

## **CLAIMS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO COST OR PRICING DATA**

(This information is applicable if either the basic Contract or any modification exceeds \$550,000.)

(a) Contractor Cost or Pricing Data.

(1) Whenever the negotiated price of the basic Contract, or the negotiated price of any change or other modification to this Contract, is expected to exceed \$550,000, the Contractor agrees to furnish the Institute certified cost or pricing data, unless a waiver applies or a determination is made that an exception applies (the price is based on adequate price competition, prices set by law or regulation, or the contract is for a commercial item). Whenever certified cost or pricing data are required, the Contractor agrees to furnish the data in the format requested by JPL or if JPL does not so specify, per Table 15-2 of FAR 15.408 and agrees to submit the JPL certificate form JPL 2496 or equivalent as soon as practicable after agreement on price but before award.

(2) Exceptions to Cost or Pricing Data.

(A) (i) Basic Contracts. In lieu of submitting cost or pricing data for the basic Contract, offerors may submit a written request for exception by submitting the information described under paragraph (B), below.

(ii) Contract Modifications. In lieu of submitting cost or pricing data for modifications under this Contract, for price adjustments expected to exceed \$550,000 on the date of the agreement on price or the date of the award, whichever is later, the Contractor may submit a written request for exception by submitting the information described under paragraph (B), below.

(iii) JPL may require additional supporting information, but only to the extent necessary to determine whether an exception should be granted, and whether the price is fair and reasonable.

(B) The relevant part of the following information is to be submitted when requesting an exception:

(i) Identification of the law or regulation establishing the price offered. If the price is controlled under law by periodic rulings, reviews, or similar actions of a governmental body, attach a copy of the controlling document, unless it was previously submitted to the contracting office.

(ii) For a commercial item exception, the offeror shall submit, at a minimum, information on prices at which the same item or similar items have previously been sold that is adequate for evaluating the reasonableness of the price for this acquisition. Such information may include:

- a. For catalog items, a copy of or identification of the catalog and its date, or the appropriate pages for the offered items, or a statement that the catalog is on file in the buying office to which the proposal is being submitted. Provide a copy or describe current discount policies and price lists (published or unpublished), e.g., wholesale, original equipment manufacturer, or reseller. Also explain the basis of each offered price and its relationship to the established catalog price, including how the proposed price relates to the price of recent sales in quantities similar to the proposed quantities.
- b. For market-priced items, the source and date or period of the market quotation or other basis for market price, the base amount, and applicable discounts. In addition, describe the nature of the market.
- c. For items included on an active Federal Supply Service Multiple Award Schedule or any other Federal Government contract, proof that an exception has been granted for the schedule item.

(iii) Information on Modifications of Contracts or Subcontracts for Commercial Items. If (i) the original Contract or subcontract was granted an exception from cost or pricing data requirements because the price agreed upon was based on adequate price competition, or prices set by law or regulation, or was a contract or subcontract for a commercial item; and (ii) the modification (to the Contract or subcontract) is not exempted based on one of these exceptions, then the Contractor may provide information to establish that the modification would not change the Contract or subcontract from a contract or subcontract for the acquisition of a commercial item to a contract or subcontract for the acquisition of an item other than a commercial item.

(C) The Offeror/Contractor grants JPL or an authorized representative the right to examine, at any time before award, books, records, documents, or other directly pertinent records to verify any request for an exception under this provision, and the reasonableness of price. For items priced using catalog or market prices, or law or regulation, access does not extend to cost or profit information or other data relevant solely to the Offeror's/Contractor's determination of the prices to be offered in the catalog or marketplace.

(b) (Reserved).