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## **PART I - GENERAL INFORMATION**

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#### **I.1 IFB-001.1 Purpose (Oct 2006)**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) is issuing this Invitation for Bids (IFB) to meet the needs of HOLLIDAYSBURG VETERANS HOME to satisfy a need for Schlage Locksets and Installation.

#### **I.2 IFB-001.1b Purpose - Restricted Small Business Procurement (July 2012)**

The Commonwealth identified this procurement as fitting the established criteria under the Small Business Procurement Initiative set forth in Executive Order 2011-09. Accordingly, only those bidders who are certified as a **Small Business through the Department of General Services'** self certification process found at [www.smallbusiness.pa.gov](http://www.smallbusiness.pa.gov) are eligible to submit a bid and be awarded a contract in response to this IFB. In order to be eligible to receive an award in response to this procurement, the bidder must be certified at the time of bid opening and include a copy of the certification in the bid response.

#### **I.3 IFB-005.1 Type of Contract (Oct. 2006)**

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

#### **I.4 IFB-008.1A Pre-bid Conference (Oct. 2006)**

The Issuing Office will hold a pre-bid conference. The purpose of this conference is to provide opportunity for clarification of the IFB. Bidders should forward all questions before the pre-bid conference. Bidders may also ask questions at the conference. In view of the limited facilities available for the conference, Bidders should limit their representation to two individuals per Bidder. The pre-bid conference is for information only. Any answers furnished during the conference will not be official until they have been verified, in writing, by the Issuing Office. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is optional. **The pre-bid conference will be held on 02/21/2024 at HOLLIDAYSBURG VETERANS HOME 10:00 AM .**

#### **I.5 IFB-009.1 Questions (February 2012)**

All questions regarding the IFB must be submitted in writing to the email address of the Issuing Officer provided in the solicitation. While there is no set timeline for the submittal of questions, questions received within 48 hours prior to the bid due date and time will be answered at the discretion of the Commonwealth. All questions received will be answered, in writing, and such responses shall be posted to eMarketplace as an addendum to the IFB. The Issuing Officer shall not be bound by any verbal information nor shall it be bound by any written information that is not either contained within the IFB or formally issued as an addendum by the Issuing Office. The Issuing Office does not consider questions to be a protest of the specifications or of the solicitation.

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

If the Issuing Office deems it necessary to revise any part of this IFB before the bid response date, the Issuing Office will post an addendum to its website at [HTTPS://WWW.EMARKETPLACE.STATE.PA.US/](https://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us/) it is the Bidder's responsibility to periodically check the website for any new information or addenda to the IFB.

#### **I.7 IFB-011.1B Submission of Bids – Electronic Submittal (May 2011)**

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

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

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

### **I.8 IFB-013.2 Small Business Procurement (July 2012)**

In order to be eligible to submit a bid in response to this procurement, a bidder must be certified as a Small Business with the Department of General Services at the time of bid opening. A copy of the Small Business Certification must be submitted with the bid response. Failure to submit the certification with the bid may result in the bid being rejected as non-responsive.

### **I.9 IFB-024.1 Bid Protest Procedure (April 2016)**

The Bid Protest Procedure is on the DGS website at <http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Documents/Procurement%20Forms/Handbook/Pt1/Pt%20I%20Ch%2058%20Bid%20Protests.pdf>

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

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

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

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

### **I.12 IFB-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.13 IFB-031.1 Alternates (Oct 2013)**

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. If an item or items in the IFB are designated "no substitute," this provision does not apply and no alternate may be proposed by a bidder nor will any alternate be considered by the Issuing Office.

### **I.14 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.15 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.16 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.

#### **I.17 Submission-001.1 Representations and Authorizations (February 2017)**

By submitting its proposal, each Offeror understands, represents, and acknowledges that:

- A. All of the Offeror's information and representations in the proposal are material and important, and the Issuing Office may rely upon the contents of the proposal in awarding the contract(s). The Commonwealth shall treat any misstatement, omission or misrepresentation as fraudulent concealment of the true facts relating to the Proposal

submission, punishable pursuant to 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904.

B. The Offeror has arrived at the price(s) and amounts in its proposal independently and without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Offeror or potential offeror.

C. The Offeror has not disclosed the price(s), the amount of the proposal, nor the approximate price(s) or amount(s) of its proposal to any other firm or person who is an Offeror or potential offeror for this RFP, and the Offeror shall not disclose any of these items on or before the proposal submission deadline specified in the Calendar of Events of this RFP.

D. The Offeror has not attempted, nor will it attempt, to induce any firm or person to refrain from submitting a proposal on this contract, or to submit a proposal higher than this proposal, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive proposal or other form of complementary proposal.

E. The Offeror makes its proposal in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive proposal.

F. To the best knowledge of the person signing the proposal for the Offeror, the Offeror, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last four years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding or proposing on any public contract, except as the Offeror has disclosed in its proposal.

G. To the best of the knowledge of the person signing the proposal for the Offeror and except as the Offeror has otherwise disclosed in its proposal, the Offeror has no outstanding, delinquent obligations to the Commonwealth including, but not limited to, any state tax liability not being contested on appeal or other obligation of the Offeror that is owed to the Commonwealth.

H. The Offeror is not currently under suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth, any other state or the federal government, and if the Offeror cannot so certify, then it shall submit along with its proposal a written explanation of why it cannot make such certification.

I. The Offeror has not made, under separate contract with the Issuing Office, any recommendations to the Issuing Office concerning the need for the services described in its proposal or the specifications for the services described in the proposal.

J. Each Offeror, by submitting its proposal, authorizes Commonwealth agencies to release to the Commonwealth information concerning the Offeror's Pennsylvania taxes, unemployment compensation and workers' compensation liabilities.

K. Until the selected Offeror receives a fully executed and approved written contract from the Issuing Office, there is no legal and valid contract, in law or in equity, and the Offeror shall not begin to perform.

L. The Offeror is not currently engaged, and will not during the duration of the contract engage, in a boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction which the Commonwealth is not prohibited by Congressional statute from engaging in trade or commerce.



## **PART II - REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

#### **II.2 II-IFB-016.1 Post-Submission Descriptive Literature (Dec 2006)**

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.3 II-IFB-018.1b Iran Free Procurement Certification and Disclosure – Electronic Submittal (November 2016)**

Prior to entering a contract worth at least \$1,000,000 or more with a Commonwealth entity, a bidder must: a) certify it is not on the current list of persons engaged in investment activities in Iran created by the Pennsylvania Department of General Services (“DGS”) pursuant to Section 3503 of the Procurement Code and is eligible to contract with the Commonwealth under Sections 3501-3506 of the Procurement Code; or b) demonstrate it has received an exception from the certification requirement for that solicitation or contract pursuant to Section 3503(e). All bidders must complete and return the Iran Free Procurement Certification form, which is attached hereto and made part of this IFB. The completed and signed Iran Free Procurement Certification form must be submitted with the Bid Response.

See the following web page for current Iran Free Procurement list:

<http://www.dgs.pa.gov/businesses/materials%20and%20services%20procurement/procurement-resources/pages/default.aspx#.WDNfJJ>

## **PART III - SELECTION CRITERIA**

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

To be eligible for selection, a bid must be:

- a. Timely received from a Bidder;
- b. Properly signed by the Bidder.

#### **III.2 III-IFB-006.1a Method of Award (February 2012)**

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

#### **III.3 III-IFB-007.1 Awards (May 2011)**

Unless all Bids are rejected, and except as otherwise provided by law, award will be made through the issuance of a contract/purchase order in accordance with the method of award. 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 Bidder must be registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Vendor Master file. In order to register, bidders must visit the Pa Supplier Portal at <https://www.pasupplierportal.state.pa.us/> or call the Customer Support Center at 877-435-7363 or 717-346-2676.

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

All tie bids will be broken by the Issuing Office.

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

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

#### **III.6 III-IFB-010.1 Option for Separate Competitive Bidding Procedure (Nov 2006)**

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

**PART IV - WORK STATEMENT**

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**IV.1 IV-IFB-001.1c Specifications and Statement of Work – Construction (Nov 2006)**

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

## **PART V - CONTRACT TERMS and CONDITIONS**

### **PART V - CONTRACT TERMS and CONDITIONS**

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

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

#### **V.2 CONTRACT-002.1b Term of Contract – PO (July 2015)**

The term of the Contract created by the issuance of the Purchase Order shall commence on the Original PO Effective Date printed on the Purchase Order after the Purchase Order has been fully executed by the Commonwealth (signed and approved as required by Commonwealth contracting procedures and sent to the Contractor). If the Purchase Order output form does not have "Fully Executed" at the top of the first page and does not have the name of the Purchasing Agent printed in the appropriate box, the Purchase Order has not been fully executed. Subject to the other provisions of the Contract, the Contract shall end on the later of: a) complete delivery and acceptance of the awarded item(s); b) the expiration of any specified warranty and maintenance period; c) payment by the Commonwealth for the item(s) received; or d) any Expiration Date identified in the Purchase Order.

#### **V.3 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.4 CONTRACT-003.1c Signatures - PO (July 2015)**

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

The Purchase Order may be electronically signed by the Commonwealth. The electronically-printed name of the Purchasing Agent, or in the case of an Auto-Purchase Order the name of the Centralized Purchasing Group, represents the signature of that individual(s) who has the authority, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to bind the Commonwealth to the terms of the Contract. If the Purchase Order output form does not have "Fully Executed" at the top of the first page and does not have the name of the Purchasing Agent, or in the case of an Auto-Purchase Order the name of the Centralized Purchasing Group, printed in the appropriate box, the Contract has not been fully executed.

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

The Commonwealth and the Contractor specifically agree as follows:

- a. No handwritten signature shall be required in order for the Purchase Order to be legally enforceable.
- b. The parties agree that no writing shall be required in order to make the Purchase Order legally binding, notwithstanding contrary requirements in any law. The parties hereby agree not to contest the validity or enforceability of a genuine Purchase Order 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 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 a genuine Purchase Order

or acknowledgements under either the business records exception to the hearsay rule or the best evidence rule on the basis that the Purchase 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.

**V.5 CONTRACT-004.1a Definitions (Oct 2013)**

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.6 CONTRACT-006.1 Independent Prime Contractor (Oct 2006)**

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

**V.7 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.8 CONTRACT-009.1c Patent, Copyright, and Trademark Indemnity (Oct 2013)**

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.9 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.10 CONTRACT-010.2 Product Conformance (March 2012)**

The Commonwealth reserves the right to require any and all Contractors to:

1. Provide certified data from laboratory testing performed by the Contractor, or performed by an independent laboratory, as specified by the Commonwealth.
2. Supply published manufacturer product documentation.
3. Permit a Commonwealth representative to witness testing at the Contractor's location or at an independent laboratory.
4. Complete a survey/questionnaire relating to the bid requirements and specifications.
5. Provide customer references.
6. Provide a product demonstration at a location near Harrisburg or the using agency location.

#### **V.11 CONTRACT-010.3 Rejected Material Not Considered Abandoned (March 2012)**

The Commonwealth shall have the right to not regard any rejected material as abandoned and to demand that the Contractor remove the rejected material from the premises within thirty (30) days of notification. The Contractor shall be responsible for removal of the rejected material as well as proper clean-up. If the Contractor fails or refuses to remove the rejected material as demanded by the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth may seek payment from, or set-off from any payments due to the Contractor under this or any other Contract with the Commonwealth, the costs of removal and clean-up. This is in addition to all other rights to recover costs incurred by the Commonwealth.

#### **V.12 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.13 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.14 CONTRACT-014.1 Post-Consumer Recycled Content (June 2016)**

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 by the Environmental Protection Agency in its Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines, which can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program> .

#### **V.15 CONTRACT-014.3 Recycled Content Enforcement (February 2012)**

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.16 CONTRACT-016.2 Payment – Electronic Funds Transfer (July 2022)**

- a. The Commonwealth will make contract payments through Automated Clearing House (ACH). Within 10 days of award of the contract or purchase order, the contractor must submit or must have already submitted their ACH information within their user profile in the Commonwealth's procurement system (SRM).
- b. The contractor must submit a unique invoice number with each invoice submitted. The unique invoice number will be listed on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's ACH remittance advice to enable the contractor to properly apply the state agency's payment to the invoice submitted.
- c. It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that the ACH information contained in SRM is accurate and complete. Failure to maintain accurate and complete information may result in delays in payments.

#### **V.17 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.18 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.19 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.20 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.21 CONTRACT-021.1 Default (Oct 2013)**

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 ensure 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.22 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.23 CONTRACT-023.1a Termination Provisions (Oct 2013)**

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 from 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 the 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.24 CONTRACT-024.1 Contract Controversies (Oct 2011)**

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. At the time the claim is filed, or within sixty (60) days thereafter, either party may request mediation through the Commonwealth Office of General Counsel Dispute Resolution Program.

b. If the Contractor or the contracting officer requests mediation and the other party agrees, the contracting officer shall promptly make arrangements for mediation. Mediation shall be scheduled so as to not delay the issuance of the final determination beyond the required 120 days after receipt of the claim if mediation is unsuccessful. If mediation is not agreed to or if resolution is not reached through mediation, 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.25 CONTRACT-025.1 Assignability and Subcontracting (Oct 2013)**

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.26 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.27 CONTRACT-027.1 Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause (August 2018)**

The Contractor agrees:

- 1.** In the hiring of any employee(s) for the manufacture of supplies, performance of work, or any other activity required under the contract or any subcontract, the Contractor, each subcontractor, or any person acting on behalf of the Contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the *Pennsylvania Human Relations Act* (PHRA) and applicable federal laws, against any citizen of this Commonwealth who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.
- 2.** Neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor nor any person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the PHRA and applicable federal laws, against or intimidate any employee involved in the manufacture of supplies, the performance of work, or any other activity required under the contract.
- 3.** Neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor nor any person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the PHRA and applicable federal laws, in the provision of services under the contract.
- 4.** Neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor nor any person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate against employees by reason of participation in or decision to refrain from participating in labor activities protected under the *Public Employee Relations Act*, *Pennsylvania Labor Relations Act* or *National Labor Relations Act*, as applicable and to the extent determined by entities charged with such Acts' enforcement, and shall comply with any provision of law establishing organizations as employees' exclusive representatives.
- 5.** The Contractor and each subcontractor shall establish and maintain a written nondiscrimination and sexual harassment policy and shall inform their employees in writing of the policy. The policy must contain a provision that sexual harassment will not be tolerated and employees who practice it will be disciplined. Posting this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause conspicuously in easily-accessible and well-lighted places customarily frequented by employees and at or near where the contracted services are performed shall satisfy this requirement for employees with an established work site.
- 6.** The Contractor and each subcontractor shall not discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of PHRA and applicable federal laws, against any subcontractor or supplier who is qualified to perform the work to which the contract relates.
- 7.** The Contractor and each subcontractor represents that it is presently in compliance with and will maintain compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and policies relating to nondiscrimination and sexual harassment. The Contractor and each subcontractor further represents that it has filed a Standard Form 100 Employer Information Report ("EEO-1") with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") and shall file an annual EEO-1 report with the EEOC as required for employers' subject to *Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*, as amended, that have 100 or more employees and employers that have federal government contracts or first-tier subcontracts and have 50 or more employees. The Contractor and each subcontractor shall, upon request and within the time periods requested by the Commonwealth, furnish all necessary employment documents and records, including

EEO-1 reports, and permit access to their books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business Opportunities for purpose of ascertaining compliance with provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause.

**8.** The Contractor shall include the provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause in every subcontract so that those provisions applicable to subcontractors will be binding upon each subcontractor.

**9.** The Contractor's and each subcontractor'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 and each subcontractor shall have an obligation to inform the Commonwealth if, at any time during the term of the contract, it becomes aware of any actions or occurrences that would result in violation of these provisions.

**10.** 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.28 CONTRACT-028.1 Contractor Integrity Provisions (January 2015)**

It is essential that those who seek to contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Commonwealth") observe high standards of honesty and integrity. They must conduct themselves in a manner that fosters public confidence in the integrity of the Commonwealth contracting and procurement process.

**1. DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of these Contractor Integrity Provisions, the following terms shall have the meanings found in this Section:

**a. "Affiliate"** means two or more entities where (a) a parent entity owns more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each of the entities; or (b) a common shareholder or group of shareholders owns more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each of the entities; or (c) the entities have a common proprietor or general partner.

**b. "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 the execution of this contract.

**c. "Contractor"** means the individual or entity, that has entered into this contract with the Commonwealth.

**d. "Contractor Related Parties"** means any affiliates of the Contractor and the Contractor's executive officers, Pennsylvania officers and directors, or owners of 5 percent or more interest in the Contractor.

**e. "Financial Interest"** means either:

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

(2) Holding a position as an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee, or holding any position of management.

**f. "Gratuity"** means tendering, giving, or providing anything of more than nominal monetary value including, but not limited to, cash, travel, entertainment, gifts, meals, lodging, loans, subscriptions, advances, deposits of money, services, employment, or contracts of any kind. The exceptions set forth in the *Governor's Code of Conduct, Executive Order 1980-18, the 4 Pa. Code §7.153(b)*, shall apply.

**g. "Non-bid Basis"** means a contract awarded or executed by the Commonwealth with Contractor without seeking bids or proposals from any other potential bidder or offeror.

**2.** In furtherance of this policy, Contractor agrees to the following:

**a.** Contractor shall maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity during the performance of this contract

and shall take no action in violation of state or federal laws or regulations or any other applicable laws or regulations, or other requirements applicable to Contractor or that govern contracting or procurement with the Commonwealth.

**b.** Contractor shall establish and implement a written business integrity policy, which includes, at a minimum, the requirements of these provisions as they relate to the Contractor activity with the Commonwealth and Commonwealth employees and which is made known to all Contractor employees. Posting these Contractor Integrity Provisions conspicuously in easily-accessible and well-lighted places customarily frequented by employees and at or near where the contract services are performed shall satisfy this requirement.

**c.** Contractor, its affiliates, agents, employees and anyone in privity with Contractor shall not accept, agree to give, offer, confer or agree to confer or promise to confer, directly or indirectly, any gratuity or pecuniary benefit to any person, or to influence or attempt to influence any person in violation of any federal or state law, regulation, executive order of the Governor of Pennsylvania, statement of policy, management directive or any other published standard of the Commonwealth in connection with performance of work under this contract, except as provided in this contract.

**d.** Contractor shall not have a financial interest in any other contractor, subcontractor, or supplier providing services, labor or material under this contract, unless the financial interest is disclosed to the Commonwealth in writing and the Commonwealth consents to Contractor's financial interest prior to Commonwealth execution of the contract. Contractor shall disclose the financial interest to the Commonwealth at the time of bid or proposal submission, or if no bids or proposals are solicited, no later than the Contractor's submission of the contract signed by Contractor.

**e.** Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that within the last five (5) years Contractor or Contractor Related Parties have not:

- (1) been indicted or convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or business honesty or integrity in any jurisdiction;
- (2) been suspended, debarred or otherwise disqualified from entering into any contract with any governmental agency;
- (3) had any business license or professional license suspended or revoked;
- (4) had any sanction or finding of fact imposed as a result of a judicial or administrative proceeding related to fraud, extortion, bribery, bid rigging, embezzlement, misrepresentation or anti-trust; and
- (5) been, and is not currently, the subject of a criminal investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency and/or civil anti-trust investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency.

If Contractor cannot so certify to the above, then it must submit along with its bid, proposal or contract a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made and the Commonwealth will determine whether a contract may be entered into with the Contractor. The Contractor's obligation pursuant to this certification is ongoing from and after the effective date of the contract through the termination date thereof. Accordingly, the Contractor shall have an obligation to immediately notify the Commonwealth in writing if at any time during the term of the contract it becomes aware of any event which would cause the Contractor's certification or explanation to change. Contractor acknowledges that the Commonwealth may, in its sole discretion, terminate the contract for cause if it learns that any of the certifications made herein are currently false due to intervening factual circumstances or were false or should have been known to be false when entering into the contract.

**f.** Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the *Lobbying Disclosure Act (65 Pa.C.S. §13A01 et seq.)* regardless of the method of award. If this contract was awarded on a Non-bid Basis, Contractor must also comply with the requirements of the *Section 1641 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P.S. §3260a)*.

**g.** When contractor has reason to believe that any breach of ethical standards as set forth in law, the Governor's Code of Conduct, or these Contractor Integrity Provisions has occurred or may occur, including but not limited to

contact by a Commonwealth officer or employee which, if acted upon, would violate such ethical standards, Contractor shall immediately notify the Commonwealth contracting officer or the Office of the State Inspector General in writing.

**h.** Contractor, by submission of its bid or proposal and/or execution of this contract and by the submission of any bills, invoices or requests for payment pursuant to the contract, certifies and represents that it has not violated any of these Contractor Integrity Provisions in connection with the submission of the bid or proposal, during any contract negotiations or during the term of the contract, to include any extensions thereof. Contractor shall immediately notify the Commonwealth in writing of any actions for occurrences that would result in a violation of these Contractor Integrity Provisions. Contractor agrees to reimburse the Commonwealth for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Office of the 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 that results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Contractor shall not be responsible for investigative costs for investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.

**i.** Contractor shall cooperate with the Office of the State Inspector General in its investigation of any alleged Commonwealth agency or employee breach of ethical standards and any alleged Contractor non-compliance with these Contractor Integrity Provisions. Contractor agrees to make identified Contractor employees available for interviews at reasonable times and places. Contractor, upon the inquiry or request of an Inspector General, shall provide, or if appropriate, make promptly available for inspection or copying, any information of any type or form deemed relevant by the Office of the State Inspector General to Contractor's integrity and compliance with these provisions. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, Contractor's business or financial records, documents or files of any type or form that refer to or concern this contract. Contractor shall incorporate this paragraph in any agreement, contract or subcontract it enters into in the course of the performance of this contract/agreement solely for the purpose of obtaining subcontractor compliance with this provision. The incorporation of this provision in a subcontract shall not create privity of contract between the Commonwealth and any such subcontractor, and no third party beneficiaries shall be created thereby.

**j.** For violation of any of these Contractor Integrity Provisions, the Commonwealth may terminate this and any other contract with Contractor, claim liquidated damages in an amount equal to the value of anything received in breach of these Provisions, claim damages for all additional costs and expenses incurred in obtaining another contractor to complete performance under this contract, and debar and suspend Contractor from doing business with the Commonwealth. These rights and remedies are cumulative, and the use or non-use 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.29 CONTRACT-029.1 Contractor Responsibility Provisions (July 2021)**

For the purpose of these provisions, the term Contractor is defined as any person, including, but not limited to, a bidder, offeror, loan recipient, grantee or lessor, who has furnished or performed or seeks to furnish or perform, goods, supplies, services, leased space, construction or other activity, under a contract, grant, lease, purchase order or reimbursement agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth). The term Contractor includes a permittee, licensee, or any agency, political subdivision, instrumentality, public authority, or other public entity in the Commonwealth.

1. The Contractor certifies, in writing, for itself and its subcontractors required to be disclosed or approved by the Commonwealth, that as of the date of its execution of this Bid/Contract, that neither the Contractor, nor any such subcontractors, 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/Contract, a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made.

2. The Contractor also certifies, in writing, that as of the date of its execution of this Bid/Contract it has no tax liabilities or other Commonwealth obligations, or has filed a timely administrative or judicial appeal if such liabilities or obligations exist, or is subject to a duly approved deferred payment plan if such liabilities exist.

3. 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, to the best knowledge of the Contractor, 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.

4. 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.

5. 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 that 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.

6. The Contractor may search the current list of suspended and debarred Commonwealth contractors by visiting the eMarketplace website at <http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us> and clicking the Debarment List tab.

### **V.30 CONTRACT-030.1 Americans with Disabilities Act (July 2021)**

For the purpose of these provisions, the term contractor is defined as any person, including, but not limited to, a bidder, offeror, supplier, or grantee, who will furnish or perform or seeks to furnish or perform, goods, supplies, services, construction or other activity, under a purchase order, contract, or grant with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth).

During the term of this agreement, the contractor agrees as follows:

- 1 Pursuant to federal regulations promulgated under the authority of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 28 C. F. R. § 35.101 et seq., the contractor understands and agrees that no individual with a disability shall, on the basis of the disability, be excluded from participation in this agreement or from activities provided for under this agreement. As a condition of accepting and executing this agreement, the contractor agrees to comply with the "General Prohibitions Against Discrimination," 28 C. F. R. § 35.130, and all other regulations promulgated under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act which are applicable to the benefits, services, programs, and activities provided by the Commonwealth through contracts with outside contractors.
- 2 The contractor shall be responsible for and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Commonwealth from all losses, damages, expenses, claims, demands, suits, and actions brought by any party against the Commonwealth as a result of the contractor's failure to comply with the provisions of paragraph 1.

### **V.31 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.32 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.33 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.34 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.35 CONTRACT-034.3 Controlling Terms and Conditions (Aug 2011)**

The terms and conditions of this Contract shall be the exclusive terms of agreement between the Contractor and the Commonwealth. All quotations requested and received from the Contractor are for obtaining firm pricing only. Other terms and conditions or additional terms and conditions included or referenced in the Contractor's quotations, invoices, business forms, or other documentation shall not become part of the parties' agreement and shall be disregarded by the parties, unenforceable by the Contractor and not binding on the Commonwealth.

**V.36 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.37 CONTRACT-048.3 Commencement of Work (Oct 2006)**

The Contractor should not begin work until all required security and insurance certificates, if required, have been submitted to and approved by the Commonwealth. If required security and insurance certificates are not submitted within required time frames, the Commonwealth has the right to cancel this order and surcharge your company for any increase in price.

**V.38 CONTRACT-050.01a Steel Products Procurement Act "A" (Oct 2009)**

In the performance of any contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid, the contractor and all subcontractors, materialmen, and suppliers shall use only "steel products" as defined in the Steel Products Procurement Act, Act of

March 3, 1978, P.L. 6, No. 3, 73 P.S. §§ 1881-1887 (“SPPA”), including 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. The definition of steel products also includes cast iron products, as well as 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).

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 before a public agency may authorize, provide for, or make payment. 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 a period of five years after the date of the determination that a violation has occurred. If the Contractor violates the SPPA, 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 of the Act shall be binding upon each subcontractor and supplier.

**V.39 CONTRACT-050.02 Prohibition Against The Use of Certain Steel and Aluminum Products (Oct 2009)**

In accordance with the Trade Practices Act of July 23, 1968 P.L. 686 (71 P.S. §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 Agreement that prohibit the use of foreign-made steel and cast iron products.

**V.40 CONTRACT-050.03 Separation for Plumbing, Heating, Ventilation and Electrical Work (Oct 2006)**

The contract shall be subject to the provisions of the Act of May 1, 1913 (P.L. 155, No. 104); 71 P.S. Section 1618.

**V.41 CONTRACT-050.04 Progress Payments (Oct 2006)**

Based upon Applications for Payment submitted to the Agency by the Contractor, the Agency will make progress payments on account of the Price to the Contractor, as provided below.

**V.42 CONTRACT-050.05 Schedule of Progress Payments (Oct 2006)**

Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this Agreement and prior to the first Application for Payment, the Contractor shall submit to the Agency for approval, a detailed Contract Breakdown Sheet, indicating a Schedule of Progress Payments for all work, equipment, and materials required for the acquisition and installation of the Security System (the "Work"). The total amount to be paid according to the Schedule of Progress Payments must equal the Price. The progress payments on the Schedule must be divided so as to facilitate payments to subcontractors, and be prepared in such form as specified by the Agency and supported by such data required by the Agency to substantiate its correctness. Each item in the Schedule of Progress Payments shall include its proper share of any overhead and profit. When more than one building or structure is included in a project, the contractor shall submit a Contract Breakdown Sheet, indicating Unit Prices for all items of Work within the separate buildings or structures. The Schedule of Progress Payments, when approved by the Agency, will be used as a basis for the Contractor's Application for Payments. This schedule may also be used by the Agency to determine the cost or credit to the Agency resulting from the changes in the Work.

**V.43 CONTRACT-050.06 Application for Progress Payments (Oct 2006)**

During the progress of the Work, in accordance with the Agreement, the Contractor shall prepare periodic estimates of the value of the Work performed and shall submit to the Agency itemized Applications for Payment. The applications shall be supported by data, as required by the Agency substantiating the Contractor's right to payment.

**V.44 CONTRACT-050.07 Stored Materials (Oct 2006)**

Upon the determination of the Agency as to reasonableness, payments may be made to the Contractor on account of materials or equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the site, or at some other location agreed upon in writing. Contractor shall remain responsible for all losses of materials and equipment, which remain under its custody and control, regardless of the exclusions in the insurance policies.

Upon the determination of the Agency as to reasonableness, payments may be made to the Contractor on account of materials or equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the site, or at some other location agreed upon in writing. Contractor shall remain responsible for all losses of materials and equipment, which remain under its custody and control, regardless of the exclusions in the insurance policies.

**V.45 CONTRACT-050.08 Contractor Warrants That Title To All Work, Equipment and Materials Associated with the Security System Passes Free of Liens (Oct 2006)**

The Contractor warrants and guarantees that title to all Work covered by an Application for Payment, whether incorporated in the Security System or not, will pass to the Agency upon the receipt of such payment by the Contractor, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests or encumbrances, hereinafter referred to in these Sections as "liens"; and that no work, materials or equipment covered by an Application for Payment was acquired by the Contractor, or by any other person performing the Work at the site of furnishing materials and equipment for the Security System, subject to an agreement under which an interest therein or an encumbrance thereon is retained by the seller or otherwise imposed by the Contractor or such other person.

**V.46 CONTRACT-050.09 Neither Payment Nor Occupancy Accepts Work Not in Conformance with Contract Documents (Oct 2006)**

No Application for Payment, nor any progress payment, nor any partial or entire use of occupancy of the Security System by the Agency constitutes an acceptance of any Work not in accordance with the Agreement.

**V.47 CONTRACT-050.10 Payments Withheld (Oct 2006)**

The Agency may decline to approve an Application for Payment in whole or in part if the Work has not progressed to the point indicated, or the quality and quantity of the Work is not in accordance with the Agreement. The Agency may also decline to approve any Applications for Payment, because of subsequently discovered evidence or subsequent inspections, which may nullify the whole or any part of any Application for Payment previously issued to such extent as may be necessary in its opinion to protect the agency from loss because of:

- (1) Defective work not remedied;

- (2) Claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of claims;
- (3) Reasonable doubt that the work can be completed for the unpaid balance of the contract sum;
- (4) Damages to another prime contractor or subcontractor;
- (5) Reasonable indication that the Work will not be completed within the contract time;
- (6) Unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work by the Contractor, or
- (7) Failure of the Contractor to pay subcontractors or suppliers. It is within the Agency's discretion to withhold payment because of the Contractor's failure to pay subcontractors or suppliers. The failure to withhold payment for this reason does not give rise to a cause of action on the part of the subcontractor or supplier.
- (8) Failure of the Contractor to maintain insurance.

The Agency will notify the Contractor of the reason for withholding payment within fifteen (15) days of its receipt of the Application for Payment.

**V.48 CONTRACT-050.11 Payments Made When Grounds Are Removed (Oct 2006)**

When the grounds set out in the preceding subsection are removed, payment shall be made for amounts withheld because of them.

**V.49 CONTRACT-050.12 Retainage (Oct 2006)**

In computing the amount payable in accordance with this Article on any current Application for Payment:

- (1) Ten percent (10%) [*six percent (6%) for the Department of General Services*] of the then total applications for Payment shall be deducted and retained by the Agency until fifty percent (50%) of the Work called for by the Agreement has been satisfactorily completed and all Contract obligations have been met as determined by the Agency.
- (2) Upon completion of fifty percent (50%) of the work called for by the Agreement, the Work having been satisfactorily completed and all Agreement obligations having been met as determined by the Agency, the retainage withheld by the Agency shall be reduced to three percent (3%) of the original Agreement sum.

**V.50 CONTRACT-050.13 Money Withheld Due To Claims of One Prime Based on Delay of Another (Oct 2006)**

In the event a dispute arises between the Agency and another contractor, which dispute is based upon increased costs claimed by the other contractor occasioned by delays or other actions of Contractor, additional retainage in the sum of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the amount of any possible liability may be withheld from the Contractor until such time as a final resolution is agreed to by all parties directly or indirectly involved, unless the Contractor furnishes a bond satisfactory to the Agency to indemnify the Agency against the claim.

**V.51 CONTRACT-050.14 Failure of Payment (Oct 2006)**

If the Agency fails to make payment to the Contractor within sixty (60) days after receipt of the Application for Payment, the Contractor may file a claim with the Agency contracting officer. Contractor is not entitled to stop work in any event.

**V.52 CONTRACT-050.15 Occupancy (Oct 2006)**

The Agency may use and occupy any completed or partially completed portions of the Work, whether or not the time may have expired for completing the entire Work or said portions of Work. Such use or occupancy shall not be deemed an acceptance of the portion of the Work so taken or used. Prior to such use or occupancy, an inspection of the Work to be occupied by the Agency shall be made by the Agency to determine if it is in conformity with the Agreement. Any damage subsequent to the inspection due solely to the use and occupancy of the completed portion is not the responsibility of the Contractor.

**V.53 CONTRACT-050.16 Final Inspection (Oct 2006)**

When the Contractor submits in writing to the Agency a request for a final inspection and an application for final payment, final inspection will be made within 30 days of the receipt of the request for final inspection and application for final payment. If the Work is substantially completed, the Agency will issue a certificate of final completion and final certificate for payment and the Agency will make payment in full within forty-five (45) days except as set out in this Section, less one and one-half times the amount required to complete any then-remaining uncompleted minor items. The Agency shall list in detail each uncompleted item and a reasonable cost of completion. Final payment of any amount withheld for the completion of minor items shall be paid upon completion of the items in the list. The Contractor shall complete all items (items to be corrected and/or completed) within thirty (30) days after the date of final inspection or show just cause to the satisfaction of the Agency why they cannot be completed. If the Contractor does not complete the punch list items within thirty (30) days, or show just cause to the satisfaction of the Agency why they cannot be completed, the Agency may correct those items and deduct the cost of completion from the amount retained.

**V.54 CONTRACT-050.17 Final Payment (Oct 2006)**

Final payment, constituting the entire unpaid balance of the Contract sum, will be paid by the Agency to the Contractor within thirty (30) days after final inspection of the installed Security System, if the Contract has been fully performed, and a final application for payment has been submitted.

**V.55 CONTRACT-050.18 When Work Cannot Be Completed Through No Fault of Contractor (Oct 2006)**

When, upon final inspection, items of Work cannot be completed because of unseasonable considerations, such as bituminous paving, etc., or, if the Agency agrees that particular items need not be completed until a subsequent date, or, if the Agency delays the final Application for Payment for any unreasonable length of time, the Agency may agree to release payment to the Contractor, less one and one-half (1-1-2) times the dollar value of uncompleted parts of items of the type described in this subsection.

**V.56 CONTRACT-050.19 Final Payment Not Due Until Conditions Met (Oct 2006)**

Neither the final payment nor the remaining retained percentage becomes due until the Contractor submits to the Agency:

- (1) An affidavit that all payrolls, bills for materials and equipment, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which the Agency or its property might in any way be responsible, have been paid or otherwise satisfied;
- (2) Statements of surety and the Contractor's certificate on forms satisfactory to the Agency as to Contractor's payment of all claims for labor, materials, equipment rentals and public utility services; and
- (3) If required by the Agency, other data establishing payment or satisfaction of all such obligations, such as receipts, releases and waivers of liens arising out of the Agreement, to the extent and in such form as is designated by the Agency.

If any subcontractor refuses to furnish a release or waiver, as required by the Agency, the Contractor may furnish a bond satisfactory to the Agency to indemnify the Agency against any such lien. If any such lien remains unsatisfied after all payments are made, the Contractor shall refund to the Agency all moneys that the latter may be compelled to pay in discharging such liens, including all costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

**V.57 CONTRACT-050.20 Release of Funds Due to Delay in Final Inspection Not Due to the Fault of the Contractor (Oct 2006)**

If, after final inspection of the work, final completion is materially delayed through no fault of the Contractor, the Agency shall make payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted. Such payment will not terminate the Agreement. If the remaining balance of work not fully completed or corrected is less than the retainage stipulated in Section 8.10, and, if bonds have been furnished as required, the Contractor must submit to the Agency, prior to certification of the payment, the written consent of the surety to the payment of the balance due for that portion of the work fully completed and accepted. Such payment shall be made under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it does not constitute a waiver of any of the Agency's claims against the Contractor.

**V.58 CONTRACT-050.21 Final Payment as Waiver of Claims (Oct 2006)**

The making of final payment constitutes a waiver of all claims by the Agency, except those arising from:

- (1) Unsettled claims;

- (2) Faulty or defective work or material;
- (3) Failure of the work or material to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents; or
- (4) Terms of any special guarantees required by the Contract Documents.

**V.59 CONTRACT-050.22 Acceptance of Final Payment as Waiver of Claims (Oct 2006)**

The acceptance of final payment by the Contractor constitutes a waiver of all claims by the Contractor.

**V.60 CONTRACT-050.23 Subcontractor/Supplier Agreement (Oct 2006)**

All Work performed for the Contractor by a subcontractor or supplier of materials shall be pursuant to an appropriate agreement between the Contractor and the subcontractor or supplier (and where appropriate between subcontractor and sub-subcontractors). The agreement must be a fully executed agreement and include the amount of subcontractor, sub-subcontractor or supplier is to be paid for the work to be performed or for the materials to be supplied.

**V.61 CONTRACT-050.24 No Contractual Relationship Between Agency and Subcontractor (Oct 2006)**

Nothing contained in the Contract Documents creates any contractual relation between the Agency and any subcontractor, sub-subcontractor or supplier.

**V.62 CONTRACT-050.25 Payment to Subcontractors (Oct 2006)**

Performance by a subcontractor in accordance with the provisions of the contract entitles the Subcontractor to payment from the party with which the Subcontractor has contracted. For purposes of this section, the contract between the Contractor and Subcontractor is presumed to incorporate the terms of the contract between the Contractor and the agency.

**V.63 CONTRACT-050.26 Contractor Disclosure of Due Date for Progress Payments From Agency (Oct 2006)**

The Contractor shall disclose to a subcontractor, before a subcontract is executed, the due date for receipt of progress payments from the Agency. If the Contractor fails to accurately disclose the due date to a subcontractor, the Contractor must pay the subcontractor as though the agency has paid the Contractor within forty-five (45) days of receipt of its application for payment. This section does not apply to a change in due dates because of conditions beyond the Contractor's control, including, but not limited to, design changes, change orders or delays in construction due to weather conditions.

**V.64 CONTRACT-050.27 Time for Subcontractor Payment (Oct 2006)**

When a subcontractor has performed in accordance with the provisions of the contract, the Contractor shall pay to the subcontractor, the full or proportional amount received for each subcontractor's work and material, based on work completed or services provided under the contract, within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a progress payment.

**V.65 CONTRACT-050.28 Interest on Subcontractor Payments (Oct 2006)**

If any progress payment is not made to a subcontractor by the due date the Contractor shall pay to the subcontractor, in addition to the amount due, interest as computed at the rate determined by the Secretary of Revenue for interest payments on overdue taxes or the refund of taxes as provided in Sections 806 and 806.1 of the Act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 343, No. 176), known as "The Fiscal Code," and any subsequent amendments to those sections.

**V.66 CONTRACT-050.29 Deficiency Items (Oct 2006)**

The Contractor may withhold payment from any subcontractor responsible for a deficiency item. The Contractor shall pay any subcontractor according to the provisions of this section for any item which appears on the application for payment and which has been satisfactorily completed.

**V.67 CONTRACT-050.30 Notification of Deficiency Item (Dec 6 2006)**

If a Contractor withholds payment from a subcontractor for a deficiency item, it must notify the subcontractor or supplier and the contracting body of the reasons within 15 calendar days of the date after receipt of the notice of the deficiency item from the owner.

**V.68 CONTRACT-050.31 Failure of Agency to Make Progress Payment (Oct 2006)**

If the Agency fails to issue an approved Application for Payment for any cause which is the fault of the Contractor and not the fault of a particular subcontractor, the Contractor shall pay that subcontractor, upon demand made by the subcontractor at any time after the approved Application for Payment should otherwise have been issued, for its work to the extent completed, less the retained percentage.

**V.69 CONTRACT-050.32 Insurance Receipts (Oct 2006)**

The Contractor shall pay each subcontractor a just share of any insurance moneys received by the Contractor, and shall require each subcontractor to make similar payments to its sub-subcontractors.

**V.70 CONTRACT-050.33 Percentage of Completion (Oct 2006)**

The Agency may, on request, furnish to any subcontractor, if practicable, information regarding percentages of completion certified to the Contractor on account of work done by such subcontractor.

**V.71 CONTRACT-050.34 No Obligation on Part of Agency to Pay Subcontractor (Oct 2006)**

The Agency shall have no obligation to pay, or to see to the payment of, any moneys to any subcontractor except as may otherwise be required by law.

**V.72 CONTRACT-050.35 Subcontractor Responsibility (Oct 2006)**

If the Contractor enters into any agreements under this Contract with subcontractors or suppliers, which are currently suspended or debarred by the Commonwealth, or who become suspended or debarred by the Commonwealth during the term of this Contract or any extensions or renewals of it, the Agency may require the Contractor to terminate such contract.

**V.73 CONTRACT-050.36 Time of the Essence (Oct 2006)**

All time limits stated in the Purchase Order are of the essence.

**V.74 CONTRACT-050.37 Initial Job Conference (Oct 2006)**

The initial job conference will be held within thirty days from the Effective Date of the Purchase Order.

**V.75 CONTRACT-050.38 Construction and Installation Schedule (Oct 2006)**

Construction and equipment installation shall proceed in accordance with the Construction and Installation schedule approved by Agency and attached to the Purchase Order.

**V.76 CONTRACT-050.39 Delays and Extensions of Time (Oct 2006)**

If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the progress of the Work by any act or neglect of the Agency or by any Agency employee or by changes ordered in the Work, by labor disputes, fire, unavoidable casualties, or by delay due to suspension of Work, or by any cause that the Agency determines may justify the delay, then the time may be extended, by the approval of the Agency, of an extension of time for such reasonable time as the Agency may determine. The Agency will respond to the request for Extension of Time within twenty (20) days of its receipt.

**V.77 CONTRACT-050.40 Requests for Extensions of Time (Oct 2006)**

All requests for extensions of time shall be made to the Agency in writing. All such requests must be filed within ten days of the end of the event or issue, which caused the alleged delay.

**V.78 CONTRACT-050.41 Construction and Equipment Installation (Oct 2006)**

- a. The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical accuracy, of all construction and services performed in the installation of the Schlage Locksets, whether by the Contractor or its subcontractors or others on its behalf, throughout the term of this Contract.
- b. The Contractor shall provide overall coordination, management, and responsibility, and shall assure that all Work is completed in a good and workmanlike manner. Subject to other provisions of this Contract, the Contractor will act as a turn-key general contractor assuming total responsibility for the procurement of labor and material for installation and start-up of the Schlage Locksets, including: selecting subcontractors; awarding subcontracts; receiving and evaluating submitted drawings on the equipment; progress inspections during installation; developing and presenting subcontractor punch lists after each inspection; receiving and evaluating record drawings; and operation and maintenance manuals from subcontractors; providing for training of Agency personnel on proper operation of the newly installed Schlage Locksets ; and final inspection and recommendation for approval to the Agency for acceptance of the Schlage Locksets
- c. The Contractor shall conduct a thorough and systematic performance test of each element and total system of the installed Schlage Locksets prior to acceptance of the Schlage Locksets by Agency. The Contractor shall provide notice to the Agency of the scheduled test(s) and the Agency and/or its designees shall have the right to be present at any or all such tests conducted by the Contractor and/or manufacturers of the equipment. The Contractor shall be responsible for correcting and/or adjusting all deficiencies in systems and equipment operations that may be observed during performance testing.

**V.79 CONTRACT-050.42 Permits and Approvals (Oct 2009)**

The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and approvals for completion of the project and shall pay any and all permit fees. Agency shall use its best efforts to assist the Contractor in obtaining all necessary permits and approvals. In no event shall Agency be directly responsible for payment of any permit fees.

The Contractor shall furnish copies of each permit or license which is required to perform the work to the Agency before the Contractor commences the portion of the work requiring such permit or license.

**V.80 CONTRACT-050.43 Coordination During Installation (Oct 2006)**

The Agency and the Contractor shall coordinate the activities of the Contractor's equipment installers with those of the Agency, its employees, and agents. The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act which will interfere with the performance of business activities conducted by the Agency or its employees without prior written approval of the Agency.

**V.81 CONTRACT-050.44 Performance by the Contractor (March 5, 2007)**

The Contractor shall perform all tasks/phases under the Contract, including construction, and install the equipment or system] in such a manner so as not to harm the structural integrity of the buildings or their operating systems. The Contractor shall repair and restore to its original condition any area of damage caused by the Contractor's performance under this Contract. The Agency reserves the right to review the Work performed by the Contractor and to direct the Contractor to take certain corrective action if, in the opinion of the Agency, the structural integrity of the Premises or its operating system is or will be harmed. All costs associated with such corrective action to damage caused by the Contractor's performance of the work shall be borne by the Contractor.

The Contractor shall remain responsible for the professional and technical accuracy of all services performed, whether by the Contractor or its subcontractors or others on its behalf, throughout the term of this Contract. The Contractor is responsible for general broom cleaning at cost. At least once a week, the Contractor shall remove from the Premises all discarded material and rubbish resulting from the work and assure the Premises are free of such materials and rubbish.

**V.82 CONTRACT-050.45 Prevailing Minimum Wages (Oct 2009)**

The contract with the awarded vendor is subject to and shall comply with the provisions, duties, obligations, remedies and penalties of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, 43 P.S. Sections 165-1 through 165-17 and its regulations 34 Pa. Code Sections 9.101 through 9.112, which are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein. The contractor shall pay no less than the wage rates including contributions for employee benefits as determined by the Secretary of Labor and Industry (hereinafter referred to in this paragraph as "Secretary") for each craft or classification of all workers needed to perform this contract during the term hereof for the county 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 its subcontracts all of these required contract provisions and stipulations contained in this paragraph and such other stipulations as may be required.

B. No worker 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 8 of the Act (43 P.S. § 165-8) and section 9.107 of the Act's Regulations (relating to petition for review of rates and hearings) shall be followed.

C. Workers employed or working on the public work shall be paid unconditionally, regardless of whether any contractual relationship exists or the nature of a contractually relationship which may be alleged to exist between a contractor, subcontractor and workers, at least 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 Prevailing Wage Act or its Regulations prohibits the payment of more than the general prevailing minimum wage rates as determined by the Secretary to any worker 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 changes thereof, in a prominent and easily accessible place or places at the site of the work and at the place or places used by them to pay workers their wages. The posted notice of wage rates shall contain the following information:

1. The name of project.



2. The name of public body for which it is being constructed.
3. The crafts and classifications of workers listed in the Secretary's general prevailing minimum wage rate determination for the particular project.
4. The general prevailing minimum wage rates determined for each craft and classification and the effective date of changes.
5. A statement advising workers that if they have been paid less than the general prevailing minimum wage rate for their job classification or that the contractor or subcontractor are not complying with the act or the regulations in any manner whatsoever, the worker may file a protest in writing with the Secretary of Labor and Industry within 3 months of the date of the occurrence, objecting to the payment to a contractor to the extent of the amount due or to become due to them as wages for work performed on the public work project. A worker 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 6 months from the occurrence of the event creating the right.

E. The contractor and subcontractors shall keep an accurate record showing the name, craft or classification, number of hours worked per day, and the actual hourly rate of wage paid including employee benefits, to each worker employed by the contractor or subcontractor in connection with the public work. The record shall include deductions from each worker. The record shall be preserved for 2 years from the date of payment and shall be open at reasonable hours to the inspection of the public body awarding the contract and to the Secretary or the Secretary's authorized representatives.

F. Apprentices shall be limited to numbers 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 Apprenticeship and Training Act (43 P.S. §§ 90.1 – 90.10), approved July 14, 1961 and the regulations issued thereto shall be employed on the public work project. A worker 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 or classification.

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

H. Payment of compensation to workers 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, 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 contracting agency, under oath, and in form satisfactory to the Secretary, certifying that workers have been paid wages in strict conformity with the provisions of the contract. If wages remain unpaid, the contractor or subcontractor shall set forth the amount of wages due and owing to each worker respectively. 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.

### **V.83 CONTRACT-051.1 Notice (Dec 2006)**

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

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

system.

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

**V.84 CONTRACT-052.1 Right to Know Law (Feb 2010)**

a. The Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-3104, (“RTKL”) applies to this Contract. For the purpose of these provisions, the term “the Commonwealth” shall refer to the contracting Commonwealth agency.

b. If the Commonwealth needs the Contractor’s assistance in any matter arising out of the RTKL related to this Contract, it shall notify the Contractor using the legal contact information provided in this Contract. The Contractor, at any time, may designate a different contact for such purpose upon reasonable prior written notice to the Commonwealth.

c. Upon written notification from the Commonwealth that it requires the Contractor’s assistance in responding to a request under the RTKL for information related to this Contract that may be in the Contractor’s possession, constituting, or alleged to constitute, a public record in accordance with the RTKL (“Requested Information”), the Contractor shall:

1. Provide the Commonwealth, within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of written notification, access to, and copies of, any document or information in the Contractor’s possession arising out of this Contract that the Commonwealth reasonably believes is Requested Information and may be a public record under the RTKL; and
2. Provide such other assistance as the Commonwealth may reasonably request, in order to comply with the RTKL with respect to this Contract.

d. If the Contractor considers the Requested Information to include a request for a Trade Secret or Confidential Proprietary Information, as those terms are defined by the RTKL, or other information that the Contractor considers exempt from production under the RTKL, the Contractor must notify the Commonwealth and provide, within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the written notification, a written statement signed by a representative of the Contractor explaining why the requested material is exempt from public disclosure under the RTKL.

e. The Commonwealth will rely upon the written statement from the Contractor in denying a RTKL request for the Requested Information unless the Commonwealth determines that the Requested Information is clearly not protected from disclosure under the RTKL. Should the Commonwealth determine that the Requested Information is clearly not exempt from disclosure, the Contractor shall provide the Requested Information within five (5) business days of receipt of written notification of the Commonwealth’s determination.

f. If the Contractor fails to provide the Requested Information within the time period required by these provisions, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold the Commonwealth harmless for any damages, penalties, costs, detriment or harm that the Commonwealth may incur as a result of the Contractor’s failure, including any statutory damages assessed against the Commonwealth.

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

h. The Contractor may file a legal challenge to any Commonwealth decision to release a record to the public with the Office of Open Records, or in the Pennsylvania Courts, however, the Contractor shall indemnify the Commonwealth for any legal expenses incurred by the Commonwealth as a result of such a challenge and shall hold the Commonwealth harmless for any damages, penalties, costs, detriment or harm that the Commonwealth may incur as a result of the Contractor’s failure, including any statutory damages assessed against the Commonwealth, regardless of the outcome of such legal challenge. As between the parties, the Contractor agrees to waive all rights or remedies that may be available to it as a result of the Commonwealth’s disclosure of Requested Information pursuant to the RTKL.

i. The Contractor’s duties relating to the RTKL are continuing duties that survive the expiration of this Contract and shall continue as long as the Contractor has Requested Information in its possession.

**V.85 CONTRACT-053.1 Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions (July 2022)**

**1. Enhanced Minimum Wage.** Contractor/Lessor agrees to pay no less than \$15.00 per hour to its employees for all hours worked directly performing the services called for in this Contract/Lease, and for an employee's hours performing ancillary services necessary for the performance of the contracted services or lease when such employee spends at least twenty per cent (20%) of their time performing ancillary services in a given work week.

**2. Adjustment.** Beginning July 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the minimum wage rate shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment using the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. The applicable adjusted amount shall be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin by March 1 of each year to be effective the following July 1.

**3. Exceptions.** These Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions shall not apply to employees:

- a. exempt from the minimum wage under the Minimum Wage Act of 1968;
- b. covered by a collective bargaining agreement;
- c. required to be paid a higher wage under another state or federal law governing the services, including the Prevailing Wage Act and Davis-Bacon Act; or
- d. required to be paid a higher wage under any state or local policy or ordinance.

**4. Notice.** Contractor/Lessor shall post these Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions for the entire period of the contract conspicuously in easily-accessible and well-lighted places customarily frequented by employees at or near where the contracted services are performed.

**5. Records.** Contractor/Lessor must maintain and, upon request and within the time periods requested by the Commonwealth, furnish all employment and wage records necessary to document compliance with these Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions.

**6. Sanctions.** Failure to comply with these Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions may result in the imposition of sanctions, which may include, but shall not be limited to, termination of the contract or lease, nonpayment, debarment or referral to the Office of General Counsel for appropriate civil or criminal referral.

**7. Subcontractors.** Contractor/Lessor shall include the provisions of these Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions in every subcontract so that these provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.