GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE – Supplement Government Contract Provisions from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)



TC-002 (05/18/2021)

- 1. When materials, and products ("goods") or services, including the products resulting from services hereby ordered are for use in connection with a U.S. Government prime contract or higher-tier subcontract, in addition to the General Provisions (TC-001), the following FAR clauses and provisions (TC-002) shall apply, as required by the terms of the prime contract or by operation of law or regulation. The effective version of each FAR provision shall be the same version as that which appears in Buyer's Prime Contract, or higher-tier subcontract under which this Order is a subcontract. In the event of a conflict between these FAR provisions (TC-002) and the General Provisions (TC-001), the FAR provisions (TC-002) shall control.
- 2. The following clauses set forth in the FAR in effect as of the date of the prime contract or higher-tier subcontract are incorporated herein by reference. In all clauses listed herein, the terms "Government", "Contracting Officer" and "Contractor" shall be revised to suitably identify the contracting parties herein and affect the proper intent of the clause or provision except where further clarified or modified below. However, the words "Government" and "Contracting Officer" do not change: (1) when a right, act, authorization or obligation can be granted or performed only by the Government or the prime contract Contracting Officer or duly authorized representative, such as in FAR 52.227-1 and FAR 52.227-2, and (2) when title to property is to be transferred directly to the Government. "Subcontractor" shall mean "Seller's Subcontractor" under this Purchase Order. The listed FAR clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full text unless made inapplicable by its corresponding note, if any. If any of the following FAR clauses do not apply to this Purchase Order, such clauses are considered to be self-deleting. The Seller, by signing its offer, hereby certifies compliance with the following clauses and is, therefore, eligible for award.

A. APPLICABLE TO PURCHASE ORDERS WITHOUT REGARD TO DOLLAR VALUE:

- 1. **52.203-3** "Gratuities"
- 2. 52.203-10 "Price or Fee Adjustment for Illegal or Improper Activity"
- **3. 52.203-13** "Whistleblower Protections Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" (Applicable to Purchase Orders funded in whole or in part with Recovery Act funds)
- 52.203-19 "Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements."
- 5. 52.204-2 "Security Requirements"
- 6. 52.204-6 "Data Universal Numbering System Number"
- 7. 52.204-7 "System for Award Management"
- 8. 52.204-9 "Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel"
- **9. 52.204-21** "Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems" (Applicable to all Purchase Orders other than commercially available off-the-shelf items in which subcontractor may have Federal contract information residing in or transiting through its information systems)
- **10. 52.204-23** "Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities."
- **11. 52.204-25** "Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment."
- 12. 52.211-5 "Material Requirements"
- 13. 52.211-15 "Defense Priority and Allocation Requirements"
- 14. 52.212-3 "Offeror Representations and Certification Commercial Items"
- 15. 52.219-8 "Utilization of Small Business Concerns"
- 16. 52.221-21 "Prohibition of segregated facilities" (Applicable for Purchase Orders subject to 52.222-26)
- 17. 52.222-1 "Notice to the Government of Labor Dispute"
- **18. 52.222-3** "Convict Labor"
- 19. 52.222-4 "Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Overtime Compensation"
- 20. 52.222-18 "Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products"



- 21. 52.222-19 "Child Labor Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies"
- **22. 52.222-26** "Equal Opportunity" (To the extent not exempt, this contractor complies with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the applicable regulations contained in 41 C.F.R Parts 60-1 through 60-60).
- 23. 52.222-50 & Alt 1 "Combating Trafficking in Persons" (Include Alternate 1 if it is in the prime contract)
- **24. 52.222-55** "Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658" (Applicable to Purchase Orders subject to the Service Contract Labor Standards statute or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute and are to be performed in whole or in part in the United States)
- **25. 52.222-62** "Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706" (Applicable to Purchase Orders subject to the Service Contract Labor Standards statute or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute and are to be performed in whole or in part in the United States)
- **26. 52.223-3** "Hazardous Material Identification and Material Safety Data" ("Government" means "Government and Buyer)
- **27. 52.223-5** "Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information" (Applicable in contracts that provide for performance on a Federal facility.)
- **28. 52.223-7** "Notice of Radioactive Materials" (Applicable in contracts supplies which are, or which contain radioactive materials.)
- 29. 52.223-11 "Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons"
- 30. 52.224-1 "Privacy Act Notification"
- **31. 52.224-2** "Privacy Act" (Applicable to Purchase Orders when the design, development, or operation of a system of records on individuals is required to accomplish an agency function.)
- **32. 52.224-3 & Alt 1** "Privacy Training" (Applicable if flowdown is required in accordance with 52.224-3(f); Include Alternate 1 if agency specifies that only its agency-provided training is acceptable)
- **33. 52.225-1** "Buy American Supplies"
- **34. 52.225-5** "Trade Agreements"
- **35. 52.225-8** "Duty-Free Entry"
- 36. 52.225-13 "Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases"
- **37. 52.225-26** "Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States" (Applicable for Purchase Orders performed outside the United States in areas of combat operations or other significant military operations)
- **38. 52.227-9** "Refund of Royalties"
- **39. 52.227-10** "Filing of Patent Applications-Classified Subject Matter"
- **40. 52.227-11** "Patent Rights Ownership by the Contractor"
- 41. 52.227-13 "Patent Rights Ownership by the Government"
- **42. 52.227-14** "Rights in Data General"
- 43. 52.227-19 "Commercial Computer Software License"
- **44. 52.228-3** "Workers' Compensation Insurance" (Defense Base Act)
- 45. 52.228-4 "Workers' Compensation and War Hazard Insurance Overseas"
- **46. 52.228-5** "Insurance-Work on a Government Installation"
- **47. 52.232-17** "Interest"
- 48. 52.232-39 "Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations"
- **49. 52.232-40** "Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors" (Applicable to Purchase Orders with small business concerns)
- **50. 52.234-1** "Industrial Resources Developed Under Defense Production Act Title III"
- **51. 52.236-13** "Accident Prevention"
- **52. 52.237-2** "Protection of Government Buildings, Equipment and Vegetation"
- 53. 52.242-13 "Bankruptcy"
- **54. 52.243-1** "Changes—Fixed-Price"
- **55. 52.243-6** "Change Order Accounting"
- **56. 52.244-5** "Competition in Subcontracting"
- 57. 52.244-6 "Subcontracts for Commercial Items"



- 58. 52.245-1 "Government Property" (Applicable to Purchase Orders issued under non DoD prime contracts containing FAR 52.245-1 without Alternate I and the Purchase Order is either a cost-reimbursement, time and materials, or labor hour type, or is a fixed priced Purchase Order awarded on the basis of submission of certified cost or pricing data (reference FAR 45.104). Under DoD prime contracts containing FAR 52.245-1 without Alternate I, in addition to the Purchase Order types listed at FAR 45.104, the clause is applicable to negotiated fixed-price Purchase Orders awarded on a basis other than submission of certified cost or pricing data (reference DFARS 245-104).)
- **59. 52.245-1 Alt** I "Government Property" (Alternate I Applicable to Purchase Orders issued under prime contracts containing FAR 52.245-1 with Alternate I, or to Purchase Orders issued under contracts containing FAR 52.245-1 without Alternate I, which are fixed-price Purchase Orders that are not awarded on the basis of adequate price competition or the submission of cost or pricing data.)
- **60. 52.245-1 Alt II** "Government Property" (Alternate I Applicable to Purchase Orders issued under prime contracts containing FAR 52.245-1 with Alternate I, and to Purchase Orders issued under prime contracts containing FAR 52.245-1 without Alternate I when the Purchase Order awarded is of a type other than a Purchase Order type listed in FAR 45.104 or DFARS 245.104.)
- **61. 52.245-2** "Government Property Installation Operation Services" (Applicable if the Purchase Order is a service contract to be performed on a Government installation when Government furnished property will be provided for initial provisioning only and the Government is not responsible for repair or replacement.)
- **62. 52.245-9** "Use and Charges"
- **63. 52.246-2** "Inspection of Supplies Fixed-Price"
- **64. 52.246-4** "Inspection of Services Fixed-Price"
- 65. 52.246-16 "Responsibility for Supplies"
- **66. 52.246-26** "Reporting Nonconforming Items" (Applicable to non-commercial Purchase Orders for U.S. based contractors).
- 67. 52.247-63 "Preference for U.S.-Flag Air Carriers"
- **68. 52.247-64** "Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels" (Applicable if flowdown is required in accordance with paragraph (d) of 52.247-64)
- **69. 52.249-2** "Termination for Convenience of the Government" (Fixed-Price) ("Government" shall mean "Buyer." In paragraph (d) the term "45 days" is changed to "90 days." The term "one-year" in paragraph (e) is changed to "six months." The term "90 days" in paragraph (l) is changed to "forty-five days.")

B. ORDERS OVER \$3,500 ALSO INCLUDE:

1. 52.222-54 "Employment Eligibility Verification" (This clause is applicable to Purchase Orders (i) for construction or commercial or noncommercial services (except commercial services that are part of a purchase of a COTS item, (or an item that would be a COTS item, but for minor modifications), performed by the COTS provider, and that are normally provided for that COTS item); and (ii) includes work performed in the United States.)

C. ORDERS OVER THE MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD (AS DEFINED AT FAR 2.101) ALSO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. 52.223-18 "Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving"

D. ORDERS OVER \$10,000 ALSO INCLUDE:

1. **52.222-40** "Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act" (Applicable to Purchase Orders that exceed \$10,000 and are issued under prime contracts resulting from Solicitations issued after December 12, 2010).

E. ORDERS OVER \$15,000 ALSO INCLUDE:

- 1. 52.222-36 "Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities"
- 2. 52.222-20 "Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles and Equipment Exceeding \$15,000"



F. ORDERS OVER \$30,000 ALSO INCLUDE:

1. **52.204-10** "Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards" (Applicable to first-tier Purchase Orders of \$30,000 or more. Seller shall report to Buyer the information required by the clause unless Seller is exempt thereunder).

G. ORDERS OVER \$35,000 ALSO INCLUDE:

1. 52.209-6 "Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment" (This Clause is not applicable to Purchase Orders that are: (i) for the acquisition of a commercially available off-the-shelf item or (ii) issued under contracts for the acquisition of commercial items).

H. ORDERS OVER \$150,000 ALSO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. **52.203-7** "Anti-Kickback Procedures" (The substance of this clause, except subparagraph (c)(1), is applicable to Purchase Orders and all lower-tier subcontracts. Seller shall immediately notify Buyer of any alleged violations involving any of Buyer's or Seller's employees.)
- 2. 52.203-12 "Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions"
- 3. 52.222-35 "Equal Opportunity for Veterans"
- 4. 52.222-37 "Employment Reports on Veterans"
- 5. 52.248-1 "Value Engineering"
- 6. 52.203-16 "Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest" (Applicable to Purchase Orders that include a requirement for services that involve performance of acquisition functions closely associated with inherently governmental functions for, or on behalf of a Federal agency or department.)

I. ORDERS OVER THE SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD (AS DEFINED AT FAR 2.101) ALSO INCLUDE:

- 1. 52.203-5 "Covenant Against Contingent Fees"
- 2. 52.203-6 "Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government"
- **3. 52.203-17** "Contractor Employee Whistleblower Rights and Requirement to Inform Employees of Whistleblower Rights"
- 4. 52.215-2 "Audit and Records Negotiation"
- **5. 52.215-14** "Integrity of Unit Prices" (less paragraph (b)
- 6. 52.227-1 "Authorization and Consent and Alternate I" (Include Alternate 1 if it is included in the prime contract)
- 7. 52.227-2 "Notice and Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement"

J. ORDERS OVER \$500,000 ALSO INCLUDE:

- 1. 52.222-59 "Compliance with Labor Laws (Executive Order 13673)"
- 2. 52.222-60 "Paycheck Transparency (Executive Order 13673)"

K. ORDERS OVER \$750,000 ALSO INCLUDE:

1. **52.219-9** "Small Business Subcontracting Plan" (Note to Seller: This clause requires adoption of small business subcontracting plan and reporting.)

L. APPLICABLE TO ORDERS OVER \$5,500,000:

1. 52.203-13 "Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct" (This clause is applicable to Purchase Orders (i) that have a value more than \$5,500,000; and (ii) that have a performance period of more than 120 days. (In Paragraph (b)(3)(i), the meaning of "agency office of the Inspector General" and "Contracting Officer" does not change, in Paragraph (b)(3)(ii) the meaning of "Government" does not change, and in Paragraphs (b)(3)(iii) and (c)(2)(ii)(F), the meaning of "OIG of the ordering agency", "IG of the agency" "agency OIG" and "Contracting Officer" do not change).



2. 52.203-14 "Display of Hotline Poster(s)"

M. UNLESS OTHERWISE EXEMPT ALSO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. 52.215-10 "Price Reduction for Defective Certified Cost or Pricing Data"
- 2. 52.215-11 "Price Reduction for Defective Certified Cost or Pricing Data-Modifications"
- 3. 52.215-12 "Subcontractor Certified Cost or Pricing Data"
- 4. 52.215-13 "Subcontractor Certified Cost or Pricing Data-Modifications"
- **5. 52.215-15** "Pension Adjustments and Asset Reversions" (Applicable to any Purchase Order when cost or pricing data are required or for which any pre-award or post-award cost determinations will be subject to FAR Part 31.)
- 6. 52.215-18 "Reversion or Adjustment of Plans for Post-retirement Benefits (PRB) Other Than Pensions"
- 7. 52.215-19 "Notification of Ownership Changes"
- 8. 52.215-20 "Requirements for Certified Cost or Pricing Data and Data Other Than Certified Cost or Pricing Data"
- 52.215-21 "Requirements for Certified Cost or Pricing Data and Data Other Than Certified Cost or Pricing Data -Modifications"
- 10. 52.215-23 "Limitation on Pass-Through Charges" (Applicable in all cost-reimbursement Purchase Orders that exceed simplified acquisition threshold. However, if for the DoD, then it is applicable to all cost-reimbursement and fixed-priced Purchase Orders, except those in FAR 15.408(n)(2)(i)(B)(2) that exceed the Certified Cost threshold on date of Purchase Order.)

N. APPLICABLE TO COST REIMBURSEMENT, TIME & MATERIAL OR LABOR HOUR ORDERS:

- 1. 52.215-16 "Facilities Capital Cost of Money"
- 2. 52.216-7 "Allowable Cost and Payment" Seller agrees to execute assignment documents in order to comply with subsection (h)
- **3. 52.216-8** "Fixed Fee" (Applicable if this is a cost plus fixed fee order.)
- **4. 52.216-10** "Incentive Fee" (Applicable if this is a cost plus incentive fee order.)
- 5. 52.216-11 "Cost Contract No Fee" (Applicable if this is a cost no fee order.)
- 6. 52.216-12 "Cost Sharing Contract No Fee" (Applicable if this is a cost sharing, no fee order.)
- 7. 52.222-2 "Payment for Overtime Premiums" Insert "0%" in paragraph (a) unless indicated otherwise on the face of this order.
- **8. 52.232-7** "Payments under Time-and-Materials and Labor-Hour Contracts" ("schedule" means this Purchase Order, "voucher(s)" means invoice(s), "Government" means Buyer and "Contracting Officer" means Buyer's Purchasing Representative.)
- 9. 52.232-20 "Limitation of Cost" (Applicable in a fully funded cost-reimbursement Purchase Order.)
- 10. 52.232-22 "Limitation of Funds" (Applicable in an incrementally funded cost-reimbursement Purchase Order.)
- 11. 52.243-2 "Changes Cost-Reimbursement" (Applicable if this is a cost-reimbursement Purchase Order.)
- **12. 52.243-3** "Changes Time and Material or Labor-Hours" (Applicable if this is a time and material or labor hour order.)
- **13. 52.244-2** "Subcontracts" (paragraphs (h) and (i) only apply)
- 14. 52.246-3 "Inspection of Supplies Cost-Reimbursement" ("Contracting Officer" means Buyer's Purchasing Representative and "Government" means Buyer and "Government" (provided that an inspection system accepted by the Government will be deemed accepted by the Buyer), and where "Government" first appears in paragraph (k) it shall mean "Government and/or Buyer". The provisions in this clause for access, right to inspect, safety protection, and relief from liability apply equally to Buyer and the Government.)
- **15. 52.246-5** "Inspection of Services Cost Reimbursement" ("Contracting Officer" means Buyer's Purchasing Representative" and "Government" means "Buyer and Government" (provided that an inspection system accepted by the Government will be deemed accepted by the Buyer). The provisions in this clause for access, right to inspect, safety protection, and relief from liability apply equally to Buyer and the Government.)
- **16. 52.246-6** "Inspection of Time and Material and Labor Hour" ("Contracting Officer" means Buyer's Purchasing Representative and "Government" means "Buyer and Government" (provided that an inspection system accepted



by the Government will be deemed accepted by the Buyer), and where "Government" first appears in paragraph (k) it shall mean "Government and/or Buyer".) The provisions in this clause for access, right to inspect, safety protection, and relief from liability apply equally to Buyer and the Government.

- 17. 52.249-6 "Termination (Cost-Reimbursement)" ("Government" means "Buyer" and "Contracting Officer" means Buyer's Purchasing Representative. In paragraph (e) Change "15 days" and "45 days" to "30 days" and "90 days", respectively. In paragraph (f) change "1 year" to "six months".) Alternate IV is applicable to time and material or 1 labor hour orders only.
- **18. 52.249-14** "Excusable Delays"

3. CERTIFICATIONS:

The Offeror, by signing its offer, hereby certifies compliance with the following clauses and is, therefore, eligible for award.

- **A. 52.203-11** "Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions" (over \$150,000)
- B. 52.209-5 "Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters" (over \$150,000)
- C. 52.222-22 "Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports" (over \$10,000)

4. ADDITIONAL CLAUSES:

A. COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (Applicable if noted in the Purchase Order)

- 1. 52.230-2 "Cost Accounting Standards"
- 2. 52.230-3 "Disclosure and Consistency of Cost Accounting Practices"
- 3. 52.230-5 "Cost Accounting Standards Educational Institution"
- 4. 52.230-6 "Administration of Cost Accounting Standards"

Seller shall communicate and otherwise deal directly with the Contracting Officer to the extent practicable and permissible as to all matters relating to Cost Accounting Standards. Seller shall provide Buyer with copies of all communications between Seller and the Contracting Officer respecting the applicable Cost Accounting Standards clause, and the Administration of Cost Accounting Standards clause, provided Seller shall not be required to disclose to Buyer such communications containing information confidential to the Seller. In addition to any other remedies provided by law or under this Purchase Order, Seller agrees to indemnify and hold Buyer harmless to the full extent of any loss, damage, or expense, including lost profit or fee, legal costs, interest, and indirect cost markups, if Buyer is subjected to any liability as the result of a failure of the Seller or its lower-tier subcontractors to comply with the requirements of FAR 52.230-2, 52.230-3, 52.230-4, 52.230-5 or 52.230-6. Paragraph (b) is deleted in each of the foregoing clauses, except in FAR 52.230-6.

B. TRUTHFUL COST OR PRICING DATA

Unless exempt, Seller shall submit a FAR Part 15 compliant cost proposal inclusive of appropriate updates throughout the negotiation process. At the conclusion of negotiations, and regardless of any prior certification, Seller must certify as to the accuracy, currency and completeness of its information in accordance with the FAR required Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data.

1. Indemnification

If any price (including profit or fee) negotiated in connection with the prime contract between the Government and the Buyer or any cost that is reimbursable under said contract is reduced because cost or pricing data furnished by the Seller in connection with any proposal submitted by the Buyer relating to said contract or in connection with this Purchase Order was not accurate, complete, or current, the Seller shall indemnify the Buyer in the amount of said reduction.

The phrase "cost or pricing data" as used herein shall be deemed to include any such data which related to a lower-tier prospective or actual subcontract, at any level, which was submitted by the Seller or which it procured by submission of, in connection with the aforesaid proposal or this Purchase Order in support of its cost estimate.

If any reduction in the contract price under this clause reduces the price of items for which payment was made prior to the date of the modification reflecting the price reduction, the Seller shall be liable and shall pay



the Buyer at the time such overpayment is repaid:

- a. Simple interest on the amount of such overpayment to be computed from the date(s) of overpayment to the Seller to the date the Buyer is repaid by the Seller at the applicable underpayment rate effective for each quarter prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6621(a)(2); and
- b. For Department of Defense contracts only, a penalty equal to the amount of the overpayment, if the Seller knowingly submitted cost or pricing data which were incomplete, inaccurate, or non-current.

2. Cost or Pricing Data for Changes

Prior to the pricing of any change or other modification to this Purchase Order which involves increases and/or decreases in costs plus applicable profit expected to exceed the threshold for submission of cost or pricing data, subcontractors shall submit cost or pricing data and shall certify that the data, as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation 15.406-2, submitted either actually or by specific identification in writing are accurate, complete, and current as of the date of completion of negotiations.

When required to obtain cost or pricing data from its subcontractors, pursuant to the provisions of this Purchase Order, Seller shall obtain such data.

5. DISPUTES – GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Any reference to "Disputes" in any applicable FAR Clause contained herein shall mean this paragraph, Disputes Government Contracts.

- **A.** Any dispute arising under this Purchase Order relating to any decision of the Contracting Officer under the prime contract shall be resolved in accordance with Paragraph (B) below. All other disputes will be resolved by the Disputes and Governing Law Section in the General Terms and Conditions of Purchase.
- **B.** Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Purchase Order, any decision of the Contracting Officer under the prime contract that binds Buyer shall bind both Buyer and Seller to the extent that it relates to this Purchase Order, provided that:
 - a. The Buyer notifies with reasonable promptness the Seller of such decision and
 - b. The Buyer, at its sole discretion, authorizes in writing the Seller to appeal in the name of the Buyer such decision at its own expense, or
 - c. If Buyer should appeal such decision, Buyer at its sole discretion offers to the Seller the opportunity at its own expense to join Buyer in such appeal.
 - 1. Any decision upon such appeal, when final, shall be binding upon the Seller and Seller shall have no recourse against Buyer for any damages that allegedly resulted from the decision of the Contracting Officer.
 - 2. The Seller shall keep Buyer informed of any appeal it makes by providing copies of all pertinent documents to Buyer.
 - 3. The Seller shall indemnify and save harmless Buyer from any and all liability of any kind incurred by or imputed to Buyer under Section 5, "Fraudulent Claims," of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, as amended, if Seller is unable to support any part of its claim and it is determined that such inability is attributable to fraud or misrepresentation of fact on the part of Seller.
- **C.** Pending any prosecution, appeal, or final decision or settlement of any dispute arising under this Purchase Order, the Seller shall proceed diligently, as directed by Buyer, with the performance of this Purchase Order.
- **D.** Nothing in this Section 5 nor any authorization or offer that may be made shall be deemed to constitute acceptance or acknowledgment by Buyer of the validity of Seller's claim or any part thereof, nor be deemed to limit or in any way restrict Buyer from taking any actions, including available remedies, it deems appropriate to protect its own interests.
- E. As used in this Section 5, the word "appeal" means an appeal taken under the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, as amended.