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TITLE: PARTICIPATION IN THE PARTNERING PROCESS (USAAMCOM)

TEXT

In an effort to most effectively accomplish the objectives of this contract, it is proposed that the Government, the contractor, and its major subcontractors engage in the Partnering process.

Participation in the Partnering process is entirely voluntary and is based upon a mutual commitment between Government and industry to work cooperatively as a Team to identify and resolve problems and facilitate contract performance. The primary objective of the process is providing the American warfighter with the highest quality supplies/services on time and at a reasonable price. Partnering requires the parties to look beyond the strict bounds of the contract in order to formulate actions that promote their common goals and objectives. It is a relationship that is based upon open and continuous communications, mutual trust and respect, and the replacement of the "us vs. them" mentality of the past with a "win-win" philosophy for the future. Partnering also promotes synergy, creative thinking, pride in performance, and the creation of a shared vision for success.

After contract award, the Government and the successful offeror will decide whether or not to engage in the Partnering process. Accordingly, offerors shall not include any anticipated costs associated with the implementation of the Partnering process in their proposed cost/price (e.g., cost of hiring a facilitator and conducting the Partnering Workshop). If the parties elect to partner, any costs associated with that process shall be identified and agreed to after contract award.

The establishment of this Partnering arrangement does not affect the legal responsibilities or relationship of the parties and cannot be used to alter, supplement or deviate from the terms of the contract. Any changes to the contract must be executed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

Implementation of the Partnering relationship will be based upon the AMC Model Partnering for Success Process, as well as the principles and procedures set forth in the AMC Partnering Guide.

For information about the Partnering process and procedures the Partnering Success Guide may be found at http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/command_counsel/partnering.html.