

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT		1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES 1 2
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0538	3. EFFECTIVE DATE See Block 16C	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY Idaho Operations Office Idaho Operations U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Operations Idaho Falls ID 89415	CODE 892432	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) Idaho Operations U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Operations 1955 Fremont Avenue MS 1221 Idaho Falls ID 83415	CODE 00701
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code) BATTELLE ENERGY ALLIANCE, LLC Attn: Roger Chunn PO BOX 1625 IDAHO FALLS ID 83415		(x)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.
CODE			9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
FACILITY CODE		x	10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO. DE-AC07-05ID14517
			10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13) 11/09/2004

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)

See Schedule

13. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

CHECK ONE	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 data, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
X	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority) FAR 43.103(a) Bilateral

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

DUNS Number: Not Available

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The purpose of this modification is to incorporate multiple administrative changes as described in the attached information pages.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9 A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) Roger Chunn, Manager Prime Contract		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Gregory J. Tomlinson	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR <i>(Signature of person authorized to sign)</i>	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA <i>(Signature of Contracting Officer)</i>	16C. DATE SIGNED 05/12/2023

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NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR
BATTELLE ENERGY ALLIANCE, LLC

ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
	<p>Payment: OR for Idaho U.S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Financial Service Center P.O. Box 6017 Oak Ridge TN 37831 Period of Performance: 11/09/2004 to 09/30/2024</p>				

INFORMATION PAGES MODIFICATIONS

The purpose of this modification is to incorporate the following changes:

1. Section G, Contract Administration Data
 - Section G.1, paragraph (d), the following COR designation is incorporated:
 - “James L. Jardine Materials and Fuels Complex Beartooth Project”
2. Section H, Special Contract Requirements
 - Clause H.49, Employee Compensation: Pay and Benefits, is changed as follows:
H.49 Employee Compensation: Pay and Benefits
 - (a) Contractor Employee Compensation Plan
 1. The Contractor shall submit, for Contracting Officer approval, by a Contractor Employee Compensation Plan (to be submitted during contract transition only) demonstrating how the Contractor will comply with the requirements of this Contract. The Contractor Employee 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.
 2. A description of the Contractor Employee Compensation Program should include the following components;
 - a. Philosophy and strategy for all pay delivery programs.
 - b. System for establishing a job-worthy worth hierarchy.
 - c. Method for relating internal job worth hierarchy to external market.
 - d. System that links individual and/or group performance to compensation decisions.
 - e. Method for planning and monitoring the expenditure of funds.
 - f. Method for ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
 - g. System for communicating the programs to employees.
 - h. System for internal controls and self-assessment.
 - i. System to ensure that reimbursement of compensation, including stipends, for employees who are on joint appointments with a parent or other organization shall be on a pro-rated basis.

(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 consistent with FAR 31.205-6 and DEAR 970.3102- 05-6; "Compensation for Personal Services." 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 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 Contractor Employee Compensation Plan as approved by the Contracting Officer.

(c) Reports and Information

- (1) The Contractor shall provide the Contracting Officer with the following reports and information with respect to pay and benefits provided under this Contract:
 - a. 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; and planned distribution of funds for the following year.
 - b. A list of the top five most highly compensated executives as defined in FAR 31.205-6(p)(1)(i) and their total cash compensation at the time of Contract award, and at the time of any subsequent change to their total cash compensation no later than March 1st of each year.
 - c. Section 702 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 (BBA; Pub. L. 113 - 67, December 26, 2013) establishes a cap on the reimbursement of compensation costs for contractor employees, adjusted annually to reflect the change in the Employment Cost Index for all workers as calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), unless grandfathered under Section 702 part (c) "Applicability".
 - d. An Annual Compensation and Benefits Report no later than March 15th of each year.

(d) Pay and Benefits Programs

- (1) 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.

Incumbent Employees are the employees who hold regular appointments or who are regular employees of the incumbent Contractor.

Pay. Subject to the Workforce Transition Clause, the Contractor shall provide equivalent base pay to Incumbent Employees as compared to pay provided by (fill-in name of the incumbent Contractor) for at least the first year of the term of the Contract.

Pension and Other Benefits. The Contractor shall provide a total package of benefits to Incumbent Employees comparable to that provided by the prior contractor. Comparability of the total benefit package shall be determined by the Contracting Officer 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.

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.

(2) Cash Compensation

- a. The Contractor shall submit the below information, as applicable, to the Contracting Officer for a determination of cost allowability for reimbursement under the Contract:
 - i. Any proposed major compensation program design changes prior to implementation.
 - ii. Variable pay programs/incentives. If not already authorized under Appendix A of the contract, a justification shall be provided with proposed costs and impacts to budget, if any.
 - iii. In the absence of Departmental policy to the contrary (e.g., Secretarial pay freeze) a Contractor that meets the criteria, as set forth below, is not required to submit a Compensation Increase Plan (CIP) request to the Contracting Officer for an advance determination of cost allowability for a Merit Increase fund or Promotion/Adjustment fund:
 1. The Promotion/Adjustment fund, in addition to the Merit fund, does not exceed the Department guidance providing the WorldatWork projected overall base-building increases for the CIP year. (fill-in) percent in total.
 2. The budget used for both Merit Increase funds and Promotion/Adjustment funds shall be based on the payroll for

- the end of the previous CIP year.
3. Salary structure adjustments do not exceed the mean World at Work structure adjustments projected for the CIP year and communicated through the annual Department CIP guidance.
 4. Note: No later than the first day of the CIP cycle, Contractors must provide notification to the Contracting Officer of planned increases and position to market data by mutually agreed-upon employment categories. No presumption of allowability will exist for employee job classes that exceed market position.
- b. If a Contractor does not meet the criteria included in (a)(iii) above, a CIP must be submitted to the Contracting Officer for an advance determination of cost allowability unless the Contracting Officer, in accordance with subparagraph (o) obtains an audit of the Contractor's compensation and benefits system and of its incurred costs from either DCAA, or an independent public accounting firm under the DOE contract for such services. Otherwise, the CIP should include the following components and data:
- i. Comparison of average pay to market average pay.
 - ii. Information regarding surveys used for comparison.
 - iii. Aging factors used for escalating survey data and supporting information.
 - iv. Projection of escalation in the market and supporting information.
 - v. Information to support proposed structure adjustments, if any.
 - vi. Analysis to support special adjustments.
 - vii. Funding requests for each pay structure to include breakouts of merit, promotions, variable pay, special adjustments, and structure movements. (a) The proposed plan totals shall be expressed as a percentage of the payroll for the end of the previous CIP year. (b) all pay actions granted under the CIP are fully charged when they occur regardless of time of year in which the action transpires and whether the employee terminates before year end. (c) specific payroll groups (e.g., exempt, nonexempt) for which CIP amounts are intended shall be defined by mutual agreement between the Contractor and the Contracting Officer. (d) the Contracting Officer may adjust the CIP amount after approval based on major changes in factors that significantly affect the plan amount (for example, in the event of a major reduction in force or significant ramp-up).
 - viii. A discussion of the impact of budget and business constraints on the CIP amount.
 - ix. Comparison of pay to relevant factors other than market average pay.
 - x. After receiving DOE CIP approval or if criteria in (d)(2)(i)(C) was met, Contractors may make minor shifts up to ten percent (10%) of approved CIP funds by employment category (scientist/engineer, administrative, exempt, nonexempt, etc.) without obtaining DOE

approval.

Individual compensation actions for the top Contractor official (e.g., laboratory director/plant manager or equivalent) and Key Personnel are not included in the CIP. For those Key Personnel included in the CIP, DOE will approve salaries upon the initial contract award and when Key Personnel are replaced during the life of the contract. DOE will have access to all individual salary reimbursements. This access is provided for transparency; DOE will not approve individual salary actions (except as previously stated).

- c. The Contracting Officer's approval of individual compensation actions will be required only for the top Contractor official (e.g., laboratory director/plant manager or equivalent) and Key Personnel as stated in (d)(3)(A)(vi) above. The base salary reimbursement level for the top Contractor official establishes the maximum allowable base salary reimbursement under the contract. Unusual circumstances may require a deviation for an individual on a case-by-case basis. Any such deviations must be approved by the Contracting Officer.
- d. 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;
 - iv. Is discharged for cause; or
 - v. Is a key person identified in Section J, Attachment D, "List of Key Personnel."
- e. 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.

(e) 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, and the Contractor has not provided the Contracting Officer the opportunity to review the allowability of the changes prior to implementation. The Contractor shall submit for prior approval benefit changes that result in increases to the Department's long-term pension and other actuarial liabilities that are reported in the Department's financial statement and increases in other benefits such as paid time off, insurance and employer contributions for defined contribution pension plans. Examples of benefits changes that increase the Department's long-term liabilities include defined benefit pension plan changes and

postretirement benefits other than pensions. Any changes made by the Contractor shall be in accordance with and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract. Advance notification, rather than approval, is required for changes that do not increase costs and are not contrary to Departmental policy or written instruction.

2. All costs (including administration) associated with the site Defined Benefit Pension Plan will be split so that the INL share is forty-seven percent (47%), and the ICP share is fifty-three percent (53%). All costs (including administration) associated with the Medical and Welfare Benefits Program for retirees as of January 31, 2005, will be split so that the INL share is forty-seven percent (47%), and the ICP share is fifty-three percent (53%).
3. The “Employee Benefits Value Study” and an “Employee Benefits Cost Survey Comparison” as described below, are methodologies designed to assist the Contracting Officer in contract administration and oversight. As an alternative to the Employee Benefits Cost Survey Comparison, the Contracting Officer may obtain an audit of the Contractor’s compensation and benefits system and of its incurred costs from either DCAA, or from DOE’s independent public accounting firm (under contract with DOE), in accordance with subparagraph (n) to assist in determining whether costs are reasonable, allowable, allocable, and in accordance with the terms of the contract.
4. 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 in calculating the cost of benefits under existing benefit plans. An Employee Benefits Value (Ben-Val) Study Method using no less than 15 comparator organizations and an Employee Benefits Cost Survey Comparison method shall be used in this evaluation to establish an appropriate comparison method. 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 which increases costs.
 - i. The Ben-Val, every two years for each benefit tier (e.g., group of employees receiving a benefit package based on date of hire), which is an actuarial study of the relative value (RV) of the benefits programs offered by the Contractor to employees measured against the RV of benefit programs offered by the Contracting Officer approved comparator companies. 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,

- ii. An Employee Benefits Cost Study Comparison, annually for each benefit tier that analyzes the Contractor's employee benefits cost for employees as a percent of payroll and compares it with the cost as a percent of payroll, including geographic factor adjustments, reported by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics or other Contracting Officer approved broad based national survey. Alternatively, in accordance with subparagraph (n) the Contracting Officer may obtain an audit of the Contractor's compensation and benefits system and of its incurred costs from either DCAA or from DOE's independent public accounting firm (under contract with DOE), and not require the submission of an Employee Benefits Cost Study.
5. When the net benefit value exceeds the comparator group by more than the percentage threshold established by the Head of the Contracting Activity the Contractor shall submit a corrective action plan to the Contracting Officer for approval, when and if requested in writing by the Contracting Officer.
6. When the benefit costs as a percent of payroll exceeds the comparator group by more than the percentage threshold established by the Head of the Contracting Activity, the Contractor shall submit a corrective action plan to the Contracting Officer for approval, when and if requested in writing by the Contracting Officer.
7. Within two years, or longer period as agreed to between the Contractor and the Contracting Officer, of the Contracting Officer acceptance of the Contractor's corrective action plan, the Contractor shall align employee benefit programs with the benefit value and the cost as a percent of payroll in accordance with its corrective action plan. The Contractor may not terminate any benefit plan during the term of the Contract without the prior approval of the Contracting Officer in writing.
8. Cost reimbursement for post-retirement benefits other than pensions (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.
9. Each Contractor sponsoring a defined benefit pension plan and/or postretirement benefit plan will participate in the plan management process which includes written responses to a questionnaire regarding plan management, providing forecasted estimates of future reimbursements in connection with the plan(s) and participating in a conference call to discuss

the Contractor submission (see (g)(6) below for Pension Management Plan requirements).

10. Each Contractor will respond to quarterly data calls issued through iBenefits, or its successor system.

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

1. Employees working for the Contractor shall only accrue credit for service under this Contract after the date of Contract award.
2. Except for Commingled Plans in existence as of the effective date of the Contract, 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 that provides credit for service not performed under a DOE cost-reimbursement contract. When deemed appropriate by the Contracting Officer, Commingled Plans shall be converted to Separate Plans at the time of new contract award or the extension of a contract.

(g) Basic Requirements

1. The Contractor shall adhere to the requirements set forth below in the establishment and administration of pension plans that are reimbursed by DOE pursuant to cost reimbursement contracts for management and operation of DOE facilities and pursuant to other cost reimbursement facilities contracts. Pension Plans include Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution plans.
 - i. The Contractor shall become a sponsor of the existing pension and other benefit plans (or comparable successor plans), including other PRB plans, as applicable, with responsibility for management and administration of the plans. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining the qualified status of those plans consistent with the requirements of ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). 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.
 - ii. Each Contractor Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution pension plan shall be subjected to a limited-scope audit annually that satisfies the requirements of ERISA Section 103, except that every third year the Contractor must conduct a full-scope audit of defined benefit plan(s) satisfying ERISA Section 103. Alternatively, the Contractor may conduct a full-scope audit satisfying ERISA Section 103 annually. In all cases, the Contractor must submit the audit results to the Contracting officer. In years in which a limited scope audit is

conducted, the Contractor must provide the Contracting Officer with a copy of the qualified trustee or custodian's certification regarding the investment information that provides the basis for the plan sponsor to satisfy reporting requirements under ERISA Section 104.

While there is no requirement to submit a full scope audit for defined contribution plans, contractors are responsible for maintaining adequate controls for ensuring that defined contribution plan assets are correctly recorded and allocated to plan participants.

- iii. For existing Commingled Plans, the Contractor shall maintain and provide annual separate accounting of DOE liabilities and assets as for a Separate plan.
- iv. For existing Commingled Plans, the Contractor shall be liable for any shortfall in the plan assets caused by funding or events unrelated to DOE contracts.
- v. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of ERISA if applicable to the pension plan and any other applicable laws.
- vi. The Pension Management Plan (PMP) shall include a discussion of the Contractor's plans for management and administration of all pension plans consistent with the terms of the Contract. The PMP shall be submitted in the iBenefits system, or its successor system no later than January 31st of each applicable year. A full description of the necessary reporting will be provided in the annual management plan data request. Within sixty (60) days after the date of the submission, appropriate Contractor representatives shall participate in a conference call to discuss the Contractor's PMP submission and any other current plan issues or concerns.

(h) Reimbursement of Contractors for Contributions to Defined Benefit (DB) Pension Plans

1. Contractors that sponsor single employer or multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans will be reimbursed for the annual required minimum contributions under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), as amended by the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006 and any other subsequent amendments.
2. Reimbursement above the annual minimum required contribution will require prior approval of the Contracting Officer. Minimum required contribution amounts will take into consideration all pre-funding balances and funding standard carryover balances. Early in the fiscal year but no later than the end of November, the Contractor requesting above the minimum may submit/update a business case for funding above the minimum if preliminary approval is needed prior to the Pension Management Plan process. The

business case shall include a projection of the annual minimum required contribution and the proposed contribution above the minimum. The submission of the business case will provide the opportunity for the Department to provide preliminary approval, within 30 days after contractor submission, pending receipt of final estimates, generally after January 1st of the calendar year. Final approval of funding will be communicated by the Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) when discount rates are finalized and it is known whether there are any budget issues with the proposed contribution amount.

3. Contractors that sponsor multi-employer DB pension plans will be reimbursed for pension contributions in the amounts necessary to ensure that the plans are funded to meet the annual minimum requirement under ERISA, as amended by the PPA. However, reimbursement for pension contributions above the annual minimum contribution required under ERISA, as amended by the PPA, will require prior approval of the Contracting Officer, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Reimbursement amounts will take into consideration all pre-funding balances and funding standard carryover balances. Early in the fiscal year but no later than the end of November, the Contractor requesting above the minimum may submit/update a business case for funding above the minimum if preliminary approval is needed prior to the Pension Management Plan process. The business case shall include a projection of the annual minimum required contribution and the proposed contribution above the minimum. The submission of the business case will provide the opportunity for the Department to provide preliminary approval, within 30 days after contractor submission, pending receipt of final estimates, generally after January 1st of the calendar year. Final approval of funding will be communicated by the HCA when discount rates are finalized, and it is known whether there are any budget issues with the proposed contribution amount.

(i) Reporting Requirements for Designated Contracts

1. The following reports shall be submitted to DOE as soon as possible after the last day of the plan year by the Contractor responsible for each designated pension plan funded by DOE but no later than the dates specified below:
 - i. Actuarial Valuation Reports. The annual actuarial valuation report for each DOE-reimbursed pension plan and when a pension plan is commingled, the Contractor shall submit separate reports for DOE's portion and the plan total by the due date for filing IRS Form 5500.
 - ii. Forms 5500. Copies of IRS Forms 5500 with schedules for each DOE-funded pension plan, no later than that submitted to the IRS.
 - iii. Forms 5300. Copies of all forms in the 5300 series submitted to the IRS that document the establishment, amendment, termination, spin-off, or merger of a plan submitted to the IRS.

(j) Changes to Pension and PRB Plans

1. No presumption of allowability will exist when the Contractor makes changes to existing pension plans or PRB plans, and the Contractor has not provided the Contracting Officer the opportunity to review the allowability of the changes prior to implementation. The Contractor shall submit for prior approval changes that result in increases to the Department's long-term pension and PRB liabilities that are reported in the Department's financial statement. Examples of changes that increase the Department's long-term liabilities include defined benefit pension plan changes and PRB plan changes. At least sixty (60) days prior to the adoption of changes to a pension plan, the Contractor shall submit the information required below, to the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer must approve plan changes that increase costs that increase the Department's long-term liabilities as part of a determination as to whether the costs are deemed allowable pursuant to FAR 31.205-6, as supplemented by DEAR 970.3102-05-6.
2. For proposed changes to pension plans and pension plan funding, the Contractor shall provide the following to the Contracting Officer:
 - i. A copy of the current plan document (as conformed to show all prior plan amendments), with the proposed new amendment indicated in redline/strikeout, an analysis of the impact of any proposed changes on actuarial accrued liabilities and costs;
 - ii. Except in circumstances where the Contracting Officer indicates that it is unnecessary, a legal explanation of the proposed changes from the counsel used by the plan for purposes of compliance with all legal requirements applicable to private sector defined benefit pension plans;
 - iii. The Summary Plan Description; and
 - iv. Any such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer.
3. Contractors shall submit new benefit plans and changes to plan design or funding methodology with justification to the Contracting Officer for approval, as applicable (see (e)(1) above). The justification must:
 - i. Demonstrate the effect of the plan changes on the contract net benefit value or percent of payroll benefit costs;
 - ii. Provide the dollar estimate of savings or costs; and
 - iii. Provide the basis of determining the estimated savings or costs.

(k) Post Contract Responsibilities for Pension and Other Benefit Plans

1. If this contract expires or terminates and DOE has awarded a contract under which the new contractor becomes a sponsor and assumes responsibility for management and administration of the pension or other benefit plans covering active or retired contractor employees with respect to service at the INL (collectively, the "Plans"), the Contractor shall cooperate and transfer to the new contractor its responsibility for sponsorship, management, and administration of the Plans consistent with direction from the Contracting Officer. If a Commingled Plan is involved, the Contractor shall:
 - i. Spin-off the DOE portion of any Commingled Plan used to cover employees working at the DOE facility into a separate plan. The new plan will normally provide benefits similar to those provided by the Commingled Plan and shall carry with it the DOE assets on an accrual basis market value, including DOE assets that have accrued in excess of DOE liabilities.
 - ii. Bargain in good faith with DOE or the successor contractor to determine the assumptions and methods for establishing the liabilities involved in a spin-off. DOE and the Contractor(s) shall establish an effective date of spin-off. On or before the same day as the Contractor notifies the IRS of the spun-off or plan termination, all plan assets assigned to a spun-off or terminating plan shall be placed in a low-risk liability matching portfolio until the successor trustee, or an insurance company, is able to assume stewardship of those assets.

2. If this contract expires or terminates and DOE has not awarded a contract to a new contractor under which the new contractor becomes a sponsor and assumes responsibility for management and administration of the Plans, or if the Contracting Officer determines that the scope of work under the contract has been completed (any one such event may be deemed by the Contracting Officer to be "Contract Completion" for the purposes of this clause), whichever is earlier, and notwithstanding any other obligations and requirements concerning expiration or termination under any other clause of this contract, the following actions shall occur regarding the Contractor's obligations regarding the Plans at the time of contract completion:
 - i. Subject to subparagraph (ii) below, and notwithstanding any legal obligations independent of the contract, the Contractor may have regarding responsibilities for sponsorship, management, and administration of the Plans, the Contractor shall remain the sponsor of the Plans, in accordance with applicable legal requirements.
 - ii. The Parties shall exercise their best efforts to reach agreement on the Contractor's responsibilities for sponsorship, management, and administration of the Plans prior to or at the time of contract completion. However, if the Parties have not reached agreement on the

Contractor's responsibilities for sponsorship, management, and administration of the Plans prior to or at the time of contract completion, unless and until such agreement is reached, the Contractor shall comply with written direction from the Contracting Officer regarding the Contractor's responsibilities for continued provision of pension and welfare benefits under the Plans, including but not limited to continued sponsorship of the Plans, in accordance with applicable legal requirements. To the extent that the Contractor incurs costs in implementing direction from the Contracting Officer, the Contractor's costs will be reimbursed pursuant to applicable contract provisions.

(l) Terminating Operations

1. When operations at a designated DOE facility are terminated and no further work is to occur under the prime contract, the following apply:
 - i. No further benefits for service shall accrue.
 - ii. The Contractor shall provide a determination statement in its settlement proposal, defining and identifying all liabilities and assets attributable to the DOE contract.
 - iii. The Contractor shall base its pension liabilities attributable to DOE contract work on the market value of annuities or lump sum payments or dispose of such liabilities through a competitive purchase of annuities or lump sum payouts.
 - iv. Assets shall be determined using the "accrual-basis market value" on the date of termination of operations.
 - v. DOE and the Contractor(s) shall establish an effective date for spinoff or plan termination. On the same day as the Contractor notifies the IRS of the spinoff or plan termination, all plan assets assigned to a spun-off or terminating plan shall be placed in a low-risk liability matching portfolio until the successor trustee, or an insurance company, is able to assume stewardship of those assets.

(m) Terminating Plans

1. DOE Contractors shall not terminate any pension plan (Commingled or site specific) without requesting Departmental approval at least 60 days prior to the scheduled date of plan termination.
2. To the extent possible, the Contractor shall satisfy plan liabilities to plan participants by the purchase of annuities through competitive bidding on the open annuity market or lump sum payouts. The Contractor shall apply the assumptions and procedures of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.
3. Funds to be paid or transferred to any party as a result of settlements relating

to pension plan termination or reassignment shall accrue interest from the effective date of termination or reassignment until the date of payment or transfer.

4. If ERISA or IRC rules prevent a full transfer of excess DOE reimbursed assets from the terminated plan, the Contractor shall pay any deficiency directly to DOE according to a schedule of payments to be negotiated by the Parties.
5. On or before the same day as the Contractor notifies the IRS of the spinoff or plan termination, all plan assets assigned to a spun-off or terminating plan shall be placed in a low-risk liability matching portfolio until the successor trustee, or an insurance company, is able to assume stewardship of those assets.
6. DOE liability to a Commingled pension plan shall not exceed that portion which corresponds to DOE contract service. The DOE shall have no other liability to the plan, to the plan sponsor, or to the plan participants.
7. After all liabilities of the plan are satisfied, the Contractor shall return to DOE an amount equaling the asset reversion from the plan termination and any earnings which accrue on that amount because of a delay in the payment to DOE. Such amount and such earnings shall be subject to DOE audit. To effect the purposes of this paragraph, DOE and the Contractor may stipulate to a schedule of payments.

(n) Special Programs

Contractors must advise DOE and receive prior approval for each early-out program, window benefit, disability program, plan-loan feature, employee contribution refund, asset reversion, or incidental benefit.

(o) Alternate Contractor Human Resource Requirements

1. Alternatively, the Contracting Officer may obtain an audit of the Contractor's compensation and benefits system and of its incurred costs from either DCAA or from DOE's independent public accounting firm (under contract with DOE); if the Contracting Officer does, the Contractor will not be required to submit the:
 - i. Compensation Increase Plan; and/or
 - ii. Employee Benefits Cost Study.

(p) Definitions

1. Commingled Plans. Cover employees from the Contractor's private operations

and its DOE contract work.

2. **Current Liability.** The sum of all plan liabilities to employees and their beneficiaries. Current liability includes only benefits accrued to the date of valuation. This liability is commonly expressed as a present value.
3. **Defined Benefit Pension Plan.** Provides a specific benefit at retirement that is determined pursuant to the formula in the pension plan document.
4. **Defined Contribution Pension Plan.** Provides benefits to each participant based on the amount held in the participant's account. Funds in the account may be comprised of employer contributions, employee contributions, investment returns on behalf of that plan participant and/or other amounts credited to the participant's account.
5. **Designated Contract.** For purposes of this clause, a contract (other than a prime cost reimbursement contract for management and operation of a DOE facility) for which the Head of the Departmental Contracting Activity determines that advance pension understandings are necessary or where there is a continuing Departmental obligation to the pension plan.
6. **Pension Fund.** The portfolio of investments and cash provided by employer and employee contributions and investment returns. A pension fund exists to defray pension plan benefit outlays and (at the option of the plan sponsor) the administrative expenses of the plan.
7. **Separate Accounting.** Account records established and maintained within a commingled plan for assets and liabilities attributable to DOE contract service. NOTE: The assets so represented are not for the exclusive benefit of any one group of plan participants.
8. **Separate Plan.** Must satisfy IRC Section 414(l) definition of a single plan, designate assets for the exclusive benefit of employees under DOE contract, exist under a separate plan document (having its own Department of Labor plan number) that is distinct from corporate plan documents and identify the Contractor as the plan sponsor.
9. **Spun-off Plan.** A new plan which satisfies IRC Regulation 1.414(l)-1 requirements for a single plan and which is created by separating assets and liabilities from a larger original plan. The funding level of each individual participant's benefits shall be no less than before the event, when calculated on a "plan termination basis."

3. Section I, Contract Clauses

- Clause I.68 is deleted in its entirety and is marked as, “Reserved.”

4. Section J, List of Documents, Exhibits, and Other Attachments

- To incorporate the following directives into Section J, Attachment G, *List of Applicable DOE Directives (List B)*.

The directives listed below are changed as follows:

Order (O) 153.1, Departmental Radiological Emergency Response Assets, is superseded and replaced by Order (O) 153.1A, Departmental Nuclear Emergency Support Team Capabilities.

O 206.2, Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM), is superseded and replaced by O 206.2 Chg 1, Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM).

O 420.2C, Safety of Accelerators, is superseded and replaced by O 420.2D, Safety of Accelerators.

O 471.7, Controlled Unclassified Information, is incorporated into List B.

O 472.2 Chg 2, Personnel Security, is superseded and replaced by O 472.2A, Personnel Security.

O 473.3A, Chg 1, Protection Program Operations, is superseded and replaced by O 473.2A, Protective Force Operations,

- To incorporate/remove new or current deliverables into Section J, Attachment I, *Contract Data Requirements List (CDRL)*:
 - The Draft due date for F.10, Annual Site Environmental Reporting, is updated from July 1 to July 15.
 - F.41, Consent Order Status Reports, is deleted in its entirety.
 - F.45, Federal Archaeology Program Report to Congress, is deleted in its entirety.

- Bullet (c) under Note 2 for F.64, Vegetation Management, is updated as follows:
NERP Reports to DOE as Completed after LRS review
- F.68, Wildlife Management, is updated as follows:
 - Bullet (c) under Data Item Description is updated as follows:
BEA shall provide data from IDFG managed sage-grouse lek route surveys to the regional State of Idaho Fish and Game Department (IDFG)
 - Bullet (c) under Note 2 is updated as follows:
Sage-grouse lek route to IDFG by June 1
- F.75, TSCA RBDA for the TRA-619 Pumphouse Five Year Report, is updated as follows:
 - The following language is added to Data Item Description:

DOE to submit report to EPA prior to August 9, 2028, and every five (5) years until building D&D.
 - Note 2 is updated as follows:

To DOE on July 10, 2028, and every five (5) years until building D&D.
- The Draft due date under Note 2 for F.81, Monitoring Letter to Jackson Wyoming, is changed From June 1 to April 1.
- Section J, Attachment T, *Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) Designations*
 - Attachment T-12 "James L. Jardine, Materials and Fuels Complex Beartooth Project" is incorporated.
- PFAS Strategic Roadmap: DOE Commitments To Action 2022-2025, August 2022 (Roadmap) is added as Section J, Attachment W.

NOTE: These changes are also reflected in the Table of Contents for Attachment J, List of Documents, Exhibits, and Other Attachments as applicable.