52.214-21 Descriptive Literature.

As prescribed in 14.201-6(p)(1), insert the following provision:

Descriptive Literature (Apr 2002)

Date of prior contract

(a) "Descriptive literature," as used in this provision, means information furnished by a bidder, such as cuts, illustrations, drawings, and brochures, that shows a product's characteristics or construction or explains its operation. The term includes only that information required to evaluate the acceptability of the product and excludes other information for operating or maintaining the product.

product.
(b) <i>Descriptive literature</i> is required to establish, for the purpose of evaluation and award, details of the product offered that are specified elsewhere in the <i>solicitation</i> and pertain to significant elements such as-
(1) Design;
(2) Materials;
(3) Components;
(4) Performance characteristics; and
(5) Methods of manufacture, assembly, construction, or operation.
(c) Descriptive literature, required elsewhere in this solicitation, shall be-
(1) Identified to show the item(s) of the <i>offer</i> to which it applies; and
(2) Received by the time specified in this <i>solicitation</i> .
(d) If the bidder fails to submit <i>descriptive literature</i> on time, the Government will reject the bid, except that late <i>descriptive literature</i> sent by mail <i>may</i> be considered under the Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals of Bids provision of this <i>solicitation</i> .
(e) If the <i>descriptive literature</i> fails to show that the product offered conforms to the requirements of the <i>solicitation</i> , the Government will reject the bid.
(End of provision)
Alternate I (Jan 2017). As prescribed in $\underline{14.201-6}$ (p)(2), add the following paragraphs (f) and (g) to the basic provision:
(f) The Contracting Officer may waive the requirement for furnishing descriptive literature if the offeror has supplied a product that is the same as that required by this solicitation under a prior contract. A bidder that requests a waiver of this requirement shall provide the following information:
Prior contract number

Line item number of product supplied	
Name and address of Government activity to which delivery was made	
Date of final delivery of product supplied	

(g) Bidders *shall* submit bids on the basis of required *descriptive literature* or on the basis of a previously supplied product under paragraph (f) of this provision. A bidder submitting a bid on one of these two bases *may* not elect to have its bid considered on the alternative basis after the time specified for receipt of bids. The Government will disregard a bidder's request for a waiver under paragraph (f) if that bidder has submitted the *descriptive literature* requested under this *solicitation*.

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