INVITATION FOR BIDS

IFB

Issue Date: January 12, 2007

Title: Student Rec Building Wiring

Using Agency and/or Location: Longwood University

Materiel Management Office

Where Work Will Be Performed: Bristow Building, Corner Redford and Main Sts.

Farmville, Virginia 23909

Sealed Bids Will Be Received until February 23, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. local time for furnishing the services described herein. Bids shall be Time and Date stamped upon receipt by the University.

All Inquiries for Information should be directed to: James E. Simpson, Director Materiel Management (434) 395-2093.

IF BIDS ARE MAILED, SEND DIRECTLY TO ISSUING AGENCY SHOWN ABOVE. IF BIDS ARE HAND DELIVERED, DELIVER TO: Longwood University, Room #218, Bristow Building, Corner Redford and Main Streets, Farmville, Virginia 23909.

In Compliance With This Invitation For Bids And To All The Conditions Imposed Herein, The Undersigned Offers And Agrees To Furnish The Services Described At The Prices(s) Indicated in , Pricing Schedule.

* Virginia Contractor License No. ____________________________
   Class: __________________ Specialty Codes: ____________________________

Name and Address of Firm:

_____________________________                 Date: __________________

_____________________________                 By: ____________________

Signature in Ink

________________ Zip Code________                Title: _______________________

FEI/FIN NO. ___________________________                Telephone No.: (    )__________

email address________________________        Fax No: (    )________________

EVA member yes________ no________

*Note: See General Terms and Conditions item X, page 12 for membership details. Contractor shall be a member of eVA to be awarded this contract.

DMBE Small Business________ DMBE Minority Business________ DMBE Woman Owned Business_______  (You are encouraged to register with the Division of Minority Business Enterprises. http://www.dmbe.state.va.us)

OPTIONAL PREBID CONFERENCE: An optional prebid conference and site visit will be held at 10:00 am February 7, 2007 at the Bristow Building Conference Room. The purpose of this conference is to allow potential bidders an opportunity to present questions and obtain clarification relative to any facet of this solicitation. While attendance at this conference will not be a prerequisite to submitting a bid, bidders who intend to submit a bid are encouraged to attend. Bring a copy of the solicitation with you. Any changes resulting
from this conference will be issued in a written addendum to the solicitation. If special ADA accommodations are needed, please contact James Simpson at 434.395.2093 by February 5, 2007.

**Addendums:** Any changes resulting from the University’s requirements will be issued in an addendum and will be posted to the eVA (http://www.dgs.state.va.us) and Longwood University Materiel Management website, http://www.longwood.edu/. Click on offices, Purchasing, Solicitations/Awards, Open Invitation for Bids/Addenda/Awards. Click on the solicitation 214-07-RecWiring.

It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to check these web pages for all changes to the IFB prior to submission. Failure to do so may cause your bid to be determined non-responsive. Longwood University will not mail or fax these documents.

This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the Code of Virginia, 11-35.1 or against a bidder or offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.

**NOTE TO BIDDERS:** PARKING IS DIFFICULT, PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY. IF YOU REQUIRE ADA ACCOMMODATIONS TO DELIVER PROPOSAL, CONTACT THE MATERIEL MANAGEMENT OFFICE AT (434) 395.2093 AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO SOLICITATION CLOSING.

**CONTRACTOR SHALL BE A MEMBER OF EVA TO BE AWARDED THIS CONTRACT. REGISTRATION INFORMATION IS FOUND ON PAGE 12 OF THIS SOLICITATION.**
I. **Purpose:**
Longwood University is seeking competitive bids from registered S.W.A.M vendors through the Commonwealth of Va to provide a complete wiring infrastructure for voice, video and data systems. A downloadable floor plan will be made available indicating the location of jacks and type.

II. **Scope of Work:**
Work shall consist of providing all materials, labor, supervision, tools, equipment, and incidentals necessary to furnish, install, and render operational a complete cable system consisting of voice, video, and data wiring and termination.

All work shall be in compliance with ANSI/EIA/TIA-568-B standards and all requirements as outlined by the code and requirements as outlined by the Virginia Information Technology Agency.

1. The contractor shall install CAT 6 plenum rated type cable from the building wiring closet to each room. The wire in the closets shall be terminated in patch panels that are rack mounted. The room termination will be to CAT 6, RJ45 type jacks. The contractor can provide one jack box with multiple RJ45 connections to service the room, refer to floor plan for locations. Terminations will be clearly labeled at the jack and the patch panel to indicate port, room and data jack. CATV cabling shall be RG 6 plenum rated and terminate in building wiring closet, and terminate in the room to a face plate mounted “F” type connector. Voice cabling shall be CAT5e type cable and terminated in RJ11 type jacks and 66 blocks on back board in telecom room (2030). The Vendor shall use AMP terminations as the University has standardized the campus on AMP type connections. Face plates will be stainless steel with the exception of floor jacks. Floor jacks are brass in finish manufactured by Wiremold, contractor must ensure proper outlets for these jacks.

2. Wire distribution shall be functional and aesthetically installed. All cable distribution troughs, trays, and extensions shall be firmly installed. The wiring distribution system shall be capable of supporting the weight of the cable and be designed to not allow easy access to wiring contained inside. Wiring distribution systems are only required in buildings that do not have false ceilings. Wiring support is required in buildings with false ceilings. Exposed wiring will not be accepted in any areas except in the termination closets. Floor and wall penetration shall be stubbed through with conduit and fire retardant installed after wiring is completed. Fire retardant type will be coordinated with the building contractor to ensure exact type is used throughout the building.

3. Floor plans will be provided with this document. Floor plans will indicate building layout and jack locations. Floor plans will not be architectural plans and will not be to scale.

4. Vendor shall install 150 pair outside plant rated cable and splice to existing copper cable plant in splice case number eight. Cable plant will terminate to entrance protection blocks with lightening suppression system. With the 5 pin gas tube Plug-in Protector Units. Vendor shall provide a total of 300 of the protectors.

5. Vendor shall install and terminate 12 strands of fiber, 6 multi and 6 single mode fibers. Fiber will be routed through existing conduit system to the Library distribution point. Connections will be ST type connections. Vendor will provide all termination material as required. Vendor shall provide test results from end to end of each strand indicating level and db loss is less than 1.
6. Vendor Shall run Cable RG 6 line from Roof to building wiring closet (2030) then continue to sound room (1115)

7. Vendor shall provide, at the completion of the work, a working set of floor plans indicating cabling runs. Vendor shall provide an electronic copy, spread sheet (Microsoft Excel) indicating room number, jack number and patch panel termination number.

8. All cable runs will be continuous without splices except at splice point. All cable will be tested to ensure no opens, shorts, or grounds.

9. Number of cables to be install:

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10. Actual start date must be coordinated with site contractor (Estimated end of February). Completion date must be before April 2007.
PRICING SCHEDULE

PRICING SCHEDULE: The Contractor agrees to provide Wiring services in accordance with the terms and conditions and specifications of this Invitation for Bid.

Materials   $ ______________________________
Labor       $ ______________________________
Total Sum for Project $ ______________________________
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 procedure for filing contractual claims is in section 7.19 of the Vendors Manual. A copy of the manual is normally available for review at the purchasing office and is accessible on the Internet at www.dgs.state.va.us/dps under “Manuals.”

B. **APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS:** This solicitation and any resulting contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the Commonwealth. The agency and the contractor are encouraged to resolve any issues in controversy arising from the award of the contract or any contractual dispute using Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedures (Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4366). ADR procedures are described in Chapter 9 of the Vendors Manual. The contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

C. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By submitting their (bids/proposals), (bidders/offerors) certify to the Commonwealth that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians With Disabilities Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act and § 2.2-4311 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA). If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4343.1E).

In every contract over $10,000 the provisions in 1. and 2. below apply:

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
   a. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
   b. The contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, will state that such contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
   c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting these requirements.

2. The contractor will include the provisions of 1. above in every subcontract or purchase order over $10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

D. **ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING:** By submitting their (bids/proposals), (bidders/offerors) certify that their (bids/proposals) are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other (bidder/offeror), supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their (bid/proposal), and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan,
subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.

E. **IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986:** By submitting their (bids/proposals), (bidders/offerors) certify that they do not and will not during the performance of this contract employ illegal alien workers or otherwise violate the provisions of the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

F. **DEBARMEMENT STATUS:** By submitting their (bids/proposals), (bidders/offerors) certify that they are not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia from submitting bids or proposals on contracts for the type of goods and/or services covered by this solicitation, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently so debarred.

G. **ANTITRUST:** By entering into a contract, the contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Commonwealth of Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Commonwealth of Virginia under said contract.

H. **MANDATORY USE OF STATE FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR IFBs AND RFPs** (Insert wording below appropriate to the solicitation type as indicated):

1. *(For Invitation For Bids):* Failure to submit a bid on the official state form provided for that purpose shall be a cause for rejection of the bid. Modification of or additions to any portion of the Invitation for Bids may be cause for rejection of the bid; however, the Commonwealth reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject such a bid as nonresponsive. As a precondition to its acceptance, the Commonwealth may, in its sole discretion, request that the bidder withdraw or modify nonresponsive portions of a bid which do not affect quality, quantity, price, or delivery. No modification of or addition to the provisions of the contract shall be effective unless reduced to writing and signed by the parties.

2. *(For Request For Proposals):* Failure to submit a proposal on the official state form provided for that purpose may be a cause for rejection of the proposal. Modification of or additions to the General Terms and Conditions of the solicitation may be cause for rejection of the proposal; however, the Commonwealth reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject such a proposal.

I. **CLARIFICATION OF TERMS:** If any prospective (bidder/offeror) has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective (bidder/offeror) should contact the buyer whose name appears on the face of the solicitation no later than five working days before the due date. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the buyer.

J. **PAYMENT:**

1. *To Prime Contractor:*
   a. Invoices for items ordered, delivered and accepted shall be submitted by the contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the state contract number and/or purchase order number; social security number (for individual contractors) or the federal employer identification number (for proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations).
   b. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be regarded as requiring payment 30 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 30 days, however.
c. All goods or services provided under this contract or purchase order, that are to be paid for with public funds, shall be billed by the contractor at the contract price, regardless of which public agency is being billed.

d. The following shall be deemed to be the date of payment: the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail, or the date of offset when offset proceedings have been instituted as authorized under the Virginia Debt Collection Act.

e. **Unreasonable Charges.** Under certain emergency procurements and for most time and material purchases, final job costs cannot be accurately determined at the time orders are placed. In such cases, contractors should be put on notice that final payment in full is contingent on a determination of reasonableness with respect to all invoiced charges. Charges which appear to be unreasonable will be researched and challenged, and that portion of the invoice held in abeyance until a settlement can be reached. Upon determining that invoiced charges are not reasonable, the Commonwealth shall promptly notify the contractor, in writing, as to those charges which it considers unreasonable and the basis for the determination. A contractor may not institute legal action unless a settlement cannot be reached within thirty (30) days of notification. The provisions of this section do not relieve an agency of its prompt payment obligations with respect to those charges which are not in dispute (Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4363).

2. **To Subcontractors:**

a. A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:

   (1) To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor’s receipt of payment from the Commonwealth for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or

   (2) To notify the agency and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor’s intention to withhold payment and the reason.

b. The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the Commonwealth, except for amounts withheld as stated in (2) above. The date of mailing of any payment by U. S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contract. A contractor’s obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the Commonwealth.

3. Each prime contractor who wins an award in which provision of a SWAM procurement plan is a condition to the award, shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution, on or before request for final payment, evidence and certification of compliance (subject only to insubstantial shortfalls and to shortfalls arising from subcontractor default) with the SWAM procurement plan. Final payment under the contract in question may be withheld until such certification is delivered and, if necessary, confirmed by the agency or institution, or other appropriate penalties may be assessed in lieu of withholding such payment.

K. **PRECEDENCE OF TERMS:** The following General Terms and Conditions VENDORS MANUAL, APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION, ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING, IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986, DEBARMENT STATUS, ANTI-TRUST, 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/offeror) to perform the services/furnish the goods and the (bidder/offeror) shall furnish to the Commonwealth all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Commonwealth reserves the right to inspect (bidder’s/offeror’s) physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the (bidder’s/offeror’s) capabilities. The Commonwealth further reserves the right to reject any (bid/proposal) if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such (bidder/offeror) fails to satisfy the Commonwealth that such (bidder/offeror) is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to provide the services and/or furnish the goods contemplated therein.

M. **TESTING AND INSPECTION:** The Commonwealth reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure goods and services conform to the specifications.

N. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Commonwealth.

O. **CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT:** Changes can be made to the contract in any of the following ways:

1. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.

2. The Purchasing Agency may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the Purchasing Agency a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods:
   
   a. By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
   
   b. By agreeing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the Purchasing Agency’s right to audit the contractor’s records and/or to determine the correct number of units independently; or
   
   c. By ordering the contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The contractor shall present the Purchasing Agency with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Purchasing Agency shall have the right to audit the records of the contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Purchasing Agency within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Purchasing Agency. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the question of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for resolving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract or, if there is none, in accordance with the disputes provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia Vendors Manual. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of
this contract shall excuse the contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Purchasing Agency or with the performance of the contract generally.

P. **DEFAULT:** In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Commonwealth, after due oral or written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies which the Commonwealth may have.

Q. **TAXES:** Sales to the Commonwealth of Virginia are normally exempt from State sales tax. State sales and use tax certificates of exemption, Form ST-12, will be issued upon request. Deliveries against this contract shall usually be free of Federal excise and transportation taxes. The Commonwealth’s excise tax exemption registration number is 54-73-0076K.

R. **USE OF BRAND NAMES:** Unless otherwise provided in this solicitation, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict (bidders/offerors) to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named, but conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired. Any article which the public body, in its sole discretion, determines to be the equal of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. The (bidder/offeror) is responsible to clearly and specifically identify the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable the Commonwealth to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the solicitation. This is required even if offering the exact brand, make or manufacturer specified. Normally in competitive sealed bidding only the information furnished with the bid will be considered in the evaluation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid nonresponsive. Unless the (bidder/offeror) clearly indicates in its (bid/proposal) that the product offered is an equal product, such (bid/proposal) will be considered to offer the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.

S. **TRANSPORTATION AND PACKAGING:** By submitting their (bids/proposals), all (bidders/offerors) certify and warrant that the price offered for FOB destination includes only the actual freight rate costs at the lowest and best rate and is based upon the actual weight of the goods to be shipped. Except as otherwise specified herein, standard commercial packaging, packing and shipping containers shall be used. All shipping containers shall be legibly marked or labeled on the outside with purchase order number, commodity description, and quantity.

T. **INSURANCE:** By signing and submitting a bid or proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that if awarded the contract, it will have the following insurance coverage at the time the contract is awarded. For construction contracts, if any subcontractors are involved, the subcontractor will have workers’ compensation insurance in accordance with §§ 2.2-4332 and 65.2-800 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia*. The bidder or offeror further certifies that the contractor and any subcontractors will maintain these insurance coverage during the entire term of the contract and that all insurance coverage will be provided by insurance companies authorized to sell insurance in Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

**MINIMUM INSURANCE COVERAGES AND LIMITS REQUIRED FOR MOST CONTRACTS:**

1. Workers’ Compensation - Statutory requirements and benefits. Coverage is compulsory for employers of three or more employees, to include the employer. Contractors who fail to notify the Commonwealth of increases in the number of employees that change their workers’ compensation requirements under the *Code of Virginia* during the course of the contract shall be in noncompliance with the contract.

2. Employer’s Liability - $100,000.

3. Commercial General Liability - $1,000,000 per occurrence. Commercial General Liability is to include bodily injury and property damage, personal injury and advertising injury, products and
completed operations coverage. The Commonwealth of Virginia must be named as an additional insured and so endorsed on the policy.

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

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U. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD:** Upon the award or the announcement of the decision to award a contract over $50,000, as a result of this solicitation, the purchasing agency will publicly post such notice on the DGS/DPS eVA web site ([www.eva.state.va.us](http://www.eva.state.va.us)) for a minimum of 10 days.

V. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over $10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, “drug-free workplace” means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.
W. **Nondiscrimination of Contractors:** A bidder, offeror, or contractor shall not be discriminated against in the solicitation or award of this contract because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, faith-based organizational status, any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment or because the bidder or offeror employs ex-offenders unless the state agency, department or institution has made a written determination that employing ex-offenders on the specific contract is not in its best interest. If the award of this contract is made to a faith-based organization and an individual, who applies for or receives goods, services, or disbursements provided pursuant to this contract objects to the religious character of the faith-based organization from which the individual receives or would receive the goods, services, or disbursements, the public body shall offer the individual, within a reasonable period of time after the date of his objection, access to equivalent goods, services, or disbursements from an alternative provider.

X. **eVA Business-To-Government Vendor Registration:** The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution, website portal [www.eVA.virginia.gov](http://www.eVA.virginia.gov), streamlines and automates government purchasing activities in the Commonwealth. The eVA portal is the gateway for vendors to conduct business with state agencies and public bodies. All vendors desiring to provide goods and/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA Internet e-procurement solution either through the eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service or eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service. All bidders or offerors must register in eVA; failure to register will result in the bid/proposal being rejected.

a. **eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service:** $25 Annual Registration Fee plus the appropriate order Transaction Fee specified below. eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service includes electronic order receipt, vendor catalog posting, on-line registration, electronic bidding, and the ability to research historical procurement data available in the eVA purchase transaction data warehouse.

b. **eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service:** $25 Annual Registration Fee plus the appropriate order Transaction Fee specified below. eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service includes all benefits of the eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service plus automatic email or fax notification of solicitations and amendments.

c. For orders issued prior to August 16, 2006, the Vendor Transaction Fee is 1%, capped at a maximum of $500 per order.

d. For orders issued August 16, 2006 and after, the Vendor Transaction Fee is:

   i. DMBE-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at $500 per order.
   ii. Businesses that are not DMBE-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at $1,500 per order.

Y. **Availability of Funds:** It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that the agency shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this agreement.
1. **ADVERTISING**: In the event a contract is awarded for supplies, equipment, or services resulting from this bid/proposal, no indication of such sales or services to the *(name of institution)* will be used in product literature or advertising. The contractor shall not state in any of its advertising or product literature that the Commonwealth of Virginia or any agency or institution of the Commonwealth has purchased or uses its products or services.

2. **ASBESTOS**: Whenever and wherever during the course of performing any work under this contract, the contractor discovers the presence of asbestos or suspects that asbestos is present, he shall stop the work immediately, secure the area, notify the building owner and await positive identification of the suspect material. During the downtime in such a case, the contractor shall not disturb any surrounding surfaces but shall protect the area with suitable dust covers. In the event the contractor is delayed due to the discovery of asbestos or suspected asbestos, then a mutually agreed extension of time to perform the work shall be allowed the contractor but without additional compensation due to the time extension.

3. **AS BUILT DRAWINGS**: The contractor shall provide the Commonwealth a clean set of reproducible “as built” drawings and wiring diagrams, marked to record all changes made during installation or construction. The contractor shall also provide the Commonwealth with maintenance manuals, parts lists and a copy of all warranties for all equipment. All “as built” drawings and wiring diagrams, maintenance manuals, parts lists and warranties shall be delivered to the Commonwealth upon completion of the work and prior to final payment.

4. **AUDIT**: The contractor shall retain all books, records, and other documents relative to this contract for five (5) years after final payment, or until audited by the Commonwealth of Virginia, whichever is sooner. The agency, its authorized agents, and/or state auditors shall have full access to and the right to examine any of said materials during said period.

5. **AWARD OF CONTRACT**: All solicitations must specify the method of award. If the total award including all possible renewal periods are expected to be less than $100,000 use the appropriate Award clause below in J. or K. that states that the award may be made to a reasonably priced or reasonably ranked minority or woman-owned bidder or offeror that is other than the lowest priced bidder or highest ranking offeror. The wording on award to other than the lowest priced bidder or highest ranking offeror may be customized from the selection below to fit the circumstances of the purchasing agency. Select appropriate clause for the type of procurement:

   A. **AWARD**: An award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Evaluation will be based on net prices. Unit prices, extensions and grand total must be shown. In case of arithmetic errors, the unit price will govern. If cash discount for prompt payment is offered, it must be clearly shown in the space provided. Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in making awards. The State reserves the right to reject any and all bids in whole or in part, to waive any informality, and to delete items prior to making an award.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. **CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR LICENSE REQUIREMENT:** By my signature on this solicitation, I certify that this firm/individual and subcontractor is properly licensed for providing the goods/services specified.

   Contractor Name: ___________________ Subcontractor Name: ___________________

   License # _______________ Type _______________

9. **EXTRA CHARGES NOT ALLOWED:** The bid price shall be for complete installation ready for the Commonwealth’s use, and shall include all applicable freight and installation charges; extra charges will not be allowed.

10. **IDENTIFICATION OF BID/PROPOSAL ENVELOPE:** If a special envelope is not furnished, or if return in the special envelope is not possible, the signed bid/proposal should be returned in a separate

   From: ____________________________

   Name of Bidder/Offeror

   ____________________________

   Due Date

   ____________________________

   Time

   ____________________________

   Street or Box Number

   ____________________________

   IFB No./RFP No.

   ____________________________

   City, State, Zip Code

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   IFB/RFP Title

   ____________________________

   Name of Contract/Purchase Officer or Buyer ________________

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

   If a bid/proposal not contained in the special envelope is mailed, the bidder or offeror takes the risk that the envelope, even if marked as described above, may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised which may cause the bid or proposal to be disqualified. Bids/proposals may be hand delivered to the designated location in the office issuing the solicitation. No other correspondence or other bids/proposals should be placed in the envelope.

11. **INSPECTION OF JOB SITE:** My signature on this solicitation constitutes certification that I have inspected the job site and am aware of the conditions under which the work must be accomplished. Claims, as a result of failure to inspect the job site, will not be considered by the Commonwealth.

12. **SMALL, WOMEN, AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES SUBCONTRACTING AND EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:**

   A. Where it is practicable for any portion of the awarded contract to be subcontracted to other suppliers, the contractor is encouraged to offer such business to small, women, and/or minority-owned (SWAM) businesses. If SWAM subcontractors are used, the prime contractor agrees to report the use of SWAM subcontractors by providing the purchasing office at a minimum the following information: name of firm, phone number, total dollar amount subcontracted, category type (small, women, or minority-owned), and type of product/service provided.

   B. Each prime contractor who wins an award in which provision of a small, women or minority-owned (SWAM) procurement plan is a condition of 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. When such business has been subcontracted to these firms and upon completion of the contract, the contractor agrees to furnish the purchasing office at a minimum the following information: name of firm, phone number, total dollar amount subcontracted, category type (small, women, or minority-owned), and type of product/service provided. 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 remedies may be assessed in lieu of withholding such payment.

13. **NEGOTIATION WITH THE LOWEST BIDDER:** Unless all bids are cancelled or rejected, the Commonwealth reserves the right granted by § 2.2-4318 of the Code of Virginia to negotiate with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder to obtain a contract price within the funds available to the agency whenever such low bid exceeds the agency’s available funds. For the purpose of determining when such negotiations may take place, the term “available funds” shall mean those funds which were budgeted by the agency for this contract prior to the issuance of the written Invitation for Bids. Negotiations with the low bidder may include both modifications of the bid price and the Scope of Work/Specifications to be performed. The agency shall initiate such negotiations by written notice to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder that its bid exceeds the available funds and that the agency wishes to negotiate a lower contract price. The times, places, and manner of negotiating shall be agreed to by the agency and the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

14. **PREBID CONFERENCE - OPTIONAL:** An optional prebid conference and site visit will be held at 10:00 a.m. on February 7, 2007 at the Bristow Building Conference Room #220. The purpose of this conference is to allow potential bidders/offerors an opportunity to present questions and obtain clarification relative to any facet of this solicitation.

While attendance at this conference will not be a prerequisite to submitting a bid, bidders who intend to submit a bid are encouraged to attend. Bring a copy of the solicitation with you. Any changes resulting from this conference will be issued in a written addendum to the solicitation.

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

16. **SUBCONTRACTS:** No portion of the work shall be subcontracted without prior written consent of the purchasing agency. In the event that the contractor desires to subcontract some part of the work specified herein, the contractor shall furnish the purchasing agency the names, qualifications and experience of their proposed subcontractors. The contractor shall, however, remain fully liable and responsible for the work to be done by its subcontractor(s) and shall assure compliance with all requirements of the contract.

17. **WORK SITE DAMAGES:** Any damage to existing utilities, equipment or finished surfaces resulting from the performance of this contract shall be repaired to the Commonwealth’s satisfaction at the contractor’s expense.

18. **eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND ORDERS:** The solicitation/contract will result in (**_______**) purchase order(s) with the eVA transaction fee specified below assessed for each order.

   a. For orders issued prior to August 16, 2006, the Vendor Transaction Fee is 1%, capped at a maximum of $500.00 per order.

   b. For orders issued August 16, 2006 and after, the Vendor Transaction Fee is:
(i) DMBE-certified Small Businesses: 1%, Capped at $500 per order.
(ii) Businesses that are not DMBE-certified Small Businesses: 1%, Capped at $1,500 per order.

The eVA transaction fee will be assessed approximately 30 days after each purchase order is issued. Any adjustments (increases/decreases) will be handled through eVA change orders.

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Vendors desiring to provide goods and/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA Internet e-procurement solution and agree to comply with the following:

If this solicitation is for a term contract, failure to provide an electronic catalog (price list) or index page catalog for items awarded will be just cause for the Commonwealth to reject your bid/offer or terminate this contract for default. The format of this electronic catalog shall conform to the eVA Catalog Interchange Format (CIF) Specification that can be accessed and downloaded from [www.eVA.virginia.gov](http://www.eVA.virginia.gov). Contractors should email Catalog or Index Page information to eVA-catalog-manager@dgs.virginia.gov.

19. NON-PROFIT SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

A. Where it is practicable for any portion of the awarded contract to be subcontracted, the contractor is encouraged to offer such business to nonprofit sheltered workshops and nonprofit organizations serving the handicapped. A list of nonprofit sheltered workshops and nonprofit organizations of Virginia serving the handicapped can be found at [www.vadrs.org](http://www.vadrs.org).

B. Each prime contractor who is awarded a contract where using a nonprofit sheltered workshop or nonprofit organization serving the handicapped is a condition of the award, shall deliver to the agency or institution, on or before request for final payment, evidence and certification of compliance. When a portion of the contract has been subcontracted to these organizations and upon completion of the contract, the contractor agrees to furnish the purchasing office, at a minimum, the following information: name of nonprofit sheltered workshop or nonprofit organization serving the handicapped, telephone number, total dollar amount subcontracted, and type of product/service provided. Final payment under the contract may be withheld until such certification is delivered or other appropriate remedies may be assessed in lieu of withholding such payment.

20. Reporting Instructions: The contractor shall provide a monthly report on Small Business/Women Owned Business and Minority Business usage to Mr. James E. Simpson, VCO, CPPB. Forms for reporting are attached.
VENDOR DATA SHEET

1. **Qualification:** The vendor must have the capability and capacity in all respects to satisfy fully all of the contractual requirements.

2. **Vendor’s Primary Contact:**
   
   Name: _________________________________ Phone: _________________________

3. **Years in Business:** Indicate the length of time you have been in business providing this type of good or service:
   
   _________ Years _________ Months

4. **Vendor Information:**
   
   FIN or FEI Number: ________________________________ If Company, Corporation, or Partnership
   
   Social Security Number: ____________________________ If Individual

5. **Indicate below a listing of at least four (4) current or recent accounts, either commercial or governmental, that your company is servicing, has serviced, or has provided similar goods. Include the length of service and the name, address, and telephone number of the point of contact.**

   A. Company: ______________________ Contact: __________________________
      
      Phone: (_____) __________________________
      Fax: (_____) __________________________
      
      Dates of Service: ______________________ $ Value: ______________________

   B. Company: ______________________ Contact: __________________________
      
      Phone: (_____) __________________________
      Fax: (_____) __________________________
      
      Dates of Service: ______________________ $ Value: ______________________

   C. Company: ______________________ Contact: __________________________
      
      Phone: (_____) __________________________
      Fax: (_____) __________________________
      
      Dates of Service: ______________________ $ Value: ______________________

   D. Company: ______________________ Contact: __________________________
      
      Phone: (_____) __________________________
      Fax: (_____) __________________________
      
      Dates of Service: ______________________ $ Value: ______________________

   I certify the accuracy of this information.

   Signed: ________________________________
   
   Title: ________________________________ Date: ______________________