

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

SOLICITATION NUMBER: USDA-VT-4-08

## AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

For Rock River Watershed, Franklin County, Vermont

Quotation Due Date: May 15, 2008



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FARM SERVICE AGENCY  
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD OFFICE

### NOTICE TO OFFEROR

Any proposal submitted for this RFP must be identified with the following information labeled on the outside of the mailing package:

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## NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS :

OFFERORS ARE CAUTIONED TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS:

The following information must be submitted with any price quotation: Aircraft and camera(s) proposed for use, incomplete contracts, technical capability statement, and past performance. See Section A (Page 3).

This solicitation requires film based acquisition, digital scanning and orthorectification services.

This RFQ is subject to the Availability of Funds Clause (FAR 52.232-18) See Section B-5.9, Page 10.

This solicitation is totally set-aside for small business concerns. See FAR Clause 52.219-06, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (July 1996).

The complete text of any or all clauses referenced herein may be obtained by submitting a request, identifying this solicitation number, to the Contracting Officer, USDA, FSA, Aerial Photography Field Office, 2222 West 2300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119-2020. Complete copies of the FAR in loose-leaf or CFR form may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington D.C. 20402.

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5a. ISSUED BY			6. DELIVER BY (Date)	
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a. NAME		b. COMPANY		b. STREET ADDRESS
c. STREET ADDRESS				c. CITY
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10. PLEASE FURNISH QUOTATIONS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE IN BLOCK 5a ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS (Date)		IMPORTANT: This is a request for information, and quotations furnished are not officers. If you are unable to quote, please so indicate on this form and return it to the address in Block 5a. This request does not commit the Government to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the submission of this quotation or to contract for supplies or service. Supplies are of domestic origin unless otherwise indicated by quoter. Any representations and/or certifications attached to this Request for Quotation must be completed by the quoter.		

**11. SCHEDULE (Include applicable Federal, State and local taxes)**

ITEM NO.	SUPPLIES/ SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)

12. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT	a. 10 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	b. 20 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	c. 30 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	d. CALENDAR DAYS	
				NUMBER	PERCENTAGE

NOTE: Additional provisions and representations  are  are not attached.

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF QUOTER			14. SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN QUOTATION		15. DATE OF QUOTATION	
a. NAME OF QUOTER						
b. STREET ADDRESS						
c. COUNTY			16. SIGNER			
d. CITY			a. NAME (Type or print)		b. TELEPHONE	
					AREA CODE	
e. STATE		f. ZIP CODE	c. TITLE (Type or print)		NUMBER	

NOTE: THIS SECTION MUST ACCOMPANY ANY QUOTATION SUBMITTED.

**SECTION A**

**REQUIRED STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS**

<b>A-1 AIRCRAFT TO BE USED IN COMPLETION OF ITEM(S) IN THIS CONTRACT:</b>			
Make/Model	Registration Number	Operating Ceiling	Offeror Owned (check appropriate block)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
*If the aircraft is/are not offeror owned, a written statement of availability from the owner of the aircraft must be enclosed. See Section C-2.			

<b>A-2 CAMERA(S) TO BE USED IN COMPLETION OF ITEM(S) IN THIS CONTRACT</b>			
Make/Model	Lens Number	Magazine Number	Offeror Owned (check appropriate box)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Current calibration report(s) must be enclosed or on file at the Aerial Photography Field Office. *If the camera(s) is/are not offeror owned, a written statement of availability from the owner(s) of the camera(s) must be enclosed. See Section C-2.			

<b>A-3 INCOMPLETE CONTRACTS AS OF DATE OF OFFER:</b>		
Remaining Linear Miles	Summer	Winter
U.S. Government Contracts:		
All Other Contracts:		

**A-4 TECHNICAL CAPABILITY STATEMENT**

A brief statement regarding the offeror’s technical capability to successfully perform this contract must be submitted with offer.

**A-5 PAST PERFORMANCE REFERENCES**

If no previous contracts have been held by the offeror with the USDA Aerial Photography Field Office, list at least two (2) references, with which the offeror has held similar contracts. If possible, one reference should be within the Federal government. List company or agency name, address, name of person to contact, and telephone number.

## SECTION B

PROJECT SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

Furnish aerial photographic services and related supplies in accordance with the requirements, specifications, terms, conditions specified herein.

## B-1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Materials To Be Delivered

**Original Color Positive Film (cut and sleeved)**

**Pre-Production Sample (Section C-8.1(g))\*\***

**Uncompressed Digital Orthoimagery Tiles in GeoTIF format\***

**Compressed Digital Orthoimagery Tiles in MrSID\***

**Compressed Project Mosaic (CPM) in MrSID compressed format\* (only required for Project Item 1, Paragraph B-2)**

**Photo Center Data File\*\***

**Metadata Files\***

**\* delivered on external hard drive**

**\*\* delivered on CD-ROM or DVD**

1.2 Delivery Schedule

- (a) Original Materials – Delivery Schedule: Film, photo-center file, compressed and uncompressed orthos with metadata files and digital compressed project mosaic are due thirty (30) calendar days after the photographic season end date or any authorized extension thereof.
- (b) Corrected Materials – Delivery Schedule: Remake materials shall be shipped as soon as possible after correction is made but no later than 30 days after receipt in the Contractor's facility of the materials or data required to make the corrections. Only material specifically requested by USDA to be corrected shall be submitted for inspection. Signed delivery receipts will be required to verify date of receipt of such data or materials by the Contractor.

1.3 Intended Use of Product

The primary purpose of this aerial photography is for photo interpretation and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) measurements in support of multiple resource management and inventory activities.

1.4 Project Requirements

- (a) Nominal Photographic Scale:
- (1) 1:7,920 (See Section B-2)
  - (2) 1:6,000 (See Section B-3)
  - (3) 1:4,000 (See Section B-4)

- (b) Approximate Photographic Period: July 15, 2008 through September 1, 2008.
- (c) Minimum Sun Angle: 45 Degrees
- (d) Overlap:
  - (1) Endlap: Optimum 20%, Minimum 12%, Maximum 30%
  - (2) Sidelap: Optimum 22 %, Minimum 12%, Maximum 30%
- (e) Aerial Camera: Lens Focal Length of 6 inch (153mm) and Antivignetting Filter. See Section C-2.1.
- (f) Aerial Film: Color Positive Aerial Film. (Brand Names: Kodak Aerochrome III MS Film 2427, Agfa Aviphot Chrome 200 PEI, or equivalent). See Section C-5.
- (g) Film Titling: Every exposure shall be titled in accordance with the format and instructions specified herein and in Section C-6, of the contract. Automatic electronic titling may be permitted upon Contracting Officer's approval.
  - (1) Agency Designator: VT-ANR
  - (2) Project Identification Code: RRWS
- (h) Digital Photo-Center Data File: A digital photo-center data file is required and will be prepared by the Contractor in accordance with specifications herein. See Section C-9 for description and instructions.
- (i) Government Furnished Materials:
  - (1) Flight Plan Data:
    - (i) Exposure Stations: CSV text file of the photo centers to be acquired;
    - (ii) Project Shapefile: ESRI compatible shapefile of project area; and
    - (iii) Season Sun Angle Charts
  - (2) Baseline Orthophoto Control Imagery
  - (3) Metadata Template: Two (2) ASCII text files will be provided to be used as templates when creating the metadata for the tiles and the CPM. See Section C-8.2 and 8.3.
- (j) Project Map: See Exhibit 1.

## 1.5 Photographic Operations

- (a) Air Space Clearance: These Project Item areas may contain areas of controlled or restricted airspace. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to obtain all approvals necessary to assure that specified altitudes are achieved.
- (b) Terrain Conditions: Ground cover is a mix of forest and cropland. Photography must be acquired when neither snow nor flooding obscures the ground. See Section C-4.

- (c) Progress Reports: Progress Report is required for each day progress is made in acquiring project photography and shall be transmitted by e-mail following each day of progress. An e-mail address will be provided to the contractor at contract award. See Exhibit 2 for data syntax and format.

1.6 Image Quality

Any imagery submitted to the Government that does not meet the minimum quality requirements may be subject to a price reduction based on the potential diminished use of the product.

<b>B-2: PROJECT ITEM 1: Rock River Watershed, Franklin County, Vermont, Flight Lines 1-11</b>	
LINE ITEM	IMAGE TILES
1:7,920 Scale	71

2.1 Project Flight Plan Description

- (a) Photographic Scale: The project flight plan has been designated to achieve a nominal photographic scale of 1:7,920, with allowable deviations from nominal scale due to terrain changes may range between scales of 1:7,200 to 1:8,500.
- (b) Flight Altitudes: The Nominal Flying Height is: 1,207 meters (3,960 feet) above mean ground elevation. Highest Altitude Specified is: 1,372 meters (4,500 feet) above mean sea level.
- (c) Flight Lines:

Number of Flight Lines: 11 lines (Flight Lines 1 thru 11, Project Map, Exhibit 1)

Number of Datum Breaks: 0 breaks

Total Number of Line Segments: 11 segments

Direction: North-South

In-Line Exposure Spacing: 1,448 meters (4,752 feet) at nominal flying height.

Flight Line Spacing: 1,408 meters (4,618 feet), at 40 degrees 45 minutes north latitude (1.0 minutes longitude).

2.2 Digital Orthorectification Requirement

Contractor shall provide rectification services to produce digital orthophoto imagery to achieve a 12 inch ground sample distance (GSD). See Section C-8.

<b>B-3 PROJECT ITEM 2: Rock River Watershed, Franklin County, Vermont, Flight Line 12</b>	
LINE ITEM	IMAGE TILES
1:6,000 Scale	9

3.1 Project Flight Plan Description

(a) Photographic Scale: The project flight plan has been designated to achieve a nominal photographic scale of 1:6,000. Deviations from nominal scale due to terrain changes may range between scales of 1:5,600 to 1:6,200.

(b) Flight Altitudes: The Nominal Flying Height is: 914 meters (3,000 feet) above mean ground elevation. Highest Altitude Specified is: 975 meters (3,200 feet) above mean sea level.

(c) Flight Lines:

Number of Flight Lines: 1 lines (Flight Line 12, see Project Map Exhibit 1)

Number of Datum Breaks: 0 breaks

Total Number of Line Segments: 1 segments

Direction: North-South

In-Line Exposure Spacing: 1,097 meters (3,600 feet) at nominal flying height.

Flight Line Spacing: 1,408 meters (4,618 feet), at 40 degrees 45 minutes north latitude (1.0 minutes longitude).

3.2 Digital Orthorectification Requirement

Contractor shall provide rectification services to produce digital orthophoto imagery to achieve a 9 inch ground sample distance (GSD). See Section C-8.

<b>B-4: PROJECT ITEM 3: Rock River Watershed, Franklin County, Vermont, Flight Line 13</b>	
LINE ITEM	IMAGE TILES
1:4,000 Scale	14

#### 4.1 Project Flight Plan Description

- (a) Photographic Scale: The project flight plan has been designated to achieve a nominal photographic scale of 1:4,000. Deviations from nominal scale due to terrain changes may range between scales of 1:3,600 to 1:4,200.
- (b) Flight Altitudes: The Nominal Flying Height is: 610 meters (2,000 feet) above mean ground elevation. Highest Altitude Specified is: 671 meters (2,200 feet) above mean sea level.
- (c) Flight Lines:

Number of Flight Lines: 1 lines (Flight Line 13, see Project Map, Exhibit 1)

Number of Datum Breaks: 0 breaks

Total Number of Line Segments: 1 segments

Direction: North-South

In-Line Exposure Spacing: 732 meters (2,400 feet) at nominal flying height.

Flight Line Spacing: 1,408 meters (4,618 feet), at 40 degrees 45 minutes north latitude (1.0 minutes longitude).

#### 4.2 Digital Orthorectification Requirement

Contractor shall provide rectification services to produce digital orthophoto imagery to achieve a 6 inch ground sample distance (GSD). See Section C-8.

### B-5 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

#### 5.1 Evaluation of Offers

- (a) Offers shall be evaluated according to the following criteria including all supporting information furnished by the offeror with their quotation. The following evaluation criteria are listed in descending order of importance.

1. Price: Completed SF-18. In the event of a mathematical error, the unit price takes precedence over the extended price.
2. Technical Capability: Completed Section A and brief statements describing the planned technical approach to job, project scheduling and site basing of aircraft, camera and crew availability, company's quality control system, personnel qualifications, and incomplete contracts.
3. Past Performance: Past performance record of similar projects or references.

Technical capability and past performance, when combined, are more important when compared to price.

- (b) The Government reserves the right to make an award to other than the lowest priced offeror, or other than the highest technically rated offeror, when the perceived benefits and tradeoffs provide the Government the greatest value.

- (c) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to that responsive and responsible offeror whose offer represents the greatest value and is determined to be in the best interest and the most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered.

## 5.2 Contract Extensions

### (a) Photographic Season Extension

The Government reserves the right to extend the photographic season of this contract beyond the approximate photographic period indicated in Section B-1.4(b). A lower minimum sun angle requirement may be necessary to allow the season extension. The Government may extend the season of this contract, at no increase in price, by written notice to the contractor at any time prior to the end of the photographic season.

### (b) Extension of the Term of the Contract

IT IS THE EXPRESSED INTENT OF THE GOVERNMENT TO HAVE ALL PHOTOGRAPHY REQUIRED UNDER THIS CONTRACT COMPLETED WITHIN THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PERIOD SPECIFIED.

The Government reserves the right to extend the term of the contract if all photography under the contract has not been secured within the photographic period, through no fault of the Contractor. The Government may extend the term of this contract, at no increase in price, by written notice to the Contractor within six (6) months after the photographic season has ended. The Contracting Officer may exercise this option twice.

## 5.3 Ownership of Photographic Materials

All original photographic materials shall become the property of the Government upon formal acceptance. No reproductions shall be made prior to inspection by the Government unless specified in the contract or authorized by the Contracting Officer.

## 5.4 Aircraft Regulations and Certifications

All aircraft used in the performance of the work under this contract shall be maintained and operated in accordance with all regulations required by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Aircraft operated in the acquisition of aerial photography under this contract shall be FAA certified to the highest flying altitude specified in the solicitation.

## 5.5 Wage Determination

The Wage Determination applicable to any contract resulting from this solicitation is determined by the location of the Contractor's establishment. Wage Determination Number 1995-0222, Revision 23, Dated February 6, 2008, will be applicable for contractors nationwide. (See Exhibit 3)

## 5.6 Industry Small Business Standard

The small business industry size standard for the type of services covered by this procurement, under NAICS code 541922, is the average annual receipts of the concern and its affiliates for the preceding three (3) years not in excess of \$6.5 million.

## 5.7 Invoices

Contractor invoices shall be submitted in an original and two copies to the Contracting Officer designated in this contract or on the delivery order to receive invoices. To constitute a proper invoice, the invoice must include the following information and/or attached documentation:

- (a) Name of the business concern and invoice date.
- (b) Contract number, or other authorization for delivery of property or services.
- (c) Description, price, and quantity of services actually delivered or rendered.
- (d) Shipping and payment terms.
- (e) Name (where practicable), title, phone number, and complete mailing address of responsible official to whom payment is to be sent.

Notice of an apparent error, defect, or impropriety in an invoice will be given to the Contractor within 7 days of receipt of an invoice and suitably documented.

## 5.8 Non-Discrimination Statement

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its program and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of Discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## 5.9 Availability of Funds (FAR 52.232-18, APR 1984)

Funds are not presently available for this contract. The Government's obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for this contract and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

## SECTION C

## DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

C-1 SCOPE OF CONTRACT

The general scope of this contract is to procure precise vertical aerial photography for one or more of the following purposes; natural resource inventory, stereomodel compilation, analytical aerotriangulation, orthophotography, and extraction of data by means of photogrammetric measurements. See Section B for the specific intended use of photography and project requirements.

1.1 Introduction

The Contractor is responsible for furnishing aerial photographic services and related supplies and materials in accordance with requirements, specifications, terms and conditions specified herein.

- (a) Technical Requirements and Specifications: The technical requirements and specifications of this contract are described in Section C which define the essential elements in securing high quality aerial photography. Any deviation from the specifications stated herein may cause increased time and effort in using the photography as intended.
- (b) Delivery and Performance: All contract materials shall be shipped within the time limits and to the place of delivery specified on the resulting delivery/purchase order. Performance of the contract shall be authorized and monitored by the Contracting Officer and/or the Contracting Officer's Representative.
- (c) Quality Control: Quality control shall be exercised by the Contractor continuously throughout the performance of the contract. Procedures shall be established to assure that all aerial photographic materials are delivered in accordance with the delivery schedule and at the required level of accuracy and quality. The Contractor shall acquire immediate reflights of any photography where coverage or film quality fails to meet minimum requirements of the contract specifications.
- (d) Contract Material Inspection: All materials specified in Section B-1.1 will be inspected to determine conformance to all contract requirements and specifications. Inspections shall be performed at the APFO facility in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Government will make every effort to inspect all material specified within 30 calendar days after all materials are received at the APFO facility. Should the inspection procedure be delayed longer than 30 days, the Contractor will be notified on the reason(s) for delay and given the estimated completion date. Contract materials will be inspected in the order of their receipt, unless otherwise prioritized by the Government.
  - (1) Marginal Deficiencies: If the inspection of materials reveal marginal deficiencies, a review by the user agency may be performed to determine if deficiencies may cause increased time and effort in using the photography as intended.

- (2) Nonconformance with Contract Requirements: If any of the services do not conform with the contract requirements, the Government may require the Contractor to perform the services again in conformity with contract requirements, at no increase in contract amount. When the defects in services cannot be corrected by re-performance, the Government may:
  - (i) Require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to contract requirements and
  - (ii) Reduce the contract price to reflect the reduced value of services performed.

## 1.2 Labor and Materials

The Contractor shall furnish all materials, equipment, transportation, superintendence, and labor as required herein. The Contractor shall execute and finish the aerial photographic services for the project specified and shall deliver to the USDA all materials called for in Section B-1.1, Materials to be Delivered.

## 1.3 References

The following documents referenced in this solicitation document are considered requirements and specifications under the resulting contract(s), as applicable to the Contractor's technical proposal:

- (a) Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Specification, FGDC-STD-001-1998 ("Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata")
- (b) Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Title 14 ("Federal Aviation Regulations")
- (c) GeoTIFF Revision 1.0 Specification, dated December 28, 2000 (Version 1.8.2)
- (d) TIFF Specification Revision 6 dated June 3, 1992 (Adobe Systems Inc.)

## C-2 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Any equipment (aircraft and cameras, in addition to those submitted at the time of offer) proposed to be used by the Contractor must be approved for use by the Contracting Officer. If the aircraft and camera proposed for use are not owned by the Contractor, a written statement of availability from the owner of the equipment shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer.

### 2.1 Aerial Camera and Filter

- (a) Tested and calibrated precision aerial cameras for taking aerial photographs are required and must meet USDA Aerial Camera Specifications (see Section C-3 and Attachment A). Camera systems must be compatible with precision stereoscopic mapping instruments and with analytical mensuration procedures used in photogrammetric surveys and in preparing accurate topographic maps.
- (b) Only camera systems which meet the requirements of these specifications, as determined by a current USGS "Report of Calibration" test report, shall be used. Focal length and filter are specified in Section B. A camera system "Report of Calibration"

will not be acceptable if more than three (3) years old at the scheduled date for receipt of offers. See Attachment A, Revision 8/10/99, for USDA Aerial Camera Specifications.

- (c) Proposed camera systems will be evaluated to determine if they meet the contract specifications, based on a current USGS camera calibration test report. The Contracting Officer shall have the right to require the removal of a camera from use when deficiencies in photographic imagery attributable to the camera are found to exist. Any camera removed from use by the Contracting Officer shall not be returned to use on USDA projects until the cause of the malfunction is corrected to the satisfaction of USDA. That determination will be based on acceptable samples and/or an additional test by the Optical Science Laboratory of the USGS, if directed by the Contracting Officer.
- (d) Camera Accessories
  - (e) Automatic Exposure Control: An automatic exposure control device is permitted, but a manual override capability is required for some types of terrain to achieve proper exposure.
  - (ii) Data Strip/Data Chamber: Aerial camera is required to be able to produce a Data strip contains both date and time on each exposure captured.
  - (iii) Camera Mount: The camera mount shall be regularly serviced and maintained and shall be insulated against aircraft vibration.
- (e) Camera Operation: The camera and its mount shall be checked for proper installation prior to each mission. Particular attention shall be given to electrical circuits which control fiducial and camera data box lights and to the vacuum supply. In conformance with conventional photogrammetric practice, it is the preference of the Government that the Contractor use camera configurations, that when installed in the aircraft, advance film parallel to the line of flight.

## 2.2 Aircraft

- (a) All aircraft used in the performance of the work under this contract shall be maintained and operated in accordance with all regulations required by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Aircraft operated in the acquisition of aerial photography under this contract shall be FAA certified to a service ceiling with operating load (crew, camera, film, oxygen, and other required equipment) of not less than the highest altitude specified in Section C-4.
- (b) When the flight plan and location of any item in the proposed coverage fall within positive-control airspace, the aircraft must contain the appropriate equipment to operate in such positive-control areas within the purview of the Federal Aviation Regulations.
- (c) The design of the aircraft shall be such that when the camera is mounted with all its parts within the outer structure, an unobstructed field of view is obtained. The field of view shall be shielded from the exhaust gases, oil, effluence, and air turbulence. Glass, plastic, or other window material shall not be interposed between the camera and the ground to be photographed unless authorized by the Contracting Officer.

### 2.3 Laboratory

The Contractor's laboratory shall be adequately equipped and staffed to facilitate the production of the specified photographic materials and other required products, or the Contractor shall have access to such facilities.

## C-3 FLIGHT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 Project Area(s) to be Photographed

The boundaries and exact coverage of any specified area(s) described in Section B are determined by the Official Flight Plan Data. For a general representation of project area(s) coverage and flight plan see Exhibit 1, Project Map.

### 3.2 Flight Plan Data

The Contractor will be furnished the Official Flight Data Plan as indicated in Section B. The Official Flight Plan Data will determine project location, flight direction, datum breaks, and the flight altitude of each line above mean sea level. The Contractor will be furnished the latitude and longitude coordinates, expressed in degrees, minutes, seconds, and decimal seconds, of all beginning and ending terminal points of project flight lines. Data shall be in ASCII text format and may be provided on computer diskette or electronically.

## C-4 ACQUISITION REQUIREMENTS

### 4.1 Photographic Conditions

Photography shall be undertaken when skies are clear, free from smoke, clouds, cloud shadows, excessive haze, and well-defined images can be resolved. The ground shall be free from snow below timberline, standing water (other than natural or man-made ponds and lakes), flood waters from streams which have overflowed their banks, and wet ground which obscures field, soil or crop lines.

### 4.2 Photographic Periods

Photography shall be undertaken only during that portion of the day when the sun angle exceeds the minimum specified in Section B. Photographic operations shall be limited to the dates specified in Section B or as otherwise authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer.

### 4.3 Coverage Requirements

Physical coverage of successive and adjacent overlaps of photographs shall be obtained by the Contractor as indicated in Section B.

- (a) **Project Area Coverage:** Complete physical photographic coverage of the project area shall be obtained by the Contractor. The image shall be acquired directly over the specified latitude/longitude coordinate of the exposure station centroid.
- (b) **Flight Breaks:** Uninterrupted physical coverage is required at all flight breaks.
- (c) **Reflight Photography:** Reflights for aerial photography shall be centered over the plotted flight line and shall meet the horizontal deviation in paragraph (e).
- (d) **Deviation From Specified Flight Altitudes:** Deviation from specified flight altitudes shall not exceed 2% low or 3% high of the flight height above mean ground elevation. See the table below.

Scale	Deviation from Specified Flight Altitudes	
	2% Low	3% High
1:4,000	12 m (40 feet)	18 m (60 feet)
1:6,000	18 m (60 feet)	27 m (90 feet)
1:7,920	24 m (79 feet)	36 m (119 feet)

- (e) **Horizontal Deviation:** Deviation from the plotted position of the flight line shall not exceed values in the tables below. Deviation may cause rejection of any or all of the flight line.

Scale	Horizontal Deviation from Specified Flight Lines (6%)
1:4,000	55m (180 feet)
1:6,000	82 m (270 feet)
1:7,920	109 m (356 feet)

- (f) **Overlap:** Endlap (overlap in the line of flight) and sidelap (overlap between adjacent flights) shall be expressed in percentages of total print area stated in Section B. Percentages shall specify minimum, optimum, and maximum values for this spacing.
- (g) **Crab:** Any series of two or more photographs crabled in excess of five degrees (5°) as measured between photographs in line and between adjoining lines may cause rejection of any or all of that particular flight line.
- (h) **Tilt:** Exposure made with optical axis of the camera in a vertical position is desired. Tilt (departure from the vertical of any exposure exceeding four degrees (4°) or relative tilt between any two successive exposures exceeding six degrees (6°) may be cause for rejection of any or all of the flight line.

4.4 Priorities for Photographing Project Areas

The Contracting Officer may direct by written order certain projects or areas listed under an item to be photographed in a priority order, weather and ground conditions permitting. All

reasonable effort will be directed toward providing a schedule of operations favorable to both the Government and Contractor.

## C-5 AERIAL FILM

All aerial film used on all project items shall be purchased by the Contractor from a single manufacturer and from the same emulsion batch. Extreme care shall be exercised to insure proper exposure and processing of film to minimize vignetting due to differential exposure. This differential shall not exceed that which would result from a basic ¼ stop difference in exposure. All pertinent exposure information shall be supplied to the processing laboratory. The film shall be processed as soon as possible after exposure to avoid undesirable changes in the latent image.

### 5.1 Salient Film Characteristics

Only unexpired, medium or fine grained, unexpired, polyester base film of the type specified in Section B-1.4(e) shall be used. The film base shall have a nominal thickness of 4 mils and be 24.1cm (9.5 inches) wide.

### 5.2 Film Densities – Natural Color Positive Films

The natural color positive film will have a diffuse rms granularity value of 13 or lower (read at a net green diffuse density of 1.0 with a 48-micron aperture). Color emulsions shall be balanced for daylight exposure and the spectral sensitivity will cover the entire visible spectrum to 700 nanometers or greater.

### 5.3 Image Quality

All film shall be properly exposed and processed according to the manufacturers' specifications. Modified or non-standard processing is not permitted on this contract without prior approval from the Contracting Officer. The film shall be processed in continuous roller transport processor to achieve consistent and uniform development throughout the roll.

The color film positives shall be such quality to produce sharp, natural color images that provide maximum image detail. All film imagery shall be inspected and evaluated according to the established industry standards for general film quality and property exposure and processing of film.

### 5.4 Processing

All aerial film shall be processed under controlled sensitometric conditions, to achieve consistent and even development. Processing development gamma shall not vary more than 0.10 density units throughout the roll. All film shall be processed according to manufacturer's instructions. Prior to processing, a 21-step sensitometric wedge (in 0.15 density increments) shall be exposed on one end of each roll of film.

### 5.5 Storage and Handling

- (a) Aerial Film: Storage, exposure, and handling of all photographic materials shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation. The film shall not be rolled tightly on spools or in any way stretched, buckled, distorted, or exposed to excessive heat.
  - (1) Color film shall be kept refrigerated in a waterproof container until one day before being exposed and returned to cold storage after exposure until processed.
  - (2) Cold storage temperature shall not be higher than 4° Celsius (40° Fahrenheit). The film shall be processed as quickly as possible after exposure.
- (b) Transparency Containers: Transparencies shall be cut and sleeved, in accordance with paragraph C-5.8, and placed shipped in sturdy container to prevent damage.

### 5.6 Dimensional Stability

The dimensional change in any direction across a 23cm (9 inch) distance shall not exceed 0.13mm (-0.005 inch) at 18-24° Celsius (65-75° Fahrenheit) and 45-55% relative humidity.

### 5.7 Physical Quality

All aerial film shall be free from chemicals, stains, tears, scratches, abrasions, water marks, finger marks, lint, dirt, and other physical defects. The imagery shall be clear and sharp in detail and uniform in density. It shall be free from light streaks, static marks, and other defects that would interfere with the intended purpose.

All film shall be thoroughly fixed and washed to insure freedom from chemicals and shall be of archival quality. Film or prints found to contain an excess of residual chemicals, by testing in accordance with manufacturer's procedures, may be rejected or returned to the Contractor for refixing and rewashing.

### 5.8 Film Sleeves

Every film transparency shall be protected and submitted in clear, sturdy archival quality polypropylene film sleeves so that the data strip is fully visible and unimpaired on each cut exposure and in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) Aerial film sleeve nominal dimensions: 25.4 cm (10 inches) by 24.1 cm (9.5 inches); long side open; 3.0 mil thickness.
- (b) Brand names for aerial sleeve: Picture Pocket® Corporation, FilmGuard Corporation, or equivalent.
- (c) Film sleeves must have a fold-over lip seal located on the short side (9.5") of the sleeve.
- (d) Original aerial film and film sleeves shall be free of any marks or labels which would obstruct any part of the film transparency.

C-6 TITLING OF AERIAL FILM6.1 Required Titling

Each exposure shall be clearly titled in accordance with the following format example sketch and required project data:

+	MM-DD-YY	12:00	VT-ANR	+	08	RRWS	1-25	+
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Date: Month-Day-Year in standard numeric notation (MM-DD-YY).

Time: The local standard time of exposure shall be titled only on the first and last used Exposure in each strip and at each break in flight line, including breaks due to reflights.

Agency Designator: Government agency acronym as specified: **VT-ANR**.

Scale: Nominal photographic scale represented by two digits to nearest thousand. (8 = 1:7,920)

Code: Project identification code as specified: **RRWS**.

Flight Line/Exposure Number: Flight Line Number combined with the exposure station number. (Flight Line 1: 1-1, 1-2 . . .13-94)

6.2 Type and Size of Characters and Application

The characters used in titling shall be standard block lettering 6.35mm (1/4 inch) high. They shall be sharp, legible, and uniformly applied with non-flaking black ink. The titling shall be placed on the non-emulsion side of the film and may be applied by use of an ink drawing pen or stamp. No smears or transfer of marking ink to other parts of the film roll will be permitted. Heat transfer lettering devices may only be used if prior consent is obtained from the ontracting Officer.

6.3 Location of Titling Characters

Identifying data shall be placed in line along the most northerly edge of the image. Titling shall be positioned so that the characters are 2.5mm (1/10 inch) from the image edge and no closer than 2.5mm (1/10 inch) from the corner fiducials.

6.4 Automatic Titling Option

The Government may approve the use of automatic labeling/titling systems as a replacement of the standard ink titling. Contractors are required to submit color positive film samples of “auto-labeling” with similar data indicated above including any additional data such as symbol indicating north and latitude and longitude coordinates. The Contracting Officer shall evaluate the proposed titling and notify the contractor of decision to accept or reject.

## C-7 FILM SCANNING REQUIREMENTS

The scans shall be clear and sharp in detail with uniform density, and free from dirt and other defects in the digital imagery in accordance with the following requirements:

### 7.1 Minimum Scanning Resolution

The contractor shall scan the film at a resolution such that the imagery does not need to be upsampled to create the final product.

### 7.2 Histogram.

The histogram of scanned images shall represent all the pixels with the digital image without clipping highlight or shadow detail from the image.

### 7.3 Bit Depth

Imagery shall be scanned and saved at the maximum bit depth allowed by the scanner in order to ensure that information is not lost in the tonal and color balance steps due to quantization.

## C-8 DIGITAL IMAGERY

### 8.1 Uncompressed Digital Orthoimagery Tiles

The Contractor shall provide color digital orthorectified imagery at the Ground Sample Distance specified in Sections B-2, B-3, and B-4. The ortho tile shall cover the entire usable exposure area, and shall not include any non-imagery artifacts, such as fiducials and data strips.

- (a) Image Quality: All tiles shall have proper histograms and tone balance. Color imagery shall also have proper color balance and saturation.
  - (i) Clipping: The tiles shall have a tonal range that prevents the clipping of highlight or shadow detail from the image. When calculated against the luminosity histogram, the cumulative pixel count between the first and last five histogram bin values (5 and 250 respectively for 8-bit depth) shall not be less than 98%, with a preferred value greater than 99%.
  - (ii) Contrast: When calculated against the luminosity histogram, the difference between the histogram bin value that contains 99% of the cumulative pixel count and the value that contains 1.0% shall be greater than 140 but less than 160 (aim point of 150). If the cumulative pixel count percentage falls between two histogram bin values, the closest value shall be used. For example, if the luminosity value 222 contains 99% of the cumulative pixel count and value 44 contains 1% count, then the difference is 178.
  - (iii) Histogram Peak: All tiles shall have a pixel count peak within  $\pm 15\%$  of the middle digital value allowed for the bit depth. For example, an 8-bit depth image must have the histogram peak between 108 and 148.

- (iv) Color Balance: All tiles should have a neutral tonal range without the dominance of any individual color. The difference between the minimum and maximum value in a RGB triplet of any nearly neutral objects within the image shall be less than 5.
- (b) Coordinate System and Projection: Full resolution tiles shall be projected in NAD 1983 State Plane Vermont (meters).
- (c) Horizontal Accuracy: All tiles shall have 95% of all well defined points tested fall within 5 meters (16.4 feet) of the same location identified on government furnished baseline orthophoto control imagery.
- (d) File Format: All tiles shall be uncompressed, georeferenced tagged image file format (GeoTIFF) saved in accordance with the Baseline TIFF 6.0 file format as defined in the TIFF 6.0 and GeoTIFF Specifications. All baseline TIFF 6.0 files shall store data as uncompressed RGB full-color images as defined in the specification using the "little-endian" byte order and shall only contain one image file directory (IFD). All TIFF files submitted shall be readable by older applications that assume TIFF 5.0 or an earlier version of the specification. TIFFs that use designated "Extended TIFF 6.0 file" features shall not be acceptable. Features designated as "not recommended for general data interchange" are considered extensions to the Baseline TIFF 6.0 specification, and will not be acceptable. This includes TIFFs that use one of the major new extensions such as "tiled images". In the TIFF 6.0 specification, the term "tag" refers only to the identifying number, the term "field" refers to the entire field, including the value. Tags that are defined by the TIFF specification are called public tags and shall not be modified outside of the parameters given in the latest TIFF specification. Tags numbered 32768 or higher, sometimes called private tags, are reserved and shall not be acceptable. Enumeration constants numbered 32768 or higher are reserved and will not be acceptable. Do not choose your own tag numbers, use only those specified in the Baseline TIFF 6.0 Specification for RGB full-color. Tags numbered in the "reusable" 65000-65535 range will not be acceptable. Tile shall be delivered on an external hard drive. See Section C-8.4(a).
- (e) Tile Naming Convention: The naming convention shall use the following template: <n>\_<r>\_<fffee>\_<yyyymmdd>.tif. Where n is the film type, (use "n" for natural color), r is the resolution (in centimeters), f is the flight line number, s is the station number and yyyymmdd is the acquisition date.  
  
Example:      n\_30\_002010\_20080615.tif
- (f) FGDC Compliant Metadata: The Contractor shall create a FGDC compliant, per the FGDC-STD-001-1998 specification, metadata file using the Government provided template for each tile generated. The metadata must parse cleanly through the USGS metadata parser "mp" version 2.8.10 without any errors. The metadata file shall have the same file name as the tile but with a ".met" extension.
- (g) Preproduction Sample: The Contractor shall submit a single radiometric corrected image within 21 days of the first image acquisition for Government review. The sample shall be a TIFF (Geo TIFF preferred) and submitted on a standard CD or DVD (labeling requirements in Section 8.4 not required). The Government will evaluate and provide approval or disapproval letter with comments no later than 3 business days with a goal of 24 hours.

## 8.2 Compressed Digital Orthoimagery Tiles

The Contractor shall deliver a complete duplicate set of digital orthoimagery tiles according to the requirements specified in Section C-8.1, but in LizardTech MrSID compressed file format.

- (a) LizardTech's MrSID<sup>®</sup> Compression. The tiles shall be compressed and saved in LizardTech's MrSID<sup>®</sup> Generation Three (MG3) format. When encoding the CPM, the following settings shall be applied: compression block size of 64; both the transparency and background values set to an RGB value of 0,0,0 (black); and use the “maximum zoom level” applicable to the input image, for example: checking the “Use Maximum Zoom Levels for Image” button in the encoding options menu. Compression ratio shall be 15:1. All standard MrSID<sup>®</sup> MG3 files generated by the LizardTech software (i.e., .sid, .sdw, and .txt) shall be included. MrSID Log File. The Contractor shall provide the “text” file created when generating the tile. The file shall use the same naming convention as the tile but with a “.txt” extension.
- (b) Naming Convention: Contractor shall use the same naming convention as in Section C-8.1(e), except with the file extension “sid”.

Example:      n\_30\_002010\_20080615.sid

- (c) FGDC Compliant Metadata: The Contractor is not required to duplicate or create a new version of the metadata required in Section C-8.1(f).

## 8.3 Compressed Project Mosaic

The Contractor shall produce a compressed project mosaic (CPM) file using the 30cm orthorectified photos created in Section C-8.1, Uncompressed Digital Orthoimagery Tiles.

- (a) Image Quality. The Contractor shall tone balance the composite tiles to give the CPM a consistent and uniform image quality appearance that eliminates a checkerboard effect. The resulting CPM should maintain as much of the original color and appearance of the color corrected tiles as practical.
- (b) Coordinate System and Projection: The CPM shall be projected in NAD 1983 State Plane Vermont (meters).
- (c) Horizontal Accuracy. The CPM must meet the accuracy requirement specified in Section C-8.1(c).
- (d) File Format. The CPM shall be compressed using LizardTech MrSID compression file format specified in Section C-8.2(a).
- (e) Tile Naming Convention: The naming convention shall use the following template: <p>\_<n>\_<r>\_<yyyy>\_<v>.sid. Where p is the project identification code, n is the film type, (use “n” for natural color), r is the resolution (in centimeters), yyyy is the project year, and v is the version number.

Example:      rwws\_n\_30\_2008\_1.sid

- (f) FGDC Metadata Compliant Metatdata: The Contractor shall create a FGDC compliant, per the FGDC-STD-001-1998 specification, metadata file using the Government provided template for each tile generated. The metadata must parse cleanly through the USGS metadata parser “mp” version 2.8.10 without any errors. The metadata file shall have the same file name as the tile but with a “.met” extension.
- (g) Auxiliary File: The Contractor shall provide an ESRI Projection compatible “aux” file for each orthophoto. The file shall use the same naming convention as the CPM but with an “.aux” extension.

#### 8.4 Media Requirements

- (a) External Hard Drives: The delivery media for the image and metadata files shall be external combo USB2.0/IEEE1394 (Firewire) hard drives. All external hard drives shall be “Combo” style drives, capable of both USB2.0 and IEEE-1394 (Firewire) connections. The drives shall be formatted using Microsoft’s NTFS file system. The drives shall become property of the Government and will not be returned to the Contractor. Each drive shall have a label attached directly to the drive identifying the project contained on the drive in accordance with Exhibit 4, Figure 4(b), External Hard Drive Label.
- (b) Compact Disks (CD-ROMs): All compact disks (CDs) shall be delivered on archival media, 700 Megabytes (80-minute) per disk CD-R, ISO 9660 Mode 1 format using level 2 interchange. The contractor must insure that each and every copy session has been properly closed. No multi-session enabled CDs shall be acceptable. The CD media shall have a label attached identifying the digital contents of the CD in accordance with Exhibit 4, Figure 4(a), C-ROM or DVD Label. (thermal printed CD are acceptable). All CD media shall be packaged in standard single CD jewel cases (5-5/8” x 4-15/16” x 3/8”) with a clear front cover. The CD label should be readable without opening the case or removing the CD from the case. “Slim” or other non-standard sized jewel cases will not be accepted.
- (c) Digital Versatile Disks (DVDs): Digital Versatile Disk. All digital versatile disks (DVDs) shall be delivered on archival media, single-sided, 4.7 Gigabyte (120-minutes) DVD-R discs. Other DVD formats, such as DVD-R(A), DVD-RW, DVD+R, or DVD+RW, will not be accepted. DVDs shall meet all other requirements, except for the media type, as specified for CDs (see paragraph above).

#### C-9 DIGITAL PHOTO-CENTER DATA FILE

##### 9.1 Photo-Center Data File Description

Contractor shall prepare a digital photo-center data file for all aerial photography acquired under this solicitation. The file shall be provided in ASCII comma delimited text format. A comma delimited header line shall precede the data in each file as shown in the example below. The latitude/longitude coordinates shall be expressed in decimal degrees with five (5) decimal places of precision (44.71936, -116.41498), formatted to NAD83 datum, and be accurate within 30 meters (100 feet) of the true photo center location. Longitude must be expressed as negative

space for western hemisphere. Higher accuracies obtain through use of GPS technology are desirable but not required. The photo-center data shall include the following attributes:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CHARACTERS IN FIELD</u>
Project Identification Code	7
Flight Line Number	3*
Station/Exposure Number	3
Date of Exposure (YYYYMMDD)	8
Camera Lens Serial Number	10
Calibrated Focal Length in millimeters (mm)	7
Latitude Coordinate (DD.DDDDD)	8
Longitude Coordinate (-DD.DDDDD)	10
Flight Altitude in meters at camera (MMMMM.MM;MSL)	8

\*Flight line number should be padded with leading zeros as necessary.

Example:

code,flight,exp,date,lens,cfl,lat,long,alt

**RWWS,001,1,20080820,12345678,153.002,44.71936,-116.41498,1048.63**

**RWWS,002,9,20080820,12345678,153.002,44.71936,-116.41498,1048.63**

## 9.2 Naming Convention

The naming convention shall use the following format: <p>\_photocenter\_<yyyy>.txt. Where, <p> is the project identification code and yyyy is the project year.

Example:       rwws\_photocenter\_2008.txt

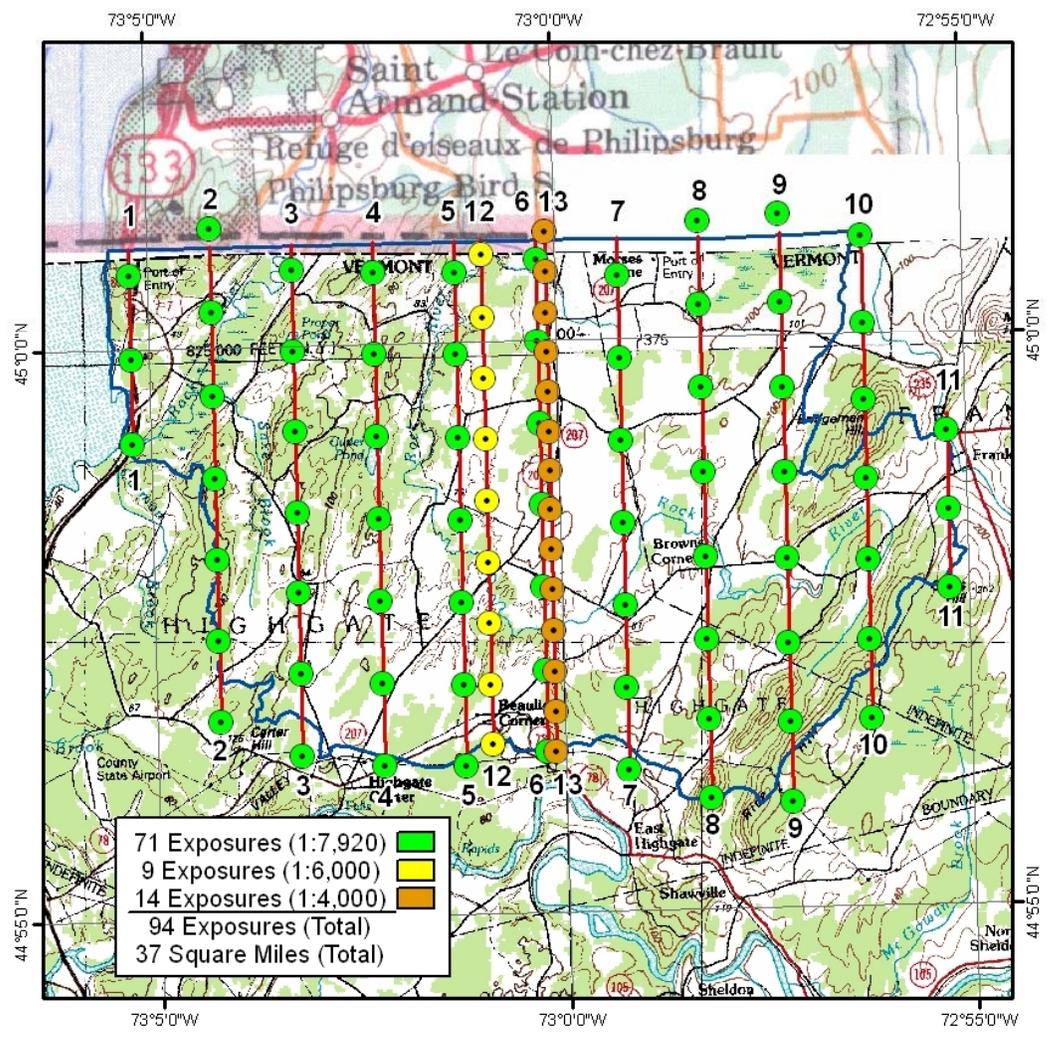
LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

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Attachment A USDA Aerial Camera Specifications (9 pages).

EXHIBIT 1  
PROJECT MAP

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AERIAL SURVEY  
SOLICITATION NO: USDA-VT-4-08  
ITEM 1: Rock River Watershed,  
VERMONT  
SCALES: 1:7,920, 1:6,000, & 1:4,000  
LENS: 6" (153mm)  
FILM: Color Positive  
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION CODE: RRWS



## EXHIBIT 2

PROGRESS REPORT FORMAT**Syntax:**

HEADER ITEMS: field-name “:”[field-body][CRFL]  
 BODY ITEMS: body item [CRFL]

**Header Items:**

All four header items are required to be submitted in each and every submittal.

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>KEYWORD</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>
Contractor Name	CONTRACTOR	Alphanumeric
Contract Award Number	CONTRACT	Numeric (N-YY)
Award Item	ITEM	Numeric (N)
Date Flown	DATE	Date (YYYYMMDD)

**Body Items:**

All data elements are required for each line of data submitted. Data elements are to be separated by 5 ASCII decimal 32 (white space). Acquisition and rejected exposure stations can be submitted as separate reports or as a combined report.

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>KEYWORD</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>
Latitude	N/A	DD.DDDDD
Longitude	N/A	-DDD.DDDDD
Status	N/A	Char(1)*

## \* Status Field:

A - Indicates the Exposure Station has been collected

R – Indicates the contractor has rejected a previously acquired Exposure Station

When an exposure station is rejected the exposure station will appear in a later report marked with an “R”. Each report submitted should include only one status indicator for a particular exposure station.

PROGRESS REPORT CONVENTION (CON'T)

## Sample:

CONTRACTOR: Acme Photography  
CONTRACT: 4-08  
ITEM: 1  
DATE: 08/30/2008

42.99972,-106.33611,A  
42.99972,-106.34167,A  
42.99972,-106.34722,A

## Notes:

- 1) Text is case insensitive.
- 2) Header fields are not required to occur in any particular order.
- 3) Body items must occur after the headers.
- 4) Each header item must be on a single line (no "folding").
- 5) Keywords may not contain spaces and must be followed immediately by a colon.
- 6) The header items and body items may be separated by a NULL line (a blank line with a carriage-return/line-feed (CRFL)(ASCII 13 and 10).
- 7) Body items can only contain one x,y data pair per line and must be terminated by a carriage-return/line-feed.
- 8) Contract number must be transmitted without the prefix (i.e., USDA-FS-5-07 should be sent as 5-07).
- 9) Date must be transmitted as MM/DD/YYYY.
- 10) Latitude and longitude must be expressed in decimal degrees and separated by a comma.
- 11) No e-mail attachments.

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WAGE DETERMINATION

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REGISTER OF WAGE DETERMINATIONS UNDER | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
 THE SERVICE CONTRACT ACT | EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION  
 By direction of the Secretary of Labor | WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
 | WASHINGTON D.C. 20210  
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 | Wage Determination No.: 1995-0222  
 William W.Gross Division of | Revision No.: 23  
 Director Wage Determinations | Date Of Last Revision: 02/06/2008

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Nationwide: Applicable in the continental U.S. Alaska, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Virgin Islands.

\*\*Fringe Benefits Required Follow the Occupational Listing\*\*

OCCUPATION CODE - TITLE	MINIMUM WAGE RATE
31010 - Airplane Pilot	23.62
(not set) - First Officer (Co-Pilot)	21.51
(not set) - Aerial Photographer	11.80

EXCEPT SCHEDULED AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION AND LARGE MULTI-ENGINE AIRCRAFT SUCH AS THE B-727, DC-8, AND THE DC-9.

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ALL OCCUPATIONS LISTED ABOVE RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

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HEALTH & WELFARE: \$3.16 per hour or \$126.40 per week or \$547.73 per month

VACATION: 2 weeks paid vacation after 1 year of service with a contractor or successor; 3 weeks after 5 years, and 4 weeks after 15 years. Length of service includes the whole span of continuous service with the present contractor or successor, wherever employed, and with the predecessor contractors in the performance of similar work at the same Federal facility. (Reg. 29 CFR 4.173)

HOLIDAYS: A minimum of ten paid holidays per year, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. (A contractor may substitute for any of the named holidays another day off with pay in accordance with a plan communicated to the employees involved.) (See 29 CFR 4174)

VACATION (Hawaii): 2 weeks paid vacation after 1 year of service with a contractor or successor; 3 weeks after 10 years, and 4 weeks after 15 years. Length of service includes the whole span of continuous service with the present contractor or successor, wherever employed, and with the predecessor contractors in the performance of similar work at the same Federal facility. (Reg. 29 CFR 4.173)

HEALTH & WELFARE (Hawaii): \$1.37 per hour, or \$54.80 per week, or \$237.47 per month hour for all employees on whose behalf the contractor provides health care benefits pursuant to the Hawaii prepaid Health Care Act. For those employees who are not receiving health care benefits mandated by the Hawaii prepaid Health Care Act, the new health and welfare benefit rate will be \$3.16 per hour.

HAZARDOUS PAY DIFFERENTIAL: An 8 percent differential is applicable to employees employed in a position that represents a high degree of hazard when working with or in close proximity to ordnance, explosives, and incendiary materials. This includes work such as screening, blending, dying, mixing, and pressing of sensitive ordnance, explosives, and pyrotechnic compositions such as lead azide, black powder and photoflash powder. All dry-house activities involving propellants or explosives. Demilitarization, modification, renovation, demolition, and maintenance operations on sensitive ordnance, explosives and incendiary materials. All operations involving regrading and cleaning of artillery ranges.

A 4 percent differential is applicable to employees employed in a position that represents a low degree of hazard when working with, or in close proximity to ordnance, (or employees possibly adjacent to) explosives and incendiary materials which involves potential injury such as laceration of hands, face, or arms of the employee engaged in the operation, irritation of the skin, minor burns and the like; minimal damage to immediate or adjacent work area or equipment being used. All operations involving, unloading, storage, and hauling of ordnance, explosive, and incendiary ordnance material other than small arms ammunition. These differentials are only applicable to work that has been specifically designated by the agency for

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ordance, explosives, and incendiary material differential pay.

**\*\* UNIFORM ALLOWANCE \*\***

If employees are required to wear uniforms in the performance of this contract (either by the terms of the Government contract, by the employer, by the state or local law, etc.), the cost of furnishing such uniforms and maintaining (by laundering or dry cleaning) such uniforms is an expense that may not be borne by an employee where such cost reduces the hourly rate below that required by the wage determination. The Department of Labor will accept payment in accordance with the following standards as compliance:

The contractor or subcontractor is required to furnish all employees with an adequate number of uniforms without cost or to reimburse employees for the actual cost of the uniforms. In addition, where uniform cleaning and maintenance is made the responsibility of the employee, all contractors and subcontractors subject to this wage determination shall (in the absence of a bona fide collective bargaining agreement providing for a different amount, or the furnishing of contrary affirmative proof as to the actual cost), reimburse all employees for such cleaning and maintenance at a rate of \$3.35 per week (or \$.67 cents per day). However, in those instances where the uniforms furnished are made of "wash and wear" materials, may be routinely washed and dried with other personal garments, and do not require any special treatment such as dry cleaning, daily washing, or commercial laundering in order to meet the cleanliness or appearance standards set by the terms of the Government contract, by the contractor, by law, or by the nature of the work, there is no requirement that employees be reimbursed for uniform maintenance costs.

The duties of employees under job titles listed are those described in the "Service Contract Act Directory of Occupations", Fifth Edition, April 2006, unless otherwise indicated. Copies of the Directory are available on the Internet. A

links to the Directory may be found on the WHD home page at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/> or through the Wage Determinations On-Line (WDOL) web site at <http://wdol.gov/>.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE RATE {Standard Form 1444 (SF 1444)}

**Conformance Process:**

The contracting officer shall require that any class of service employee which is not listed herein and which is to be employed under the contract (i.e., the work to be performed is not performed by any classification listed in the wage determination), be classified by the contractor so as to provide a reasonable relationship (i.e., appropriate level of skill comparison) between such unlisted classifications and the classifications listed in the wage determination. Such

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conformed classes of employees shall be paid the monetary wages and furnished the fringe benefits as are determined. Such conforming process shall be initiated by the contractor prior to the performance of contract work by such unlisted class(es) of employees. The conformed classification, wage rate, and/or fringe benefits shall

be retroactive to the commencement date of the contract. {See Section 4.6 (C)(vi)} when multiple wage determinations are included in a contract, a separate SF 1444 should be prepared for each wage determination to which a class(es) is to be conformed.

The process for preparing a conformance request is as follows:

- 1) When preparing the bid, the contractor identifies the need for a conformed occupation(s) and computes a proposed rate(s).
- 2) After contract award, the contractor prepares a written report listing in order proposed classification title(s), a Federal grade equivalency (FGE) for each proposed classification(s), job description(s), and rationale for proposed wage rate(s), including information regarding the agreement or disagreement of the authorized representative of the employees involved, or where there is no authorized representative, the employees themselves. This report should be submitted to the contracting officer no later than 30 days after such unlisted class(es) of employees performs any contract work.
- 3) The contracting officer reviews the proposed action and promptly submits a report of the action, together with the agency's recommendations and pertinent information including the position of the contractor and the employees, to the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, for review. (See section 4.6(b)(2) of Regulations 29 CFR Part 4).
- 4) Within 30 days of receipt, the wage and Hour Division approves, modifies, or disapproves the action via transmittal to the agency contracting officer, or notifies the contracting officer that additional time will be required to process the request.
- 5) The contracting officer transmits the wage and Hour decision to the contractor.
- 6) The contractor informs the affected employees.

Information required by the Regulations must be submitted on SF 1444 or bond paper.

When preparing a conformance request, the "Service Contract Act Directory of  
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Occupations" (the Directory) should be used to compare job definitions to insure that duties requested are not performed by a classification already listed in the wage determination. Remember, it is not the job title, but the required tasks that determine whether a class is included in an established wage determination. Conformances may not be used to artificially split, combine, or subdivide classifications listed in the wage determination.

\*\* OCCUPATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCA DIRECTORY OF OCCUPATIONS \*\*

**Aerial Photographer**

The aerial photographer must be skilled in reading flight maps, capable of assisting the pilot to adhere to flight lines, be able to level and operate a cartographic camera and its auxiliary equipment mounted in the aircraft so that the photographs that are taken will have the required forward lap and side lap for use in photogrammetric mapping equipment, and possess a working knowledge of aerial films and camera filters to insure proper exposure of the films.

**First Officer (Co-Pilot)**

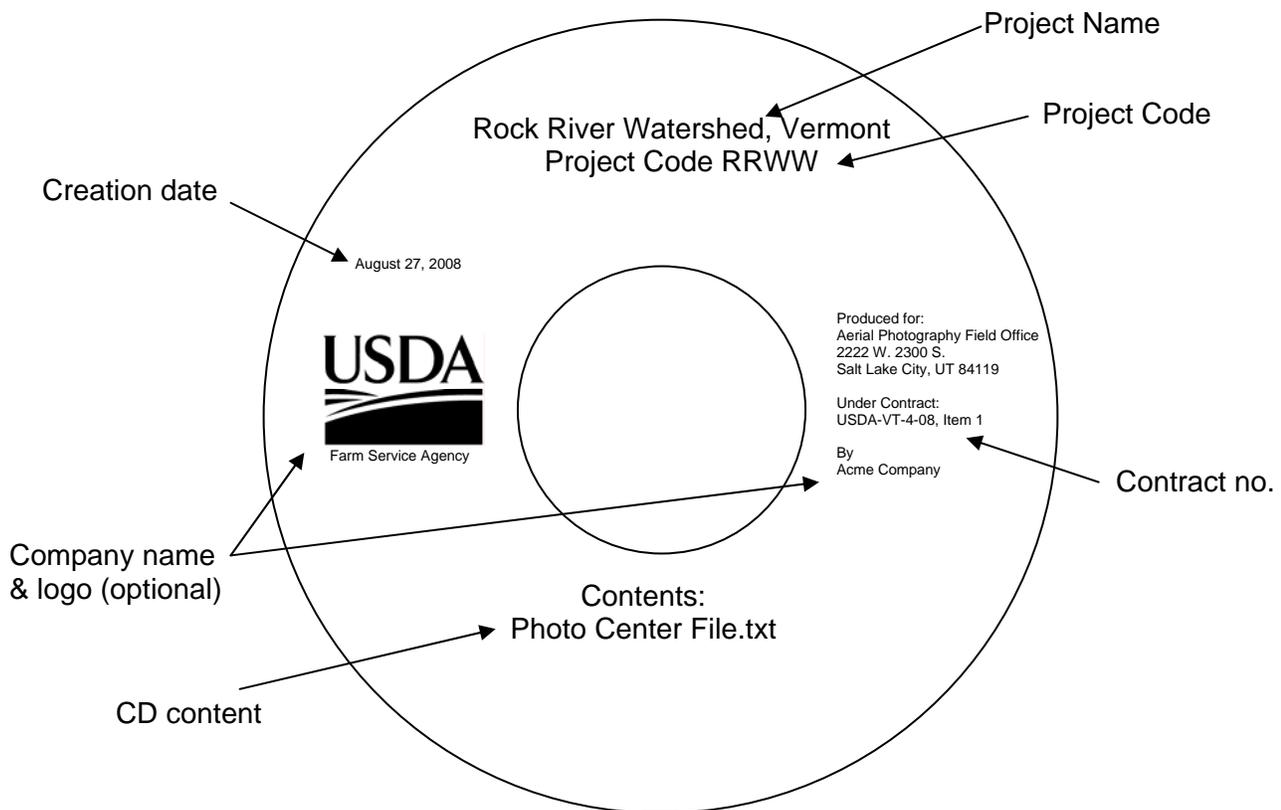
Is second in command of commercial airplane and its crew while transporting passengers, mail, or other cargo on scheduled or nonscheduled flights. Assists or relieves an airline captain in operating the controls of an airplane; monitoring flight and engine instruments; and maintaining air-to-ground communications.

EXHIBIT 4

MEDIA LABELING REQUIREMENTS

Figure 4(a)

CD-ROM and/or DVD Label

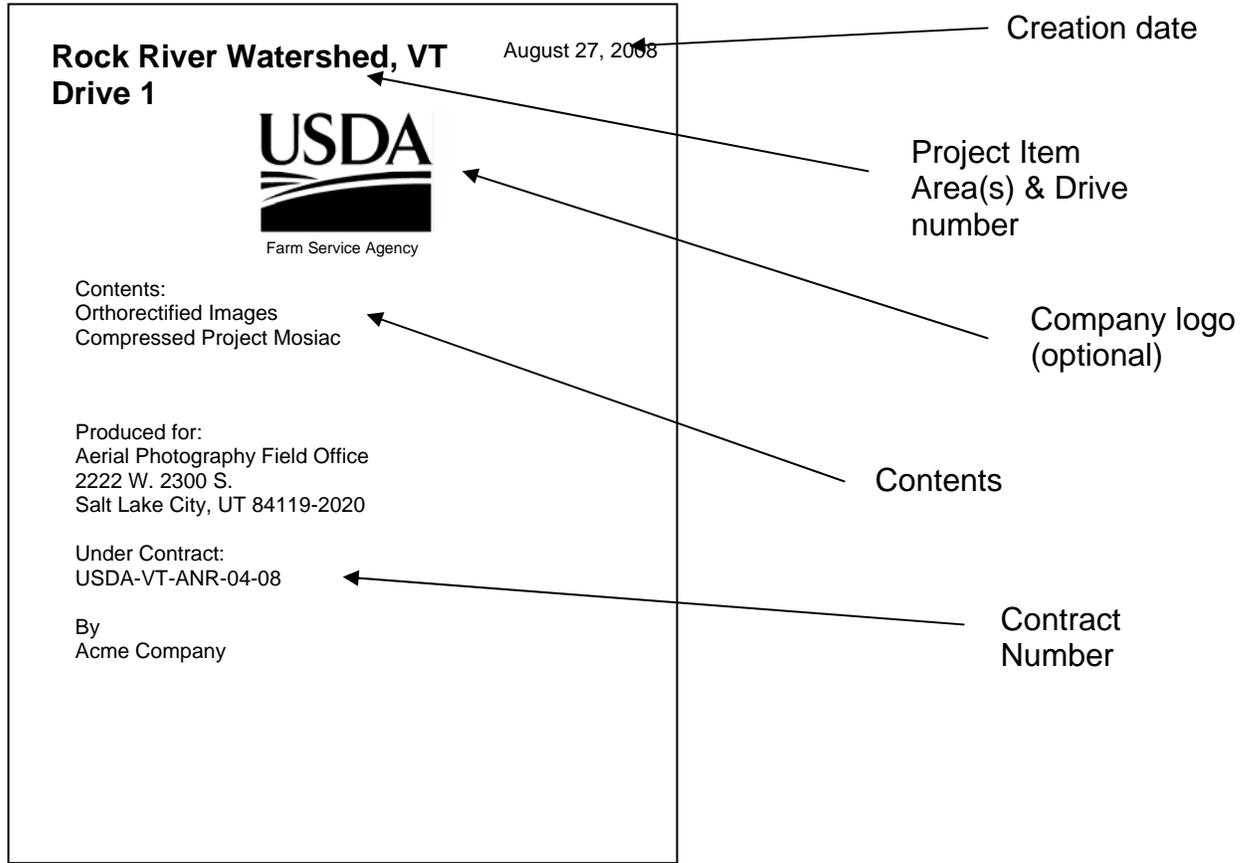


ELEMENT	EXAMPLE
CD content	Photo Center File.txt
Company name & logo	Acme Company
Contract number	USDA-VT-4-08 Item 1
Creation date	August 27, 2008
Project Name & code	Rock River Watershed, Vermont Project Code RRWS

EXHIBIT 4

Figure 4(b)

External Hard Drive Label



ELEMENT	EXAMPLE*
Company name & logo	Acme Company
Contents	30m Orthorectified Images Compressed Project Mosaic
Task Order number	USDA-VT-ANR-4-08-1
Creation date	August 27, 2008
Project item area & drive number	Rock River Watershed, VT – Drive 1

Approximate label dimensions: 3-1/2” (width) x 4-1/2” (height)

## EXHIBIT 5

GLOSSARY AND DEFINITIONS

Camera System: The combination of lens, cone, magazine(s), and camera filter(s) which have been calibrated as an integral unit.

Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR): A person assigned to a contract who has the responsibility of providing technical information such as site ground and weather conditions.

Contracting Officer's Representative (COR): A person assigned to a contract who is responsible for specific technical and administrative duties related to that contract.

Exposure Stations: Pre-determined locations, annotated by USDA on the flight map, where photo centers of individual frames are to be exposed.

Film Titling: Information annotated on the original aerial film pertaining to project and exposure identification.

Line Item: A separable area or unit within a project item that has separate linear miles. All line items within a project item shall be awarded to only one offeror.

Original Photography: All aerial photography, as secured by the Contractor, prior to its inspection by the USDA, including any reflights made at the discretion of the Contractor.

Project Item: An area or areas described in the Schedule for which award shall be made to one offeror.

Reflight Photography: Photography reflown to replace original photography rejected by USDA.

Remake Materials: Any contract materials, other than the original aerial film, ordered remade by USDA.

Stereomodel: The area covered by the conjugate images of three successive overlapping exposures.

APFO: Aerial Photography Field Office.

FSA: Farm Service Agency.

FS: Forest Service.

NRCS: Natural Resource Conservation Service.

USDA: United States Department of Agriculture.

USGS: United States Geological Survey.

## ATTACHMENT A

### USDA AERIAL CAMERA SPECIFICATIONS

#### 1. PRECISION AERIAL MAPPING CAMERA

Tested and calibrated aerial cameras for taking aerial photographs are required. Camera systems must be compatible with precision stereoscopic mapping instruments and with analytical mensuration procedures used in photogrammetric surveys and in preparing accurate topographic maps.

##### 1.1 Camera System "Report of Calibration"

One copy of the "Report of Calibration" from the U.S. Geological Survey, for any camera system to be used, is required to be either on file at the USDA, or submitted with the contractor's offer. A camera system "Report of Calibration" will not be acceptable if more than three (3) years old at the scheduled date for receipt of offers.

##### 1.2 Calibration Tests

Tests to determine compliance with these specifications will be performed by the Optical Science Laboratory of the U.S. Geological Survey. The fee for the tests and the arrangements to have the tests performed are the responsibility of the contractor. Delays encountered in having camera systems tested by the USGS Optical Science Laboratory will not be considered reason for the USDA to accept offers lacking such reports. Each camera system submitted for calibration shall be accompanied by all magazines and filters that might be used with the camera. Controls and camera mounts should not be submitted unless requested by the calibrating laboratory. Instructions for operation of the camera, including directions for holding the shutter open for laboratory tests, shall accompany each camera unless ascertained to be on file with the calibrating laboratory.

##### 1.21 Interval Between Tests

The interval between tests for camera system calibrations shall not exceed three (3) years, unless otherwise approved by the Contracting Officer. However, when there is any reason to believe that the dimensional relationship of the lens, fiducial marks, and film plane have been disturbed by partial disassembly or unusual mechanical shock, the camera must be submitted for recalibration at contractor expense.

##### 1.22 Contact for Calibration Tests

U.S. Geological Survey  
National Mapping Division  
560 National Center  
Reston, Virginia 20192  
Attention: Chief, Optical Science Laboratory  
Phone: (703) 648-4692

### 1.23 Shipping Address for Calibration Tests

U.S. Geological Survey  
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive  
Reston, Virginia 20192  
Attention: Frank MacCue (703) 648-4692

### 1.3 Constructional Design Necessary to Permit Testing

To permit testing for determination of calibrated focal length, distortion, resolving power, fiducial mark locations, and stereomodel flatness, the constructional design of the camera shall be as follows:

#### 1.31 Focal Plane

The focal plane shall be accessible from the rear so that a telescope placed behind the camera may view objects in front of the lens, limited only by the size of the focal plane opening. It shall be possible to place the surface of an optical flat having a thickness of 31 mm (1 1/4 in.) on the focal plane of the camera.

#### 1.32 Focal Plane Frame

The focal plane frame shall be so constructed as to permit placement of a glass photographic plate on its surface so that the emulsion surface of the glass photographic plate lies in the true focal plane of the camera. The size of the frame image shall be 23 x 23 cm (9 x 9 inches).

### 1.4 Camera Components Required for Testing

#### 1.41 Lens Cone Assembly

The lens cone assembly must be so constructed that the lens and fiducial marks comprise an integral unit. The design of the lens cone shall be such that it maintains the required precise relationship between the lens, fiducial marks, and focal plane on which the film platen shall be positioned. Construction shall be such as to maintain the dimensional relationship of these components under normal conditions of transportation, handling, and use, which can include considerable mechanical and thermal shock. The structure holding these components shall be supported in use in such a manner that stresses likely to change the required dimensional relationships cannot be transmitted to it from the supporting body or mount. The lens cone assembly shall be so designed and manufactured that all parts will return precisely to their original positions, should it be necessary for any reason to disassemble it. However, any disassembly of the lens cone assembly shall require recalibration at contractor's expense before further use.

#### 1.42 Film Platen

Cameras shall be equipped with an approved means of flattening the film at the instant of exposure. The platen against which the film is held shall not depart by more than  $\pm 0.013$  mm from a true plane, when the camera/magazine vacuum is applied.

#### 1.43 Shutter

The camera shall be equipped with a between-the-lens shutter of the variable-speed type. The range of speed settings shall be such that, for all anticipated combinations of flight heights, aircraft speeds, film speeds, and light conditions, the camera will produce high-resolution photographs. The effective exposure time and efficiency of the shutter as mounted in the camera will be measured at a maximum aperture and shall have a minimum efficiency of 70 percent at a speed of 1/200 second. This test shall be made in accordance with the "American National Standard Shutter Tests for Still-Picture Cameras," Method I, approved January 12, 1972, American National Standards Institute (PH3.48-1972) (R1978). The shutter shall have a speed of 1/400 second and slower for exposing film negatives during calibration.

#### 1.44 Fiducial Marks

Either four or eight fiducial marks are required. If the four fiducial marks are in the corners of the format area, there must be a set of marks (V-notches or equivalent) in the frame at the midsides for use in centering diapositives in a stereoplotter. If there are eight fiducial marks, the corner fiducial marks shall form a quadrilateral whose sides are equal within  $\pm 0.500$  mm. The midside fiducial marks shall be equidistant within  $\pm 0.500$  mm from the adjacent corner fiducial marks. All fiducial marks and other marks intended for precise measuring shall be clear and well-defined on the aerial film and shall be of such a form and contrast that the standard deviation of repeated reading of the coordinates of each made on a precision comparator shall not exceed 0.002 mm. For cameras with projection type fiducial marks the projected images of all marks must be in sharp focus on the emulsion surface. Drawings in figure 1 show acceptable fiducial marks and their arrangements. Fiducials without a center point mark or intersecting lines will not be acceptable. Glass or plastic mounts for fiducial marks will not be acceptable.

1.441 The lines joining opposite pairs of fiducial markers shall intersect at an angle within one minute of 90 degrees. (See figure 2.)

1.442 The intersection of lines between fiducials--the indicated principal point--shall not be further than 0.030 mm from the point of autocollimation. (See figure 2.)

#### 1.45 Filter

Only glass filters with metallic antivignetting coating shall be used to reduce the illumination for uniform distribution of light over the focal plane format. A microdensitometer trace will be made from the antivignetting coating side of the filter to determine if any deterioration is present that would affect the uniformity of illumination in the focal plane. Deteriorations in excess of 50% of the height of the nominal curve for a lease type will be reason for rejection of a filter. The surface with the antivignetting coating shall be toward the camera lens. The filter shall have surfaces parallel within 10 seconds of arc, and its optical quality shall be such that its addition to the camera shall enhance the uniformity of focal plane illumination and not cause a reduction in image resolution. Glass filter combinations which may be required will be specified in Section B.

#### 1.5 Lens and Platen/Magazine Identification

The camera or lens number, and the most recent calibrated focal length shall be recorded clearly on the film for each frame either on the inside of the focal plane frame or on a data strip between frames. An alpha numeric mark (or symbol) contained in the platen/magazine which identifies the platen/magazine may also be recorded if available on each frame of film. Data markers located on the inside of the focal plane frame shall not exceed 6.35 mm (0.25 inch) in height and 25.4 mm (1.0 inch) in length and shall not obscure any part of the fiducial marks.

#### 1.6 Optical Requirements

Cameras will be given both a static and an operational type test made after final assembly of all parts of the camera system with the light filter in place on the lens. All tests of the lens cone assembly for determination of the calibration constants, calibrated focal length, distortion and resolution will be made using high contrast targets and Eastman Kodak Spectroscopic emulsion Type 157-01 on Kodak Aerial Calibration Plates. Cameras will be operationally tested for stereomodel flatness and resolution by exposing Eastman Kodak Double-X Aerographic film 2405 in the camera while mounted on a multicollimator camera calibrator. (The optical requirements for distortion, model flatness, and resolution for various focal length cameras are defined and tabulated in table 1.) The camera focal length stated in Section B must meet the minimum requirements for that focal length as shown in table 1.

##### 1.61 Distortion

###### 1.611 Radial

The distortion in image position as measured along radial lines from the principal point of symmetry. The value of the average radial distortion referred to the calibrated focal length shall not exceed the amount shown in table 1.

###### 1.612 Decentering

The distortion in image position as measured perpendicular to radial lines from the principal point of symmetry. The value of the decentering distortion shall not exceed the amount shown in table 1. This value shall be evaluated for 153 mm cameras only.

#### 1.62 Point of Symmetry

The calibrated principal point — the point of symmetry — shall not be further than 0.020 mm from the point of autocollimation for 153 mm focal length lenses and no further than 0.040 mm for all other focal length lenses. (See figure 2 / table 1.)

#### 1.63 Resolution

Radial and tangential resolving power, in line pairs per millimeter, shall be no less than the value listed in table 1 for each focal length lens.

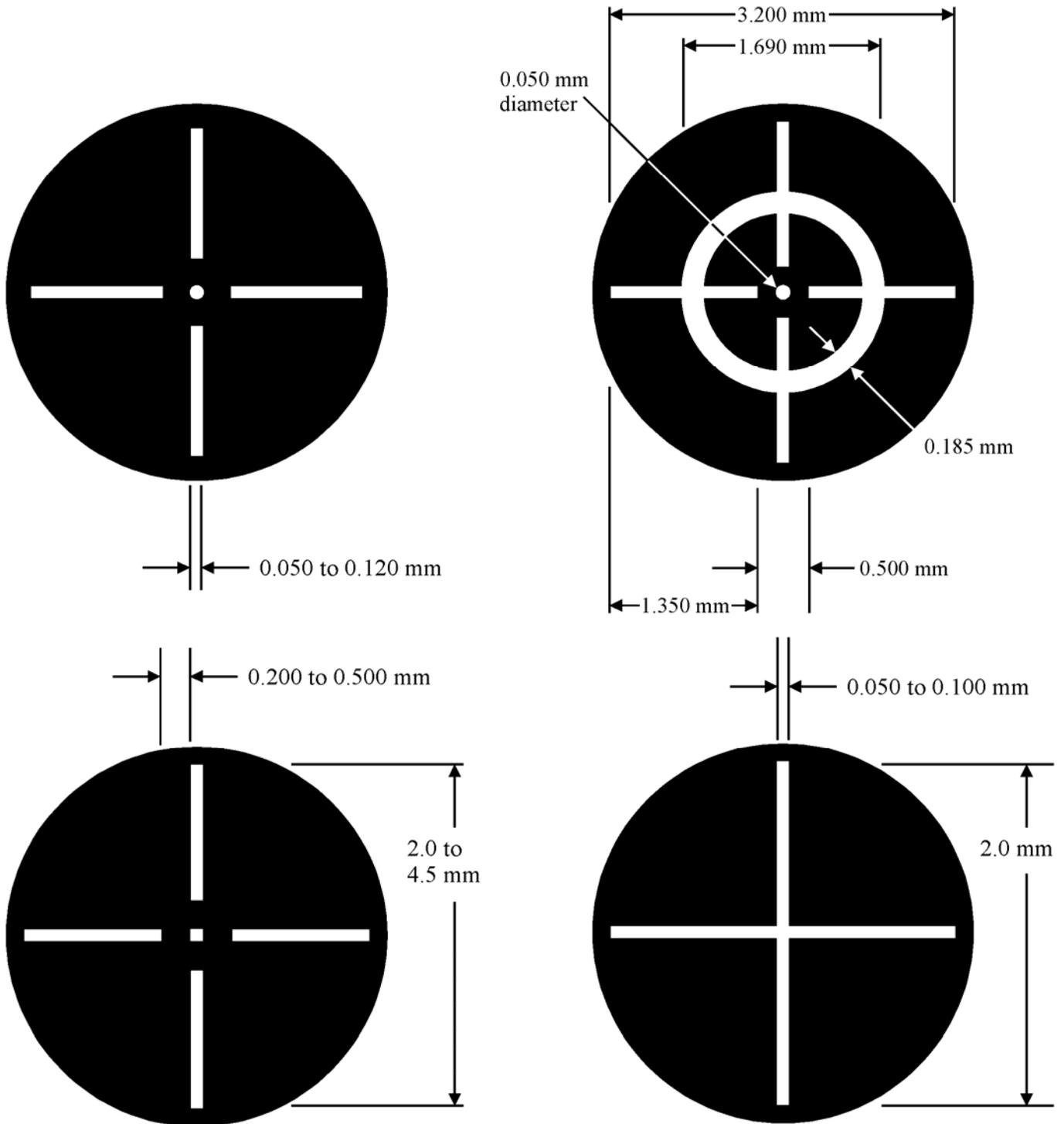
#### 1.64 Test Aperture

All camera-lens calibration tests shall be made at the maximum aperture specified by the manufacturer for that lens.

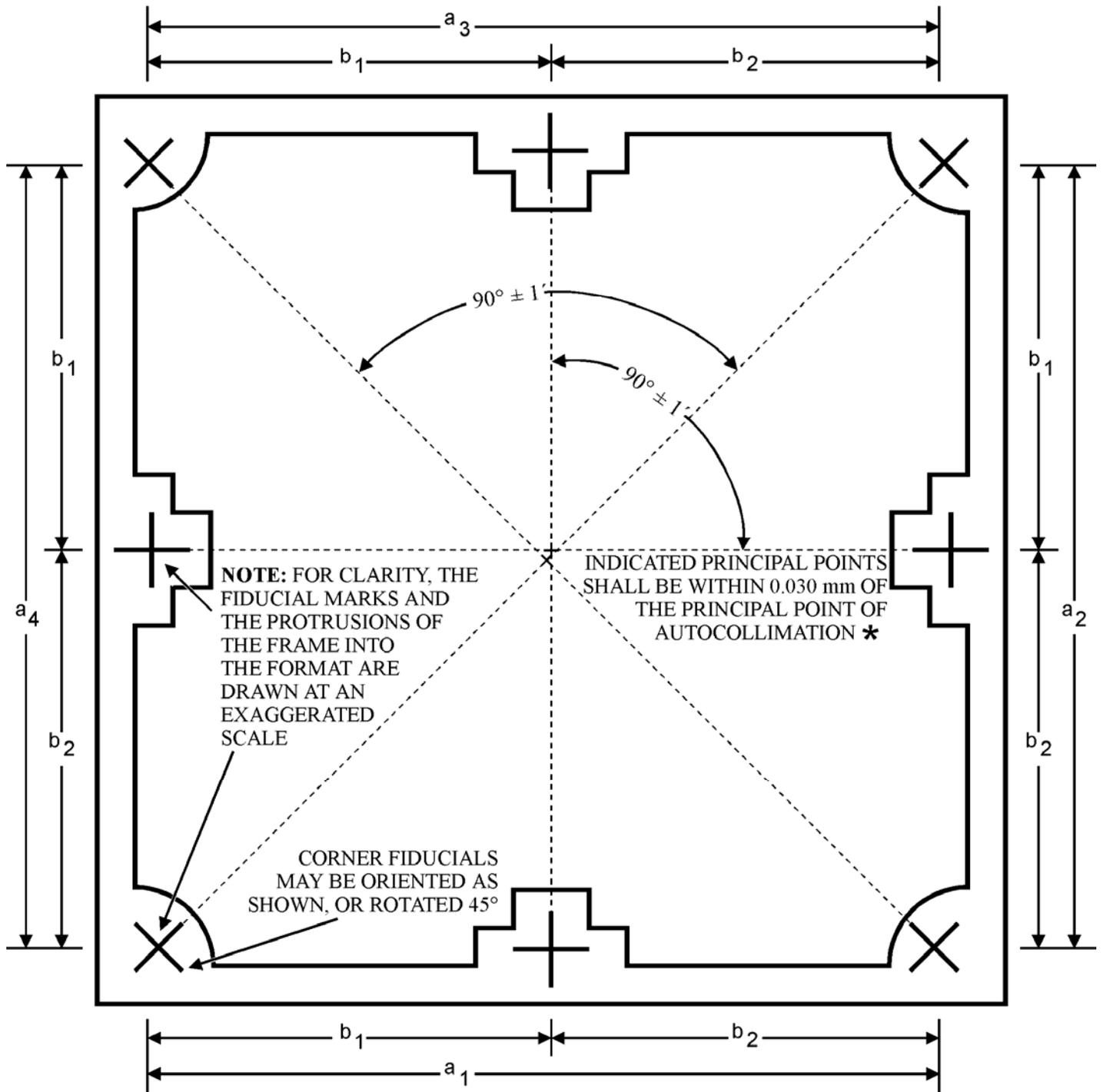
#### 1.65 Model Flatness

The model flatness test will be performed only for 153 mm and 88 mm cameras. Diapositives will be printed from two film exposures of the collimator targets on micro flat glass plates. Two stereomodels will be analytically formed from these using different halves of the exposures for each model. Each model thus formed will consist of a small fixed number of symmetrically arranged points. The allowable deviation from flatness, taken as the range between the maximum negative and the maximum positive value shall be no greater than  $\pm 1/8000$  of the focal length of a nominal 6-inch (153-mm) camera, or  $\pm 1/5000$  of the focal length of a nominal 3 1/2-inch (85-88 mm) camera. If elevation discrepancies exceed this value, the camera will not be acceptable. (See table 1.)

Figure 1  
EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF FIDUCIAL MARKS



# Figure 2 ARRANGEMENT OF FIDUCIAL MARKS



$a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = a_4$  (within 0.500 mm)

$b_1 = b_2$  ( $\pm 0.500$  mm)

\* THE CALIBRATED PRINCIPAL POINT - THE POINT OF SYMMETRY - SHALL BE WITHIN 0.015 mm OF THE PRINCIPAL POINT OF AUTOCOLLIMATION FOR 153 mm LENSES AND 0.030 mm FOR ALL OTHER FOCAL LENGTH LENSES.

# USDA OPTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Table 1

TABULATION OF OPTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Focal Length	88mm	153mm	210mm	305mm
Focal Length Within	± 4mm	± 3mm	± 4mm	± 5mm
Useable Angular Field	120°	90°	70°	50°
Field Angle-From Axis out to:	54.5°	40°	30°	22.7°
DISTORTION - At Maximum Aperture				
Radial Distortion - Tolerance (um)	± 15	± 10	± 20	± 20
Decentering Distortion - Tolerance (um)	-	≤ 8	-	-
MODEL FLATNESS - (um) Total Difference	± 17	± 19	-	-

### INDICATED PRINCIPAL POINTS (Fiducial Centers)

The indicated principal points - fiducial centers - shall fall within a 0.040mm radius circle around the principal point of autocollimation.

### CALIBRATED PRINCIPAL POINT (Point of Symmetry)

The calibrated principal point - point of symmetry - shall fall within a 0.020mm radius circle around the principal point of autocollimation for 153mm focal length lenses and 0.040mm for all others.

### RESOLUTION

Measured on Spectroscopic Plate at Maximum Aperture

Minimum Radial & Tangential Resolution in Line Pairs per mm  
LENS HALF ANGLE

Lens	0°	7.5°	15°	22.7°	30°	35°	40°	45°	50°	54.5°
86mm Wild Super Aviogon II Zeiss S-Pleogon A or equivalent	59	59	49	42	35	30	17	14	12	12
153mm Wild U. Aviogon Zeiss Pleogon A Jena Lamegon PI or equivalent	57	57	48	48	40	34	14			
210mm Wild N-Aviogon II Zeiss Topargon or equivalent	49	49	42	35	29					
305mm Wild N. Aviotar Zeiss Topar or equivalent	48	48	28	24						