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# 752.239-70 Information Technology Authorization.

As prescribed in AIDAR 739.106(b), insert the following clause in Section I of solicitations and contracts:

Information Technology Authorization (May 2024)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this contract:

*Information Technology* means

(1) Any services or equipment, or interconnected system(s) or subsystem(s) of equipment, that are used in the automatic acquisition, storage, analysis, evaluation, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information by the agency; where

(2) such services or equipment are “used by an agency” if used by the agency directly or if used by a contractor under a contract with the agency that requires either use of the services or equipment or requires use of the services or equipment to a significant extent in the performance of a service or the furnishing of a product.

(3) The term “information technology” includes computers, ancillary equipment (including imaging peripherals, input, output, and storage devices necessary for security and surveillance), peripheral equipment designed to be controlled by the central processing unit of a computer, software, firmware and similar procedures, services (including provisioned services such as cloud computing and support services that support any point of the lifecycle of the equipment or service), and related resources.

(4) The term “information technology” does not include any equipment that is acquired by a contractor incidental to a contract that does not require use of the equipment.

(b) *Approval Requirements.* The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) requires Agency Chief Information Officer (CIO) review and approval of acquisitions of information technology and information technology services. Any information technology specified in the Schedule of this contract has already been approved by the CIO. The Contractor must not acquire any additional information technology without the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer as specified in this clause.

(c) *Request for Approval Procedure.*

(1) If the Contractor determines that any information technology not specified in the Schedule will be necessary in the performance of the contract, the Contractor must request prior written approval from the Contracting Officer, including the Contracting Officer's Representative and the Office of the CIO ([ITAuthorization@usaid.gov](mailto:ITAuthorization@usaid.gov)) on the request.

(2) In the request, the Contractor must provide an itemized description of the information

technology to be procured. For equipment (including hardware and software), the Contractor must include any applicable brand names, model/version numbers, quantities, and estimated unit and total cost information. For services, the Contractor must provide a detailed description of the services, name(s) of the service provider(s), and estimated cost information.

(3) The Contracting Officer will approve or deny in writing the Contractor's request. If granted, the Contracting Officer will specify in writing the information technology approved by the CIO for purchase.

(d) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor must insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in all subcontracts. The Contractor is responsible for requesting any approval required under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this clause for any applicable subcontractor information technology acquisition.

(End of clause)

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