

(c) The contractor shall bear full responsibility for the proper and safe performance of all work and services involving the use of human subjects under this contract and shall ensure that work is conducted in a proper manner and as safely as is feasible. The contractor agrees that it has entered into this contract and will discharge its obligations, duties, and undertakings and the work pursuant thereto, whether requiring professional judgment or otherwise, as an independent contractor without imputing liability on the part of the government for the acts of the contractor, its employees, sub-contractors, consultants, heirs, assignees, etc.

(d) If at any time during the performance of this contract, the contracting officer determines that the contractor is not in compliance with any of the requirements and/or standards stated in above, the contracting officer may immediately suspend, in whole or in part, work and further payments under this contract until the contractor corrects the noncompliance. The contracting officer may communicate the notice of suspension by telephone with confirmation in writing. If the contractor fails to complete corrective action within the period of time designated in the contracting officer's written notice of suspension, the contracting officer may terminate this contract in whole or in part.

(End of clause)

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#### 1552.223-71 EPA Green Meetings and Conferences.

As prescribed in 1523.703-1, insert the following provision, or language substantially the same as the provision, in solicitations for meetings and conference facilities.

##### EPA GREEN MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES MARCH 2015

(a) The mission of the EPA is to protect human health and the environment. As such, all EPA meetings and conferences will be staged using as many environmentally preferable measures as possible. Environmentally preferable means products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose.

(b) Potential meeting or conference facility providers for EPA shall provide information about the environmentally preferable features and practices identified by the checklist contained in paragraph (c) of this section, addressing sustainability for meeting and conference facilities including lodging and non-lodging oriented facilities.

(c) The following list of questions is provided to assist contracting officers in evaluating the environmental perferability of prospective meeting and conference facility providers. More information about EPA's Green Meetings initiative may be found on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/greenmeetings/>.

(1) Does your facility track energy usage and/or GHG emissions through ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager (<http://www.energystar.gov/benchmark>) or some other calculator based on a recognized greenhouse gas tracking protocol? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(2) If available for your building type, does your facility currently qualify for the Energy Star certification for superior energy performance? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_, NA \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Does your facility track water use through ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or another equivalent tracking tool and/or undertake best management practices to reduce water use in the facility (<http://www.epa.gov/watersense/commercial/>)? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Do you use landscaping professionals who are either certified by a WaterSense recognized program or actively undertake the WaterSense "Water-Smart" landscaping design practices (<http://www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor/>)? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_, NA \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Based on the amount of renewable energy your buildings uses, does (or would) your facility qualify as a partner under EPA's Green Power Partnership program (<http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/join/purchase.htm>)? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Do you restrict idling of motor vehicles in front of your facility, at the loading dock and elsewhere at your facility? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(7) Does your facility have a default practice of not changing bedding and towels unless requested by guests? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_, NA \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Does your facility participate in EPA's WasteWise (<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserv/smm/wastewise/>) and/or Food Recovery Challenge (<http://www.epa.gov/foodrecoverychallenge/>) programs? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Do you divert from landfill at least 50% of the total solid waste generated at your facility? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(10) Will your facility be able to divert from the landfill at least 75% of the total solid waste expected to be generated during this conference/event? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(11) Do you divert from landfill at least 50% of the food waste generated at your facility (through donation, use as animal feed, recycling, anaerobic digestion, or composting)? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(12) Will your facility be able to divert from landfill at least 75% of the food waste expected to be generated during this conference/event (through donation, use as animal feed, recycling, anaerobic digestion, or composting)?

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Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(13) Does your facility provide recycling containers for visitors, guests and staff (paper and beverage at minimum)? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(14) With respect to any food and beverage prepared and/or served at your facility, does at least 50% of it on average meet sustainability attributes such as: Local, organic, fair trade, fair labor, antibiotic-free, etc.? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(15) Will your facility be able to ensure that at least 75% of the food and beverage expected to be served during this conference/ event meets sustainability attributes such as: Local, organic, fair trade, fair labor, antibiotic-free, etc.? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(16) Does your facility use Design for the Environment (DfE) cleaning products (<http://www.epa.gov/dfe>), or similar products meeting other recognized standards for being 'environmentally preferable' (<http://www.epa.gov/epp/>) or more sustainable? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(17) Is your facility prepared to document or demonstrate all of the claims you have made above? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(d) The contractor shall include any additional "Green Meeting" information in their proposal which is believed is pertinent to better assist us in considering environmental preferability in selecting our meeting venue.

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**1552.223-72 Use and care of laboratory animals.**

As prescribed in 1523.303-72, insert the following clause in all contracts involving the use of animals in testing, research or training:

**USE AND CARE OF LABORATORY ANIMALS  
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(a) *Use of laboratory animals.* (1) Before undertaking performance of any contract involving the use of laboratory animals, the contractor shall register with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States in accordance with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act of 1966, as amended (AWA), codified at 7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.* and promulgated at 9 CFR parts 1-4. The contractor shall furnish evidence of such registration to the contracting officer.

(2) The contractor shall acquire animals used in research and development programs from a dealer licensed by the Secretary of Agriculture, or from exempted sources in accordance with 9 CFR 2.25-2.28. Animals shall not be acquired from any random source Class B dealer.

(3) The contractor may request registration of his/her facility and a current listing of licensed dealers from the Regional Office of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection

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Service (APHIS), USDA, for the region in which his/her research facility is located. The location of the appropriate APHIS Regional Office as well as information concerning this program may be obtained at [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/contact\\_us/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/contact_us/).

(b) *Care of laboratory animals.* (1) In the care of any live animals used or intended for use in the performance of this contract, the contractor shall adhere to:

(i) The standards and practices incorporated in the *Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, prepared by the Institute of Laboratory Animal Research of the National Research Council of the National Academies (ILAR/NRC),

(ii) The Animal Welfare Regulations found in 9 CFR parts 1-4, and

(iii) The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

(2) In case of conflict between standards, the higher standard shall be used.

(3) The contractor's reports on portions of the contract in which animals were used shall contain a certificate stating that the animals were cared for in accordance with the principles enunciated in the *Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, prepared by the ILAR/NRC, and/or in the Animal Welfare Regulations found in 9 CFR parts 1-4.

(End of clause)

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**1552.224-70 Social security numbers of consultants and certain sole proprietors and Privacy Act statement.**

As prescribed in 1524.104, insert the following provision in all solicitations.

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OF CONSULTANTS AND CERTAIN SOLE PROPRIETORS AND PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT (APR 1984)**

(a) Section 6041 of title 26 of the U.S. Code requires EPA to file Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1099 with respect to individuals who receive payments from EPA under purchase orders or contracts. Section 6109 of title 26 of the U.S. Code authorizes collection by EPA of the social security numbers of such individuals for the purpose of filing IRS Form 1099. Social security numbers obtained for this purpose will be used by EPA for the sole purpose of filing IRS Form 1099 in compliance with section 6041 of title 26 of the U.S. Code.

(b) If the offeror or quoter is an individual, consultant, or sole proprietor and has no Employer Identification Number, insert the offeror's or quoter's social security number on the following line.