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TITLE: FIRST ARTICLE APPROVAL: ALTERNATE OFFERS/BIDS/QUOTES (USAAMCOM)

TEXT

(a) When supplies identical or similar to those called for in the solicitation have been previously furnished by the offeror/bidder/quoter and have been accepted by the Government, the requirement for First Article Approval may be waived by the Contracting Officer. However, the Contracting Officer may determine the waiver of the First Article Approval requirement is not in the best interest of the Government; therefore, all offerors/bidders/quoters must submit an offer/bid/quote based on compliance with the First Article Approval provisions of this solicitation in order to insure being considered responsive. This offer/bid/quote must appear in the "Offer "A" - First Article Approval - Contractor Testing Required/"Bid "A" - First Article Approval - Contractor Testing Required" portion of Section B for each item requiring First Article Approval.

(b) All offerors/bidders/quoters who have previously furnished supplies identical or similar to those called for in this solicitation, which have been accepted by the Government, are urged to also submit an offer/bid/quote based on exclusion of the requirement for First Article Approval. Offerors/bidders/quoters who submit an offer/bid/quote based on exclusion of the requirement for First Article Approval must furnish test reports or other evidence (e.g., number of contract covering a prior procurement or test) with the offer/bid/quote to show that he has manufactured and delivered under any prior Government contract the First Article and/or production equipment which, in the case of First Article equipment has been approved or conditionally approved prior to the closing date of this Request for Proposal/Request for Quotation/opening date of this Invitation for Bid or, in the case of production equipment, has been accepted by the Government prior to said date of closing/opening. Such test reports or other evidence shall be considered in determining whether Government approval without a First Article Approval requirement may be appropriate for the pending procurement.

(c) For the purpose of this solicitation the terms "First Article Approval", "Preproduction Inspection", "Preproduction Sample Testing", or other similarly described testing are synonymous.

(End of Clause)