

H-14 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: PAY AND BENEFITS(a) Human Resources Compensation Plan

The Contractor shall submit by close of contract transition, a *Human Resources Compensation Plan* demonstrating how the Contractor will comply with the requirements of this Contract. The *Human Resources Compensation Plan* shall describe the Contractor's policies regarding compensation, pensions and other benefits, and how these policies will support at reasonable cost the effective recruitment and retention of a highly skilled, motivated, and experienced workforce.

(b) Total Compensation System

The Contractor shall develop, implement and maintain formal policies, practices and procedures to be used in the administration of its compensation system including a compensation system Self-Assessment Plan consistent with FAR 31.205-6 and DEAR 970.3102-05-6; "Compensation for Personal Services" (Total Compensation System"). DOE-approved standards (e.g., set forth in an advance understanding or appendix), if any, shall be applied to the Total Compensation System. The Contractor's Total Compensation System shall meet the tests of allowability established by and in accordance with FAR 31.205-6 and DEAR 970.3102-05-6, be fully documented, consistently applied, and acceptable to the Contracting Officer. Costs incurred in implementing the Total Compensation System shall be consistent with the Contractor's documented Human Resources Compensation Plan as approved by the Contracting Officer.

(c) Appraisals of Contractor Performance

DOE will conduct periodic appraisals of Contractor performance with respect to Total Compensation System implementation. Such appraisals will be conducted through either DOE validation of the Contractor's performance self-assessment of its Total Compensation System or third party expert review.

(d) Reports and Information

The Contractor shall provide the Contracting Officer with the following reports and information with respect to pay and benefits provided under this Contract:

- (1) An Annual Contractor Salary-Wage Increase Expenditure Report to include, at a minimum, breakouts for merit, promotion, variable pay, special adjustments, and structure movements for each pay structure

showing actual against approved amounts.

- (2) A list of the top five most highly compensated executives as defined in FAR 31.205-6(p)(2)(ii) and their total cash compensation at the time of Contract award, and at the time of any subsequent change to their total cash compensation.
- (3) An Annual Report of Contractor Expenditures for Employee Supplemental Compensation through the Department Workforce Information System (WFIS) Compensation and Benefits Module no later than March 1 of each year.
- (4) A performance self-assessment of the Total Compensation System implementation and results to include an evaluation of total benefits using the Employee Benefits Value Study and the Employee Benefits Cost Survey Comparison Analysis described in paragraph (f) below.

(e) Pay and Benefit Programs

The Contractor shall establish pay and benefit programs for Incumbent Employees and Non-Incumbent Employees as defined in paragraphs (1) and (2) below; provided, however, that employees scheduled to work fewer than 20 hours per week receive only those benefits required by law. Employees are eligible for benefits, subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of each benefit program.

- (1) Incumbent Employees are the employees who hold regular appointments, excluding discretionary incumbent management personnel as defined in Section H-57(b), with the Washington Savannah River Company (WSRC) performing entity as of date of award.
 - (A) Pay. Subject to Section H-57 below, the Contractor shall provide equivalent pay to Incumbent Employees as compared to pay provided by WSRC performing entity for at least the first year of the term of the Contract.
 - (B) Pension and Other Benefits. The Contractor shall provide a total package of benefits to Incumbent Employees comparable to that provided by WSRC. Comparability of the total benefit package shall be determined by the CO in his/her sole discretion.

Incumbent Employees shall remain in their existing pension plans (or comparable successor plans if continuation of the existing plans is not practicable) pursuant to pension plan eligibility requirements and applicable law. The Contractor shall become a sponsor of the existing

pension and other benefit plans (or comparable successor plans), including other post-retirement benefit (PRB) plans, as applicable, for Incumbent Employees and retired plan participants, with responsibility for management and administration of the plans. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining the qualified status of those plans. The Contractor shall carry over the length of service credit and leave balances accrued as of the date of the Contractor's assumption of Contract performance.

- (2) Non-Incumbent Employees are new hires, i.e., employees other than Incumbent Employees who are hired by the Contractor after date of award. All Non-Incumbent Employees shall receive a total pay and benefits package that provides for market-based retirement and medical benefit plans that are competitive with the industry from which the Contractor recruits its employees and in accordance with Contract requirements.
- (3) Cash Compensation
 - (A) The Contractor shall submit the following to the Contracting Officer for a determination of cost allowability for reimbursement under the Contract:
 - (i) Any additional compensation system self-assessment data requested by the Contracting Officer that may be needed to validate and approve the total compensation system.
 - (ii) Any proposed major compensation program design changes prior to implementation.
 - (iii) An Annual Compensation Increase Plan (CIP).
 - (iv) Individual compensation actions for the Key Personnel, at initial contract award and when key personnel are replaced during the life of the contract. Information to be provided includes initial base salary and/or payments under an Executive Incentive Compensation Plan.
 - (v) Any proposed establishment of an incentive compensation plan (variable pay plan/pay-at-risk).
 - (vi) Access to individual salary reimbursements (upon request).
 - (B) The Contracting Officer's approval of individual compensation actions will be required only for the chief executive officer.

(C) Severance Pay is not payable to an employee under this Contract if the employee:

- (i) Voluntarily separates, resigns or retires from employment,
- (ii) Is offered employment with a successor/replacement contractor,
- (iii) Is offered employment with a parent or affiliated company, or
- (iv) Is discharged for cause.

(D) Service Credit for purposes of determining severance pay does not include any period of prior service for which severance pay has been previously paid through a DOE cost-reimbursement contract.

(f) Pension and Other Benefit Programs

- (1) No presumption of allowability will exist when the Contractor implements a new benefit plan or makes changes to existing benefit plans for either Incumbent Employees or Non-Incumbent Employees until the Contracting Officer makes a determination of cost allowability for reimbursement for new or changed benefit plans.
- (2) Cost reimbursement for Incumbent Employee and Non-Incumbent Employee pension and other benefit programs sponsored by the Contractor will be based on the Contracting Officer's approval of Contractor actions pursuant to an approved "Employee Benefits Value Study" and an "Employee Benefits Cost Survey Comparison" as described below.
- (3) Unless otherwise stated, or as directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall submit the studies required in paragraphs (A) and (B) below. The studies shall be used by the Contractor as part of its performance self assessment described in paragraph (d) (4) above and in calculating the cost of benefits under existing benefit plans. In addition, the Contractor shall submit updated studies to the Contracting Officer for approval prior to the adoption of any change to a pension or other benefit plan.
 - (A) An Employee Benefits Value Study (Ben-Val), every two years each for Incumbent and Non-Incumbent Employees benefits, which is an actuarial study of the relative value (RV) of the benefits programs offered by the Contractor to Incumbent and Non-Incumbent Employees measured against the RV of benefit programs offered by comparator companies approved by the

Contracting Officer. To the extent that the value studies do not address post retirement benefits other than pensions, the Contractor shall provide a separate cost and plan design data comparison for the post retirement benefits other than pensions using external benchmarks derived from nationally recognized and Contracting Officer approved survey sources and,

- (B) An Employee Benefits Cost Study Comparison, annually each for Incumbent and Non-Incumbent Employees that analyzes the Contractor's employee benefits cost for Incumbent and Non-Incumbent Employees on a per capita basis per full time equivalent employee and as a percent of payroll and compares it with the cost reported by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Annual Employee Benefits Cost Survey or other Contracting Officer approved broad based national survey.
- (4) When the net benefit value exceeds the comparator group by more than five percent, the Contractor shall submit a corrective action plan to the Contracting Officer.
- (5) When the average total benefit per capita cost or total benefit cost as a percent of payroll exceeds the comparator group by more than five percent, when and if required by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall submit an analysis of the specific plan costs that are above the per capita cost range or total benefit cost as a percent of payroll and a corrective action plan to achieve conformance with a Contracting Officer directed per capita cost range or total benefit cost as a percent of payroll.
- (6) Within two years of Contracting Officer approval of the Contractor's corrective action plan, the Contractor shall align employee benefit programs with the benefit value and per capita cost range as approved by the Contracting Officer.
- (7) The Contractor shall submit the Report of Contractor Expenditures for Supplementary Compensation for the previous calendar year via the DOE Workforce Information System (WFIS) Compensation and Benefits Module no later than March 1 of the current calendar year.
- (8) The Contractor may not terminate any benefit plan during the term of the Contract without the prior approval of the Contracting Officer in writing.
- (9) Cost reimbursement for PRBs is contingent on DOE approved service eligibility requirements for PRB that shall be based on a minimum period of continuous employment service not less than 5 years under a

DOE cost reimbursement contract(s) immediately prior to retirement. Unless required by Federal or State law, advance funding of PRBs is not allowable.

(g) Establishment and Maintenance of Pension Plans for which DOE Reimburses Costs

- (1) For cost allocability and reimbursement purposes, any defined benefit (DB) or defined contribution (DC) pension plans established and/or implemented by the Contractor shall be maintained consistent with the requirements of the IRC and ERISA.
- (2) Contractor policies, practices, and procedures used in the administration of pension plans shall be consistent with applicable laws and regulations.
- (3) Employees working for the Contractor shall only accrue credit for service under this Contract after the date of Contract award.
- (4) Any pension plan maintained by the Contractor, for which DOE reimburses costs, shall be maintained as a separate pension plan distinct from any other pension plan which provides credit for service not performed under a DOE cost-reimbursement contract.
- (5) For each pension plan or portion of a pension plan for which DOE reimburses costs, the Contractor shall provide the Contracting Officer with the following information within nine months of the last day of the current pension plan year.
 - (A) Copies of IRS forms 5500 with schedules; and
 - (B) Copies of all forms in the 5300 series that document the establishment, amendment, termination, spin-off, or merger of a plan.
- (6) Prior to the adoption of any changes to a pension plan, the Contractor shall submit the information required below, as applicable, to the Contracting Officer for approval or disapproval and a determination as to whether the costs to be incurred are consistent with the Contractor's documented Human Resources Compensation Plan and are deemed allowable pursuant to FAR 31.205-6, as supplemented by DEAR 970.3102-05-6.
 - (A) For proposed changes to pension plans and pension plan funding, an analysis of the impact of any proposed changes on actuarial accrued liabilities and an analysis of relative benefit value; and,

- (B) The Contractor shall obtain the advance written approval of the Contracting Officer for any non-statutory pension plan changes that may increase costs or liabilities, and any proposed special programs (including, but not limited to, plan-loan features, employee contribution refunds, or ancillary benefits) and shall provide DOE with an analysis of the impact of special programs on the actuarial accrued liabilities of the pension plan, and on relative benefit value, if applicable.

- (C) The Contractor shall not terminate any pension plan without at least 60 days notice to and the approval of the Contracting Officer prior to the scheduled date of plan termination.