(a) In the performance of this contract, the contractor shall make maximum use of biobased products that are United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-designated items unless –

(1) The product cannot be acquired –

   (i) Competitively within a time frame providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;

   (ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or

   (iii) At a reasonable price.

(2) The product is to be used in an application covered by a USDA categorical exemption (see 7 CFR 3201.3(e)). For example, all USDA-designated items are exempt from the preferred procurement requirement for the following:

   (i) Spacecraft system and launch support equipment.

   (ii) Military equipment, i.e., a product or system designed or procured for combat or combat-related missions.

(b) Information about this requirement and these products is available at http://www.biopreferred.gov.

(c) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall –

   (1) Report to the environmental point of contact identified in paragraph (d) of this clause, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, on the product types and dollar value of any USDA-designated biobased products purchased by the Contractor during the previous Government fiscal year, between October 1 and September 30;

   (2) Submit this report no later than –

      (i) October 31 of each year during contract performance; and

      (ii) At the end of contract performance.