## ALTERNATE PROPOSALS

Bidder is invited to submit additional, alternate proposals that might reduce its proposed prices by taking advantage of price breaks, delivery schedule variations, more economical packaging, bulk handling, or changes in configurations, materials, tolerances, finishes, etc. that will not impair any essential characteristics of form, fit, or function, such as service life, reliability, ease of maintenance, or interchangeability. Bidder is advised that alternate proposals are entirely optional and, in order to ensure that Bidder is not found to be nonresponsive, should be submitted along with a proposal that is responsive to the precise requirements of this solicitation.