

Procurement Office
Attorney Request Form

Date: 9/13/2023

To: Tracy Gallehr, County Attorney

From: Scott Bargas

Ext. 8354

Subject: Review and Approval of Commonwealth of Virginia Rider Contract

Date Needed by: 09/20/2023

Background or Problem Statement:

Please review and approve new Commonwealth of Virginia rider contract for Propane Services. We have previously used this service. However, a new solicitation was awarded that has not been reviewed yet.

Cooperative language is on Page 1, Roman numeral 1, Purpose

Please Review ☒ or Approve ☒ the following:

Office of the County Attorney Response:

9/20/23 AATFJ

Fauquier County, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia
Contract # IFB 13-24sbc, Propane Services
(Rider, Commonwealth of Virginia IFB 12727 Propane (Liquid Petroleum Gas))

This Agreement is made and entered into this 13th day of September 2023, by Fauquier County, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hereinafter referred to as "Owner" and **Ferrellgas LP** having its principal place of business at: **1 Liberty Plaza, Liberty Missouri, 64068** hereinafter referred to as "Contractor".

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INSURANCE: By signing this contract, the Contractor agrees they will have the insurance coverage specified on the attached Insurance Checklist at the time the work commences. Additionally, the Contractor certifies that it will maintain all required 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. The Contractor shall furnish the certificate of insurance for the coverage required within five business days of full contract execution, and shall continue to provide compliant insurance certificates throughout the term of the contract.

COMPENSATION: The Owner will pay and the Contractor will accept in full consideration for the performance during the contract term the fees as set forth within the referenced Commonwealth of Virginia contract and noted herein, with payment terms of Net 30 days.

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

Ferrellgas LP

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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By: _____
Jeff Campbell

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

COUNTY ATTORNEY



DIVISION OF RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE CHECKLIST

Items marked "X" are required to be provided if award is made to your firm.

<u>Required</u>	<u>Coverage Required</u>	<u>Limits</u> (figures denotes minimum)
<u>X</u>	1. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability; Admitted in Virginia Employers' Liability All States Endorsement USL & H Endorsement Voluntary Compensation Endorsement Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better or its equivalent	1. Statutory Limits of the Commonwealth of VA Yes \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000 Statutory Statutory
<u>X</u>	2. Commercial General Liability General Aggregate Products/Completed Operations Personal and Advertising Injury Fire Legal Liability Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better or its equivalent	2. \$1,000,000 (CSL) Each Occurrence \$2,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$100,000 Per Occurrence
<u>X</u>	3. Automobile Liability Owned, Hired, Borrowed & Non-owned Motor Carrier Act End. Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better, or its equivalent	3. \$1,000,000 combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage Each Occurrence (note, symbol "I" on liability coverage)
—	4. Prof. Errors and Omissions Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better or its equivalent	4. \$1,000,000 (CSL) Each Claim
—	5. Garage Liability	5. \$1,000,000 CSL Each Occurrence
—	6. Garage Keeper's Legal Liability Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better, Or its equivalent	6. a) Maximum Value of One Vehicle b) Maximum Value of All Vehicles Held by Contractor
—	7. Umbrella Liability Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better, or its equivalent.	7. \$1,000,000 Minimum
—	8. Other Insurance: Cyber Liability as needed	8. \$1,000,000 Minimum
<u>X</u>	9. Auto and General Liability Policies <u>shall be endorsed to name</u> Fauquier County Public School Board as additional insured (This coverage is primary to all other coverage The County and Schools may possess and must be shown on the certificate)	Fauquier
<u>X</u>	10. The Contractor shall provide 30 days written notice of any policy cancellation for policies specified Checklist to Fauquier County and/or Fauquier County School Board in accordance with the timelines and stipulations in Code of Virginia Section 38.2-231.	on this
<u>X</u>	11. The Certificate must state Bid/RFP No. and Bid/RFP Title.	
<u>X</u>	12. Contractor shall submit Certificate of Insurance within five (5) business days from notification of award, and shall provide updated Certificates for the duration of the contract.	

OFFEROR STATEMENT

We understand the Insurance Requirements of these specifications and will comply in full if awarded this contract.

FIRM

SIGNATURE

Revised 4/8/2021, Proc/HR

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GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS/OFFERORS

Revised 08/05/2021

Vendor: These general rules and conditions shall apply to all purchases and be a part of each solicitation and every contract awarded by the Procurement Division, unless otherwise specified. The Procurement Division is responsible for the purchasing activity of Fauquier County, which is comprised of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, a body politic and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Constitutional Officers of Fauquier County, Virginia, and the Fauquier County School Board, a body corporate. The term "Owner" as used herein refers to the contracting entity which is the signatory on the contract and may be either Fauquier County or the Fauquier County School Board, or both. Bidder/Offeror or their authorized representatives are expected to inform themselves fully as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting bids/proposals: failure to do so will be at the bidder's/Offeror's own risk and except as provided by law, relief cannot be secured on the plea of error.

Subject to all Federal, State and local laws, policies, resolutions, regulations, rules, limitations and legislation, bids/proposals on all solicitations issued by the Procurement Division will bind bidders/Offerors to applicable conditions and requirements herein set forth unless otherwise specified in the solicitation.

1. **AUTHORITY**-Except as delegated in the Procurement Procedures Manual, the Purchasing Agent has the sole responsibility and authority for negotiating, placing and when necessary modifying every solicitation, contract and purchase order issued by the Owner. In the discharge of these responsibilities, the Purchasing Agent may be assisted by assigned buyers. Unless specifically delegated by the Purchasing Agent, no other Owner officer or employee is authorized to order supplies or services, enter into purchase negotiations or contracts, or in any way obligate the Owner for an indebtedness. Any purchase order or contract made which is contrary to these provisions and authorities shall be of no effect and void and the Owner shall not be bound thereby.
2. **COMPETITION INTENDED:** It is the Owner's intent that this solicitation permit competition. It shall be the Bidder's/Offeror's responsibility to advise the Purchasing Agent in writing if any language, requirement, specification, etc., or any combination thereof, stifles competition or inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this solicitation to a single source. The Purchasing Agent must receive such notification not later than five (5) business days prior to the deadline set for acceptance of the bids/proposals.

CONDITIONS OF BIDDING

3. **CLARIFICATION OF TERMS:** Unless otherwise specified, if any Bidder/Offeror has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective Bidder/Offeror should contact the buyer whose name appears on the face of the solicitation no later than five (5) business days prior to the date set for the opening of bids or receipt of proposals. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the Buyer. Notifications regarding specifications may not be considered if received in less than five (5) business days of the date set for opening of bids/receipt of proposals.
4. **MANDATORY USE OF OWNER FORMS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Failure to submit a bid/proposal on the official Owner forms provided for that purpose shall be a cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. Unauthorized modification of or additions to any portion of the Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal may be cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. However, the Owner reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject any bid or proposal which has been modified.
5. **LATE BIDS/PROPOSALS & MODIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:**
Any bid/proposal/modification received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of the bid/proposal/modification is considered a late bid/proposal/modification. The Owner is not responsible for delays in the delivery of the mail by the U.S. Postal Service, private carriers or the inter-office mail system. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Offeror to ensure their bid/proposal reaches the Procurement Division by the designated date and hour.
 - a. The official time used in the receipt of bids/proposals is that time on the automatic time stamp machine in the Procurement Division.
 - b. Late bids/proposals/modifications will be returned to the Bidder/Offeror UNOPENED, if solicitation number, acceptance date and Bidder/Offeror's return address is shown on the container.
 - c. If the Owner closes its offices due to inclement weather or other unforeseen emergency scheduled bid openings or receipt of proposals will be extended to the next business day, same time.
6. **WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:**
A Bidder/Offeror for a contract other than for public construction may request withdrawal of his or her bid/proposal under the following circumstances:
 - a. Bids/Proposals may be withdrawn on written request from the Bidder/Offeror received at the address shown in the solicitation prior to the time of acceptance.
 - b. Requests for withdrawal of bids/proposals after opening of such bids/proposals but prior to award shall be transmitted to the Purchasing Agent, in writing, accompanied by full documentation supporting the request. If the request is based on a claim of error, documentation must show the basis of the error. Such documentation may take the form of supplier quotations, vendor work sheets, etc. If bid bonds were tendered with the bid, the Owner may exercise its right of collection.No Bid/Proposal may be withdrawn under this paragraph when the result would be the awarding of the contract on another bid/Proposal of the same bidder/Offeror or of another bidder/Offeror in which the ownership of the withdrawing bidder/Offeror is more than five percent. In the case of Invitation for Bids, if a bid is withdrawn under the authority of this paragraph, the lowest remaining bid shall be deemed to be the low bid. No bidder/Offeror that is permitted to withdraw a bid/proposal shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor to or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn bid/proposal was submitted.
7. **ERRORS IN BIDS/PROPOSALS** – When an error is made in extending total prices, the unit bid price will govern. Erasures in bids/proposals must be initialed by the bidder/Offeror. Carelessness in quoting prices, or in preparation of bid/proposal otherwise, will not relieve the Bidder/Offeror. Bidders/Offeror's are cautioned to recheck their bids/proposals for possible error. Errors discovered after public opening cannot be corrected and the bidder will be required to perform if his or her bid is accepted.
8. **IDENTIFICATION OF BID/PROPOSAL ENVELOPE:** The signed bid/proposal and requested copies should be returned in a separate envelope or package, sealed and identified with the following information:

ADDRESSED AS INDICATED ON PAGE 1
IFB/RFP NUMBER
TITLE

BID/PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME
VENDOR NAME AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (RETURN ADDRESS)

If a bid/proposal is not addressed with the information as shown above, the Bidder/Offeree takes the risk that the envelope may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised, which may cause the bid/proposal to be disqualified. Bids/Proposals may be hand delivered to the designated location in the office issuing the solicitation. No other correspondence or other proposals should be placed in the envelope.

9. **ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:** Unless otherwise specified, all formal bids/proposals submitted shall be valid for a minimum period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days following the date established for acceptance. At the end of the one hundred twenty (120) calendar days the bid/proposal may be withdrawn at the written request of the Bidder/Offeree. If the proposal is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.
10. **CONDITIONAL BIDS:** Conditional bids are subject to rejection in whole or in part.
11. **BIDDERS PRESENT:** At the time fixed for the opening of responses to a bid, bid contents will be made public for the information of bidders and other interested parties who may be present either in person or by representative. All bids will be opened at the time and place specified and read publicly. Bid tabulations are posted on the Procurement Division's Bulletin Board for a minimum of 10 days from award date. At the time fixed for the receipt of responses for Request for Proposals, only the names of the Offerors will be read and made available to the public.
12. **RESPONSE TO SOLICITATIONS:** In the event a vendor cannot submit a bid on a solicitation, the vendor is requested to return the solicitation cover sheet with an explanation as to why the vendor is unable to bid on these requirements. Because of the large number of firms listed on the Owner's Bidders List, it may be necessary to delete from this list the names of those persons, firms or corporations who fail to respond after having been invited to bid for three (3) successive solicitations. Such deletion will be made only after formal notification of the intent to remove the firm from the Owner's Bidders List.
13. **BIDDER INTERESTED IN MORE THAN ONE BID:** If more than one bid is offered by any one party, either directly or by or in the name of his or her clerk, partner, or other persons, all such bids may be rejected. A party who has quoted prices on work, materials, or supplies to a bidder is not thereby disqualified from quoting prices to other bidders or firms submitting a bid directly for the work, materials or supplies.
14. **TAX EXEMPTION:** The Owner is exempt from the payment of any federal excise or any Virginia sales tax. The price bid must be net, exclusive of taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished if requested by the Bidder/Offeree.
15. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offerees certify that they are not currently debarred from submitting bids/proposals on contracts by the Owner, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting bids or proposals on contracts by the Owner or any agency, public entity/locality or authority of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
16. **ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING:** The provisions contained in *Code of Virginia* §§ 2.2-4367 through 2.2-4377 (the Virginia Public Procurement Act), as amended from time to time, shall be applicable to all contracts solicited or entered into by the Owner. By submitting their bids/proposals, all Bidders/Offerees certify that their bids/proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other Bidder, Offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their bid/proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.
17. **NO CONTACT POLICY:** No Bidder/Offeree shall initiate or otherwise have contact related to the solicitation with any Owner representative or employee, other than the Procurement Division, after the date and time established for receipt of bids/proposals. Any contact initiated by a Bidder/Offeree with any Owner representative, other than the Procurement Division, concerning this solicitation is prohibited and may cause the disqualification of the Bidder/Offeree from this procurement process.
18. **VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:** All proceedings, records, contracts and other public records relating to procurement transactions shall be open to the inspection of any citizen, or any interested person, firm or corporation, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3700 *et. seq.*) and § 2.2-4342 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act except as provided below:
 - a. Cost estimates relating to a proposed procurement transaction prepared by or for a public body shall not be open to public inspection.
 - b. Any competitive sealed bidding bidder, upon request, shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect bid records within a reasonable time after the opening of bids but prior to award, except in the event that the Owner decides not to accept any of the bids and to reopen the contract. Otherwise, bid records shall be open to public inspection only after award of the contract. Any competitive negotiation Offeror, upon request, shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect proposal records within a reasonable time after the evaluation and negotiations of proposals are completed but prior to award except in the event that the Owner decides not to accept any of the proposals and to reopen the contract. Otherwise, proposal records shall be open to the public inspection only after award of the contract except as provided in paragraph "c" below. Any inspection of procurement transaction records under this section shall be subject to reasonable restrictions to ensure the security and integrity of the records.
 - c. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a bidder, Offeror or contractor in connection with a procurement transaction shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information and Virginia Public Procurement Acts; however, the bidder, Offeror or contractor must invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of the data or other materials, and must identify the data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary.
 - d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require the Owner, when procuring by "competitive negotiation" (Request for Proposal), to furnish a statement of reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous to the Owner.
19. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Contractor certifies by signing bid to the Owner that no conflict of interest exists between Contractor and Owner that interferes with fair competition and no conflict of interest exists between Contractor and any other person or organization that constitutes a conflict of interest with respect to the contract with the Owner.

SPECIFICATIONS

20. **BRAND NAME OR EQUAL ITEMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict bidders to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named; it conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired, and any article which the Owner in its sole discretion determines to be the equal of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. The Bidder is responsible to clearly and specifically indicate the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable the Owner to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the solicitation. This is required even if offering the exact brand, make or manufacturer specified. Normally in competitive sealed bidding, only the information furnished with the bid will be considered in the evaluation.

Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid non-responsive. Unless the Bidder clearly indicates in its bid/proposal that the product offered is "equal" product, such bid/proposal will be considered to offer the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.

21. **FORMAL SPECIFICATIONS:** When a solicitation contains a specification which states no substitutes, no deviation therefrom will be permitted and the bidder will be required to furnish articles in conformity with that specification.
22. **OMISSIONS & DISCREPANCIES:** Any items or parts of any equipment listed in this solicitation which are not fully described or are omitted from such specification, and which are clearly necessary for the completion of such equipment and its appurtenances, shall be considered a part of such equipment although not directly specified or called for in the specifications.

The Bidder/Offeree shall abide by and comply with the true intent of the specifications and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission, but shall fully complete every part as the true intent and meaning of the specifications and drawings. Whenever the mention is made of any articles, material or workmanship to be in accordance with laws, ordinances, building codes, underwriter's codes, A.S.T.M. regulations or similar expressions, the requirements of these laws, ordinances, etc., shall be construed as to the minimum requirements of these specifications.

23. **CONDITION OF ITEMS:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, all items shall be new, in first class condition.

AWARD

24. **AWARD OR REJECTION OF BIDS:** The Purchasing Agent shall award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder complying with all provisions of the IFB, provided the bid price is reasonable and it is in the best interest of the Owner to accept it. Awards made in response to a RFP will be made to the highest qualified Offeror whose proposal is determined, in writing, to be the most advantageous to the Owner taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to award a contract by individual items, in the aggregate, or in combination thereof, or to reject any or all bids/proposals and to waive any informality in bids/proposals received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Owner. Award may be made to as many bidders/Offeror's as deemed necessary to fulfill the anticipated requirements of the Owner. The Purchasing Agent also reserves the right to reject the bid if a bidder is deemed to be a non-responsive bidder.
25. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD:** Upon the award or announcement of the decision to award a contract as a result of this solicitation, the Procurement Division will publicly post such notice on the Procurement Website at <http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-h-z/procurement>
26. **QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS OR OFFERORS:** The Owner may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder/Offeree to perform the work/furnish the item(s) and the Bidder/Offeree shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Owner reserves the right to inspect Bidder's/Offeree's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the Bidder's/Offeree's capabilities. The Owner further reserves the right to reject any bid or proposal if the evidence submitted by or investigations of, such Bidder/Offeree fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder/Offeree is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work/furnish the item(s) contemplated therein.
27. **TIE BIDS:** In the case of a tie bid, the Owner may give preference to goods, services and construction produced in Fauquier County or provided by persons, firms or corporations having principal places of business in the County. If such choice is not available, preference shall then be given to goods and services produced in the Commonwealth pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4324. If no County or Commonwealth choice is available, the tie shall be decided by lot.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS

28. **APPLICABLE LAW AND COURTS:** Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be governed and construed in all respects by the laws of Virginia, and any litigation with respect thereto shall only be brought in the appropriate General District or Circuit Court of Fauquier County, Virginia. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
29. **ANTITRUST:** By entering into a contract, the Contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Owner all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of the 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 Owner under said contract. This includes, but is not limited to, overcharges as to goods and/or services provided in connection with this contract resulting from antitrust violations that arise under United States' or the Commonwealth's antitrust laws. Consistent and continued tie bidding could cause rejection of bids by the Purchasing Agent and/or investigation for antitrust violations.
30. **INVOICING AND PAYMENT TERMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation payment will be made forty-five (45) days after receipt of a proper invoice, or forty-five (45) days after receipt of all goods or acceptance of work, whichever is the latter.
 - a. Invoices for items/services ordered, delivered/performance and accepted shall be submitted by the Contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the contract number, purchase order number, and any federal employer identification number.
 - b. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 45 days will be regarded as requiring payment 45 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 45 days, however.
 - c. The date of payment shall be deemed the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail.
 - d. The Owner's fiscal year is July 1 - June 30. Contractors must submit invoices, especially for goods and/or services provided in the month of JUNE, for the entire month i.e. June 1 - June 30, so that expenses are recognized in the appropriate fiscal year.
 - e. Any payment made by the Contractor to the Owner shall only be made in U.S. Dollars. If payment is received in foreign currency the Owner may, in its sole discretion, reject such payment and require immediate compensation in U.S. Dollars.
31. **PAYMENT TO SUBCONTRACTORS:** A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
 - a. To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Owner for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
 - b. To notify the Owner and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.

The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month compounded monthly (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 Owner, except for amounts withheld as stated in 2 above. The date of mailing of any payment by postage prepaid 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 Owner.
32. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the Contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Purchasing Agent.

33. **DEFAULT:** In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Owner, 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 other remedies which the Owner may have.
34. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offeree's certify to the Owner 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, the Virginia Human Rights Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3900 *et seq.*) and § 2.2-4311 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1(E)).

In every contract over \$10,000 the provisions in A and B below apply:

- a. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:
- 1) 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.
 - 2) 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.
 - 3) Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
- b. The Contractor will include the provisions of a. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.
35. **CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT:** Changes can only be made to the contract in one of the following ways:
- a. 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.
 - b. The Owner 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 Owner a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods:
 - 1) By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - 2) By agreeing in writing 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 Owner's right to audit the Contractor's records and/or determine the correct number of units independently; or
 - 3) 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 Owner with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Owner 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 Procurement Division within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Procurement Division. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the questions of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for relieving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract. 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 Owner or with the performance of the contract generally.
 - c. No modification for a fixed price contract may be increased by more than 25% or \$50,000, whichever is greater without the advanced written approval of the Board of Supervisors or the School Board, as applicable.
36. **INDEMNIFICATION:** Contractor shall indemnify, keep and save harmless the Owner, its agents, officials, employees and volunteers against claims of injuries, death, damage to property, patent claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, cost and expenses which may otherwise accrue against the Owner in consequence of the granting of a contract or which may otherwise result therefrom, if it shall be determined that the act was caused through negligence or error, or omission of the Contractor or his or her employees, or that of the subcontractor or his or her employees, if any; and the Contractor shall, at his or her own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising therefrom or incurred in connection therewith; and if any judgment shall be rendered against the Owner in any such action, the Contractor shall, at his or her own expense, satisfy and discharge the same. Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any performance bond or insurance protection required by this contract, or otherwise provided by the Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the Owner as herein provided.
37. **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 in accordance with this chapter, 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.

38. **TERMINATION:** Subject to the provisions below, the contract may be terminated by the Owner upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the contractor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.
- a. Termination for Convenience: In the event that the contract is terminated upon request and for the convenience of the Owner, without the required thirty (30) days advance notice, then the Owner shall be responsible for payment of services up to the termination date.

- b. **Termination for Cause:** Termination by the Owner for cause, default or negligence on the part of the contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provision; termination costs, if any shall not apply. However, pursuant to the Default provision of these General Conditions, the Owner may hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. The thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived in the event of Termination for Cause.
- c. **Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Fiscal Years:** When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal year, the contract shall be canceled without any liability or penalty to Owner.

39. USE OF CONTRACT BY OTHER PUBLIC BODIES: Except as prohibited by the current *Code of Virginia*, all resultant contracts will be extended, with the authorization of the Contractor, to other public bodies of the Commonwealth of Virginia and all currently active members of the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) or, Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team, to permit their ordering of supplies and/or services at the prices and terms of the resulting contract. If any other public body decides to use the final contract, the Contractor must deal directly with that public body concerning the placement or orders, issuance of the purchase order, contractual disputes, invoicing and payment. Fauquier County acts only as the "Contracting Agent" for these public bodies. Any resulting contract with other public bodies shall be governed by the laws of that specific entity. It is the Contractor's responsibility to notify the public bodies of the availability of the contract. Fauquier County shall not be held liable for any costs or damage incurred by another public body as a result of any award extended to that public body by the Contractor.

- 40. **AUDIT:** The Contractor hereby agrees to retain all books, records and other documents relative to this contract for five years after final payment, or until audited by the Owner, whichever is sooner. The agency, its authorized agents, and/or Owner auditors shall have full access to and right to examine any of said materials during said period.
- 41. **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY NOTIFICATION:** The Contractor shall not employ on school property any employee who is a registered sex offender and shall enforce the same restriction upon all sub-contractors and agents of Contractor. Prior to starting work and quarterly during performance of the work, the Contractor shall check the Virginia State Police Sex Offender Registry to verify sex offender status of all employees and agents of Contractor and Sub-Contractors who are employed on school property by the Contractor or Sub-Contractor. The Contractor shall furnish the Owner with evidence verifying compliance with the services.

Prior to starting work on-site, the Contractor shall submit a completed Fauquier County Public Schools "CERTIFICATION OF NO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN" form, a copy of which is included in this solicitation.

- 42. **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW:** During the term of any contract, the Contractor does not, and shall not during the performance of the contract for goods and services in the Commonwealth of Virginia, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.
- 43. **ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION:** As required by the Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act 40 CFR, subpart E, 763.93, information regarding asbestos inspections, response actions, and post response activities is on file in a full asbestos report located in the main office of each school. Contractors bear full responsibility to review this material prior to commencing any activity at a school site.
- 44. **VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION:** If required by law, the Contractor shall maintain a valid certificate of authority or registration to transact business in Virginia with the Virginia State Corporation Commission as required by Title 13.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, during the term of the Contract or any Contract renewal. The Contractor shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the terms of the contract. If the Contractor fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section, the contract is voidable at the option of Owner.
- 45. **ADA WEBSITE-RELATED ACCESSIBILITY:** Any Contractor who performs services, designs, develops content, maintains or otherwise bears responsibility for the content and format of Owner's website(s) or third-party programs accessed through Owner's website(s), acknowledges receipt of, and responsibility to implement the accessibility standards found in the U.S. Department of Justice publication entitled "Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities," available at www.ada.gov/websites2.htm or, as attached directly to the solicitation. Contractor services as noted, shall conform to § 508 of Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the World Wide Web Consortium's (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0 AA), most current versions, in addition to the Owner's web accessibility policy.

DELIVERY PROVISION

- 46. **SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS-CONSIGNMENT:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation each case, crate, barrel, package, etc., delivered under the contract must be plainly stenciled or securely tagged, stating the Contractor's name, purchase order number, and delivery address as indicated in the order. Where shipping containers are to be used, each container must be marked with the purchase order number, name of the Contractor, the name of the item, the item number, and the quantity contained therein. Deliveries must be made within the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Deliveries at any other time will not be accepted unless specific arrangements have been previously made with the designated individual at the delivery point. No deliveries will be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays unless previous arrangements have been made. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to insure compliance with these instructions for items that are drop-shipped.
- 47. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES TENDERED:** The Contractor shall be responsible for the materials or supplies covered by the contract until they are delivered at the designated point, but the Contractor shall bear all risk on rejected materials or supplies after notice of rejection. Rejected materials or supplies must be removed by and at the expense of the contractor promptly after notification of rejection, unless public health and safety require immediate destruction or other disposal of rejected delivery. If rejected materials are not removed by the Contractor within ten (10) days after date of notification, the Owner may return the rejected materials or supplies to the Contractor at his or her risk and expense or dispose of them as its own property.
- 48. **INSPECTIONS:** The Owner reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure supplies and services conform to the specification. Inspection and acceptance of materials or supplies will be made after delivery at destinations herein specified unless otherwise stated. If inspection is made after delivery at destination herein specified, the Owner will bear the expense of inspection except for the value of samples used in case of rejection. Final inspection shall be conclusive except in regard to latent defects, fraud or such gross mistakes as to amount to fraud. Final inspection and acceptance or rejection of the materials or supplies will be made as promptly as practicable, but failure to inspect and accept or reject materials or supplies shall not impose liability on the Owner for such materials or supplies as are not in accordance with the specifications.
- 49. **COMPLIANCE:** Delivery must be made as ordered and in accordance with the solicitation or as directed by the Procurement Division when not in conflict with the bid/contract. The decision as to reasonable compliance with delivery terms shall be final. Burden of proof of delay in receipt of goods by the purchaser shall rest with the Contractor. Any request for extension of time of delivery from that specified must be approved by the Procurement Division, such extension applying

only to the particular item or shipment affected. Should the Contractor be delayed by the Owner, there shall be added to the time of completion a time equal to the period of such delay caused by the Owner. However, the contractor shall not be entitled to claim damages of extra compensation for such delay or suspension. These conditions may vary for construction contracts.

50. **POINT OF DESTINATION:** All materials shipped to the Owner must be shipped F.O.B. DESTINATION unless otherwise stated in the contract. The materials must be delivered to the "Ship To" address indicated on the purchase order.
51. **REPLACEMENT:** Materials or components that have been rejected by the Procurement Division, in accordance with the terms of the contract, shall be replaced by the Contractor at no cost to the Owner.
52. **PACKING SLIPS OR DELIVERY TICKETS:** All shipments shall be accompanied by Packing Slips or Delivery Tickets and shall contain the following information for each item delivered:
- Purchase Order Number,
 - Name of Article and Stock Number,
 - Quantity Ordered,
 - Quantity Shipped,
 - Quantity Back Ordered,
 - The Name of the Contractor.

Contractors are cautioned that failure to comply with these conditions shall be considered sufficient reason for refusal to accept the goods.

BIDDER/CONTRACTOR REMEDIES

53. **PROTEST OF AWARD OR DECISION TO AWARD:** Any Bidder/Offeree who desires to protest the award or decision to award a contract, by either Fauquier County or the Fauquier County School Board, shall submit such protest in writing to the County Administrator (if the award or decision to award was made by Fauquier County) or the Superintendent of Schools (if the award or decision to award was made by the Fauquier County School Board), no later than ten (10) days after public notice of the award or announcement of the decision to award, whichever comes first. No protest shall lie for a claim that the selected bidder/Offeree is not a responsible bidder/Offeree. The written protest shall include the basis for the protest and the relief sought. The County Administrator or the Superintendent of Schools, as the case may be, shall issue a decision in writing within ten (10) days stating the reasons for the action taken. This decision shall be final unless the bidder/Offeree appeals within ten (10) days of the written decision by instituting legal action as provided in § VIII.H.3 of the County's Procurement Policy. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to permit an Offeree to challenge the validity of the terms or conditions of the solicitation.
54. **DISPUTES:** Contractual claims, whether for money or other relief, shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Schools (if the claim is against the Fauquier County School Board) or the County Administrator (if the claim is against Fauquier County) no later than sixty (60) days after final payment; however, written notice of the Contractor's intention to file such claim shall have been given at the time of the occurrence or beginning of the work upon which the claim is based. Nothing herein shall preclude a contract from requiring submission of an invoice for final payment within a certain time after completion and acceptance of the work or acceptance of the goods. Pendency of claims shall not delay payment of amount agreed due in the final payment. A written decision upon any such claims will be made by the School Board (if the claim is against the Fauquier County School Board) or the County Board of Supervisors (if the claim is against Fauquier County) within sixty (60) days after submittal of the claim. The Contractor may not institute legal action prior to receipt of the School Board or Board of Supervisors (whichever is applicable) decision on the claim unless the applicable party fails to render such decision within sixty (60) days. The decision of the School Board or Board of Supervisors (as applicable) shall be final and conclusive unless the Contractor within six (6) months of the date of the final decision on a claim, initiates legal action as provided in *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4364. Failure of the School Board or Board of Supervisors to render a decision within sixty (60) days shall not result in the Contractor being awarded the relief claimed nor shall it result in any other relief or penalty. Should the School Board or Board of Supervisors (as applicable) fail to render a decision within sixty (60) days after submittal of the claim, the Contractor may institute legal action within six (6) months after such 60-day period shall have expired, or the claim shall be deemed finally resolved. No administrative appeals procedure pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4365 has been established for contractual claims under this contract.



**Fauquier County Public Schools
and
Fauquier County**



**CERTIFICATION
OF
NO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN**

Contractor acknowledges that the implementation of this Contract requires Contractor, Contractor's employees, or other persons that will provide services under this Contract to have direct contact with students and children. Therefore, Contractor hereby certifies that neither Contractor, Contractor's employees, nor any person that will provide services under this Contract who will have direct contact with students and children on Fauquier County Public School and/or Fauquier County property have been convicted of a felony or any offense involving the sexual molestation or physical or sexual abuse or rape of a child.

Contractor understands that, pursuant to Code of Virginia §22.1-296.1, making a materially false statement regarding offenses which are required to be included in the certification referenced above is a Class 1 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, the fact of such conviction shall be grounds for the revocation of the contract to provide such services and, when relevant, the revocation of any license required to provide such services. Fauquier County Public Schools and/or Fauquier County shall not be liable for materially false statements regarding the certifications required under this Contract.

Contractor certifies that employees, or any person who will have direct contact with students and children under this contract have not been convicted of a felony or any offense involving the sexual molestation or physical or sexual abuse or rape of a child.

Company Name

Solicitation # and Title

Company Address

Company Phone Number

Print Name of Authorized Representative

Authorized Representative Title

Authorized Representative Signature

Date

**RETURN THIS FORM EITHER WITH BID/ PROPOSAL SUBMISSION OR
TO CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR PRIOR TO ANY WORK ON PROPERTY**

Certification of No Crimes Against Children, rev. 9/18/15



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NOTICE OF AWARD
REVISED

Contract: Statewide- Propane (Liquid Petroleum Gas)

Date: May 26, 2023

Suppliers: Multiple Award; Awarded suppliers are listed below. Refer to Attachment H-Award Notification Spreadsheet for awarded location to each supplier.

- Foster Fuels, Inc., (SUP000080)-PO Box 190 Brookneal, VA 24528
- Glenwood Oil & Gas Inc. (SUP181773)- 2074 Smith Mtn Lake Pkwy, Ste 5 Huddleston, VA 24104
- Marsh LP Gas Company of Virginia Inc.,(SUP205186)- 253 Baileyton Road Greeneville, TN 37745-3303
- Amerigas Propane (SUP106188)- PO Box 965, Valley Forge PA, 19482
- Ferrellgas LP (SUP026337)- 1 Liberty Plaza, Liberty Missouri, 64068
- Davenport Energy Inc., (SUP000085)- PO Box 879, Chatham VA, 24531

Bid Response Date: May 8, 2023

In Response to: IFB #12727 Propane (Liquid Petroleum Gas)

To Furnish: Propane to the following city's and counties within the Commonwealth as listed on Attachment J – Award Location Spreadsheet.

During the Period: July1, 2023 – June 30, 2025 with 3 optional 1 year renewals

Hereby is accepted at prices and terms stated, subject to all conditions and requirements of the solicitation, purchase specifications, warranties, performance bond, and other stipulations, if any. The solicitation, your bid and this notice of acceptance constitute the contract.

Tracy Wrenn, VCO

Tracy Wrenn, VCO, VCA
Statewide Sourcing & Contracting Officer

IFB#12727

Propane (Liquified Petroleum Gas)

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Invitation for Bids (IFB) is to solicit sealed bids to establish a contract with one or more qualified suppliers to provide Propane 40503 to all Commonwealth of Virginia agencies, institutions of higher education, or other public bodies (collectively "Authorized Users") as defined in the Code of Virginia §2.2-1110, 2.2-1120, and 2.2-4301

Any contract that may result from this solicitation will be a mandatory-use term contract for use by Commonwealth of Virginia executive branch agencies and optional-use for other public bodies and authorized users. Any contract that may result from this solicitation will be established and managed by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services (DGS), Division of Purchases and Supplies (DPS).

All Authorized Users shall place orders through eVA for any contract that may result from this solicitation.

II. PERIOD OF CONTRACT:

The initial period of the contract will be from date of award through a two (2) year initial term, with three (3) optional one (1) year renewal periods.

III. BACKGROUND AND/OR HISTORICAL SALES DATA: Over the last 5 years, approximately 15 million dollars was spent on the previous statewide contract for this commodity.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK:

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, supervision, tools, equipment, materials, supplies and incidentals to deliver propane (liquefied Petroleum gas) throughout the contract period and during the transition period.

A. General & Technical Specifications:

- a. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to maintain sufficient propane for satisfactory uninterrupted operation at each location. Contractor shall deliver propane on a degree-day basis (unit used to determine the heating requirements of buildings) when the tank level reaches approximately one-fourth (1/4) capacity, unless otherwise directed by the Authorized User.
- b. All propane supplied under any resulting contract shall conform to specifications for "commercial propane" as defined in the Gas Processors Associations (G.P.A.) Publication No/ 2140-75 (or latest revision) entitled G.P.A. LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS SPECIFICATIONS AND TEST METHODS as issued by the Gas Processors Association, 1812 First Place, Tulsa Oklahoma 74103. All propane gas furnished

under any resulting contract shall have an approximate B.T.U. content of 2500 B.T.U. per cubic foot, 91,600 B.T.U. per gallon, 21600 B.T.U. per pound. The following conversion factors will be used, if necessary:

- 4.23 Pounds per liquid gallon-Railroad freight rate is based on 4.7 lbs. per gallon @ 60 F.
 - 8,547 cubic feet of vapor per pound @ 60 F.
 - All propane furnished and delivered under any resulting contract shall contain an approved non-corrosive odorant such as "Ethyl-Mercaptan" or "Thiophene" per National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Pamphlet No. 58, or latest edition.
- c. All Contractor-supplied meters used to measure quantity of gas consumed shall be first grade, accurate instruments. In the event the Authorized User is not satisfied with the operation of any meter, the Contractor shall replace the meter with an instrument which is approved by the Authorized User.
- d. In the event of emergency, each Contractor shall have available services to supply needs of the Authorized User, and be in a position to deliver whenever required. The Contractor shall provide the Authorized User with an emergency telephone number for calling nights, holidays and weekends. See Special Term and Condition Z.
- e. Application Safety Code and Law: All applicable local, state, and federal safety codes, rules, law, etc. for the storage handling and transportation of L.P. Gas (propane) shall be fully applicable to any resulting contract. As a minimum requirement, NFPA Pamphlet N. 58, latest revision shall be fully applicable.

B. Maintenance and Repairs:

- a. On-site maintenance services shall carry a four (4) hour response time following initial notification by the Authorized User and be available during the normal working hours of 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays. All necessary repairs or corrections shall be completed within twenty-four (24) hours of the initial notification by the Authorized User to the extent possible.
- b. In the event of inclement weather, the Contractor has a two (2) hour response time following initial notification by the Authorized User. All necessary repairs or corrections shall be completed within forty-eight (48) hours after the weather event has ended during the normal working hours of 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays.
- c. The Contractor is responsible for the repairs of equipment they have supplied the the Agency. The Agency is responsible for the cost incurred for any repairs to their state owned equipment.

C. Metered Tank Truck Delivery and Invoices:

- a. Where Contractor supplied meters are used, the Contractor shall read

or have read the meters on a monthly basis in the presence of an official of the Authorized User and bill the Authorized User on a monthly basis for the gas at each location. Each bill shall indicate, in addition to the agency name and address, the present and previous meter readings with dates, the quantity used, the price and the extension as well as information herein.

- b. For those Contractors that use metered tank truck delivery instead of stationary meters, Contractor shall leave a signed delivery ticket with a responsible agency representative, showing the exact number, to the tenths of a gallon, of propane delivered. All meters on tank trucks shall be accurate instruments and shall be certified and calibrated in accordance with local and state law. All invoices rendered against metered tank truck delivery shall show the following minimum information:

- Authorized User name and location
- Date of delivery
- Number of gallons delivered
- Contract unit price in price

D. Tanks and Equipment:

- a. Service to the Authorized Users shall not be interrupted more than two (2) hours during the transfer or replacement.
- b. All connection piping (except connectors), etc. for directly connecting the tanks, meters and regulating equipment will be supplied by the Authorized User.
- c. The successful Bidder, if other than the present Contract, shall make all arrangements for transfer or replacement of Contractor owned storage tanks and equipment where applicable at no cost to the Authorized User.
- d. The Contractor shall be responsible for any and all supporting equipment (tanks, gauges, valves, regulators etc.). If it is needed for the suppliers tank to function properly and supply the provided agencies piping with propane, it is the suppliers responsibility to provide said parts. Tanks provided shall be between 100 – 1000 gallons for truck delivery only at no cost to the participating accounts.
- e. The Contractor shall be responsible for hazardous material warning labeling on tanks according to OSHA and NFPA requirements and supply Material Safety Data Sheets at no cost to the Authorized User. See Special Term and Condition T and U.
- f. It is the Contractors responsibility to service and provide propane tanks and propane at new state locations. All authorized users will incur the costs for tanks and installation with any new construction. If the Authorized User chooses to purchase a tank outright

(customer Owned), the authorized user shall follow small purchase procedures, as outlined in the APSPM.

E. Weekly Reports:

Weekly reports shall be sent to each location with the following information: The Authorized User will provide Contractor with the appropriate email/address to have reports sent to.

- Delivery location
- Gallons delivered to location
- Posted Apex, North Carolina pricing
- Differential; and Total (extended) amount

F. Delivery & Minimum Order:

- a. Delivery shall begin within 60 days of the awarded contract or sooner, and continue as ordered throughout the contract period. The Contractor shall provide delivery for all tanks on an automatic basis, unless otherwise directed by the Authorized User.
- b. The transition to set up new accounts may take no longer than 30-60 days. The incumbent shall not change prices during the transition period. All service shall be closed out by that 60 day time frame.
- c. Any Authorized User whose annual usage of Propane does not exceed 100 gallons may opt out of using this Contract. Any Authorized User using less than 100 gallons Annually is encourage to use the Commonwealths Small Purchase Charge Card to pay for the Propane.
- d. A demurrage fee of \$25 for every 15 minute interval that the driver must wait to offload the propane after the scheduled delivery window may be applied by the contractor on the invoice.
- e. State agencies will not pay pump out fees.

G. Number of Locations:

- a. The number of locations at each agency served and the quantity of gas may be increased or decreased as the needs of the Commonwealth dictate.
- b. The Contractor shall contact each agency to familiarize themselves with the exact services required. Failure to properly inspect job site(s) will not be considered as valid reason for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the contract

V. PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

Not applicable

VI. SOLICITATION CLARIFICATIONS:

Questions regarding the solicitation **must be submitted in writing only** to Tracy Wrenn via e-mail at tracy.wrenn@dgs.virginia.gov no later than 4:00 PM on May 7, 2023. Bidder should identify the email by noting the solicitation number IFB # 12727 in the subject line. Responses to clarifications may be posted in eVA's Virginia Business Opportunities (VBO). The identity of Bidder's will not be published with the response. Formal changes to the solicitation, including but not limited to, contractual terms and procurement requirements will only be changed by formal written addendum to the solicitation.

There shall be no communication of any type on any aspect of this solicitation, written or otherwise, by any prospective Bidder, including any sub-bidder, Bidder's agent or other type of Bidder representative, with any employee or agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, with the exception of the DPS Contracting Officer noted in the solicitation, unless a Bidder is instructed otherwise by the DPS Contracting Officer. Failure to comply with this requirement may disqualify a Bidder from participation in this opportunity.

As used in this IFB, 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 bid. 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.

VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**A. CONTRACTOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT OF SALES:**

Contractor shall provide electronic reports in Microsoft Excel format on a quarterly basis showing total invoiced sales data, which means all invoices issued within the reporting period. Reports shall be provided no later the 15th of the next month following the end of the calendar quarter, reporting total invoiced sales and return transactions that took place in the immediately preceding quarter. Reports shall be sent to the DPS Contracting Officer. Failure to submit required information in a timely manner may result in cancellation of the Contract.

B. REPORTING AND PAYMENT SCHEDULES:

<u>Quarterly Report Period</u>	<u>Sales Months</u>	<u>Report Due</u>
1st Quarter	Jan, Feb, Mar	April 15th
2nd Quarter	Apr, May, June	July 15th
3rd Quarter	July, Aug, Sept	October 15th
4th Quarter	Oct, Nov, Dec	January 15th

C. Contractor shall:

1. Meet or conference call at least quarterly with the DPS Contracting Officer to review performance, usage under the Contract, and discuss opportunities for improvements.
2. Provide any documentation or reports as requested by the DPS Contracting Officer.
3. Notify the DPS Contracting Officer, in writing, of any unresolved disputes or problems that have been outstanding for more than thirty (30) days.

VIII. INVOICES AND PAYMENT:

A. INVOICES:

Contractor shall submit the invoice(s) to the address designated on the purchase order following acceptance by the Authorized User of goods and services rendered. No invoice may include any cost other than those identified in the purchase order referencing the Contract. Invoice(s) shall provide at a minimum:

1. Name of Authorized User (the ordering entity)
2. Invoices must match the name on the purchase order. The delivery can be made by a subsidiary, however the contractors name shall be on the invoice.
3. Authorized User point of contact and phone/email
4. Description of the goods and/or services provided
5. Contract number
6. Purchase order number
7. Invoice number
8. Invoice date
9. Invoice amount

B. PAYMENT:

Payment will be made in accordance with the Virginia Prompt Payment Act. State Agencies will pay per §2.2-4350 of the Virginia Prompt Payment Act. Localities will pay per §2.2-4352 of the Virginia Prompt Payment Act. Payments will only be remitted after the receipt of valid invoice and verification of satisfactory goods received and/or completion of work. Payment may be made via a small purchase charge card (SPCC) (refer to the Mandatory Acceptance of Small Purchase Charge Card (SPCC) term and condition), check or EDI depending on how the Contractor is registered with the Department of Accounts. Utilization of the SPCC for payment shall not result in any additional fees (transaction fee, service charge etc.).

IX. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. VENDORS MANUAL:** This solicitation is subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Vendors Manual* and any changes or revisions thereto, which are hereby incorporated into this contract in their entirety. The process for filing a complaint about this solicitation is in section 7.13 of the *Vendors Manual*. (Note section 7.13 does not apply to protests of awards or formal contractual claims.) The procedure for filing contractual claims is in section 7.19 of the *Vendors Manual*. A copy of the manual is normally available for review at the purchasing office and is accessible on the Internet at www.eva.virginia.gov under "I Sell To Virginia".
- 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, without regard to its choice of law provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the circuit courts of the Commonwealth. The agency and the contractor are encouraged to resolve any issues in controversy arising from the award of the contract or any contractual dispute using Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedures (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4366). ADR procedures are described in Chapter 9 of the *Vendors Manual*. The contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.
- C. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By submitting their bids, bidders certify to the Commonwealth that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians With Disabilities Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act and § 2.2-4311 of the *Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA)*. If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1E).

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

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
 - a. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, 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 the requirements of this section.
 - d. If the contractor employs more than five employees, the contractor shall (i) provide annual training on the contractor's sexual harassment policy to all supervisors and employees providing services in the Commonwealth, except such supervisors or employees that are required to complete sexual harassment training provided by the Department of Human Resource Management, and (ii) post the contractor's sexual harassment policy in (a) a conspicuous public place in each building located in the Commonwealth that the contractor owns or leases for business purposes and (b) the contractor's employee handbook.
 - e. The requirements of these provisions 1. and 2. are a material part of the contract. If the Contractor violates one of these provisions, the Commonwealth may terminate the affected part of this contract for breach, or at its option, the whole contract. Violation of one of these provisions may also result in debarment from State contracting regardless of whether the specific contract is terminated.
 - f. In accordance with Executive Order 61 (2017), a prohibition on discrimination by the contractor, in its employment practices, subcontracting practices, and delivery of goods or services, on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, political affiliation, disability, or veteran status, is hereby incorporated in this contract.
2. The contractor will include the provisions of 1. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

D. ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING: By submitting their bids, bidders certify that their bids are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other bidder, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their bid, 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: Applicable for all contracts over \$10,000:

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 participating in this procurement, the vendor certifies that they are not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia from submitting a response for the type of goods and/or services covered by this solicitation. Vendor further certifies that they are not debarred from filling any order or accepting any resulting order, or that they are an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

If a vendor is created or used for the purpose of circumventing a debarment decision against another vendor, the non-debarred vendor will be debarred for the same time period as the debarred vendor.

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

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

- I. **CLARIFICATION OF TERMS:** If any prospective bidder has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective bidder 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 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 resolved in accordance with *Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4363 and -4364. Upon determining that invoiced charges are not reasonable, the Commonwealth shall notify the contractor of defects or improprieties in invoices within fifteen (15) days as required in *Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4351. The provisions of this section do not relieve an agency of its prompt payment obligations with respect to those charges which are not in dispute (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4363).

2. To Subcontractors:

a. Within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Commonwealth, a contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:

1. To pay the subcontractor(s) for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
2. To notify the agency and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.

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

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

delivered and, if necessary, confirmed by the agency or institution, or other appropriate penalties may be assessed in lieu of withholding such payment.

4. The Commonwealth of Virginia encourages contractors and subcontractors to accept electronic and credit card payments.

K. PRECEDENCE OF TERMS: The following General Terms and Conditions *VENDORS MANUAL*, APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION, ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING, IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986, DEBARMENT STATUS, ANTITRUST, MANDATORY USE OF STATE FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS, CLARIFICATION OF TERMS, PAYMENT shall apply in all instances. In the event there is a conflict between any of the other General Terms and Conditions and any Special Terms and Conditions in this solicitation, the Special Terms and Conditions shall apply.

L. QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS: The Commonwealth may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the services/furnish the goods and the bidder shall furnish to the Commonwealth all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Commonwealth reserves the right to inspect bidder's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the bidder's capabilities. The Commonwealth further reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such bidder fails to satisfy the Commonwealth that such bidder 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 terms, conditions, or scope of the contract. Any additional goods or services to be provided shall be of a sort that is ancillary to the contract goods or services, or within the same broad product or service categories as were included in the contract award. Any 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, unless the contractor intends to claim an adjustment to compensation, schedule, or other contractual impact that would be caused by complying with such notice, in which

case the contractor shall, in writing, promptly notify the Purchasing Agency of the adjustment to be sought, and before proceeding to comply with the notice, shall await the Purchasing Agency's written decision affirming, modifying, or revoking the prior written notice. If the Purchasing Agency decides to issue a notice that requires an adjustment to compensation, the contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the Purchasing Agency a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods:

- a. By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
- b. By agreeing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the Purchasing Agency's right to audit the contractor's records and/or to determine the correct number of units independently; or
- c. By ordering the contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The contractor shall present the Purchasing Agency with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Purchasing Agency shall have the right to audit the records of the contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Purchasing Agency within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Purchasing Agency. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the question of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for resolving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract or, if there is none, in accordance with the disputes provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Vendors Manual*. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Purchasing Agency or with the performance of the contract generally.

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

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

- R. INSURANCE:** By signing and submitting a bid or proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that if awarded the contract, it will have the following insurance coverage at the time the contract is awarded. For construction contracts, if any subcontractors are involved, the subcontractor will have workers' compensation insurance in accordance with §§ 2.2-4332 and 65.2-800 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia*. The bidder or offeror further certifies that the contractor and any subcontractors will maintain these insurance coverages during the entire term of the contract and that all coverage will be provided by companies authorized to sell insurance in Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

MINIMUM INSURANCE COVERAGES AND LIMITS:

1. Workers' Compensation - Statutory requirements and benefits. Coverage is compulsory for employers of three or more employees, to include the employer. Contractors who fail to notify the Commonwealth of increases in the number of employees that change their workers' compensation requirements under the *Code of Virginia* during the course of the contract shall be in noncompliance with the contract.
2. Employer's Liability - \$100,000.
3. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence 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 shall be added as an additional insured to the policy by an endorsement.
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.)

- S. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD:** Upon the award or the announcement of the decision to award a contract as a result of this solicitation, the purchasing agency will publicly post such notice in eVA (www.eva.virginia.gov) for a minimum of 10 days.

- T. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** Applicable for all contracts over \$10,000:

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.

- U. 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, sexual orientation, gender identity, 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.

- V. eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT VENDOR REGISTRATION, CONTRACTS, AND ORDERS:** The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution, web site portal www.eVA.virginia.gov, streamlines and automates government purchasing activities in the Commonwealth. The eVA portal is the gateway for vendors to conduct business with state agencies and public bodies. All vendors desiring to provide goods and/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA Internet e-procurement solution 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 being rejected.

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

1. For orders issued July 1, 2014, and after, the Vendor Transaction Fee is:
 - i. DBSD-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at \$500 per order.
 - ii. Businesses that are not DBSD-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at \$1,500 per order.
2. Refer to Special Term and Condition “eVA Orders and Contracts” to identify the number of purchase orders that will be issued as a result of this solicitation/contract with the eVA transaction fee specified above assessed for each order.

For orders issued prior to July 1, 2014, the vendor transaction fees can be found at www.eVA.virginia.gov.

The specified vendor transaction fee will be invoiced, by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of General Services, typically within 60 days of the order issue date. Any adjustments (increases/decreases) will be handled through purchase order changes.

- W. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:** It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that the agency shall be bound hereunder only to the extent that the legislature has appropriated funds that are legally available or may hereafter become legally available for the purpose of this agreement.
- X. **BID PRICE CURRENCY:** Unless stated otherwise in the solicitation, bidders shall state bid prices in US dollars.
- Y. **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 pursuant to the *Virginia Public Procurement Act* 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.
- Z. **CIVILITY IN STATE WORKPLACES:** The contractor shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that no individual, while performing work on behalf of the contractor or any subcontractor in connection with this agreement (each, a "Contract Worker"), shall engage in 1) harassment (including sexual harassment), bullying, cyber-bullying, or threatening or violent conduct, or 2) discriminatory behavior on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, political affiliation, veteran status, or disability.

The contractor shall provide each Contract Worker with a copy of this Section and will require Contract Workers to participate in agency training on civility in the State workplace if contractor's (and any subcontractor's) regular mandatory training programs do not already encompass equivalent or greater expectations. Upon request, the contractor shall provide documentation that each Contract Worker has received such training.

For purposes of this Section, "State workplace" includes any location, permanent or temporary, where a Commonwealth employee performs any work-related duty or is representing his or her agency, as well as surrounding perimeters, parking lots, outside meeting locations, and means of travel to and from these locations. Communications are deemed to occur in a State workplace if the Contract Worker reasonably should know that the phone number, email, or other method of communication is associated with a State workplace or is associated with a person who is a State employee.

The Commonwealth of Virginia may require, at its sole discretion, the removal and replacement of any Contract Worker who the Commonwealth reasonably believes to have violated this Section.

This Section creates obligations solely on the part of the contractor. Employees or other third parties may benefit incidentally from this Section and from training materials or other communications distributed on this topic, but the Parties to this agreement intend this Section to be enforceable solely by the Commonwealth and not by employees or other third parties.

X. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. AUDIT:** The contractor shall retain all books, records, and other documents relative to this contract for five (5) years after final payment, or until audited by the Commonwealth of Virginia, whichever is sooner. The agency, its authorized agents, and/or state auditors shall have full access to and the right to examine any of said materials during said period.
- B. AWARD:** The Commonwealth reserves the right to make one or multiple awards as a result of this solicitation. The award(s) will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s) which will be determined by the bidder with the lowest differential mark-up per individual County/City basis. The Commonwealth reserves the right to conduct any tests it may deem advisable and to make all evaluations. The Commonwealth also reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive informalities and to delete items prior to making the award, whenever it is deemed in the sole opinion of the procuring public body to be in its best interest.
- C. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS:** Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter adopted, in the performance of scope of work set forth herein. Contractor represents that it possesses all necessary licenses and permits required to conduct its business and will acquire any additional licenses and permits necessary for performance of this contract prior to the initiation of work. The Contractor further expressly represents that it is a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company that it is in good standing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and will remain in good standing throughout the term of this contract.
- D. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT:** The purchasing agency reserves the right to cancel and terminate any resulting contract, in part or in whole, without penalty, upon 60 days written notice to the Contractor. In the event the initial contract period is for more than 12 months, the resulting contract may be terminated by either party, without penalty, after the initial 12 months of the contract period upon 60 days written notice to the other party. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.

E. **RENEWAL OF CONTRACT:** This contract may be renewed by the Commonwealth for three (3) successive one year periods under the terms and conditions of the original contract. Price increases shall be made on the propane differential and may be negotiated only at the time of renewal or as determined by the Price Escalation/De-Escalation Special Term and Condition, section G. Written notice of the Commonwealth's intention to renew shall be given approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of each contract period.

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

G. PRICE ESCALATION/DE-ESCALATION:

Price adjustments may be permitted at renewal for changes in the Contractor's cost of materials or for changes based on other market conditions. The Commonwealth may consider price adjustment request in between renewal(s) at its discretion, however, no more than two adjustments may be granted during the current term. The Commonwealth will consider and may be willing to negotiate temporary price escalations due to unforeseen circumstances faced by the Contractor during any given contractual period. No changes are permitted or effective unless approved in writing by the DPS Contracting Officer. The Producer's Price Index: 0532-01, Liquefied petroleum gas, and other manufacturer and consumer information items and the applicable Producer Price Index/Indices, as well as other relevant market conditions as determined appropriate and approved by DPS, will be used by DPS as guides to evaluate requested price changes. Price decreases are subject to implementation at any time and shall be immediately conveyed to the Commonwealth.

In the event that the Commonwealth agrees to a temporary price escalation, the Contractor shall document the amount and proposed effective date of any general change in the price materials. Documentation shall be supplied with the Contractor's request for increase which will: (1) verify that the requested price increase is general in scope and not applicable just to the Commonwealth of Virginia; and (2) verify the amount and reason of percentage of increase which is being passed on to the Contractor by the Contractor's suppliers. Upon any renewal of a Contract the Contractor shall again supply documentation justifying the continuation of the escalated price. DPS at renewal time shall reevaluate to ensure a de-escalation in price is not needed. No more than three price increases shall be allowed within the renewal term. The only exception would be if the Governor declares a state of Emergency surrounding the goods and services supplied under this contract.

The Contractor shall fill all purchase orders received prior to the effective date of the price adjustment at the old contract prices and may not "hold" orders.

H. **eVA ORDERS AND CONTRACTS:** The solicitation/contract will result in multiple purchase order(s) with the applicable eVA transaction fee assessed for each order.

Contractors providing goods and/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA e-procurement solution and agree to comply with the following: If this solicitation is for a term contract, failure to provide an electronic catalog (price list) for items awarded will be just cause for the Commonwealth to reject your response or terminate the contract for default. The format of the electronic catalog shall conform to the eVA Catalog standards. Contractors shall work with the Contract Officer and eVA Catalog Team to provide the appropriate electronic catalog (price list) for the contract.

- I. **BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD**: Any bid in response to this solicitation shall be valid for ninety (90) days. At the end of the ninety (90) days, the bid may be withdrawn at the written request of the Bidder. If the bid is not withdrawn at that time, it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.

- J. **MANDATORY ACCEPTANCE OF SMALL PURCHASE CHARGE CARD (SPCC)**: Purchasing charge cards offer Commonwealth of Virginia agencies and public entities the opportunity to streamline their procedures for procuring and paying for small dollar goods and/or services. Bidders responding to this solicitation should note that acceptance of payment by purchase card is **mandatory unless waived by DPS within 90 calendar days of contract award**.

Charge Card Levels: The amount of data passed for each charge card payment depends on the level at which the charge card is established. Payment for orders issued against the contract(s) resulting from this solicitation must allow for the Purchase Order Number to be passed at the time of charge so that the Purchase Order Number is received by the card platform and passed to the Card provider. The levels are delineated below and vendors must establish their card account at Level 2, which is mandatory, or Level 3, which is optional. Information on the various levels for the Purchase Card is indicated below.

Level 1 - vendors provide basic charge card purchase information, including but not limited to the data listed below. By passing "Basic Data", the vendor has a standard interchange cost.

- Supplier Name
- Merchant Category Code
- Date
- Total Purchase Amount

Level 2 - vendors provide additional information to the Level 1 elements, including but not limited to the data listed below. By passing Level 2 detail, the vendor will receive lower interchange costs. Level 2 is **mandatory** for any vendors who do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia and accept the Purchasing Card.

- Customer Code (PO Number from eVA); and
- Vendor Tax ID

Level 3 - vendors provide line item detail, in addition to the Level 1 and Level 2 elements, including but not limited to the data listed below. By passing Level 3 **optional** data which is considered "Superior Data", the vendor will receive the lowest interchange costs.

- Item Description
- Item Quantity
- Item Unit of Measure
- Product Code
- Freight Amount
- Extended line Item Amount

K. **ORDERS:** Authorized Users must order goods and/or services available from the Contract by issuing an eVA purchase order through the Commonwealth's electronic procurement website portal <http://www.eva.virginia.gov>.

L. **PERIOD FOR PERFORMANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS:** To be valid, a purchase order issued under this Contract must be issued during the term of the Contract. The period specified for performance of the purchase order may extend past the term of the Contract. If a notice terminating this Contract is issued, the notice shall be construed as applying only to the Contract and not to any existing purchase order, unless the notice expressly states the intent to terminate the purchase order.

M. **CONTINUITY OF SERVICES:**

- a.) The Contractor recognizes that the services under this contract are vital to the Agency and must be continued without interruption and that, upon contract expiration, a successor, either the Agency or another contractor, may continue them. The Contractor agrees:
 - i. To exercise its best efforts and cooperation to effect an orderly and efficient transition to a successor;
 - ii. To make all Agency owned facilities, equipment, and data available to any successor at an appropriate time prior to the expiration of the contract to facilitate transition to successor; and
 - iii. That the Agency Contracting Officer shall have final authority to resolve disputes related to the transition of the contract from the Contractor to its successor
- b.) The Contractor shall, upon written notice from the Contract Officer, furnish phase-in/phase-out services for up to ninety (90) days after this contract expires and shall negotiate in good faith a plan with the successor to execute the phase-in/phase-out services. This plan shall be subject to the Contract Officer's approval.
- c.) The Contractor shall be reimbursed for all reasonable, pre-approved phase-in/phase-out costs (i.e., costs incurred within the agreed period after contract expiration that result from phase-in, phase-out operations) and a fee (profit) not to exceed a pro rata portion of the fee (profit) under this contract. All phase-in/phase-out work fees must be approved by the Contract Officer in writing prior to commencement of said work.

N. CONTRACTUAL DISPUTES: In accordance with Code of Virginia § 2.2-4363, contractual claims, whether for money or other relief, shall be submitted in writing to the Authorized User no later than sixty (60) days after final payment; however, written notice of the Contractor's intention to file such claim must be given to the Authorized User at the time of the occurrence or beginning of the work upon which the claim is based. Pendency of claims shall not delay payment of amounts agreed due in the final payment. The Authorized User shall render a final decision in writing within thirty (30) days after its receipt of the Contractor's written claim.

- a. The Contractor may not invoke any available administrative procedure under Code of Virginia § 2.2-4365 nor institute legal action prior to receipt of the Commonwealth's decision on the claim, unless the Commonwealth fails to render its decision within thirty (30) days. The decision of the Commonwealth shall be final and conclusive unless the Contractor, within six (6) months of the date of the final decision on the claim, invokes appropriate action under Code of Virginia § 2.2-4364 or the administrative procedure authorized by Code of Virginia § 2.2-4365.
- b. The Commonwealth or any Authorized User, and their officers, agents and employees, including without limitation, the contracting and Ordering Officers, are executing this Agreement and any Orders issued hereunder, solely in its or their statutory and regulatory capacities as agent of the Commonwealth agency or Authorized User that is purchasing and receiving the goods or services in question and need not be joined as a party to any dispute that may arise there under.
- c. In the event of any breach by the Commonwealth or any Authorized User, Contractor's remedies shall be limited to claims for damages and Prompt Payment Act interest and, if available and warranted, equitable relief, all such claims to be processed pursuant to this Section. In no event shall Contractor' remedies include the right to terminate any services hereunder.

O. DELIVERY/SERVICE TO CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

The Contractor shall be responsible for adherence to the following guidelines as they pertain to delivering goods and/or providing serves to correctional institutions, especially if the location is within the secured perimeter:

- a. The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that all personnel connected with the work comply with the rules and regulations of each ordering institution, which may reach beyond the scope of this specification.
- b. The Contractor shall maintain proper security and control over all personnel, equipment, tools, and materials at all times. The Contractor's equipment and personnel shall be subject to security checks and associated delays therefrom.
- c. There shall be no verbal discussion or physical contact between the Contractor's employees and offenders.

- d. Anyone bringing any offender any item, such as (but not limited to) weapons, tools, food, drink, clothing, cigarettes, matches, correspondence, printed or electronic media, or assisting offenders to escape is in violation of Commonwealth law and may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
 - e. No weapons, alcohol, drugs, or medication of any type will be allowed on Commonwealth property.
 - f. Keys shall be removed from all vehicles and other mobile equipment when not in operation. Vehicle doors and tool compartments shall be locked at all times when not in use. Ladders left on vehicles shall be chained and locked at all times.
 - g. Any tools, especially cutting tools, if left unattended, will be confiscated.
 - h. All security regulations shall be observed at all times. These will be made known to the Contractor and his representatives by the Institutional Security Chief, or his designee, at the point of entrance to the institution.
 - i. All persons entering the prison complex are subject to search.
 - j. Contractors and their representatives are limited to movement to and from, and within, the immediate area of their work.
 - k. An institutional employee may be designated as a liaison between the Contractor and institution. Unless otherwise stated this person will be the Department Superintendent for whom the Contractor is performing the service or delivering the goods.
 - l. Vehicles may not be permitted to leave the facility until after the daily or routine security check has been performed.
 - m. All Contractor employees shall have valid identification with photograph at all times for identification. Validity of identification is determined solely at the discretion of the institution. A valid government-issued driver's license is generally acceptable. No persons will be permitted to enter the institution without valid identification.
 - n. The institution reserves the right to refuse entrance to anyone who appears, in the institution's sole judgment, to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or otherwise impaired.
- P. 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.

- Q. **INSTALLATION**: All items must be assembled and set in place, ready for use. All crating and other debris must be removed from the premises.
- R. **WORK SITE DAMAGES**: Any damage to existing utilities, equipment or finished surfaces resulting from the performance of this contract shall be repaired to the Commonwealth's satisfaction at the contractor's expense.
- S. **PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE**: The Contractor shall provide necessary preventive maintenance, required testing and inspection, calibration and/or other work necessary to maintain the equipment in complete operational condition during the warranty period
- T. **LABELING OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**: If the items or products requested by this solicitation are "Hazardous Substances" as defined by § 1261 of Title 15 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) or "Pesticides" as defined in § 136 of Title 7 of the United States Code, then the bidder, by submitting his bid, certifies and warrants that the items or products to be delivered under this contract shall be properly labeled as required by the foregoing sections and that by delivering the items or products the bidder does not violate any of the prohibitions of Title 15 U.S.C. § 1263 or Title 7 U.S.C. § 136
- U. **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS**: Material Safety Data Sheets and descriptive literature shall be provided with the bid for each chemical and/or compound offered. Failure on the part of the bidder to submit such data sheets may be cause for declaring the bid as nonresponsive.
- V. **MAINTENANCE MANUALS**: The Contractor shall provide with each piece of equipment an operations and maintenance manual with wiring diagrams, parts list, and a copy of all warranties.
- W. **PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS**: Agency will pay within 30 days after acceptance. A prompt payment discount offered for prompt payment should be included in your bid where indicated. Discounts will not be calculated in determining net low bid.
- X. **SCC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**: Pursuant to Code of Virginia, section 2.2-4311.2 subsection B, a bidder organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 is required to include in its bid the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission (SCC). Any bidder that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 or as otherwise required by law is required to include in its bid a statement describing why the bidder is not required to be so authorized. Indicate the above information on the SCC Form provided. Contractor agrees that the process by which compliance with Titles 13.1 and 50 is checked during the solicitation stage (including without limitation the SCC Form provided) is streamlined and not definitive, and the Commonwealth's use and acceptance of such form, or its

acceptance of Contractor's statement describing why the bidder was not legally required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth, shall not be conclusive of the issue and shall not be relied upon by the Contractor as demonstrating compliance

Y. SUBMISSION OF SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN, EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN, AND SUBCONTRACTOR REPORTING :

A. Submission of Small Business Subcontracting Plan: It is the statewide goal of the Commonwealth that 42% of its purchases be made from small businesses certified by DSBSD. This includes discretionary spending in prime contracts and subcontracts. All bidders are required to submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan. The contractor is encouraged to offer such subcontracting opportunities to DSBSD-certified small businesses. This shall include DSBSD-certified women-owned and minority-owned businesses and businesses with DSBSD service disabled veteran-owned status when they have also received DSBSD small business certification. Where it is not practicable for any portion of the goods or services to be subcontracted to other suppliers, the bidder shall note such on the Small Business Subcontracting Plan. No bidder or subcontractor shall be considered a small 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.

B. Evidence of Compliance with Small Business Subcontracting Plan: 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 monthly reports substantiating compliance in accordance with the small business subcontracting plan. If a variance exists, the contractor shall provide a written explanation. A subcontractor shall be considered a Small Business for purposes of a contract if and only if the subcontractor holds a certification as such by the DSBSD. Payment(s) may be withheld until the purchasing agency confirms that the contractor has certified compliance with the contractor's submitted Small Business Subcontracting Plan or is in receipt of a written explanation of the variance. The agency or institution reserves the right to pursue other appropriate remedies for non-compliance to include, but not be limited to, termination for default.

C. Prime Contractor Subcontractor Reporting:

- i. Each prime contractor who wins an award greater than \$100,000, shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution on a monthly basis, all applicable information for each subcontractor listed on the Small Business Subcontracting Plan that are DSBSD-certified businesses or Employment Services Organizations (ESOs). The contractor shall furnish the applicable information to the purchasing office via the Subcontractor Payment Reporting tool accessible within the contractor's eVA account.
- ii. In addition each prime contractor who wins an award greater than \$200,000 shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution on a monthly basis, all applicable information on use of subcontractors that are **not** DSBSD-certified

businesses or Employment Services Organizations. The contractor shall furnish the all applicable information to the purchasing office via the Subcontractor Payment Reporting tool accessible within the contractor's eVA account.

- Z. **Emergencies:** The mission of authorized users that participate in any contract that may result from this solicitation is such that public safety may be jeopardized if Propane products are not delivered in the event of demand spikes, regional or industry wide Propane shortages, urgent need, state declared emergencies, and catastrophes

Therefore the Contractor shall provide reliable delivery of Propane products authorized users in a priority manner to the exclusion of non-governmental entities during these times.

Examples of emergencies and catastrophes include, but are not limited to, regional or industry wide motor fuel supply issues; weather related issues such as hurricane related supply shortages due to refinery infrastructure damage, hurricane related road infrastructure damage, and roadway travel difficulties related to winter storms; terminal or pipeline damage, or other force majeure or human action that may cause disruptions of motor fuel supply that may jeopardize public safety.

Neither the Contractor nor the Commonwealth can predict the circumstances that may be present when an emergency or catastrophe occurs. Any emergency Propane operations that the Contractor is capable of providing and that are required and requested by authorized user(s) that fall outside of the normal processes and procedures described in any contract that may result from this solicitation shall be provided to the authorized user(s) by the Contractor. The emergency Propane operations shall be billed at the Contractor's actual cost above and beyond the normal operating costs as negotiated and agreed to in any pricing schedule incorporated into any contract that may result from this solicitation.

The Bidder shall provide the Contract Officer with two points of contact, a primary and a secondary at which authorized users will be able to reach them at any time during the day or night, upon award of contract. In addition, the Contractor shall meet the following below request when applicable.

- i. Ability to work with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, the Commonwealth's central agency for responding to emergencies;
- ii. Participation in pre-emergency event meetings to review emergency propane product delivery processes and capabilities;
- iii. Ability to allocate deliveries based on the authorized users' declaration of the appropriate Emergency Category described below. The Bidder should ensure that deliveries will be made based on the need as described in the table below.

Table 1: Emergency Categories

Emergency Category	Category Description	Delivery Time Frame
1	Immediate threat to persons or property	4 hours or less
2	Imminent threat to persons or property	8 hours or less
3	Impending threat to persons or property	12 hours or less

- iv. Topping off of authorized users' propane storage tanks prior to any anticipated event, which should include procedures for contacting authorized users and coordinating deliveries;
- v. Contacting terminals to confirm that propane supply allocations will meet the need of authorized users;
- vi. Contacting business partners to aid in providing propane deliveries to authorized users;
- vii. Acquiring additional storage capacity and propane to fill the additional storage capacity;
- viii. The ability to provide for the reliable delivery of propane products during times of hazardous road conditions as well as to locations that may not be accessible via paved or gravel roads.

AA. SUBCONTRACTS: In the event that the Contractor desires to subcontract some part of its obligation hereunder, the Contractor shall furnish the Commonwealth with the names, qualifications and experience of their proposed Subcontractors. No portion of the contract shall be subcontracted without prior written consent of the Commonwealth. The Contractor shall remain fully liable and responsible for its Subcontractor(s) and shall assure compliance with all requirements of the contract. The bidder must include all planned subcontractors with their bid

BB. PRIME CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY:

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

CC. E-VERIFY PROGRAM: EFFECTIVE: 12/1/13. Pursuant to Code of Virginia, §2.2-4308.2., any employer with more than an average of 50 employees for the previous 12 months entering into a contract in excess of \$50,000 with any agency of the Commonwealth to perform work or provide services pursuant to such contract shall register and participate in the E-Verify program to verify information and work authorization of its newly hired employees performing work pursuant to such public contract. Any such employer who fails to comply with these provisions shall be debarred from contracting with any agency of the Commonwealth for a period up to one year. Such debarment shall cease upon the employer's registration and participation in the E-Verify program. If requested,

the employer shall present a copy of their Maintain Company page from E-Verify to prove that they are enrolled in E-Verify.

DD. EXCLUSIVITY OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS: No employee or agent of the Commonwealth or Authorized User shall be required to sign or execute any additional contract, license or other agreement containing contractual terms and conditions. No contractor shall be required to sign, from any employee or agent of the Commonwealth or Authorized Users, any additional agreements, contracts, or other documents that were not part of the original contract. Any documents signed by persons other than the Director of DPS or their authorized designee shall have no validity or effect upon the Contract.

EE. LOBBYING AND INTEGRITY: Bidders are cautioned that communications with individuals other than the DPS Contracting Officer may result in incorrect and/or insufficient information being provided. In addition, the Bidder shall not connect with this or any other agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia, directly or indirectly (1) offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit on anyone as consideration for any state officer or employee's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, other exercise of discretion, or violation of a known legal duty, or (2) offer, give, or agree to give anyone any gratuity for the benefit of or at the direction or request of any state officer or employee.

Upon request of the Commonwealth of Virginia's, Department of General Services, the Bidder shall provide any type of information deemed relevant to the Bidder's integrity or responsibility to provide the services or goods, described herein.



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April 18, 2023

ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO ALL BIDDERS:

Reference – Invitation for Bids:12727

Commodity: 40503

Dated: 4/11/2023

For Delivery To: Department of General Services, Division of Purchase and Supply

Bid Due: May 5, 2023 @ 5:00 P.M.

Public Bid Opening: March 8, 2023 @ 10:00 am.

The above is hereby changed to read:

1. Reference Attachment A- IFB-Page 5-Section VI-Solicitation Clarifications: The questions due date and time is hereby changed to April 24, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Note: A signed acknowledgment of this addendum must be received at the location indicated on the IFB either prior to the bid due date and hour or attached to your bid. Signature on this addendum does not substitute for your signature on the original bid document. The original bid document must be signed.

Very truly yours,

Tracy Wrenn
Statewide Sourcing & Contracting Officer

Ferrellgas, LP

Name of Firm

Maggie Latterman Government Bids Analyst

Signature/Title

05/08/2023

Date



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April 26, 2023

ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO ALL BIDDERS:

Reference – Invitation for Bids:12727

Commodity: 40503

Dated: 4/11/2023

For Delivery To: Department of General Services, Division of Purchase and Supply

Bid Due: May 5, 2023 @ 5:00 P.M.

Public Bid Opening:March 8, 2023 @ 10:00 am.

The above is hereby changed to read:

1. **Reference Bid Due Date:** Bid Due Date is hereby changed from May 5, 2023 @ 5:00 PM to May 8, 2023 @ 5:00 PM
2. **Reference Attachment B: Bid Opening:** Public Bid Opening Date is hereby changed from May 8, 2023 @ 10:00 am to May 9, 2023 @ 10:00 am.
3. **Reference Attachment A- IFB-Page 5-Section VII-Reporting Requirements:** The following reporting requirement is hereby added.

D. Surcharge Adjustment: The Contractor must pay the Department of General Services (DGS), a Surcharge Adjustment (SCA) fee under this contract. DGS will not issue invoices or statements. The Contractor must remit the SCA fee by the last day of the month following the end of the calendar quarter. The SCA fee equals three (3) cents per gallon of the quarterly reported total invoiced sales. The SCA fee amount due must be paid by check with identification of "Contract Number," "Report Amounts," and "Report Period" on either the check stub or other remittance material. DGS may, at its discretion, agree to an electronic funds transfer, in lieu of a check, however in the absence of an express written agreement from DGS that validates the agreement, then the payment shall be made by Checks shall be payable to: Treasurer, Commonwealth of Virginia.

Checks shall be mailed to:

DGS/Division of Purchases and Supply ATTN: SCA Coordinator
PO Box 1199

Richmond, VA 23218-1199

If the full amount of the SCA fee is not paid within 30 calendar days of due date, it shall constitute a debt that the Contractor is obligated contractually to pay to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Commonwealth may exercise all rights and remedies available under law. Reports shall be sent to the DPS Contracting Officer tracy.wrenn@dgs.virginia.gov and to the following email address: vssireport@dgs.virginia.gov Failure to submit sales reports, falsification of sales reports, and or failure to pay the SCA fee in a timely manner may result in termination or cancellation of this contract.

Note: A signed acknowledgment of this addendum must be received at the location indicated on the IFB either prior to the bid due date and hour or attached to your bid. Signature on this addendum does not substitute for your signature on the original bid document. The original bid document must be signed.

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_ Name of Firm

Maggie Latterman Government Bids Analyst
Signature/Title

05/08/2023

Date

**ATTACHMENT D
VENDOR DATA SHEET**

1. Qualification: The vendor must have the capability and capacity in all respects to satisfy fully all of the contractual requirements.
2. Vendor's Primary Contact:
Name: Maggie Latterman Phone: 913-661-2165 Email: Governmentbids@ferrellgas.com
3. Years in Business: Indicate the length of time you have been in business providing this type of good or service:
29 Years Months
4. eVA Vendor ID or DUNS Number: 861017291
5. Indicate below a listing of at least four (4) current or recent accounts, either commercial or governmental, that your company is servicing, has serviced, or has provided similar goods/services. Include the length of service and the name, address, and telephone number of the point of contact.

A. Company: Yuma Proving Grounds Contact: Randy Steiner

Phone: (928) 328-5759 Email: () randy.1.steiner.civ@mail.mil

Dates of Service: 10/2020-present \$ Value: 440,944.15

B. Company: Fort Benning Contact: Krista M. Spencer

Phone: (706-545-2418) Email: () krista.m.spencer.civ@mail.mil

Dates of Service: 02/2021-present plus 18 years prior \$ Value: 3,730,000.00

C. Company: Fort Knox Contact: Gloria Ritter

Phone: () Email: () Gloria.r.ritter.civ.w9124d@mail.mil

Dates of Service: 09/2019-present \$ Value: 274,765.80

D. Company: Letterkenny Army Depot Contact: Jessica Horst

Phone: (717) 267-5756 Email: () jessica.1.horst5.civ@mail.mil

Dates of Service: 08/2020-present \$ Value: 450,000

I certify the accuracy of this information.

Signed: Maggie Latterman Title: Government Bids Analyst Date: 05/08/2023

SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN

It is the goal of the Commonwealth that over 42% of its purchases be made from small businesses. All potential Offerors are required to include this document with their proposal response.

Small Business: "Small business (including micro)" means a business which holds a certification as such by the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD) on the due date for bids. This shall also include DSBSD-certified women- owned and minority-owned businesses and businesses with DSBSD service disabled veteran owned status when they also hold a DSBSD certification as a small business on the bid due date. Currently, DSBSD offers small business certification and micro business designation to firms that qualify.

Certification applications are available through DSBSD online at www.SBSD.virginia.gov (Customer Service).

Offeror Name: Ferrellgas, LP

Preparer Name: Maggie Latterman **Date:** 05/08/2023

Who will be doing the work: ☐ I plan to use subcontractors ☒ I plan to complete all work

Instructions

- A. If you are certified by the DSBSD as a micro/small business, complete only Section A of this form.
- B. If you are not a DSBSD-certified small business, complete Section B of this form. For the Offeror to receive credit for the small business subcontracting plan evaluation criteria, the Offeror shall identify the portions of the contract that will be subcontracted to DSBSD-certified small business for the initial contract period the initial contract period in Section B.

Offerors which are small businesses themselves will receive the maximum available points for the small business participation plan evaluation criterion, and do not have any further subcontracting requirements.

Offerors which are not certified small businesses will be assigned points based on proposed expenditures with DSBSD-certified small businesses for the initial contract period in relation to the Offeror's total price for the initial contract period.

Points will be assigned based on each Offeror's proposed subcontracting expenditures with DSBSD-certified small businesses for the initial contract period as indicated in Section B in relation to the Offeror's total price.

Section A

If your firm is certified by the DSBSD provide your certification number and the date of certification.

Certification number: _____ Certification Date: _____

Section B

If the "I plan to use subcontractors box is checked," populate the requested information below, per subcontractor to show your firm's plans for utilization of DSBSD-certified small businesses in the performance of this contract for the initial contract period in relation to the bidder's total price for the initial contract period. Certified small businesses include but are not limited to DSBSD-certified women-owned and minority-owned businesses and businesses with DSBSD service disabled veteran-owned status

that have also received the DSBSD small business certification. Include plans to utilize small businesses as part of joint ventures, partnerships, subcontractors, suppliers, etc. It is important to note that these proposed participation will be incorporated into the subsequent contract and will be a requirement of the contract. Failure to obtain the proposed participation dollar value or percentages may result in breach of the contract.

B. Plans for Utilization of DSBSD-Certified Small Businesses for this Procurement

Subcontract #1

Company Name: N/A SBSD Cert #: _____

Contact Name: _____ SBSD Certification: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Value % or \$ (Initial Term): _____ Contact Address: _____

Description of Work: _____

Subcontract #2

Company Name: N/A SBSD Cert #: _____

Contact Name: _____ SBSD Certification: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Value % or \$ (Initial Term): _____ Contact Address: _____

Description of Work: _____

Subcontract #3

Company Name: N/A SBSD Cert #: _____

Contact Name: _____ SBSD Certification: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Value % or \$ (Initial Term): _____ Contact Address: _____

Description of Work: _____

Subcontract #4

Company Name: NA SBSD Cert #: _____

Contact Name: _____ SBSD Certification: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Value % or \$ (Initial Term): _____ Contact Address: _____

Description of Work: _____

Subcontract #5

Company Name: N/A SBSD Cert #: _____

Contact Name: _____ SBSD Certification: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Value % or \$ (Initial Term): _____ Contact Address: _____

Description of Work: _____

**ATTACHMENT F
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION FORM**

Virginia State Corporation Commission ("SCC") registration information:

The undersigned Bidder:

☒ is a corporation or other business entity with the following SCC identification number:
431698481

-OR-

☐ is not a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, registered limited liability partnership, or business trust

-OR-

☐ is an out-of-state business entity that does not regularly and continuously maintain as part of its ordinary and customary business any employees, agents, offices, facilities, or inventories in Virginia (not counting any employees or agents in Virginia who merely solicit orders that require acceptance outside Virginia before they become contracts, and not counting any incidental presence of the bidder in Virginia that is needed in order to assemble, maintain, and repair goods in accordance with the contracts by which such goods were sold and shipped into Virginia from bidder's out-of-state location)

-OR-

☐ is an out-of-state business entity that is including with this bid an opinion of legal counsel which accurately and completely discloses the undersigned bidder's current contacts with Virginia and describes why those contacts do not constitute the transaction of business in Virginia within the meaning of § 13.1-757 or other similar provisions in Titles 13.1 or 50 of the Code of Virginia.

****NOTE**** >> Check the following box if you have not completed any of the foregoing options but currently have pending before the SCC an application for authority to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia and wish to be considered for a waiver to allow you to submit the SCC identification number after the due date for bids (the Commonwealth reserves the right to determine in its sole discretion whether to allow such waiver): ☐

Signature: Maggie Latterman **Date:** 05/08/2023

Name: Maggie Latterman
Print

Title: Government Bids Analyst

Name of Firm: Ferrellgas, LP.

FERRELLGAS CAPABILITY STATEMENT

*Reduce Costs & Eliminate
Downtime with Ferrellgas*



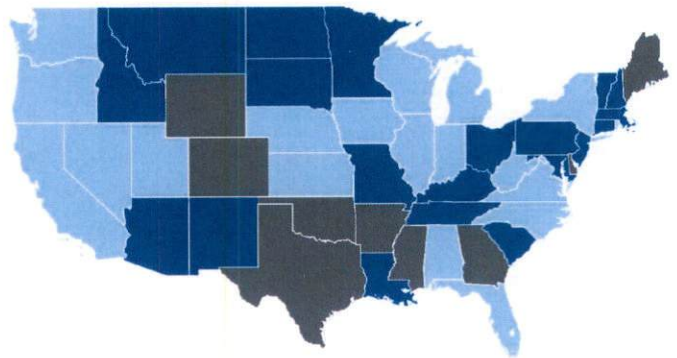
CORE CAPABILITIES:

- Servicing all your propane needs, including home, business, farm, autogas, and tank exchange
- Competitive pricing and flexible options that comply with government required invoicing processes
- Committed to the safety of our customers and employees through continuous training
- Operates 875 propane distribution locations with access to over 250,000,000 gallons of propane storage
- 24/7 emergency hotline and top customer service

DIFFERENTIATORS:

- Leading technology such as Salesforce CRM, driver handheld devices, and SmartFill tank monitoring service
- Industry experts with membership in Propane Education & Research Council (PERC), National Propane Gas Association (NPGA), along with each state's association
- 3,493 active government accounts (state agencies, counties, cities, towns, co-ops, schools, federal) with \$23.8 million annual sales and 21.2 million gallons annually delivered
- Veterans and First Responders Recognition Program: Exclusive propane discount for our nation's active, reserve, and veteran military members and first responders

PAST PERFORMANCE:



State Contracts: AL, CA, FL, IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, NE, NV, NY, NC, OR, RI, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI

Federal Contracts: Letterkenny Army Depot, Twentynine Palms, Fort Benning & Camp Merrill, Yuma Proving Grounds, Patuxent Wildlife Center, Fort Knox, Fort Drum, and More!

CORPORATE DATA:

Ferrellgas has been a national propane supplier since 1939 with over \$2+ billion in annual revenue.

- One Liberty Plaza, Liberty, MO 64068
- More than 4,500 employee owners
- www.ferrellgas.com
- NAICS Code: 324110, 424710, 424720, 211112
- DUNS: 861017291
- Cage Code: 03EKO



Contact your local Ferrellgas team today!

Maggie Latterman

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