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**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, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, or veteran status or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment. Faith-based organizations may request that the issuing agency not include subparagraph 1.e in General Terms and Condition C. Such a request shall be in writing and explain why an exception should be made in that invitation to bid.**

I. **PURPOSE:**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (herein referred to as “VDOT”) is soliciting bids from VDOT approved aggregate plants or quarries to provide various types of aggregate as listed on the solicitation bid pricing schedule. The aggregate will be picked up by VDOT operated or hired trucks from the Contractor’s quarry or plant. Aggregate shall be loaded by the Contractor.

**PERIOD OF CONTRACT:** The initial contract period will be for a period of one (1) year, with the start date to be determined at time of award, with two (2) successive one-year renewal options.

II. **BACKGROUND:**

The Bristol District is responsible for providing products and services to the following counties of Lee, Scott, Wise, Dickenson, Buchanan, Russell, Tazewell, Washington, Smyth, Wythe, Grayson, and Bland in a cost efficient and timely manner. Based on past experience and performance, it has been identified that VDOT requires different types of aggregate available to handle various road repairs in numerous locations. Therefore, it is VDOT’s intent to establish multiple contracts to ensure that aggregate is available when needed at a reasonable cost, on time, and within close proximity to work zones or Area Headquarters (AHQ).

III. **QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS INVITATION FOR BID:**

Any questions regarding this invitation for bid shall be addressed to Chelsa Taylor at [Chelsa.Taylor@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Chelsa.Taylor@VDOT.Virginia.gov). The issuing office shall determine whether any addendum should be issued as a result of any questions or other matters raised. Provide questions no later than 5:00 p.m., five (5) calendar days prior to bid closing date.

IV. **GENERAL:**

For the purpose of clarification, each firm receiving this Invitation for Bid is referred to as a “Bidder” and the Bidder awarded the contract to supply the goods is referred to as a “Contractor.” Virginia Department of Transportation is referred to as “Department” or as “VDOT,” and “Representative” refers to the VDOT Contract Administrator who will be administering the contract. This Invitation For Bids (IFB) states the instructions for submitting bids, the procedure and criteria by which a contract may be awarded, and the contractual terms which will exclusively govern the contract between VDOT and the Contractor.

V. **SPECIFICATIONS/CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. To be considered responsive to this bid, the bidder shall be VDOT approved. For questions concerning becoming a VDOT approved aggregate plant or quarry, contact the District Materials Manager, Mr. Steven Mullins, at [steven.mullins@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:steven.mullins@vdot.virginia.gov), in the District Materials Division for the application procedure. Information is also available at [www.virginiadot.org/business/materials-default.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/business/materials-default.asp).
- B. **MATERIALS:** Aggregates provided by the Contractor, shall conform to the most current issue of VDOT’s Road and Bridge Specifications, Sections 109.01, 109.01(a), 202 – 209 and any related special provisions contained or references therein. A copy can be obtained at [www.virginiadot.org/business/const/spec-default.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/business/const/spec-default.asp).
- C. **MEASUREMENT:** The Contractor’s quoted price shall be per **short ton**.
- D. **CONTRACTOR’S FACILITY:**
  - 1. Contractor’s equipment shall be suitable for the production of aggregates specified by VDOT, and suitable for loading onto VDOT operated and hired trucks, as applicable.



2. Materials shall be available for pickup immediately after receipt of written notification referencing the contract and purchase order number.
3. Contractor shall have the necessary personnel and equipment to load stone on the VDOT operated or hired trucks.
4. Contractor's quarry or facility shall be within the mileage radius of the Area Headquarters as indicated on Attachment D.
5. For award evaluation purposes, VDOT will use Mapquest directions ([www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)) to calculate the mileage for the shortest distance from the quarry or facility to the physical location of AHQ as indicated on Attachment D.

E. **PICKUP RESPONSIBILITY:** VDOT trucks or VDOT hired trucks will pickup ordered aggregate from the Contractor's facility.

F. **LOAD TICKETS:** Each load of stone shall have a printed ticket and VDOT form TL-102A (Bonded Weighperson's Daily Summary sheet) indicating the weight or volume of each component in that load or last load in the event of multi-loads. All loads shall conform to the latest version of the VDOT Materials Division Manual of Instructions, Sections 108.01, 108.05 and 803.51. A copy can be obtained at [www.virginiadot.org/business/materials-download-docs.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/business/materials-download-docs.asp), under Chapters I, General Instructions, Section 108 Bonded Weighperson Program, and Chapter VIII Reports and Forms, Section 803.51.

VI. **PRE-BID CONFERENCE:**

No Pre-Bid will be held for the solicitation. However, potential bidders are encouraged to present questions or obtain clarification relative to any facet of this solicitation by contacting [Chelsa.Taylor@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Chelsa.Taylor@VDOT.Virginia.gov).

VII. **METHOD FOR PAYMENT:**

Payment will be made (in accordance with the Virginia Prompt Payment Act) within 30 days after receipt of valid invoice and verification of satisfactory goods received and/or completion of work. Invoices shall be submitted to the address listed below for all items completed within the designated billing period.

Payment will be made via check, ACH, or EDI. Payment may also be made via P-Card for invoices within the P-Card limit if the Contractor accepts the State's Small Purchase Charge Card. For questions about eVA please contact eVA Customer Care center at [eVACustomerCare@DGS.Virginia.gov](mailto:eVACustomerCare@DGS.Virginia.gov). For questions about electronic payments please contact DOA at (804) 692-0473 or via email at: [edi@doa.virginia.gov](mailto:edi@doa.virginia.gov)

VIII. **INVOICING:**

Invoices shall be submitted at a minimum of weekly and a maximum of monthly basis. Invoices shall include the contract number, purchase order number, pickup date(s) and location quarry(ies), itemized quantity(ies), unit price, and extended cost(s) based on the contract pricing schedule. All invoices shall be submitted to the following VDOT addresses, based on the ordering area, or as noted on the purchase order.

Wise Residency 703 Hurricane Rd NE Wise, VA 24293 Attn: Business Group	Lebanon Residency: P.O. Box 127 Lebanon, VA 24266 Attn: Business Group	Wytheville Residency: 2843 Chapman Rd. Wytheville, VA 24382 Attn: Business Group	Abingdon Residency/Interstate Maintenance Office: 700 East Main St., Abingdon, VA 24210 Attn: Business Group
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**IX. BIDDER'S INSTRUCTION:**

- A. **BID SUBMISSION – INSTRUCTIONS:** All bids must be submitted electronically online via [eVA](#) using the bidder's established eVA Supplier Account. The entire bid response including any/all attachments and any/all addenda must be submitted electronically in eVA no later than the closing date and time stated on the electronic solicitation posting.

To submit an online bid, please refer to the online bidding instructions at:

<https://dgs.virginia.gov/globalassets/business-units/dps/documents/vbo/online-bidding-instructions-ifb.pdf>

It is the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure the bid and all required attachments are properly completed, readable and uploaded to eVA by the date and time deadline stated on the electronic solicitation posting. Bidders should allow sufficient time to account for any technical difficulties they may encounter during online submission or uploading of documents. In the event of technical difficulties, suppliers should contact eVA Customer Care at 1-866-289-7367 or via email at [eVACustomerCare@dgs.virginia.gov](mailto:eVACustomerCare@dgs.virginia.gov).

- B. **PUBLIC BID OPENING:** Bids will be opened at the time stated on the Reminders page of the electronic posting of this solicitation, and their contents, per the Virginia Public Procurement Act and Commonwealth of Virginia Vendor's Manual, will be made public for the information of bidders and others interested.

A public bid opening via teleconference will be hosted by a VDOT representative at 11:00 a.m., November 30, 2020. The conference can be accessed with the below dial-in information:

- **Call:** +1 541-838-0326
- **Meeting PIN ID:** 283 525 448#

Additionally, conference can be accessed by downloading the free **Google Meet App** on your smart phone.

- **From the Google Meet App, click on "Join a Meeting"**
- **Enter meeting code:** ncs-rdcf-owk
- **Then select "Join Now"**

The bid opening will begin promptly at the time indicated. At the start of the conference, the VDOT Representative will conduct a roll call to identify the individuals participating on the call. Participants will be requested to provide their names, company, and contact information during the roll call.

If you are unable to access the teleconference at the scheduled time please contact the Contract Officer via email and a bid reading will be provided.

The provisions of § 2.2-4342 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, shall be applicable to the inspection of bids received.

**X. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- 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 process for filing a complaint about this solicitation is in section 7.13 of the *Vendors Manual*. (Note section 7.13 does not apply to protests of awards or formal contractual claims.) The procedure for filing contractual claims is in section 7.19 of the *Vendors Manual*. A copy of the manual is normally available for review at the purchasing office and is accessible on the Internet at [www.eva.virginia.gov](http://www.eva.virginia.gov) under "I Sell To Virginia".

- 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, without regard to its choice of law provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the circuit 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, bidders 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 sexual orientation, gender identity, 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, sexual orientation, gender identity, 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 the requirements of this section.
  - d. If the contractor employs more than five employees, the contractor shall (i) provide annual training on the contractor's sexual harassment policy to all supervisors and employees providing services in the Commonwealth, except such supervisors or employees that are required to complete sexual harassment training provided by the Department of Human Resource Management, and (ii) post the contractor's sexual harassment policy in (a) a conspicuous public place in each building located in the Commonwealth that the contractor owns or leases for business purposes and (b) the contractor's employee handbook.
  - e. The requirements of these provisions 1. and 2. are a material part of the contract. If the Contractor violates one of these provisions, the Commonwealth may terminate the affected part of this contract for breach, or at its option, the whole contract. Violation of one of these provisions may also result in debarment from State contracting regardless of whether the specific contract is terminated.
  - f. In accordance with Executive Order 61 (2017), a prohibition on discrimination by the contractor, in its employment practices, subcontracting practices, and delivery of goods or services, on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, political affiliation, disability, or veteran status, is hereby incorporated in this contract.
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, bidders certify that their bids are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other bidder,

supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their bid, 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:** Applicable for all contracts over \$10,000: 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.
- F. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By participating in this procurement, the vendor certifies that they are not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia from submitting a response for the type of goods and/or services covered by this solicitation. Vendor further certifies that they are not debarred from filling any order or accepting any resulting order, or that they are an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

If a vendor is created or used for the purpose of circumventing a debarment decision against another vendor, the non-debarred vendor will be debarred for the same time period as the debarred vendor.

- 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 AND RFPs:** 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 has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective bidder 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 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 resolved in accordance with *Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4363 and -4364. Upon determining that invoiced charges are not reasonable, the Commonwealth shall notify the contractor of defects or improprieties in invoices within fifteen (15) days as required in *Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4351.,. 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. Within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Commonwealth, a contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
    - (1) To pay the subcontractor(s) 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.
4. The Commonwealth of Virginia encourages contractors and subcontractors to accept electronic and credit card payments.
- 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 to perform the services/furnish the goods and the bidder 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 physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the bidder's capabilities. The Commonwealth further reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such bidder fails to satisfy the Commonwealth that such bidder 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 terms, conditions, or scope of the contract. Any additional goods or services to be provided shall be of a sort that is ancillary to the contract goods or services, or within the same broad product or service categories as were included in the contract award. Any 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, unless the contractor intends to claim an adjustment to compensation, schedule, or other contractual impact that would be caused by complying with such notice, in which case the contractor shall, in writing, promptly notify the Purchasing Agency of the adjustment to be sought, and before proceeding to comply with the notice, shall await the Purchasing Agency's written decision affirming, modifying, or revoking the prior written notice. If the Purchasing Agency decides to issue a notice that requires an adjustment to compensation, 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:** Omitted.
- R. **USE OF BRAND NAMES:** Omitted.
- S. **TRANSPORTATION AND PACKAGING:** Omitted.
- 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:**

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 and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. 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 shall be added as an additional insured to the policy by an endorsement.
  4. Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 combined single limit. (Required only if a motor vehicle not owned by the Commonwealth is to be used in the contract. Contractor must assure that the required coverage is maintained by the Contractor (or third party owner of such motor vehicle.)
- U. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD:** Upon the award or the announcement of the decision to award a contract as a result of this solicitation, the purchasing agency will publicly post such notice on the DGS/DPS eVA VBO ([www.eva.virginia.gov](http://www.eva.virginia.gov)) for a minimum of 10 days.
- V. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** Applicable for all contracts over \$10,000: 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, sexual orientation, gender identity, 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, CONTRACTS, AND ORDERS:** 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 by completing the free eVA Vendor Registration. All bidders or offerors must register in eVA and pay the Vendor Transaction Fees specified below; failure to register will result in the bid/proposal being rejected.

Vendor transaction fees are determined by the date the original purchase order is issued and the current fees are as follows:

- a. For orders issued July 1, 2014, and after, the Vendor Transaction Fee is:
- (i) DSBSD-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at \$500 per order.
  - (ii) Businesses that are not DSBSD-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at \$1,500 per order.
- b. Refer to Special Term and Condition “eVA Orders and Contracts” to identify the number of purchase orders that will be issued as a result of this solicitation/contract with the eVA transaction fee specified above assessed for each order.

For orders issued prior to July 1, 2014, the vendor transaction fees can be found at [www.eVA.virginia.gov](http://www.eVA.virginia.gov).

The specified vendor transaction fee will be invoiced, by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of General Services, typically within 60 days of the order issue date. Any adjustments (increases/decreases) will be handled through purchase order changes.

- Y. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:** It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that the agency shall be bound hereunder only to the extent that the legislature has appropriated funds that are legally available or may hereafter become legally available for the purpose of this agreement.
- Z. **SET-ASIDES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS ENHANCEMENT AWARD PRIORITY:** This solicitation is set-aside for award priority to DSBSD-certified micro businesses or small businesses when designated as “Micro Business Set-Aside Award Priority” or “Small Business Set-Aside Award Priority” accordingly in the solicitation. DSBSD-certified micro businesses or small businesses also includes DSBSD-certified women-owned and minority-owned businesses when they have received the DSBSD small business certification. For purposes of award, bidders/offerors shall be deemed micro businesses or small businesses if and only if they are certified as such by DSBSD on the due date for receipt of bids/proposals.
- AA. **BID PRICE CURRENCY:** Unless stated otherwise in the solicitation, bidders/offerors shall state bid/offer prices in US dollars.
- BB. **AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN THE COMMONWEALTH:** A contractor organized as a stock or nonstock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the *Code of Virginia* or as otherwise required by law. Any business entity described above that enters into a contract with a public body pursuant to the *Virginia Public Procurement Act* shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth, if so required under Title 13.1 or Title 50, to be revoked or cancelled at any time

during the term of the contract. A public body may void any contract with a business entity if the business entity fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section.

- CC. **CIVILITY IN STATE WORKPLACES:** The contractor shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that no individual, while performing work on behalf of the contractor or any subcontractor in connection with this agreement (each, a “Contract Worker”), shall engage in 1) harassment (including sexual harassment), bullying, cyber-bullying, or threatening or violent conduct, or 2) discriminatory behavior on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, political affiliation, veteran status, or disability.

The contractor shall provide each Contract Worker with a copy of this Section and will require Contract Workers to participate in agency training on civility in the State workplace if contractor’s (and any subcontractor’s) regular mandatory training programs do not already encompass equivalent or greater expectations. Upon request, the contractor shall provide documentation that each Contract Worker has received such training.

For purposes of this Section, “State workplace” includes any location, permanent or temporary, where a Commonwealth employee performs any work-related duty or is representing his or her agency, as well as surrounding perimeters, parking lots, outside meeting locations, and means of travel to and from these locations. Communications are deemed to occur in a State workplace if the Contract Worker reasonably should know that the phone number, email, or other method of communication is associated with a State workplace or is associated with a person who is a State employee.

The Commonwealth of Virginia may require, at its sole discretion, the removal and replacement of any Contract Worker who the Commonwealth reasonably believes to have violated this Section.

This Section creates obligations solely on the part of the contractor. Employees or other third parties may benefit incidentally from this Section and from training materials or other communications distributed on this topic, but the Parties to this agreement intend this Section to be enforceable solely by the Commonwealth and not by employees or other third parties.

## XI. **SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. **ADDITIONAL USERS:** The resulting contract was conducted on behalf of VDOT for the area headquarter(s) identified herein. The addition or deletion of authorized users not specifically named in the contract shall be made only by written contract modification issued by the contract officer upon mutual agreement of the contractor. Such modification shall name the specific area headquarters added or deleted and the effective date. The contractor shall not honor an order citing the resulting contract unless the ordering entity has been added by written contract modification. The Contractor shall extend any special VDOT discount price adjustments resulting from adding counties. However, any reduction in the number of counties receiving service/goods shall not result in VDOT being charged any more than the awarded bid price(s).
2. **AUDIT:** The Contractor shall retain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, subcontracting records, and other evidence supporting any of the services performed, and the costs incurred, at all times during the contract period, and for five (5) years after payment of the final invoice or final audit, whichever is later. Such evidence shall be maintained at the Contractor’s office and made available to the Department at reasonable times. Such evidence will be subject to audit and inspection at any time by the Department.
3. **AWARD TO MULTIPLE BIDDERS:** The Commonwealth reserves the right to make multiple awards as a result of this solicitation on an individual item basis. Award(s) will be made to lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s) meeting the requirements of the solicitation. In the case of arithmetic errors, the unit price will govern. The purchasing office reserves the right to conduct any test it may deem advisable and to make all evaluations.

The Commonwealth also reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive informalities and to delete items prior to making the award, whenever it is deemed in the sole opinion of the procuring public body to be in its best interest.

Receipt of an award does not guarantee that the Contractor will receive a purchase order during the term of the contract.

4. **BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD:** Any bid in response to this solicitation shall be valid for (60) days. At the end of the (60) days the bid may be withdrawn at the written request of the bidder. If the bid is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.
5. **BID PRICES:** Bid shall be in the form of a firm unit price for each item during the contract period.
6. **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.
7. **CLAIMS:** The Contractor shall be responsible for the resolution of any and all damage claims presented to VDOT as a result of operations provided herein. Within 30 days of VDOT's notification to the Contractor of a claim, Contractor shall respond in writing to the claimant and copy VDOT. Failure to properly respond to and resolve claims in a timely manner constitutes unsatisfactory performance and may result in cancellation of the contract and/or removal from the bidders list.
8. **DELAYS IN AWARD:** Delays in award of a contract beyond the anticipated starting date may result in a change in the contract period indicated in the solicitation. If this situation occurs, VDOT reserves the right to award a contract covering the period equal to or less than the initial term indicated in the solicitation.
9. **ESTIMATED QUANTITIES:** Estimated quantities provided within are reflective of past usage and proposed usage only. The contractor shall supply at bid prices actual quantities as ordered, regardless of whether such total quantities are more or less than those shown. Factors that may contribute to the actual quantities, frequencies of service and/or level of include, but are not limited to, Executive Orders, Department directives affecting changes in funding allocated for the services described in this solicitation. The quantities are estimates only and VDOT does not guarantee that the contractor will perform the estimated quantities. At VDOT's sole discretion, any or all of the quantities may be added or eliminated and by signing this bid, the bidder agrees that no claims for contractor costs or damages will be allowed for an increase, decrease or elimination of the estimated quantities.
10. **eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND ORDERS:** The contract will result in **multiple** purchase order(s) with the eVA transaction fee assessed for each order.
11. **FEDERALLY IMPOSED TARIFFS:** In the event that the President of the United States, the United States Congress, Customs and Border Protection, or any other federal entity authorized by law, imposes an import duty or tariff (a "tariff"), on an imported good that results in an increase in contractor's costs to a level that renders performance under the Agreement impracticable, the Commonwealth may agree to an increase to the purchase price for the affected good. No increase in purchase price may exceed 25% of the additional tariff imposed on the goods imported or purchased by the contractor that are provided to the Commonwealth under this Agreement.

Prior to the Commonwealth agreeing to a price increase pursuant to this Section, the contractor must provide to the Commonwealth, the following documentation, all of which must be satisfactory to the Commonwealth:

- evidence demonstrating: (i) the unit price paid by contractor as of the date of award for the good or raw material used to furnish the goods to the Commonwealth under this Agreement, (ii) the applicability of the tariff to the specific good or raw material, and (iii) contractor's payment of the increased import duty or tariff (either directly or through an increase to the cost paid for the good or raw material). The evidence submitted shall be sufficient in detail and content to allow the Commonwealth to verify that the tariff is the cause of the price change.

- a certification signed by contractor that it has made all reasonable efforts to obtain the good or the raw materials comprising the good procured by the Commonwealth at a lower cost from a different source located outside of the country against which the tariff has been imposed.
- a certification signed by contractor that the documentation, statements, and any other evidence it submits in support of its request for a price increase under this Section are true and correct, and that the contractor would otherwise be unable to perform under this Agreement without such price increase.
- as requested by the Commonwealth, written instructions authorizing the Commonwealth to request additional documentation from individuals or entities that provide the good or the raw materials to verify the information submitted by contractor.

If the Commonwealth agrees to a price increase pursuant to this Section, the parties further agree to add the following terms to this Agreement:

- During the Term and for five (5) years after the termination of this Agreement, contractor shall retain, and the Commonwealth and its authorized representatives shall have the right to audit, examine, and make copies of, all of contractor's books, accounts, and other records related to this Agreement and contractor's costs for providing goods to the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to those kept by the contractor's agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors.
- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Commonwealth shall have the right to terminate this Agreement for the Commonwealth's convenience upon 15 days' written notice to contractor.

In the event the import duty or tariff is repealed or reduced prior to termination of this Agreement, the increase in the Commonwealth's contract price shall be reduced by the same amount and adjusted accordingly.

Any material misrepresentation of fact by contractor relating in any way to the Commonwealth's payment of additional sums due to tariffs shall be fraud against the taxpayer's of the Commonwealth and subject contractor to treble damages pursuant to the Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act.

12. **ORDERS:** The VDOT Area Headquarters/Contract Administrator will place orders as needed by issuing purchase orders for estimated quantities to cover expected needs. Orders will be placed by balancing of unit price with proximity of the supplier to the work zone, haul time and expense of transport.

Quantities ordered but not picked up at the end of the contract period will be deleted from the purchase order.

13. **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:** All information submitted to VDOT is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (2.2-3700 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) unless a specific exclusion applies. To claim an exclusion under the Virginia Public Procurement Act (2.2-4300 et seq. of the Code of Virginia), for data or materials submitted as part of a procurement transaction or prequalification application that you believe are trade secrets or proprietary information, you must file:

- 1) a written request, either before or at the time the data or materials are submitted, that:
  - Invokes the protection of 2.2-4342 of the Code of Virginia
  - Identifies the specific data or other materials you seek to exclude and protect by using some distinct method such as highlighting or underlining. (Only identify the specific words, figures, or paragraphs that are claimed to be trade secrets or proprietary information; the identification of an entire document, line item, or total price is not acceptable and may result in rejection of the claim for protection); and
  - States the reasons why protection is necessary, and a
- 2) redacted copy of your submittal that deletes or blocks all data or material which is identified as a trade secret or proprietary information in the written request.

14. **PROSECUTION OF WORK:** During the prosecution of work, the VDOT Representative will have the authority to suspend the work wholly or in part due to the failure of the Contractor to correct conditions unsafe for the workmen or the general public; for failure to carry out orders; for such periods, as he may deem necessary due to unsuitable weather; for conditions considered unsuitable for the prosecution of the work for any other condition or reason deemed to be in the public interest.
15. **RECORDS EXCLUSION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE:** Pursuant to the provisions of §2.2-3705.6 (22) of the Code of Virginia, trade secrets, as defined in the Uniform Trade Secrets Act (§ 59.1-336 et seq.), including, but not limited to, financial records, including balance sheets and financial statements, that are not generally available to the public through regulatory disclosure or otherwise, and revenue and cost projections supplied by a private or nongovernmental entity to the Virginia Department of Transportation Assurance and Compliance Office for the purpose of an audit, special investigation, or any study requested by the Assurance and Compliance Office in accordance with law may, subject to a determination by the Assurance and Compliance Office as described herein, be withheld from public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). To enable the Assurance and Compliance Office to identify data or records that may be subject to this exclusion from disclosure under FOIA the private or nongovernmental entity shall, in accord with procedures adopted by the Assurance and Compliance Office, make a written request to the Assurance and Compliance Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation invoking such exclusion upon submission of the data or other materials for which protection is sought; identifying with specificity the data or other materials for which protection is sought; and stating the reasons why protection is necessary.

The Assurance and Compliance Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation shall determine whether the requested exclusion from disclosure is necessary to protect the trade secrets or financial records of the private entity. The Virginia Department of Transportation shall make a written determination of the nature and scope of the protection to be afforded by it. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements stated herein and procedures established by the Inspector General for seeking an exclusion pursuant to §2.2-3705.6 (22) of the Code of Virginia shall result in a denial of the exclusion. Requests for exclusion that are submitted after data or other materials for which protection is sought have been submitted will be denied.

If litigation directly or indirectly results from or arises out of a granted exemption, the contractor will be responsible for all litigation costs incurred by contractor and/or VDOT associated with such litigation. In no event shall the Virginia Department of Transportation or its officers, employees or agents be liable to the contractor as a result of any disclosure of records or data collected by the Department, its officers, employees or agents, pursuant to an audit, special investigation, or any study requested by the Assurance and Compliance Office, whether or not the Assurance and Compliance Office has determined that the requested exclusion from disclosure under FOIA is necessary to protect the trade secrets or financial records of the private entity, and in no event shall the Virginia Department of Transportation, or its officers, employees, or agents be liable to the contractor for any damages or other claims arising directly or indirectly from a determination that the exclusion from public disclosure will not be granted.

16. **RENEWALS OF CONTRACT:** This contract may be renewed by the Commonwealth for one (1) successive one (1) year period under the terms and conditions of the original contract except as stated in 1. and 2. 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 90 days prior to the expiration date of each contract period.
1. If the Commonwealth elects to exercise the option to renew the contract for an additional one-year period, the contract price(s) for the additional one year shall not exceed the contract price(s) of the original contract increased/decreased by more than the percentage increase/decrease of the Industry Code 1321-01 of Table 9 of the Producer Price Index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the latest twelve months for which statistics are available.
  2. 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 Industry Code 1321-01 of Table 9 of the Producer Price Index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the latest twelve months for which statistics are available.

17. **STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** Pursuant to Code of Virginia, §2.2-4311.2 subsection B, a bidder organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 is required to include in its bid the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission (SCC). Any bidder 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 a statement describing why the bidder 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 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.
18. **TERM OF CONTRACT:** The contract period will be one year (1) from date of award, with two (2) successive one-year renewal options.
19. **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:** If the Contractor fails to provide quality goods or services in a professional manner and in accordance with applicable laws, regulations or bid provisions, solely as determined by VDOT and, upon receipt of notice from VDOT does not correct the deficiency within a reasonable period of time (not to exceed seven (7) calendar days unless otherwise agreed to by VDOT), VDOT reserves the right to terminate the contract by giving written notice to the Contractor. Upon termination VDOT may procure the services from another contractor in accordance with the Default term within the General Terms and Conditions.
20. **UNBALANCED BIDS:** If the unit prices in the bid are mathematically and materially unbalanced, the bid may be rejected as non-responsive. A mathematically unbalanced bid is one where some unit prices are nominal prices and others are enhanced prices, or where the individual unit prices are unusually high or low in relationship to VDOT's estimate and do not evenly carry a proportionate share of the total cost of the goods and/or services plus profits. Where a bid is mathematically unbalanced, VDOT will review the estimated quantities and determine whether the bid is also materially unbalanced, meaning that there is doubt as to whether the bid is substantially likely to result in the lowest ultimate cost to the Department.