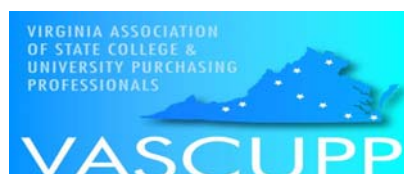




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This Request for Proposal (RFP) has been posted on Procurement Services web site for your convenience. Addenda and attachments are posted if issued. The RFP can be downloaded at this web site: <http://www.procurement.virginia.edu/pagerfp>. It is the firm's responsibility to ensure that the latest version of the entire RFP and related links are reviewed prior to submission of a proposal. We encourage you to check the web site frequently for any changes prior to the due date. Call (434) 924-1346 if you have trouble accessing the RFP from the web. For questions about the content of the RFP, contact the buyer listed in Section VI, Information about this RFP. Additional information can be found on Procurement Services web site: <http://www.procurement.virginia.edu/pagehome>

I. Overview of the RFP Process

The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia (the "University"), a Virginia public corporation, seeks an experienced firm to provide Chemical Cleaning of the University's Heat Plant's Five Boilers. This RFP is part of a competitive procurement process which helps to serve the University's best interests. It also provides firms with a fair opportunity for their services to be considered. The process of competitive negotiation being used in this case should not be confused with the different process of competitive sealed bidding. The latter process is usually used where the goods or services being procured can be described precisely and price is generally the determinative factor. With competitive negotiation, however, price is not required to be the determinative factor, although it may be, and the University has the flexibility it needs to negotiate with firms to arrive at a mutually agreeable relationship.

For ease of reference, each firm receiving this RFP is referred to as a "firm" and the firm selected to provide services for the University is referred to as the "Selected Firm." This RFP states the instructions for submitting proposals, the procedure and criteria by which a firm may be selected, and the contractual terms by which the University proposes to govern the relationship between it and the Selected Firm.

It is the policy of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the University to contribute to the establishment, preservation, and strengthening of small businesses and businesses owned by women and minorities, and to encourage their participation in State procurement

activities. The Commonwealth and the University encourage firms to provide for the participation of small businesses and businesses owned by women and minorities through partnerships, joint ventures, subcontracts, or other contractual opportunities.

II. Background Discussion and Goals of the University

When Thomas Jefferson founded the University in 1819, he intended it to be nothing less than a world-class institution of higher learning. Jefferson's spirit lives on – not only in the Rotunda and Academical Village he designed, and which remain treasures of American architecture, but in the University's standing as a leader in education, research, and community service.

The over 20,300 students attending the University work within a true meritocracy and live by an Honor Code unique among American universities. Each student is exposed to the widest spectrum of disciplines – from arts and athletics to humanities and technology. Our students also enjoy a unique connection to the world beyond college through the University's outstanding professional training, exemplified by its nationally ranked schools of Law, Business, and Medicine. The University as a whole has had a consistently high ranking not only among public schools, where it often heads the list, but among all American universities, public and private.

Over 12,400 permanent University faculty and staff are committed to serving both the local and national community. The University makes a real difference in the world, through its invaluable research, a hospital ranked among the nation's finest, and graduates who have consistently been among the forefront of our nation's shapers. At the University, our bright future is the direct result of our great history.

In support of its mission and in an effort to maintain the highest quality services for its customers, the University seeks an experienced firm to remove the internal disposition on three coal fired and two package boilers using hydro-blast cleaning and chemical cleaning in late summer and early fall of 2010. The Selected Firm will be responsible

for the complete project from supplying the equipment, labor, and chemicals to removing the waste products.

As part of this project, the University commissioned Babcock and Wilcox to draft chemical cleaning specification for each boiler. Documents specific for each boiler are found as link in Section III, Scope of Goods and Services.

The University invites firms responding to this RFP to submit proposals that present different options for provision of the Goods and Services, and/or alternate creative proposals. The University will, in its sole judgment, consider such options and/or alternatives as long as the functionality and minimum requirements of the University are met.

The University reserves the right to award to different Selected Firms to respectively provide any part of the goods and services discussed in this RFP.

III. Scope of Goods and Services

It is the University's intent to enter into an Agreement with the Selected Firm for a Chemical Cleaning of the Heat Plant's Five Boilers to include those goods and services necessary to help the University achieve its goals as outlined in this RFP. In order to achieve this goal the Selected Firm may be requested to provide those goods and services outlined in this section.

- A. The University requests proposals for the hydro-blast cleaning be developed based upon the following system specifications and requirements:
 - 1. Two boilers will be available to the Selected Firm for cleaning at the start of this cleaning process.
 - 2. Access to city water via fire hydrants located at the northwest and southwest sides of the University's Main Heat Plant will be available for use in this operation. A backflow preventer, provided by the University, is to be used at all times when using this source of water. All water

introduced into the boilers during this operation will be collected, filtered, tested for correct pH by the Selected Firm. The Selected Firm will then request permission from the University's Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) before discharging to the on-site sanitary sewer system.

3. Before discharging into the sanitary sewer, the Selected Firm will notify the University's OEHS. The discharge must adhere to the following conditions:
 - a. Limit the discharge to the sanitary sewer to 100 gallons per minute.
 - b. If excessive rain (greater than 0.75 inches in a 24-hour period) is expected, the discharge will have to be delayed until the threat of this occurrence is past.
 - c. Temperature of discharge cannot exceed 160 degrees F.
 - d. pH of discharge must be in the range of 6.0 to 9.0, preferably as close to 7.0 as possible.
4. All boiler tubes, headers and drums are to be hydro-blast cleaned prior to the chemical cleaning process to remove all loose deposits.
5. After the hydro-blasting operation is complete, verifying that all of these components are free of loose debris. If any debris discovered, it must be removed.
6. Flush and inspect all of the lower water wall headers and drains to insure that no loose debris remains in these boiler components, after the hydro-blasting of the boiler internals.
7. The University will provide the labor and materials for the removal and re-installation of the header hand holes and drum covers associated with this operation.
8. All loose debris that accumulates in the drums and headers resulting from the hydro-blasting will be required to be removed by vacuuming with disposition off-site by the Selected Firm.

9. With the close proximity of this work to public areas, the Selected Firm will need to implement appropriate steps to minimize any offsite noise from the process.

B. The University requests that proposals for the Chemical Cleaning be developed based upon the following system specifications and requirements. The chemical cleaning will consist of the boilers and the furnace water wall circuits, the economizer will not be included in the cleaning.

1. Two boilers will be available to the Selected Firm for cleaning at the start of this chemical cleaning process.
2. The University requires that with completion of the chemical cleaning of the first boiler, the cleaning of the second boiler immediately follow. The boilers will be chemically cleaned in this order:
 - a. Boilers 5, natural gas/coal, and Boiler 4R, natural gas/oil;
 - b. Boiler 2R, natural gas/coal, and Boiler 3R natural gas/oil; and
 - c. Boiler 1R, natural gas/coal.

It is imperative that steam supply produced by the Heat Plant not be interrupted during this boiler cleaning process and that two coal burning boilers are available for firing at all times.

3. Chemical solutions used for the Acid Fill and Soak cleaning phase will be retained, tested, proper paperwork submitted to, and permission received from, the University's OEHS before being disposed of off-site by the boiler cleaning contractor as hazardous material. Procedures must be employed to prevent the release of any hazardous vapors or liquids from this process. With the close proximity of this work to public areas, appropriate methods will be employed to minimize any objectionable, but non-hazardous, odors from this process.
4. The resulting rinse and neutralization/passivation solutions will be retained on site, neutralized, tested by the Selected Firm and permission received from the University's OEHS to dispose of, and finally released into the existing on-site sanitary sewer.

5. Before discharging into the sanitary sewer, the Selected Firm will notify the University's OEHS. The discharge must adhere to the following conditions:
 - a. Limit the discharge to the sanitary sewer to 100 gallons per minute.
 - b. If excessive rain (greater than 0.75 inches in a 24-hour period) is expected, the discharge will have to be delayed until the threat of this occurrence is past.
 - c. Temperature of discharge cannot exceed 160 degrees F.
 - d. pH of discharge must be in the range of 6.0 to 9.0, preferably as close to 7.0 as possible.

C. Boiler Volumes and Babcock and Wilcox Cleaning Process.

1. Boiler volumes

The system volume including the boiler, furnace circuits, and the temporary chemical cleaning piping for Boiler 5 should be based on 8,500 gallons (71,000 pounds).

- a. The system volume for the Unit 4R should be based on 5,400 gallons (45,000 pounds).
- b. The system volume including the boiler and furnace circuits, and the temporary chemical cleaning piping for Boiler 2R should be based on 9,500 gallons (79,250 pounds).
- c. The system volume for the Unit 3R should be based on 5,400 gallons (45,000 pounds).
- d. The system volume including the boiler and furnace circuits, and the temporary chemical cleaning piping for Boiler 1R should be based on 10,500 gallons (87,500 pounds).

2. Babcock and Wilcox Chemical Cleaning process. To view, click on links below.

- a. Unit 1R - Indeck Boiler
- b. Unit 2R - IBW Boiler

- c. Unit 3R - Nebraska Boiler
- d. Unit 4R - Nebraska Boiler
- e. Unit 5 - Keeler Boiler

IV. Basis of Selection

The University will evaluate proposals and, if a firm is to be selected, select the firm on the basis of:

- A. The firm's plan to assist the University to meet its goals for a Chemical Cleaning of the Heat Plant's Five Boilers as discussed in Section II, Background Discussion and Goals of the University, and Section III, Scope of Goods and Services;
- B. The firm's relevant experience, qualifications and success in providing the goods and services outlined in this RFP;
- C. The firm's references from clients that operate boilers and heat systems that are comparable to the University;
- D. The firm's financial proposal including but not limited to discounts, service charges and other charges;
- E. The quality of the proposal, specifically, responsiveness to requirements and adequacy of information provided;
- F. The contractual terms which would govern the relationship between the University and the Selected Firm;
- G. The firm's plan for the utilization of Small, Women-owned and Minority-owned (SWAM) businesses. (In evaluating the firm's proposal, the University will assign a minimum of 10 percent of the total selection weight to this individual selection criterion.)

Note: (Optional) The University reserves the right to award to different Selected Firms to respectively provide any part of the goods and services discussed in this RFP.

V. Contents of the Proposal

Proposals should include information outlined in this section. Copies of proposals must be sent to the Issuing Office, Procurement Services, Carruthers Hall, and not to any other office or department whatsoever at the University.

Unnecessarily elaborate brochures and other presentations beyond that sufficient to present a complete and effective proposal are not desired and may be construed as an indication of a firm's lack of cost consciousness. Elaborate artwork, expensive paper and bindings, and expensive visual and other presentation aids are neither necessary nor desired.

A. Goods and Services

1. Describe how the firm plans to provide the Chemical Cleaning of the Heat Plant's Five Boilers which is the primary goal of this RFP. Either by acknowledging process described in Section III or by providing an alternate plan. List the chemicals and their strengths to be used in the Chemical Cleaning process.
2. Provide a plan of operation to achieve the objectives set forth in Section II Background Discussion and Goals of the University and Section III, Scope of Goods and Services, specifically responding to each paragraph and subparagraph in the order addressed.
3. Describe how the firm plans to provide disposal of the waste products generated through the cleaning process. Include a description on how the firm will work with the University, OEHS, and the University's Heat Plant personnel to provide the Goods and Services. Provide the names of firm(s) that will handle the waste stream for the project and the final destination of the by products.
4. Explain the firm's noise and odor abatement plan.
5. The University invites proposals that present different options for provision of the Goods and Services, and/or alternate creative proposals from firms. The University will, in its sole judgment, consider such

options and/or alternatives as long as the functionality and minimum requirements of the University are met.

B. Firm Information, Personnel, References

1. Provide a brief history of the firm and its experience in providing Chemical Cleaning of Boilers similar to those described in this RFP.
2. Provide information on those individuals assigned to work with the University including a description of their experience in providing similar Chemical Cleaning of Boilers. Include any certification or licensing imposed in a specific trade. Specifically identify the name and contact information for the individual assigned to act as the coordinator for both the firm's proposal and any subsequent responses required of the firm as a part of the RFP process.
3. Provide a list of all of the firm's clients comparable to the University indicating the length of service of each account. The University may contact and/or visit any of these accounts.
4. Provide a list of subcontractors that the firm will utilize in this project, specifically, the chemical supplier and the waste removal firm.
5. Provide the name of the individual responsible for the firm's supplier diversity program. This individual is responsible for implementing and reporting on the firm's Small, Women-owned and Minority-owned (SWAM) program as it will relate to this procurement should the firm be selected.
6. State law requires that certain projects within the scope of this RFP be performed by a contractor licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Other projects within the scope of this RFP need not be performed by a licensed contractor. If a firm desires to be considered for all projects within the scope of this RFP, the firm will provide with its proposal a copy of the firm's Commonwealth of Virginia Contractor's License. If a firm does not provide with its proposal a copy of the firm's Commonwealth of Virginia Contractor's License, the firm will be considered by the

University, if at all, only in connection with the award of a contract or contracts for projects which, in the sole and absolute discretion of the University, need not be performed by a licensed contractor.

C. Financial Proposal

1. Describe the fees that will be charged for the goods and services. Ensure that fees are provided for all Goods and Services' categories proposed by the firm.
2. Describe how the University will be charged for the Goods and Services. Include your firm's process for arriving at changes to the fees for additions to or deductions to the scope of work and modification to the schedule of work.
3. Describe how the University will benefit from cost savings by accepting the firm's proposal.
4. State the firm's agreement to receive payments electronically via Bank of America's ("BoA") ePayables® method of electronic payment or BoA's PayMode® method of electronic payment. Prior to contract award, the Selected Firm will be required to contact University Procurement Services' Payment Processor Specialist group to set up its preferred method of receiving electronic payments [Phone: (434) 924-4212 and E-mail: uva-prs-boa@virginia.edu].

D. Contractual Arrangements

1. Provide the University with any form or contract the University may be requested to sign.
2. State the firm's acceptance of Attachment 1, Mandatory Contractual Provisions.
3. State the firm's acceptance, with any proposed modifications, of Attachment 2, Preferred Contractual Provisions.
4. Provide a written statement with the firm's proposal that its principals or legal counsel has reviewed Attachment 1, Mandatory Contractual

Provisions, and Attachment 2, Preferred Contractual Provisions, and agrees that these provisions will become a part of any final agreement.

E. Small, Women-owned and Minority-owned (SWAM) Business

The University is committed to the goal of non-discrimination and to giving fair consideration for all vendors in its procurement programs. The University has set a voluntary goal of doing 5% more business with SWAM firms each year. The University's 2008 SWAM plan spend goal for firms certified by the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Minority Business Enterprise (DMBE) is 40%. Targets for each business segment are as follows:

Minority Business Enterprises	4.0 %
Women Business Enterprises	5.0 %
Small Business Enterprises	31.0 %

This goal does not allow for "set aside" purchases. SWAM firms must compete equally with majority firms and be able to provide the University with quality goods and services at competitive prices. To view the University's current quarterly achievements, click here ([Current SWAM Report](#)). As this report shows, the University is in need of assistance in the Minority-owned and Women-owned categories. Please tailor your firm's SWAM plan to assist the University in meeting its goal and targets.

Specify whether the firm is a SWAM. Firms can only be considered a Small, Women-owned or a Minority-owned Business Enterprise if certified by DMBE. All certified SWAM firms will be assigned a specific identification number. No SWAM firm is required to certify under this program and no SWAM firm will be excluded from doing business with the Commonwealth because of their failure to certify as a SWAM firm.

If the firm is not a SWAM firm, describe the firm's partnering relationships with SWAM firms and how it plans to support the University's goal to increase

business annually by 5% with these firms in accordance with Attachment 4, Executive VP and COO's Request for Commitment letter.

G. Other Information

Provide any other information which the University should consider in evaluating the firm's proposal.

VI. Information about this RFP

A. Procurement Schedule

Here is a brief schedule for this procurement, specifying the important dates and milestones:

Issue Date of RFP:	07/21/10
Preproposal Conference:	07/29/10
Deadline for Receipt of Proposals:	08/05/10
Oral Presentations/Negotiations:	08/18/10
Contract Award:	08/26/10

B. Issuance of RFP and Questions

The Issuing Office for this RFP is:

Procurement Services

University of Virginia

1001 North Emmet Street

P.O. Box 400202*

Charlottesville, Virginia 22904-4202

****NOTE:** If RFP proposal is sent U. S. Postal Service use the P. O. Box. The University does not take responsibility for lost or misdirected mail.

Attention: John Gerding
Telephone: (434) 982-2563
Fax : (434) 982-2690
TDD: (434) 982-HEAR
Email: jeg5y@virginia.edu

Any questions concerning this RFP will be directed to John Gerding as listed above and not to any other person at the University, with the exception of issues directly related to SWAM business and SWAM subcontracting opportunities.

Such SWAM issues may be alternately directed to Bill Cooper, the University's Director of Supplier Diversity, at (434) 924-7174 or wsc6ja@virginia.edu. The University will determine whether any addenda should be issued as a result of any question or other matters raised.

C. Preproposal Conference

A conference for firms receiving this RFP will be held on Thursday, July 29, 2010 1:00 p.m. in the Facilities Management, Blake Center, 6th Floor Conference Room, 1224 West Main Street, Charlottesville, Virginia (map viewed at this web site: <http://www.virginia.edu/Map/>). "Cash Only" parking is available at the new 11th Street Parking Garage, 117 11th Street N.W. This Preproposal Conference will be the only opportunity to allow potential interested parties to present questions and obtain clarification relative to any project feature/component of this RFP. Attendance at this conference is advised if your firm wishes to raise any questions in connection with this RFP. Please print a copy of the RFP and bring it with you as no additional copies will be provided at the conference. The University intends to present general information which may be helpful in the preparation of proposals and to offer firms the opportunity to ask questions concerning this RFP. No firm may have more than two representatives present at the conference.

Firms planning to attend the Preproposal Conference should notify Rebecca Sims by email (pur-rfp@virginia.edu), no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2010 of the names, titles, and phone numbers of the individuals who will attend.

D. Proposal Deadline

All proposals must be received at the Issuing Office by 3:00 p.m., Thursday, August 5, 2010. Six copies of each proposal must be provided in individual, bound volumes. Firms must also include an electronic copy of the proposal on a CD-ROM, excluding any pre-printed materials such as financial statements. The electronic copy should be formatted as a Microsoft Word document.

E. Oral Presentations and Negotiations

An oral presentation by two or more firms may be required after written proposals are received by the University. If the University requires such a presentation, the Issuing Office will schedule a time and place. Each firm should be prepared to discuss and substantiate any of the areas of the proposal it submitted, its own qualifications for the services required and any other area of interest relative to its proposal. Oral presentations and negotiations are tentatively scheduled for 08/18/10. Negotiations with two or more firms will be conducted by the University on the firms' financial proposals and proposed terms and conditions. Negotiations are scheduled for {date}.

F. Communications Between the University and the firms Regarding This RFP
Informal Communications

From the date of receipt of this Request for Proposal by each firm until a binding contractual agreement exists with the Selected Firm and all other firms have been notified, or when the University rejects all proposals, informal communications regarding this procurement will cease. Informal communications will include but not be limited to:

1. Requests from the firms to any department at the University, with the exception of Procurement Services for information, comments, speculation, etc.; and

2. Requests from any department at the University, or any employee of the University, with the exception of Procurement Services for information, comments, speculation, etc.

Formal Communications

From the date of receipt of this Request for Proposal by each firm until a binding contractual agreement exists with the Selected Firm and all other firms have been notified, or when the University rejects all proposals, all communications between the University and the firms will be formal, or as provided for in this Request for Proposal, or as requested by Procurement Services. Formal communications will include but not be limited to:

1. Preproposal Conference
2. Oral presentations
3. Site visits, Interviews, etc.

Any failure to adhere to the provisions set forth in Informal Communications and the Formal Communications sections above may result in the rejection of any firm's proposal or cancellation of this RFP.

G. Formation of the Agreement with the Selected Firm

All proposals received will first be carefully evaluated by the University, and then the University intends to conduct negotiations with two or more firms. After negotiations have been conducted, if the University chooses to make award, the University will select the firm which, in its opinion, best meets the needs of the University. Alternately, if the University determines in writing and in its sole discretion that only one firm is fully qualified, or that one firm is clearly more highly qualified than the others under consideration, it may decide to negotiate and award an agreement to that single firm. In either event, the University intends to execute a mutually satisfactory written agreement which will reflect and largely incorporate this RFP as reconciled with any pertinent documents, such as the proposal submitted and relevant negotiation correspondence.

Because the University may choose to negotiate and award to a single firm as discussed above, each firm must include in its written proposal all requirements, terms or conditions it may have, and should not assume that an opportunity will exist to add such matters after the proposal is submitted.

Any firm(s) invited to negotiations should note that the University reserves the right to begin negotiations by combining the best aspects of submitted proposals from all responding firms as the basis for subsequent formation of any Agreement resulting from this RFP.

Firms should also note that, as described in Section H, Provisions Deemed Included in the Proposal, certain matters will automatically be deemed part of the proposal.

H. Provisions Deemed Included in the Proposal

The University will consider each proposal to include not only the matters expressly stated in the proposal as requested in Section V, Contents of the Proposal, but also other provisions which consist of two different types: those which are "mandatory" and cannot be changed by a firm in its proposal; and those which are "preferred" by the University, but which a firm may wish to alter by expressly and specifically so stating in its proposal.

The University includes mandatory provisions so that all proposals will be governed by the same basic contractual terms. The University encourages any firm which feels that a mandatory provision is unreasonable to contact the University before proposals are due so the University can consider amending the provision. The University includes preferred provisions so that any difference between the firm and the University's preferred contractual provisions can be considered during the University's evaluation of proposals.

1. Mandatory Provisions

Each proposal received by the University in response to this RFP will automatically be deemed to include the firm's agreement to the provisions of (a) and (b) below. Although such provisions will govern the firm's proposals as submitted, the University and one or more firms may later mutually agree to amend such provisions, such as when additional time is needed to consider proposals, or when contractual negotiations or performance indicate that such amendments are appropriate.

- a. The proposal constitutes an offer by the firm which will remain open and irrevocable for a period of 120 days from the deadline for submitting proposals as stated in Section C, Proposal Deadline.
- b. If selected by the University, the provisions governing the firm's performance will include all the provisions of Attachment 1, Mandatory Contractual Provisions.

2. Preferred Provisions

Unless a firm expressly and specifically provides otherwise in its written proposal, the proposal received by the University in response to this RFP will automatically be deemed to include the firm's agreement to these provisions:

- a. The firm consents to the University contacting and obtaining any information relevant to this RFP from the references and others identified by the firm in its proposal, as well as from any other persons, firms, or organizations which the University wishes to contact; and
- b. If selected by the University, the provisions governing the firm's performance will include all the provisions of Attachment 2, Preferred Contractual Provisions.

I. Rejection of Proposals

The University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received.

Nonacceptance of a firm's proposal will mean that one or more proposals were deemed more advantageous to the University or that all proposals were rejected.

Firms whose proposals are not accepted will be notified after a binding contractual agreement between the University and the Selected Firm exists, or when the University rejects all proposals.

J. Virginia Freedom of Information Act

Except as provided below, once an award is announced, all proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be open to the inspection of any citizen, or any interested person, firm or corporation, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a firm as part of its proposal will not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; however, the firm must invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of its proposal, and must identify the specific data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. A firm may not request that its entire proposal be treated as a trade secret or proprietary information. Nor may a firm request that its pricing be treated as a trade secret or proprietary information, or otherwise be deemed confidential.

Attachment 1
Mandatory Contractual Provisions

A. Nondiscrimination

During the performance of this Agreement, the Selected Firm will comply with the contract provisions contained in Section 2.2-4311 (1) & (2) of the Code of Virginia or any successor provisions which may be applicable to this Agreement. Also, in accordance with Section 2.2-4343.1, the University does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.

B. Conflict of Interests

The Selected Firm represents to the University that its entering into this Agreement with the University and its performance through its agents, officers and employees does not and will not involve, contribute to nor create a conflict of interest prohibited by the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (Va. Code 2.2-3100 *et seq*), the Virginia Ethics In Public Contracting Act (Va. Code 2.2-4367 *et seq*), the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act (Va. Code 18.2-498.1 *et seq*) or any other applicable law or regulation.

C. Assignment

Neither party to this Agreement will have the right to assign this Agreement in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the other.

D. Amendments

No amendment of this Agreement will be effective unless it is reduced to writing and executed by the University's Director of Procurement Services and by the individual signing the Selected Firm's proposal or by other individuals named by either party as specified in Section E, Notices below. If the Selected Firm deviates from the terms of this Agreement without a written amendment, it does so at its own risk.

E. Notices

Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement will be in writing and will be deemed duly given: (1) if delivered personally, when received; (2) if sent by recognized overnight courier service, on the date of the receipt provided by such courier service; (3) if sent by registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, on the date shown on the signed receipt: or (4) if sent by facsimile, when received (as verified by sender's machine) if delivered no later than 4:00 p.m. (receiver's time) on a business day or on the next business day if delivered (as verified by sender's machine) after 4:00 p.m. (receiver's time) on a business day or on a non-business day. All such notices will be addressed to a party at such party's address or facsimile number as shown below.

If to the University:

Eric N. Denby

Director of Procurement Services

Carruthers Hall

University of Virginia

1001 North Emmet Street

P.O. Box 400202

Charlottesville, Virginia 22904-4202

Fax: (434) 982-2690

If to the Selected Firm:

The person signing the Selected Firm's proposal in response to the University's RFP, at the Selected Firm's address indicated in such proposal; or to such other person or address as either may designate for itself in writing and provide to the other.

F. Independent Contractor

The Selected Firm is not an employee of the University, but is engaged as an independent contractor. The Selected Firm will indemnify and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Virginia, the University, and its employees and agents, with respect to all withholding, Social Security, unemployment compensation and all other taxes or amounts of any kind relating to the Selected Firm's performance of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed as authority for the Selected Firm to make commitments which will bind the University, or to otherwise act on behalf of the University, except as the University may expressly authorize in writing.

G. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability

The Selected Firm will (i) maintain Employers Liability coverage of at least \$500,000 and (ii) comply with all federal or state laws and regulations pertaining to Workers' Compensation Requirements for insured or self-insured programs.

H. Drug-Free Workplace

The Selected Firm, its agents and employees are prohibited, under the terms of this Agreement, Code of Virginia Section 2.2-4312, and the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Human Relations Management Policy Number 1.05, from manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing, or using any unlawful or unauthorized drugs or alcohol while on University property.

During the performance of this Agreement, the Selected Firm agrees to 1) provide a drug-free workplace for the Selected Firm's employees; 2) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the Selected Firm's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; 3) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Selected Firm that it maintains a drug-free workplace; and 4) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific agreement awarded to a Selected Firm, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacturing, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the agreement.

I. Information Technology Access Act

In accordance with § 2.2-3504 of the Code of Virginia, the following will apply to all information technology Agreements:

NON-VISUAL ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY: All information technology (the "Technology") which is purchased or upgraded by the University will comply with the following non-visual access standards from the date of purchase or upgrade until the expiration of the Agreement:

- Effective, interactive control and use of the Technology will be readily achievable by non-visual means;
- Technology equipped for non-visual access will be compatible with information technology used by other individuals with whom any blind or visually impaired user of the Technology interacts;
- Non-visual access technology will be integrated into any networks used to share communications among employees, program participants or the public; and
- Technology for non-visual access will have the capability of providing equivalent access by non-visual means to telecommunications or other interconnected network services used by persons who are not blind or visually impaired.

Compliance with the foregoing non-visual access standards will not be required if the Director of Procurement Services, University of Virginia determines that 1) the Technology is not available with non-visual access because the essential elements of the Technology are visual and 2) non-visual equivalence is not available.

Installation of hardware, software, or peripheral devices used for non-visual access is not required when the Technology is being used exclusively by individuals who are not blind or visually impaired, but applications programs and underlying operating systems (including the format of the data) used for the manipulation and presentation of information will permit the installation and effective use of non-visual access software and peripheral devices.

If requested, the Agreement must provide a detailed explanation of how compliance with the foregoing non-visual access standards is achieved and a validation of concept demonstration.

J. eVA Business To Government Registration

The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution, web site portal www.eva.virginia.gov, is the Commonwealth of Virginia's comprehensive electronic procurement system. The portal is the gateway for firms to conduct business with state agencies and public bodies. All agencies and public bodies are expected to utilize eVA. All firms desiring to provide goods and/or services in the Commonwealth are encouraged to participate in the eVA Internet e-procurement solution. The Selected Firm is required to register in the eVA Internet e-procurement solution prior to an award being made.

K. eVA Transaction Fee

The Selected Firm agrees, by accepting an award as a result of this RFP, that it is a registered eVA vendor and will be subject to an eVA transaction fee, for which the Selected Firm will be invoiced by Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services. Additional information is available at www.eva.virginia.gov.

L. Contractor License Requirements

State statutes and regulatory agencies require that some firms be properly registered and licensed, or hold a permit, prior to performing specific types of services. If firms provide removal, repair, improvement, renovation or construction-type services they, or a qualified individual employed by the firm, must possess and maintain an appropriate State of Virginia Class A, B, or C Contractor License (as required by applicable regulations and value of services to be performed) for the duration of the Agreement. It is the firm's responsibility to comply with the rules and regulations issued by the appropriate State regulatory agencies.

License #_____ Type_____

Subject to Section V., Contents of the Proposal, item B. Firm Information, Personnel, References and Operations, #8 of this RFP, a copy of the license must be furnished upon request to the University or VASCUPP member institution.

M. Unauthorized Alien Use.

The Selected Firm warrants that it does not knowingly employ an “unauthorized alien,” as such term is defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The Selected Firm furthermore agrees that, during the term of the Agreement, it will not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien.

Attachment 2
Preferred Contractual Provisions

A. Goods and Services

During the term of this Agreement, the Selected Firm will provide for the University the goods and services offered to the University by the firm in its proposal and/or any addenda to its proposal which has been approved in writing by the University and as may be further specified by the University in writing when it selected the firm.

B. Term of Agreement

The term of this Agreement will be for five years, with the ability to renew on the same terms and conditions, for two additional one-year periods if mutually agreeable to the University and the Selected Firm. The Selected Firm and the University will mutually agree at least 180 days prior to each renewal period whether to renew the terms of the Agreement.

C. Contract Administrator

The University will identify a Contract Administrator for any Agreement which results from this RFP. The individual will be the point of contact at the University for day-to-day operations but cannot approve amendments to the Agreement or price changes.

D. Waiver

No waiver of any right will be deemed a continuing waiver, and no failure on the part of either party to exercise wholly or in part any right will prevent a later exercise of such or any other right.

E. Indemnification

The Selected Firm will indemnify and hold harmless The Commonwealth of Virginia, The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, and their agents, employees and officials from any and all costs, damage or loss, claims, liability, damages, expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and expenses) caused by or arising out of

the performance or non performance of the Agreement by the Selected Firm or its agents or subcontractors, including the provision of any services or products. The Selected Firm warrants that the products, goods and services provided the University may be used by the University without being in violation of any copyright, patent or similar property right or claim by others and will defend, indemnify and save the University (its employees and agents) from and against any such claim.

F. Governing Law

This Agreement will be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

G. Termination

If the Selected Firm fails to provide quality goods or services in a professional manner, solely as determined by the University, and, upon receipt of notice from the University, does not correct the deficiency, to the University's satisfaction within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed five calendar days unless otherwise agreed to by both parties in writing, the University reserves the right to terminate this Agreement upon written notice to the Selected Firm.

H. Non-Appropriation

Funding for any Agreement between the University and a Selected Firm is dependent at all times upon the appropriation of funds by the Virginia General Assembly and/or any other organization of the Commonwealth authorized to appropriate such funds. In the event that funding to support this Agreement is not appropriated, whether in whole or in part, then the Agreement may be terminated by the University effective the last day for which appropriated funding is available.

I. Right of Audit

The University reserves the right to audit or cause to be audited the Selected Firm's books and accounts regarding the University's account at any time during the term of this Agreement and for five years thereafter. The Selected Firm will make available to the

University all books and records relating to performance of this Agreement as may be requested during said period.

J. Contractual Claims

This Agreement is subject to the University's policy on Contractual Claims which is provided as Attachment 3, Procedure for Resolution of Contractual Claims.

K. Insurance

Listed below is the insurance the Selected Firm must maintain under any Agreement resulting from this RFP. In no event should the Selected Firm construe these minimum required limits to be their limit of liability to the University. The Selected Firm will maintain insurance which meets or exceeds the requirements of the University with insurance companies that hold at least an A- financial rating with A.M. Best Company. No Agreement will be executed by the University until the Selected Firm satisfies the insurance requirements of the University. The Selected Firm may be required to provide the University with a valid Certificate of Insurance before providing any goods or services to the University. The University reserves the right to approve any insurance proposed by the Selected Firm.

Comprehensive Commercial General Liability:

The Selected Firm and any Subcontractor will provide a minimum combined single Limit of Liability for bodily injury and property damage of \$2,000,000 per occurrence and a \$4,000,000 aggregate with coverage for the following:

{X}	Premises/Operations	{X}	Products/Completed Operations
{X}	Contractual	{X}	Independent Contractors
{X}	Personal Injury	{X}	Underground Explosion & Collapse
{X}	Additional Insured*	{X}	Pollution Liability

Automobile Insurance:

The Selected Firm and any Subcontractor will provide a minimum combined single Limit of Liability for bodily injury and property damage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence with the following coverages for vehicles operated by their employees.

{X}	Any Automobile	{X}	Owned and Non-Owned Automobiles
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*Additional Insured:

The University will be named as an Additional Insured, and the proper name is: "The Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, its officers, employees, and agents."

L. Use of Agreement by Third Parties

It is the intent of this RFP and any resulting Agreement to allow for cooperative procurement. Accordingly, any public body, public or private health or educational institution, or any University related foundation may access the Agreement if authorized by the Selected Firm.

Participation in this cooperative procurement is strictly voluntary. If authorized by the Selected Firm, the Agreement may be extended to the entities indicated above to purchase at fees in accordance with the Agreement. The Selected Firm will notify the University in writing of any such entities accessing the Agreement. No modification of this Agreement or execution of a separate agreement is required to participate. The Selected Firm will provide semi-annual usage reports for all entities accessing the Agreement. Participating entities will place their own orders directly with the Selected Firm and will fully and independently administer their use of the Agreement to include contractual disputes, invoicing and payments without direct administration from the University. The University will not be held liable for any costs or damages incurred by any other participating entity as a result of any authorization by the Selected Firm to extend the Agreement. It is understood and agreed that the University is not responsible for the acts or omissions of any entity, and will not be considered in default of the Agreement no matter the circumstances.

Use of this Agreement does not preclude any participating entity from using other agreements or competitive processes as the need may be.

M. Favored Nations

The Selected Firm represents that the prices, terms, warranties, and benefits specified in its proposal are comparable to or better than the equivalent terms being offered by the firm to any present customer.

N. The University's Authorized Representatives

The only persons who are or will be authorized to speak or act for the University in any way with respect to this Agreement are those whose positions or names have been specifically designated in writing to the Selected Firm by the University's Director of Procurement Services.

O. Purchasing Manual

This Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia "Purchasing Manual for Institutions of Higher Education and Their Vendors" and any subsequent revisions, which is available at this web site:

http://www.odu.edu/af/materiel/polproc/HighEd_manual_november_12_2009%20.pdf

P. Small, Women-owned and Minority-owned (SWAM) Business Reporting

The Selected Firm will identify and fairly consider SWAM firms for subcontracting opportunities when qualified SWAM firms are available to perform a given task in performing for the University under the resulting Agreement. The Selected Firm will submit a quarterly SWAM business report to the University by the 8th of the month following each calendar quarter, specifically the months of April, July, October, and January. The Selected Firm will submit the quarterly SWAM business reports to:

Nancy Noblette

Administrative Assistant to the Director of Procurement Services

E-mail: nrn9g@virginia.edu

The quarterly SWAM business reports will contain this information:

- SWAM firm's name, address and phone number with which the Selected Firm has contracted over the specified quarterly period.
- Contact person at the SWAM firm who has knowledge of the specified information.

- Type of goods and/or services provided over the specified period of time.
- Total amount paid to the SWAM firm as it relates to the University's account.

The Selected Firm's failure to provide SWAM reports on a quarterly basis which contain the information required by this section and/or the Selected Firm's failure to comply with the plan for utilizing SWAM businesses submitted by the Selected Firm as part of its proposal and/or negotiation response may be grounds for debarment pursuant to Section 4.M. of the "Purchasing Manual for Institutions of Higher Education and their Vendors."

Q. Payment Terms

The Selected Firm may indicate payment terms of less than 30 days so long as those terms also contain a cash discount for early payment. For example: "5% 15/Net 30" would correspond to a 5% discount if paid in 15 days, otherwise net 30. The University will compute discounts from the date of delivery of goods at destination, after final inspection, and acceptance, from the date of completion of services, or from the date the correct invoice is received in Accounts Payable, whichever is later. The University will take the cash discount if payment is made within the specified time frame.

Unless alternate payment terms, with cash discounts, are proposed by the Selected Firm, invoices submitted to the University by the Selected Firm for the Goods and Services described in this RFP will be paid on a Net 30 days after receipt of the Goods and Services and University receipt and approval of the corresponding invoice.

The Selected Firm agrees to receive payments electronically and provide any additional discounts that may result from paying electronically. The firm will contact the University's Payment Processor Specialist group in Procurement Services to set up its preferred method of receiving electronic payments [Phone: (434) 924-4212 or email: uva-prs-boa@virginia.edu]. Accordingly, the Selected Firm agrees to accept Bank of America's ("BoA") ePayables® method of electronic payment or BoA's PayMode® method of electronic payment.

Attachment 3
Procedure for Resolution of Contractual Claims

The Virginia Acts of Assembly of 2007, Chapter 943, Chapter 3, Exhibit P and its attachments requires contractors with the University to submit any claims, whether for money or other relief, in writing no later than 60 days after final payment; however, written notice of the contractors intention to file such a claim must be given at the time of the occurrence or beginning of the work upon which the claim is based.

The University's procedure for deciding such contractual claims is:

- A. The Selected Firm must provide the written claim to:
Assistant Director of Procurement Services
University of Virginia
1001 North Emmet Street
P. O. Box 400202
Charlottesville, Virginia 22904-4202
- B. Although the Selected Firm may, if it chooses, attempt to resolve its claim by dealing with a University department other than the one stated in Section A above, the Selected Firm must submit any unresolved claim in writing no later than 60 days after final payment to the Assistant Director of Procurement Services if it wishes to pursue its claim.
- C. Upon receiving the written claim, the Assistant Director of Procurement Services will review the written materials relating to the claim and decide whether to discuss the merits of the claim with the Selected Firm. If such discussion is to be held, the Assistant Director of Procurement Services will contact the Selected Firm and arrange such discussion. The manner of conducting such discussion will be as the Assistant Director and the Selected Firm mutually agree.

D. The Assistant Director of Procurement Services will mail his or her decision to the Selected Firm within 60 days after receipt of the claim. The decision will state the reason for granting or denying the claim.

E. The Selected Firm may appeal the decision to:

Director of Procurement Services
University of Virginia
Carruthers Hall
1001 North Emmet Street
P.O. Box 400202
Charlottesville, Virginia 22904-4202

by providing a written statement explaining the basis of the appeal, within 15 days after the Selected Firm's receipt of the decision.

F. Upon receiving the written appeal, the Director of Procurement Services will review the written materials relating to the claim and decide whether to discuss the merits of the claim with the Selected Firm. If such discussion is to be held, the Director of Procurement Services will contact the Selected Firm and arrange such discussion. The manner of conducting such discussion will be as the Director of Procurement Services and the Selected Firm mutually agree.

G. The Director of Procurement Services will mail his or her decision to the Selected Firm within 60 days after the Director of Procurement Services receipt of the appeal. The decision will state the reasons for granting or denying the appeal.

H. Nothing in this Attachment 3 will preclude either party from filing a claim in any court of the Commonwealth of Virginia to seek legal or equitable remedy if a dispute should arise, in addition to such other remedies as are expressly provided in this Agreement; provided, the Selected Firm may not file such claim unless and until it has complied fully with the procedure set forth in this Attachment 3.



Attachment 4

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer's Request for Commitment

Greetings:

The quality of service the University of Virginia is able to deliver to its customers is directly related to the excellent support we receive from you and many other outstanding suppliers of goods and services. Without you, we would not be able to fulfill our educational, health care and research missions. An important part of our procurement program involves our commitment to doing business with small, women-and minority-owned (SWAM) businesses. As one of our most important vendors, we look to you to help us achieve this objective.

We conduct substantial business with small firms. We have been less effective in securing long-term business relationships with minority-and women-owned businesses. We are determined to improve our record.

I seek your assistance in two areas. First, to the extent practical, I ask that you involve small, women-and minority-owned businesses in the delivery of services you provide to UVa. Second, I seek your help in reporting your results through our quarterly subcontracting reports. The terms and conditions previously provided to your organization outlined this process.

This effort is important to us. We depend on you in so many ways – this is another way that we can partner with your company to make things better.

Sincerely,

Leonard W. Sandridge Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
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