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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (CONTRACTING)
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
DIRECTORS OF THE DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Class Deviation—Requirements for Contractor Personnel Performing in the U.S. Southern Command Area of Responsibility

Effective immediately, contracting officers shall use the attached clause, entitled “Requirements for Contractor Personnel Performing in the U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) Area of Responsibility,” in all solicitations and contracts with performance in the USSOUTHCOM area of responsibility. The USSOUTHCOM Commander has identified a need to utilize the attached clause, including requirements for personnel recovery, medical suitability screening and the use of the Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT) during operational phases (to include Phase 0) when the clause at DFARS 252.225-7040 does not apply.

This class deviation remains in effect until incorporated in the DFARS or otherwise rescinded.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 at william.f.reich2.civ@mail.mil.

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Attachment:
As stated
252.225-7987 REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL PERFORMING IN USSOUTHCOM AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (DEVIATION 2014-O0016)

Clause prescription:
Insert the following clause in solicitations and contracts for performance in the USSOUTHCOM area of responsibility, unless the clause at 252.225-7040 applies.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL PERFORMING IN USSOUTHCOM AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (CLASS DEVIATION 2014-O0016) (OCT 2014)

(a) Definitions.

"The U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) area of responsibility (AOR),” as used in this clause, includes the geographic areas of Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Aruba, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Falkland Islands, French Guiana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mayotte, Montserrat Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

(b) General.

(1) Contract performance in support of U.S. Armed Forces 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.

(2) Unless immune from host-nation jurisdiction by virtue of an international agreement or international law, inappropriate use of force by contractor personnel can subject such personnel to United States or host-nation prosecution and civil liability.

(c) Support.

(1) U.S. citizen and third country national (TCN) contractor personnel must have a Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT)-generated letter of authorization signed by the contracting officer in order to travel to, from, or within
the USSOUTHCOM AOR. The letter of authorization also will identify any additional authorizations, privileges, or Government support to which Contractor personnel are entitled under this contract.

(2) Unless specified elsewhere in this contract, the Contractor is responsible for all other support required for its personnel engaged in the USSOUTHCOM AOR under this contract.

(d) Pre-travel requirements.

The Contractor shall ensure that the following requirements are met prior to sending or using Contractor personnel in the USSOUTHCOM AOR. Specific requirements for each category may be specified in the statement of work or elsewhere in the contract.

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

(2) All Contractor personnel must be medically, dentally, and psychologically fit for performance of their contracted duties. All U.S. citizen and TCN Contractor personnel must meet the medical screening requirements established by the USSOUTHCOM Commander in the Medical Suitability Screening Regulation, SC Regulation 40-501, as well as the requirements identified in FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION (FHP) GUIDANCE FOR DEPLOYMENT in the USSOUTHCOM AOR or their successors and follow immunization and health protection guidelines outlined therein. All immunizations must be obtained prior to traveling to the USSOUTHCOM AOR. U.S. citizen contractor personnel and TCN Contractor personnel traveling from a country outside of the USSOUTHCOM AOR must travel into the USSOUTHCOM AOR with a current copy of the Public Health Service Form 791, “International Certificate of Vaccination.” In addition, U.S. citizen contractor personnel and TCN contractor personnel traveling to the USSOUTHCOM AOR are required to be beneficiaries of a medical evacuation plan and service through an insurance plan provided by their employer or paid for individually.

(3) The Contractor shall collect a DNA record for all U.S. citizen Contractor personnel traveling to the USSOUTHCOM AOR and shall have arrangements for storage of the DNA reference specimen through a private facility or arrange for the storage of the specimen by contacting the Armed Forces Repository of Specimen Samples for the Identification of Remains (AFRSSIR) at http://www.afmes.mil/index.cfm?pageid=afdil.afrssir.overview or phone: (302) 346-8800. In addition, U.S. citizen contractor personnel shall comply with the requirements of DoDI 3020.41, Enclosure 3, paragraph 8.b., or its successor.
(4) U.S. citizen contractor personnel and TCN Contractor personnel traveling to the USOUTHCOM AOR must follow the requirements identified in the Electronic Foreign Clearance Guide available at https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm and must have all necessary passports, visas, and other documents required to enter, exit or work in the USOUTHCOM AOR; and must also have the appropriate DoD identity credential(s). Contractor personnel shall return all U.S. Government-issued identification, to include the Common Access Card, to appropriate U.S. Government authorities within 5 days of the end of their travel or contractual duties.

(5) Special area, country, and theater clearance is obtained for U.S. citizen contractor personnel and TCN Contractor personnel traveling in the USOUTHCOM AOR. Clearance requirements are in DoD Directive 4500.54E, DoD Foreign Clearance Program (FCP). For this purpose, U.S. citizen and TCN Contractor personnel are considered non-DoD Contractor personnel traveling under DoD sponsorship.

(6) All U.S. citizen contractor personnel and TCN Contractor personnel must receive personal security training. At a minimum, the training shall—

(i) Cover safety and security issues facing employees within the USOUTHCOM AOR;

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

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

(7) All U.S. citizen DOD sponsored contractors must comply with current force protection, personnel recovery and theater entry requirements as posted in DODI 3020.41 Operational Contract Support, DODI 3002.03 DOD Personnel Recovery – Reintegration of Recovered Personnel, the DOD Foreign Clearance Guide at https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/ and current USOUTHCOM guidance prior to travel to any country in the USOUTHCOM AOR. All U.S. citizen Contractor personnel must complete the following:

(i) Anti-Terrorism (AT) Level 1 Training course available at https://jktodirect.jten.mil (Login and Search for the course on the Course Catalog tab via the number or key word, enroll, and Launch). AT training must be completed within 12 months (1 year) prior to entry into the USOUTHCOM AOR.

(ii) IAW the DOD Foreign Clearance Guide and USOUTHCOM theater entry requirements, DOD sponsored contractors entering the theater on official business will have a DD Form 1833 Isolated Personnel Report (ISOPREP) on file in Personnel Recovery Mission Software (PRMS). The ISOPREP will be
reviewed within 6 months prior to theater entry and every 6 months while in the AOR.

(iii) IAW USSOUTHCOM theater entry requirements, all DOD sponsored contractors must complete the computer based SERE 100.1 Code of Conduct training course prior to theater entry. Training is available online http://jko.jten.mil (Log into your account, go to the Course Catalog and search for SERE 100.1, enroll, and Launch) or through disk based software. Training is good for 3 years.

(iv) IAW the DOD Foreign Clearance Guide and USSOUTHCOM theater entry requirements, all DOD sponsored contractors traveling to designated high risk areas should receive a High Risk of Isolation (HRI) Briefing. The HRI Briefing is required for all DOD personnel conducting operations in, over, or around uncertain or hostile areas increasing their risk of becoming missing, isolated, detained, or captured.

(v) For more information or specific questions regarding completion of these requirements please contact the designated contracting officer’s representative (COR). The COR will contact the appropriate DOD agency or service component for additional guidance.

(e) Personnel data.

(1) The Contractor shall use the Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT) web-based system at https://spot.dmdc.mil, to enter and maintain the data for the following Contractor personnel:

(i) All U.S. citizen contractor personnel and TCN contractor personnel who travel to the USSOUTHCOM AOR for periods of performance anticipated to exceed 30 consecutive days.

(ii) TCN, host nation (HN), or local national (LN) personnel who reside with or work in the immediate vicinity of U.S. Armed Forces and/or DOD Civilian personnel for periods of performance anticipated to exceed 30 consecutive days.

(iii) Private security contractors and contingency contractor personnel authorized to carry weapons regardless of proximity to U.S. Armed Forces or the length of the period of performance of their contract.

(iv) Contractor personnel with a place of performance within the continental United States, including the USSOUTHCOM Headquarters and Joint Interagency Task Force-South (JIATF-S) Headquarters, that may—within the terms of
their contracts—deploy to the USSOUTHCOM AOR for periods anticipated to exceed 30 consecutive days.

(2) The Contractor shall enter into the SPOT web-based system the required information on Contractor personnel prior to travel to the USSOUTHCOM AOR and shall continue to use the SPOT web-based system to maintain accurate, up-to-date information throughout the period of travel for all Contractor personnel. Changes to the status of individual Contractor personnel relating to their in-theater arrival date and their duty location, to include closing out the trip 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.

(End of clause)