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Renewal Periods

Line Number	Renewal Period Length	Renewal Period Unit	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Notification Days (Prior to Expiration)	Attachments(Name - Desc)
1	1	Years	3/1/2010	2/28/2011	120	
2	1	Years	3/1/2011	2/29/2012	120	
3	1	Years	3/1/2012	2/28/2013	120	

Authorized Departments

Line Number	Department	Spending Limit	No Limit	Active	Exclude this Dept.	Ordered Amount	Attachments(Name - Desc)
1	ALL	\$0.00	Yes	Yes	No	\$0.00	

VENDOR

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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.dgs.state.va.us/dps under "Manuals."

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.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION: By submitting their (bids/proposals), (bidders/offerors) certify to the Commonwealth that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians With Disabilities Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act and § 2.2-4311 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA). If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate

in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4343.1E).

In every contract over \$10,000 the provisions in 1. and 2. below apply: 1.) During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows: (a.) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. (b.) The contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, will state that such contractor is an equal opportunity employer. (c.) Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting these requirements. 2.) The contractor will include the provisions of 1. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING: By submitting their (bids/proposals), (bidders/offerors) certify that their (bids/proposals) are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other (bidder/offeror), supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their (bid/proposal), and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.

IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986: By submitting their (bids/proposals), (bidders/offerors) certify that they do not and will not during the performance of this contract employ illegal alien workers or otherwise violate the provisions of the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

DEBARMENT STATUS: By submitting their (bids/proposals), (bidders/offerors) certify that they are not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia from submitting bids or proposals on contracts for the type of goods and/or services covered by this solicitation, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently so debarred.

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.

MANDATORY USE OF STATE FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR

IFB's: Failure to submit a bid on the official state form provided for that purpose shall be a cause for rejection of the bid. Modification of or additions to any portion of the Invitation for Bids may be cause for rejection of the bid; however, the Commonwealth reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject such a bid as nonresponsive. As a precondition to its acceptance, the Commonwealth may, in its sole discretion, request that the bidder withdraw or modify nonresponsive portions of a bid which do not affect quality, quantity, price, or delivery. No modification of or addition to the provisions of the contract shall be effective unless reduced to writing and signed by the parties.

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.

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.

PAYMENT: 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.

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.

QUALIFICATIONS OF (BIDDERS/OFFERORS): The Commonwealth may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the (bidder/offeror) to perform the services/furnish the goods and the (bidder/offeror) shall furnish to the Commonwealth all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Commonwealth reserves the right to inspect (bidder's/offeror's) physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the (bidder's/offeror's) capabilities. The Commonwealth further reserves the right to reject any (bid/proposal) if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such (bidder/offeror) fails to satisfy the Commonwealth that such (bidder/offeror) is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to provide the services and/or furnish the goods contemplated therein.

TESTING AND INSPECTION: The Commonwealth reserves the right to conduct any

test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure goods and services conform to the specifications.

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

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/offerors) 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 equal 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 equal product, such (bid/proposal) will be considered to offer the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.

TRANSPORTATION AND PACKAGING: By submitting their (bids/proposals), all (bidders/offerors) certify and warrant that the price offered for FOB destination includes only the actual freight rate costs at the lowest and best rate and is based upon the actual weight of the goods to be shipped. Except as otherwise specified herein, standard commercial packaging, packing and shipping containers shall be used. All shipping containers shall be legibly marked or labeled on the outside with purchase order number, commodity description, and quantity.

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.). (continued in part 3)

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD: Upon the award or the announcement of the decision to award a contract over \$50,000, as a result of this solicitation, the purchasing agency will publicly post such notice on the DGS/DPS eVA website (www.eva.virginia.gov) for a minimum of 10 days.

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.

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 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 Fee plus the appropriate 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.

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.

SET ASIDES: This solicitation is set-aside for DMBE-certified small business participation only when designated "SET-ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES" in the

solicitation. Small businesses must be certified by the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise not later than the solicitation due date and time. DMBE-certified women- and minority-owned businesses are also considered small businesses when they have received DMBE small business certification.

ADVERTISING: In the event a contract is awarded for supplies, equipment, or services resulting from this bid/proposal, no indication of such sales or services to the Commonwealth and or issuing agency/public body will be used in product literature or advertising. The contractor shall not state in any of its advertising or product literature that the Commonwealth of Virginia or any agency or institution of the Commonwealth has purchased or uses its products or services.

BID PRICES: Bid shall be in the form of a firm unit price for each item during the contract period.

CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT: The purchasing agency reserves the right to cancel and terminate any resulting contract, in part or in whole, without penalty, upon 60 days written notice to the contractor. In the event the initial contract period is for more than 12 months, the resulting contract may be terminated by either party, without penalty, 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.

DELIVERY NOTIFICATION: The Agency shall be notified as required in the solicitation prior to delivery of any items so that personnel may be available to allow access to the building and verify items received.

PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS: Agency will pay within 30 days after acceptance. A prompt payment discount offered for prompt payment of () calendar days or longer will be calculated in determining net low bid.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL OR PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNTS: The contractor shall extend any special educational or promotional sale prices or discounts immediately to the Commonwealth during the term of the contract. Such notice shall also advise the duration of the specific sale or discount price.

EXTRA CHARGES NOT ALLOWED: The bid price shall be for complete installation ready for the Commonwealth's use, and shall include all applicable freight and installation charges; extra charges will not be allowed.

FINAL INSPECTION: At the conclusion of the work, the contractor shall demonstrate to the authorized owners representative that the work is fully operational and in compliance with contract specifications and codes. Any deficiencies shall be promptly and permanently corrected by the contractor at the contractor's sole expense prior to final

acceptance of the work.

PAPER SUBMISSION OF BID/PROPOSAL AND ENVELOPE: If completing a paper submission of the solicitation response the bidder/offeror shall return the signed response in a sealed envelope and identified as follows: Name of Bidder/Offeror, Street or Box Number, City, State, Zip Code - AND - Close Date and Time, Solicitation No., Solicitation Description, Contract/Purchase Officer. The envelope should be addressed as directed in the solicitation. If a solicitation response is not contained in an envelope as indicated above the bidder or offeror takes the risk that the envelope, may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised which may cause the bid or proposal to be disqualified. Bids/proposals may be hand delivered to the designated location in the office issuing the solicitation. No other unrequested correspondence or other bids/proposals should be placed in the envelope.

INDEMNIFICATION: Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Virginia, its officers, agents, and employees from any claims, damages and actions of any kind or nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or caused by the use of any materials, goods, or equipment of any kind or nature furnished by the contractor/any services of any kind or nature furnished by the contractor, provided that such liability is not attributable to the sole negligence of the using agency or to failure of the using agency to use the materials, goods, or equipment in the manner already and permanently described by the contractor on the materials, goods or equipment delivered.

NEGOTIATION WITH THE LOWEST BIDDER: Unless all bids are cancelled or rejected, the Commonwealth reserves the right granted by § 2.2-4318 of the Code of Virginia to negotiate with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder to obtain a contract price within the funds available to the agency whenever such low bid exceeds the agency's available funds. For the purpose of determining when such negotiations may take place, the term "available funds" shall mean those funds which were budgeted by the agency for this contract prior to the issuance of the written Invitation for Bids. Negotiations with the low bidder may include both modifications of the bid price and the Scope of Work/Specifications to be performed. The agency shall initiate such negotiations by written notice to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder that its bid exceeds the available funds and that the agency wishes to negotiate a lower contract price. The times, places, and manner of negotiating shall be agreed to by the agency and the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

AUDIT: The contractor shall 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.

PRICE ESCALATION/DE-ESCALATION: Price adjustments may be permitted for changes in the contractor's cost of materials not to exceed the increase in the following index/indices: CPI with Services. Price adjustments may also be allowed if the

Commonwealth institutes an eVA transaction fee to be paid by Vendors effective July 1, 2003. No price increases will be authorized for 365 calendar days after the effective date of the contract, except for the eVA transaction fee. Price escalation may be permitted only at the end of this period and each 365 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 price of materials. 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) verify the amount or percentage of increase which is being passed on to the contractor by the contractor's suppliers. 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 cost of materials are required to be communicated immediately to the purchasing office.

QUANTITIES: Quantities set forth in this solicitation are estimates only, and the contractor shall supply at bid prices actual quantities as ordered, regardless of whether such total quantities are more or less than those shown.

ADDITIONAL USERS: This procurement is being conducted on behalf of state agencies, institutions and other public bodies who may be added or deleted at anytime during the period of the contract. The addition or deletion of authorized users not specifically named in the solicitation shall be made only by written contract modification issued by this agency or institution and upon mutual agreement of the contractor. Such modification shall name the specific agency added or deleted and the effective date. The contractor shall not honor an order citing the resulting contract unless the ordering entity has been added by written contract modification.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT: This contract may be renewed by the Commonwealth upon written agreement of both parties for (one year)/(successive one year periods), under the terms of the current contract, and at a reasonable time (approximately 90 days) prior to the expiration.

SUBCONTRACTS: No portion of the work shall be subcontracted without prior written consent of the purchasing agency. In the event that the contractor desires to subcontract some part of the work specified herein, the contractor shall furnish the purchasing agency the names, qualifications and experience of their proposed subcontractors. The contractor shall, however, remain fully liable and responsible for the work to be done by its subcontractor(s) and shall assure compliance with all requirements of the contract

WARRANTY: All materials and equipment shall be fully guaranteed against defects in material and workmanship for a period of 90 days following date of delivery. Should any defect be noted by the owner, the Purchasing Office will notify the contractor of such defect or non-conformance. Notification will state either (1) that the contractor shall replace or correct, or (2) the owner does not require replacement or correction, but an equitable adjustment to the contract price will be negotiated. If the contractor is required to correct or replace, it shall be at no cost to the Commonwealth and shall be subject to all provisions of this clause to the same extent as materials initially delivered. If the contractor fails or refuses to replace or correct the deficiency, the office issuing the purchase order may have the materials corrected or replaced with similar items and charge the contractor the costs occasioned thereby or obtain an equitable adjustment in the contract price.

WORK ESTIMATES (TIME AND MATERIAL CONTRACTS): Under this time and material contract, the contractor shall furnish the agency with a non-binding written estimate of the total costs to complete the work required. The estimate must include the labor category(ies), the contractor's hourly rates specified in the contract, and the total material cost. Material costs shall be billed at contractor's actual invoice costs (contractor shall furnish copies of all invoices for materials) or discount off the list price, whichever is specified in the contract. If the agency determines that the estimated price is not fair and reasonable, the agency has the right to ask the contractor to reevaluate the estimate. If the revised estimate is determined to be not fair and reasonable, the agency reserves the right to obtain additional quotes from other vendors. A work order will be issued to the contractor, as the authority to proceed with the work, which will incorporate the contractor's estimate and the terms and conditions of the contract. The contractor and his/her personnel shall log in with the designated contract administrator each day before and after work to confirm labor hours.

eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS & ORDERS: The contract will result in () eVA purchase order(s) with the following transaction fees. For orders issued prior to August 16, 2006 the Vendor Transaction Fee is 1% capped at a maximum of \$500 per order. 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 assessed approx. 30 days after each purchase order is issued. Any adjustments (increases/decreases) will be handled through eVA change orders. eVA the Internet electronic procurement solution, web site portal streamlines & automates government purchasing activities in the Commonwealth. The portal is the gateway for vendors to conduct business with state agencies & public bodies. The eVA transaction fee will be assessed approx. 30 days after each purchase order is issued. Any adjustments (increases/decreases) will be handled through eVA change orders. eVA the Internet electronic procurement solution, web site portal streamlines & automates government purchasing activities in the Commonwealth. The portal is the gateway for vendors to conduct business with state agencies & public bodies.

Vendors desiring to provide goods &/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA Internet e procurement solution & agree to comply with the following: If this solicitation is for a term contract, failure to comply with the requirements in a. & b. below will be just cause for the Commonwealth to reject your bid/offer or terminate this contract for default. a.) Submit a fully executed AMS Trading Partner Agreement, which can be downloaded from www.eva.state.va.us. AMS is the Commonwealth's service provider to implement & host the eVA e-procurement solution. b.) Provide an electronic catalog (price list) or index page catalog for items awarded under a term contract. The format of this catalog shall conform to the eVA Catalog Interchange Format (CIF) Specification that can be downloaded from www.eva.virginia.gov. Contractors should e-mail Catalog or Index Page to eva-catalog-manager@dgs.virginia.gov.

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.

AWARD: The right is reserved to make a separate award of each item, a group of items or all items, and to make an award either in whole or in part, whichever is deemed in the best interest of the Commonwealth. The award or awards will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder or bidders as applicable.

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD: Any bid in response to this solicitation shall be valid for 45 days. At the end of the 45 days the bid may be withdrawn at the written request of the bidder. If the bid is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.