

**DIVISION OF PURCHASES AND SUPPLY**

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**CONTRACT AWARD SUMMARY**

- 1. DATE: .....December 14, 2011
- 2. COMMODITY NAME: .....Natural Gas
- 3. COMMODITY CODE: ..... 40513
- 4. CONTRACT NUMBER: .....E194-749
- 5. CONTRACT PERIOD: .....July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2020
- 6. SUPERSEDES: .....E194-749-10
- 7. AUTHORIZED USERS: .....State Agencies and Other Public Bodies
- 8. CONTRACTORS' DUNS: .....095505827
- 9. CONTRACTOR: .....Compass Energy Gas Services, LLC
- 10. CONTACT: .....**Barry Koski**  
Telephone: (804) 320-6900 ext. 2  
Fax: (804) 320-1873  
E-mail: bkoski@compassenergy.net
- 11. TERMS: .....Net 30
- 12. DELIVERY: .....See below
- 13. PRICES & OPTIONS: .....See below
- 14. FOR FURTHER CONTRACT INFORMATION CONTACT: .....**Sandra D. White**  
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ADDITIONAL COPIES OF CONTRACTS AND ANY ASSOCIATED CONTRACT CHANGES MAY BE VIEWED AND PRINTED AT THE DPS WEBSITE: [www.dgs.state.va.us/dps](http://www.dgs.state.va.us/dps)

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 7 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.

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 because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.

By:   
[Sandra.white@dgs.virginia.gov](mailto:Sandra.white@dgs.virginia.gov)  
Statewide Service Contract Officer

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Purchase orders: this contract has been exempted from participation in the Commonwealth's electronic procurement system. Purchase orders will be submitted directly to the Contractor and must reference contract #E194-749-10.**
2. 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. Form "Complaint to State Vendor" (DGS-41-024), by which to facilitate the notification of the contractor and this office of complaints, is available from the Division of Purchases and Supply website [www.dgs.state.va.us](http://www.dgs.state.va.us) (Click on DPS icon, click on DPS forms).
3. **Renewals: One (1)** five year renewal remains. 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.
4. Any changes whether for increases or decreases in pricing, delivery terms or additional options must be approved by the Division of Purchases and Supply in advance of issuance of the purchase order. Disputes between the ordering agency and the vendor will be resolved in accordance with the terms of the contract and any change orders/renewals unless prior approval was granted by DPS.
5. Inspection on delivery and approval of the vendor's invoice is the responsibility of the receiving state agency or public body.
6. Price Escalation/De-escalation: Price adjustments may be permitted once annually (every 365 days) during the contract period for changes in the contractor's cost of providing goods and services, not to exceed the percentage increase/decrease of the Consumer Price Index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, the "All Items" category, or other relevant indices/market conditions, for the latest twelve months for which statistics are available. Price escalation may be permitted only where verified to the satisfaction of the purchasing office. Any price adjustment requests should be forwarded to the Commonwealth at least 60 days before the 365<sup>th</sup> day of the contract.

**\*\*Additional contact: Bob Parolisi at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy. Phone: 804-692-3207. Bob can help answer questions related to this contract, getting added on, etc.**

## PRICING SCHEDULE

1. **Rate of Delivery:** Delivery shall begin on July 1, 2010 and continue as ordered throughout the contract period.

**NOTE:** All users are to coordinate with Compass Energy the switch over to Compass Energy prior to switching from their current natural gas supplier.

2. **Pricing Options:**

- A. INTERRUPTIBLE Gas Pricing Options:

- 1) **NYMEX** plus actual costs of transportation plus \$.028 per dth.
    - 2) **INDEX** plus/minus actual costs of transportation plus \$.028 per dth using either:
      1. GDA Transco Zone 6 non-NY index
      2. GDA Transco Zone 5 delivered (to CGV)
      3. GDA Columbia, Appalachia (TCO App)
    - 3) **Fixed** Price including costs of transportation per dth plus \$.028 per dth for a specified term to be quoted on day of transaction.
    - 4) **Cap** and slide per dth plus \$.028 per dth to be quoted on day of transaction.

- B. FIRM Gas Pricing Options

- 1) **NYMEX** plus actual costs of transportation plus \$.028 per dth
    - 2) **INDEX** plus/minus actual costs of transportation plus \$.028 per dth using either:
      1. GDA Transco Zone 6 non-NY index
      2. GDA Transco Zone 5 delivered (to CGV)
      3. GDA Columbia, Appalachia (TCO App)
    - 3) **Fixed** Price per dth including costs of transportation plus \$.028 per dth for a specified term to be quoted on day of transaction
    - 4) **Cap** and Slide per dth plus \$.028 per dth to be quoted on day of transaction

- C. FIRM Gas Pricing Options – Small Meter Program

- 1) **NYMEX** plus actual costs of transportation plus any additional costs plus \$.028 per dth
    - 2) **INDEX** plus/minus actual costs of transportation plus any additional costs plus \$.028 per dth using either:
      1. GDA Transco Zone 6 non-NY index
      2. GDA Transco Zone 5 delivered (to CGV)
      3. GDA Columbia, Appalachia (TCO App)
    - 3) **Fixed** price per dth plus \$.028 per dth for a specified term to be quoted on day of transaction
    - 4) **Cap** and Slide per dth plus \$.028 per dth to be quoted on day of transaction



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Master Agreement - E194 - 749 New - Final

Term Contract for Natural Gas

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Document Id: 749  
Print Date: 4/12/2010  
Procurement Folder: 44176  
Effective Begin Date: 7/1/2010

Title: 194206-JLM  
Procurement Type: Complex IFB  
Expiration Date: 6/30/2020

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**Contact Information**

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**Authorized Agency**

This term contract is available for use by all state agencies, institutions of higher education, public bodies and other entities authorized to use the contract by the Code of Virginia or any other entities as mutually agreed to by all parties.

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**Vendor**

Legal Name: [Compass Energy Gas Services, LLC](#)  
Location Legal Name: [Compass Energy Gas Services, LLC](#)  
Contact Phone: 804-320-6900 x2

Contact Name: [Barry Koski](#)  
Contact Email: [bkoski@compassenergy.net](mailto:bkoski@compassenergy.net)

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**Renewal Periods**

Line Number	Renewal Period Length	Renewal Period Unit	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Notification Days (Prior to Expiration)
1	5	Years	7/1/2020	6/30/2025	90

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**Terms And Conditions**

**Section GEN**

**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](http://www.dgs.state.va.us/dps) under "Manuals."

## **APP. LAWS AND COURTS**

**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 (1 of 2)**

**ANTI-DISCRIMINATION (part 1 of 2):** 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). (continued on part 2)

### **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION (2 of 2)**

**ANTI-DISCRIMINATION (part 2 of 2):** 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**

**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**

**IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986:** By entering into a written contract with the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Contractor certifies that the Contractor does not, and shall not during the

performance of the contract for goods and services in the Commonwealth, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

## **DEBARMENT STATUS**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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 CONTRACT (1 of 2)**

**CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT (part 1 of 2):** 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 (continued on part 2)

## **CHANGES TO CONTRACT (2 of 2)**

**CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT (part 2 of 2):** (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**

**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**

**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**

**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 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.

## **TRANSPORTATION AND PACKAGING**

**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 (1 of 3)**

**INSURANCE (part 1 of 3):** 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. (continued in part 2)

## **INSURANCE (2 of 3)**

**INSURANCE (part 2 of 3) 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)

### **INSURANCE (3 of 3)**

INSURANCE (part 3 of 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**

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](http://www.eva.virginia.gov)) for a minimum of 10 days.

### **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE**

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**

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.

## **SET ASIDES**

This solicitation is set-aside for DMBE-certified small business participation only when designated "SET-ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES" in the solicitation. DMBE-certified small businesses are those businesses that hold current small business certification from the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise. This shall not exclude DMBE-certified women-owned and minority-owned businesses when they have received the DMBE small business certification. For purposes of award, bidders/offerors shall be deemed small businesses if and only if they are certified as such by DMBE on the due date for receipt of bids/proposals.

## **PAYMENT (1 of 4)**

**PAYMENT (part 1 of 4):** 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.(Continued on part 2)

## **PAYMENT (2 of 4)**

**PAYMENT (part 2 of 4):** 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. (continued on part 3)

**PAYMENT (3 of 4)**

**PAYMENT (part 3 of 4):** 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.

**PAYMENT (4 of 4)**

**PAYMENT (part 4 of 4):** The Commonwealth of Virginia encourages contractors and subcontractors to accept electronic and credit card payments.

**eVA REGISTRATION (1 of 2)**

**eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT VENDOR REGISTRATION (part 1 of 2):** The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution, web site portal [www.eVA.virginia.gov](http://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.

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