



**FULLY EXECUTED**  
**Contract Number: 4400002284**  
Contract Effective Date: 11/24/2008  
Valid From: 05/01/2008 To: 04/30/2010

All using Agencies of the Commonwealth, Participating Political Subdivision, Authorities, Private Colleges and Universities

Your SAP Vendor Number with us: **101832**

**Purchasing Agent**  
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**Supplier Name/Address:**  
**DATUM FILING SYSTEMS INC**  
P.O. Box 355  
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**Please Deliver To:**  
  
To be determined at the time of the Purchase Order unless specified below.

**Supplier Phone Number:** 8008288018  
**Supplier Fax Number:** 717-764-6656

**Contract Name:**  
**Visible Filing Equipment - Datum Filing**

**Payment Terms**  
NET 30

Solicitation No.: **6100002530** Issuance Date: 01/15/2008  
Supplier Bid or Proposal No. (if applicable): 6500003295 Solicitation Submission Date: 02/26/2008

This contract is comprised of: The above referenced Solicitation, the Supplier's Bid or Proposal, and any documents attached to this Contract or incorporated by reference.

Item	Material/Service Desc	Qty	UOM	Price	Per Unit	Total
1	<b>Visible Filing Equip - Datum</b>  <b>Item Text</b> Visible Filing Equipment  <b>Manufacturer: Datum</b> <b>Item Description: Visible Filing Equipment</b> <b>Discount: 30.00%</b> Price Sheet Name & Date: See contract overview for current price list	0.000		0.00	1	0.00
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2	Installation	0.000		0.00	1	0.00
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**General Requirements for all Items:**

**Information:**

Supplier's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_



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**Header Text**

This contract is for Visible Filing Equipment ONLY.  
All filing supplies should be order from the office supplies contract.  
No further information for this Contract

**Information:**



**DATUM FILING SYSTEMS, INC.**

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March 18, 2009

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**Pennsylvania State Authorized Dealer:**

Dear Barb,

Let it be noted that Herre Consulting is authorized to sell Datum Filing Systems, Inc. products to the State of Pennsylvania. Reference Datum's Pennsylvania State Contract # 4400002284.

Contract Number: 4400002284

Contract Name: Visible Filing Equipment

Contract Period: May 1, 2008 – April 30, 2010

The contact information for the authorized dealer is listed below:

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Harrisburg, PA 17110  
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Feel free to contact me at 1-800-828-8018 ext 3612 if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Christopher Potter  
Vice President of Sales

## SPECIFICATIONS

**CONTRACT SCOPE/OVERVIEW:** This Contract will cover the requirements of Commonwealth State Agencies for Visible Filing Equipment. For the purposes of this contract, "Visible Filing Equipment" is defined as any mechanism, cabinet, or arrangement for containing or storing records including letter, legal, special, or odd-sized cabinets, regardless of the number of drawers, shelves, or compartments; tab card, index card, and mechanized equipment.

**BIDS:** In order to be eligible for award, a bidder must be the manufacturer of offered products or an authorized dealer or supplier of the manufacturer's products.

Manufacturers bidding this contract may offer more than one dealer to insure coverage for all agencies of the Commonwealth. Dealer lists noting if the dealer is authorized to receive purchase orders and payment directly, must be scanned and electronically attached to bid.

If a bidder is not the manufacturer of offered products, bidder must scan and electronically attach with its bid a letter signed by the manufacturer stating the bidder is authorized to sell the manufacturer's products, and also provide a letter authorizing the dealer to bid the manufacturer line direct. The manufacturer will honor any responsibilities under warranty for products sold by bidder, if bidder fails to perform such service. Bidders failing to provide signed, manufacturer's letter attesting to authorization to sell/bid manufacturer's product may result in rejection of bid.

**AWARD:** Awards will be made to the responsible bidders offering the greatest discount from the most recent manufacturer's official, dated price list, one copy of which must be submitted before award. Price List name and date must be included with bid. Failure to comply may result in bid rejection. One award will be made for each particular manufacturer's complete line of available products.

**PRICE LISTS:** Price lists are to be submitted before award for the sole purpose of providing a reference to the various items on the price list and the manufacturer's price for each item. Any reference, which may appear on any price list, to any terms and conditions, such as, F.O.B. Shipping Point or prices subject to change, will not be part of any contract with the successful bidder(s) and will be disregarded by the Commonwealth. Suppliers agree to supply the Commonwealth with copies of the Catalogues and Price Lists as requested by using agencies. All price lists/catalogs must be identified in bid proposal (see attached sheet).

**SINGLE DISCOUNT:** Only one discount will be accepted. Where suppliers are offering multiple discounts, the Commonwealth will accept the greatest discount offered. Multiple discounts on a single price list must be averaged or the bid may be rejected. The percentage discount from the appropriate price list must contain a numeric figure not to exceed four (4) digits so that entry can be made on Commonwealth's computer (example 26.15%).

**NOTE TO ALL BIDDERS: ALL DISCOUNTS WILL REMAIN FIRM FOR THE LENGTH OF THE CONTRACT.**

**PRODUCT UPDATE:** The Awarded Suppliers may update the contract price lists at the end of each six (6) month period, during the contract period to reflect new products, manufacturer's price changes, and deletion of discontinued products. The first update is allowed after the contract has been in effect for 6 months.

Suppliers shall submit a letter to the appropriate Commodity Specialist requesting review and approval of the updated price list. The Supplier shall itemize all changes in a clear and concise fashion. It is the responsibility of the contractor to adequately justify changes. All requests for updates must be accompanied by the manufacturer's latest, official, published price list along with a letter of verification from the manufacturer. Suppliers will be notified in writing by the buyer indicating approval or disapproval of the requested update. If approved, a contract change notice

will be issued putting the updated price list on contract it will then be the responsibility of the contractor to distribute the price list to the users.

At no time are awarded suppliers allowed to unilaterally change products or pricing. Orders will be monitored to ensure compliance.

**MINIMUM ORDER:** The minimum order qualifying for FOB delivery prices shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per single delivery point. Orders for less than \$100.00 may be accepted by mutual agreement; however, freight charges shall be listed as a separate item on the invoice. Receipted freight bill shall accompany and be attached to the invoice. Applicable freight for any product will not exceed the rate charged by nationally recognized carriers operating in the same market for the same type of freight service.

**OPTION TO RENEW:** This contract or any part may be renewed, by mutual consent of the Commonwealth and the supplier, for an additional two (2) one year terms. If the contract is renewed, the same terms and conditions shall apply.

**CONDITION OF PRODUCT: ALL EQUIPMENT OFFERED IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID MUST BE NEW.**

**SERVICES:** Bidders may offer to provide additional related services (maintenance, training, relocation of equipment, etc.) in conjunction with the equipment items they are offering to supply the Commonwealth under this contract. Bidders should include with their bids a list of all such services with the associated prices. The prices will provide using agencies with better capability to analyze manufacturers' products based upon life cycle costs. These services and their associated prices will not be a factor in bid evaluation and award of the contract. The Commonwealth does, however, reserve the right to restrict the services which can be procured under the contract and not to include any services if either the prices are unacceptable or services are outside of the acceptable scope of additional services. Any updates for these services are subject to the "Update Option and Application" clause.

**INSTALLATION:** If the ordering agency requires installation of the equipment. The agency should negotiate an installation price with the awarded supplier and add it to the purchase order as a separate line item. If installation is required, certain statutory provisions are required based upon the total cost of the equipment and installation. The following chart indicates what clauses will be applicable based upon the total cost of the purchase order for equipment and installation. The text of the clauses follows.

Total Dollar Value of the Purchase Order for Equipment and Installation	Applicable Clauses
\$0 to \$24,999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Workforce Utilization Certification</li> <li>• Steel Products Procurement Act "A"</li> <li>• Prohibition Against the Use of Certain Steel and Aluminum Products</li> <li>• Insurance</li> </ul>
\$25,000 to \$99,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Workforce Utilization Certification</li> <li>• Steel Products Procurement Act "A"</li> <li>• Prohibition Against the Use of Certain Steel and Aluminum Products</li> <li>• Insurance</li> <li>• Prevailing Minimum Wage</li> <li>• Performance Bond (Total Purchase Order Value Not Exceeding \$100,000)</li> </ul>
\$100,000 and greater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Workforce Utilization Certification</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Steel Products Procurement Act "A"</li><li>• Prohibition Against the Use of Certain Steel and Aluminum Products</li><li>• Insurance</li><li>• Prevailing Minimum Wage</li><li>• Performance &amp; Payment Bonds (Total Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000)</li></ul>
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**DOMESTIC WORKFORCE UTILIZATION CERTIFICATION:** To the extent that any services, such as design and consulting services could be performed outside of the geographical boundaries of the United States, the Contractor will be required to certify that those services will be performed exclusively within the geographical boundaries of the United States or specify the percentage of the direct labor that will be performed outside of the United States. The certification form will be included with the written solicitation for quotes and must be completed by the Contractor. The using agency will use the certification in making a best value selection.

**STEEL PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT ACT "A":** In the performance of any contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid, the contractor, subcontractors, materialmen, or suppliers shall use only Steel Products, rolled, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated or otherwise similarly processed, or processed by a combination of two or more of such operations, from steel made in the United States by the open hearth, basic oxygen, electric furnace, Bessemer or other steel making process. Steel Products include not only Cast Iron Products but also Machinery and Equipment listed in United States Department of Commerce Standard Industrial Classification 25 (furniture and fixture), 35 (machinery, except electrical) and 37 (transportation equipment) and made of, fabricated from, or containing steel components. If a product contains both foreign and United States steel, such products shall be determined to be a United States Steel product only if at least 75% of the cost of the articles, materials and supplies have been mined, produced or manufactured, as the case may be, in the United States. Transportation equipment shall be determined to be a United States steel product only if it complies with Section 165 of Public Law 97-424 (96 Stat. 2136).

When unidentified steel products are supplied under a contract, before any payment will be made, the contractor must provide documentation including, but not limited to, invoices, bills of lading and mill certification that the steel was melted and manufactured in the United States. If a steel product is identifiable from its face, the contractor must submit certification which satisfies the using agency that the contractor has fully complied with this provision. The Department shall not provide for or make any payment to any person who has not complied with the Act. Any such payments made to any person by the Department which should not have been made as a result of the Act shall be recoverable directly from the contractor, subcontractor, manufacturer or supplier who did not comply with the Act.

In addition to the withholding of payments, any person who willfully violates any of the provisions of the Act shall be prohibited from submitting any bids to any public agency for a period of five (5) years from the date of the determination that a violation has occurred. In the event the person who violates the provisions of the Act is a subcontractor, manufacturer or supplier, such person shall be prohibited from performing any work or supplying any materials to a public agency for a period of five (5) years from the date of the determination that a violation has occurred.

The contractor shall include the provisions of the Steel Products Procurement Act in any subcontract and supply contract, so that the provisions of the Act shall be binding upon each subcontractor and supplier.

**PROHIBITION AGAINST THE USE OF CERTAIN STEEL AND ALUMINUM PRODUCTS:** In accordance with the Trade Practices Act of July 23, 1968 P.L. 686 (71 P.S. Section 773.101 et

seq.), the contractor cannot and shall not use or permit to be used in the work any aluminum or steel products made in a foreign country which is listed below as a foreign country which discriminates against aluminum or steel products manufactured in Pennsylvania. The countries of Brazil, South Korea, Spain and Argentina have been found to discriminate against certain products manufactured in Pennsylvania. Therefore, the purchase or use of those countries' products, as listed below, is not permitted.

1. BRAZIL: Welded carbon steel pipes and tubes; carbon steel wire rods; tool steel; certain steel products, including hot-rolled stainless steel bar; stainless steel wire rod and cold-formed stainless steel bar; pre-stressed concrete steel wire strand; hot-rolled carbon steel plate in coil; hot-rolled carbon steel sheet and cold-rolled carbon steel sheet.
2. SPAIN: Certain stainless steel products, including stainless steel wire rod, hot-rolled stainless steel bars and cold-formed stainless steel bars; pre-stressed concrete steel wire strands certain steel products, including hot-rolled steel plate, cold-rolled carbon steel plate, carbon steel structural shapes, galvanized carbon steel sheet, hot-rolled carbon steel bars and cold-formed carbon steel bars.
3. SOUTH KOREA: Welded carbon steel pipes and tubes; hot-rolled carbon steel plate; hot-rolled carbon steel sheet and galvanized steel sheet.
4. ARGENTINA: Carbon steel wire rod and cold-rolled carbon steel sheet.

Penalties for violations of this paragraph may be found in the Trade Practices Act, which penalties include becoming ineligible for public works contracts for a period of three years.

NOTE:

THIS PROVISION IN NO WAY RELIEVES THE CONTRACTOR OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLY WITH THOSE PROVISIONS OF THIS INVITATION TO BID WHICH PROHIBIT THE USE OF FOREIGN-MADE STEEL AND CAST IRON PRODUCTS.

**INSURANCE** - Contractor shall purchase and maintain at its expense the following types of insurance, issued by companies acceptable to the Department 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 in accordance with the Worker's Compensation Act of 1915 and any supplements or amendments thereof.
- 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 loss of use resulting from any property damage, which may arise from operations under this contract whether such operation be by the Contractor, by any subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either. The limits of such insurance shall be in an amount not less than \$500,000 each person and \$2,000,000 each occurrence, personal injury and property damage combined. Such policies shall be occurrence rather than claims-made policies and shall name the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an additional insured. The insurance shall not contain any endorsements or any other form designed to limit and restrict any action by the Commonwealth, as an additional insured, against the insurance coverage in regard to the work performed for the Commonwealth.

Prior to commencement of work under this contract, the Contractor shall provide the Department with current certificates of insurance. These certificates shall contain a provision that coverages afforded under the policies will not be cancelled or changed until at least thirty (30) days' written

notice has been given to the Department.

Paragraph c. to be added to above when the purchase requisition calls for a complete in place where the vendor is using motor vehicles on Commonwealth Highways/property to apply the product.

c. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance to protect the Commonwealth and the Contractor from claims for damages for personal injury (including bodily injury or death) and damage to property, including loss of use resulting from any property damage, which may arise from the use of Contractor owned or leased vehicles in the performance of this contract whether such operation be by the Contractor, by any subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either. The limits of such insurance shall be in an amount not less than \$500,000 each person and \$2,000,000 dollars each occurrence, personal injury and property damage combined. Such policies shall be occurrence rather than claims-made policies and shall name the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an additional insured.

**PREVAILING MINIMUM WAGE** - The contract with the awarded vendor is subject to the provisions, duties, obligations, remedies and penalties of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, 43 P.S. Section 165-1 ET SEQ., which is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein. The contractor shall pay no less than the wage rates as determined by the Secretary of Labor and Industry (hereinafter referred to in this paragraph as "Secretary") for each craft or classification of all workmen needed to perform this contract during the term hereof for the locality in which the work is to be performed. In compliance with said Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, the Prevailing Minimum Wage Predetermination, as approved by the Secretary, is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

A. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor and to all work performed on the contract by all subcontractors. The contractor shall insert in each of his subcontracts all of the stipulations contained in these required provisions and such other stipulations as may be required.

B. No workmen may be employed on the public work except in accordance with the classifications set forth in the decisions of the Secretary. In the event that additional or different classifications are necessary, the procedure set forth in section 7 of the regulations shall be followed.

C. All workmen employed or working on the public work shall be paid unconditionally, regardless of whether any contractual relationship exists or the nature of any contractor, subcontractor and workmen, not less than once a week without deduction or rebate, on any account, either directly or indirectly, except authorized deductions, the full amounts due at the time of payment, computed at the rates applicable to the time worked in the appropriate classification. Nothing in the contract, the Act or the Regulations shall prohibit the payment of more than the general prevailing minimum wage rates as determined by the Secretary to any workman or public work.

D. The contractor and each subcontractor shall post for the entire period of construction the wage determination decisions of the Secretary, including the effective date of any changes thereof, in a prominent and easily accessible place or places at the site of the work and at such place or places used by them to pay workmen their wages. The posted notice of wage rates must contain the following information:

- a. Name of project.
- b. Name of public body of which it is being constructed.
- c. The crafts and classifications of workmen listed in the Secretary's general prevailing minimum wage rate determinations for the particular project.
- d. The general prevailing minimum wage rates determined for each craft and classification and the effective date of any changes.

- e. A statement advising workmen that if they have been paid less than the general prevailing minimum wage rate for their job classification or that the contractor and/or subcontractor are not complying with the act or the regulations in any manner whatsoever, they may file a protest with the Secretary of Labor and Industry. Any workmen paid less than the rate specified in the contract shall have a civil right of action for the difference between the wage paid and the wages stipulated in the contract, which right of action must be exercised within six (6) months from the occurrence of the event creating such right.

E. The contractor and all subcontractors shall keep an accurate record showing the name, craft and/or classification, number of hours worked per day, and the actual hourly rate of wage paid (including employee benefits) to each workman employed by him in connection with the public work and such record must include any deductions from each workman. The record shall be preserved for two years from the date of payment and shall be open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of the public body awarding the contract and to the Secretary or his duly authorized representatives.

F. Apprentices shall be limited to such numbers as shall be in accordance with a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with and approved by the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship and Training Council and only apprentices whose training and employment are in full compliance with the provisions of the Apprenticeship and Training Act approved July 14, 1961 (Act No. 304) and the Rules and Regulations issued pursuant thereto shall be employed on the public work project. Any workman using the tools of a craft who does not qualify as an apprentice within the provisions of this subsection shall be paid the rate predetermined for journeymen in that particular craft and/or classification.

G. Wages shall be paid without any deductions except authorized deductions. Employers not parties to a contract requiring contributions for employee benefits which the Secretary has determined to be included in the general prevailing minimum wage rate shall pay the monetary equivalent thereof directly to the workmen.

H. Payment of compensation to workmen for work performed on public work on a lump sum basis, or a piece work system, or a price certain for the completion of a certain amount of work, or the production of a certain result shall be deemed a violation of the Act and the Regulations, regardless of the average hourly earnings resulting therefrom.

I. Each contractor and each subcontractor shall file a statement each week and a final statement at the conclusion of the work on the contract with the using agency, under oath, and in form satisfactory to the Secretary, certifying that all workmen have been paid wages in strict conformity with the provisions these requirements. If any wages remain unpaid, the amount of wages due and owing to each workman respectively shall be included in the statement. A copy of the form entitled "Contractor's or Subcontractor's Weekly Payroll Certification for Public Works Projects" is attached hereto.

J. Before final payment is made, a final wage certification must be submitted by all contractors and subcontractors.

**PERFORMANCE BOND (Total Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000):** The awarded contractor must furnish within ten (10) days after award of the purchase order a performance bond at fifty percent of the contract amount, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract in accordance with the plans, specifications and conditions of the contract. The bond shall be solely for the protection of the contracting body which awarded the contract.

Failure to furnish the required performance bond within the required ten (10) days time frame shall be considered a failure to perform a contractual obligation which may result in termination of

the purchase order and award to another bidder. In the event of termination and re-award for failure to provide payment and performance bonds, the contractor shall be responsible for any increase in cost to the Commonwealth. Where the contractor does not comply with the requirements of the purchase order, the amount of the performance bond shall be paid to the Commonwealth as liquidated damages for the contractor's failure to comply, or the Commonwealth may, at its sole option, sue the contractor or its surety for the damages it has suffered for any breach of contract.

**PERFORMANCE & PAYMENT BONDS (Total Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000):** The awarded contractor must furnish within ten (10) days after award of the purchase order the following bonds:

(1) A performance bond at one hundred percent of the contract amount, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract in accordance with the plans, specifications and conditions of the contract. The bond shall be solely for the protection of the contracting body which awarded the contract.

(2) A payment bond at one hundred percent of the contract amount. The bond shall be solely for the protection of claimants supplying labor and materials to the awarded contractor, or to any of its subcontractors, in the performance of the work provided for in the contract, and shall be conditioned on the prompt payment for material furnished or labor supplied or performed in the performance of the work. "Labor or materials" shall include public utility services and reasonable rentals of equipment, but only for period when the equipment rented is actually used at the site.

Failure to furnish the required performance and payment bonds within the required ten (10) days time frame shall be considered a failure to perform a contractual obligation which may result in termination of the purchase order and award to another bidder. In the event of termination and re-award for failure to provide payment and performance bonds, the contractor shall be responsible for any increase in cost to the Commonwealth. Where the contractor does not comply with the requirements of the purchase order, the amount of the performance bond shall be paid to the Commonwealth as liquidated damages for the contractor's failure to comply, or the Commonwealth may, at its sole option, sue the contractor or its surety for the damages it has suffered for any breach of contract.

**INQUIRIES:** Direct all questions concerning this contract to the Contract Specialist named below:

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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 to satisfy a need for .

### **I.2 IFB-008.1C No Pre-bid Conference (Oct. 2006)**

There will be no pre-bid conference for this IFB. If there are any questions, please forward them to the Issuing Office prior to the bid opening date and time.

### **I.3 IFB-009.1 Questions (Nov. 2006)**

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

### **I.4 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](http://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.5 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.6 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 not 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.7 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.8 IFB-027.1 COSTARS Program (Dec 12 2006)**

Section 1902 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, 62 Pa.C.S. Section 1902, authorizes local public procurement units and state-affiliated entities (together, "COSTARS Purchasers") to participate in Commonwealth procurement contracts that the Department of General Services ("DGS") may choose to make available to COSTARS Purchasers DGS has identified this Contract as one suitable for COSTARS Purchaser participation.

- A. Only those COSTARS Purchasers registered with DGS may participate as COSTARS Purchasers in a Commonwealth contract. Several thousand COSTARS Purchasers are currently registered with DGS; therefore, the Contractor agrees to permit only to DGS-registered COSTARS members to make COSTARS purchases from this Contract.
1. A "local public procurement unit" is:
    - Any political subdivision;
    - Any public authority;
    - Any tax exempt, nonprofit educational or public health institution or organization;
    - Any nonprofit fire, rescue, or ambulance company; and
    - To the extent provided by law, any other entity, including a council of governments or an area government that expends public funds for the procurement of supplies, services, and construction.
  2. A state-affiliated entity is a Commonwealth authority or other Commonwealth entity that is not a Commonwealth agency. The term includes the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority, the State Public School Building Authority, the Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority and the State System of Higher Education.
- B. COSTARS Purchasers have the option to purchase from a Contract awarded under this procurement, from any DGS contract established exclusively for COSTARS Purchasers in accordance with the requirements of Section 1902, from any other cooperative procurement contracts, or from their own procurement contracts established in accordance with the applicable laws governing such procurements. The Contractor understands and acknowledges that there is no guarantee that any prospect COSTARS Purchaser will place an order under this Contract, and that it is within the sole discretion of the registered COSTARS Purchaser whether to procure from this Contract or to use another procurement vehicle.
- C. DGS is acting as a facilitator for COSTARS Purchasers who may wish to purchase under this Contract. Registered COSTARS Purchasers who participate in this Contract and issue purchase orders ("POs") to Contractors are third party beneficiaries who have the right to sue and be sued for breach of this contract without joining the Commonwealth or DGS as a party. The Commonwealth will not intervene in any action between a Contractor and a Purchaser unless substantial interests of the Commonwealth are involved.
- D. Registered COSTARS Purchasers electing to participate in this Contract will order items directly from the Contractor and be responsible for payment directly to the Contractor.
- E. The Contractor shall furnish to the DGS COSTARS Program Office a quarterly electronic Contract sales report detailing the previous quarter's Contract purchasing activity, using the form and in the format prescribed by DGS. The Contractor shall submit its completed quarterly report no later than the fifteenth day of the succeeding Contract quarter.

1. Until such time as DGS may provide the Contractor written notice of automated report filing, the Contractor shall either e-mail the reports to [GS-PACostars@state.pa.us](mailto:GS-PACostars@state.pa.us) or send the reports on compact disc via US Postal Service to the DGS COSTARS Program Office, Bureau of Procurement, 6th Floor Forum Place, 555 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101. When DGS has instituted automated reporting, the Contractor shall comply with DGS's written notice and instructions on automated Contract reports. DGS will provide these instructions with sufficient advance time to permit the Contractor to undertake automated reporting.
2. The Contractor shall include on each report the Contractor's name and address, the Contract number, and the period covered by the report. For each PO received, the Contractor shall include on the report the name of each COSTARS-Registered Purchaser that has used the Contract along with the total dollar volume of sales to the specific Purchaser for the reporting period.
3. DGS may suspend the Contractor's participation in the COSTARS Program for failure to provide the Quarterly Sales Report within the specified time.

F. Additional information regarding the COSTARS Program is available on the DGS COSTARS Website at [www.dgs.state.pa.us/costars](http://www.dgs.state.pa.us/costars)

1. If the Contractor is aware of any qualified entity not currently registered and wishing to participate in the COSTARS Program, please refer the potential purchaser to the DGS COSTARS Website at [www.dgs.state.pa.us/costars](http://www.dgs.state.pa.us/costars), where it may register by completing the online registration form and receiving DGS confirmation of its registration. To view a list of currently-registered COSTARS member entities, please visit the COSTARS website.
2. Direct all questions concerning the COSTARS Program to:

Department of General Services  
COSTARS Program  
555 Walnut Street, 6th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101  
Telephone: 1-866-768-7827  
E-mail [GS-PACostars@state.pa.us](mailto:GS-PACostars@state.pa.us)

#### **I.9 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.10 IFB-030.1 Approved Equal (Nov 2006)**

Whenever an item is defined in this IFB by trade name and catalogue number of a manufacturer or vendor, the term 'or approved equal,' if not inserted therewith shall be implied. Any reference to a particular manufacturer's product either by trade name or by limited description is solely for the purpose of more clearly indicating the minimum standard of quality desired, except where a 'no substitute' is requested. When a 'no substitute' is requested, the

Issuing Office will consider Bids for the referenced product only. The term 'or approved equal' is defined as meaning any other make which, in the sole opinion of the Issuing Office, is of such character, quality, and performance equivalence as to meet the standard of quality of products specified for which it is to be used equally as well as that specified. A Bidder quoting on a product other than the referenced product shall: a) furnish complete identification in its Bid of the product it is offering by trade name, brand and/or model number; b) furnish descriptive literature and data with respect to the substitute product it proposes to furnish; and c) indicate any known specification deviations from the referenced product.

#### **I.11 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.12 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.13 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.14 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.

#### **II.1 IFB-006.1b COSTARS Program Questionnaire - Electronic Submission (Oct 2006)**

Offerors should complete and submit the COSTARS Program Questionnaire Form, which is attached to and made a part of this IFB, and submit it with its proposal. The completed COSTARS Program Questionnaire Form should be submitted as part of the Bid Response.

#### **II.2 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.3 II-IFB-012.1 RETURN GOODS POLICY (NOV 2006)**

Each bidder must submit a copy of their return goods policy with their bid.

#### **II.4 II-IFB-016.1 POST-SUBMISSION DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE (Dec 2006)**

The 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.

#### **II.5 II-IFB-017.1b Reciprocal Limitations Act – Electronic Submittal (February 2007)**

This procurement is subject to the Reciprocal Limitations Act. Bidders must complete and submit with the Bid Response the State of Manufacture Chart, which is contained in GSPUR-89 ("Reciprocal Limitations Act Requirements") which is attached to and made part of this IFB. The completed State of Manufacture Chart should be submitted as part of the Bid Response.

### **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-006.1c Notification of Selection - By Manufacturer (Oct 2006)**

Award will be made to the qualified bidders offering the greatest discount from the referenced price list. Discount(s) will be taken from the best price column. Only one award will be made for each particular manufacturer's list of items. Bidders who are not manufacturers must submit a letter from the manufacturer stating that the bidder is an authorized dealer in Pennsylvania for the manufacturer.

### **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.

### **III.7 III-IFB-014.1 REBATES (Nov 2006)**

Any rebate applicable at the time of bid should be taken into consideration by the bidder in calculating its bid price. Bidders must specifically state in their bid proposal, when applicable, that rebates have been considered in arriving at the bid price. Following award, the Commonwealth will assign to the awarded bidder, any rebates which the bidder stated that he took into consideration. If the bidder fails to include such a statement, the Commonwealth will receive the full benefit of the manufacturer's rebate.

### **IV.1 IFB-001.1a SPECIFICATIONS (Nov 2006)**

The Commonwealth is seeking bids to procure the item(s) set forth in the attached document entitled "Specifications."

### **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-002.1a Term of Contract – Contract (March 2007)**

- a. The term of the Contract shall begin on the Commencement Date (as defined below) and shall end on the Expiration Date identified in the Contract, subject to the other provisions of the Contract.
- b. The Commencement Date shall be the later of the "Valid from" date shown on the Contract output form or the Effective Date (as defined below).
- c. The Effective Date shall be the Effective Date printed on the Contract output form after the Contract 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).

### **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 1 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 000 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 000 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-002.2e Renewal of Contract Term; Adjusted Prices in Accordance with Manufacturer Price Increases (Nov 30 2006)**

The Contract may be mutually renewed for a maximum of 2 additional 1 year term(s), so long as Commonwealth provides a written notice to Contractor of its interest in extending the Contract by letter dated not less than 000 days prior to the expiration of the term of the agreement, or any extension thereof. The Contractor shall provide to the Commonwealth any manufacturer's price changes that would be applicable under the renewal period not less than 000 days prior to the expiration of the term of the agreement or any extension thereof. If the Contractor does not provide the manufacturer's price changes within the time frame above, the Contract will not be renewed. If the Commonwealth determines, after receiving the manufacturer's price changes that it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth to renew the contract; the Commonwealth shall provide written notice of the renewal to the Contractor. If the Commonwealth determines that it is not in its best interest to renew it shall provide written notice stating this to the Contractor not less than 000 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, provided, however, that the rates under the contract may be adjusted to reflect manufacturer price changes. No further document is required to be executed to renew the term of the contract.

#### **V.5 CONTRACT-002.3 Extension of Contract Term (Nov 30 2006)**

The Commonwealth reserves the right, upon notice to the Contractor, to extend any single term of the Contract for up to three (3) months upon the same terms and conditions.

#### **V.6 CONTRACT-003.1a Signatures – Contract (March 2007)**

The Contract shall not be a legally binding contract until the fully-executed Contract 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 Effective Date.

The Contract 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 Contract 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 Contract 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 Contract shall constitute receipt of the fully-executed Contract.

The Commonwealth and the Contractor specifically agree as follows:

- a. No handwritten signature shall be required in order for the Contract to be legally enforceable.
- b. The parties agree that no writing shall be required in order to make the Contract legally binding, notwithstanding contrary requirements in any law. The parties hereby agree not to contest the validity or enforceability of a genuine Contract or 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 Contract or 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 Contract or acknowledgements under either the business records exception to the hearsay rule or the best evidence rule on the basis that the Contract or acknowledgement were not in writing or signed by the parties. A Contract or 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.7 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.8 CONTRACT-005.1a Purchase Orders (Feb 2007)**

Commonwealth agencies may issue Purchase Orders against the Contract. These orders constitute the Contractor's authority to make delivery. All Purchase Orders received by the Contractor up to and including the expiration date of the Contract are acceptable and must be performed in accordance with the Contract. Each Purchase Order will be deemed to incorporate the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract.

Purchase Orders will not include an "ink" signature by the Agency. The electronically-printed name of the purchaser represents the signature of that individual who has the authority, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to authorize the Contractor to proceed.

Purchase Orders may be issued 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 an order. Orders received by the Contractor after 4:00 p.m. will be considered received the following business day.

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

b. The parties agree that no writing shall be required in order to make the order legally binding. The parties hereby agree not to contest the validity or enforceability of a Purchase Order or 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 Purchase Order or 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 Purchase Orders or acknowledgements under either the business records exception to the hearsay rule or the best evidence rule on the basis that the order or acknowledgement were not in writing or signed by the parties. A purchase order or 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.

Purchase Orders under five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in total amount may also be made in person or by telephone using a Commonwealth Purchasing Card. When an order is placed by telephone, the Commonwealth agency shall provide the agency name, employee name, credit card number, and expiration date of the card. Contractors agree to accept payment through the use of the Commonwealth Purchasing Card.

**V.9 CONTRACT-007.01a Supplies Delivery (Nov 30 2006)**

All item(s) shall be delivered F.O.B. Destination. The Contractor agrees to bear the risk of loss, injury, or destruction of the item(s) ordered prior to receipt of the items by the Commonwealth. Such loss, injury, or destruction shall not release the Contractor from any contractual obligations. Except as otherwise provided in this contract, all item(s) must be delivered within the time period specified. Time is of the essence and, in addition to any other remedies, the Contract is subject to termination for failure to deliver as specified. Unless otherwise stated in this Contract, delivery must be made within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date.

**V.10 CONTRACT-007.02 Estimated Quantities (Nov 30 2006)**

It shall be understood and agreed that any quantities listed in the Contract are estimated only and may be increased

or decreased in accordance with the actual requirements of the Commonwealth and that the Commonwealth in accepting any bid or portion thereof, contracts only and agrees to purchase only the materials and services in such quantities as represent the actual requirements of the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth reserves the right to purchase materials and services covered under the Contract through a separate competitive procurement procedure, whenever Commonwealth deems it to be in its best interest.

#### **V.11 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.12 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.13 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.14 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.15 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.16 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.17 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.18 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.19 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.20 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.21 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.22 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.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-031.1 Hazardous Substances (Oct 2006)**

The Contractor shall provide information to the Commonwealth about the identity and hazards of hazardous substances supplied or used by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract. The Contractor must comply with Act 159 of October 5, 1984, known as the "Worker and Community Right to Know Act" (the "Act") and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto at 4 Pa. Code Section 301.1 et seq.

a. Labeling. The Contractor shall insure that each individual product (as well as the carton, container or package in which the product is shipped) of any of the following substances (as defined by the Act and the regulations) supplied by the Contractor is clearly labeled, tagged or marked with the information listed in Subparagraphs (1) through (4):

1) Hazardous substances:

- a) The chemical name or common name,
- b) A hazard warning, and
- c) The name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer.

2) Hazardous mixtures:

- a) The common name, but if none exists, then the trade name,
- b) The chemical or common name of special hazardous substances comprising .01% or more of the mixture,
- c) The chemical or common name of hazardous substances consisting 1.0% or more of the mixture,
- d) A hazard warning, and
- e) The name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer.

3) Single chemicals:

- a) The chemical name or the common name,
- b) A hazard warning, if appropriate, and
- c) The name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer.

4) Chemical Mixtures:

- a) The common name, but if none exists, then the trade name,

- b) A hazard warning, if appropriate,
- c) The name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer, and
- d) The chemical name or common name of either the top five substances by volume or those substances consisting of 5.0% or more of the mixture.

A common name or trade name may be used only if the use of the name more easily or readily identifies the true nature of the hazardous substance, hazardous mixture, single chemical, or mixture involved.

Container labels shall provide a warning as to the specific nature of the hazard arising from the substance in the container.

The hazard warning shall be given in conformity with one of the nationally recognized and accepted systems of providing warnings, and hazard warnings shall be consistent with one or more of the recognized systems throughout the workplace. Examples are:

NFPA 704, Identification of the Fire Hazards of Materials.

National Paint and Coatings Association: Hazardous Materials Identification System.

American Society for Testing and Materials, Safety Alert Pictorial Chart.

American National Standard Institute, Inc., for the Precautionary Labeling of Hazardous Industrial Chemicals.

Labels must be legible and prominently affixed to and displayed on the product and the carton, container, or package so that employees can easily identify the substance or mixture present therein.

- b. Material Safety Data Sheet. The contractor shall provide Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) with the information required by the Act and the regulations for each hazardous substance or hazardous mixture. The Commonwealth must be provided an appropriate MSDS with the initial shipment and with the first shipment after an MSDS is updated or product changed. For any other chemical, the contractor shall provide an appropriate MSDS, if the manufacturer, importer, or supplier produces or possesses the MSDS. The contractor shall also notify the Commonwealth when a substance or mixture is subject to the provisions of the Act. Material Safety Data Sheets may be attached to the carton, container, or package mailed to the Commonwealth at the time of shipment.

#### **V.38 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.39 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.40 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.41 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.42 CONTRACT-035.1a Changes (Oct 2006)**

The Commonwealth reserves the right to make changes at any time during the term of the Contract or any renewals or extensions thereof: 1) to increase or decrease the quantities resulting from variations between any estimated quantities in the Contract and actual quantities; 2) to make changes to the services within the scope of the Contract; 3) to notify the Contractor that the Commonwealth is exercising any Contract renewal or extension option; or 4) to modify the time of performance that does not alter the scope of the Contract to extend the completion date beyond the Expiration Date of the Contract or any renewals or extensions thereof. Any such change shall be made by the Contracting Officer by notifying the Contractor in writing. The change shall be effective as of the date of the change, unless the notification of change specifies a later effective date. Such increases, decreases, changes, or modifications will not invalidate the Contract, nor, if performance security is being furnished in conjunction with the Contract, release the security obligation. The Contractor agrees to provide the service in accordance with the change order. Any dispute by the Contractor in regard to the performance required by any notification of change shall be handled through Contract Controversies Provision.

#### **V.43 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 disclosing 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.44 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.45 CONTRACT-046.1 Manufacturer's Price Reduction (Oct 2006)**

If, prior to the delivery of the awarded item(s) by the Contractor, a price reduction is announced by the original equipment manufacturer, a comparative price reduction will be given to the Commonwealth by the Contractor.

#### **V.46 CONTRACT-050.01b Steel Products Procurement Act "B"**

Any items defined as "steel products" in the Steel Products Procurement Act, Act of March 3, 1978, P.L. 6, No. 3, 73 P.S. Section 1881-1887 ("SPPA"), that the Contractor may provide under this Contract for use in the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, or maintenance of public works ("Public Works Project") shall be made from steel made in the United States by the open hearth, basic oxygen, electric furnace, Bessemer or other steel making process. If a steel product contains both foreign and United States steel, such product shall be determined to be a United States steel product, only if at least 75% of the cost of the articles, materials and supplies have been mined, produced or manufactured, as the case may be, in the United States.

The SPPA provides that, when a Contractor supplies unidentified steel products for a public agency's use as part of any Public Works Project, before a public agency may authorize, provide for, or make payment, the Contractor must provide documentation including, but not limited to, invoices, bills of lading, and mill certification that the steel was melted and manufactured in the United States. If a steel product is identifiable on its face, the contractor must submit certification which satisfies the purchasing agency that the contractor has fully complied with this provision.

If a purchasing agency has made any payment to the Contractor and later finds that the Contractor did not comply with the SPPA's requirements, the purchasing agency may recover such payment directly from the Contractor. The Contractor shall not deny repayment unless it can demonstrate that it has complied with the SPPA's requirements.

The SPPA also provides that any person who willfully violates any of its provisions shall be prohibited from submitting any bids to any public agency for five years after the date of the determination that a violation has occurred. If the Contractor violates the SPPA, the violator, the public agency may debar the Contractor from performing any work or supplying any materials to a public agency for five years after the date of the determination that a violation has occurred.

The Contractor shall include these provisions regarding the SPPA's requirements in its subcontracts and supply contracts, so that the SPPA's provisions shall be binding upon each subcontractor and supplier.

#### **V.47 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, teletype, 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.



**ADDRESS OF PURCHASE ORDER:** Commonwealth agencies may issue purchase orders against this Contract for supplies required by the agencies (using agencies). Please state below where the Purchase Orders should be sent (name, address, city, state, zip code).

Datum Filing Systems\_\_\_\_\_

89 Church Road \_\_\_\_\_

PO Box 355 \_\_\_\_\_

Emigsville, PA 17318\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person:** Christopher Potter \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** (717) 764-6350 ext 3612 \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** (717) 764-6656 \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** chris.potter@datumfiling.com\_\_\_\_\_