



Issue Date: May 2, 2008

RFP #08-29

Title: Videocassette Rental Program

Commodity Code: 97737

Issuing Agency & Address:

Commonwealth of Virginia
University of Mary Washington
Office of Purchasing,
1671 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Suite 104
Fredericksburg VA 22401

Period of Contract: Upon award through May 31, 2009 with an option to renew for one (1) additional one-year period.

Sealed proposals will be received subject to conditions cited herein until May 20, 2008, 2:00 pm local time for furnishing the services described herein. Proposals must reach the above address by the deadline stated.

All inquiries for proposal information should be directed to: Roxanne Ehardt (540) 654-1057, rehardt@umw.edu. All Inquiries for specification information should be directed to: Joseph Mollo (540) 654-1061, jmollo@umw.edu.

IF PROPOSALS ARE MAILED, SEND DIRECTLY TO ISSUING AGENCY SHOWN ABOVE. IF PROPOSALS ARE HAND DELIVERED, DELIVER TO: University of Mary Washington, Purchasing Department, 1671 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Suite 104, Fredericksburg VA 22401.

In compliance with this Request For Proposal and to all conditions imposed herein and hereby incorporated by the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish the services in accordance with the attached signed proposal and as mutually agreed upon by subsequent negotiation.

Name And Address Of Offeror:

_____ Date: _____

_____ By: _____

(Signature in Ink)

_____ Zip: _____ Typed Name: _____

FEI/SSN#: _____ Title: _____

Fax No.: _____ Telephone No. _____

Email: _____

Check all that apply: Minority Owned: _____ Small Business: _____ Women Owned: _____

DMBE Certification number: _____

NOTE: This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the Code of Virginia, 11-35.1 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.

(This form must be completed and returned with proposal.)

- I. **PURPOSE.** The intent and purpose of this Request for Proposal is to enter into a term contract with one qualified vendor to provide videocassette rental of fully licensed copyright major motion pictures for the University of Mary Washington an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia. (Agency)
- II. **RFP DEFINITION.** An RFP, or request for proposal, is the procurement method that uses competitive negotiation to obtain a solution to a business need.
- III. **PRECEDENCE OF TERMS.** In order of precedence, The Commonwealth of Virginia Mandatory Terms and Conditions, UMW Special Terms and Conditions, this RFP, and Vendor's Terms and Conditions form the legally binding agreement between the University and the Vendor.
- IV. **BACKGROUND:** The University of Mary Washington is a four (4) year liberal university located in Fredericksburg, Virginia with an enrollment of approximately 4,200 students for the current school year; there are approximately 1,035 residential rooms.

The University uses a hybrid, fiber optic and copper coaxial cable television network to distribute major cable and broadcast channels to its dormitories, academic and administration buildings. The University currently has the ability to insert local origination programming to any of four (4) campus-only channels, and intends to broadcast licensed feature films on VHS format from the Multimedia Center to the rest of the campus via this closed circuit network.

- V. **STATEMENT OF NEEDS:** It is desired that the responses be both straightforward and economical. Proposal for a complex sophisticated service is neither requested nor desired.
 - A. Services Provided by the Contractor: The proposal services shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following:
 1. The selected firm shall be authorized to distribute major motion picture videocassettes for non-theatrical public performances that are broadcast over the campus cable television system.
 2. The University seeks 24 movie titles per semester, or 48 movies per academic year. This amount may increase during the year.
 3. Licensing of all films shall be provided by the Offeror, no videocassettes shall be offered to the University that is outside of its license term.
 4. The Offeror should provide a current list of fully licensed videocassettes for public performance purposes.
 5. It is desired that the Offeror provide tapes addressing issues faced by an University market (ex. Safety on a college campus, alcohol awareness, etc.); such tapes may be used as educational resources, as well as staff training materials.
 6. The Offeror shall describe the movie pre-selection process for customers and the lead-time required.

7. Discuss promotional vehicles available; such as video ads for movies selected for an upcoming period, and the availability of camera ready ads for campus publicity.
- B. Services Provided by the University of Mary Washington: The University will provide the following services:
 1. Selection of films within established timeframe.
 2. Return of films to vendor within established timeframe.

VI. **PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION:**

A. General Requirements:

1. RFP Response: In order to be considered for selection, Offerors must submit a complete response to the RFP. One (1) original and four (4) copies of each proposal must be submitted to the purchasing agency. No other distribution of the proposals shall be made by the offeror.
2. Proposal Preparation: Proposals shall be signed by an authorized representative of the offeror. All information requested must be submitted. Failure to submit all information requested may result in the purchasing agency requiring prompt submission of missing information and/or giving a lowered evaluation of the proposal. Proposals which are substantially incomplete or lack key information may be rejected by the Purchasing Agency at its discretion. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content. Each copy of the proposal should be bound in a single volume where practical. All documentation submitted with the proposal should be bound in that single volume.
3. Oral Presentation: Offerors who submit a proposal in response to this RFP may be required to give an oral presentation of their proposal to the State agency. This will provide an opportunity for the offeror to clarify or elaborate on the proposal. The issuing purchasing agency will schedule the time and location of these presentations. Oral presentations are an option of the Purchasing Agency and may not be conducted. Therefore, proposals should be complete.

VII. **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:**

Proposals should be as thorough and detailed as possible so that the University of Mary Washington may properly evaluate your capabilities to provide the required services. Offerors are required to submit the following

information/items by the due date and time as stated on the proposal cover sheet, all addenda acknowledgements if any, and requirements listed below as a complete proposal:

1. The return of the RFP cover Sheet and all addenda acknowledgements, if any, signed and filled out as required.
2. Offeror's proposal and any attachments.
3. A written narrative statement, which outlines the ability to meet the statement of needs as previously outlined, in addition to the following information:
 - A. Firm's Experience: Describe the Firm's general experience in providing services of this nature. Provide the names of other Colleges or Universities, for whom similar services have been provided, include a contract name, phone number and email.
 - B. Other Services: State other services offered that the University has not addressed but you feel might be beneficial such as loaned equipment, special advertisements or photographs, video previews for upcoming selections.
 - C. Names, qualifications and experience of personnel to be assigned to the project.
4. Define cost of proposed services and any cost due to increased number of movies per academic year.
5. Small Business Subcontracting Plan – Summarize the planned utilization of DMBE-certified small businesses which include businesses owned by women and minorities, when they have received DMBE small business certification, under the contract to be awarded as a result of this solicitation. This is a requirement for all prime contracts in excess of \$100,000 unless the solicitation has been set-aside for small businesses or no subcontracting opportunities exist. (see 3.10 h and Appendix B, Section II, 36.) Complete Annex 7-G.

VIII. EVALUATION AND AWARD CRITERIA:

- A. Evaluation Criteria: Proposals will be evaluated by the University using the following criteria:

<u>For Services and Goods:</u>	<u>Point Value</u>
1. Scope and quality of services offered and Completeness of proposal:	40
2. Firm's background, credentials and references	10
3. Cost	30
4. Small Business Subcontracting Plan	<u>20</u>
Total:	100

B. Award: Selection shall be made of two or more offerors deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those submitting proposals on the basis of the evaluation factors included in the Request for Proposal, including price, if so stated in the Request for Proposal. Negotiations shall be conducted with the offerors so selected. Price shall be considered, but need not be the sole determining factor. After negotiations have been conducted with each offeror so selected, the University of Mary Washington shall award the contract to that offeror. The University of Mary Washington may cancel this Request for Proposal or reject proposals at any time prior to an award, and is not required to furnish a statement of the reason why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous. (Section 2.2-4359(D.), Code of Virginia). Should the University of Mary Washington determine in writing and in its sole discretion that only one offeror is fully qualified, or that one offeror is clearly more highly qualified than the others under consideration, a contract may be negotiated and awarded to that offeror. The award document will be a contract incorporating by reference all the requirements, terms and conditions of this solicitation and the Contractor's proposal as negotiated.

IX. **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Click on the following link for General Terms and Conditions which are a mandatory part of this contract. http://www.umw.edu/purchasing/vendors/bids_proposals/default.php then click on "General Terms and Conditions" in the second paragraph.

X. **SPECIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

- A. **ADVERTISING:** In the event a contract is awarded for services resulting from this RFP, no indication of such services to the Commonwealth of Virginia or the University of Mary Washington will be used in advertising.
- B. **AUDIT:** The Contractor hereby agrees to retain all books, records and other documents relative to this contract for three (3) 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.
- C. **CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT:** The University of Mary Washington 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.

- D. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: The Contract entered into by both parties shall consist of the Request for Proposals, the signed Proposal submitted by the Contractor, The Commonwealth Standard contract Form, The Contractor's pricing schedule, and the General Terms and Conditions, Special Terms and Conditions, the specifications including all modifications thereof, all of which shall be referred to collectively as the contract documents.
- E. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT: This contract may be extended by the Commonwealth for a period of two (2) successive one year periods under the terms and conditions of the original contract. Written notice of the Commonwealth's intention to extend shall be given 60 days prior to the expiration date of each contract period.
- F. IDENTIFICATION OF PROPOSAL ENVELOPE: The signed proposal should be returned in a separate envelope or package, sealed and identified as follows (on the outside of the package):

FROM: _____

_____	_____	_____
Name of Offeror	Due Date	Time

_____	_____
Street or Box No.	RFP No.

_____	_____
City, State, Zip	RFP Title

The envelope should be addressed as directed on Page 1 of the solicitation.

Late Proposals: Proposals received in the issuing office after the date and hour designated are automatically disqualified and will not be considered. The University is not responsible for delays in the delivery of mail by the U.S. Postal Service, private couriers, or the mail system. It is the sole responsibility of the Offeror to insure that its proposal reaches the issuing office by the designated date and hour.

Proposals may be hand delivered to the designated location in the office issuing the solicitation. No other correspondence or other proposals should be placed in the envelope.

- G. METHOD OF PAYMENT:
- A. Contractor shall be paid on the basis of an invoice submitted on a monthly basis. The invoice should provide an itemized list of the movies provided during that month. All invoices shall show the RFP number and Company's taxpayer identification number.
- B. Payment Terms: Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be considered to require payment within 30 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 30 days.

- C. Invoices: Original invoices for services ordered, delivered and accepted shall be submitted by the Contractor directly to Office of Accounts Payable, 1301 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. A clearly marked copy should go to: S.A. Film Committee, Residence Life, University of Mary Washington, Marye House, 1301 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.
- D. Contractor shall accept payment by Mastercard through the state Mastercard method. If Contractor does not accept mastercard then payment will be received by check through the mail.
- H. PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE PERIOD: This proposal shall be binding upon the Offeror for 60 calendar days following the proposal opening date. Any proposal on which the Offeror shortens the acceptance period may be rejected.
- I. REGISTRATION/LICENSES: The Contractor shall possess, and maintain throughout the period of contract performance, all licenses required by Federal or Commonwealth of Virginia Laws or regulations for the performance of any and all work required by this contract. Contractor shall provide written proof of licensing when requested by the Agency.
- J. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: The Contract Administrator, or his designee, shall determine the amount, quantity, acceptability, fitness of all aspects of the services and shall decide all other questions in connection with the services. The Contract Administrator, or his designee, shall not have the authority to approve changes in the services which alter the concept or which call for an extension of this for this contract. Any modifications must be authorized by the University of Mary Washington Purchasing Department through a written amendment to this contract.
- K. SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN AND EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE: Required where the prime contract is in excess of \$100,000 unless the solicitation has been set-aside for small businesses or no subcontracting opportunities exist.
- XI. ATTACHMENTS
- A. General Terms and Conditions.
 - B. Small Business Subcontracting Plan

ATTACHMENT A

- A. **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."
- B. **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.
- C. **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.
- D. **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.
- E. **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.
- F. **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.
- G. **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.
- H. **MANDATORY USE OF STATE FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR IFBs:**
1. **(For Invitation For Bids):** 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.
- I. **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.
- J. **PAYMENT:**
1. **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.
- K. **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.
- L. **QUALIFICATIONS OF (BIDDERS/OFFERORS):** The Commonwealth may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the (bidder/offeree) to perform the services/furnish the goods and the (bidder/offeree) 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/offeree's) physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the (bidder's/offeree's) capabilities. The Commonwealth further reserves the right to reject any (bid/proposal) if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such (bidder/offeree) fails to satisfy the Commonwealth that such (bidder/offeree) is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to provide the services and/or furnish the goods contemplated therein.
- M. **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.
- N. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Commonwealth.
- O. **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:

- a. By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - b. 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
 - c. 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.
- P. **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.
- Q. **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.
- R. **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 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.

- S. **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.
- T. **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.

(Note to Agency/Institution: When the requirement is for parking facilities and garages for motor vehicle maintenance contracts, the forgoing sentence should be changed to read: These coverage should include Garage Owner's Liability. Contracts with movers or truck transporters should also require motor carrier's liability. When in the judgment of a procurement officer, these limits and coverage are not warranted for the goods and services being procured, the Division of Risk Management should be contacted.

4. Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence. (Only used if motor vehicle is to be used in the contract.)

- U. **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 web site (www.eva.virginia.gov) for a minimum of 10 days.
- V. **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.

- W. **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.
- X. **eVA Business-To-Government Vendor Registration:** The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution, website 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.
- Y. **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.
- Z. **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. DMBE-certified women- and minority-owned businesses are also considered small businesses when they have received DMBE small business certification. Small businesses must be certified by DMBE not later than the solicitation due date.

Attachment B Small Business Subcontracting Plan

Definitions

Small Business: "Small business " means an independently owned and operated business which, together with affiliates, has 250 or fewer employees, or average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years. Note: This shall not exclude DMBE-certified women- and minority-owned businesses when they have received DMBE small business certification.

Women-Owned Business: Women-owned business means a business concern that is at least 51% owned by one or more women who are citizens of the United States or non-citizens who are in full compliance with United States immigration law, or in the case of a corporation, partnership or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51% of the equity ownership interest is owned by one or more women who are citizens of the United States or non-citizens who are in full compliance with United States immigration law, and both the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women who are citizens of the United States or non-citizens who are in full compliance with the United States immigration law.

Minority-Owned Business: Minority-owned business means a business concern that is at least 51% owned by one or more minority individuals or in the case of a corporation, partnership or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51% of the equity ownership interest in the corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity is owned by one or more minority individuals and both the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more minority individuals.

All small businesses must be certified by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Minority Business Enterprise (DMBE) by the due date of the solicitation to participate in the SWAM program. Certification applications are available through DMBE online at www.dmbv.virginia.gov (Customer Service).

Offeror Name: _____

Preparer Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Instructions

- A. If you are certified by the Department of Minority Business Enterprise (DMBE) as a small business, complete only Section A of this form. This shall not exclude DMBE-certified women-owned and minority-owned businesses when they have received DMBE small business certification.
- B. If you are not a DMBE-certified small business, complete Section B of this form. For the offeror to receive credit for the small business subcontracting plan evaluation criteria, the offeror shall identify the portions of the contract that will be subcontracted to DMBE-certified small business in this section. Points will be assigned based on each offeror's proposed subcontracting expenditures with DMBE certified small businesses for the initial contract period as indicated in Section B in relation to the offeror's total price.

Section A

If your firm is certified by the Department of Minority Business Enterprise (DMBE), are you certified as a (**check only one below**):

_____ Small Business

_____ Small and Women-owned Business

_____ Small and Minority-owned Business

Certification number: _____ Certification Date: _____

Section B

Populate the table below to show your firm's plans for utilization of DMBE-certified small businesses in the performance of this contract. This shall not exclude DMBE-certified women-owned and minority-owned businesses when they have received the DMBE small business certification. Include plans to utilize small businesses as part of joint ventures, partnerships, subcontractors, suppliers, etc.

B. Plans for Utilization of DMBE-Certified Small Businesses for this Procurement

Small Business Name & Address DMBE Certificate #	Status if Small Business is also: Women (W), Minority (M)	Contact Person, Telephone & Email	Type of Goods and/or Services	Planned Involvement During Initial Period of the Contract	Planned Contract Dollars During Initial Period of the Contract
Totals \$					