

period of time originally allowed arose out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Purchaser, such determination shall be reduced to writing, and a reasonable extension of time for removal shall be allowed. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and severe weather. If the Purchaser is permitted to remove the property after the expiration of the time originally allowed for removal or any additional time allowed by the Contracting Officer pursuant to this clause, the Government, without limiting any other rights which it may have, may require the Purchaser to pay a reasonable storage charge. The Purchaser shall reimburse the Government for any damage to Government property caused during the removal operations by the Purchaser or his/her authorized representative.

(c) Items purchased under the Invitation will be released only to the Purchaser or his/her authorized representative. The authorized representative must furnish authorization from the Purchaser to the Custodian of the property location before any delivery of release will be made. When property is described as being boxed, packed, crated, skidded, or in containers, the Government does not warrant that the property, as packaged, is suitable for shipment.

(d) Segregation, culling, or selection of property for the purpose of effecting partial or increment removals will not be permitted except as specifically authorized and prescribed by the Government.

#### 9. DEFAULT.

If, after the award, the Purchaser breaches the contract by failure to make payment within the time allowed by the contract as required by Condition No. 6, or by failure to remove the property as required by Condition No. 8, then the Government may send the Purchaser a 15-day written notice of default (calculated from date of mailing), and upon Purchaser's failure to cure such default within that period (or such further period as the Contracting Officer may allow) the Purchaser shall lose all right, title, and interest which he/she might otherwise have acquired in and to such property as to which a default has occurred. The Purchaser agrees that in the event he/she fails to pay for the property or remove the same within the prescribed period(s) of time, the Government shall be entitled to retain (or collect) as liquidated damages a sum equal to the greater of (a) 20 percent of the purchase price of the item(s) as to which the default has occurred, or (b) \$25, or purchase price of such item(s) if the purchase price is less than \$25: Provided, That in the event of multiple awards of items under a single Invitation for Bids, the amount to be charged, if the minimum charge provided for in (b) above is applicable, shall be determined by the total purchase price reflected in the award documents: Provided further, That the maximum sum which may be recovered by the Government as damages for failure of the Purchaser to pay for and remove the property shall be the formula amount. The Government shall specifically apprise the Purchaser, either in its original notice of default (or in separate subsequent written notice), that upon the expiration of the period prescribed for curing the default, the formula amount will be retained (or collected) by the Government as liquidated damages. However, if the property was sold on a "per lot" basis and the Purchaser removes a portion of the lot but fails to remove the balance, no portion of the purchase price will be refunded. If the Purchaser otherwise fails in the performance of his/her obligations, the Government may exercise such rights and may pursue such remedies as are provided by law or under the contract.

#### 10. SETOFF OF REFUNDS.

The Bidder or Purchaser agrees that the selling agency may use all or a portion of any bid deposit or refund due him/her to satisfy, in whole or in part, any debts arising out of prior transactions with the Government.

#### 11. INTEREST.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, unless paid within 30 calendar days from the date of first written demand, all amounts that become payable by the Purchaser to the Government under this contract shall bear simple interest at the rate which has been established by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in Section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-563), from the date of first written demand until paid.

#### 12. ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATION IN QUANTITY OR WEIGHT.

Unless otherwise provided in the Invitation, when property is sold by a unit other than "weight", the Government reserves the right to vary the quantity tendered or delivered to the Purchaser by 10 percent; when the property is sold by "weight", the Government reserves the right to vary the weight tendered or delivered to the Purchaser by 25 percent. The purchase price will be adjusted upward or downward in accordance with the unit price and on the basis of the quantity or weight actually delivered. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the Invitation, no adjustment for such variation will be made where property is sold on a "price for the lot" basis.

#### 13. WEIGHING, SWITCHING, AND SPOTTING.

Where weighing is necessary to determine the exact purchase price, the Purchaser shall arrange for and pay all expenses of weighing the property (unless Government scales are available on the premises). All switching and spotting charges shall be paid by the Purchaser unless such services are performed with Government-owned or Government-operated locomotives on Government property. When removal is by truck, weighing shall be under the supervision of the Government and at its option on: (a) Government scales, (b) certified scales, or (c) other scales acceptable to both parties. When removal is by rail, weighing shall be on railroad track scales, or by other means acceptable to the railroad for freight purposes.

#### 14. RISK OF LOSS.

Unless otherwise provided in the Invitation, the Government will be responsible for the care and protection of the property subsequent to it being available for inspection and prior to its removal. Any loss, damage, or destruction occurring during such period will be adjusted by the Contracting Officer to the extent it was not caused directly or indirectly by the Purchaser, its agents, or employees. At the discretion of the Contracting Officer, the adjustment may consist of rescission. With respect to losses only, in the event the property is offered for sale by the "lot," no adjustment will be authorized under this provision unless the Government is notified of the loss prior to removal from the installation of any portion of the lot with respect to which the loss is claimed.

#### 15. LIMITATION ON GOVERNMENTS LIABILITY.

Except for reasonable packing, loading, and transportation costs (such packing, loading, and transportation costs being