

GENERAL TERMS OF SALE
(Government Real and Related Personal Property)

1. TERM – “INVITATION FOR BIDS.”

The term “Invitation for Bids” as used herein refers to the foregoing Invitation for Bids, and its schedule; the Instructions to Bidders; the general terms of sale set forth herein; and the provisions of the Special Terms of Sale, Bid Form, and Acceptance; all as may be modified and supplemented by any addenda that may be issued prior to the time fixed in the Invitation for Bids for the opening of bids or conducting of an auction.

2. DESCRIPTIONS IN INVITATION FOR BIDS.

The descriptions of the property set forth in the Invitation for Bids and any other information provided therein with respect to said property are based on information available to the GSA sales office and are believed to be correct, but any error or omission, including but not limited to the omission of any information available to the agency having custody over the property and/or any other federal agency, shall not constitute ground or reason for nonperformance of the contract of sale, or claim by purchaser for allowance, refund, or deduction from the purchase price.

3. INSPECTION.

Bidders are invited, urged, and cautioned to inspect the property to be sold prior to submitting a bid. The failure of any bidder to inspect, or to be fully informed as to the condition of all or any portion of the property offered, will not constitute grounds for any claim or demand for adjustment or withdrawal of a bid after the bid opening or auction.

4. CONDITION OF PROPERTY.

The property is offered for sale and will be sold “As Is” and “Where Is” without representation, warranty, or guaranty as to quantity, quality, title, character, condition, size, or kind, or that the same is in condition or fit to be used for the purpose for which intended, and no claim for any allowance or deduction upon such grounds will be considered after the bid opening or conclusion of an auction.

5. ZONING.

Verification of the present zoning and determination of permitted uses thereunder, along with compliance of the property for present or proposed future use, shall be the responsibility of the bidder and the Government makes no representation in regard thereto. The Government does not guarantee that any zoning information is necessarily accurate or will remain unchanged. Any inaccuracies or changes in the zoning information shall not be cause for adjustment or rescission of any contract resulting from this Invitation for Bids or Sales Agreement.

6. CONTINUING OFFERS.

Each bid received shall be deemed to be a continuing offer after the date of bid opening or auction for 60 calendar days, unless the bid is accepted or rejected by the Government before the expiration of the 60 calendar days. If the Government desires to accept any bid after the expiration of the 60 calendar days, the consent of the bidder shall be obtained prior to such expiration.

7. POSSESSION.

a. The successful bidder agrees to assume possession of the property within 15 calendar days of a written request given by the Government after acceptance of his/her bid. Should the successful bidder fail to take actual possession within such period, bidder shall, nonetheless be charged with constructive possession commencing at 12:01 a.m., local time at the location of the property, on the 16th calendar day after such request by the Government. The word “possession” shall mean either actual physical possession or constructive possession.

b. Although by assuming possession under a, above, the bidder incurs certain responsibilities and obligations under other conditions of this contract, such possession does not confer any right in the bidder either to make any alterations or improvements in or to the property or to use it for any purpose of his own without first obtaining the written approval of the Contracting Officer. Any such approval will be conditioned on the bidder paying to the Government for the privileges granted, for the period from the date of the approval to the date of conveyance, an amount equal to the interest for such interval of time on the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The interest rate shall be computed based on the yield of 10-year United States Treasury maturities as reported by the Federal Reserve Board

in “Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15” plus 1 – 1/2% rounded to the nearest one-eighth percent (1/8%) as of the date of bid acceptance.

8. TAXES.

As of the date of assumption of possession of the property, or the date of conveyance, whichever occurs first, the successful bidder shall assume responsibility for all general and special real and personal property taxes which may have been or may be assessed on the property and to prorate sums paid, or due to be paid, by the Government in lieu of taxes,

9. RISK OF LOSS.

As of the date of assumption of possession of the property, or the date of conveyance, whichever occurs first, the successful bidder shall assume responsibility for care and handling and all risks of loss or damage to the property and have all obligations and liabilities of ownership.

10. INSURANCE.

a. In the event a bid to purchase on credit terms is accepted, the successful bidder shall procure and maintain insurance at bidder's expense during the term credit is extended effective as of the date of assumption of possession of the property or the date of conveyance, whichever occurs first, for the benefit of the Government in such kinds and amounts as may be required by the Government.

b. In the event a bid to purchase for cash is accepted and possession of the property is assumed by the successful bidder prior to the date of conveyance, the successful bidder shall procure and maintain insurance at bidder's expense, effective for the period from the date of assumption of possession to date of conveyance, for the benefit of the Government in such kinds and amounts as may be required by the Government.

c. Fire, extended coverage, and vandalism and malicious mischief insurance shall be maintained on the real and personal property covered by the bid, and such other property insurance as required to protect the Government's interest, and shall be in such amounts which, after taking into account the coinsurance provision, if any, of the insurance policies, will protect the unpaid indebtedness. All property insurance policies furnished in connection with credit sales shall be written in the name of the bidder, but shall name General Services Administration, as loss payee under a Standard Mortgage Clause (non-contributing) for real property and as a loss payee for personal property.

d. Insurance required by the Government shall be in companies acceptable to the Government and shall include such terms and provisions as may be required to provide coverage satisfactory to the Government. The original insurance policies or binders of insurance for the required insurance shall be provided as of the date of closing of the sale and all insurance policies or binders shall include a thirty (30) calendar day notice of cancellation to GSA.

e. Information concerning insurance requirements will be furnished by the Office of Real Estate Sales.

11. CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO CREDIT SALES.

a. In the event a bid to purchase on credit terms is authorized in the Invitation for Bids, financial data, references, and such other information as may be requested by the Government, after bid opening, shall be promptly furnished by the bidder.

b. No bid will be considered that proposes either a down payment in an amount less than the minimum requirements as stated in the Invitation for Bids, or a greater period of time for payment than as stated in said Invitation for Bids.

c. The Government's acceptance of any bid to purchase on credit terms may be rescinded by the Government, in the event of an adverse finding by the Government as to the bidder's financial responsibility, without liability on the part of the Government other than to return the earnest money deposit without interest.

d. Contemporaneously with the delivery to the successful bidder of documents conveying the property purchased, the bidder shall execute and deliver to the Government:

(1) A bond or note, in the form and substance satisfactory to the Government, evidencing bidder's obligation for payment of the balance of the purchase price; and

(2) A purchase money mortgage, vendor's lien and mortgage, or deed of trust, in conformity with the practice of the State in which the

property is located, the document in any case, however, to be in form and substance satisfactory to the Government, and in any event to include:

(a) A restriction against sale, lease (unless the property was offered without leasing restrictions), or other disposition of the mortgaged property or any part thereof without prior written consent of the Government;

(b) A requirement for provisions of insurance coverage satisfactory to the Government as to types of risks, amounts, and insurers;

(c) A provision that the principal obligation may be prepaid in full, or in part, at any time, without penalty;

(d) A provision that partial payments made in advance of the regular schedule of payments shall be applied against the principal obligation in inverse order of maturity; and

(e) Agreement on the part of the mortgagor to allowance of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the Government in the event of foreclosure, and to a deficiency judgment (where not prohibited by State law) after foreclosure sale or exercise of power of sale in the mortgage.

(f) Interest shall be computed based on the yield of 10-year United States Treasury maturities as reported by the Federal Reserve Board in "Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15" plus 1 - 1/2% rounded to the nearest one-eighth percent (1/8%) as of the date of bid acceptance. Accrued interest shall be paid with each principal installment.

12. ANTITRUST LAWS.

The contract made by acceptance of a bid by the Government may be transmitted to the Attorney General of the United States for his advice as to whether the sale would tend to create or maintain a situation inconsistent with the antitrust laws. The acceptance of any bid by the Government may be rescinded by the Government, in case unfavorable advice is received from the Attorney General, without liability on the part of the Government other than to return the earnest money deposit without interest.

13. REVOCATION OF BID AND DEFAULT.

In the event of revocation of a bid after the opening of bids or conducting of an auction but prior to acceptance, or in the event of revocation of a bid after notice of acceptance, or in the event of any default by the successful bidder in the performance of the contract of sale created by such acceptance, or in the event of failure by the successful bidder to consummate the transaction, the deposit, together with any payments subsequently made on account, may be forfeited at the option of the Government, in which event the bidder shall be relieved from further liability, or without forfeiting the said deposit and payments, the Government may avail itself of any legal or equitable rights which it may have under the bid or contract of sale.

14. GOVERNMENT LIABILITY.

If this Invitation for Bids is accepted by the Seller and: (1) Seller fails for any reason to perform its obligations as set forth herein; or (2) Title does not transfer or vest in the Purchaser for any reason although Purchaser is ready, willing, and able to close, Seller shall promptly refund to Purchaser all amounts of money Purchaser has paid without interest whereupon Seller shall have no further liability to Purchaser.

15. TITLE EVIDENCE.

Any title evidence which may be desired by the successful bidder will be procured by him at his sole cost and expense. The Government will, however, cooperate with the successful bidder or his authorized agent in this connection, and will permit examination and inspection of such deeds, abstracts, affidavits of title, judgments in condemnation proceedings, or other documents relating to the title of the premises and property involved, as it may have available. It is understood that the Government will not be obligated to pay for any expense incurred in connection with title matters or survey of the property.

16. TITLE

If a bid for the purchase of the property is accepted, the Government's interest will be conveyed by a quitclaim deed or deed without warranty and/or, where appropriate, a bill of sale in conformity with local law and practice.

17. TENDER OF PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF INSTRUMENT OF CONVEYANCE.

The Government shall set a sale closing date, said date to be not later than 30 calendar days after acceptance of the bid. On the closing date, the successful bidder shall tender to the Government, by wire transfer, the balance of the purchase price (if a cash sale), or (if a credit sale) the successful bidder shall pay the balance of the down payment, and shall execute and deliver to the Government the instruments described in 11d, above, and furnish evidence of insurance coverage. Upon such tender being made by the successful bidder, the Government shall deliver to the successful bidder the instrument, or instruments, of conveyance. The Government reserves the right to extend the closing date for a reasonable amount of time for purposes of preparing necessary conveyance documents. In any event, if possession was assumed by the successful bidder prior to the date of conveyance, the successful bidder shall pay, in addition to the purchase money due, an amount determined in accordance with 7, above.

18. DELAYED CLOSING.

The successful bidder shall pay interest on the outstanding balance of the purchase price if the closing of the sale is delayed, and the delay is caused, directly or indirectly, by the successful bidder's action and not by any action on the part of the Government. The interest rate shall be computed based on the yield of 10-year United States Treasury maturities as reported by the Federal Reserve Board in "Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15" plus 1 - 1/2% rounded to the nearest one-eighth percent (1/8%) as of the date of bid acceptance. The Government reserves the right to refuse a request for extension of closing.

19. DOCUMENTARY STAMPS AND COST OF RECORDING.

The successful bidder shall pay all taxes and fees imposed on this transaction and shall obtain at bidder's own expense and affix to all *instruments of conveyance and security documents such revenue and documentary stamps* as may be required by Federal and local law. All instruments of conveyance and security documents shall be placed on record in the manner prescribed by local recording statutes at the successful bidder's expense.

20. CONTRACT.

The Invitation for Bids, and the bid when accepted by the Government, shall constitute an agreement for sale between the successful bidder and the Government. Such agreement shall constitute the whole contract to be succeeded only by the formal instruments of transfer, unless modified in writing and signed by both parties. No oral statements or representations made by, or for, or on behalf of either party shall be a part of such contract. Nor shall the contract, or any interest therein, be transferred or assigned by the successful bidder without consent of the Government, and any assignment transaction without such consent shall be void.

21. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT.

No member of or delegate to the Congress, or resident commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of the contract of sale or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to the contract of sale if made with a corporation for its general benefit.