

# 52.217-11 Reverse Auction—Orders.

As prescribed in [17.805\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

*Reverse Auction—Orders* (Aug 2024)

(a) *Definitions*. As used in this clause—

*Reverse auction* means the process for obtaining *pricing*, usually supported by an electronic tool, in which *offerors* see competing *offerors'* price(s), without disclosure of the competing *offerors'* identity, and have the opportunity to submit lower priced *offers* until the close of the auction.

*Reverse auction service provider* means a commercial or Government entity that provides a means for conducting *reverse auctions* when acquiring *supplies* or services to be used by the Government.

(b) *Reverse auction*. The *Contracting Officer* may conduct a *reverse auction* to award an order under this contract or blanket purchase agreement.

(c) *Contractor agreement*. When a *reverse auction* is conducted under this contract or blanket purchase agreement, the following applies:

(1) The Contractor's or blanket purchase agreement holder's submission of a quote or proposal in response to the *solicitation* for an order constitutes agreement to participate in the auction.

(2) The Contractor agrees that the Government *may* reveal to all *Offerors* the offered price(s) in the auction, without revealing any *Offerors'* identity, except for the awardee's identity subsequent to an award resulting from the auction.

(3) The Contractor or blanket purchase agreement holder *may* withdraw its agreement to further participate in the *reverse auction* by withdrawing its *offer*. To withdraw an *offer* made in response to a *reverse auction solicitation* issued under this contract or blanket purchase agreement, the Contractor or blanket purchase agreement holder *shall* notify the *Contracting Officer* of the request before the close of the auction via the contact method identified in the *solicitation*.

(4) If the *reverse auction* produces only one *offer*, the Government reserves the right to cancel the auction.

(d) *Release of information*. The Government *may* use a *reverse auction* service provider to conduct the *reverse auction*. Any price or proposal information or *source selection information* received by the *reverse auction* service provider in relation to the *reverse auction* *shall* not be released, outside of the Government, unless otherwise required by law. However, this does not prevent the Government from revealing to all Contractors or blanket purchase agreement holders the offered price(s) in the auction, without revealing any Contractor or blanket purchase agreement holder's identity. Price or proposal information includes, but is not limited to—

(1) Contractor bid or proposal information, as defined at Federal *Acquisition Regulation* [3.104-1](#);

(2) Price or proposal information similarly generated for a *task order* or *delivery order* or an order under a blanket purchase agreement; and

(3) Information identified by the Contractor or blanket purchase agreement holder as restricted from

duplication, use, or disclosure—in whole or in part—for any purpose other than to evaluate the Contractor or blanket purchase agreement holder's price or proposal.

(End of clause)

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