

Technical or Professional, Non-personal Services

This Request for Quote (RFQ) is issued by the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), Smithsonian Institution (SI), for professional, technical, non-personal services to the Secretariat Office of the Global Genome Biodiversity Network (GGBN), in accordance with the Statement of Work (SOW).

I. SUBMITTING YOUR QUOTE

Price quotes may be submitted by **email**. Quotes are due by **8:00AM Tuesday, August 31, 2021**, at:

Smithsonian Institution
National Museum of Natural History

Attn: Katharine Barker
Email to: barkerk@si.edu

II. DESCRIPTION OF REQUIRED SERVICES

The Contractor shall provide administrative and project management support to the GGBN General Secretariat Office for all GGBN activities.

Qualified candidates must be able to work in a fast-paced highly charging work environment, flexibility a must and needs to be a self-starter who learns quickly. Must be able to demonstrate strong communication skills, an ability to successfully manage multiple deadlines, and superior organization skills.

III. EVALUATION

The SI plans to award based on best value. The SI plans to award without discussions, however, does reserve the right to conduct discussions if later determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary. All of the following factors are of equal importance. The SI plans to make one award as a result of this RFQ. Evaluation factors are:

A. Relevant Experience

Relevant experience (preferably within the last three years) is that obtained by providing or performing services of similar size, scope, complexity and type of client that indicates your suitability for this project as described in the statement of work, to be indicated by brief summaries of your training and/or experience in the following:

- Compiling, organizing, tracking, and maintaining files
- Updating and maintaining data
- Drafting PowerPoints, documents, marketing materials, and correspondence

- Organizing and compiling strategic information and details in spreadsheets and charts
- Gathering information and compiling reports
- Communicating with stakeholders on routine business
- Scheduling and staffing meetings

B. Past Performance

Past Performance should be indicated by the following:

- a. Provide a list of relevant current or previous contracts (or positions of employment), which includes a point of contact with a current email address and phone number, contract periods of performance dates, number of hours worked, dollar value, and brief description of the work performed.
- b. At least three references that can answer specific questions about the quality of your workmanship and your communication and organization skills. Each of the components under “Relevant Experience” should be able to be addressed by at least one of your references.

C. Résumé or CV. Submit a copy of your current resume, which should demonstrate your relevant experience related to the tasks outlined in the statement of work.

D. Price. *Provide a firm fixed price. This price shall include all costs.* We estimate that the work should take 12 months, with two six-month options to extend, working an average of 20 hours/week. Please generate your quote accordingly.

IV. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Prospective contractors are required to have General Liability Insurance for \$300,000. The SI must be listed as additional insured for the General Liability insurance. Proof of insurance must be submitted with quotes.

Independent contractors under this RFQ may request to purchase insurance through the Smithsonian Institution Commercial General Liability for contractors if selected for an award. If you elect purchase of Commercial General Liability coverage through the Smithsonian Institution policy, please indicate this information on your quote.

V. DUNS NUMBER

A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit identification number available for each physical location of your business and is needed to register in the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#) system (see Section VI of this RFQ). DUNS numbers are provided through Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) at no charge at <https://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html>. Non-U.S. (international) vendors will be required to obtain an NCAGE Code at <https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/CageTool/home> before obtaining a DUNS number. New DUNS numbers for U.S. vendors will be active and available for SAM registration within

1-2 business days of request; international vendors DUNS will be active and available normally within 2-5 days of request.

VI. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM) REGISTRATION

It is a requirement that current and prospective recipients of contract and purchase orders awarded by the SI must complete registration and maintain an active record in the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](https://sam.gov/SAM/). The SAM requires a one-time business registration, with annual updates, and allows vendors to control the accuracy of the business information they enter. The financial data you enter, which includes the electronic funds transfer (EFT) data collected by SAM, will assist the SI in paying your invoices and complying with the Federal Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. You may complete or update your information in SAM online at <https://sam.gov/SAM/>. There is no charge for registering in SAM.

If yours is the acceptable price quote and you are selected for award, your organization's valid and active registration with SAM must be verifiable by SI staff administering this procurement prior to contract or purchase order award, and at the time any modifications or amendments to awards might be required.

VII. BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

If a contractor employee assigned to the SI under this contract will have an association with SI that will be greater than thirty (30) days, determined either at time of contract award or anytime during contract performance, and will need access to staff-only areas of SI controlled facilities and leased spaces, the employee shall be required to receive an SI Credential. As of January 30, 2020, any individual that requires access to the SI network shall also be required to have a favorable background investigation completed prior to an account being established.

Contractor employees who require an SI Credential shall be required to undergo and pass an appropriate background investigation and complete security awareness training before an SI Credential is issued. Employees whose associations with the SI will be less than 30 days shall not receive a background investigation or SI Credential, however, they must be escorted by Credentialed personnel at all times when in staff-only areas of SI facilities. If relevant to this RFQ, a form OCon 520, Background Investigations and Credentials for Contractors' Personnel, is included. The following actions shall be required to be completed by the SI Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) and successful vendor:

1. The COTR shall provide an OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment form, for each of the Contractor's employees who will be assigned to the SI for 30 days or longer or for those that require an SI network account. The OF-306 forms must be completed by each person and returned by the Contractor to the COTR, or other designated SI employee, within ten (10) workdays from receipt of the forms by the Contractor.
2. For contractors to SI organizations outside the Washington DC and New York City areas, forms SF-87, Fingerprint Cards, shall be provided to the Contractor by the COTR or

other designated SI employee. Each form SF-87 must be returned to the COTR, or other designated SI employee, within ten (10) workdays from receipt of the forms by the Contractor. When necessary, the forms SF-87 shall be submitted by the Contractor with the OF-306.

VIII. INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH QUOTES

Quotes submitted must include the following information to be deemed responsive to this Request for Quote and accepted by the SI:

- A.** Name/Business name, address, telephone number, email address, and DUNS number
- B.** Business point of contact name, telephone number and email address, if not a self-employed individual or independent contractor.
- C.** Pricing. Include the date through which pricing submitted is valid.
- D.** Components under “Evaluation” section
- E.** Certificate of General Liability Insurance as required or request to obtain General Liability Insurance through Smithsonian Institution’s policy.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Statement of Work for professional services for the Global Genome Biodiversity Network (GGBN)
- Form SI-147A, Smithsonian Institution Purchase Order Terms and Conditions (dated December 2016)
- Form SI-147B SI Privacy and Security Clause (dated June 2020)
- Smithsonian Institution Independent Contractor Clauses
- Form OCon 120, Notice to all current and prospective SI Contractors
- OCon 520, Background Investigations and Credentials for Contractors’ Personnel
- SI Rights in Data Clause

**Components of Purchase Order for Professional Services
Global Genome Biodiversity Network
Secretariat Office**

Scope of Work:

The contractor shall provide professional, technical, non-personal services to the General Secretariat Office of the Global Genome Biodiversity Network (GGBN). Contract will begin on September 7, 2021 and end on September 6, 2022.

Statement of Work:

The Contractor shall provide administrative and project management support to the GGBN General Secretariat Office for all GGBN activities.

The Contractor shall provide event coordination and general administrative support for the following GGBN events:

- Antarctic Biorepository Workshop
- Virtual Symposia

Specific Tasks shall include:

- Compiling, organizing, tracking, and maintaining files
- Updating and maintaining member and partner data
- Tracking in-kind support and member dues
- Drafting PowerPoints, documents, marketing materials, and correspondence for GGBN leadership review
- Tracking approval process of documents
- Organizing and compiling strategic information and details in spreadsheets and charts
- Gathering information and compiling reports
- Posting updates to GGBN website and social media
- Uploading materials to the GGBN document library
- Communicating with members and partners on routine business
- Liaising with other Smithsonian departments, such as procurement, human resources, travel, information technology, Laboratories of Analytical Biology and Genomics.
- Coordinating annual newsletter
- Scheduling and staffing meetings
- Other general administrative tasks as required to support GGBN projects, events, and reporting.

Deliverables:

- The contractor shall provide all work and tasks associated with this Statement of Work.
- The contractor shall document and report on progress, for weekly submission to GGBN leadership.

Performance Standards:

All work shall be completed in accordance with Smithsonian and NMNH policies, procedures, and standards. All work shall be completed with discretion, confidentiality, and professionalism. Contractor must be able to work in a fast-paced, highly charged, complex work environment, demonstrating flexibility, initiative, and adaptability. Contractor must demonstrate strong communication, organization, and prioritization skills.

Smithsonian Institution Furnished Materials

Any materials provided by the Smithsonian Institution shall be returned upon the completion or termination of this contract.

Consultant Furnished Materials

All supplies and materials necessary to complete the work, are the responsibility of the Consultant, except those provided by the Smithsonian Institution.

Work Location

The Consultant shall perform the work at an appropriate on or off-site location.

Period of Performance:

All work under this purchase order shall begin on September 7 2021 and be completed on or about September 6 2022 with an option to extend for two additional six-month periods.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

PURCHASE ORDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. COMPLETE AGREEMENT - The purchase order and all documents attached represent the entire agreement between the Smithsonian Institution (SI) and the Contractor. Any modification, alteration or amendment to this purchase order must be in writing and signed by an authorized agent of the SI.

2. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE - The Contractor shall tender for acceptance only those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The SI reserves the right to inspect, test or evaluate any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The SI may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or performances of nonconforming services at the Contractors expense. The SI must exercise its post acceptance rights- **(a)** Within a reasonable period of time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and **(b)** Before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item. Inspection and acceptance will be at destination, unless otherwise provided in writing. Until delivery and acceptance, and after any rejections, risk of loss will be on the Contractor unless loss results from negligence of the SI. Final acceptance by the SI will be conditional upon fulfillment of the above requirements.

3. OVERPAYMENT - If the Contractor becomes aware of a duplicate invoice payment or that the SI has otherwise overpaid on an invoice payment, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer and request instructions for disposition of the overpayment.

4. USE OF SMITHSONIAN NAME or LOGO PROHIBITED - The SI owns, controls and/or has registered the trademarks /service marks "Smithsonian," "Smithsonian Institution" and the Smithsonian sunburst logo. Except as may be otherwise provided herein, the Contractor shall not refer to the SI or to any of its museums, organizations, or facilities in any manner or through any medium, whether written, oral, or visual, for any purpose whatsoever, including, but not limited to, advertising, marketing, promotion, publicity, or solicitation without written consent.

5. WARRANTY - The Contractor warrants and implies that the goods and services furnished hereunder are merchantable, fully conform to the SI's specifications, drawings, designs, and are fit for intended use described in this contract. The Contractor agrees that the supplies or services furnished under this contract shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties the Contractor gives to all customers for such supplies or services, and that the rights and remedies provided herein are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the Government by any other clause of this contract. Contractor agrees to pass through all warranties from other manufacturers.

6. TITLE - Unless otherwise specified in this contract, title to items furnished under this contract shall pass to the SI upon acceptance, regardless of when or where the SI takes physical possession.

7. EXCUSABLE DELAYS - The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence, such as acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the SI, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to the Contracting Officer of the cessation of such occurrence.

8. DISPUTES - Any dispute arising under this contract that the parties are unable to resolve shall be decided by the Contracting Officer. All disputes must be submitted to the Contracting Officer in

the form of a written claim supported by evidence within twelve (12) months following accrual of the claim. The Contracting Officer will provide a written decision to the Contractor, and that decision is the final and conclusive decision of the Smithsonian Institution, which is effective on the date the Contractor receives the decision. The Contractor retains all rights to subsequent judicial review to which it is entitled under federal law. The Contractor shall comply with any decision of the Contracting Officer and otherwise proceed diligently with performance of this contract pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, or action arising under the contract.

9. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE - The SI may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the SI, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the SI shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the SI for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the SI improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

10. TERMINATION FOR THE SMITHSONIAN'S CONVENIENCE - The SI reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges that the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the SI, using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the SI any right to audit the Contractor's records. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred that reasonably could have been avoided.

11. CHANGES - The SI may at any time, in writing, make changes within the general scope of this purchase order to include. **(a)** Technical requirements and descriptions, specifications, statements of work, drawings or designs; **(b)** Shipment or packing methods; **(c)** Place of delivery, inspection or acceptance; **(d)** Reasonable adjustments in quantities or delivery schedules or both; and, **(e)** SI-furnished property, if any. If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of or the time required for performance of this purchase order, the Contractor shall inform the SI in writing within thirty (30) days after receipt of change request. Any additional charges must be approved in writing by the SI authorized procurement officer executing this purchase order. Contractor shall not make any changes without the written consent of the SI authority executing this purchase order.

12. CONFIDENTIALITY and DISCLOSURE - Confidential Information. Confidential Information consists of trade secrets, product concepts, customer information, marketing communication material, marketing strategies, and other commercial or financial information that if affirmatively used by a competitor of the disclosing party would cause the disclosing party substantial competitive harm or information the release of which would violate the privacy rights of a third party with no overriding public interest. If Confidential Information is disclosed in tangible form, it shall be

clearly designated in writing as such by the disclosing party. If Confidential Information is disclosed other than in writing, the information deemed to be Confidential Information shall be confirmed in writing as such within thirty days of such disclosure.

Limited Disclosure -- Each party agrees that it will not disclose Confidential Information provided to it by the other party to others except to the extent that it is necessary to disclose such Confidential Information to its directors, officers, representatives, legal and financial consultants, and employees having a need to know such Confidential Information ("authorized parties") for the purpose of pursuing a business and contractual relationship between the parties. The parties shall use at least the same degree of care that each party uses to protect its own Confidential Information of similar importance, but no less than a reasonable degree of care. Further, the parties may disclose Confidential Information if required by law, subpoena, order or request of a federal governmental authority or court of competent jurisdiction, and further, provided that the party obligated to disclose such Confidential Information shall (a) assert the confidential nature of the Confidential Information to be disclosed, (b) use reasonable efforts to obtain confidential treatment for any Confidential Information so disclosed, and (c) immediately notify the other party of the requirement, order, or request to disclose in advance of such disclosure in order to afford the other party the opportunity to contest disclosure. No other use or disclosure of Confidential Information may be made by any party without the prior written consent of the disclosing party.

13. INDEMNITY - The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the SI, its Regents, directors, officers, employees, volunteers, licensees, representatives, agents and the United States Government (hereinafter referred to as "Indemnitees") from and against all actions, causes of action, losses, liabilities, damages, suits, judgments, liens, awards, claims, expenses and costs including without limitation costs of litigation and counsel fees related thereto, or incident to establishing the right to indemnification, arising out of or in any way related to:

Any breach of this Agreement, Terms and Conditions, and the performance thereof by Contractor, Subcontractor, other third parties, or any activities of Indemnitees, including, without limitation, the provision of services, personnel, facilities, equipment, support, supervision, or review; any claims of any kind and nature whatsoever for property damage, personal injury, illness or death (including, without limitation, injury to, or death of employees or agents of Contractor or any Subcontractor).

Any claims by a third party of actual or alleged direct or contributory infringement, or inducement to infringe any United States or foreign patent, trademark, copyright, common law literary rights, right of privacy or publicity, arising out of the creation, delivery, publication or use of any data furnished under this contract or any libelous or other unlawful matter contained in such data or other intellectual property rights and damages. The contractor shall notify the SI immediately upon receiving any notice or claim related to this contract.

14. HAZARDOUS MATERIAL - The Contractor shall inform the SI in writing at the correspondence address listed on the purchase order prior to shipment and delivery of any hazardous material. Any materials required by this purchase order that are hazardous under federal, state or local statute, ordinance, regulation, or agency order shall be packaged, labeled, marked and shipped by the Contractor to comply with all federal, state and local regulations then in effect.

15. OTHER COMPLIANCES - The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, executive orders, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this contract.

16. SECURITY CONSIDERATION - OPS, OCon 520 Contractor's conducting work on the SI premises are required to obtain a temporary or

long-term identification badge. Contractor's employee (s) requiring a long-term identification badge is subject to a fingerprint review. An adverse finding during the fingerprint review may prohibit a contractor's employee (s) from working on the contract. The SI will inform the contractor if a long-term identification badge is required.

17. INSURANCE and BONDS - Contractor shall maintain at all times during the performance of this contract Commercial General Liability Insurance. Contractor shall maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance in accordance with statutory requirements and limits. If during the performance of this contract, a vehicle is required, contractor shall maintain business automobile insurance. If this contract relates to any type of media exposure, then Contractor is required to have professional errors and omissions coverage. If this contract requires Contractor to handle Smithsonian funds or guard or protect Smithsonian artifacts, Contractor will also be required to obtain a fidelity bond or crime insurance. Limits of such bonds or insurance policies are to be determined. SI shall be listed as an "additional insured" under the comprehensive general liability and business automobile policies. Proof of insurance shall be in the form of a binder, policy, or certificate of insurance and this is to be submitted to the SI's Procurement Officer prior to work being initiated.

18. INVOICE INSTRUCTIONS - Invoices shall be submitted to the bill to address on the face of the purchase order after delivery of supplies and/ or services, and shall contain the following information:

(a) Contractor's name, address, and taxpayer identification number (TIN). (b) Invoice date and number. (c) Purchase order number including contract line item number. (d) Item description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price, and extended price. (e) Name, title, telephone and fax number, and mailing address of point of contact in the event of an invoice discrepancy. (f) Invoice total, payment discount terms and remittance address. (g) Shipping and payment terms (e.g. shipment number, date of shipment, and discount terms). Bill of lading number and weight of shipment should be included when using Smithsonian Institution bills of lading. Prepaid shipping costs shall be indicated as a separate item on the invoice. (h) Any other information or documentation required by other provisions of the contract.

19. Travel - (a) If travel is specified under this purchase order; it must be pre-authorized by the Contracting Officer's Technical representative (COTR) prior to occurrence. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for such travel upon receipt of documentation that the expenses were incurred. (b) Rail or air transportation costs shall not be reimbursed in an amount greater than the cost of economy class rail or air travel unless the economy rates are not available and the Contractor certified to this fact in vouchers or other documents submitted for reimbursement. (c) Room and meals (per diem travel allowance) shall be reimbursed in accordance with the Contractor's established policy, but in no event shall such allowances exceed the rates Contractor's established in the Federal Travel Regulations. (d) The contractor shall be reimbursed for the cost of the out-of-town travel performed by its personnel in their privately owned automobiles at the rates established in the Federal Travel Regulations, not to exceed the cost by the most direct economy air route between the points so traveled. If more than one person travels in the same automobile, the Contractor for such travel shall incur no duplication of or otherwise additional charges. (e) The Contractor shall be reimbursed upon receipt of appropriate documentation that the expenses were incurred. Total travel cost will not be reimbursed for an amount that exceeds the estimated amount stated in this purchase order.

20. RESPONSIBILITY OF SMITHSONIAN PROPERTY - Contractor assumes full responsibility for and shall reimburse and indemnify the SI for any and all loss or damage whatsoever kind and nature to any and all **SI property**, including any equipment, supplies, accessories, or parts furnished, while in the Contractor's custody and care, or resulting in whole or in part from the negligent acts, omissions of the Contractor, any subcontractor, or any employee, agent, or representative of the Contractor or subcontractor.

21. INTERNET PROTOCOL VERSION 6 (IPV6)

COMPLIANCE - In the event that the Contractor will be developing, acquiring, and/or producing products and/or systems pursuant to this Contract that will be connected to a network or that will interface with the World Wide Web, the following provisions shall apply: [OMB Memo M-05-22](#), dated August 2, 2005, and OMB guidance, dated July 2012 September 28, 2010, that requires procurements of networked IT comply with the [USGv6 Profile and Test Program](#) for the completeness and quality of SI IPv6 capabilities. The Contractor hereby warrants and represents that such products and/or systems to be developed, acquired, and/or produced pursuant to this Contract will be IPv6 compliant. These products and/or systems must be able to receive, process, and transmit or forward (as appropriate) IPv6 packets and must be able to interoperate with other systems and protocols in both IPv4 and IPv6 modes of operation. If the product or system will not be IPv6 compliant initially, the Contractor will provide a migration path and express commitment to upgrade to IPv6 for all application and product features. Any such migration path and commitment shall be included in the Contract price. In addition, the Contractor will have available contractor/vendor IPv6 technical support for development and implementation and fielded product management.

- 52.239-1 Privacy or Security Safeguards (see form SI 147B)
- 52.233-3 Protest After Award
- 52.244-6 Subcontracts for Commercial Items

Additional FAR clauses that apply when applicable:

- 52.204-6 Universal Numbering System (DUNS)
Number Unique Entity Identifier
- 52.204-7 System for Award Management
- 52.208-4 Vehicle Lease Payments
- 52.208-5 Condition of Leased Vehicle
- 52.208-6 Marking of Leased Vehicles
- 52.208-7 Tagging of Leased Vehicle
- 52.211-6 Brand Name or Equal
- 52.211-17 Delivery of Excess Quantities
- 52.222-54 Employment Eligibility Verification (E-Verify)
- 52.228-8 Liability and Insurance Leased Motor Vehicles
- 52.233-4 Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim
- 52.236-5 Material and Workmanship
- 52.247-29 F.o.b. Origin
- 52.247-34 F.o.b. Destination

CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE -This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. The applicability of these clauses is effective upon the date of the actual contract award. Upon request the Contracting Official will make the full text available. The full text of the following FAR clauses may be viewed at the [Federal Acquisition Regulation \(FAR\) website](#). For the full text of Smithsonian Institution clauses contact the procurement official. The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses incorporated by reference, unless the circumstances do not apply: References herein to the "Government" shall be deemed to mean the Smithsonian Institution.

SMITHSONIAN Clauses

- Minimum Insurance
- Smithsonian Institution Privacy and Security Clause
(form SI 147B, SI Privacy and Security Clause)

FAR Clauses

- 52.222-3 Convict Labor
- 52.222-19 Child Labor - Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies
- 52.222-20 Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment Exceeding \$15,000
- 52.222-21 Prohibition of Segregated Facilities
- 52.222-26 Equal Opportunity
- 52.222-35 Equal Opportunity for Veterans
- 52.222-36 Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities
- 52.222-41 Service Contract Labor Standards
- 52.222-50 Combating Trafficking in Persons. (non-commercial services awards that do not exceed \$500,000)
- 52.222-56 Certification Regarding Trafficking In Persons Compliance Plan (when applicable)
- 52.223-1 thru 4 Bio-based Product Certification/Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts/Hazardous Material Identification and Material Safety Data/Recovered Material Certification
- 52.223-5 Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information
- 52.224-1 Privacy Act Notification
- 52.225-1 Buy American Supplies
- 52.225-13 Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases
- 52.232-11 Extras

Smithsonian Institution

Privacy and Security Clause

1. Smithsonian Data: (a) The Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) retains sole ownership of, and unrestricted rights to, any and all physical or electronic information collected, processed, or stored by or on behalf of the Smithsonian (“Smithsonian Data”), which is defined to include personally identifiable information, *i.e.*, information about individuals, which may or may not be publicly available, that can be used to distinguish or indicate an individual’s identity, and any other information that is linked or linkable to an individual, such as medical, educational, financial or employment information (“PII”). (b) Contractor shall maintain, transmit, and retain in strictest confidence, and prevent the unauthorized duplication, use and disclosure of Smithsonian Data. (i) Contractor shall only access, maintain, use, and disclose Smithsonian Data to the extent necessary to carry out the requirements of this contract, and shall not use Smithsonian Data for testing or training purposes. (ii) Contractor shall only provide Smithsonian Data to its authorized employees, contractors, and subcontractors and those Smithsonian employees, contractors, and subcontractors who have a valid business need to know such information in order to perform duties consistent with this contract. (iii) Contractor shall ensure that all Smithsonian Data is protected from unauthorized access, disclosure, modification, theft, loss, and destruction. (iv) Contractor shall not disclose Smithsonian Data without the Smithsonian’s advance written authorization. If Contractor receives a legal request (such as a subpoena), or becomes subject to a legal requirement or order to disclose Smithsonian Data, Contractor shall (1) immediately notify the Contracting Officer’s Technical Representative (“COTR”) of it and afford the Smithsonian the opportunity to contest such disclosure, (2) assert the confidential nature of the Smithsonian Data, and (3) cooperate with the Smithsonian’s reasonable requirements to protect the confidential and proprietary nature of Smithsonian Data. (v) Contractor shall not transfer access to any Smithsonian Data in the event of a Contractor merger, acquisition, or other transaction, including sale in bankruptcy, without the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer. (c) Contractor shall provide the Smithsonian reasonable access to Contractor facilities, installations, technical capabilities, operations, documentation, records, databases, and personnel, and shall otherwise cooperate with the Smithsonian to the extent required to carry out an audit for compliance with the requirements in this contract. Contractor shall, as requested by the COTR, complete, or assist Smithsonian staff with the completion of, a privacy and/or security review which might include providing requested information and documentation about how Smithsonian Data is used, collected, maintained, stored, or shared. (d) Contractor shall make any Smithsonian Data accessible to the COTR as soon as possible, but no later than ten calendar days of receiving a request from the COTR, and shall transfer all Smithsonian Data to the COTR no later than thirty calendar days from the date of such request from the COTR. Contractor shall, when required to transfer

Smithsonian Data to the COTR under the terms of this contract, provide that Smithsonian Data in one or more commonly used file or database formats as the COTR deems appropriate. (e) Unless otherwise specified in this contract, Contractor shall purge any Smithsonian Data from its files and shall provide the COTR a Certificate of Destruction confirming the purging of the Smithsonian Data within forty-five calendar days of receiving a request from the COTR or at the expiry of this contract. (f) Contractor shall only be permitted to use non-Smithsonian provided information technology resources to access or maintain Smithsonian Data if Contractor provides, and the COTR approves, the following written certifications about the non-Smithsonian provided information technology resources: (i) Contractor shall maintain an accurate inventory of the information technology resources; (ii) Contractor shall keep all software installed on the information technology resources, especially software used to protect the security of the information technology resources, current and free of significant vulnerabilities; (iii) Contractor shall encrypt all Smithsonian Data stored or accessed on a non-Smithsonian provided mobile device (*e.g.*, phone, laptop, tablet, or removable media) using a Federal Information Processing Standards 140-2 certified encryption method; (iv) Contractor shall utilize anti-viral software on all non-SI information technology resources used under this contract; and (v) Contractor shall encrypt all transmissions of PII using Transport Layer Security 1.2 or higher with secure cyphers. Secure Sockets Layer shall not be used. (g) Unless more substantial requirements are provided for herein, Contractor is responsible for, at a minimum, applying industry best practice background screening, security and privacy training, and other appropriate personnel security safeguards to the services performed under this contract. (h) Contractor shall, if requested by the COTR, require its employees to sign a nondisclosure agreement, sign a conflict of interest agreement, and/or sign an acknowledgement of the requirements in this contract.

2. Privacy Breach or IT Security Incident: In the event of (i) any action that threatens or is likely to threaten the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of Smithsonian IT resources (including computer hardware and software, data, communication links, mobile devices, digitized assets, automated processes, physical computing environments, and associated personnel, whether located inside or outside of the Smithsonian); (ii) any activity that violates Smithsonian IT Security policies provided by the COTR; (iii) any suspected or confirmed loss of control, compromise, unauthorized disclosure, unauthorized acquisition, unauthorized access, or situation where persons other than authorized users or for an other than authorized purpose have access or potential access to Smithsonian Data or PII in a usable form, whether physical or electronic; or (iv) any suspected loss of control, compromise, unauthorized disclosure, unauthorized acquisition, unauthorized access, or situation where persons other than authorized users or for an other than authorized

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purpose have access or potential access to PII in a usable form, whether physical or electronic (collectively, “Incident”), Contractor shall: (a) Immediately, but no later than twenty-four hours after discovery, report the Incident to the Smithsonian Office of the Chief Information Officer (“OCIO”) Help Desk by calling 202-633-4000 and, if the OCIO Help Desk does not answer the telephone, leaving a voicemail which includes the name of Contractor, a brief summary of the Incident, and a return telephone number; (b) The Contractor shall cooperate with Smithsonian investigations and response activities for breaches or incidents that include the Contractor’s IT resources or personnel. (c) Follow industry standard best practices to correct and mitigate any damages resulting from the Incident; and (d) Indemnify and hold the Smithsonian harmless from any costs incurred by the Smithsonian in connection with such Incident caused in whole or part by Contractor’s failure to comply with its obligations under this contract.

3. Public-Facing Software: (a) Any application, system, software, or website used to fulfill the terms of this contract and accessed by members of the public (“Public-Facing Software”) shall comply with Smithsonian’s Privacy Statement (located at <http://www.si.edu/Privacy>) and the Smithsonian Kids Online Privacy (“SKOP”) Statement (located at <http://www.si.edu/privacy/kids>), and shall provide the public with privacy notices in locations that are acceptable in accordance with these policies. (b) For kiosks and interactives developed by Contractor, the Contractor shall take all reasonably necessary steps to ensure they will be maintained with antivirus software and routine patching. (c) If Contractor discovers that information was collected from someone under the age of 13 in violation of the SKOP’s parental permission requirements, Contractor shall provide notice to the Smithsonian Privacy Office as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after discovery, and delete that information as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after discovery. (d) Any Public-Facing Software that employs tracking technology (such as geolocation or a cookie, web bug, or web beacon) or collects contact information shall provide all users with an appropriate and accessible opportunity to accept or decline (“opt-in”) the use of any tracking technology prior to its use (*i.e.*, “just in time” notice and consent) as well as: (i) for those who decline the “opt-in,” reasonable access to the Public-Facing Software; and (ii) for those who “opt-in,” a subsequent and accessible opportunity to request that the tracking or communications cease (*i.e.*, “opt-out”).

4. Cardholder Data and PCI Sensitive Authentication Data: (a) Any Contractor that collects, processes, stores, transmits, or affects the security of cardholder data or Payment Card Industry (“PCI”) sensitive authentication data, either directly or through a third party, in order to carry out the requirements of this contract shall provide the COTR: (i) before this contract begins and annually thereafter, for Contractor and for any third party vendor that processes,

stores, transmits, or affects the security of cardholder data or PCI sensitive authentication data, a current, complete, comprehensive, and signed PCI Data Security Standard (“DSS”) Attestation of Compliance (AOC), a template for which may be accessible in the online document library of the PCI Security Standards Council (“SSC”); (ii) the *PCI DSS Requirement Management Form* provided by the COTR, which asks whether Contractor or a third party shall be responsible for ensuring that certain key DSS requirements are met; (iii) for each Payment Application, *i.e.*, application, system, software, or website used to electronically process, store, or transmit cardholder data or PCI sensitive authentication data as defined by the SSC, the listing from the SSC website’s List of Validated Payment Applications; (iv) for each payment device, the listing from the SSC website’s Approved Personal Identification Number Transaction Security (“PTS”) Devices list; (v) for each system used to process Point of Sale card-present transactions, the listing from the SSC website’s Point-to-Point Encryption Solutions list; and (vi) if requested, any additional evidence needed to determine the PCI compliance of activities related to this contract. (b) All credit card-present transactions at the Smithsonian must be processed through a PCI SSC P2PE solution and be EMV compatible. (c) Contractor shall provide the documents and listings identified in Paragraph 4(a) before it shall be permitted to use the relevant technology, and shall provide updated documents and listings to the COTR for review and approval before a system change results in one or more of the required documents or listings becoming inaccurate. (d) Each payment device that collects, processes, stores, transmits, or affects the security of cardholder data or PCI sensitive authentication data, either directly or through a third party, must adhere to the current PTS standard maintained by the SSC. (e) Each system used to process Point of Sale card-present transactions must comply with the Smithsonian Office of the Chief Information Officer (“OCIO”) standards provided by the COTR, to include the Technical Note IT-930-TN99, *Implementation of P2PE Devices and TransArmor Services*, or its successor. (f) Contractor shall be responsible for securing cardholder data or PCI sensitive authentication data any time Contractor possesses or otherwise stores, processes or transmits on behalf of the Smithsonian, or to the extent that Contractor could impact the security of the Smithsonian’s cardholder data environment, *i.e.*, the people, processes and technologies that store, process, or transmit cardholder data or PCI sensitive authentication data by, or on behalf of, the Smithsonian. (g) Additional requirement for service providers only: Service providers acknowledge in writing to customers that they are responsible for the security of cardholder data the service provider possesses or otherwise stores, processes, or transmits on behalf of the customer, or to the extent that they can impact the security of the customer’s cardholder data environment.

5. IT Systems and Cloud Services: (a) For any Cloud System (*i.e.*, computing service provided on-demand via a

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shared pool of configurable resources instead of via separate dedicated computing resources or information technology system) Contractor develops, operates, or maintains on behalf of the Smithsonian, Contractor shall provide the necessary documentation, security control evidence, and other information needed to complete federal security Assessment and Authorization activities in accordance with the National Institute of Standards and Technology Risk Management Framework. (b) For Cloud Systems that have been Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (“FedRAMP”) certified, Contractor shall provide FedRAMP documentation to the Smithsonian for review and shall cooperate with Smithsonian requests for clarification or further evidence. (c) For Cloud Systems which are not FedRAMP certified, and all other Contractor-hosted systems and websites, Contractor shall complete all requested Smithsonian Assessment and Authorization documentation and shall fully cooperate with the Smithsonian’s security assessment process, including providing requested security control evidence and access to interview appropriate Contractor personnel about security controls. (d) For websites or web servers hosted outside of the Smithsonian Herndon Data Center, the Contractor must allow OCIO to perform vulnerability scanning and penetration testing. Website owners should consult with information technology security staff to determine specific needs for their environment. (e) The Contractor shall maintain all Smithsonian Data inside the United States. (f) For Contractor custom developed (non-COTS) systems and websites to be hosted at the Smithsonian, Contractor shall complete all requested Smithsonian Assessment and Authorization documentation for the components/aspects of the system provided by Contractor, and shall fully cooperate with the Smithsonian’s security assessment process, including providing requested security control evidence and access to interview appropriate Contractor personnel about security controls. (g) For Contractor developed applications or Contractor built interactive systems (e.g., public-facing exhibit technology incorporated through digital signage, custom interactives, content players, media players, audio streaming devices, lighting or control automation systems), Contractor shall not circumvent the security of system (e.g., the use of backdoor or maintenance hook provisions are prohibited). (h) Contractor shall not implement into live production or use any system or website operated for the Smithsonian or containing Smithsonian Data until security and privacy authorization has been granted in writing by the Smithsonian Office of the Chief Information Officer (“OCIO”) and the Smithsonian Privacy Officer via the COTR. Contractor will resolve security deficiencies in order to successfully meet the applicable requirements of this section.

6. Credentials and Network Access: (a) Contractor and Contractor’s employees who have access to Smithsonian network/systems shall, when requested by the COTR, complete Smithsonian-provided privacy and security training

course(s), sign a nondisclosure agreement, sign a conflict of interest agreement, sign an acknowledgement of the requirements in this contract, provide fingerprints, pass a Smithsonian background check, and/or provide notice of the results of that background check to the COTR. The content and timing of the course(s), agreement, or background check shall be substantially similar to one that would be required of a Smithsonian employee with access to similar Smithsonian networks/systems. (b) Contractor shall notify the COTR at least two weeks before any of Contractor’s employee requiring a Smithsonian credential, network account or other access, or other Smithsonian-furnished equipment stops supporting the work of this contract. In the event that Contractor is not provided two weeks’ notice by its employee, Contractor will notify the COTR as soon as Contractor becomes aware of the employee’s departure from the contracted work. (c) Contractor shall, when any employee requiring a Smithsonian credential, network account or other access, or other Smithsonian furnished equipment stop supporting the work of this contract, provide such employee’s Smithsonian credential and any Smithsonian furnished equipment to the COTR within three business days.

7. Additional Terms: The bolded headings at the start of each section of this Smithsonian Institution Privacy and Security Clause are included only to assist the reader in navigating this Smithsonian Institution Privacy and Security Clause. The Parties intend the bolded headings to have no legal effect, and agree that the bolded headings are not intended to limit or modify any other language in this Smithsonian Institution Privacy and Security Clause.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR CLAUSES

It is understood that Contractor is undertaking the work hereunder as an independent contractor, not as an employee of the Smithsonian, and neither Contractor nor Contractor's employees are eligible for Smithsonian benefits, including coverage under FECA (workers compensation) and FTCA (Federal Tort Claims Act), or coverage under any Smithsonian workers compensation, medical, liability, or other insurance policy, or for legal protections afforded to employees under law applicable to employment relationships.

- (1) Contractor is responsible for providing, at Contractor's own expense and as necessary, disability, unemployment, workers compensation and other insurance, including adequate liability and property insurance, training, permits, and licenses for Contractor and for Contractor's employees.
- (2) Contractor is responsible for paying all taxes and income taxes, including estimated taxes, incurred as a result of the payments by Smithsonian to Contractor for performance of this contract.

The parties, by this contract, do not intend to create a partnership, principal/agent, or joint venture relationship, and nothing in this contract shall be construed as creating such a relationship between the parties. Neither party may incur any obligation on behalf of the other.

Contractor agrees and acknowledges that Smithsonian assumes no responsibility whatsoever for the acts, errors and/or omissions of Contractor beyond those that the Smithsonian is responsible for at law.

WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS

Contractor warrants the following: (1) He or she has full right and authority to enter into this Agreement; (2) he or she has full right and authority to grant all of the rights granted herein; (3) he or she is not under any obligation to any other party which may interfere with the performance of his or her obligations hereunder or conflict with or injure the work performed under this contract; and (4) he or she has not previously assigned, pledged or otherwise encumbered any rights herein granted to Smithsonian. Contractor represents that he or she has diligently taken prudent, responsible and customary measures to ensure that the materials provided by the Contractor contain no matter that is libelous or in violation of the copyright, patent right, or any property or personal right of any person or entity nor a violation of any statutory copyright, nor are otherwise contrary to law.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SMITHSONIAN PROPERTY

Contractor assumes full responsibility for and shall reimburse and indemnify the Smithsonian for any and all loss or damage of whatsoever kind and nature to any and all Smithsonian property, including any equipment, supplies, accessories, or parts furnished, while in Contractor's custody and care, or resulting in whole or in part from the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, any subcontractor, or any employee, agent, or representative of the Contractor or subcontractor.

NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Neither the Smithsonian's review, approval, acceptance of, nor payment for, the services required under this contract shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any cause of action arising out of the Contractor's performance of this contract.

INDEMNIFICATION

Contractor shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify Smithsonian Institution, its Regents, directors, officers, employees, volunteers, licensees, representatives and agents, and the Government of the United States, against any and all claims, loss and expense (including attorney's fees and litigation expenses), from loss or liability or injury to any persons (including employees or agents of the Contractor or his subcontractors) and from loss of or damage to any property (including property owned by Smithsonian) arising out of any act or omission of the Contractor, his employees, agents or subcontractors in the performance of this contract.



Smithsonian Institution

Office of Contracting and Personal Property Management

Notice to all Current and Prospective Smithsonian Institution Contractors

Subject: Mandatory Registration in the System for Award Management (SAM)

Individuals and companies that want to do business with U.S. government agencies, including the Smithsonian Institution, are required to maintain active and valid registrations in the System for Award Management (SAM). We are informing you of this requirement because you are a vendor who is already providing goods or services to the Smithsonian, have been requested to present pricing and/or proposals for goods or services, or currently participating in a Smithsonian solicitation for goods or services. Smithsonian employees are not authorized to complete contract and purchase order awards to vendors whose SAM registrations cannot be verified as active.

Registration with SAM is free and best accomplished via <https://www.sam.gov>. Before you begin SAM registration you will be required to obtain a DUNS number from Dun & Bradstreet (D&B). Access to D&B is available from the SAM website or at the company website, <http://www.dandb.com>. DUNS numbers are free when you indicate the number is needed to complete registration for U.S. government contract and grant awards. **Please note: Both the SAM and D&B websites include advertisements for private businesses offering registration assistance and other services for a fee. The utilization of such businesses is at your discretion and any fees paid are not reimbursable by the Smithsonian.**

Included with this letter are tips on how to register in SAM. These have been written by the Smithsonian Office of Contracting and Personal Property Management and are intended to convey specific information on how to register with SAM to do business with the Smithsonian. Full guidance on how to register in SAM is available from the Federal Services Help Desk (FSD) and Professional Technical Assistance Centers, as described in the tips.

Beginning on March 23, 2018, SAM requires all entities to mail a notarized letter to designate a system administrator before registration is completed. Please allow time within your registration planning and process to accommodate this requirement. The notarized letter must contain specific language written by SAM and outlined on the FSD website. More information on this notarized letter is contained in the tips portion of this letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you received this letter in conjunction with a solicitation or Request for Quote, please address any questions you may have to the Smithsonian point of contact whose name and telephone number are provided therein.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Dempsey".

Thomas E. Dempsey
Director

PO Box 37012, CC 350, MRC 1200
Washington, DC 20013-7012
202.633.7290 Telephone
202.633.7410 Help Desk

General Tips for Businesses To Register in SAM

1. **There is assistance directly on the SAM website to start registration.** Look for quick start guides and the SAM user manual using the Help tab on the SAM.gov website. These guides are helpful for vendors in completing the SAM registration process.
2. **You control all information entered into SAM, and may opt out of public searches.** If you choose to opt out of public searches, please notify the Smithsonian employee you are working with and provide confirmation of your SAM registration.
3. **Your IRS Tax Payer Consent Name in SAM must match your Legal Business Name in Duns and Bradstreet (D&B).** The Smithsonian will use your Legal Business Name in D&B to register you in our internal payment and tax reporting system. If your Legal Business Name in D&B and your Tax Payer Consent Name in SAM do not match this will create problems for you both while receiving payment from the Smithsonian and when paying taxes. (These two names may be different only if you are a single member LLC, and you report and pay taxes to the IRS using the owners name and tax id. In this case, IRS will count the owners name and tax id as the legal business name while disregarding the legal business name of the LLC registered in SAM.)
4. **You must register as eligible to receive “All Awards”.** When establishing an account, vendors have the option to register to receive either “All Awards” or “Federal Assistance Awards Only.” All Awards includes all procurement transactions issued by the Smithsonian. To do business with a vendor they must be registered appropriately. The Smithsonian does not distribute federal assistance awards, and cannot do business with vendors who are registered only to receive such awards.
5. **There can be no breaks in registration after completion.** After you have completed registration you will be required to update your information if it ever changes (such as mailing address or banking records) and notify Smithsonian staff as soon as possible. You will also be required to validate your registration at least annually. Your SAM registration must be active throughout the term of the award and when modifications or amendments to awards are required.
6. **Free assistance with SAM registration is available via the Federal Service Desk (FSD).** This is available at <http://www.fsd.gov>, 24 hours a day, or at the toll-free number 1-866-606-8220, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm ET.
7. **Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC) offer free assistance with SAM registration and obtaining a DUNS.** These centers are non-profit, non-governmental organizations established to assist you with doing business with the government. You must use the local or regional office closest to your business address. Locate the center nearest at <http://www.ptac-us.org>.

Tips for Businesses To Register in SAM – Submitting a Notarized Letter

Guidance for the required notarized letter is found at www.fsd.gov in the frequently asked questions section. The following information is extracted from the guidance. For further questions regarding the letter requirement, please contact FSD.

Excerpted from the FAQ section of www.fsd.gov.

When you register a new entity in the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov to do business with the U.S. Government, we require a notarized letter stating you are the authorized Entity Administrator before we will activate your SAM.gov entity registration.

1. This notarized letter needs to:
 - Be on your company/organization letterhead
 - Be signed by your company President, CEO, or other authorized signature authority
 - Contain your company/organization DUNS Number
 - Contain your company/organization Legal Business Name (as associated with the DUNS Number)
 - Contain your company/organization physical address (as associated with the DUNS Number)
 - Contain the new Entity Administrator's name, phone number, address, and email address
 - Contain the following statement above the signature block of your letter with the appropriate information inserted where noted:

“The purpose of this notarized letter is to designate **[insert name of Entity Administrator]** as Entity Administrator for **[insert Legal Business Name]**. I, **[insert Name and Title of signatory]**, hereby confirm that **[insert name of Entity Administrator]** is an authorized officer, agent, or representative of **[insert entity Legal Business Name, or, for individuals representing themselves, say him/herself]**. This letter will authorize **[insert name of Entity Administrator]** to have access to the System for Award Management (SAM). SAM is a computer system managed by the U.S. Government, and it is only accessible by individuals who are either authorized to represent a particular entity, or by individuals representing themselves. Accessing or using SAM, or information contained therein, for any unauthorized or illegal purposes, may have civil and criminal penalties, and may negatively impact the status of the SAM registration maintained on this entity. I, the below-signed, attest to the accuracy of all information contained in this letter.”

2. There is no cost to register in SAM -- it is free. However, if you choose to have a third-party company administer your SAM registration, with or without an associated fee, include the following statement in your notarized letter:

“For the purpose of registering with the United States Government through the online System for Award Management (SAM), I do hereby authorize **[insert name, phone number, address, and email address of the Third-Party Agent]** to act on behalf of **[insert entity Legal Business Name, DUNS Number, physical address, authorizing party's email address, and phone number]**. This authorization permits **[insert name, phone number, address, and email address of the Third-Party Agent]** to conduct all normal, common business functions within SAM while binding the signatory to all actions conducted and representations made as a result of authorization granted herein.

3. If you will not have a third-party company managing your SAM registration, include the following statement in your notarized letter:

“For the purpose of registering with the United States Government through the online System for Award Management (SAM), I do not authorize any third party to act on behalf of **[insert entity Legal Business Name]**.”

4. Letters omitting either the third-party authorization referenced in Step 2 or the statement referenced in Step 3 will be considered unacceptable.
5. The new Entity Administrator must have an individual SAM User Account created with the e-mail address provided in the notarized letter.
6. You must mail the original letter signed by the Notary to:

FEDERAL SERVICE DESK
ATTN: SAM.GOV REGISTRATION PROCESSING
100 CAPITOL COMMERCE BLVD STE 309
MONTGOMERY, AL 36117-4260

7. We will review your letter prior to activating the SAM registration.

Background Investigations and Credentials for Contractors' Personnel

This information applies to the Contractor's employees and subcontractors, who provide services for the Smithsonian Institution (SI). All contractors are subject to SI security directives in effect during the duration of their contracts with the SI.

1. **Background Investigations.** Specifically, all Contractor's employees to be assigned to the SI under this contract shall be required to receive an SI Credential if their association with SI will be greater than thirty (30) days and they will need access to staff-only areas of SI controlled facilities and leased spaces. Prior to being issued this SI Credential, the Contractor's employees shall be required to undergo and pass an appropriate background investigation and complete security awareness training. The Contractor's employees whose associations with the SI shall be less than 30 days shall not receive a background investigation or SI Credential, however, they must be escorted by Credentialed personnel at all times when in staff-only areas of SI facilities. Upon successful completion of a background investigation, the Contractor's employees to be assigned to SI shall be issued an SI Credential that must be worn and visible at all times while on duty and within staff-only areas of SI facilities. If the nature of the work does not require escorted access to SI facilities, or when SI Credentialed staff can accompany contractors at all times, the Contractor and/or Contractor's employees may begin work prior to receiving an SI Credential. Contractor's and subcontractor's employees shall not be allowed unescorted access to SI staff-only areas until they undergo an adjudicated background check and receive an SI Credential.
2. **Forms, Information and Reviews Required.** The Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), or other designated SI employee, shall furnish the Contractor with an OF-306 (Declaration for Federal Employment form). An OF-306 must be completed by each person employed by the Contractor who shall be assigned to SI. Completed forms OF-306 must be returned by the Contractor to the COTR, or other designated SI employee, within ten (10) workdays from receipt of the forms. Upon notification from the COTR or designated SI employee the Contractor shall send each employee to be assigned to this contract to the SI Personnel Security and ID Office for fingerprinting. For contractors to SI organizations outside the Washington DC and New York City areas, SF-87 Fingerprint Cards shall be provided to the Contractor by the COTR or other designated SI employee. If necessary, the forms SF-87 shall be submitted by the Contractor with the OF-306. Based on the information furnished, the SI shall conduct a background investigation referred to as Special Agreement Checks (SAC). The SAC includes but is not limited to:
 - Security Agency Checks (record of previous suitability determinations)
 - FBI National Criminal History Check
 - Law Enforcement Checks

SI shall review the investigation results and determine if the contractor and contractor's employees did not provide their true identities, or are otherwise not suitable for an SI Credential. SI shall provide the contractor with reasonable notice of the determination, including specific reason (s) the individual(s) has been determined to not have provided his/her true identity or is otherwise unsuitable for an SI Credential. The contractor or subcontractor has the right to answer the notice in writing and may provide documentation that refutes the validity, truthfulness, and/or completeness of the SI initial determination. After consideration of the initial determination and any documentation submitted by the contractor for reconsideration, the Director, Office of Protection Services (OPS), SI, or his/her designee, shall issue a written decision. The reconsideration decision by the Director, OPS, shall be final.

3. **Term Requirement for SI Credentials.** Throughout the life of the contract, the Contractor shall provide the same data for each new employee(s) or subcontractor(s) who will be assigned to this contract. The Contractor's SI Credentials shall expire annually and must be renewed, if necessary. It is the Contractor's responsibility to initiate the renewal process. The Contractor is not required to submit another set of background investigation forms for the Contractor's employees who have already been through this process.
4. **Relinquishing SI Credentials.** Upon expiration of the contract, or removal or termination of the Contractor's employees assigned to SI facilities, the Contractor shall return all SI Credentials issued to the Contractor's and /or subcontractor's employees to the COTR or other designated SI employee.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION RIGHTS-IN-DATA CLAUSE

As used herein, the term “Subject Data” includes, but is not limited to, literary works; musical works, including any accompanying words; dramatic works, including any accompanying music; pantomimes and choreographic works; pictorial, graphic and sculptural works; motion pictures and other audiovisual works; sound recordings; and architectural works, as each of those terms are used and defined by the Copyright Act of the United States (17 USCS §101, et. seq.) (the “Copyright Act”) and works of any similar nature (whether or not copyrighted) which are included in the material to be delivered under this contract.

(a) Work for Hire. All Subject Data first produced, composed, or created in the performance of this contract, where such Subject Data consists of a work: (i) specially ordered or commissioned for use as a contribution to a collective work; (ii) as part of a motion picture or other audiovisual work; (iii) as a translation; (iv) as a supplementary work; (v) as a compilation; (vi) as an instructional text; (vii) as a test; (viii) as answer material for a test; or (ix) as an atlas, as each of those terms are used and defined by the Copyright Act, shall be considered a “work made for hire,” as that term is defined under the Copyright Act. The copyright to such Subject Data shall be the exclusive property of Smithsonian and may be registered by the Smithsonian Institution in its own name.

(b) Other Copyrightable Works. All Subject Data first produced in the performance of this contract, where such Subject Data consists of copyrightable materials that do not fall within the enumerated categories for work for hire, shall become the property of Smithsonian. Contractor hereby transfers to Smithsonian full legal title and all right, title, and interest in the copyright to all such Subject Data, including without limitation, all preliminary renditions of the Subject Data whether or not such renditions are actually delivered to Smithsonian. The copyright to such Subject Data shall be the exclusive property of Smithsonian and may be registered by the Smithsonian Institution in its own name.

(c) Except as specified herein, no Subject Data first produced in the performance of this Agreement may be published or reproduced by Contractor in whole or in part, in any manner or form, without Smithsonian’s prior written consent. Contractor agrees that no right at common law or in equity shall be asserted, and no claim to copyright by statute shall be established by Contractor in any such Subject Data without Smithsonian’s prior written consent. Contractor shall secure Smithsonian’s legal title and interests in and to all Subject Data that is produced for Contractor by third parties pursuant to this Agreement.

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