

# 52.217-10 Reverse Auction

As prescribed in [17.806\(a\)](#), insert the following provision:

*Reverse Auction* (Aug 2024)

(a) *Definitions*. As used in this provision—

*Reverse auction* means the process for obtaining *pricing*, usually supported by an electronic tool, in which *offerors* see competing *offerors'* price(s), without disclosure of the competing *offerors'* identity, and have the opportunity to submit lower priced *offers* until the close of the auction.

*Reverse auction service provider* means a commercial or Government entity that provides a means for conducting *reverse auctions* when acquiring *supplies* or services to be used by the Government.

(b) *Reverse auction*. The Government intends to conduct a *reverse auction* under this *solicitation* to award a contract or blanket purchase agreement.

(c) *Offeror agreement*. By submission of a quote or proposal in response to the *solicitation*, the *Offeror* agrees to participate in the *reverse auction* and agrees that the Government *may* reveal to all *Offerors* the offered price(s) in the auction, without revealing any *Offeror's* identity, except for the awardee's identity subsequent to an award resulting from the auction. The *Offeror may* withdraw its agreement to further participate in the process by withdrawing its *offer* before the close of the auction by notifying the *Contracting Officer* via the contact method identified in the *solicitation*.

(d) *Only one offer*. If the *reverse auction* produces only one *offer*, the Government reserves the right to cancel the auction.

(e) *Release of information*. The Government *may* use a *reverse auction* service provider to conduct the *reverse auction*. Any price or proposal information or *source selection information* received by the *reverse auction* service provider in relation to the *reverse auction shall* not be released, outside of the Government, unless otherwise required by law. However, this does not prevent the Government from revealing to all *Offerors* the offered price(s) in the auction, without revealing any *Offeror's* identity. Price or proposal information includes, but is not limited to—

(1) Contractor bid or proposal information, as defined at Federal *Acquisition* Regulation [3.104-1](#); and

(2) Information identified by the *Offeror* as restricted from duplication, use, or disclosure—in whole or in part—for any purpose other than to evaluate the *Offeror's* price or proposal.

(End of provision)

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