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- a. At any time during the performance of a contract, a Contractor may submit, or the FAA may solicit product improvement or technology enhancement proposals for FAA review. Contractors are encouraged to discuss product improvement/technology enhancement ideas with the integrated product team prior to preparing and submitting a formal proposal. These proposals should suggest methods for performing more economically and/or methods for incorporating emerging technology. Changes may be proposed to save money, to improve performance or reliability, to save energy, water, or space, to reduce environmental impact, to satisfy increased data processing requirements, to incorporate technological advances in software, or for other technical or business reasons that the Contractor believes may be advantageous to the FAA. Discontinuance of equipment is subject to negotiations and to the FAA's written approval prior to the introduction of a substitute product.
- b. Any proposed change may be approved, in whole or in part, and incorporated into a contract modification signed by both parties. Until the effective date of the modification, the Contractor shall perform in accordance with the existing contract. The decision to accept or reject a proposed change is not subject to dispute.
- c. The proposal should address the functions of systems, equipment, facilities, services and supplies for the purpose of achieving the essential functions at the lowest life cycle cost consistent with required performance, reliability, quality, and safety. The extent and detail provided in a proposal should be proportionate to the complexity and/or value of the proposed change. If the proposed change will result in a reduction in the overall life cycle costs, the Contractor should also propose a reasonable method for sharing in the proposed savings.

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