

# Request for Proposal

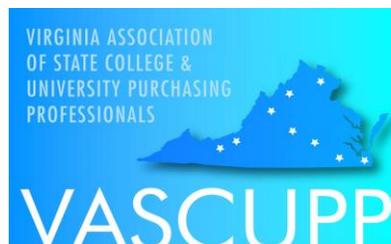
## RFP # MLO-884

### Electronic Research Administration System

**December 18, 2015**

**James Madison University will be closed  
at Noon on December 22, 2015 through Friday, January 1, 2016 .**

**The University will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016.**



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**Issue Date:** December 18, 2015  
**Title:** Electronic Research Administration System  
**Issuing Agency:** Commonwealth of Virginia  
James Madison University  
Procurement Services MSC 5720  
752 Ott Street, Wine Price Bldg.  
First Floor, Suite 1023  
Harrisonburg, VA 22807

**Period of Contract: From Date of Award Through One Year (Renewable)**

**Sealed Proposals Will Be Received Until 2:00 p.m. on January 26, 2016 For Furnishing The Services Described Herein.**

*SEALED PROPOSALS MAY BE MAILED, EXPRESS MAILED, OR HAND DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO THE ISSUING AGENCY SHOWN ABOVE.*

All Inquiries For Information and Clarification Should Be Directed To: Matasha Owens, VCO, Buyer Senior Procurement Services, [owensml@jmu.edu](mailto:owensml@jmu.edu), 540/568-3137, (Fax) 540/568-7936 not later than five business days before the proposal closing date.

**NOTE: THE SIGNED PROPOSAL AND ALL ATTACHMENTS SHALL BE RETURNED**

In compliance with this Request for Proposal and to all the conditions imposed herein, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish the goods/services in accordance with the attached signed proposal or as mutually agreed upon by subsequent negotiation.

Name and Address of Firm:

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature in Ink)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ADDENDUM: #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_\_ #4 \_\_\_\_\_ #5 \_\_\_\_\_ (please initial)

SMALL, WOMAN OR MINORITY OWNED BUSINESS:

YES;  NO; ***IF YES*** ⇒⇒  SMALL;  WOMAN;  MINORITY ***IF MINORITY***:  AA;  HA;  AsA;  NW;  Micro

**Note: This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4343.1 or against a bidder or offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.**

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## **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit sealed proposals from qualified sources to enter into a contract to provide an Electronic Research Administration System for James Madison University (JMU), an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Initial contract shall be for one (1) year with an option to renew for nine (9) additional one-year periods.

## **II. BACKGROUND**

James Madison University (JMU) is a comprehensive public institution in Harrisonburg, Virginia with an enrollment of approximately 20,000 students and 3,000 faculty and staff. There are over 600 individual departments on campus that support seven academic divisions. The University offers over 120 majors, minors, and concentrations. Further information about the University may be found at the following website: <http://www.jmu.edu>.

### **A. OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS:**

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP), a unit within the Office of Research and Scholarship, is the central pre-award administration office for all externally sponsored projects for James Madison University. As the authorized institutional representative for grant applications, contracts, and other funding instruments, OSP is responsible for reviewing, negotiating and executing all contracts and agreements for JMU which involve sponsored projects. The OSP provides assistance in proposal budget development and proposal submission. The office also reviews and approves all proposals to external sponsors.

Research Administration at JMU is currently a combination of home-grown databases and systems and manual processes. Sponsored Programs proposal development and approval is a manual process generally conducted through email and paper-passing. Tracking of proposal and award data involves duplicate keying of sponsor, principal investigator (PI), and budget data to an Access Database. While the reporting from this database is fairly robust, running reports is centralized to OSP. Proposal and award data is provided manually, upon request, to University Advancement (for fundraising) and Technology Innovation (for possible patent or licensing opportunities). JMU processes approximately 350 proposals a year with approximately 250 awards totaling around \$20,000,000 per year.

### **B. OFFICE OF RESEARCH INTEGRITY:**

The Office of Research Integrity (ORI), a unit within the Office of Research and Scholarship, is responsible for monitoring Federal, State, and University compliance regulations as well as overseeing research protection as it relates to animal subjects research, human subject research, recombinant DNA and synthetic nucleic acid molecule research, financial conflicts of interests, and responsible conduct of research. ORI coordinates with compliance committees by providing administrative support, recordkeeping, and reporting.

Human Subject (IRB), Biosafety (IBC), and Animal Care and Use (IACUC) protocols are available for committee member review through Adobe Dreamweaver CC (a secure website). Reviewer comments and approvals are captured manually through an evaluation form using Microsoft Word. Requests and reminders for extensions or missing documents are handled manually via email. There is no reporting ability in the process. All protocols are tracked on an Excel spreadsheet. There is no integration between these processes and Sponsored Program proposals or awards. JMU processes approximately 950 protocols per year. There has been a significant increase in submissions since FY2013.

Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) disclosures are also captured and reviewed on paper and keyed into an Excel spreadsheet. While the spreadsheet is shared with Sponsored Programs, there is no integration between the proposal and FCOI requirements. IRB, IACUC, IBC, and FCOI training is tracked through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program training system and database.

C. UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT:

University Advancement, a division reporting to the President's Office, is comprised of five teams, each equally contributing to the ability to raise private dollars, engage our constituent base, and expand the global footprint of James Madison University. University Advancement provides assistance with advancement gifts and record, data analysis and reporting, prospect research, and advancement business applications.

D. UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS:

JMU's central applications are Oracle PeopleSoft and include Financials 9.1, Campus Solutions 9.0 and Human Capital Management 9.1. Additionally, the University utilizes Oracle PeopleSoft's iHub for faculty, staff and student self-service. Effort Reporting is completed using Maximus Effort Reporting System version 9.01. Faculty/staff email is on-premise Microsoft Exchange 2013. The University uses Ellucian Advance Web as its advancement system.

### **III. SMALL, WOMAN-OWNED AND MINORITY (SWAM) PARTICIPATION**

It is the policy of the Commonwealth of Virginia to contribute to the establishment, preservation, and strengthening of small businesses and businesses owned by women and minorities and to encourage their participation in State procurement activities. The Commonwealth encourages contractors to provide for the participation of small businesses, and businesses owned by women and minorities through partnerships, joint ventures, subcontracts, and other contractual opportunities. Attachment B contains information on reporting spend data with subcontractors.

### **IV. STATEMENT OF NEEDS**

James Madison University is seeking an Electronic Research Administration System that will automate and decentralize processing and summary reporting capabilities, archive required periodic technical and financial reports from end users, and assist with regulatory compliance and monitoring. The system must be capable of the following:

- Routing approvals and workflow capabilities.
- Proposal processing and system-to-system submissions to sponsors.
- Automation of award acceptance and processing protocols for human subject, animal care, and recombinant DNA and synthetic nucleic acid molecule research.
- Automation of reminder notices and reporting summary data.

The Contractor shall have available and be able to demonstrate the use and functions of the following components and/or features of an Electronic Research Administration System. It is expected that any proposed software will already be fully developed, tested, offered publicly for sale and available immediately for installation. For this project, the University is not interested in a custom developed software. Describe in detail the manner in which each item is addressed by the system.

A. APPLICATION FUNCTIONALITY:

1. Describe the features, functionality, administration, and ease of use of proposed Research Administration System with respect to workflow, routing and tracking of required approvals, and reporting.
2. Describe in detail the funding proposal development, submission, and reporting capabilities of the system. If the system has integrated modules, identify what modules are required to achieve the stated functionality.

Specify the system's ability to:

- a. Find or disseminate funding opportunities.
  - b. Support development of proposals to Federal, State, or Private (Foundation, Non-Profit, or Industry) sponsors.
  - c. Provide a permissions hierarchy for routing approvals.
  - d. Indicate, in real time, where the proposal is within the workflow process to determine status and progress.
3. Describe in detail the system capabilities for processing protocols for the Institutional Review Board (IRB), Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC), and Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUC). If the system has integrated modules, identify what modules are required to achieve the stated functionality.

Specify the system's ability to:

- a. Provide a permissions hierarchy for routing approvals.
  - b. Indicate, in real time, where the proposal is within the workflow process to determine status and progress.
4. Describe any other available functionality or modules that would support Research Compliance to include the following:
    - a. Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI).
    - b. Sub-recipient review and monitoring.
    - c. Responsible Conduct or Research (RCR).

5. Describe in detail data export capabilities and identify what modules, if any, are needed for stated functionality.

Specify the system's ability to:

- a. Export of proposal budget(s) to the general ledger.
- b. Export of Foundation and Non-Profit organization proposal data to Ellucian Advance Web.

6. Describe in detail data import capabilities and identify what modules, if any, are needed for stated functionality.

Specify the system's ability to:

- a. Import salary data from Oracle PeopleSoft Human Capital Management 9.1.
  - b. Regeneration of prior proposals.
  - c. Import legacy proposal and award data.
  - d. Import of expenditure data for sponsored awards
  - e. Import Foundation or Non-Profit organization data from Ellucian Advance Web.
7. Tracking features related to the collection of technical and progress reports and cost sharing/matching commitments.
  8. Describe the use of available automated reminder functionality to include:
    - a. Reminders related to missing pieces of a funding proposal.
    - b. Annual renewals.
    - c. Award close-out reminders.
    - d. Report due reminders.
    - e. IRB, IBC, or Animal Care protocol expiration reminders.
  9. Describe any system archiving process, particularly any processes that would be completed at year-end.
    - a. Indicate steps necessary to reactivate or clone protocols or proposals that have been archived.
    - b. Describe security/versioning features to avoid overwriting of archived information.
  10. Describe any additional functionality or capabilities not previously mentioned that would enhance Research Administration at James Madison University. Identify what modules, if any, are required for stated functionality.

**B. APPLICATION TECHNOLOGY:**

1. Describe the application security features for data, for each module, and for the system. Describe all row-level security options as well as any field-level encryption available.
2. Describe the extent to which the user can configure or customize all forms, reports, input/output screens, formats, etc. to brand the application for JMU. Define what *modifiable*, *customizable* and *configurable* mean for your application.
3. Describe the tools and expertise which university technical staff would use to support, troubleshoot, configure or customize the application.

4. Describe workflow functionality included with the application and provide a list of any function for which workflow is already built and delivered.
5. Describe how JMU's e-mail systems would be incorporated with your system's operation. (*Faculty/Staff – on-premise Exchange and students - Live@Edu*).

C. REPORTING:

1. Describe in detail system reporting capabilities for any offered functionality, including proposals, IRB, IBC, and IACUC. Indicate what data can be selected for reporting. Differentiate and describe any differences between 'canned' reports and the ability to produce ad hoc reports. Specify the system's ability to:
  - a. Allow end users (deans, department heads, etc.) to access reports for their college or academic unit.
  - b. Develop ad hoc reports and any access requirements for producing ad hoc reports.
2. Describe any "Do Not Publish" functionality in the proposed system. Identify the fields that are impacted and explain the setting(s) impact on reporting.
3. Describe application approach/strategy for reporting including the approach to ad-hoc reporting for power users as well as the occasional user.
4. Describe all reporting tools supported and how they integrate with the product. Does application licensing include any of the products?
5. Describe the types of reporting that would typically require Information Technology staff support.

D. SERVICES:

1. Describe the training options and include a catalog of training offerings and their associated costs. Response should include differentiation between technical staff and end-user training.
2. Describe services available from your company and/or partners including pricing information that may be included in the final contract. Examples of services that could be included are:
  - a. Implementation
  - b. Development
  - c. Project Management
  - d. Architecture and Design
  - e. Capacity Planning
  - f. Installation and Configuration
  - g. Performance and Scalability
  - h. Conversion

- i. Monitoring, administration and upgrades
  - j. Operations metrics
3. Describe the support options available through your company including on-going support of the application. Describe what portions of support to be performed by IT, the customer versus the vendor.

E. GENERAL:

1. Describe typical implementation timeline and project plan and include examples of previously used project plans.
2. Describe your approach to test and production environments including licensing requirements and any additional costs.
3. Describe how product(s) addresses accessibility to ensure the application is accessible to people with disabilities. Describe testing for adherence to accessibility guidelines and standards. Provide documentation of the testing performed and results of that testing including the Web Accessibility and Template Guide (WATG located at <http://www.vadsa.org/watg>).
4. Describe your relationship with the vendor(s) of any third party tools (*i.e. reporting tools, application server and DBMS vendors, etc.*) included in this proposal including licensing, costs, support for the product(s), and versions (*e.g. full or modified*).

F. TECHNICAL:

1. Provide a detailed diagram of the typical architecture/technical environment required for the system. List all protocols and ports used for communications and indicate which components are clients and which are servers and whether the communications are fully, partially, or not encrypted. Specify any communications paths where unencrypted authentication or other sensitive data are passed. List all third party dependent integration points and data paths including any web content included from or sent to outside parties.
2. Describe the toolset from which your application is derived.
3. Describe the average client response time for all the various functions of the proposed system.
4. Describe any standard and proprietary APIs, integration/connection resources, and development languages and tools that extend your toolset.
5. Describe the client operating system and browser requirements for your toolset. List any additional client-side software required for development/management of your toolset.
6. Describe any aspects of your application that do not support the Macintosh. Describe any changes to default browser or client security settings.
7. Describe any functionality loss, installation problems, upgrade problems, or other difficulties if client applications are run using a regular user account.
8. Describe your support for mobile technologies including technology used, distribution method, functionality, integration and development toolset and security.

9. Describe support for real-time access to data through some other method (*e.g. on-the-fly access to database through ODBC, ADO, JDBC, LDAP, etc. allowing dynamic web content and applications*).
10. Describe support for integration with JMU's existing systems listed in the background statement including pricing, availability of APIs, toolkits for creating connectors, available services, etc. Provide a full list of application connectors. Describe any other methods of integration supported.
11. Describe support for inclusion of your application as part of the PeopleSoft application portal. Describe any pagelets available and how that integration would occur. Describe support for delegating authentication for the pagelet Oracle Access Manager Single Sign and/or PeopleSoft single-sign-on. Describe support for other single-sign-on technologies.
12. Describe your product's support for Web Services/Service Oriented Architecture based standards such as JSR 168 Portlet development standard, and JSR 172 Web Services Interoperability Standard.
13. Describe operational monitoring and reporting capabilities. Include the capabilities for application, content, access, and storage metrics, security and the method for obtaining them (*e.g. command line tools, SNMP, and GUI*).

G. SECURITY:

1. Describe how users and processes are authenticated before gaining access to data and services. Include authentication between components and between the product and external services.
2. If you support LDAP for authentication or authorization, describe use of LDAP(S). List the LDAP(S) servers integrated with product(s). Describe integration and support with LDAP(S) user database for authentication (*Active Directory/OID*) and authorization using attributes/group memberships.
3. Describe your use of authentication credentials and associated attributes, group membership, roles, etc. to make authorization decisions. Include method(s) and granularity of authorization of access to data and services (*e.g. individual accounts, IP address, unix groups, LDAP groups, Active Directory accounts.*)
4. Describe how and where any sensitive data (*e.g. credit card, financial data, SSN, FERPA, HIPAA or other legally regulated data*) including authentication credentials, is stored on clients, servers, and participating external devices. Is it cryptographically protected? If so, provide details on cryptographic protocols, procedures, and key protection.
5. Describe auditing and logging capabilities and data. Include the information recorded with each event.
6. Describe the effects of auditing and logging on a production implementation. Is the proposed system sized for full audit capability? Describe auditing methodologies and capabilities for managing integrity and change control. Describe elements captured with the audit process.
  - a. Describe enterprise audit capabilities
  - b. List the events and logs that can be sent to an external syslog server

c. List the events and logs that cannot be sent to a syslog server

#### H. MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT:

Because consistency and stability of the operating environment and rapid correction of system failures are critical to James Madison University, major consideration will be given to the amount and extent of hardware and software maintenance coverage and to the quality of maintenance.

1. Describe the maintenance philosophy including frequency of updates, approach to completing updates, and model for obtaining them.
2. Describe capabilities for remote support and indicate what access to accounts and systems is required. Describe the locations from which this activity would take place. Describe any maintenance options/tiers and whether they vary in cost by time of day, response time, etc.
3. Describe the services that may be required in the normal course of operating the system that are not covered under the maintenance contract.
4. Describe your approach to security reviews during each phase of the software development lifecycle.
5. Describe your "escalation" procedure.

#### I. HOSTED APPLICATIONS:

The University occasionally explores opportunities for hosting applications external to the university. If hosting is an option for this project, then complete the following section. If hosting is not an option, there is no requirement to respond.

1. Describe where services and data storage are located geographically.
2. Describe how applications are secured inside your firewall.
3. Describe your approach to applications and how they are hosted on servers. (*Will the JMU application(s) reside on dedicated physical/virtual servers?*) Describe the different levels of security for different application layers.
4. Describe the network layer security you provide.
5. Describe your methodology for handling patches and software updates.
6. Describe your approach to screening employees and the level of experience preferred.
7. Describe how you track attacks. Describe your approach to informing JMU about attacks.
8. Describe the audit and security infrastructure testing process you utilize and the frequency of those audits/tests.
9. Describe your approach to security reviews during each phase of the software development lifecycle.
10. Describe the vulnerability detection and response process surrounding your product and hosting infrastructure. Describe your patch release strategy for problems found.

11. If hosted, provide results of the latest penetration test and vulnerability scan performed on your system.
12. Describe your physical and cyber data center security. Describe what measures are in place to prevent employees from viewing data they are not authorized to see or outsiders from hacking into the system.
13. Describe your approach and policy regarding ownership of customer data that resides in your data center. Describe customer rights and abilities regarding moving and copying. Describe vendor and partner practices related to moving and copying data.
14. Describe any exit strategies you offer.
15. Describe your approach to backups and disaster recovery.

J. PRIVACY:

1. Provide your privacy statement.
2. Identify the type/specific information being collected (*User Data – Anonymous or Personally Identifiable*).
3. Specify who collects the information.
4. Specify why the information is collected.
5. Describe how the information is collected (*explicitly, via Cookies, via Web Bugs, etc.*)
6. Describe how the information is used.
7. Specify how long the information is retained.
8. Describe how the information is stored and kept.
9. Describe how the information is secured.
10. Specify whether you share the information with another party. If information is shared with another party, then respond to Items a. through h. below relative to this information.
  - a. Identify the type/specific information being collected (*User Data – Anonymous or Personally Identifiable*).
  - b. Specify who collects the information.
  - c. Specify why the information is collected.
  - d. Describe how the information is collected (*explicitly, via Cookies, via Web Bugs, etc.*)
  - e. Describe how the information is used.
  - f. Specify how long the information is retained.
  - g. Describe how the information is stored and kept.

- h. Describe how the information is secured.
11. Specify whether you collect information on JMU or any party related to JMU from third parties. Respond to Items a. through i. below relative to this information.
- a. Identify the type/specific information being collected (*User Data – Anonymous or Personally Identifiable*).
  - b. Specify who collects the information.
  - c. Specify why the information is collected.
  - d. Describe how the information is collected (*explicitly, via Cookies, via Web Bugs, etc.*)
  - e. Describe how the information is used.
  - f. Specify how long the information is retained.
  - g. Describe how the information is stored and kept.
  - h. Describe how the information is secured.
  - i. Specify whether you share the information with another party.
12. Specify the transaction information collected/maintained.

## V. PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

### A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

**To ensure timely and adequate consideration of your proposal, offerors are to limit all contact, whether verbal or written, pertaining to this RFP to the James Madison University Procurement Office for the duration of this Proposal process. Failure to do so may jeopardize further consideration of Offeror’s proposal.**

1. RFP Response: In order to be considered for selection, the **Offeror shall submit a complete response to this RFP**; and shall submit to the issuing Purchasing Agency:
  - a. **One (1) original and nine (9) copies** of the entire proposal, INCLUDING ALL ATTACHMENTS. Any proprietary information should be clearly marked in accordance with 3.f below.
  - b. **One (1) electronic copy in WORD format or searchable PDF (CD or flash drive)** of the entire proposal, INCLUDING ALL ATTACHMENTS. Any proprietary information should be clearly marked in accordance with 3.f below.
  - c. Should the proposal contain **proprietary information**, provide **one (1) redacted hard copy** of the proposal and attachments **with proprietary portions removed or blacked out**. This copy should be clearly marked “*Redacted Copy*” on the front cover. The classification of an entire proposal document, line item prices and/or total proposal prices as proprietary or trade secrets is not acceptable. JMU shall not be responsible for the Contractor’s failure to exclude proprietary information from this redacted copy.

No other distribution of the proposal shall be made by the Offeror.

2. The version of the solicitation issued by JMU Procurement Services as amended by any addenda is the mandatory controlling version of the document. Any modification of or additions to the solicitation by the Offeror shall not modify the official version of the solicitation issued by JMU Procurement Services unless accepted in writing by the University. Such modifications or additions to the solicitation by the Offeror may be cause for rejection of the proposal; however, JMU reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject such a proposal. If the modifications or additions are not identified until after the award of the contract, the controlling version of the solicitation document shall still be the official state form issued by Procurement Services.
3. Proposal Preparation:
  - a. Proposals shall be signed by an authorized representative of the offeror. All information requested should be submitted. Failure to submit all information requested may result in the purchasing agency requiring prompt submissions of missing information and/or giving a lowered evaluation of the proposal. Proposals which are substantially incomplete or lack key information may be rejected by the purchasing agency. Mandatory requirements are those required by law or regulation or are such that they cannot be waived and are not subject to negotiation.
  - b. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis should be placed on completeness and clarity of content.
  - c. Proposals should be organized in the order in which the requirements are presented in the RFP. All pages of the proposal should be numbered. Each paragraph in the proposal should reference the paragraph number of the corresponding section of the RFP. It is also helpful to cite the paragraph number, sub letter, and repeat the text of the requirement as it appears in the RFP. If a response covers more than one page, the paragraph number and sub letter should be repeated at the top of the next page. The proposal should contain a table of contents which cross references the RFP requirements. Information which the offeror desires to present that does not fall within any of the requirements of the RFP should be inserted at the appropriate place or be attached at the end of the proposal and designated as additional material. Proposals that are not organized in this manner risk elimination from consideration if the evaluators are unable to find where the RFP requirements are specifically addressed.
  - d. As used in this RFP, the terms “must”, “shall”, “should” and “may” identify the criticality of requirements. “Must” and “shall” identify requirements whose absence will have a major negative impact on the suitability of the proposed solution. Items labeled as “should” or “may” are highly desirable, although their absence will not have a large impact and would be useful, but are not necessary. Depending on the overall response to the RFP, some individual “must” and “shall” items may not be fully satisfied, but it is the intent to satisfy most, if not all, “must” and “shall” requirements. The inability of an offeror to satisfy a “must” or “shall” requirement does not automatically remove that offeror from consideration; however, it may seriously affect the overall rating of the offeror’ proposal.
  - e. Each copy of the proposal should be bound or contained in a single volume where practical. All documentation submitted with the proposal should be contained in that single volume.
  - f. Ownership of all data, materials and documentation originated and prepared for the State pursuant to the RFP shall belong exclusively to the State and be subject to public inspection in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Trade secrets or proprietary

information submitted by the offeror shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; however, the offeror must invoke the protection of Section 2.2-4342F of the Code of Virginia, in writing, either before or at the time the data is submitted. The written notice must specifically identify the data or materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. The proprietary or trade secret materials submitted must be identified by some distinct method such as highlighting or underlining and must indicate only the specific words, figures, or paragraphs that constitute trade secret or proprietary information. The classification of an entire proposal document, line item prices and/or total proposal prices as proprietary or trade secrets is not acceptable and will result in rejection and return of the proposal.

4. Oral Presentation: Offerors who submits a proposal in response to this RFP may be required to give an oral presentation of their proposal to James Madison University. This provides an opportunity for the offeror to clarify or elaborate on the proposal. This is a fact finding and explanation session only and does not include negotiation. James Madison University will schedule the time and location of these presentations. Oral presentations are an option of the University and may or may not be conducted. Therefore, proposals should be complete.

**B. SPECIFIC PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Proposals should be as thorough and detailed as possible so that James Madison University may properly evaluate your capabilities to provide the required services. Offerors are required to submit the following items as a complete proposal:

1. Return RFP cover sheet and all addenda acknowledgments, if any, signed and filled out as required.
2. Plan and methodology for providing the goods/services as described in Section IV “*Statement of Needs*” of this Request for Proposal .
3. A written narrative statement to include, but not limited to the expertise, qualifications, and experience of the firm and resumes of specific personnel to be assigned to perform the work.
4. Offeror Data Sheet, included as Attachment A to this RFP.
5. Small Business Subcontracting Plan, included as Attachment B to this RFP. Offeror shall provide a Small Business Subcontracting plan which summarizes the planned utilization of Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD)-certified small businesses which include businesses owned by women and minorities, when they have received Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD) small business certification, under the contract to be awarded as a result of this solicitation. This is a requirement for all prime contracts in excess of \$100,000 unless no subcontracting opportunities exist.
6. Identify the amount of sales your company had during the last twelve months with each VASCUPP Member Institution. A list of VASCUPP Members can be found at: [www.VASCUPP.org](http://www.VASCUPP.org).
7. Proposed Cost. See Section X. “*Pricing Schedule*” of this Request for Proposal.

## **VI. EVALUATION and AWARD CRITERIA**

### **A. EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

Proposals shall be evaluated by James Madison University using the following criteria:

1. Quality of products/services offered and suitability for the intended purposes.
2. Qualifications and experience of Offeror in providing the goods/services.
3. Specific plans or methodology to be used to perform the services.
4. Participation of Small, Women-Owned and Minority (SWAM) Businesses
5. Cost

- B. **AWARD**: Selection shall be made of two or more offerors deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those submitting proposals on the basis of the evaluation factors included in the Request for Proposals, including price, if so stated in the Request for Proposals. Negotiations shall be conducted with the offerors so selected. Price shall be considered, but need not be the sole determining factor. After negotiations have been conducted with each offeror so selected, the agency shall select the offeror which, in its opinion, has made the best proposal, and shall award the contract to that offeror. The Commonwealth may cancel this Request for Proposals or reject proposals at any time prior to an award, and is not required to furnish a statement of the reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous. Should the Commonwealth determine in writing and in its sole discretion that only one offeror is fully qualified, or that one offeror is clearly more highly qualified than the others under consideration, a contract may be negotiated and awarded to that offeror. The award document will be a contract incorporating by reference all the requirements, terms and conditions of the solicitation and the contractor's proposal as negotiated.

## **VII. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS** (Revised 8/18/15 ABS)

- A. **PURCHASING MANUAL**: This solicitation is subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Purchasing Manual for Institutions of Higher Education and Their Vendors and any revisions thereto, which are hereby incorporated into this contract in their entirety. A copy of the manual is available for review at the purchasing office. In addition, the manual may be accessed electronically at <http://www.jmu.edu/procurement> or a copy can be obtained by calling Procurement Services at (540) 568-3145.
- B. **APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS**: This solicitation and any resulting contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the Commonwealth. The Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- C. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION**: By submitting their proposals, offerors certify to the Commonwealth that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians With Disabilities Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act and §10 of the Rules Governing Procurement, Chapter 2, Exhibit J, Attachment 1 (available for review at <http://www.jmu.edu/procurement>). If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in

a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (*§6 of the Rules Governing Procurement*)

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

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
  - a. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
  - b. The contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, will state that such contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
  - c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting these requirements.
2. The contractor will include the provisions of 1. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

- D. ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING: By submitting their proposals, offerors certify that their proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.
- E. IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986: By entering into a written contract with the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Contractor certifies that the Contractor does not, and shall not during the performance of the contract for goods and services in the Commonwealth, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.
- F. DEBARMENT STATUS: By submitting their proposals, offerors certify that they are not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia from submitting bids or proposals on contracts for the type of goods and/or services covered by this solicitation, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently so debarred.
- G. ANTITRUST: By entering into a contract, the contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Commonwealth of Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Commonwealth of Virginia under said contract.
- H. MANDATORY USE OF STATE FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS RFPs: Failure to submit a proposal on the official state form provided for that purpose may be a cause for rejection of the proposal. Modification of or additions to the General Terms and Conditions of the solicitation may be

cause for rejection of the proposal; however, the Commonwealth reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject such a proposal.

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

J. PAYMENT:

1. To Prime Contractor:

- a. Invoices for items ordered, delivered and accepted shall be submitted by the contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the state contract number and/or purchase order number; social security number (for individual contractors) or the federal employer identification number (for proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations).
- b. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be regarded as requiring payment 30 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 30 days, however.
- c. All goods or services provided under this contract or purchase order, that are to be paid for with public funds, shall be billed by the contractor at the contract price, regardless of which public agency is being billed.
- d. The following shall be deemed to be the date of payment: the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail, or the date of offset when offset proceedings have been instituted as authorized under the Virginia Debt Collection Act.
- e. Unreasonable Charges. Under certain emergency procurements and for most time and material purchases, final job costs cannot be accurately determined at the time orders are placed. In such cases, contractors should be put on notice that final payment in full is contingent on a determination of reasonableness with respect to all invoiced charges. Charges which appear to be unreasonable will be researched and challenged, and that portion of the invoice held in abeyance until a settlement can be reached. Upon determining that invoiced charges are not reasonable, the Commonwealth shall promptly notify the contractor, in writing, as to those charges which it considers unreasonable and the basis for the determination. A contractor may not institute legal action unless a settlement cannot be reached within thirty (30) days of notification. The provisions of this section do not relieve an agency of its prompt payment obligations with respect to those charges which are not in dispute (*Rules Governing Procurement, Chapter 2, Exhibit J, Attachment 1 § 53; available for review at <http://www.jmu.edu/procurement>*).

2. To Subcontractors:

- a. A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
  - (1) To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Commonwealth for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
  - (2) To notify the agency and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to

withhold payment and the reason.

- b. The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the Commonwealth, except for amounts withheld as stated in (2) above. The date of mailing of any payment by U. S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contract. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the Commonwealth.
3. Each prime contractor who wins an award in which provision of a SWAM procurement plan is a payment, evidence and certification of compliance (subject only to insubstantial shortfalls and to shortfalls arising from subcontractor default) with the SWAM procurement plan. Final payment under the contract in question may be withheld until such certification is delivered and, if necessary, confirmed by the agency or institution, or other appropriate penalties may be assessed in lieu of withholding such payment.
  4. The Commonwealth of Virginia encourages contractors and subcontractors to accept electronic and credit card payments.
- K. PRECEDENCE OF TERMS: Paragraphs A through J of these General Terms and Conditions and the Commonwealth of Virginia Purchasing Manual for Institutions of Higher Education and their Vendors, shall apply in all instances. In the event there is a conflict between any of the other General Terms and Conditions and any Special Terms and Conditions in this solicitation, the Special Terms and Conditions shall apply.
- L. QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFERORS: The Commonwealth may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the offeror to perform the services/furnish the goods and the offeror shall furnish to the Commonwealth all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Commonwealth reserves the right to inspect offeror's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the offeror's capabilities. The Commonwealth further reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such offeror fails to satisfy the Commonwealth that such offeror is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to provide the services and/or furnish the goods contemplated therein.
- M. TESTING AND INSPECTION: The Commonwealth reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure goods and services conform to the specifications.
- N. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT: A contract shall not be assignable by the contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Commonwealth.
- O. CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT: Changes can be made to the contract in any of the following ways:
1. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
  2. The Purchasing Agency may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The contractor

shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the Purchasing Agency a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods:

- a. By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
  - b. By agreeing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the Purchasing Agency's right to audit the contractor's records and/or to determine the correct number of units independently; or
  - c. By ordering the contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The contractor shall present the Purchasing Agency with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Purchasing Agency shall have the right to audit the records of the contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Purchasing Agency within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Purchasing Agency. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the question of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for resolving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract or, if there is none, in accordance with the disputes provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia Purchasing Manual for Institutions of Higher Education and their Vendors. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Purchasing Agency or with the performance of the contract generally.
- P. **DEFAULT:** In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Commonwealth, after due oral or written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies which the Commonwealth may have.
- Q. **INSURANCE:** By signing and submitting a bid or proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that if awarded the contract, it will have the following insurance coverage at the time the contract is awarded. For construction contracts, if any subcontractors are involved, the subcontractor will have workers' compensation insurance in accordance with § 25 of the Rules Governing Procurement – Chapter 2, Exhibit J, Attachment 1, and 65.2-800 et. Seq. of the Code of Virginia (available for review at <http://www.jmu.edu/procurement>). The bidder or offeror further certifies that the contractor and any subcontractors will maintain these insurance coverage during the entire term of the contract and that all insurance coverage will be provided by insurance companies authorized to sell insurance in Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

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

1. Workers' Compensation – Statutory requirements and benefits. Coverage is compulsory for employers of three or more employees, to include the employer. Contractors who fail to notify the Commonwealth of increases in the number of employees that change their workers' compensation requirement under the Code of Virginia during the course of the contract shall be in noncompliance with the contract.
2. Employer's Liability - \$100,000.

3. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. Commercial General Liability is to include bodily injury and property damage, personal injury and advertising injury, products and completed operations coverage. The Commonwealth of Virginia must be named as an additional insured and so endorsed on the policy.
4. Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 combined single limit. *(Required only if a motor vehicle not owned by the Commonwealth is to be used in the contract. Contractor must assure that the required coverage is maintained by the Contractor (or third party owner of such motor vehicle.)*

- R. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD: Upon the award or the announcement of the decision to award a contract over \$50,000, as a result of this solicitation, the purchasing agency will publicly post such notice on the DGS/DPS eVA web site ([www.eva.virginia.gov](http://www.eva.virginia.gov)) for a minimum of 10 days.
- S. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE: During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

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

- T. NONDISCRIMINATION OF CONTRACTORS: A bidder, offeror, or contractor shall not be discriminated against in the solicitation or award of this contract because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, faith-based organizational status, any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment or because the bidder or offeror employs ex-offenders unless the state agency, department or institution has made a written determination that employing ex-offenders on the specific contract is not in its best interest. If the award of this contract is made to a faith-based organization and an individual, who applies for or receives goods, services, or disbursements provided pursuant to this contract objects to the religious character of the faith-based organization from which the individual receives or would receive the goods, services, or disbursements, the public body shall offer the individual, within a reasonable period of time after the date of his objection, access to equivalent goods, services, or disbursements from an alternative provider.
- U. eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT VENDOR REGISTRATION, CONTRACTS, AND ORDERS: The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution, website portal [www.eVA.virginia.gov](http://www.eVA.virginia.gov), streamlines and automates government purchasing activities in the Commonwealth. The eVA portal is the gateway for vendors to conduct business with state agencies and public bodies. All vendors desiring to provide goods and/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA Internet eprocurement solution by completing the free eVA Vendor Registration. All bidders or offerors must register in eVA and pay the Vendor Transaction Fees specified below; failure to register will result in the bid/proposal being rejected.

Vendor transaction fees are determined by the date the original purchase order is issued and the current fees are as follows:

- a. For orders issued July 1, 2014 and after, the Vendor Transaction Fee is:



Street or Box No.	RFP Number
City, State, Zip Code	RFP Title

Name of Purchasing Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

The envelope should be addressed as directed on the title page of the solicitation.

The offeror takes the risk that if the envelope is not marked as described above, it may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised, which may cause the proposal to be disqualified. Proposals may be hand delivered to the designated location in the office issuing the solicitation. No other correspondence or other proposals should be placed in the envelope.

- D. **LATE PROPOSALS:** To be considered for selection, proposals must be received by the issuing office by the designated date and hour. The official time used in the receipt of proposals is that time on the automatic time stamp machine in the issuing office. Proposals received in the issuing office after the date and hour designated are automatically non-responsive and will not be considered. The University is not responsible for delays in the delivery of mail by the U.S. Postal Service, private couriers, or the intra university mail system. It is the sole responsibility of the Offeror to ensure that its proposal reaches the issuing office by the designated date and hour.
- E. **UNDERSTANDING OF REQUIREMENTS:** It is the responsibility of each offeror to inquire about and clarify any requirements of this solicitation that is not understood. The University will not be bound by oral explanations as to the meaning of specifications or language contained in this solicitation. Therefore, all inquiries deemed to be substantive in nature must be in writing and submitted to the responsible buyer in the Procurement Services Office. Offerors must ensure that written inquiries reach the buyer at least five (5) days prior to the time set for receipt of offerors proposals. A copy of all queries and the respective response will be provided in the form of an addendum to all offerors who have indicated an interest in responding to this solicitation. Your signature on your Offer certifies that you fully understand all facets of this solicitation. These questions may be sent by Fax to 540/ 568-7936 or 540/568-7935.
- F. **RENEWAL OF CONTRACT:** This contract may be renewed by the Commonwealth for a period of nine (9) successive one year periods under the terms and conditions of the original contract except as stated in 1. and 2. below. Price increases may be negotiated only at the time of renewal. Written notice of the Commonwealth's intention to renew shall be given approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of each contract period.
1. If the Commonwealth elects to exercise the option to renew the contract for an additional one-year period, the contract price(s) for the additional one year shall not exceed the contract price(s) of the original contract increased/decreased by no more than the percentage increase/decrease of the other services category of the CPI-W section of the Consumer Price Index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the latest twelve months for which statistics are available.
  2. If during any subsequent renewal periods, the Commonwealth elects to exercise the option to renew the contract, the contract price(s) for the subsequent renewal period shall not exceed the contract price(s) of the previous renewal period increased/decreased by more than the percentage increase/decrease of the other services category of the CPI-W section of the Consumer Price Index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the latest twelve months for which statistics are available.

- G. SUBMISSION OF INVOICES: All invoices shall be submitted within sixty days of contract term expiration for the initial contract period as well as for each subsequent contract renewal period. Any invoices submitted after the sixty day period will not be processed for payment.
- H. OPERATING VEHICLES ON JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS: Operating vehicles on sidewalks, plazas, and areas heavily used by pedestrians is prohibited. In the unlikely event a driver should find it necessary to drive on James Madison University sidewalks, plazas, and areas heavily used by pedestrians, the driver must yield to pedestrians. For a complete list of parking regulations, please go to [www.jmu.edu/parking](http://www.jmu.edu/parking); or to acquire a service representative parking permit, contact Parking Services at 540.568.3300. The safety of our students, faculty and staff is of paramount importance to us. Accordingly, violators may be charged.
- I. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING / USE OF AGREEMENT BY THIRD PARTIES: It is the intent of this solicitation and resulting contract(s) to allow for cooperative procurement. Accordingly, any public body, *(to include government/state agencies, political subdivisions, etc.)*, cooperative purchasing organizations, public or private health or educational institutions or any University related foundation and affiliated corporations may access any resulting contract if authorized by the Contractor.

Participation in this cooperative procurement is strictly voluntary. If authorized by the Contractor(s), the resultant contract(s) will be extended to the entities indicated above to purchase goods and services in accordance with contract terms. As a separate contractual relationship, the participating entity will place its own orders directly with the Contractor(s) and shall fully and independently administer its use of the contract(s) to include contractual disputes, invoicing and payments without direct administration from the University. No modification of this contract or execution of a separate agreement is required to participate; however, the participating entity and the Contractor may modify the terms and conditions of this contract to accommodate specific governing laws, regulations, policies, and business goals required by the participating entity. Any such modification will apply solely between the participating entity and the Contractor.

The Contractor will notify the University in writing of any such entities accessing this contract. The Contractor will provide semi-annual usage reports for all entities accessing the contract. The University shall not be held liable for any costs or damages incurred by any other participating entity as a result of any authorization by the Contractor to extend the contract. It is understood and agreed that the University is not responsible for the acts or omissions of any entity and will not be considered in default of the contract no matter the circumstances.

Use of this contract(s) does not preclude any participating entity from using other contracts or competitive processes as needed.

- J. SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING AND EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:
1. It is the goal of the Commonwealth that 42% of its purchases are made from small businesses. This includes discretionary spending in prime contracts and subcontracts. All potential bidders/offerors are required to submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan. Unless the bidder/offeror is registered as a Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD)-certified small business and where it is practicable for any portion of the awarded contract to be subcontracted to other suppliers, the contractor is encouraged to offer such subcontracting opportunities to DSBSD-certified small businesses. This shall not exclude DSBSD-certified women-owned and minority-owned businesses when they have received DSBSD small business certification. No bidder/offeror or subcontractor shall be considered a Small Business, a Women-Owned Business or a Minority-Owned Business unless certified as such by the Department of

Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD) by the due date for receipt of bids or proposals. If small business subcontractors are used, the prime contractor agrees to report the use of small business subcontractors by providing the purchasing office at a minimum the following information: name of small business with the DSBSD certification number or FEIN, phone number, total dollar amount subcontracted, category type (small, women-owned, or minority-owned), and type of product/service provided. **This information shall be submitted to: JMU Office of Procurement Services, Attn: SWAM Subcontracting Compliance, MSC 5720, Harrisonburg, VA 22807.**

2. Each prime contractor who wins an award in which provision of a small business subcontracting plan is a condition of the award, shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution with every request for payment, evidence of compliance (subject only to insubstantial shortfalls and to shortfalls arising from subcontractor default) with the small business subcontracting plan. **This information shall be submitted to: JMU Office of Procurement Services, SWAM Subcontracting Compliance, MSC 5720, Harrisonburg, VA 22807.** When such business has been subcontracted to these firms and upon completion of the contract, the contractor agrees to furnish the purchasing office at a minimum the following information: name of firm with the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD) certification number or FEIN number, phone number, total dollar amount subcontracted, category type (small, women-owned, or minority-owned), and type of product or service provided. Payment(s) may be withheld until compliance with the plan is received and confirmed by the agency or institution. The agency or institution reserves the right to pursue other appropriate remedies to include, but not be limited to, termination for default.
  3. Each prime contractor who wins an award valued over \$200,000 shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution with every request for payment, information on use of subcontractors that are not Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD)-certified small businesses. When such business has been subcontracted to these firms and upon completion of the contract, the contractor agrees to furnish the purchasing office at a minimum the following information: name of firm, phone number, FEIN number, total dollar amount subcontracted, and type of product or service provided. **This information shall be submitted to: JMU Office of Procurement Services, Attn: SWAM Subcontracting Compliance, MSC 5720, Harrisonburg, VA 22807.**
- K. **ADDITIONAL GOODS AND SERVICES:** The University may acquire other goods or services that the supplier provides than those specifically solicited. The University reserves the right, subject to mutual agreement, for the Contractor to provide additional goods and/or services under the same pricing, terms, and conditions and to make modifications or enhancements to the existing goods and services. Such additional goods and services may include other products, components, accessories, subsystems, or related services that are newly introduced during the term of this Agreement. Such additional goods and services will be provided to the University at favored nations pricing, terms, and conditions.
- L. **AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN THE COMMONWEALTH:** A contractor organized as a stock or nonstock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the *Code of Virginia* or as otherwise required by law. Any business entity described above that enters into a contract with a public body shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth, if so required under Title 13.1 or Title 50, to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the term of the contract. A public body may

void any contract with a business entity if the business entity fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section.

- M. PUBLIC POSTING OF COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS: James Madison University maintains a web-based contracts database with a public gateway access. Any resulting cooperative contract/s to this solicitation will be posted to the publicly accessible website. Contents identified as proprietary information will not be made public.
- N. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED BY CONTRACTOR TO PERFORM WORK ON JMU PROPERTY: The Contractor shall obtain criminal background checks on all of their contracted employees who will be assigned to perform services on James Madison University property. The results of the background checks will be directed solely to the Contractor. The Contractor bears responsibility for confirming to the University contract administrator that the background checks have been completed prior to work being performed by their employees or subcontractors. The Contractor shall only assign to work on the University campus those individuals whom it deems qualified and permissible based on the results of completed background checks. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, and to ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff and facilities, James Madison University reserves the right to approve or disapprove any contract employee that will work on JMU property. Disapproval by the University will solely apply to JMU property and should have no bearing on the Contractor's employment of an individual outside of James Madison University.
- O. INDEMNIFICATION: Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Virginia, its officers, agents, and employees from any claims, damages and actions of any kind or nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or caused by the use of any materials, goods, or equipment of any kind or nature furnished by the contractor/any services of any kind or nature furnished by the contractor, provided that such liability is not attributable to the sole negligence of the using agency or to failure of the using agency to use the materials, goods, or equipment in the manner already and permanently described by the contractor on the materials, goods or equipment delivered.
- P. CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION: The Contractor assures that information and data obtained as to personal facts and circumstances related to students, faculty, and staff will be collected and held confidential, during and following the term of this agreement, and will not be divulged without the individual's and the agency's written consent and only in accordance with federal law or the *Code of Virginia*. Contractors who utilize, access, or store personally identifiable information as part of the performance of a contract are required to safeguard this information and immediately notify the agency of any breach or suspected breach in the security of such information. Contractors shall allow the agency to both participate in the investigation of incidents and exercise control over decisions regarding external reporting. Contractors and their employees working on this project may be required to sign a confidentiality statement.
- Q. EXCESSIVE DOWNTIME: Equipment or software furnished under the contract shall be capable of continuous operation. Should the equipment or software become inoperable for a period of more than 24 hours, the contractor agrees to pro-rate maintenance charges to account for each full day of in operability. The period of in operability shall commence upon initial notification. In the event the equipment or software remains inoperable for more than two (2) consecutive calendar days, the contractor shall promptly replace the equipment or software at no charge upon request of the procuring agency. Such replacement shall be with new, unused product(s) of comparable quality, and must be installed and operational within two (2) days following the request for replacement.
- R. LATEST SOFTWARE VERSION: Any software product(s) provided under the contract shall be the latest version available to the general public as of the due date of this solicitation.

- S. RENEWAL OF MAINTENANCE: Maintenance of the hardware or software specified in the resultant contract may be renewed by the mutual written agreement of both parties for an additional one-year periods, under the terms and conditions of the original contract except as noted herein. Price changes may be negotiated at time of renewal; however, in no case shall the maintenance costs for a succeeding one-year period exceed the prior year's contract price(s), increased or decreased by more than the percentage increase or decrease in the other services category of the CPI-W section of the US Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index, for the latest twelve months for which statistics are available.
- T. SOFTWARE UPGRADES: The Commonwealth shall be entitled to any and all upgraded versions of the software covered in the contract that becomes available from the contractor. The maximum charge for upgrade shall not exceed the total difference between the cost of the Commonwealth's current version and the price the contractor sells or licenses the upgraded software under similar circumstances.
- U. SOURCE CODE: In the event the contractor ceases to maintain experienced staff and the resources needed to provide required software maintenance, the Commonwealth shall be entitled to have, use, and duplicate for its own use, a copy of the source code and associated documentation for the software products covered by the contract. Until such time as a complete copy of such material is provided, the Commonwealth shall have exclusive right to possess all physical embodiments of such contractor owned materials. The rights of the Commonwealth in this respect shall survive for a period of twenty years after the expiration or termination of the contract. All lease and royalty fees necessary to support this right are included in the initial license fee as contained in the pricing schedule.
- V. TERM OF SOFTWARE LICENSE: Unless otherwise stated in the solicitation, the software license(s) identified in the pricing schedule shall be purchased on a perpetual basis and shall continue in perpetuity. However the Commonwealth reserves the right to terminate the license at any time, although the mere expiration or termination of this contract shall not be construed as an intent to terminate the license. All acquired license(s) shall be for use at any computing facilities, on any equipment, by any number of users, and for any purposes for which it is procured. The Commonwealth further reserves the right to transfer all rights under the license to another state agency to which some or all of its functions are transferred.
- W. THIRD PARTY ACQUISITION OF SOFTWARE: The contractor shall notify the procuring agency in writing should the intellectual property, associated business, or all of its assets be acquired by a third party. The contractor further agrees that the contract's terms and conditions, including any and all license rights and related services, shall not be affected by the acquisition. Prior to completion of the acquisition, the contractor shall obtain, for the Commonwealth's benefit and deliver thereto, the assignee's agreement to fully honor the terms of the contract.
- X. TITLE TO SOFTWARE: By submitting a proposal, the offeror represents and warrants that it is the sole owner of the software or, if not the owner, that it has received all legally required authorizations from the owner to license the software, has the full power to grant the rights required by this solicitation, and that neither the software nor its use in accordance with the contract will violate or infringe upon any patent, copyright, trade secret, or any other property rights of another person or organization.
- Y. WARRANTY AGAINST SHUTDOWN DEVICES: The contractor warrants that the equipment and software provided under the contract shall not contain any lock, counter, CPU reference, virus, worm, or other device capable of halting operations or erasing or altering data or programs. Contractor further warrants that neither it, nor its agents, employees, or subcontractors shall insert any shutdown device following delivery of the equipment and software.

- Z. **NONVISUAL ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY:** All information technology which, pursuant to this Agreement, is purchased or upgraded by or for the use of any State agency or institution or political subdivision of the Commonwealth (the "Technology") shall comply with the following nonvisual access standards from the date of purchase or upgrade until the expiration of this Agreement:
- (i) effective, interactive control and use of the Technology shall be readily achievable by nonvisual means;
  - (ii) the Technology equipped for nonvisual access shall be compatible with information technology used by other individuals with whom any blind or visually impaired user of the Technology interacts;
  - (iii) nonvisual access technology shall be integrated into any networks used to share communications among employees, program participants or the public; and
  - (iv) the technology for nonvisual access shall have the capability of providing equivalent access by nonvisual means to telecommunications or other interconnected network services used by persons who are not blind or visually impaired.

Compliance with the foregoing nonvisual access standards shall not be required if the head of the using agency, institution or political subdivision determines that (i) the Technology is not available with nonvisual access because the essential elements of the Technology are visual and (ii) nonvisual equivalence is not available.

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

If requested, the Contractor must provide a detailed explanation of how compliance with the foregoing nonvisual access standards is achieved and a validation of concept demonstration.

The requirements of this Paragraph shall be construed to achieve full compliance with the Information Technology Access Act, 2.2-3500 through 2.2-3504 of the *Code of Virginia*.

All information technology which, pursuant to this Agreement, is purchased or upgraded by or for the use of any Commonwealth agency or institution or political subdivision of the Commonwealth (the "Technology") shall comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended. If requested, the Contractor must provide a detailed explanation of how compliance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act is achieved and a validation of concept demonstration. (<http://www.section508.gov/>). The requirements of this Paragraph along with the Non-Visual Access to Technology Clause shall be construed to achieve full compliance with the Information Technology Access Act, §§2.2-3500 through 2.2-3504 of the *Code of Virginia*.

## **IX. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

The contractor will be paid on the basis of invoices submitted in accordance with the solicitation and any negotiations. James Madison University recognizes the importance of expediting the payment process for our vendors and suppliers. We are asking our vendors and suppliers to enroll in the Wells Fargo Bank single use Commercial Card Number process or electronic deposit (ACH) to your bank account so that future payments are made electronically. Contractors signed up for the Wells Fargo Bank single use Commercial Card Number process will receive the benefit of being paid in Net 15 days. Additional information is available online at:

[http://www.jmu.edu/acctgserv/expenditures/vendor\\_pay\\_methods.shtml](http://www.jmu.edu/acctgserv/expenditures/vendor_pay_methods.shtml)

## **X. PRICING SCHEDULE**

The offeror shall provide pricing for all products and services included in proposal indicating one-time and on-going costs.

State the maintenance costs for the first year, and, on the basis of an annually renewable contract, the maintenance costs for each of the following five (5) years.

Specify any associated charge card processing fees, if applicable, to be billed to the University.

## **XI. ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A](#): Offeror Data Sheet

[Attachment B](#): Small, Women and Minority-owned Businesses (SWaM) Utilization Plan

[Attachment C](#): Standard Contract Sample

ATTACHMENT A

OFFEROR DATA SHEET

TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFEROR

1. **QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFEROR:** Offerors must have the capability and capacity in all respects to fully satisfy the contractual requirements.
2. **YEARS IN BUSINESS:** Indicate the length of time you have been in business providing these types of goods and services.

Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_

3. **REFERENCES:** Indicate below a listing of at least five (5) organizations, either commercial or governmental/educational, that your agency is servicing. Include the name and address of the person the purchasing agency has your permission to contact.

CLIENT	LENGTH OF SERVICE	ADDRESS	CONTACT PERSON/PHONE #
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4. List full names and addresses of Offeror and any branch offices which may be responsible for administering the contract.

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5. **RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:** Is any member of the firm an employee of the Commonwealth of Virginia who has a personal interest in this contract pursuant to the [CODE OF VIRGINIA](#), SECTION 2.2-3100 – 3131?

YES  NO

IF YES, EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ATTACHMENT B

### Small, Women and Minority-owned Businesses (SWaM) Utilization Plan

**Offeror Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Preparer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Is your firm a **Small Business Enterprise** certified by the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, certification number: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your firm a **Woman-owned Business Enterprise** certified by the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, certification number: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your firm a **Minority-Owned Business Enterprise** certified by the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, certification number: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your firm a **Micro Business** certified by the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, certification number: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** *Populate the table below to show your firm's plans for utilization of small, women-owned and minority-owned business enterprises in the performance of the contract. Describe plans to utilize SWAMs businesses as part of joint ventures, partnerships, subcontractors, suppliers, etc.*

**Small Business:** "Small business " means a business, independently owned or operated by one or more persons who are citizens of the United States or non-citizens who are in full compliance with United States immigration law, which, together with affiliates, has 250 or fewer employees, or average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years.

**Woman-Owned Business Enterprise:** A business concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women who are U.S. citizens or legal resident aliens, or in the case of a corporation, partnership or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51 percent of the equity ownership interest in which is owned by one or more women, and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of such individuals. **For purposes of the SWAM Program, all certified women-owned businesses are also a small business enterprise.**

**Minority-Owned Business Enterprise:** A business concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more minorities or in the case of a corporation, partnership or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51 percent of the equity ownership interest in which is owned by one or more minorities and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of such individuals. **For purposes of the SWAM Program, all certified minority-owned businesses are also a small business enterprise.**

**Micro Business** is a certified Small Business under the SWaM Program and has no more than twenty-five (25) employees **AND** no more than \$3 million in average annual revenue over the three-year period prior to their certification.

**All small, women, and minority owned businesses must be certified by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD) to be counted in the SWAM program. Certification applications are available through DSBSD at 800-223-0671 in Virginia, 804-786-6585 outside Virginia, or online at <http://www.sbsd.virginia.gov/> (Customer Service).**

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ATTACHMENT C



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STANDARD CONTRACT

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

This contract entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called the "Contractor" and Commonwealth of Virginia, James Madison University called the "Purchasing Agency".

WITNESSETH that the Contractor and the Purchasing Agency, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements herein contained, agree as follows:

SCOPE OF CONTRACT: The Contractor shall provide the services to the Purchasing Agency as set forth in the Contract Documents.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: From \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

The contract documents shall consist of:

- (1) This signed form;
- (2) The following portions of the Request for Proposals dated \_\_\_\_\_:
  - (a) The Statement of Needs,
  - (b) The General Terms and Conditions,
  - (c) The Special Terms and Conditions together with any negotiated modifications of those Special Conditions;
  - (d) List each addendum that may be issued
- (3) The Contractor's Proposal dated \_\_\_\_\_ and the following negotiated modification to the Proposal, all of which documents are incorporated herein.
  - (a) Negotiations summary dated \_\_\_\_\_.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

CONTRACTOR:

PURCHASING AGENCY:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_