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PART I - GENERAL INFORMATION

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I.1 IFB-001.1 Purpose (Oct 2006)

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) is issuing this Invitation for Bids (IFB) to meet the needs of TRANSPORTATION to satisfy a need for **HVAC @ BOCM's MAT Lab .**

I.2 IFB-005.1 Type of Contract (Oct. 2006)

If the Issuing Office enters into a contract as a result of this IFB, it will be a Established Price Contract with Escalation contract containing the Contract Terms and Conditions as shown in Part V of this IFB.

I.3 IFB-008.1B Mandatory Pre-bid Conference (Oct. 2006)

The Issuing Office will hold a pre-bid conference. The purpose of this conference is to provide opportunity for clarification of the IFB. Bidders should forward all questions before the pre-bid conference. Bidders may also ask questions at the conference. In view of the limited facilities available for the conference, Bidders should limit their representation to two individuals per Bidder. The pre-bid conference is for information only. Any answers furnished during the conference will not be official until they have been verified, in writing, by the Issuing Office. **Failure to attend the pre-bid conference shall disqualify a Bidder from consideration for the contract to be awarded from this IFB, and its bid will be returned unopened.** The pre-bid conference willbe held on 02/12/2010 at 8:30 AM @ 81 LAB LANE, HBG., PA 17110 .

I.4 IFB-008.2 Mandatory Site Visitation (Oct. 2006)

All bidders, prior to submitting a bid, must visit the site to completely familiarize themselves with all of the agency's needs and requirements. Vendor shall contact LEN ELSE - BUILDING SUPERVISOR at 717-787-3968 to schedule an appointment to visit the site.

I.5 IFB-009.1 Questions (Nov. 2006)

Any questions concerning conditions and specifications must be directed to the Issuing Office.

I.6 IFB-010.1 Addenda to the IFB (Oct. 2006)

If the Issuing Office deems it necessary to revise any part of this IFB before the bid response date, the Issuing Office will post an addendum to its website at WWW.DGS.STATE.PA.US it is the Bidder's responsibility to periodically check the website for any new information or addenda to the IFB.

I.7 IFB-011.1B Submission of Bids – Electronic Submittal (Dec 12 2006)

a. Bids are requested for the item(s) described in the Invitation For Bids and all the documents referenced in the form (collectively called the IFB). Bidders must submit their bids through the Commonwealth's electronic system (SRM).

b. It is the responsibility of each bidder to ensure that its Bid is received through the electronic system prior to the date and time set for the opening of bids ("Bid Opening Time"). No Bid shall be considered if it arrives after the Bid Opening Time, regardless of reason for the late arrival.

   Bids that are timely received in the Bid Opening Room prior to the Bid Opening Time shall be opened publicly in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place designated in this IFB for the Bid opening.

c. Bids must be firm. If a Bid is submitted with conditions or exceptions or not in conformance with the terms and conditions referenced in the IFB Form, it shall be rejected. The Bid shall also be rejected if the items offered by the Bidder are not in conformance with the specifications as determined by the Commonwealth.

d. The Bidder, intending to be legally bound hereby, offers and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to provide the awarded items at the price(s) set forth in this Bid at the time(s) and place(s) specified.

I.8 IFB-013.1A Non-Discrimination Program – Services Exceeding $50,000 (Nov 2006)

Bidders must include with their bid submittals a completed *MBE/WBE Subcontractor and Supplier Solicitation and Commitment Form*, (STD-168). Failure to complete the form and submit it with the bid may result in rejection of the bid as non-responsive

I.9 IFB-024.1 Bid Protest Procedure (Oct 2006)

a. **Who May File the Protest.** Any Bidder or prospective bidder who is aggrieved in connection with the IFB or award of the contract solicitation or award of a contract may file a protest. Protests relating to cancellation of invitations for bids and protests relating to the rejection of all bids are <u>not</u> permitted. A Bidder is a person that submits a bid in response to the IFB. A prospective bidder is a person that has not submitted a bid in response to the IFB.

b. **Time for Filing.**

   1) If a protest is submitted by a prospective bidder, the protest must be filed before bid opening time or proposal receipt date.

   2) If a protest is filed by a Bidder, the protest must be filed within seven days after the protesting Bidder knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to the protest EXCEPT THAT IN NO EVENT MAY A PROTEST BE FILED LATER THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER WAS AWARDED. Date of filing is the date of receipt of protest.

   3) Untimely filed protests shall be disregarded.

c. **Form of Protest.**

   1) A protest must be in writing and filed with the agency head (or designee) of the purchasing agency.

2) A protest must state all grounds upon which the protesting party asserts that the solicitation or award was improper. Issues not raised by the protesting party in the protest are deemed waived and may not be raised on appeal.

3) The protesting party may submit with the protest any documents or information deemed relevant.

d. **Notice of Protest** If award has been made, the agency head (or designee) shall notify the successful Bidder or contractor of the protest. If the protest is received before award and substantial issues are raised by the protest, all Bidders who appear to have a substantial and reasonable prospect of winning the award shall be notified and may file their agreement/disagreement with the purchasing agency within three (3) days after receipt of notice of the protest.

e. **Stay of Procurement.** The head of the purchasing agency (or designee) shall immediately decide, upon receipt of the protest, whether or not the solicitation or award shall be stayed, or if the protest is timely received after the award, whether the performance of the contract should be suspended. The Issuing Office shall not proceed further with the IFB or with the award of the contract, and shall suspend performance under the contract if awarded, unless the agency head of the purchasing agency makes a written determination that the protest is clearly without merit or that award of the contract/purchase order without delay is necessary to protect the substantial interests of the Commonwealth.

f. **Procedures.**

1) **Contracting Officer Response.** Within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of a protest, the contracting officer may submit a written response to the head of the purchasing agency (or designee). The response may include any documents or information that the contracting officer deems relevant to the protest.

2) **Protesting Party Reply.** Within ten (10) days of the date of the contracting officer response, the protesting party may file a written reply.

3) **Review.** The head of the purchasing agency (or designee) shall:

a) Review the protest and any response or reply.

b) Request and review any additional documents or information he deems necessary to render a decision.

c) Give the protesting party and the contracting officer reasonable opportunity to review and address any additional documents or information requested by the agency head.

d) In his sole discretion, conduct a hearing.

e) Within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the protest, issue a written determination stating the reasons for the decision.

f) If additional time is required to investigate the protest, inform the protesting party of the additional time needed to render a determination and obtain the protesting party's consent.

4) **"Clearly Without Merit" Determinations.** If the head of the purchasing agency (or designee) determines,

upon receipt, that the protest is clearly without merit and does not stay the procurement, the head of the purchasing agency (or designee) shall immediately issue the decision as required by Subparagraph h below.

g. **Settlement.** The Issuing Office has the authority to settle and resolve bid protests.

h. **Decision.** The head of the purchasing agency (or designee) shall promptly, but in no event later than sixty (60) days from the filing of the protest, issue a written decision. The decision shall:

1) State the reasons for the decision.

2) If the protest is denied, inform the protesting party of its right to file an appeal in Commonwealth Court within fifteen (15) days of the mailing date of the decision.

3) If it is determined that the solicitation or award was contrary to law, enter an appropriate order.

The agency head (or designee) shall send a copy of the decision to the protesting party and any other person determined by the agency head (or designee) to be affected by the decision.

I.10 IFB-025.1 Electronic Version of this IFB (Oct 2006)

This IFB is being made available by electronic means. If a Bidder electronically accepts the IFB, the Bidder acknowledges and accepts full responsibility to insure that no changes are made to the IFB. In the event of a conflict between a version of the IFB in the Bidder's possession and the Issuing Office's version of the IFB, the Issuing Office's version shall govern.

I.11 IFB-029.1 Prices (Dec 6 2006)

The bid submitted by the successful Bidder will be incorporated into any resulting Contract and the Bidder will be required to provide the awarded item(s) at the prices quoted in its Bid.

I.12 IFB-031.1 Alternates (Nov 2006)

A Bidder who wants to offer an alternate must notify the Issuing Office in writing, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled Bid opening, that the Bidder intends to offer an alternate in its Bid. An "alternate" is a product that deviates from the requirements of the specifications in its composition, qualities, performance, size dimension, etc. The written notification from the Bidder must include a complete description of the alternate and must identify the product's deviations from the specifications. Upon receipt of the notification, the Issuing Office will determine whether the alternate is acceptable. If the Issuing Office, in its discretion, determines that the alternate is acceptable, the Issuing Office will issue a change notice to the invitation for bids that revises the specifications. If no change notice is issued revising the specification, a Bid offering the alternate will not be considered for award.

I.13 IFB-032.1 New Equipment (Nov 2006)

Unless otherwise specified in this invitation for bids, all products offered by Bidders must be new or remanufactured. A 'new' product is one that will be used first by the Commonwealth after it is manufactured or produced. A 'remanufactured' product is one which: 1) has been rebuilt, using new or used parts, to a condition which meets the original manufacturer's most recent specifications for the item; 2) does not, in the opinion of the Issuing Office, differ in appearance from a new item; and 3) has the same warranty as a new item. Unless otherwise specified in this invitation for bids, used or reconditioned products are not acceptable. This clause shall not be construed to prohibit Bidders from offering products with recycled content, provided the product is new or remanufactured.

I.14 I-IFB-033.1 Modification or Withdrawal of Bid (Nov 2006)

a. Bid Modification Prior to Bid Opening. Bids may be modified only by written notice or in person prior to the exact hour and date specified for Bid opening.

1) If a Bidder intends to modify its Bid by written notice, the notice must specifically identify the Bid to be modified and must be signed by the Bidder. The Bidder must include evidence of authorization for the individual who signed the modification to modify the Bid on behalf of the Bidder. The Bid modification must be received in a sealed envelope. The sealed envelope must identify the assigned Collective Number and the Bid Opening Time, and should state that enclosed in the envelope is a Bid modification

2) If a Bidder intends to modify its Bid in person, the individual who will modify the Bid must arrive in the Bid Opening Room prior to the Bid Opening Time, show a picture identification and provide evidence of his/her authorization to modify the Bid on behalf of the Bidder. If a Bidder intends to modify its Bid in person, the Bidder may do so only in the presence of an agency employee. (The agency employee will observe the actions taken by the individual to modify the Bid, but will not read the Bid or the modification).

b. Bid Withdrawal Prior to Bid Opening. Bids may be withdrawn only by written notice or in person prior to the exact hour and date specified for Bid opening.

1) If a Bidder intends to withdraw its Bid by written notice, the notice shall specifically identify the Bid to be withdrawn and shall be signed by the Bidder. The Bidder must include evidence of authorization for the individual who signed the bid withdrawal to withdraw the bid on behalf of the Bidder. Except as provided in Subparagraph c, below, bid withdrawals received after the exact hour and date specified for the receipt of Bids shall not be accepted.

2) If a Bidder intends to withdraw its Bid in person, the individual who will withdraw the Bid must arrive in the Bid Opening Room prior to the Bid Opening Time, show a picture identification and provide evidence of his/her authorization to withdraw the Bid on behalf of the Bidder.

c. Bid Withdrawal After Bid Opening. Bidders are permitted to withdraw erroneous Bids after Bid opening only if the following conditions are met:

1) The Bidder submits a written request for withdrawal.

2) The Bidder presents credible evidence with the request that the reason for the lower Bid price was a clerical mistake as opposed to a judgment mistake and was actually due to an unintentional arithmetical error or an unintentional omission of a substantial quantity of work, labor, material, or services made directly in the compilation of the Bid.

3) The request for relief and supporting evidence must be received by the Issuing Office within three (3) business days after Bid opening, but before award of the contract.

4) The Issuing Office shall not permit a Bid withdrawal if the Bid withdrawal would result in the award of the contract on another Bid of the same Bidder, its partner, or a corporation or business venture owned by or in which the bidder has a substantial interest.

5) If a Bidder is permitted to withdraw its Bid, the Bidder cannot supply any material or labor or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the awarded contractor, without the written approval of the Issuing Office.

d. Firm Bid. Except as provided above, a Bid may not be modified, withdrawn, or cancelled by any Bidder for a period of sixty (60) days following the time and date designated for Bid opening, unless otherwise specified by the Bidder in its Bid. If the lowest responsible Bidder, as determined by the Issuing Office, withdraws its Bid prior to the expiration of the award period or fails to comply with the requirements set forth in the IFB including but not limited to any requirement to submit performance or payment bonds or insurance certificates within the required time period, the Bidder shall be liable to the Commonwealth for all costs and damages associated with the re-award or re-bid including the difference between the Bidder's price and the actual cost that the Commonwealth pays for the awarded items.

e. Clarification and Additional Information. After the receipt of Bids, the Issuing Office shall have the right to contact Bidders for the purpose of seeking:

1) Clarification of the Bid which confirms the Issuing Office's understanding of statements or information in the Bid or;

2) Additional information on the items offered; provided the IFB does not require the rejection of the Bid for failure to include such information.

I.15 I-IFB-034.1 Rejection of Bids (Nov 2006)

The Issuing Office reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive technical defects or any informality in Bids, and to accept or reject any part of any Bid if the best interests of the Commonwealth are thereby served.

PART II - REQUIREMENTS

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II.1 II-IFB-008.1b Lobbying Certification and Disclosure – Electronic Submission. (Oct 2006).

With respect to an award of a federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement exceeding $100,000 or an award of a federal loan or a commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan exceeding $150,000 all recipients must certify that they will not use federal funds for lobbying and must disclose the use of non-federal funds for lobbying by filing required documentation. Offerors must complete and return the Lobbying Certification Form and the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Form, which are attached to and made a part of this IFB. The completed and signed Lobbying Certification Form and the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Form should be submitted with the Bid Response. Commonwealth agencies will not contract with outside firms or individuals to perform lobbying services, regardless of the source of funds.

II.2 II-IFB-016.1 POST-SUBMISSION DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE (Dec 2006)

T he Commonwealth may, during its evaluation of the bids, require any bidder to submit cuts, illustrations, drawings, prints, test data sheets, specification sheets and brochures which detail construction features, design, components, materials used, applicable dimensions and any other pertinent information which the Issuing Office may require in order to evaluate the product(s) offered. The required information must be submitted within two (2) business days after notification from the Issuing Office. Failure to submit the required information prior to the expiration of the second business day after notification shall result in the rejection of the bid as non-responsive.

PART III - SELECTION CRITERIA

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III.1 III-IFB-001.1a Mandatory Responsiveness Requirements (Oct 2006)

To be eligible for selection, a bid must be:

a. Timely received from a Bidder;

b. Properly signed by the Bidder.

III.2 III-IFB-006.1a Method of Award (Oct 2006)

It is the intent of the Commonwealth to make a single award of item(s) listed in the IFB. The Commonwealth reserves the right to award by line item if it determines that it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth to do so.

III.3 III-IFB-007.1 Awards (Nov 2006)

Unless all Bids are rejected, and except as otherwise provided by law, award will be made, through the issuance of a Purchase Order, to the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder. Unless otherwise specified by the Issuing Office in the IFB form the Commonwealth reserves the right to award by item or on a total Bid basis, whichever is deemed more advantageous to the Commonwealth. In cases of discrepancies in prices, the unit price will be binding unless the unit price is obviously in error and the extended price is obviously correct, in which case the erroneous unit price will be corrected. As a condition for receipt of award of a contract/purchase order, the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder must be registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Vendor Master file. In order to register, bidders must visit the PA Supplier Portal at https://www.pasupplierportal.state.pa.us/ or call the Customer Support Center at 877-435-7363 or 717-346-2676.

III.4 III-IFB-008.1 Tie Bids (Nov 2006)

All tie bids will be broken by the Issuing Office.

III.5 III-IFB-009.1 Prompt Payment Discounts (Nov 2006)

Prompt payment discounts will not be considered in making an award. If prompt payment discounts are offered by any Bidder, however, the Issuing Office will take advantage of such offer.

III.6 III-IFB-010.1 OPTION FOR SEPARATE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURE (NOV 2006)

The Commonwealth reserves the right to purchase products or services covered under this Contract through a separate competitive bidding procedure, whenever Commonwealth deems it in the best interest of the Commonwealth. The right will generally be exercised only when a specific need for a large quantity of the product or service exists or when the price offered is significantly lower than the Contract price.

PART IV - WORK STATEMENT

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IV.1 IFB-001.1b STATEMENT OF WORK (Nov 2006)

The Commonwealth is seeking bids to procure the services set forth in the attached document entitled "Statement of Work."

PART V - CONTRACT TERMS and CONDITIONS

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V.1 CONTRACT-001.1b Contract Terms and Conditions (Nov 30, 2006)

The Contract with the awarded bidder (who shall become the "Contractor") shall include the following terms and conditions:

V.2 CONTRACT-002.1b Term of Contract – Stand-Alone PO - Supplies (March 2007)

a. The term of the Contract created by the issuance of the Purchase Order shall begin on the Commencement Date (as defined below) and shall end on end on the later of: 1) complete delivery and acceptance of the awarded item(s); 2) the expiration of any specified warranty and maintenance period; 3) payment by the Commonwealth for the item(s) received; or 4) any Expiration Date identified in the Purchase Order.

b. The Commencement Date shall be the later of the "Issue Date" shown on the Purchase Order output form or the Commencement Date identified in the Purchase Order.

c. The Issue Date shall printed on the Purchase Order output form after the Purchase Order has been fully executed by the Commonwealth (fully executed by the Commonwealth means that it has been signed and approved as required by Commonwealth contracting procedures). If the Purchase Order output form does not have "Fully Executed" at the top of the first page, does not have a printed date in the "Issue Date" box and does not have the name of the Purchasing Agent printed in the appropriate box, the Purchase Order has <u>not</u> been fully executed.

V.3 CONTRACT-002.2b Renewal of Contract Term – Mutual (Nov 30 2006)

The Contract may be mutually renewed for a maximum of 2 additional 2 year term(s), so long as the Commonwealth provides written notice to Contractor of its intention to extend the Contract by letter dated not less than 090 days prior to the expiration of the term of the agreement, or any extension thereof, and the Contractor consents to the renewal not less than 090 days prior to the expiration of the term of the agreement or any extension thereof. The renewal may be exercised as individual or multiple year terms(s). Any renewal will be under same terms, covenants and conditions. No further document is required to be executed to renew the term of the contract.

V.4 CONTRACT-002.2g Renewal of Contract Term; Adjusted Prices - Custom (Oct 2006)

Insert appropriate text for this clause (custom).

V.5 CONTRACT-003.1C Signatures - PO (March 2007)

The Contract shall not be a legally binding contract until the fully-executed Purchase Order has been sent to the Contractor. No Commonwealth employee has the authority to verbally direct the commencement of any work or delivery of any supply under this Contract prior to the Effective Date. The Contractor hereby waives any claim or cause of action for any service or work performed prior to the Issue Date.

The Purchase Order will not include an "ink" signature by the Commonwealth. The electronically-printed name of the Purchasing Agent represents the signature of that individual who has the authority, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to bind the Commonwealth to the terms of the Contract. If the Purchase Order output form does not have “Fully Executed” at the top of the first page and does not have the name of the Purchasing Agent printed in

the appropriate box, the Contract has not been fully executed.

The fully-executed Purchase Order may be sent to the Contractor electronically or through facsimile equipment. The electronic transmission of a Purchase Order shall require acknowledgement of receipt of the transmission by the Contractor. Receipt of the electronic or facsimile transmission of the Purchase Order shall constitute receipt of the fully-executed Purchase Order.

The Commonwealth and the Contractor specifically agree as follows:

a. No handwritten signature shall be required in order for the Purchase Order to be legally enforceable.

b. The parties agree that no writing shall be required in order to make the Purchase Order legally binding, notwithstanding contrary requirements in any law. The parties hereby agree not to contest the validity or enforceability of a genuine Purchase Order acknowledgement issued electronically under the provisions of a statute of frauds or any other applicable law relating to whether certain agreements be in writing and signed by the party bound thereby. Any genuine Purchase Order acknowledgement issued electronically, if introduced as evidence on paper in any judicial, arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceedings, will be admissible as between the parties to the same extent and under the same conditions as other business records originated and maintained in documentary form. Neither party shall contest the admissibility of copies of a genuine Purchase Order acknowledgement were not in writing or signed by the parties. A Purchase Order acknowledgment shall be deemed to be genuine for all purposes if it is transmitted to the location designated for such documents.

c. Each party will immediately take steps to verify any document that appears to be obviously garbled in transmission or improperly formatted to include re-transmission of any such document if necessary.

V.6 CONTRACT-004.1a Definitions (Dec 12 2006)

As used in this Contract, these words shall have the following meanings:

a. Agency The department, board, commission or other agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania listed as the Purchasing Agency. If a COSTARS entity or external procurement activity has issued an order against this contract, that entity shall also be identified as "Agency".

b. Contracting Officer The person authorized to administer this Contract for the Commonwealth and to make written determinations with respect to the Contract.

c. Days Unless specifically indicated otherwise, days mean calendar days.

d. Developed Works or Developed Materials All documents, sketches, drawings, designs, works, papers, files, reports, computer programs, computer documentation, data, records, software, samples or any other tangible material without limitation authored or prepared by Contractor as the work product covered in the scope of work for the Project.

e. Documentation All materials required to support and convey information about the services required by this Contract. It includes, but is not necessarily restricted to, written reports and analyses, diagrams, maps, logical and physical designs, system designs, computer programs, flow charts, disks, and/or other machine-readable storage media.

f. Services All Contractor activity necessary to satisfy the Contract.

V.7 CONTRACT-006.1 Independent Prime Contractor (Oct 2006)

In performing its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will act as an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of the Commonwealth. The Contractor will be responsible for all services in this Contract whether or not Contractor provides them directly. Further, the Contractor is the sole point of contact with regard to all contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the Contract.

V.8 CONTRACT-007.01b Delivery of Services (Nov 30 2006)

The Contractor shall proceed with all due diligence in the performance of the services with qualified personnel, in accordance with the completion criteria set forth in the Contract.

V.9 CONTRACT-008.1a Warranty. (Oct 2006)

The Contractor warrants that all items furnished and all services performed by the Contractor, its agents and subcontractors shall be free and clear of any defects in workmanship or materials. Unless otherwise stated in the Contract, all items are warranted for a period of one year following delivery by the Contractor and acceptance by the Commonwealth. The Contractor shall repair, replace or otherwise correct any problem with the delivered item. When an item is replaced, it shall be replaced with an item of equivalent or superior quality without any additional cost to the Commonwealth.

V.10 CONTRACT-009.1c Patent, Copyright, and Trademark Indemnity (Oct 2006)

The Contractor warrants that it is the sole owner or author of, or has entered into a suitable legal agreement concerning either: a) the design of any product or process provided or used in the performance of the Contract which is covered by a patent, copyright, or trademark registration or other right duly authorized by state or federal law or b) any copyrighted matter in any report document or other material provided to the Commonwealth under the contract.

The Contractor shall defend any suit or proceeding brought against the Commonwealth on account of any alleged patent, copyright or trademark infringement in the United States of any of the products provided or used in the performance of the Contract.

This is upon condition that the Commonwealth shall provide prompt notification in writing of such suit or proceeding; full right, authorization and opportunity to conduct the defense thereof; and full information and all reasonable cooperation for the defense of same.

As principles of governmental or public law are involved, the Commonwealth may participate in or choose to conduct, in its sole discretion, the defense of any such action.

If information and assistance are furnished by the Commonwealth at the Contractor's written request, it shall be at the Contractor's expense, but the responsibility for such expense shall be only that within the Contractor's written authorization.

The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the Commonwealth harmless from all damages, costs, and expenses,

including attorney's fees that the Contractor or the Commonwealth may pay or incur by reason of any infringement or violation of the rights occurring to any holder of copyright, trademark, or patent interests and rights in any products provided or used in the performance of the Contract.

If any of the products provided by the Contractor in such suit or proceeding are held to constitute infringement and the use is enjoined, the Contractor shall, at its own expense and at its option, either procure the right to continue use of such infringement products, replace them with non-infringement equal performance products or modify them so that they are no longer infringing.

If the Contractor is unable to do any of the preceding, the Contractor agrees to remove all the equipment or software which are obtained contemporaneously with the infringing product, or, at the option of the Commonwealth, only those items of equipment or software which are held to be infringing, and to pay the Commonwealth: 1) any amounts paid by the Commonwealth towards the purchase of the product, less straight line depreciation; 2) any license fee paid by the Commonwealth for the use of any software, less an amount for the period of usage; and 3) the pro rata portion of any maintenance fee representing the time remaining in any period of maintenance paid for. The obligations of the Contractor under this paragraph continue without time limit. No costs or expenses shall be incurred for the account of the Contractor without its written consent.

V.11 CONTRACT-009.1d Ownership Rights (Oct 2006)

The Commonwealth shall have unrestricted authority to reproduce, distribute, and use any submitted report, data, or material, and any software or modifications and any associated documentation that is designed or developed and delivered to the Commonwealth as part of the performance of the Contract.

V.12 CONTRACT-010.1a Acceptance (Oct 2006)

No item(s) received by the Commonwealth shall be deemed accepted until the Commonwealth has had a reasonable opportunity to inspect the item(s). Any item(s) which is discovered to be defective or fails to conform to the specifications may be rejected upon initial inspection or at any later time if the defects contained in the item(s) or the noncompliance with the specifications were not reasonably ascertainable upon the initial inspection. It shall thereupon become the duty of the Contractor to remove rejected item(s) from the premises without expense to the Commonwealth within fifteen (15) days after notification. Rejected item(s) left longer than fifteen (15) days will be regarded as abandoned, and the Commonwealth shall have the right to dispose of them as its own property and shall retain that portion of the proceeds of any sale which represents the Commonwealth's costs and expenses in regard to the storage and sale of the item(s). Upon notice of rejection, the Contractor shall immediately replace all such rejected item(s) with others conforming to the specifications and which are not defective. If the Contractor fails, neglects or refuses to do so, the Commonwealth shall then have the right to procure a corresponding quantity of such item(s), and deduct from any monies due or that may thereafter become due to the Contractor, the difference between the price stated in the Contract and the cost thereof to the Commonwealth.

V.13 CONTRACT-011.1a Compliance With Law (Oct 2006)

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations and local ordinances in the performance of the Contract.

V.14 CONTRACT-013.1 Environmental Provisions (Oct 2006)

In the performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall minimize pollution and shall strictly comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations, including, but not limited to: the Clean Streams Law Act of June 22, 1937 (P.L. 1987, No. 394), as amended 35 P.S. Section 691.601 et seq.; the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act, Act of July 7, 1980 (P.L. 380, No. 97), as amended, 35 P.S. Section 6018.101 et seq. ; and the Dam Safety and Encroachment Act, Act of November 26, 1978 (P.L. 1375, No. 325), as amended , 32 P.S. Section 693.1.

V.15 CONTRACT-014.1 Post-Consumer Recycled Content (Oct 2006)

Except as specifically waived by the Department of General Services in writing, any products which are provided to the Commonwealth as a part of the performance of the Contract must meet the minimum percentage levels for total recycled content as specified on the Department of General Services website at WWW.DGS.STATE.PA.US on the date of submission of the bid, proposal or contract offer.

V.16 CONTRACT-014.3 Enforcement (Oct 2006)

The Contractor may be required, after delivery of the Contract item(s), to provide the Commonwealth with documentary evidence that the item(s) was in fact produced with the required minimum percentage of post-consumer and recovered material content.

V.17 CONTRACT-015.1 Compensation (Oct 2006)

The Contractor shall be required to furnish the awarded item(s) at the price(s) quoted in the Purchase Order. All item(s) shall be delivered within the time period(s) specified in the Purchase Order. The Contractor shall be compensated only for item(s) that are delivered and accepted by the Commonwealth.

V.18 CONTRACT-015.2 Billing Requirements (Dec 5 2006)

The Contractor shall include in all of its invoices the following minimum information:

- Vendor name and "Remit to" address, including SAP Vendor number;
- Bank routing information, if ACH;
- SAP Purchase Order number;
- Delivery Address, including name of Commonwealth agency;
- Description of the supplies/services delivered in accordance with SAP Purchase Order (include purchase order line number if possible);
- Quantity provided;
- Unit price;
- Price extension;
- Total price; and
- Delivery date of supplies or services.

If an invoice does not contain the minimum information set forth in this paragraph, the Commonwealth may return

the invoice as improper. If the Commonwealth returns an invoice as improper, the time for processing a payment will be suspended until the Commonwealth receives a correct invoice. The Contractor may not receive payment until the Commonwealth has received a correct invoice.

Contractors are required to establish separate billing accounts with each using agency and invoice them directly. Each invoice shall be itemized with adequate detail and match the line item on the Purchase Order. In no instance shall any payment be made for services to the Contractor that are not in accordance with the prices on the Purchase Order, the Contract, updated price lists or any discounts negotiated by the purchasing agency.

V.19 CONTRACT-015.3 Invoice Requirement – SAP Purchase Orders (Feb 2007)

Unless otherwise specified or unless the Contractor has been authorized by the Commonwealth for Electronic Invoicing, Evaluated Receipt Settlement or Vendor Self-Invoicing, the Contractor shall send an invoice itemized by purchase order line item to the address referenced on the Purchase Order promptly after the item(s) are delivered. The invoice should include only amounts due under the Purchase Order. The Purchase Order number must be included on all invoices. In addition, the Commonwealth shall have the right to require the Contractor to prepare and submit a "Work In Progress" sheet that contains, at a minimum, the tasks performed, number of hours, hourly rates and the Purchase Order or task order to which it refers.

V.20 CONTRACT-015.8 Price Adjustment – Other Index (Dec 5 2006)

The Contractor may increase the rates to be paid by the Commonwealth under the contract by no more than the percentage increase in the Index [**Insert text providing greater detail**] on an [annual, monthly] basis. The Contractor shall give at least [30] days prior notice of a price increase.

V.21 CONTRACT-016.1 Payment (Oct 2006)

a. The Commonwealth shall put forth reasonable efforts to make payment by the required payment date. The required payment date is: (a) the date on which payment is due under the terms of the Contract; (b) thirty (30) days after a proper invoice actually is received at the "Bill To" address if a date on which payment is due is not specified in the Contract (a "proper" invoice is not received until the Commonwealth accepts the service as satisfactorily performed); or (c) the payment date specified on the invoice if later than the dates established by (a) and (b) above. Payment may be delayed if the payment amount on an invoice is not based upon the price(s) as stated in the Contract. If any payment is not made within fifteen (15) days after the required payment date, the Commonwealth may pay interest as determined by the Secretary of Budget in accordance with Act No. 266 of 1982 and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Payment should not be construed by the Contractor as acceptance of the service performed by the Contractor. The Commonwealth reserves the right to conduct further testing and inspection after payment, but within a reasonable time after performance, and to reject the service if such post payment testing or inspection discloses a defect or a failure to meet specifications. The Contractor agrees that the Commonwealth may set off the amount of any state tax liability or other obligation of the Contractor or its subsidiaries to the Commonwealth against any payments due the Contractor under any contract with the Commonwealth.

b. The Commonwealth shall have the option of using the Commonwealth purchasing card to make purchases under the Contract or Purchase Order. The Commonwealth's purchasing card is similar to a credit card in that there will be a small fee which the Contractor will be required to pay and the Contractor will receive payment directly from the card issuer rather than the Commonwealth. Any and all fees related to this type of payment are the responsibility of the Contractor. In no case will the Commonwealth allow increases in prices to offset credit card fees paid by the Contractor or any other charges incurred by the Contractor, unless specifically stated in the terms of the Contract or Purchase Order.

V.22 CONTRACT-016.2 ACH Payments (Aug 2007)

a. The Commonwealth will make contract payments through the Automated Clearing House (ACH). Within 10 days of award of the contract or purchase order, the contractor must submit or must have already submitted their ACH information within their user profile in the Commonwealth's procurement system (SRM).

b. The contractor must submit a unique invoice number with each invoice submitted. The unique invoice number will be listed on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's ACH remittance advice to enable the contractor to properly apply the state agency's payment to the invoice submitted.

c. It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that the ACH information contained in SRM is accurate and complete. Failure to maintain accurate and complete information may result in delays in payments.

V.23 CONTRACT-017.1 Taxes (Dec 5 2006)

The Commonwealth is exempt from all excise taxes imposed by the Internal Revenue Service and has accordingly registered with the Internal Revenue Service to make tax free purchases under Registration No. 23-23740001-K. With the exception of purchases of the following items, no exemption certificates are required and none will be issued: undyed diesel fuel, tires, trucks, gas guzzler emergency vehicles, and sports fishing equipment. The Commonwealth is also exempt from Pennsylvania state sales tax, local sales tax, public transportation assistance taxes and fees and vehicle rental tax. The Department of Revenue regulations provide that exemption certificates are not required for sales made to governmental entities and none will be issued. Nothing in this paragraph is meant to exempt a construction contractor from the payment of any of these taxes or fees which are required to be paid with respect to the purchase, use, rental, or lease of tangible personal property or taxable services used or transferred in connection with the performance of a construction contract.

V.24 CONTRACT-018.1 Assignment of Antitrust Claims (Oct 2006)

The Contractor and the Commonwealth recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges by the Contractor's suppliers resulting from violations of state or federal antitrust laws are in fact borne by the Commonwealth. As part of the consideration for the award of the Contract, and intending to be legally bound, the Contractor assigns to the Commonwealth all right, title and interest in and to any claims the Contractor now has, or may acquire, under state or federal antitrust laws relating to the products and services which are the subject of this Contract.

V.25 CONTRACT-019.1 Hold Harmless Provision (Nov 30 2006)

a. The Contractor shall hold the Commonwealth harmless from and indemnify the Commonwealth against any and all third party claims, demands and actions based upon or arising out of any activities performed by the Contractor and its employees and agents under this Contract, provided the Commonwealth gives Contractor prompt notice of any such claim of which it learns. Pursuant to the Commonwealth Attorneys Act (71 P.S. Section 732-101, et seq.), the Office of Attorney General (OAG) has the sole authority to represent the Commonwealth in actions brought against the Commonwealth. The OAG may, however, in its sole discretion and under such terms as it deems appropriate, delegate its right of defense. If OAG delegates the defense to the Contractor, the Commonwealth will cooperate with all reasonable requests of Contractor made in the defense of such suits.

b. Notwithstanding the above, neither party shall enter into any settlement without the other party's written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Commonwealth may, in its sole discretion, allow the Contractor to control the defense and any related settlement negotiations.

V.26 CONTRACT-020.1 Audit Provisions (Oct 2006)

The Commonwealth shall have the right, at reasonable times and at a site designated by the Commonwealth, to audit the books, documents and records of the Contractor to the extent that the books, documents and records relate to costs or pricing data for the Contract. The Contractor agrees to maintain records which will support the prices charged and costs incurred for the Contract. The Contractor shall preserve books, documents, and records that relate to costs or pricing data for the Contract for a period of three (3) years from date of final payment. The Contractor shall give full and free access to all records to the Commonwealth and/or their authorized representatives.

V.27 CONTRACT-021.1 Default (Dec 12 2006)

a. The Commonwealth may, subject to the Force Majeure provisions of this Contract, and in addition to its other rights under the Contract, declare the Contractor in default by written notice thereof to the Contractor, and terminate (as provided in the Termination Provisions of this Contract) the whole or any part of this Contract or any Purchase Order for any of the following reasons:

1) Failure to begin work within the time specified in the Contract or Purchase Order or as otherwise specified;

2) Failure to perform the work with sufficient labor, equipment, or material to insure the completion of the specified work in accordance with the Contract or Purchase Order terms;

3) Unsatisfactory performance of the work;

4) Failure to deliver the awarded item(s) within the time specified in the Contract or Purchase Order or as otherwise specified;

5) Improper delivery;

6) Failure to provide an item(s) which is in conformance with the specifications referenced in the Contract or Purchase Order;

7) Delivery of a defective item;

8) Failure or refusal to remove material, or remove and replace any work rejected as defective or unsatisfactory;

9) Discontinuance of work without approval;

10) Failure to resume work, which has been discontinued, within a reasonable time after notice to do so;

11) Insolvency or bankruptcy;

12) Assignment made for the benefit of creditors;

13) Failure or refusal within 10 days after written notice by the Contracting Officer, to make payment or show

cause why payment should not be made, of any amounts due for materials furnished, labor supplied or performed, for equipment rentals, or for utility services rendered;

14) Failure to protect, to repair, or to make good any damage or injury to property;

15) Breach of any provision of the Contract;

16) Failure to comply with representations made in the Contractor's bid/proposal; or

17) Failure to comply with applicable industry standards, customs, and practice.

b. In the event that the Commonwealth terminates this Contract or any Purchase Order in whole or in part as provided in Subparagraph a. above, the Commonwealth may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it determines, items similar or identical to those so terminated, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Commonwealth for any reasonable excess costs for such similar or identical items included within the terminated part of the Contract or Purchase Order.

c. If the Contract or a Purchase Order is terminated as provided in Subparagraph a. above, the Commonwealth, in addition to any other rights provided in this paragraph, may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver immediately to the Commonwealth in the manner and to the extent directed by the Contracting Officer, such partially completed items, including, where applicable, reports, working papers and other documentation, as the Contractor has specifically produced or specifically acquired for the performance of such part of the Contract or Purchase Order as has been terminated. Except as provided below, payment for completed work accepted by the Commonwealth shall be at the Contract price. Except as provided below, payment for partially completed items including, where applicable, reports and working papers, delivered to and accepted by the Commonwealth shall be in an amount agreed upon by the Contractor and Contracting Officer. The Commonwealth may withhold from amounts otherwise due the Contractor for such completed or partially completed works, such sum as the Contracting Officer determines to be necessary to protect the Commonwealth against loss.

d. The rights and remedies of the Commonwealth provided in this paragraph shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

e. The Commonwealth's failure to exercise any rights or remedies provided in this paragraph shall not be construed to be a waiver by the Commonwealth of its rights and remedies in regard to the event of default or any succeeding event of default.

f. Following exhaustion of the Contractor's administrative remedies as set forth in the Contract Controversies Provision of the Contract, the Contractor's exclusive remedy shall be to seek damages in the Board of Claims.

V.28 CONTRACT-022.1 Force Majeure (Oct 2006)

Neither party will incur any liability to the other if its performance of any obligation under this Contract is prevented or delayed by causes beyond its control and without the fault or negligence of either party. Causes beyond a party's control may include, but aren't limited to, acts of God or war, changes in controlling law, regulations, orders or the requirements of any governmental entity, severe weather conditions, civil disorders, natural disasters, fire, epidemics and quarantines, general strikes throughout the trade, and freight embargoes.

The Contractor shall notify the Commonwealth orally within five (5) days and in writing within ten (10) days of the date on which the Contractor becomes aware, or should have reasonably become aware, that such cause would

prevent or delay its performance. Such notification shall (i) describe fully such cause(s) and its effect on performance, (ii) state whether performance under the contract is prevented or delayed and (iii) if performance is delayed, state a reasonable estimate of the duration of the delay. The Contractor shall have the burden of proving that such cause(s) delayed or prevented its performance despite its diligent efforts to perform and shall produce such supporting documentation as the Commonwealth may reasonably request. After receipt of such notification, the Commonwealth may elect to cancel the Contract, cancel the Purchase Order, or to extend the time for performance as reasonably necessary to compensate for the Contractor's delay.

In the event of a declared emergency by competent governmental authorities, the Commonwealth by notice to the Contractor, may suspend all or a portion of the Contract or Purchase Order.

V.29 CONTRACT-023.1a Termination Provisions (Oct 2006)

The Commonwealth has the right to terminate this Contract or any Purchase Order for any of the following reasons. Termination shall be effective upon written notice to the Contractor.

a. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**: The Commonwealth shall have the right to terminate the Contract or a Purchase Order for its convenience if the Commonwealth determines termination to be in its best interest. The Contractor shall be paid for work satisfactorily completed prior to the effective date of the termination, but in no event shall the Contractor be entitled to recover loss of profits.

b. **NON-APPROPRIATION**: The Commonwealth's obligation to make payments during any Commonwealth fiscal year succeeding the current fiscal year shall be subject to availability and appropriation of funds. When funds (state and/or federal) are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal year period, the Commonwealth shall have the right to terminate the Contract or a Purchase Order. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any nonrecurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the supplies or services delivered under the Contract. Such reimbursement shall not include loss of profit, loss of use of money, or administrative or overhead costs. The reimbursement amount may be paid for any appropriations available for that purpose

c. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**: The Commonwealth shall have the right to terminate the Contract or a Purchase Order for Contractor default under Default Clause upon written notice to the Contractor. The Commonwealth shall also have the right, upon written notice to the Contractor, to terminate the Contract or a Purchase Order for other cause as specified in the Contract or by law. If it is later determined that the Commonwealth erred in terminating the Contract or a Purchase Order for cause, then, at the Commonwealth's discretion, the Contract or Purchase Order shall be deemed to have been terminated for convenience under the Subparagraph a.

V.30 CONTRACT-024.1 Contract Controversies (Oct 2006)

a. In the event of a controversy or claim arising from the Contract, the Contractor must, within six months after the cause of action accrues, file a written claim with the contracting officer for a determination. The claim shall state all grounds upon which the Contractor asserts a controversy exists. If the Contractor fails to file a claim or files an untimely claim, the Contractor is deemed to have waived its right to assert a claim in any forum.

b. The contracting officer shall review timely-filed claims and issue a final determination, in writing, regarding the claim. The final determination shall be issued within 120 days of the receipt of the claim, unless extended by consent of the contracting officer and the Contractor. The contracting officer shall send his/her written determination to the Contractor. If the contracting officer fails to issue a final determination within the 120 days

(unless extended by consent of the parties), the claim shall be deemed denied. The contracting officer's determination shall be the final order of the purchasing agency.

c. Within fifteen (15) days of the mailing date of the determination denying a claim or within 135 days of filing a claim if, no extension is agreed to by the parties, whichever occurs first, the Contractor may file a statement of claim with the Commonwealth Board of Claims. Pending a final judicial resolution of a controversy or claim, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract in a manner consistent with the determination of the contracting officer and the Commonwealth shall compensate the Contractor pursuant to the terms of the Contract.

V.31 CONTRACT-025.1 Assignability and Subcontracting (Oct 2006)

a. Subject to the terms and conditions of this paragraph, this Contract shall be binding upon the parties and their respective successors and assigns.

b. The Contractor shall not subcontract with any person or entity to perform all or any part of the work to be performed under this Contract without the prior written consent of the Contracting Officer, which consent may be withheld at the sole and absolute discretion of the Contracting Officer.

c. The Contractor may not assign, in whole or in part, this Contract or its rights, duties, obligations, or responsibilities hereunder without the prior written consent of the Contracting Officer, which consent may be withheld at the sole and absolute discretion of the Contracting Officer.

d. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor may, without the consent of the Contracting Officer, assign its rights to payment to be received under the Contract, provided that the Contractor provides written notice of such assignment to the Contracting Officer together with a written acknowledgement from the assignee that any such payments are subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Contract.

e. For the purposes of this Contract, the term "assign" shall include, but shall not be limited to, the sale, gift, assignment, pledge, or other transfer of any ownership interest in the Contractor provided, however, that the term shall not apply to the sale or other transfer of stock of a publicly traded company.

f . Any assignment consented to by the Contracting Officer shall be evidenced by a written assignment agreement executed by the Contractor and its assignee in which the assignee agrees to be legally bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Contract and to assume the duties, obligations, and responsibilities being assigned.

g. A change of name by the Contractor, following which the Contractor's federal identification number remains unchanged, shall not be considered to be an assignment hereunder. The Contractor shall give the Contracting Officer written notice of any such change of name.

V.32 CONTRACT-026.1 Other Contractors (Oct 2006)

The Commonwealth may undertake or award other contracts for additional or related work, and the Contractor shall fully cooperate with other contractors and Commonwealth employees, and coordinate its work with such additional work as may be required. The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act that will interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor or by Commonwealth employees. This paragraph shall be included in the Contracts of all contractors with which this Contractor will be

required to cooperate. The Commonwealth shall equitably enforce this paragraph as to all contractors to prevent the imposition of unreasonable burdens on any contractor.

V.33 CONTRACT-027.1 Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause (Oct 2006)

During the term of the Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

a. In the hiring of any employees for the manufacture of supplies, performance of work, or any other activity required under the Contract or any subcontract, the Contractor, subcontractor or any person acting on behalf of the Contractor or subcontractor shall not by reason of gender, race, creed, or color discriminate against any citizen of this Commonwealth who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.

b. Neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor nor any person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate against or intimidate any employee involved in the manufacture of supplies, the performance of work or any other activity required under the Contract on account of gender, race, creed, or color.

c. The Contractor and any subcontractors shall establish and maintain a written sexual harassment policy and shall inform their employees of the policy. The policy must contain a notice that sexual harassment will not be tolerated and employees who practice it will be disciplined.

d. The Contractor shall not discriminate by reason of gender, race, creed, or color against any subcontractor or supplier who is qualified to perform the work to which the contract relates.

e. The Contractor and each subcontractor shall furnish all necessary employment documents and records to and permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the contracting officer and the Department of General Services' Bureau of Contract Administration and Business Development for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause. If the Contractor or any subcontractor does not possess documents or records reflecting the necessary information requested, it shall furnish such information on reporting forms supplied by the contracting officer or the Bureau of Contract Administration and Business Development.

f. The Contractor shall include the provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause in every subcontract so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.

g. The Commonwealth may cancel or terminate the Contract, and all money due or to become due under the Contract may be forfeited for a violation of the terms and conditions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause. In addition, the agency may proceed with debarment or suspension and may place the Contractor in the Contractor Responsibility File.

V.34 CONTRACT-028.1 Contractor Integrity Provisions (Oct 2006)

a. For purposes of this clause only, the words "confidential information," "consent," "contractor," "financial interest," and "gratuity" shall have the following definitions.

1) **Confidential information** means information that is not public knowledge, or available to the public on request, disclosure of which would give an unfair, unethical, or illegal advantage to another desiring to

contract with the Commonwealth.

2) **Consent** means written permission signed by a duly authorized officer or employee of the Commonwealth, provided that where the material facts have been disclosed, in writing, by prequalification, bid, proposal, or contractual terms, the Commonwealth shall be deemed to have consented by virtue of execution of this agreement.

3) **Contractor** means the individual or entity that has entered into the Contract with the Commonwealth, including directors, officers, partners, managers, key employees and owners of more than a five percent interest.

4) **Financial interest** means:

a) Ownership of more than a five percent interest in any business; or

b) Holding a position as an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee, or the like, or holding any position of management.

5) **Gratuity** means any payment of more than nominal monetary value in the form of cash, travel, entertainment, gifts, meals, lodging, loans, subscriptions, advances, deposits of money, services, employment, or contracts of any kind.

b. The Contractor shall maintain the highest standards of integrity in the performance of the Contract and shall take no action in violation of state or federal laws, regulations, or other requirements that govern contracting with the Commonwealth.

c. The Contractor shall not disclose to others any confidential information gained by virtue of the Contract.

d. The Contractor shall not, in connection with this or any other agreement with the Commonwealth, directly, or indirectly, offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit on anyone as consideration for the decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, other exercise of discretion, or violation of a known legal duty by any officer or employee of the Commonwealth.

e. The Contractor shall not, in connection with this or any other agreement with the Commonwealth, directly or indirectly, offer, give, or agree or promise to give to anyone any gratuity for the benefit of or at the direction or request of any officer or employee of the Commonwealth.

f. Except with the consent of the Commonwealth, neither the Contractor nor anyone in privity with him or her shall accept or agree to accept from, or give or agree to give to, any person, any gratuity from any person in connection with the performance of work under the Contract except as provided therein.

g. Except with the consent of the Commonwealth, the Contractor shall not have a financial interest in any other contractor, subcontractor, or supplier providing services, labor, or material on this project.

h. The Contractor, upon being informed that any violation of these provisions has occurred or may occur, shall immediately notify the Commonwealth in writing.

i. The Contractor, by execution of the Contract and by the submission of any bills or invoices for payment pursuant

thereto, certifies, and represents that he or she has not violated any of these provisions.

j. The Contractor, upon the inquiry or request of the Inspector General of the Commonwealth or any of that official's agents or representatives, shall provide, or if appropriate, make promptly available for inspection or copying, any information of any type or form deemed relevant by the Inspector General to the Contractor's integrity or responsibility, as those terms are defined by the Commonwealth's statutes, regulations, or management directives. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, the Contractor's business or financial records, documents or files of any type or form which refers to or concern the Contract. Such information shall be retained by the Contractor for a period of three years beyond the termination of the Contract unless otherwise provided by law.

k. For violation of any of the above provisions, the Commonwealth may terminate this and any other agreement with the Contractor, claim liquidated damages in an amount equal to the value of anything received in breach of these provisions, claim damages for all expenses incurred in obtaining another Contractor to complete performance hereunder, and debar and suspend the Contractor from doing business with the Commonwealth. These rights and remedies are cumulative, and the use or nonuse of any one shall not preclude the use of all or any other. These rights and remedies are in addition to those the Commonwealth may have under law, statute, regulation, or otherwise.

V.35 CONTRACT-029.1 Contractor Responsibility Provisions (Oct 2006)

a. The Contractor certifies, for itself and all its subcontractors, that as of the date of its execution of this Bid/Contract, that neither the Contractor, nor any subcontractors, nor any suppliers are under suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth or any governmental entity, instrumentality, or authority and, if the Contractor cannot so certify, then it agrees to submit, along with its Bid, a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made.

b. The Contractor also certifies, that as of the date of its execution of this Bid/Contract, it has no tax liabilities or other Commonwealth obligations.

c. The Contractor's obligations pursuant to these provisions are ongoing from and after the effective date of the contract through the termination date thereof. Accordingly, the Contractor shall have an obligation to inform the Commonwealth if, at any time during the term of the Contract, it becomes delinquent in the payment of taxes, or other Commonwealth obligations, or if it or any of its subcontractors are suspended or debarred by the Commonwealth, the federal government, or any other state or governmental entity. Such notification shall be made within 15 days of the date of suspension or debarment.

d. The failure of the Contractor to notify the Commonwealth of its suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth, any other state, or the federal government shall constitute an event of default of the Contract with the Commonwealth.

e. The Contractor agrees to reimburse the Commonwealth for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Office of State Inspector General for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the Commonwealth, which results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Such costs shall include, but shall not be limited to, salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor shall not be responsible for investigative costs for investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.

f. The Contractor may obtain a current list of suspended and debarred Commonwealth contractors by either

searching the internet at ***http://www.dgs.state.pa.us/*** or contacting the:

Department of General Services
Office of Chief Counsel
603 North Office Building
Harrisburg , PA 17125
Telephone No. (717) 783-6472
FAX No. (717) 787-9138

V.36 CONTRACT-030.1 Americans with Disabilities Act (Oct 2006)

a. Pursuant to federal regulations promulgated under the authority of The Americans With Disabilities Act, 28 C.F.R. Section 35.101 et seq., the Contractor understands and agrees that it shall not cause any individual with a disability to be excluded from participation in this Contract or from activities provided for under this Contract on the basis of the disability. As a condition of accepting this contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with the "General Prohibitions Against Discrimination," 28 C.F.R. Section 35.130, and all other regulations promulgated under Title II of The Americans With Disabilities Act which are applicable to all benefits, services, programs, and activities provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through contracts with outside contractors.

b. The Contractor shall be responsible for and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from all losses, damages, expenses, claims, demands, suits, and actions brought by any party against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a result of the Contractor's failure to comply with the provisions of Subparagraph a. above.

V.37 CONTRACT-032.1 Covenant Against Contingent Fees (Oct 2006)

The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure the Contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Commonwealth shall have the right to terminate the Contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the Contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

V.38 CONTRACT-033.1 Applicable Law (Oct 2006)

This Contract shall be governed by and interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (without regard to any conflict of laws provisions) and the decisions of the Pennsylvania courts. The Contractor consents to the jurisdiction of any court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and any federal courts in Pennsylvania, waiving any claim or defense that such forum is not convenient or proper. The Contractor agrees that any such court shall have in personam jurisdiction over it, and consents to service of process in any manner authorized by Pennsylvania law.

V.39 CONTRACT- 034.1b Integration (Nov 30 2006)

This Contract, including the Invitation for Bids, the Contractor's bid, all referenced documents, and any Purchase Order constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No agent, representative, employee or officer of either the Commonwealth or the Contractor has authority to make, or has made, any statement, agreement or representation, oral or written, in connection with the Contract, which in any way can be deemed to modify, add to

or detract from, or otherwise change or alter its terms and conditions. No negotiations between the parties, nor any custom or usage, shall be permitted to modify or contradict any of the terms and conditions of the Contract. No modifications, alterations, changes, or waiver to the Contract or any of its terms shall be valid or binding unless accomplished by a written amendment signed by both parties.

V.40 CONTRACT-034.2b Order of Precedence - IFB (Dec 6 2006)

In the event there is a conflict among the documents comprising this Contract, the Commonwealth and the Contractor agree on the following order of precedence: the Contract; the IFB; and the Contractor's Bid in Response to the IFB.

V.41 CONTRACT-037.1b Confidentiality (Oct 2006)

The Contractor agrees to protect the confidentiality of the Commonwealth's information. The Commonwealth agrees to protect the confidentiality of Contractor's confidential information. In order for information to be deemed to be confidential, the party claiming confidentiality must designate the information as "confidential" in such a way as to give notice to the other party. The parties agree that such confidential information shall not be copied, in whole or in part, except when essential for authorized use under this Contract. Each copy of such confidential information shall be marked by the party making the copy with all notices appearing in the original. Upon termination or cancellation of this Contract or any license granted hereunder, the receiving party will return to the disclosing party all copies of the confidential information in the receiving party's possession, other than one copy, which may be maintained for archival purposes only. Both parties agree that a material breach of these requirements may, after failure to cure within the time frame specified in this Contract, and at the discretion of the non-breaching party, result in termination for default.

The obligations stated in this Section do not apply to information:

i. already known to the recipient at the time of disclosure;

ii. independently generated by the recipient and not derived from the information supplied by the isclosing party;

iii. known or available to the public, except where such knowledge or availability is the result of unauthorized disclosure by the recipient of the proprietary information;

iv. disclosed to the recipient without a similar restriction by a third party who has the right to make such disclosure; or

v. required to be disclosed by the recipient by law, regulation, court order, or other legal process.

V.42 CONTRACT-045.1 Insurance - General (Dec 12 2006)

The Contractor is required to have in place during the term of the Contract and any renewals or extensions thereof , the following types of insurance, issued by companies acceptable to the Commonwealth and authorized to conduct such business under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A. **Worker's Compensation Insurance** for all of the Contractor's employees and those of any subcontractor, engaged in work at the site of the project as required by law.

B. **Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance** to protect the Commonwealth, the Contractor, and any and all subcontractors from claims for damages for personal injury (including bodily injury), sickness or disease, accidental death and damage to property including the loss of use resulting from any property damage, which may arise from the activities performed under the Contract or the failure to perform under the Contract, whether such performance or non-performance be by the Contractor, by any subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either. The minimum amounts of coverage shall be $250,000 per person and $1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, including death, and $250,000 per person and $1,000,000 per occurrence for property damage. Such policies shall be occurrence rather than claims-made policies and shall not contain any endorsements or any other form designated to limit and restrict any action by the Commonwealth, as an additional insured, against the insurance coverage in regard to work performed for the Commonwealth.

Prior to commencement of the work under the Contract and at each insurance renewal date during the term of the Contract, the Contractor shall provide the Commonwealth with current certificates of insurance. These certificates or policies shall name the Commonwealth as an additional insured and shall contain a provision that the coverage's afforded under the policies will not be cancelled or changed until at least thirty (30) days written notice has been given to the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth shall be under no obligation to obtain such certificates from the Contractor(s). Failure by the Commonwealth to obtain the certificates shall not be deemed a waiver of the Contractor's obligation to obtain and furnish certificates. The Commonwealth shall have the right to inspect the original insurance policies.

V.43 CONTRACT-051.1 Notice (Dec 2006)

Any written notice to any party under this Contract shall be deemed sufficient if delivered personally, or by facsimile, telecopy, electronic or digital transmission (provided such delivery is confirmed), or by a recognized overnight courier service (e.g., DHL, Federal Express, etc.) with confirmed receipt, or by certified or registered United States mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, and sent to following:

a. If to the Contractor: the Contractor's address as recorded in the Commonwealth's Supplier Registration system.

b. If to the Commonwealth: the address of the Issuing Office as set forth on the Contract.

V.44 CONTRACT-052.1 Right to Know Law (August 2009)

a. The Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-3104, applies to this Contract.

b. Unless the Contractor provides the Commonwealth, in writing, with the name and contact information of another person, the agency shall notify the Contractor using the Contractor information provided by the Contractor in SRM, or the legal contact information provided in this Contract, if the agency needs the Contractor's assistance in any matter arising out of the Right to Know Law ("RTKL"). The Contractor shall notify the agency in writing of any change in the name or the contact information within a reasonable time prior to the change.

c. Upon notification from the Commonwealth that the Commonwealth requires the Contractor's assistance in responding to a RTKL request for records in the Contractor's possession, the Contractor shall provide the

Commonwealth, within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of such notification, access to, and copies of, any document or information in the Contractor's possession which arises out of the Contract that the Commonwealth requests ("Requested Information") and provide such other assistance as the Commonwealth may request in order to comply with the RTKL. If the Contractor fails to provide the Requested Information within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of such request, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold the Commonwealth harmless for any damages, penalties, detriment or harm that the Commonwealth may incur as a result of the Contractor's failure, including any statutory damages assessed against the Commonwealth.

d. The Commonwealth's determination as to whether the Requested Information is a public record is dispositive of the question as between the parties. Contractor agrees not to challenge the Commonwealth's decision to deem the Requested Information a Public Record. If the Contractor considers the Requested Information to include a request for a Trade Secret or Confidential Proprietary Information, as those terms are defined by the RTKL, the Contractor will immediately notify the Commonwealth, and will provide a written statement signed by a representative of the Contractor explaining why the requested material is exempt from public disclosure under the RTKL within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the request. If, upon review of the Contractor's written statement, the Commonwealth still decides to provide the Requested Information, Contractor will not challenge or in any way hold the Commonwealth liable for such a decision.

e. The Commonwealth will reimburse the Contractor for any costs associated with complying with this provision only to the extent allowed under the fee schedule established by the Office of Open Records or as otherwise provided by the RTKL if the fee schedule is inapplicable.

f. Contractor agrees to abide by any decision to release a record to the public made by the Office of Open Records, or by the Pennsylvania Courts. The Contractor agrees to waive all rights or remedies that may be available to it as a result of the Commonwealth's disclosure of Requested Information pursuant to the RTKL. Contractor's duties relating to the RTKL are continuing duties that survive the expiration of this Contract and shall continue as long as the Contractor has Requested Information in its possession.