

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DIVISION OF PURCHASES AND SUPPLY
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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23218-1199

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

1. DATE January 21, 2011
2. COMMODITY NAME Gloves, Exam – EMS High-Risk
3. CONTRACT NUMBER E194-1230
4. CONTRACT PERIOD January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011
5. AUTHORIZED USERS Va. Industries for the Blind
Charlottesville, Virginia
6. DUNS NUMBER 101926900
7. CONTRACTOR RELDA D.B.A. (Dermatec Direct)
8. CONTRACTOR(S) PHONE NUMBER (800) 992-8987, Ext. 4826
9. TERMS Net 30
10. DELIVERY 14 Days ARO
11. F.O.B. Destination
12. MINIMUM ORDER Minimum order for prepacked gloves is 60,000 each.
Minimum order for bulk gloves to be packaged is 150,000 each.
13. FOR FURTHER CONTRACT INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Wilson
Phone: (804) 786-3853
Fax: (804) 786-0223
E-mail: cindy.wilson@dgs.virginia.gov
14. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF CONTRACTS AND ANY ASSOCIATED CONTRACT CHANGES MAY BE VIEWED AND PRINTED AT THE DPS WEBSITE: www.eva.virginia.gov
15. NOTICE TO ALL STATE AGENCIES: This contract is the result of a competitive bid program and its use is mandatory for all State Agencies (unless otherwise indicated in item 5 above) in the purchase of any commodity listed herein. If the commodity or services available under this contract cannot be used by an agency, a request to purchase other goods or services of a similar nature shall be submitted to the appropriate DGS/DPS contract/purchase officer for approval. A complete and factual written justification is necessary to support the request. Refer to Section 13.7a of the Agency Procurement and Surplus Property Manual.
16. **Note:** This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the *Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1 or against a bidder or offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.

By: /s/ Cynthia W. Wilson
Cynthia W. Wilson, MBA, CPPO, CPPB, VCO
Statewide Contract Officer
Phone (804) 786-3853

INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORDERS:
 - A. Unless otherwise instructed by the Division of Purchases and Supply, all departments, institutions and agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia will order items/services through eVA.
 - B. If this contract is authorized for use by localities, Virginia cities, counties, towns and political subdivisions, orders will be placed through eVA to the maximum extent possible.
2. The applicable contract number, duns number, and item number (for itemized contracts) must be shown on each purchase order and copy, each facsimile transmission or given verbally when telephonic orders are placed.
3. Inspection on delivery and approval of vendor's invoice is the responsibility of receiving state agency, Virginia city, county, town or political subdivision.
4. Any complaint as to quality, faulty or delinquent delivery, or violation of contract provisions by contractor shall be reported to the Division of Purchases and Supply for handling with the contractor. An online form, "Procurement Complaint Form" is available on the eVA Website under "Vendor" Tab, by which to facilitate the notification of the contractor and this office of complaints, are available from the Division of Purchases and Supply (225-4045).
5. Renewals. Four one-year renewals remain. The decision as to whether to exercise the next renewal option will be made by the contract officer approximately four to six months in advance of the expiration date of the current term.
6. Price Adjustments. During the current term of the contract, price escalation may be allowed every 180 days, if justified. The contract officer makes the decision to allow or deny a request for increase based upon the documentation submitted by the contractor. The contractor is required to pass on any price reductions immediately. **IMPORTANT!** All price increases must be approved by the contract officer. Contract users will be sent a Notice of Contract Change from this office as official notification of such changes, if approved.
7. Shipping Instructions: Delivery shall be 90 days ARO for bulk product; delivery for pre-packed material in manufacturer's boxes should be w/in 14 cal days, not to exceed 21 cal days ARO.

CONTRACT E194-1230 GLOVES, EXAM – EMS HIGH-RISK
JANUARY 1, 2011 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2011

VENDOR ORDER ADDRESS LIST

NAME/ADDRESS/CONTACT PERSON

TELEPHONE

RELDA D.B.A.
DERMATEC DIRECT
4430 EAST ADAMO DRIVE
SUITE 306
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33605

(800) 992-8987
Extension 4826

PAM MCDONALD
pmcdonald@dermatec.net

Item	Description	Price
	NIGP Code 47541	
1	Description: Gloves, Exam, EMS High-Risk Examination Gloves per specifications.	\$0.15900 EACH

**ATTACHMENT 5
SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
IFB E194-1352**

GLOVES, EXAM: EMS High-Risk, Nitrile, Vinyl, Latex Powdered and Latex Powder-Free

1. **CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT:** The purchasing agency reserves the right to cancel and terminate any resulting after the initial 12 months of the contract period upon 60 days written notice to the other party. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the contractor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.
2. **PURCHASE REPORT:** The Contractor shall furnish the Division of Purchases and Supply reports of the total dollar volume of purchases by ordering Agency and the total number of each contract item ordered under this contract with dollar amounts on a quarterly basis, i.e., 1st quarter = July, August & September - submit report by October 30th; 2nd quarter = October, November & December - submit report by January 30th.
3. **CONTRACT TERM THE INITIAL TERM OF THIS CONTRACT WILL BE FOR ONE YEAR.**
4. **RENEWAL OF CONTRACT:** This contract may be renewed by the Commonwealth upon written agreement of both parties for four (4) successive one year periods, under the terms of the current contract, and at a reasonable time (approximately 90 days) prior to the expiration.
5. **PRICE ESCALATION:** Price adjustments may be permitted for changes in the contractor's costs. Price adjustment authorization shall be determined by any of the following (or a combination thereof); the increase in the PPI Index CODE 326299, and/or other indices or market indicators that are reflective of the current marketplace, as approved by the Division of Purchases and Supply. No price increases will be authorized for 180 calendar days after the effective date of the contract, Price escalation may be permitted only at the end of this period and each 180 days thereafter and only where verified to the satisfaction of the purchasing office. However, "across the board" price decreases are subject to implementation at any time and shall be immediately conveyed to the Commonwealth. Contractor shall give not less than 30 days advance notice of any price increase to the purchasing office. Any approved price changes will be effective only at the beginning of the calendar month following the end of the full 30-day notification period.

The contractor shall document the amount and proposed effective date of any general change in the contractor's costs. Documentation shall be supplied with the contractor's request for increase which will: (1) verify that the requested price increase is general in scope and not applicable just to the Commonwealth of Virginia; and (2) define the source of increase and verify the amount or percentage of increase, which is being passed on to the contractor. The purchasing office will notify the using agencies and contractor in writing of the effective date of any increase which it approves. However, the contractor shall fill all purchase orders received prior to the effective date of the price adjustment at the old contract prices. The contractor is further advised that decreases which affect the contractor's costs are required to be communicated immediately to the purchasing office.
6. **DELIVERY** shall be 90 days after receipt of a valid purchase order for bulk product and delivery for pre-pack orders in manufacturer's boxes should be 14 calendar days after receipt of valid purchase order. However, delivery of pre-pack orders shall not exceed 21 calendar days after receipt of valid purchase order.
7. **DELIVERY:** THE FIRST PRIVATE LABEL PRODUCT MUST BE DELIVERED NO LATER THAN 5 (FIVE) MONTHS AFTER AWARD DATE OF CONTRACT.

8. **PACKAGING:** Examination gloves shall be pre-packed with 100 gloves to a "Perforated" bag; 10 bags per shipping container. The container shall be the proper size, weight and constructed to be suitable for common carrier transportation. The container shall have an insert of some type top and bottom to protect the gloves from light, moisture and air. Containers shall be palletized with some form of restraint used (wrapped, removable tape, or some other method). Palletized containers shall not exceed six tiers with ten cases per tier for delivery (60 cases per pallet). Each container shall be marked on the outside with the following information: Country of Glove Manufacturers / Virginia Industries f/t Blind / 1601 Sherwood Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23220 (USA) / Phone: (434) 295-5168 / FAX: (434) 977-0122.
9. **510K REGISTRATION:** All foreign manufacturer's of examination gloves shall have established quality control procedures in their manufacturing process and shall secure a federal 510K registration number for the import and sales of their medical gloves. The 510K registration number shall be maintained during the life of the contract.
10. **CASE BOX:** Case box shall be sized to pack 10 glove boxes and shall be of suitable design and construction for common carrier transportation. Case boxes shall be preprinted with agency name, address and indication for glove type and sizes. One case box shall be provided for every 10 glove boxes; the cost for the case box shall be included in the price for 10 glove boxes. The dispenser boxes are to be packed flat, 10 to the re-shippable case which also contains 10 bags of gloves, 100 each.
11. **PRE-PACKAGED GLOVES:** The Virginia Industries f/t Blind (VIB) SHALL require the contractor to provide prepackaged gloves. The package quantity shall be 100 gloves per box, 10 boxes per case. The cost shall be the same as the bulk unit price. This requirement is necessary to respond to VIB customer demands during the start-up phase of the contract and for fluctuations in demand if bulk supply cannot be provided to maintain adequate inventory level. Delivery for Pre-Packed Gloves must be complete within 21 Calendar Days.
12. **A. BID PRICES:** The bid price shall also include the cost of 10 empty dispenser boxes.
B. BID PRICES: Prepacked gloves shall be the exact same price as bulk gloves.
13. **MINIMUM ORDERS:** MINIMUM ORDERS FOR VENDOR PAID SHIPMENT OF PREPACKED EMS High-Risk gloves minimum for prepacked gloves will be 60,000 FOB and will be 60,000 gloves for prepacked gloves for F.O.B. delivery to ordering agency within the Commonwealth of Virginia. For orders of less than 60,000 gloves, the contractor will be permitted to add actual transportation cost (prepaid) to invoice for payment, or the agency may purchase such order off contract from other sources. Minimum order for bulk gloves to be packaged is 150,000.
14. **AUDIT:** The Contractor hereby agrees to retain all books, records, and other documents relative to this contract for five (5) years after final payment, or until audited by the Commonwealth of Virginia, whichever is sooner. The agency, its authorized agents, and/or State auditors shall have full access to and the right to examine any of said materials during said period.
15. **QUANTITIES:** Any annual purchase quantities set forth in this solicitation are estimates only. Contractor shall supply all product at unit price, regardless of quantity on purchase order. ESTIMATED ANNUAL PURCHASE QUANTITY BY GLOVE TYPE AND SIZE IS:

	2011 Projection Each
EMS	
SMALL	27,864
MEDIUM	50,652
LARGE	144,828
EX LARGE	329,346
	<u>552,690</u>

16. **SMALL PURCHASE CHARGE CARD:** SPCC Part 1 - Purchasing charge cards offer State agencies and Institutions the opportunity to streamline their procedures for procuring and paying for small dollar goods and services. Vendors responding to this solicitation should not that acceptance of payment by purchase card is mandatory (unless waived by DPS) within 90 days of contract award. For current contracts where acceptance of the purchasing card is not in effect, Contractors must (unless waived by DPS) accept purchase card payments within 90 days of contract renewal. Payment for orders issued against the contract(s) resulting from this solicitation must allow for the Purchase Order Number to be passed at the time of charge so that the Purchase Order Number is received by the card platform and passed to the Card provider. This can be accomplished by vendors establishing their card account at Level 2, which is mandatory or Level 3, which is optional. Information on the various levels for the GE MasterCard is indicated below.

Charge Card Levels: The amount of data passed for each charge card payment depends on the level at which the charge card is established. The levels are delineated below and the preferred level by the Commonwealth is Level 2. Level 1 - vendors provide basic credit card purchase information, including but not limited to the following data: Supplier Name; Merchant Category Code; Date; and Total Purchase Amount. By passing Basic Date, the vendor has a standard interchange cost. Level 2 - vendors provide additional information to the Level 1 elements, including, but not limited to the following data: Customer Code (PCO Number from eVA); and Vendor Tax ID. By passing Level 2 detail, the vendor will receive lower interchange costs. Level 2 is Mandatory for any vendors who do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia and accept GE MasterCard.

Level 3 - vendors provide line item detail, in addition to the Level 1 and Level 2 elements, including, but not limited to the following data: Item Description; Item Quantity; Item Unit of Measure; Product Code; Freight Amount; and Extended Line Item Amount. By passing Level 3 (which is optional) data which is considered Superior data, the vendor will receive the lowest interchange costs.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

VENDORS MANUAL: This solicitation is subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia Vendors Manual and any changes or revisions thereto, which are hereby incorporated into this contract in their entirety. The procedure for filing contractual claims is in section 7.19 of the Vendors Manual. A copy of the manual is normally available for review at the purchasing office and is accessible on the Internet at www.eva.virginia.gov under "Vendors Manual" on the "Vendor" tab.

APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS: This solicitation and any resulting contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the Commonwealth. The agency and the contractor are encouraged to resolve any issues in controversy arising from the award of the contract or any contractual dispute using Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedures (Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4366). ADR procedures are described in Chapter 9 of the Vendors Manual. The contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

ANTITRUST: By entering into a contract, the contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Commonwealth of Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Commonwealth of Virginia under said contract.

CLARIFICATION OF TERMS: If any prospective (bidder/offeror) has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective (bidder/offeror) should contact the buyer whose name appears on the face of the solicitation no later than five working days before the due date. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the buyer.

PRECEDENCE OF TERMS: The following General Terms and Conditions VENDORS MANUAL, APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION, ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING, IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986, DEBARMENT STATUS, ANTITRUST, MANDATORY USE OF STATE FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS, CLARIFICATION OF TERMS, PAYMENT shall apply in all instances. In the event there is a conflict between any of the other General Terms and Conditions and any Special Terms and Conditions in this solicitation, the Special Terms and Conditions shall apply.

ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT: A contract shall not be assignable by the contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Commonwealth.

CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT: Changes can be made to the contract in any of the following ways: (1.) The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract. (2.) The Purchasing Agency may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the Purchasing Agency a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods: (2a.) By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or (2b.) By agreeing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the

number of units of work performed, subject to the Purchasing Agency's right to audit the contractor's records and/or to determine the correct number of units independently; or

(2c.) By ordering the contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The contractor shall present the Purchasing Agency with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Purchasing Agency shall have the right to audit the records of the contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Purchasing Agency within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Purchasing Agency. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the question of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for resolving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract or, if there is none, in accordance with the disputes provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia Vendors Manual. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Purchasing Agency or with the performance of the contract generally.

DEFAULT: In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Commonwealth, after due oral or written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies which the Commonwealth may have.

TAXES: Sales to the Commonwealth of Virginia are normally exempt from State sales tax. State sales and use tax certificates of exemption, Form ST-12, will be issued upon request. Deliveries against this contract shall usually be free of Federal excise and transportation taxes. The Commonwealth's excise tax exemption registration number is 54-73-0076K.

USE OF BRAND NAMES: Unless otherwise provided in this solicitation, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict (bidders/offers) to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named, but conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired. Any article which the public body, in its sole discretion, determines to be the equivalent of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. The (bidder/offeror) is responsible to clearly and specifically identify the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable the Commonwealth to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the solicitation. This is required even if offering the exact brand, make or manufacturer specified. Normally in competitive sealed bidding only the information furnished with the bid will be considered in the evaluation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid nonresponsive. Unless the (bidder/offeror) clearly indicates in its (bid/proposal) that the product offered is an equivalent product, such (bid/proposal) will be considered to offer the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.

INSURANCE: By signing and submitting a bid or proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that if awarded the contract, it will have the following insurance coverage at the time the contract is awarded. For construction contracts, if any subcontractors are involved, the subcontractor will have workers' compensation insurance in accordance with §§ 2.2-4332 and 65.2-800 et seq. of the Code of Virginia. The bidder or offeror further certifies that the contractor and any subcontractors will maintain these insurance coverage during the entire term of the contract and that all insurance coverage will be provided by insurance companies authorized to sell insurance in Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

MINIMUM INSURANCE COVERAGES AND LIMITS REQUIRED FOR MOST

CONTRACTS: 1) Workers' Compensation - Statutory requirements and benefits. Coverage is compulsory for employers of three or more employees, to include the employer. Contractors who fail to notify the Commonwealth of increases in the number of employees that change their workers' compensation requirements under the Code of Virginia during the course of the contract shall be in noncompliance with the contract. 2). Employer's Liability - \$100,000. 3) Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Commercial General Liability is to include bodily injury and property damage, personal injury and advertising injury, products and completed operations coverage. The Commonwealth of Virginia must be named as an additional insured and so endorsed on the policy 4). Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence. (Only used if motor vehicle is to be used in the contract.).

NOTE: In addition, various Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions coverage are required when soliciting those services as follows: Profession/Service /Limits, Accounting /\$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate Architecture/\$2,000,000 per occurrence, \$6,000,000 aggregate, Asbestos Design, Inspection or Abatement Contractors/ \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate, Health Care Practitioner (to include Dentists, Licensed Dental, Hygienists, Optometrists, Registered or Licensed, Practical Nurses, Pharmacists, Physicians, Podiatrists, Chiropractors, Physical Therapists, Physical ,Therapist Assistants, Clinical Psychologists, Clinical Social Workers, Professional Counselors, Hospitals, or Health Maintenance Organizations.) \$1,750,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate, (Limits increase each July 1 through fiscal year 2008, as follows: July 1, 2005 - \$1,800,000, July 1, 2006 - \$1,850,000, July 1, 2007 - \$1,925,000, July 1, 2008 - \$2,000,000. This complies with §8.01-581.15 of the Code of Virginia. Insurance/Risk Management /\$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate, Landscape/Architecture/\$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$1,000,000 aggregate, Legal/\$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$5,000,000 aggregate. Professional Engineer/\$2,000,000 per occurrence, \$6,000,000 aggregate, Surveying/\$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$1,000,000 aggregate

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE: During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. For the purposes of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

NONDISCRIMINATION OF CONTRACTORS: A bidder, offeror, or contractor shall not be discriminated against in the solicitation or award of this contract because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, faith-based organizational status, any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment or because the bidder or offeror employs ex-offenders unless the state agency, department or institution has made a written determination that employing ex-offenders on the specific contract is not in its best interest. If the award of this contract is made to a faith-based organization and an individual, who applies for or receives goods, services, or disbursements provided pursuant to this contract objects to the religious character of the faith-based organization from which the individual receives or would receive the goods, services, or disbursements, the public body shall offer the individual, within a reasonable period of time after the date of his objection, access to equivalent goods, services, or disbursements from an alternative provider.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that the agency shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this agreement.

PAYMENT : To Prime Contractor: a.) Invoices for items ordered, delivered and accepted shall be submitted by the contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the state contract number and/or purchase order number; social security number (for individual contractors) or the federal employer identification number (for proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations). b.) Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be regarded as requiring payment 30 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 30 days, however. c.) All goods or services provided under this contract or purchase order, that are to be paid for with public funds, shall be billed by the contractor at the contract price, regardless of which public agency is being billed. d.) The following shall be deemed to be the date of payment: the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail, or the date of offset when offset proceedings have been instituted as authorized under the Virginia Debt Collection Act. e.) Unreasonable Charges. Under certain emergency procurements and for most time and material purchases, final job costs cannot be accurately determined at the time orders are placed.

In such cases, contractors should be put on notice that final payment in full is contingent on a determination of reasonableness with respect to all invoiced charges. Charges which appear to be unreasonable will be researched and challenged, and that portion of the invoice held in abeyance until a settlement can be reached. Upon determining that invoiced charges are not reasonable, the Commonwealth shall promptly notify the contractor, in writing, as to those charges which it considers unreasonable and the basis for the determination. A contractor may not institute legal action unless a settlement cannot be reached within thirty (30) days of notification. The provisions of this section do not relieve an agency of its prompt payment obligations with respect to those charges which are not in dispute (Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4363). 2. To Subcontractors: a.) A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated: (1) To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Commonwealth for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or (2) To notify the agency and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.

b.) The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the Commonwealth, except for amounts withheld as stated in (2) above. The date of mailing of any payment by U. S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contract. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the Commonwealth. 3.) Each prime contractor who wins an award in which provision of a SWAM procurement plan is a condition to the award, shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution, on or before request for final payment, evidence and certification of compliance (subject only to insubstantial shortfalls and to shortfalls arising from subcontractor default) with the SWAM procurement plan. Final payment under the contract in question may be withheld until such certification is delivered and, if necessary, confirmed by the agency or institution, or other appropriate penalties may be assessed in lieu of withholding such payment.

The Commonwealth of Virginia encourages contractors and subcontractors to accept electronic and credit card payments.

eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT VENDOR REGISTRATION: The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution, web site portal www.eVA.virginia.gov streamlines and automates government purchasing activities in the Commonwealth. The eVA portal is the gateway for vendors to conduct business with state agencies and public bodies. All vendors desiring to provide goods and/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA Internet e-procurement solution either through the eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service or eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service. All bidders or offerors must register in eVA; failure to register will result in the bid/proposal being rejected.

a. eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service: \$25 Annual Registration Fee plus the appropriate order Transaction Fee specified below. eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service includes electronic order receipt, vendor catalog posting, on-line registration, electronic bidding, and the ability to research historical procurement data available in the eVA purchase transaction data warehouse. b. eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service: \$25 Annual Registration Fee plus the appropriate order Transaction Fee specified below. eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service includes all benefits of the eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service plus automatic email or fax notification of solicitations and amendments. c. For orders issued prior to August 16, 2006, the Vendor Transaction Fee is 1%, capped at a maximum of \$500 per order. d. For orders issued August 16, 2006 and after, the Vendor Transaction Fee is: (i)DMBE-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at \$500 per order. (ii)Businesses that are not DMBE-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at \$1,500 per order. The eVA transaction fee will be invoiced approximately 30 days after the corresponding purchase order is issued and payable 30 days after the invoice date. Any adjustments (increases/decreases) will be handled through purchase order changes.

BID PRICE CURRENCY: Unless stated otherwise in the solicitation, bidders/offerors shall state bid/offer prices in US dollars.

AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN THE COMMONWEALTH: A contractor organized as a stock or nonstock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law. Any business entity described above that enters into a contract with a public body pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth, if so required under Title 13.1 or Title 50, to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the term of the contract. A public body may void any contract with a business entity if the business entity fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section.