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SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following Terms and Conditions will be incorporated into any contract awarded through a solicitation.

1. **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.
2. **AWARD TO MULTIPLE OFFERORS:** 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 Proposals, including price, if so stated in the Request for Proposals. 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 agency shall select the Offeror which, in its opinion, has made the best proposal, and shall award the contract to that Offeror. The Commonwealth reserves the right to make multiple awards as a result of this solicitation. The Commonwealth may cancel this Request for Proposals or reject proposals at any time prior to an award, and is not required to furnish a statement of the reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous (*Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4359D*). Should the Commonwealth 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 the solicitation and the contractor's proposal as negotiated.
3. **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.
4. **eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND ORDERS:** The solicitation/contract will result in multiple purchase order(s) with the eVA transaction fee specified below assessed for each order.
 - a. For orders issued January 1, 2014, and after, the Vendor Transaction Fee is:
 - (i) VASBSD-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at \$500 per order.
 - (ii) Businesses that are not VASBSD-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at \$1,500 per order.

The specified vendor transaction fee will be invoiced by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of General Services, approximately 30 days after the corresponding purchase order is issued and payable 30 days after the invoice date. Any adjustments (increases/decreases) will be handled through purchase order changes.

The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution, website portal www.eva.virginia.gov, streamlines and automates government purchasing activities in the Commonwealth. The portal is the gateway for vendors to conduct business with state agencies and public bodies.

Vendors desiring to provide goods and/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA Internet e-procurement solution and agree to comply with the following: If this solicitation is for a term contract, failure to provide an electronic catalog (price list) or index page catalog for items awarded will be just cause for the Commonwealth to reject your bid/offer or terminate this contract for default. The format of this electronic catalog shall conform to the eVA Catalog Interchange Format (CIF) Specification that can be accessed and downloaded from www.eva.virginia.gov. Contractors should email Catalog or Index Page information to eVA-catalog-manager@dgs.virginia.gov.

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5. **RENEWAL OF CONTRACT:** This contract may be renewed by the Commonwealth for (one year)/(4 successive one year periods) under the terms and conditions of the original contract except as stated below. Price increases may be negotiated only at the time of renewal. Written notice of the Commonwealth's intention to renew shall be given approximately 60 days prior to the expiration date of each contract period.

a. If during any subsequent renewal periods, the Commonwealth elects to exercise the option to renew the contract, the contract price(s) for the subsequent renewal period shall not exceed the contract price(s) of the previous renewal period increased/decreased by more than the percentage increase/decrease of the _____. (This will be filled in at time of award)

6. **IDENTIFICATION OF BID/PROPOSAL ENVELOPE:** If a special envelope is not furnished, or if return in the special envelope is not possible, the signed bid/proposal should be returned in a separate envelope or package, sealed and identified as follows:

From: _____

_____	_____	_____
Name of Bidder/Offeror	Due Date	Time
_____	_____	
Street or Box Number	IFB No./RFP No.	
_____	_____	
City, State, Zip Code	IFB/RFP Title	

VASBSD-certified Small Business No. _____

Name of Contract/Purchase Officer or Buyer _____

7. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, the contractor's liability under this contract for loss or damages to government property caused by use of any defective or deficient supplies, products, equipment and/or services delivered under this contract shall not exceed the greater of \$1,000,000 or 3 times the amount of money paid to the contractor under this contract during the twelve month period preceding the event or circumstance giving rise to such liability. The contractor will not be liable under this contract for any indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages, or damages from loss of profits, revenue, data or use of the supplies, equipment and/or services delivered under this contract. The above limitation of liability is per incident. The limitation and exclusion of damages in the foregoing sentences will not apply, however, to liability arising from: (a) personal injury or death; (b) defect or deficiency caused by willful misconduct or negligence on the part of the contractor; or (c) circumstances where the contract expressly provides a right to damages, indemnification or reimbursement.

8. **SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING AND EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:**

A. It is the goal of the Commonwealth that 42% of its purchases be made from small businesses. This includes discretionary spending in prime contracts and subcontracts. All potential bidders/Offerors are required to submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan. Unless the bidder/Offeror is registered as a VASBSD-certified small business and where it is practicable for any portion of the awarded contract to be subcontracted to other suppliers, the contractor is encouraged to offer such subcontracting opportunities to VASBSD-certified small businesses. This shall not exclude VASBSD-certified women-owned and minority-owned businesses when they have received VASBSD small business certification. No bidder/Offeror or subcontractor shall be considered a Small Business, a Women-Owned Business or a Minority-Owned Business unless certified as such by the Department of Minority Business Enterprise (VASBSD) by the due date for receipt of bids or proposals. If small business subcontractors are used, the prime contractor agrees to report the use of small business subcontractors by providing the purchasing office at a minimum the following information: name of small business with the VASBSD certification

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number, phone number, total dollar amount subcontracted, category type (small, women-owned, or minority-owned), and type of product/service provided.

- B. Each prime contractor who wins an award in which provision of a small business subcontracting plan is a condition of the award, shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution on a quarterly basis, evidence of compliance (subject only to insubstantial shortfalls and to shortfalls arising from subcontractor default) with the small business subcontracting plan. When such business has been subcontracted to these firms and upon completion of the contract, the contractor agrees to furnish the purchasing office at a minimum the following information: name of firm with the VASBSD certification number, phone number, total dollar amount subcontracted, category type (small, women-owned, or minority-owned), and type of product or service provided. Payment(s) may be withheld until compliance with the plan is received and confirmed by the agency or institution. The agency or institution reserves the right to pursue other appropriate remedies to include, but not be limited to, termination for default.
- C. Each prime contractor who wins an award valued over \$200,000 shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution on a quarterly basis, information on use of subcontractors that are not VASBSD-certified small businesses. When such business has been subcontracted to these firms and upon completion of the contract, the contractor agrees to furnish the purchasing office at a minimum the following information: name of firm, phone number, total dollar amount subcontracted, and type of product or service provided.
9. **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: N/A. No price increases will be authorized for 180 calendar days after the effective date of the contract. Price escalation may be permitted only at the end of this period and each 180 days thereafter and only where verified to the satisfaction of the purchasing office. However, "across the board" price decreases are subject to implementation at any time and shall be immediately conveyed to the Commonwealth.

Contractor shall give not less than 30 days advance notice of any price increase to the purchasing office. Any approved price changes will be effective only at the beginning of the calendar month following the end of the full 30 day notification period. The contractor shall document the amount and proposed effective date of any general change in the 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.

10. **PRIME CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES:** The contractor shall be responsible for completely supervising and directing the work under this contract and all subcontractors that he may utilize, using his best skill and attention. Subcontractors who perform work under this contract shall be responsible to the prime contractor. The contractor agrees that he is as fully responsible for the acts and omissions of his subcontractors and of persons employed by them as he is for the acts and omissions of his own employees.
11. **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

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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.

12. **CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION:** The contractor assures that information and data obtained as to personal facts and circumstances related to patients or clients will be collected and held confidential, during and following the term of this agreement, and unless disclosure is required pursuant to court order, subpoena or other regulatory authority, will not be divulged without the individual's and the agency's written consent and only in accordance with federal law or the Code of Virginia. Contractors who utilize, access, or store personally identifiable information as part of the performance of a contract are required to safeguard this information and immediately notify the agency of any breach or suspected breach in the security of such information. Contractors shall allow the agency to both participate in the investigation of incidents and exercise control over decisions regarding external reporting. Contractors and their employees working on this project may be required to sign a confidentiality statement.
13. **CONTINUITY OF SERVICES:**
 - a.) The Contractor recognizes that the services under this contract are vital to the Agency and must be continued without interruption and that, upon contract expiration, a successor, either the Agency or another contractor, may continue them. The Contractor agrees:
 - (i) To exercise its best efforts and cooperation to effect an orderly and efficient transition to a successor;
 - (ii) To make all Agency owned facilities, equipment, and data available to any successor at an appropriate time prior to the expiration of the contract to facilitate transition to successor; and
 - (iii) That the Agency Contracting Officer shall have final authority to resolve disputes related to the transition of the contract from the Contractor to its successor.
 - b) The Contractor shall, upon written notice from the Contract Officer, furnish phase-in/phase-out services for up to ninety (90) days after this contract expires and shall negotiate in good faith a plan with the successor to execute the phase-in/phase-out services. This plan shall be subject to the Contract Officer's approval.
 - c) The Contractor shall be reimbursed for all reasonable, pre-approved phase-in/phase-out costs (i.e., costs incurred within the agreed period after contract expiration that result from phase-in, phase-out operations) and a fee (profit) not to exceed a pro rata portion of the fee (profit) under this contract. All phase-in/phase-out work fees must be approved by the Contract Officer in writing prior to commencement of said work.
14. **STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** Pursuant to Code of Virginia, §2.2-4311.2 subsection B, a bidder or Offeror organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 is required to include in its bid or proposal the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission (SCC). Any bidder or Offeror that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 or as otherwise required by law is required to include in its bid or proposal a statement describing why the bidder or Offeror is not required to be so authorized. Indicate the above information on the SCC Form provided. Contractor agrees that the process by which compliance with Titles 13.1 and 50 is checked during the solicitation stage (including without limitation the SCC Form provided) is streamlined and not definitive, and the Commonwealth's use and acceptance of such form, or its acceptance of Contractor's statement describing why the bidder or Offeror was not legally required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth, shall not be conclusive of the issue and shall not be relied upon by the Contractor as demonstrating compliance.