

CEPEDA Associates, Inc.

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Title: **PRODUCTS MADE WITH FORCED LABOR IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Clause: Section 855 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023 (Pub. L. 117-263) prohibits any U.S. Government contractor, including CEPEDA, from using DoD funds obligated or expended to knowingly procure any products mined, produced, or manufactured wholly or in part by forced labor from Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China (XUAR). This requirement is prescribed by DFARS 252.225-7059 and 252.225-7060 for CEPEDA and its subcontractors. In addition, section 855 of the NDAA (Pub. L. 117-81) prohibits any U.S. Government contractor, including CEPEDA, from awarding a contract to an Offeror if it is a Covered Entity and proposes to employ one or more individuals who will perform work in the People's Republic of China on a covered contract, unless the Offeror has disclosed its use of workforce and facilities in the People's Republic of China. This requirement is prescribed by DFARS 252.225-7057 and DFARS 252.225-7058.

Supplier SHALL conducted reasonable due diligence to determine both internally and of its supply chain that source of the parts, components, or raw materials used in the products sold or otherwise delivered to CEPEDA are not mined, produced, or manufactured, either wholly or in part:

- In the XUAR.
- By persons working with the XUAR government for purposes of the poverty alleviation program or the pairing-assistance program; or
- Using convict labor, forced labor, or indentured labor under penal sanctions.

Supplier SHALL NOT employ one or more individuals who will perform work in the People's Republic of China on a Covered Contract, as defined in DFARS 252.225-7058. If supplier is awarded a contract\purchase order with this Q-Clause as a requirement and has determined that the work force procuring/providing services are affected by the Q-Clause, provide the following additional information to CEPEDA when submitting a formal response.

- The proposed use of workforce on a Covered Contract or subcontract, if the Offeror employs one or more individuals who perform work in the People's Republic of China.
- The total number of such individuals who will perform work in the People's Republic of China; and
- A description of the physical presence, including street address or addresses, in the People's Republic of China, where work on the covered contract will be performed.