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Hughes Network Systems, LLC

Attn: David Tuscano, Senior Director

Subject: Contract Modification - New Clause for Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors – CS3 Contract GS00Q17NRD4007

Dear Mr. Tuscano,

GSA appreciates the hard work and dedication of our contractors. The health and safety of GSA employees, contractors and their families is our top priority. In order to ensure the health and safety of the Federal workforce and contractor community, the President signed [Executive Order 14042, Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors](#). The requirements in the Executive Order are being implemented via a FAR deviation. The clause in the FAR deviation will be incorporated into GSA contracts via a bilateral modification.

If you hold a GSA contract for services, construction, or a leasehold interest in property that exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT) or the simplified lease acquisition threshold (SLAT), GSA strongly encourages you to accept this contract modification at this time. The modification is **mandatory** before GSA will renew, extend the period of performance of your contract, or exercise an option.

Acceptance of the contract modification is also **mandatory** for all Federal Supply Schedule contractors.

If you hold a contract at or below the SAT/SLAT or a contract only for products, GSA strongly encourages you to accept the modification.

For IDIQ contracts, including all Federal Supply Schedule contracts, you must sign the modification by **November 14, 2021** to be eligible for new orders. GSA may take interim actions if a signed modification is not returned to GSA by **November 14, 2021**, such as:

- Temporarily hiding contractor information on GSA websites and/or e-tools
- Flagging contractors that have not accepted the modification

Once an IDIQ contract is modified, the clause applies to the exercise of options on all existing orders and to all future orders.

Based on the urgency of this issue, please return your signed contract modification as soon as possible and no later than **November 14, 2021**.

For more information, please visit <https://gsa.gov/covid19>.

Sincerely,



Sasha Knaani  
Contracting Officer