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SUBJECT: Class Deviation—Contractor Personnel Supporting U.S. Armed Forces Deployed Outside the United States

The attached Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy memorandum of June 27, 2013 is forwarded for your information and action, as appropriate. It informs the Department of Defense contracting community that effective immediately, contracting officers issuing contracts that require performance in the United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) area of responsibility shall use the following clauses in lieu of DFARS 252.225.7040 (FEB 2013) and FAR 52.225-19:


Further details are provided in the memorandum. This class deviation remains in effect until incorporated in the DFARS or otherwise rescinded. My point of contact is CAPT S. E. Armstrong at 703-614-9642 or stephen.e.armstrong3@navy.mil.

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Outside the United States.

Effective immediately, this class deviation supersedes Class Deviation 2011-00004,
dated April 25, 2011. Contracting officers issuing contracts that require performance in the
United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) area of responsibility shall use the following
clauses in lieu of DFARS 252.225-7040 (FEB 2013) and FAR 52.225-19, as prescribed in
Attachments 1 and 2, respectively:

- 252.225-7040, Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany U.S. Armed Forces
  Deployed Outside the United States (DEVIAION 2013-O0015) (JUN 2013).

- 252.225-7995, Contractor Personnel Performing in the United States Central

This class deviation remains in effect until incorporated in the DFARS or otherwise
rescinded. My point of contact is Mr. William Reich, who may be reached at 571-256-7009, or
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Attachments:
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252.225-7040 Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany U.S. Armed Forces Deployed Outside the United States. (DEVIATION 2013-O0015)
As prescribed in 225.7402-5(a), use the following clause, in lieu of DFARS 252.225-7040 (FEB 2013):

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO ACCOMPANY U.S. ARMED FORCES DEPLOYED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES (DEVIATION 2013-O0015)(JUN 2013)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

“Combatant Commander” means the commander of a unified or specified combatant command established in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 161.

“Designated operational area” means a geographic area designated by the combatant commander or subordinate joint force commander for the conduct or support of specified military operations.

“Law of war” means that part of international law that regulates the conduct of armed hostilities. The law of war encompasses all international law for the conduct of hostilities binding on the United States or its individual citizens, including treaties and international agreements to which the United States is a party, and applicable customary international law.

“Subordinate joint force commander” means a sub-unified commander or joint task force commander.

(b) General.

(1) This clause applies when Contractor personnel are authorized to accompany U.S. Armed Forces deployed outside the United States in—

(i) Contingency operations;

(ii) Humanitarian or peacekeeping operations; or

(iii) Other military operations or military exercises, when designated by the Combatant Commander.

(2) Contract performance in support of U.S. Armed Forces deployed outside the United States may require work in dangerous or austere conditions. Except as otherwise provided in the contract, the Contractor accepts the risks associated with required contract performance in such operations.

(3) Contractor personnel are civilians accompanying the U.S. Armed Forces.

(i) When authorized in accordance with paragraph (j) of this clause to carry arms for personal protection, Contractor personnel are only authorized to use force for individual self-defense.

(ii) Unless immune from host nation jurisdiction by virtue of an international agreement or international law, inappropriate use of force by contractor personnel authorized to accompany the U.S. Armed Forces can subject such personnel
(4) Service performed by Contractor personnel subject to this clause is not active duty or service under 38 U.S.C. 106 note.

(c) Support.

(1)(i) The Combatant Commander will develop a security plan for protection of Contractor personnel in locations where there is not sufficient or legitimate civil authority, when the Combatant Commander decides it is in the interests of the Government to provide security because—

(A) The Contractor cannot obtain effective security services;

(B) Effective security services are unavailable at a reasonable cost; or

(C) Threat conditions necessitate security through military means.

(ii) The Contracting Officer will include in the contract the level of protection to be provided to Contractor personnel.

(iii) In appropriate cases, the Combatant Commander may provide security through military means, commensurate with the level of security provided DoD civilians.

(2)(i) Generally, all Contractor personnel authorized to accompany the U.S. Armed Forces in the designated operational area are authorized to receive resuscitative care, stabilization, hospitalization at level III military treatment facilities, and assistance with patient movement in emergencies where loss of life, limb, or eyesight could occur. Hospitalization will be limited to stabilization and short-term medical treatment with an emphasis on return to duty or placement in the patient movement system.

(ii) When the Government provides medical treatment or transportation of Contractor personnel to a selected civilian facility, the Contractor shall ensure that the Government is reimbursed for any costs associated with such treatment or transportation.

(iii) Medical or dental care beyond this standard is not authorized unless specified elsewhere in this contract.

(3) Unless specified elsewhere in this contract, the Contractor is responsible for all other support required for its personnel engaged in the designated operational area under this contract.

(4) Contractor personnel must have a Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT)-generated letter of authorization signed by the Contracting Officer in order to process through a deployment center or to travel to, from, or within the designated operational area. The letter of authorization also will identify any additional authorizations, privileges, or Government support that Contractor personnel are entitled to under this contract.
(d) **Compliance with laws and regulations.**

(1) The Contractor shall comply with, and shall ensure that its personnel authorized to accompany U.S. Armed Forces deployed outside the United States as specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this clause are familiar with and comply with, all applicable—

   (i) United States, host country, and third country national laws;

   (ii) Provisions of the law of war, as well as any other applicable treaties and international agreements;

   (iii) United States regulations, directives, instructions, policies, and procedures; and

   (iv) Orders, directives, and instructions issued by the Combatant Commander, including those relating to force protection, security, health, safety, or relations and interaction with local nationals.

(2) The Contractor shall institute and implement an effective program to prevent violations of the law of war by its employees and subcontractors, including law of war training in accordance with paragraph (e)(1)(vii) of this clause.

(3) The Contractor shall ensure that contractor employees accompanying U.S. Armed Forces are aware—

   (i) Of the DoD definition of “sexual assault” in DoDD 6495.01, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program;

   (ii) That the offenses addressed by the definition are covered under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see paragraph (e)(2)(iv) of this clause). Other sexual misconduct may constitute offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Federal law, such as the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act, or host nation laws; and

   (iii) That the offenses not covered by the Uniform Code of Military Justice may nevertheless have consequences to the contractor employees (see paragraph (h)(1) of this clause).

(4) The Contractor shall report to the appropriate investigative authorities, identified in paragraph (d)(6) of this clause, any alleged offenses under—

   (i) The Uniform Code of Military Justice (chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code) (applicable to contractors serving with or accompanying an armed force in the field during a declared war or contingency operations); or


(5) The Contractor shall provide to all contractor personnel who will perform work on a contract in the deployed area, before beginning such work, information on the following:
(i) How and where to report an alleged crime described in paragraph (d)(4) of this clause.

(ii) Where to seek victim and witness protection and assistance available to contractor personnel in connection with an alleged offense described in paragraph (d)(4) of this clause.

(6) The appropriate investigative authorities to which suspected crimes shall be reported include the following—


(iii) Navy Criminal Investigative Service at http://www.ncis.navy.mil/Pages/publicdefault.aspx;


(v) To any command of any supported military element or the command of any base.

(7) Personnel seeking whistleblower protection from reprisals for reporting criminal acts shall seek guidance through the DoD Inspector General hotline at 800-424-9098 or www.dodig.mil/HOTLINE/index.html. Personnel seeking other forms of victim or witness protections should contact the nearest military law enforcement office.

(8) The Contractor shall ensure that Contractor employees accompanying the U.S. Armed Forces are aware of their rights to—

(A) Hold their own identity or immigration documents, such as passport or driver’s license;

(B) Receive agreed upon wages on time;

(C) Take lunch and work-breaks;

(D) Elect to terminate employment at any time;

(E) Identify grievances without fear of reprisal;

(F) Have a copy of their employment contract in a language they understand;

(G) Receive wages that are not below the legal in-country minimum wage;
(H) Be notified of their rights, wages, and prohibited activities prior to signing their employment contract; and

(I) If housing is provided, live in housing that meets host-country housing and safety standards.

(e) Pre-deployment requirements.

(1) The Contractor shall ensure that the following requirements are met prior to deploying personnel authorized to accompany U.S. Armed Forces. Specific requirements for each category may be specified in the statement of work or elsewhere in the contract.

(i) All required security and background checks are complete and acceptable.

(ii) All deploying personnel meet the minimum medical screening requirements and have received all required immunizations as specified in the contract. The Government will provide, at no cost to the Contractor, any theater-specific immunizations and/or medications not available to the general public.

(iii) Deploying personnel have all necessary passports, visas, and other documents required to enter and exit a designated operational area and have a Geneva Conventions identification card, or other appropriate DoD identity credential, from the deployment center. Any Common Access Card issued to deploying personnel shall contain the access permissions allowed by the letter of authorization issued in accordance with paragraph (c)(4) of this clause.

(iv) Special area, country, and theater clearance is obtained for personnel. Clearance requirements are in DoD Directive 4500.54, Official Temporary Duty Abroad, and DoD 4500.54-G, DoD Foreign Clearance Guide. Contractor personnel are considered non-DoD personnel traveling under DoD sponsorship.

(v) All personnel have received personal security training. At a minimum, the training shall—

(A) Cover safety and security issues facing employees overseas;

(B) Identify safety and security contingency planning activities; and

(C) Identify ways to utilize safety and security personnel and other resources appropriately.

(vi) All personnel have received isolated personnel training, if specified in the contract, in accordance with DoD Instruction 1300.23, Isolated Personnel Training for DoD Civilian and Contractors.

(vii) Personnel have received law of war training as follows:

(A) Basic training is required for all Contractor personnel authorized to accompany U.S. Armed Forces deployed outside the United States. The basic training will be provided through—
(1) A military-run training center; or

(2) A web-based source, if specified in the contract or approved by the Contracting Officer.

(B) Advanced training, commensurate with their duties and responsibilities, may be required for some Contractor personnel as specified in the contract.

(2) The Contractor shall notify all personnel who are not a host country national, or who are not ordinarily resident in the host country, that—

(i) Such employees, and dependents residing with such employees, who engage in conduct outside the United States that would constitute an offense punishable by imprisonment for more than one year if the conduct had been engaged in within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, may potentially be subject to the criminal jurisdiction of the United States in accordance with the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act of 2000 (18 U.S.C. 3621, et seq.);

(ii) Pursuant to the War Crimes Act (18 U.S.C. 2441), Federal criminal jurisdiction also extends to conduct that is determined to constitute a war crime when committed by a civilian national of the United States;

(iii) Other laws may provide for prosecution of U.S. nationals who commit offenses on the premises of U.S. diplomatic, consular, military or other U.S. Government missions outside the United States (18 U.S.C. 7(9)); and

(iv) In time of declared war or a contingency operation, Contractor personnel authorized to accompany U.S. Armed Forces in the field are subject to the jurisdiction of the Uniform Code of Military Justice under 10 U.S.C. 802(a)(10).

(f) Processing and departure points. Deployed Contractor personnel shall—

(1) Process through the deployment center designated in the contract, or as otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, prior to deploying. The deployment center will conduct deployment processing to ensure visibility and accountability of Contractor personnel and to ensure that all deployment requirements are met, including the requirements specified in paragraph (e)(1) of this clause;

(2) Use the point of departure and transportation mode directed by the Contracting Officer; and

(3) Process through a Joint Reception Center (JRC) upon arrival at the deployed location. The JRC will validate personnel accountability, ensure that specific designated operational area entrance requirements are met, and brief Contractor personnel on theater-specific policies and procedures.

(g) Personnel data.

(1) The Contractor shall use the Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT) web-based system to enter and maintain the data for all Contractor personnel that are authorized to accompany U.S.
Armed Forces deployed outside the United States as specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this clause.

(2) The Contractor shall enter the required information about their contractor personnel prior to deployment and shall continue to use the SPOT web-based system to maintain accurate, up-to-date information throughout the deployment for all Contractor personnel. Changes to status of individual Contractor personnel relating to their in-theater arrival date and their duty location, to include closing out the deployment with their proper status (e.g., mission complete, killed, wounded) shall be annotated within the SPOT database in accordance with the timelines established in the SPOT Business Rules.¹

(h) Contractor personnel.

(1) The Contracting Officer may direct the Contractor, at its own expense, to remove and replace any Contractor personnel who jeopardize or interfere with mission accomplishment or who fail to comply with or violate applicable requirements of this contract. Such action may be taken at the Government’s discretion without prejudice to its rights under any other provision of this contract, including the Termination for Default clause.

(2) The Contractor shall have a plan on file showing how the Contractor would replace employees who are unavailable for deployment or who need to be replaced during deployment. The Contractor shall keep this plan current and shall provide a copy to the Contracting Officer upon request. The plan shall—

(i) Identify all personnel who are subject to military mobilization;

(ii) Detail how the position would be filled if the individual were mobilized; and

(iii) Identify all personnel who occupy a position that the Contracting Officer has designated as mission essential.

(3) Contractor personnel shall report to the Combatant Commander or a designee, or through other channels such as the military police, a judge advocate, or an inspector general, any suspected or alleged conduct for which there is credible information that such conduct—

(i) Constitutes violation of the law of war; or

(ii) Occurred during any other military operations and would constitute a violation of the law of war if it occurred during an armed conflict.

(i) Military clothing and protective equipment.

(1) Contractor personnel are prohibited from wearing military clothing unless

¹ ¹ Hyperlink to www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/contingency/attachments/BT705C2_01-business%20rules_web.pdf
specifically authorized in writing by the Combatant Commander. If authorized to wear military clothing, Contractor personnel must—

(i) Wear distinctive patches, arm bands, nametags, or headgear, in order to be distinguishable from military personnel, consistent with force protection measures; and

(ii) Carry the written authorization with them at all times.

(2) Contractor personnel may wear military-unique organizational clothing and individual equipment (OCIE) required for safety and security, such as ballistic, nuclear, biological, or chemical protective equipment.

(3) The deployment center, or the Combatant Commander, shall issue OCIE and shall provide training, if necessary, to ensure the safety and security of Contractor personnel.

(4) The Contractor shall ensure that all issued OCIE is returned to the point of issue, unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer.

(j) Weapons.

(1) If the Contractor requests that its personnel performing in the designated operational area be authorized to carry weapons for personal protection, the request shall be made through the Contracting Officer to the Combatant Commander, in accordance with DoD Instruction 3020.41, enclosure 2, paragraph 4.e.(2). The Combatant Commander will determine whether to authorize in-theater Contractor personnel to carry weapons and what weapons and ammunition will be allowed.

(2) If the Contracting Officer, subject to the approval of the Combatant Commander, authorizes the carrying of weapons—

(i) The Contracting Officer may authorize the Contractor to issue Contractor-owned weapons and ammunition to specified employees; or

(ii) The [Contracting Officer to specify the appropriate individual, e.g., Contracting Officer’s Representative, Regional Security Officer] may issue Government-furnished weapons and ammunition to the Contractor for issuance to specified Contractor employees.

(3) The Contractor shall ensure that its personnel who are authorized to carry weapons—

(i) Are adequately trained to carry and use them—

(A) Safely;

(B) With full understanding of, and adherence to, the rules of the use of force issued by the Combatant Commander; and

(C) In compliance with applicable agency policies, agreements, rules, regulations, and other applicable law;
(ii) Are not barred from possession of a firearm by 18 U.S.C. 922; and

(iii) Adhere to all guidance and orders issued by the Combatant Commander regarding possession, use, safety, and accountability of weapons and ammunition.

(4) Whether or not weapons are Government-furnished, all liability for the use of any weapon by Contractor personnel rests solely with the Contractor and the Contractor employee using such weapon.

(5) Upon redeployment or revocation by the Combatant Commander of the Contractor’s authorization to issue firearms, the Contractor shall ensure that all Government-issued weapons and unexpended ammunition are returned as directed by the Contracting Officer.

(k) **Vehicle or equipment licenses.** Contractor personnel shall possess the required licenses to operate all vehicles or equipment necessary to perform the contract in the designated operational area.

(l) **Purchase of scarce goods and services.** If the Combatant Commander has established an organization for the designated operational area whose function is to determine that certain items are scarce goods or services, the Contractor shall coordinate with that organization local purchases of goods and services designated as scarce, in accordance with instructions provided by the Contracting Officer.

(m) **Evacuation.**

(1) If the Combatant Commander orders a mandatory evacuation of some or all personnel, the Government will provide assistance, to the extent available, to United States and third country national Contractor personnel.

(2) In the event of a non-mandatory evacuation order, unless authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall maintain personnel on location sufficient to meet obligations under this contract.

(n) **Next of kin notification and personnel recovery.**

(1) The Contractor shall be responsible for notification of the employee-designated next of kin in the event an employee dies, requires evacuation due to an injury, or is isolated, missing, detained, captured, or abducted.

(2) In the case of isolated, missing, detained, captured, or abducted Contractor personnel, the Government will assist in personnel recovery actions in accordance with DoD Directive 3002.01E, Personnel Recovery in the Department of Defense.

(o) **Mortuary affairs.** Mortuary affairs for Contractor personnel who die while accompanying the U.S. Armed Forces will be handled in accordance with DoD Directive 1300.22, Mortuary Affairs Policy.

(p) **Changes.** In addition to the changes otherwise authorized by the Changes clause of this contract, the Contracting Officer may, at any time, by written order identified as a change order, make changes in the place of performance or Government-furnished facilities, equipment, material, services, or site. Any change order issued in accordance with this paragraph (p) shall be subject to the provisions of the Changes
(q) **Subcontracts.** The Contractor shall incorporate the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (q), in all subcontracts when subcontractor personnel are authorized to accompany U.S. Armed Forces deployed outside the United States in—

(1) Contingency operations;

(2) Humanitarian or peacekeeping operations; or

(3) Other military operations or military exercises, when designated by the Combatant Commander.

(End of clause)
252.225-7995 Contractor Personnel Performing in the United States Central Command Area of Responsibility (DEVIATION 2013-O0015)

Use this clause in lieu of FAR clause 52.225-19, Contractor Personnel in a Designated Operational Area or Supporting a Diplomatic or Consular Mission Outside the United States, in solicitations and contracts that will require contractor personnel to perform in the United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR), unless all such contractor personnel—

(a) Are authorized to accompany the U.S. Armed Forces; and

(b) Will be covered by the clause at DFARS 252.225-7040, Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany the U.S. Armed Forces.

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL PERFORMING IN THE UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (DEVIATION 2013-O0015) (JUN 2013)

(a) General. (1) This clause applies when Contractor personnel are required to perform in the United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR) and are not covered by the clause at DFARS 252.225-7040, Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany U.S. Armed Forces Deployed Outside the United States.

(2) Contract performance may require work in dangerous or austere conditions. Except as otherwise provided in the contract, the Contractor accepts the risks associated with required contract performance in such operations.

(3) Contractor personnel are civilians. When authorized in accordance with paragraph (h) of this clause to carry arms for personal protection, Contractor personnel are only authorized to use force for individual self-defense.

(4) Service performed by Contractor personnel subject to this clause is not active duty or service under 38 U.S.C. 106 note.

(b) Support. Unless specified elsewhere in the contract, the Contractor is responsible for all logistical and security support required for Contractor personnel engaged in this contract.
(c) **Compliance with laws and regulations.** (1) The Contractor shall comply with, and shall ensure that its personnel in the USCENTCOM AOR are familiar with and comply with, all applicable—

(i) United States, host country, and third country national laws;

(ii) Treaties and international agreements;

(iii) United States regulations, directives, instructions, policies, and procedures; and

(iv) Force protection, security, health, or safety orders, directives, and instructions issued by the USCENTCOM Commander; however, only the Contracting Officer is authorized to modify the terms and conditions of the contract.

(2) The Contractor shall ensure that Contractor employees are aware of their rights to—

(A) Hold their own identity or immigration documents, such as passport or driver’s license;

(B) Receive agreed upon wages on time;

(C) Take lunch and work-breaks;

(D) Elect to terminate employment at any time;

(E) Identify grievances without fear of reprisal;

(F) Have a copy of their employment contract in a language they understand;

(G) Receive wages that are not below the legal in-country minimum wage;

(H) Be notified of their rights, wages, and prohibited activities prior to signing their employment contract; and

(I) If housing is provided, live in housing that meets host-country housing and safety standards.

(d) **Preliminary personnel requirements.** (1) Specific requirements for paragraphs (d)(2)(i) and (d)(2)(ii) of this clause will be set forth in the statement of work or elsewhere in the contract.
(2) Before Contractor personnel begin contract performance in the USCENTCOM AOR, the Contractor shall ensure the following:

(i) All required security and background checks are complete and acceptable.

(ii) All personnel are medically and physically fit and have received all required vaccinations.

(e) Registration of Contractor personnel.

(1) The Contractor shall use the Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT) web-based system to enter and maintain data for all Contractor employees covered by this clause, following the procedures in paragraph (e)(3) of this clause.

(2) Upon becoming an employee under this contract, the Contractor shall enter into SPOT, and shall continue to use SPOT web-based system to maintain accurate, up-to-date information throughout the employment in the AOR. Changes to status of individual Contractor personnel relating to their in-theater arrival date and their duty location, to include closing out the employment in the AOR with their proper status (e.g., mission complete, killed, wounded) shall be annotated within the SPOT database in accordance with the timelines established in the SPOT business rules.¹

(i) In all circumstances, this includes any personnel performing private security functions.

(ii) For personnel other than those performing private security functions, this requirement excludes anyone—

(A) Hired under contracts valued below the simplified acquisition threshold;

(B) Who will be performing in the CENTCOM AOR less than 30 continuous days; or

(3) Follow these steps to register in and use SPOT:

(i) SPOT registration requires one of the following login methods:

(A) A Common Access Card or a SPOT-approved digital certificate; or

(B) A Government-sponsored SPOT user ID and password or an Army Knowledge Online (AKO) account.

(ii) To register in SPOT:

(A) Contractor company administrators should register for a SPOT account at https://spot.altess.army.mil; and

(B) The customer support team must validate user need. This process may take two business days. Company supervisors will be contacted to validate Contractor company administrator account requests and determine the appropriate level of user access.

(iii) Upon approval, all users will access SPOT at https://spot.altess.army.mil/.

(iv) Refer SPOT application assistance questions to the Customer Support Team at 717-458-0747 or SPOT.helpdesk@us.army.mil. Refer to the SPOT Enterprise Suite Resource Center at http://www.resource.spot-es.net/ for additional training resources and documentation regarding registration for and use of SPOT.

(4) The Contractor shall submit aggregate Contractor personnel counts at a minimum quarterly or as directed by the Contracting Officer by category (i.e. U.S. third country national or local national) of those Contractor personnel who are on contracts valued at more than the simplified acquisition threshold, but performing less that 30 days in the AOR (e.g. day laborers).

(f) Contractor personnel. The Contracting Officer may direct the Contractor, at its own expense, to remove and replace any Contractor personnel who fail to comply with or violate applicable requirements of this
contract. Such action may be taken at the Government’s discretion without prejudice to its rights under any other provision of this contract, including termination for default or cause.

(g) Military clothing and protective equipment.

(1) Contractor personnel are prohibited from wearing military clothing unless specifically authorized by the USCENTCOM Commander. If authorized to wear military clothing, Contractor personnel must wear distinguishable from military personnel, consistent with force protection measures.

(2) Contractor personnel may wear specific items required for safety and security, such as ballistic, nuclear, biological, or chemical protective equipment.

(h) Weapons.

(1) If the Contractor requests that its personnel performing in the designated operational area be authorized to carry weapons for personal protection, the request shall be made through the Contracting Officer to the USCENTCOM Commander, in accordance with DoD Instruction 3020.41, enclosure 2, paragraph 4.e.(2). The USCENTCOM Commander will determine whether to authorize in-theater Contractor personnel to carry weapons and what weapons and ammunition will be allowed.

(2) If the Contracting Officer, subject to the approval of the USCENTCOM Commander, authorizes the carrying of weapons—

(i) The Contracting Officer may authorize an approved contractor to issue contractor-owned weapons and ammunition to specified employees; or

(ii) The ________ [Contracting Officer to specify individual, e.g. Contracting Officer Representative, Regional Security Officer, etc.] may issue Government-furnished weapons and ammunition to the Contractor for issuance to specified Contractor employees.

(3) The Contractor shall ensure that its personnel who are authorized to carry weapons—

(i) Are adequately trained to carry and use them—

(A) Safely;
(B) With full understanding of, and adherence to, the rules of
the use of force issued by the USCENTCOM Commander; and

(C) In compliance with applicable Department of Defense and
agency policies, agreements, rules, regulations, and other applicable law;

(ii) Are not barred from possession of a firearm by 18 U.S.C. 922;
and

(iii) Adhere to all guidance and orders issued by the
USCENTCOM Commander regarding possession, use, safety, and
accountability of weapons and ammunition.

(4) Upon revocation by the Contracting Officer of the Contractor’s
authorization to possess weapons, the Contractor shall ensure that all
Government-furnished weapons and unexpended ammunition are returned
as directed by the Contracting Officer.

(5) Whether or not weapons are Government-furnished, all liability
for the use of any weapon by Contractor personnel rests solely with the
Contractor and the Contractor employee using such weapon.

(i) Vehicle or equipment licenses. Contractor personnel shall possess the
required licenses to operate all vehicles or equipment necessary to perform
the contract in the area of performance.

(j) Evacuation. In the event of a non-mandatory evacuation order, the
Contractor shall maintain personnel on location sufficient to meet contractual
obligations unless instructed to evacuate by the Contracting Officer.

(k) Notification and return of personal effects. (1) The Contractor
shall be responsible for notification of the employee-designated next of kin,
and notification as soon as possible to the U.S. Consul responsible for the
area in which the event occurred, if the employee—

(i) Dies;

(ii) Requires evacuation due to an injury; or

(iii) Is isolated, missing, detained, captured, or abducted.

(2) The Contractor shall also be responsible for the return of all
personal effects of deceased or missing Contractor personnel, if appropriate,
to next of kin.
(l) **Mortuary affairs.** Mortuary affairs for Contractor personnel who die in the area of performance will be handled in accordance with DoD Directive 1300.22, Mortuary Affairs Policy and DoDI 3020.41 (enclosure 2, paragraph 4.h.).

(m) **Changes.** In addition to the changes otherwise authorized by the Changes clause of this contract, the Contracting Officer may, at any time, by written order identified as a change order, make changes in place of performance or Government-furnished facilities, equipment, material, services, or site. Any change order issued in accordance with this paragraph shall be subject to the provisions of the Changes clause of this contract.

(n) **Subcontracts.** The Contractor shall incorporate the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (n), in all subcontracts that require subcontractor personnel to perform in the USCENTCOM AOR.

(End of clause)