flr, Teck Guan Plaza Jalan Sultan BS 8811 Bandar Seri Begawan Attn: Winnie Chiuh

G. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

G.1. Performance/Payment Protection [reserved]

Cumulative

G.2. Insurance

The Contractor is required by FAR 52.228-5, "Insurance - Work on a Government Installation" to provide whatever insurance is legally necessary. The Contractor shall at its own expense provide and maintain during the entire performance period the following insurance amounts:

General Liability (includes premises/operations, collapse hazard, products, completed operations, contractual, independent contractors, broad form property damage, personal injury)

1. Bodily Injury on or off the site stated in Brunei Dollars:							
Per Occurrence	B\$100,000						
Cumulative	B\$100,000						
2. Property Damage or	n or off the site in Brunei Dollars:						
Per Occurrence	B\$100,000						

The foregoing types and amounts of insurance are the minimums required. The Contractor shall obtain any other types of insurance required by local law or that are ordinarily or customarily obtained in the location of the work. The limit of such insurance shall be as provided by law or sufficient to meet normal and customary claims.

B\$100,000

The Contractor agrees that the Government shall not be responsible for personal injuries or for damages to any property of the Contractor, its officers, agents, servants, and employees, or any other person, arising from and incident to the Contractor's performance of this contract. The Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the Government from any and all claims arising therefrom, except in the instance of gross negligence on the part of the Government.

The Contractor shall obtain adequate insurance for damage to, or theft of, materials and equipment in insurance coverage for loose transit to the site or in storage on or off the site.

The general liability policy required of the Contractor shall name "the United States of America, acting by and through the Department of State", as an additional insured with respect to operations performed under this contract.

G.3. Laws and Regulations

The Contractor shall, without additional expense to the Government, be responsible for complying with all laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations applicable to the performance of the work, including those of the host country, and with the lawful orders of any governmental authority having jurisdiction. Unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall comply with the more stringent of the requirements of such laws, regulations and orders and of the contract. In the event of a conflict between the contract and such laws, regulations and orders, the Contractor shall promptly advise the Contracting Officer of the conflict and of the Contractor's proposed course of action for resolution by the Contracting Officer.

The Contractor shall comply with all local labor laws, regulations, customs and practices pertaining to labor, safety, and similar matters, to the extent that such compliance is not inconsistent with the requirements of this contract.

The Contractor shall give written assurance to the Contracting Officer that all subcontractors and others performing work on or for the project have obtained all requisite licenses and permits.

G.4. Installation Personnel

The Contractor shall maintain discipline at the site and at all times take all reasonable precautions to prevent any unlawful, riotous, or disorderly conduct by or among those employed at the site. The Contractor shall ensure the preservation of peace and protection of persons and property in the neighborhood of the project against such action. The Contracting Officer may require, in writing, that the Contractor remove from the work any employee that the Contracting Officer deems incompetent, careless, insubordinate or otherwise objectionable, or whose continued employment on the project is deemed by the Contracting Officer to be contrary to the Government's interests.

If the Contractor has knowledge that any actual or potential labor dispute is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this contract, the Contractor shall immediately give notice, including all relevant information, to the Contracting Officer.

The Contractor shall provide an English speaking supervisor on site at all times. This position is considered as key personnel under this purchase order.

G.5. Materials and Equipment

All materials and equipment incorporated into the work shall be new and for the purpose intended, unless otherwise specified. All workmanship shall be of good quality and performed in a skillful manner that will withstand inspection by the Contracting Officer.

G.6. Special Warranties

The Contractor shall furnish a 6-month warranty for the materials and workmanship of the concrete planters to commence on completion of installation work.

G.7. Equitable Adjustments

Any circumstance for which the contract provides an equitable adjustment that causes a change within the meaning of paragraph (a) of the "Changes" clause shall be treated as a change under that clause; provided, that the Contractor gives the Contracting Officer prompt written notice (within 20 days) stating:

- (a) the date, circumstances, and applicable contract clause authorizing an equitable adjustment and
- (b) that the Contractor regards the event as a changed condition for which an equitable adjustment is allowed under the contract.

The Contractor shall provide written notice of a differing site condition within 10 calendar days of occurrence following FAR 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions.

G.8. Zoning Approvals and Permits

The U.S. Government shall be responsible for:

- obtaining the approval of the Contract Drawings and Specifications
- obtaining approval of installation locations
- paying fees due for the foregoing.

H. CLAUSES

52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html or, http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm

These addresses are subject to change. If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the locations indicated above, use the Dept. of State Acquisition Website at http://www.statebuy.state.gov to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet "search

engine" (e.g., Yahoo, Excite, Alta Vista, etc.) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

H.1. FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CH. 1)

<u>Clause</u>	Title and Date
52.204-9	PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (JAN 2006)
52.209-6	Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (SEP 2006)
52.213-4	Terms and Conditions-Simplified Acquisitions (Other than Commercial Items) (DEC 2007)
52.222-1	Notice to the Government of Labor Disputes (FEB 1997)
52.222-19	Child Labor – Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN 2004)
52.222-50	Combating Trafficking in Persons (APR 2006)
52.225-13	Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (FEB 2006)
52.225-14	Inconsistency Between English Version and Translation of Contract (AUG 1989)
52.228-4	Workers' Compensation and War-Hazard Insurance Overseas (APR 1984)
52.228-5	Insurance - Work on a Government Installation (JAN 1997)
52.229-6	Taxes - Foreign Fixed-Price Contracts (JUN 2003)
52.232-5	Payments under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts (SEP 2002)
52.232-8	Discounts for Prompt Payment (FEB 2002)
52.232-11	Extras (APR 1984)
52.232-18	Availability of Funds (APR 1984)
52.232-24	Prohibition of Assignment of Claims (JAN 1986)
52.232-27	Prompt Payment for Construction Contracts (SEP 2005)
52.232-34	Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer – Other than Central Contractor
	Registration (MAY 1999)
52.233-1	Disputes (JUL 2002) Alternate I (DEC 1991)
52.233-3	Protest after Award (AUG 1996)
52.236-2	Differing Site Conditions (APR 1984)
52.236-3	Site Investigation and Conditions Affecting the Work (APR 1984)
52.236-5	Material and Workmanship (APR 1984)
52.236-6	Superintendence by the Contractor (APR 1984)
52.236-7	Permits and Responsibilities (NOV 1991)
52.236-8	Other Contracts (APR 1984)
52.236-9	Protection of Existing Vegetation, Structures, Equipment, Utilities, and Improvements (APR 1984)
52.236-10	Operations and Storage Areas (APR 1984)
52.236-11	Use and Possession Prior to Completion (APR 1984)
52.236-12	Cleaning Up (APR 1984)
52.236-15	Schedules for Construction Contracts (APR 1984)
52.236-21	Specifications and Drawings for Construction (FEB 1997)
52.242-14	Suspension Of Work (APR 1984)

- 52.243-4 Changes (JUNE 2007)
- 52.243-5 Changes and Changed Conditions (APR 1984)
- 52.244-6 Subcontracts for Commercial Items (MAR 2007)
- 52.245-9 Use & Charges (JUNE 2007)
- 52.246-12 Inspection of Construction (AUG 1996)
- 52.246-21 Warranty of Construction (APR 1984)
- 52.249-2 Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed-Price) (MAY 2004) Alternate I (APR 1984)
- 52.249-14 Excusable Delay (APR 1984)
- 52.249-10 Default (Fixed-Price Construction) (APR 1984)

H.2. The following clauses are set forth in full text:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACQUISITION REGULATION (DOSAR) CLAUSES

DOSAR 652.236-70 ACCIDENT PREVENTION (APR 2004)

(a) *General.* The contractor shall provide and maintain work environments and procedures which will safeguard the public and Government personnel, property, materials, supplies, and equipment exposed to contractor operations and activities; avoid interruptions of Government operations and delays in project completion dates; and, control costs in the performance of this contract. For these purposes, the contractor shall:

(1) Provide appropriate safety barricades, signs and signal lights;

(2) Comply with the standards issued by any local government authority having jurisdiction over occupational health and safety issues; and,

(3) Ensure that any additional measures the contracting officer determines to be reasonably necessary for this purpose are taken.

(4) For overseas construction projects, the contracting officer shall specify in writing additional requirements regarding safety if the work involves:

(i) Scaffolding;

(ii) Work at heights above two (2) meters;

(iii) Trenching or other excavation greater than one (1) meter in depth;

(iv) Earth moving equipment;

(v) Temporary wiring, use of portable electric tools, or other recognized electrical hazards. Temporary wiring and portable electric tools require the use of a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) in the affected circuits; other electrical hazards may also require the use of a GFCI;

(vi) Work in confined spaces (limited exits, potential for oxygen less that 19.5 percent or combustible atmosphere, potential for solid or liquid engulfment, or other hazards considered to be immediately dangerous to life or health such as water tanks, transformer vaults, sewers, cisterns, etc);

(vii) Hazardous materials – a material with a physical or health hazard including but not limited to, flammable, explosive, corrosive, toxic, reactive or unstable, or any operations

which creates any kind of contamination inside an occupied building such as dust from demolition activities, paints, solvents, etc.; or (viii) Hazardous noise levels.

(b) *Records*. The contractor shall maintain an accurate record of exposure data on all accidents incident to work performed under this contract resulting in death, traumatic injury, occupational disease, or damage to or theft of property, materials, supplies, or equipment. The contractor shall report this data in the manner prescribed by the contracting officer.

(c) *Subcontracts*. The contractor shall be responsible for its subcontractors' compliance with this clause.

(d) Written program. Before commencing work, the contractor shall:

(1) Submit a written plan to the contracting officer for implementing this clause. The plan shall include specific management or technical procedures for effectively controlling hazards associated with the project; and,

(2) Meet with the contracting officer to discuss and develop a mutual understanding relative to administration of the overall safety program.

(e) *Notification*. The contracting officer shall notify the contractor of any non-compliance with these requirements and the corrective actions required. This notice, when delivered to the contractor or the contractor's representative on site, shall be deemed sufficient notice of the non-compliance and corrective action required. After receiving the notice, the contractor shall immediately take corrective action. If the contractor fails or refuses to promptly take corrective action, the contracting officer may issue an order suspending all or part of the work until satisfactory corrective action has been taken. The contractor shall not be entitled to any equitable adjustment of the contract price or extension of the performance schedule on any suspension of work order issued under this clause.

(End of clause)

DOSAR 652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(a) The contractor warrants the following:

(1) That is has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;

(2) That is has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,

(3) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.

(b) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

DOSAR 652.243-70 NOTICES (AUG 1999)

Any notice or request relating to this contract given by either party to the other shall be in writing. Said notice or request shall be mailed or delivered by hand to the other party at the address provided in the schedule of the contract. All modifications to the contract must be made in writing by the contracting officer.

DOSAR 652.229-71 PERSONAL PROPERTY DISPOSITION AT POSTS ABROAD (AUG 1999)

Regulations at 22 CFR Part 136 require that U.S. Government employees and their families do not profit personally from sales or other transactions with persons who are not themselves entitled to exemption from import restrictions, duties, or taxes. Should the contractor experience importation or tax privileges in a foreign country because of its contractual relationship to the United States Government, the contractor shall observe the requirements of 22 CFR Part 136 and all policies, rules, and procedures issued by the chief of mission in that foreign country.

I. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A:	STATEMENT OF WORK and SPECIFICATIONS for concrete planters
Attachment B:	Sectional drawings of the planter
Attachment C:	Plan showing installation location

J. QUOTATION INFORMATION

J.1. QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFERORS

Offerors/quoters must be technically qualified and financially responsible to perform the work described in this RFQ. At a minimum, each Offeror/Quoter must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be able to understand written and spoken English;
- (2) Have an established business with a permanent address and telephone listing;
- (3) Be able to demonstrate prior construction experience with suitable references;
- (4) Have the necessary personnel, equipment and financial resources available to perform the work;
- (5) Have all licenses and permits required by local law;
- (6) Meet all local insurance requirements;
- (7) Have the ability to obtain or to post adequate performance security, such as bonds, irrevocable letters of credit or guarantees issued by a reputable financial institution;
- (8) Have no adverse criminal record; and
- (9) Have no political or business affiliation which could be considered contrary to the interests of the United States.

J.2. SUBMISSION OF QUOTATIONS

This RFQ is for the performance of the construction services described in SCOPE OF WORK, and the Attachments which are a part of this request for quotation.

Each quotation must consist of the following:

1. <u>Standard Form 18</u> including a completed <u>Section A, Prices</u> and <u>Section L</u>, Representations, Certifications and Other Statements

2. Performance schedule and Business Management/Technical Proposal.

Present the performance schedule in the form of a "gantt chart" indicating when the various portions of the work will be commenced and completed within the required schedule. This bar chart shall be in sufficient detail to clearly show each segregable portion of work and its planned commencement and completion date.

3. Business Management/Technical Proposal.

The Business Management/Technical Proposal shall be in two parts, including the following information:

(a) **Business Management** - Provide the following:

(1) A list of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the owners, partners, and principal officers of the Offeror;

(2) A list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of subcontractors and principal materials suppliers to be used on the project, indicating what portions of the work will be performed by them; and,

(b) <u>Experience and Past Performance</u> - List all contracts and subcontracts your company has held over the past three years for the same or similar work. Provide the following information for each contract and subcontract:

(1) Customer's name, address, and telephone numbers of customer's lead contract and technical personnel;

(2) Contract dollar value;

- (3) Brief description of the work, including responsibilities; and
- (4) Any litigation currently in process or occurring within last 5 years.

The Quoter shall identify and explain/justify any deviations, exceptions, or conditional assumptions taken with respect to any of the instructions or requirements of this request for quotation.

J.3. 52.236-27 SITE VISIT (FEB 1995)

(a) The clauses at 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions, and 52.236-3, Site Investigations and Conditions Affecting the Work, will be included in any contract awarded as a result of this RFQ. Accordingly, offerors or quoters are urged and expected to inspect the site where the work will be performed.

(b) A site visit has been scheduled for February 21, 2008 at 11.00 am.

(c) Participants will meet at 4th floor, Teck Guan Plaza.

Participants must provide names and identity card numbers to Robin Guna (fax 222-7830 or <u>gunaR@state.gov</u>) by February 19, 2008.

J.5. LATE QUOTATIONS. Late quotations shall be handled in accordance with FAR 52.215-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS--COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION (JAN 2004), which is incorporated by reference into this RFQ.

J.6. <u>52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB</u> 1998)

This contract incorporates the following provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation

or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at:

http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html/ or, http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm

These addresses are subject to change. If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the locations indicated above, use of an Internet "search engine" (such as, Yahoo, Infoseek, Alta Vista, etc.) is suggested to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR. http://www.statebuy.state.gov

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CH. 1)

52.215-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS--COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION (JAN 2004), which is incorporated by reference into this RFQ.

J.7. CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR RFQ No. SSN10008Q8811: <u>March 4, 2008, 4:30</u> <u>p.m.</u> Quotes shall remain valid for 60 days.

J.8. The Quoter must submit his/her quote by fax or email to the 2 following recipient points :

- (1) American Embassy Singapore Fax No. 65-64769003 Email. <u>brandpe@state.gov</u> and <u>stellah@state.gov</u>
- (2) American Embassy -
Bandar Seri BegawanFax No. 222 7830
Email. murphreetl@state.gov

K. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Award will be made to the lowest priced, acceptable, responsible quoter. The Government reserves the right to reject quotations that are unreasonably low or high in price.

The Government will determine acceptability by assessing the offeror's compliance with the terms of the RFQ. The Government will determine responsibility by analyzing whether the apparent successful quoter complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:

- ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
- satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them;
- necessary equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them; and
- otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION L - REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS OR QUOTERS

L.1 52.204-3 TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION (OCT 1998)

(a) Definitions.

"Common parent", as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member.

"Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)", as used in this provision, means the number required by the IRS to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.

(b) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (d)through (f) of this provision in order to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325 (d), reporting requirements of 26 USC 6041, 6041A, and 6050M and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If the resulting contract is subject to the reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the failure or refusal by the offeror to furnish the information may result in a 31 percent reduction of payments otherwise due under the contract.

(c) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 USC 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

(d) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

TIN:

____ TIN has been applied for.

_____ TIN is not required because:

____Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the U.S. and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the U.S.;

___Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

Offeror is an agency or instrumentaltiy of the Federal Government.

(e) Type of Organization.

____ Sole Proprietorship;

____ Partnership:

Corporate Entity (not tax exempt);

___ Corporate Entity (tax emempt);

Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

____ Foreign government;

International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;

____ Other _____

(f) Common Parent.

Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (a) of this clause.

____ Name and TIN of common parent;

Name_____

TIN _____(End of provision)

L.2 <u>52.204-6 CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER -DATA UNIVERSAL</u> NUMBERING SYSTEM (DUNS) NUMBER (OCT 2003)

(a) The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "DUNS" or "DUNS+4" followed by the DUNS number or DUNS+4 that identifies the offeror's name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The DUNS number if a nine-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet Information Services. The DUNS+4 is the DUNS number plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned at the discretion of the offeror to establish additional CCR records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see Subpart 32.11) for the same parent company.

If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one.

An offeror may obtain a DUNS number-

If located within the United States, by calling Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711 or via the Internet at <u>http://www.dnb.com;</u> or

If located outside the United States, by contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

(2) The offeror should be prepared to provide the following information: Company legal business name.

Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized. Company physical street address, city, state and Zip Code.

Company mailing address, city, state and Zip Code (if separate from physical)

Company telephone number

Date the company was started.

Number of employees at your location.

Chief executive officer/key manager.

Line of business (industry)

Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).

L.3 52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications (Jan 2006)

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 236220, 237510, 237990, 236118, 237100.

(2) The small business size standard is \$28.5 million.

(3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b)(1) If the clause at 52.204-7, Central Contractor Registration, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (c) of this provision applies.

(2) If the clause at 52.204-7 is not included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently registered in CCR, and has completed the ORCA electronically, the offeror may choose to use paragraph (c) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

[] (i) Paragraph (c) applies.

[] (ii) Paragraph (c) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation.

(c) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website at http://orca.bpn.gov. After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code reference for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201); except for the changes identified below [offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date]. These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

FAR Clause # Title Date Change

Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on ORCA.

(End of provision)

L.4. <u>52.225-18 Place of Manufacture (Sept 2006)</u>

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

"Manufactured end product" means any end product in Federal Supply Classes (FSC) 1000-9999, except—

(1) FSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;

(2) Federal Supply Group (FSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;

(3) FSG 88, Live Animals;

(4) FSG 89, Food and Related Consumables;

(5) FSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;

(6) FSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;

(7) FSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;

(8) FSC 9610, Ores;

(9) FSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and

(10) FSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

"Place of manufacture" means the place where an end product is assembled out of components, or otherwise made or processed from raw materials into the finished product that is to be provided to the Government. If a product is disassembled and reassembled, the place of reassembly is not the place of manufacture.

(b) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly—

(1) o In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); or

(2) o Outside the United States.

L.5 AUTHORIZED CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

If the offeror does not fill-in the blanks below, the official who signed the offer will be deemed to be the offeror's representative for Contract Administration, which includes all matters pertaining to payments.

Name:	
Address:	
Felephone Number:	

L.6 652.228-70 DEFENSE BASE ACT – COVERED CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES (JUN 2006)

(a) Bidders/offerors shall indicate below whether or not any of the following categories of employees will be employed on the resultant contract, and, if so, the number of such employees:

Category	Yes/No	Number
(1) United States citizens or residents		
(2) Individuals hired in the United States,		
regardless of citizenship		
(3) Local nationals or third country nationals		Local nationals:
where contract performance takes place in a		
<i>country</i> where there are no <i>local workers</i> '		Third Country Nationals:
compensation laws		
(4) Local nationals or third country nationals		Local nationals:
where contract performance takes place in a		
country where there are local workers'		Third Country Nationals:
compensation laws		

(b) The contracting officer has determined that for performance in the country of *Negara Brunei Darussalam* –

□ Workers' compensation laws exist that will cover local nationals and third country nationals.

□ Workers' compensation laws do not exist that will cover local nationals and third country nationals.

(c) If the bidder/offeror has indicated "yes" in block (a)(4) of this provision, the bidder/offeror shall not purchase Defense Base Act insurance for those employees. However, the bidder/offeror shall assume liability toward the employees and their beneficiaries for war-hazard injury, death, capture, or detention, in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.228-4.

(d) If the bidder/offeror has indicated "yes" in blocks (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this provision, the bidder/offeror shall compute Defense Base Act insurance costs covering those employees pursuant to the terms of the contract between the Department of State and the Department's Defense Base Act insurance carrier at the rates specified in DOSAR 652.228-74, Defense Base Act Insurance Rates – Limitation. If DOSAR provision 652.228-74 is not included in this solicitation, the bidder/offeror shall notify the contracting officer before the closing date so that the solicitation can be amended accordingly.

(End of provision)