



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Is this a Government Contract?

You will not be working for a Government agency and your subcontract will not be a "Government" subcontract. We are a private contractor, working at Fort Riley in partnership with the Army. We have some control and reporting requirements but most of these will be transparent to you as a subcontractor.

Is the Work Subject to the Davis-Bacon Wage Act?

Our New Residential Construction, and Capital Improvement/Renovations work in Riley and Geary County is subject to the Davis-Bacon Wage Act. We have found that most contractors are paying in excess of these rates so in most cases the impact will be only the minor administrative effort necessary to complete the documentation and certified payroll requirements. If you are unfamiliar with this documentation or need the required forms we will be happy to assist you with this process. For information you may logon to the Davis Bacon Wage Rate Web Page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/davisbacon/md.html>.

Are the Awards Based Purely on Low Bid?

Since we are a private contractor, we have much more flexibility in our subcontractor selection. We award contracts on the basis of "Best-Value." We understand that Best Value does not always equate to "Low-Bid."

What are the Insurance Requirements?

You are required to carry insurance in accordance with the amounts outlined on the attached Insurance Compliance form to cover your company while you are a Contractor for Picerne at Fort Riley. At present we are not participating in Picerne's "Controlled Insurance Program" (CIP), which reduces our overall project costs while providing a level playing field, enabling the smaller contractors to provide the same critical project specific insurance coverage as the larger contractors. This program may be required in the future.

What are Picerne's Payment Terms?

We understand that prompt payment is critical to the success of your business. We pay invoices, submitted in an approvable form no later than the 20th of the month, by the 25th of the following month provided you are in good standing and in compliance with your contract requirements.

Are there any special requirements regarding accessing the Base?

All individuals and vehicles entering the gates of Fort Riley on an ongoing basis will need to go through the Military's approval process. The approval process takes approximately 2-3 weeks. One day passes are available with a Driver's License, Registration and Insurance Card for Pre-Contract issues, Site visit, Bidding, etc.

What if my business does not match any of the categories listed in the Construction Division and Classification Sheet?

If you are engaged in a non-construction or a non-maintenance related trade, you are classified under General Requirements.

What is an EMR (Experience Modification Rating)?

Experience Modifier (mod) is a multiplier applied to the premium of a qualifying policy and provides an incentive for loss prevention. The mod represents either a credit or debit that is applied to the premium before discounts. If your company's loss experience is more costly on the average than other company's loss experience in your industry, the result is a debit mod, or surcharge, on premiums. If your company's experience is less costly than the industry average, you will receive a credit mod, or discount, on your premium.

Who qualifies?

All employers whose premium before discounts averages \$4,000 or more a year for a three-year period are eligible for an experience modification rating. Approximately 90 percent of worker's compensation premium dollars come from experience rated policies.

Employers with less than \$4,000 in premium or who have not been in business for more than 3 years most likely are not experience rated because of their low exposure to claims - on average they have claims every 10 to 20 years - thus, they should not be rewarded or penalized. Employers who do not qualify for experience modifications pay the basic industry rate for their coverage, less any applicable discounts. Please contact your insurance provider to get your EMR if you qualify. If you do not have an experience rating your mod will be recorded as a 1.0 which represents neither a credit or a debit.

What is a DUNS number?

A D&B® D-U-N-S® Number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of more than 70 million businesses worldwide. Why should you have a D-U-N-S Number? It enhances the credibility of your business in the marketplace and enables potential customers, suppliers and lenders to easily identify and learn about your company. The U.S. government and many major corporations require their suppliers and contractors to have a D-U-N-S Number.

How do I get my DUNS#?

Acquiring your DUNS# is free and the process only takes a few minutes. Contact them through their website at: www.dnb.com or through the address and phone number below:

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