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| **AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT** | | | | | | | | | | | 1. CONTRACT ID CODE | | | PAGES OF PAGES | | | |
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| 2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.  **Mass Modification 0016** | | | | 3. EFFECTIVE DATE  01/01/2022 | | | | 4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. | | | | 5. PROJECT NO. *(If applicable)* | | | | | |
| 6. ISSUED BY: CODE: | | | | | 003B6B | | | 7. ADMINISTERED BY *(If other than Item 6)* CODE: | | | | | | |  | | |
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| 8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR *(No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)* | | | | | | | | | (X) | 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NUMBER | | | | | | | |
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| 9B. DATED *(SEE ITEM 11)* | | | | | | | |
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| X | 10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER | | | | | | | |
| 10B. DATED *(SEE ITEM 13)* | | | | | | | |
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| 11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers  is extended  is not extended.  Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:  (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning     copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted;  or (c) By separate letter or electronic communication which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by letter or electronic communication, provided each letter or electronic communication makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA *(If required)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS.**  **IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (x) | A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: *(Specify authority)* THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES *(such as changes in paying office,* *appropriation date, etc.)* SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| X | C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:  52.212-4(c) Contract Terms and Conditions - Commercial Items (Changes) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | D. OTHER *(Specify type of modification and authority)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E. **IMPORTANT**: Contractor  is not,  is required to sign this document and return  1 copies to the issuing office. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (*Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)*  **Schedule 621 I Professional & Allied Healthcare Staffing Services - Mass Modification - COVID-19**  This modification is issued to extend the expiration date of COVID19 Market Differential incorporated under Mass Modification 0010. Please see page 2-3 for changes hereby incorporated into FSS contract number in block 10A. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER *(Type or print)* | | | | | | 16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER *(Type or print)*  William R. Satterfield | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  *(Signature of person authorized to sign)* | | | 15C. DATE SIGNED | | | 16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  *(Signature of Contracting Officer)* | | | | | | | 16C. DATE SIGNED | | | | |
| EXCEPTION TO SF 30 STANDARD FORM 30 (REV. 11/2016)  APPROVED BY OIRM 11-84 Prescribed by GSA FAR (48 CFR) 53.243 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**Background**

Mass Mod 0010 was issued April 10, 2020. The expiration date of the authority outlined in the modification was subsequently extended to 12/31/2021. See MM11 and MM12.

**Effective Period**

This modification is issued to extend the expiration date of COVID19 Market Differential incorporated under Mass Modification (MM) 0010. The effective period of this authority is extended conterminous to the expiration of the Emergency Declaration issued by the President of the United States. The authority will terminate on the date the declaration expires or when officially rescinded in writing by a National Acquisition Center (NAC) Federal Supply Schedule Service Contracting Officer, whichever occurs latest. The NAC-CO may rescind the authority in whole or in part. Any Task Order in progress at the date of expiration or rescission of this modification will be addressed by the ordering activity Contracting Officer to remove the COVID-19 Market Differential from the order by mutual agreement of the parties.

**COVID-19 Market Differential**

The awarded FSS hourly ceiling rate established under this contract shall remain the base contract price for all covered labor categories and geographic locations. This is normally called the national not to exceed rate (NTE). The contract’s current basis for adjusting the NTE utilizes Economic Price Adjustments, CPI-U index, and DOL Wage Rates which may not be adequate to address current market conditions based on the temporary and extreme volatility regarding qualified healthcare professionals who are in high demand and sought after by public and private healthcare operations across the country. COVID-19 has resulted in a nationwide demand for an unprecedented massive number of healthcare professionals. Local market conditions vary widely and the ever changing state-by-state and local COVID-19 regulations impact the intra-state and interstate movement of people around the country and as a result it is prudent and essential that a COVID-19 Market Differential be incorporated during the pandemic response. The ordering activity contracting officer (CO) may utilize a COVID-19 Market Differential, and add to the base price at time of order, where the NTE does not represent the current market conditions and a differential is required and justified by the CO to acquire necessary healthcare staffing services under the current extreme circumstances. The contractor is required to provide the ordering office CO with justification and/or documentation to support any proposed market differential.

**Travel/Lodging**

Cost associated with Travel and lodging shall be negotiated by the ordering office and listed on the task order as separately priced line items. CO must adhere to Federal Travel Regulations.

**Economic Price Adjustment**

This contract remains subject to Clause I-FSS-969, Economic Price Adjustment. Proposed changes to the FSS hourly ceiling rate, unrelated to COVID-19, will be evaluated in accordance with the EPA clause.

**All other terms/conditions of the contract remain unchanged.**