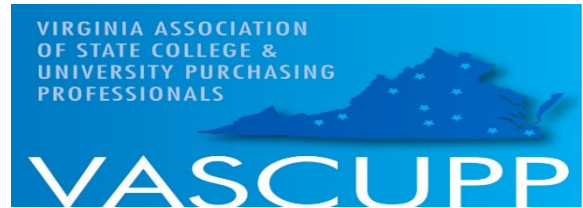




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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GMU-1613-20

ISSUE DATE: October 03, 2019

TITLE: Off-Campus Housing Online Database (Listing)

PRIMARY PROCUREMENT OFFICER: Katherine Sirotin, Asst. Director, ksirotin@gmu.edu
SECONDARY PROCUREMENT OFFICER: Michele Rogers, Sr. Buyer, mroger19@gmu.edu

QUESTIONS/INQUIRIES: E-mail all inquiries to both Procurement Officers listed above, no later than 4:00 PM EST on October 10, 2019. All questions must be submitted in writing. Responses to questions will be posted on the [Mason Purchasing Website](#) by 5:00 PM EST on October 16, 2019. Note: Your email must reference in the Subject Line the RFP number, GMU-1613-20 and the word "Question". Failure to mark your email as such may result in your question being missed.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME: October 31, 2019 at 2:00PM (EST). Hand deliver or mail proposals directly to the address above. Electronic submissions (emails) will not be accepted. A public opening will not be held. Late proposals will not be accepted.

Note: A return envelope is not being provided. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to ensure the proposal is submitted in a sealed envelope, box, container, etc. that clearly identifies the contents as a proposal submission in response to this Request for Proposal. See Section XIII Paragraph C herein. If delivering proposals by hand, deliver to the Purchasing Department located in Suite 4200 of Alan and Sally Merten Hall (Merten Hall), Fairfax Campus. [Campus Map](#). Office hours are 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

In Compliance With This Request For Proposal And To All The Conditions Imposed Therein And Hereby Incorporated By Reference, The Undersigned Offers And Agrees To Furnish The Goods/Services In Accordance With The Attached Signed Proposal Or As Mutually Agreed Upon By Subsequent Negotiations.

Name and Address of Firm:

Legal Name: _____	Date: _____
DBA: _____	
Address: _____	By: _____
_____	Signature
FEI/FIN No. _____	Name: _____
Fax No. _____	Title: _____
Email: _____	Telephone No. _____
SWaM Certified: Yes: _____ No: _____ (See Section VII. SWaM CERTIFICATION for complete details).	
SWaM Certification Number: _____	

This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the *Governing Rules*, § 36 or against a Bidder/Offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.

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- I. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit sealed proposals to establish a contract through competitive negotiations, with one or more qualified vendors, for an Off-Campus Housing Online Database/Listing for George Mason University's Department of Contemporary Student Services .

George Mason University is an educational institution and agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

- II. **PURCHASING MANUAL/GOVERNING RULES:** This solicitation and any resulting contract shall be subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Purchasing Manual for Institutions of Higher Education and their Vendor's*, and any revisions thereto, and the *Governing Rules*, which are hereby incorporated into this contract in their entirety. A copy of both documents is available for review at: <https://vascupp.org>
- III. **COMMUNICATION:** Communications regarding the Request For Proposals shall be formal from the date of issuance until a contract has been awarded. Unless otherwise instructed offerors are to communicate with only the Procurement Officers listed on the cover page. Offerors are not to communicate with any other employees of Mason.
- IV. **FINAL CONTRACT:** ATTACHMENT C to this solicitation is Mason's standard two-party contract. It is the intent of this solicitation to base the final contractual documents off of Mason's standard two-party contract and Mason's General Terms and Conditions. Any exceptions to our standard contract and General Terms and Conditions should be denoted in your RFP response. Other documents may be incorporated into the final contract, either by way of attachment or by reference, but in all cases this contract document and Mason's General Terms and Conditions shall jointly take precedence over all other documents and will govern the terms and conditions of the contract.
- V. **ADDITIONAL USERS:** It is the intent of this solicitation and resulting contract to allow for cooperative procurement. Accordingly, any public body, public or private health or educational institutions, or affiliated corporations may access any resulting contract if authorized by the contractor.

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

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

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

- VI. **eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT VENDOR REGISTRATION:** The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution, website 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 eProcurement solution by completing the free eVA Vendor Registration. All bidders or offerors agree to self-register in eVA and pay the Vendor Transaction Fees prior to being awarded a contract. Registration instructions and transaction fees may be viewed at: <https://eva.virginia.gov/>
- VII. **SWaM CERTIFICATION:** Vendor agrees to fully support the Commonwealth of Virginia and Mason's efforts related to SWaM goals. Upon contract execution, eligible vendors (as determined by Mason and the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity) shall submit all required documents necessary to achieve SWaM certification to the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity within 90 days. Vendors currently SWaM certified agree to maintain their certification for the duration of the contract and shall submit all required renewal documentation at least 30 days prior to existing SWaM expiration. <https://www.sbsd.virginia.gov/>

VIII. SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN: In accordance with Executive Order 35 it is the goal of the Commonwealth that over 42% of its purchases be made from small businesses. All potential offerors are required to fill out and submit Attachments A and B with their proposal.

IX. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: One (1) year from date of award with four (4) successive one-year renewal options.

X. BACKGROUND: George Mason University does not currently have an official partnership with any off-campus housing properties but seeks to serve the 26,000 off-campus students by providing private apartments, townhouses, and rooms-for-rent as options to students. These properties must be safe, close to one of the Mason campuses, and affordable to students.

Campus Maps: https://info.gmu.edu/campus-maps-and-directions/?_ga=1.231248668.2057225938.1464978837

XI. STATEMENT OF NEEDS: The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit sealed proposals to establish a contract through competitive negotiations, with one or more qualified vendors, for an Off-Campus Housing Online Database/Listing for George Mason University's Department of Contemporary Student Services.

A. General Requirements:

1. Vendors must provide active outreach to local properties through a local representative and be able to operate in multiple counties (Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William). This local representative must provide updates to the University administrators in Contemporary Student Services at least once a month.
2. Vendors must show good faith effort to add a minimum of five properties each year to the listings.
3. Vendor must manage properties and payment collection for 3-4 Housing Fairs on campus each year.
4. Online database and listings must be mobile-friendly and require a secure login for Mason students, faculty, and staff only using the Mason NetID.
5. Listings must include a map and proximity to campuses, transportation, and shuttle services. Students should have the capability to save preferred listings and locate contact information through the database.
6. Database must have roommate search and matching options that is limited to Mason students, staff, and faculty.
7. All properties must be safe and comply with all property laws/regulations of the municipalities (Federal, state, and local) in which they reside. The University must have the ability to remove properties and landlords that have been deemed unsafe or unresponsive. Preference will be given to databases that have Single Sign On connection capabilities.
8. All e-learning and information technology developed, purchased, upgraded or renewed by or for the use of George Mason University shall comply with all applicable University policies, Federal and State laws and regulations including but not limited to Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29U.S.C. 794d), the Information Technology Access Act, §§2.2-3500 through 2.2-3504 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and all other regulations promulgated under Title II of The Americans with Disabilities Act, which are applicable to all benefits, services, programs, and activities provided by or on behalf of the University. The Contractor shall also comply with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1.
9. The University must have administrative access to monitor analytics and website use. Preference will be given to vendors that operate under a revenue-sharing model with the university.

B. Fundamental Requirements:

1. The vendor must provide active outreach to local properties through a local representative/s and be able to operate in multiple countries (Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William). The vendor must show how this will function in practice.
2. The vendor must provide a local representative/s to interface with the local communities/counties.
3. The vendor must provide the monthly reports on the progress/status reports on the local representative/s work on locating proprieties for listing. These reports should include properties that will be added to the listing, properties that will be removed and the reasoning for the removal, and any properties that have been noted as troublesome but not removed from the listing. The report may include additional information that the vendor deems appropriate to share with Contemporary Student Services administrative staff.
4. The Vendor needs to provide proof of good faith efforts being made to add a minimum of 4 to 5 properties to the listing annually. All properties must be safe and comply with all property laws/regulations of the municipalities in which they reside (Federal, state, and local). Ideal properties would be located near Mason's Fairfax and Arlington campuses.
5. Vendors are required to manage the attendance and collection of payment from properties for 3-4 Housing Fairs per year.
6. The online database/website needs to be mobile-friendly and require a secure login for Mason students, faculty,

and staff only using the Mason NetID.

7. The online database/website will need to be compliant with George Mason University's ADA/assistive technology standards: All e-learning and information technology developed, purchased, upgraded or renewed by or for the use of George Mason University shall comply with all applicable University policies, Federal and State laws and regulations including but not limited to Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d), the Information Technology Access Act, §§2.2-3500 through 2.2-3504 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and all other regulations promulgated under Title II of The Americans with Disabilities Act, which are applicable to all benefits, services, programs, and activities provided by or on behalf of the University. The Contractor shall also comply with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1.
8. Users (students, staff, and faculty) should have the capability to save preferred listings, location (via a detailed map with transportation information, shuttle/bus service information, and distance travel calculator to campus), and contact information through the database/website.
9. An ideal database/website would have single sign on connection capabilities.
10. The database/website must have roommate search and matching options that is limited to Mason students, staff, and faculty.
11. The University must have the ability to immediately remove properties and landlords deemed unsafe, unresponsive or fraudulent.
12. The University will require full access to all monitor analytics, website usage data, and all other analytics garnered from the website. This can be, but is not limited to, screen "heat" maps, average time on site, average visits per a designated timeframe, a list of users who have visited the website in a given timeframe, the number of "clicks" a listing receives, general user traffic information, etc.
13. The vendor will operate under a revenue sharing model with the university.

XII. REVENUE SHARING ARRANGEMENT OR COST OF SERVICES: Please provide pricing for any systems/software, installation of hardware/software, removal of existing systems, service, training, travel, etc. and include the following:

1. Mason is requesting that any resulting agreement operate under a revenue sharing model with the University. If your firm/organization is willing to participate please outline your plan for this model. If you are not willing to participate in this model please clearly state so and outline the following:
 - a. Please provide and break out separately all one-time and recurring costs associated with your offered solution/system. Offerors should provide costs for implementation, support, training, development, and maintenance costs. Your pricing/cost of services quote should include all associated costs for this system/solution/service.
 - b. If there are any discounts available for volume, multi-year commitments, enterprise wide licensing, etc. please make sure to clearly state those in your proposal.

XIII. PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. RFP Response. In order to be considered, Offerors must submit a complete response to Mason's Purchasing Office prior to the due date and time stated in this RFP. Offerors are required to submit **one (1) signed original hardcopy (paper)** of the entire proposal including all attachments and proprietary information and **Eight (8) extra hardcopies (paper)** including all attachments and proprietary information (**The vendor should submit a total of Nine (9) hardcopies – One (1) Original and Eight (8) copies**). In addition, the Offeror shall submit one (1) complete signed copy of the original proposal including all attachments and proprietary information, on a CD, thumb drive or other electronic device. **The electronic copy (USB, CD, etc) must be clearly marked with your company/organization name and the RFP number.** If proposal contains proprietary information, then submit two (2) CD's, thumb drive or other electronic device; one (1) with proprietary information included and one (1) with proprietary information removed (see also Item 2e below for further details). The Offeror shall make no other distribution of the proposals.
 - a. At the conclusion of the RFP process proposals with proprietary information removed (redacted versions) shall be provided to requestors in accordance with Virginia's Freedom of Information Act. Offerors will not be notified of the release of this information.
2. Proposal Presentation:

- a. Proposals shall be signed by an authorized representative of the Offeror. All information requested must be submitted. Failure to submit all information requested may result in your proposal being scored low.
- b. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirement of the RFP. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content.
- c. Each hardcopy of the proposal should be bound in a single volume where practical. The original hard copy proposal must be clearly marked on the outside of the proposal. All documentation submitted with the proposal should be bound in that single volume.
- d. Proposals should be organized in the order in which the requirements are presented in the RFP. All pages of the proposal should be numbered. Each paragraph in the proposal should reference the paragraph number corresponding section of the RFP. It is also helpful to cite the paragraph number, sub letter and repeat the text of the requirement as it appears in the RFP. The proposal should contain a table of contents which cross references the RFP requirements. Information which the Offeror desires to present that does not fall within any of the requirement of the RFP should be inserted at the appropriate place or be attached at the end of the proposal and designated as additional material.

1. A WORD version of this RFP will be provided upon request.

- e. Except as provided, once an award is announced, all proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be open to inspection by any citizen, or interested person, firm or corporation, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a firm prior to or as part of its proposal will not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act only under the following circumstances: (1) the appropriate information is clearly identified by some distinct method such as highlighting or underlining; (2) only the specific words, figures, or paragraphs that constitute trade secrets or proprietary information are identified; and (3) a summary page is supplied immediately following the proposal title page that includes (a) the information to be protected, (b) the section(s)/page number(s) where this information is found in the proposal, and (c) a statement why protection is necessary for each section listed. The firm must also provide a separate electronic copy of the proposal (CD, etc.) with the trade secrets and/or proprietary information redacted. *If all of these requirements are not met, then the firm's entire proposal will be available for public inspection.*

IMPORTANT: A firm may not request that its entire proposal be treated as a trade secret or proprietary information, nor may a firm request that its pricing/fees be treated as a trade secret or proprietary information, or otherwise be deemed confidential. If after given a reasonable time, the Offeror refuses to withdraw the aforementioned designation, the proposal will be rejected.

3. Oral Presentation: Offerors who submit a proposal in response to this RFP **may be** required to give an oral presentation/demonstration of their proposal/product to Mason. This will provide an opportunity for the Offeror to clarify or elaborate on their proposal. Performance during oral presentations may affect the final award decision. If required, oral presentations are tentatively scheduled for **the week of November 18th (TENTATIVE)**. Mason will expect that the person or persons who will be working on the project to make the presentation so experience of the contractor's staff can be evaluated prior to making selection. Oral presentations are an option of Mason and may or may not be conducted; therefore, it is imperative all proposals should be complete

B. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS: Proposals should be as thorough and detailed as possible to allow Mason to properly evaluate the Offeror's capabilities and approach toward providing the required services. Offerors are required to submit the following items as a complete proposal.

1. Procedural information:

- a. Return signed cover page and all addenda, if any, signed and completed as required.
- b. Return Attachment A - Vendor Data Sheet.

- If you are a certified as a Small, Woman, Minority or Micro (SWaM) business by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD) at time of proposal submission provide a copy of your Virginia SBSD certification and mark your SBSD certification type and number on Attachment A. Failure to provide this information may result in your organization not receiving the five (5) SWaM Points
 - c. Return Attachment B - Small Business Subcontracting Plan.
 - d. State your payment preference in your proposal response. (See section XVI.)
 - e. Review and if necessary, provide any exceptions/red-lines to Mason's Attachment B – Sample Contract. It is the intent of this solicitation to base the final contractual documents off of Mason's standard two-party contract and Mason's General Terms and Conditions. If you intend to amend our contract to include your Master Software/Services Agreement or any additional terms and conditions, please provide a copy of that document with your proposal.
 - Note: As an entity of the Commonwealth of Virginia (a government agency) - Mason cannot indemnify a vendor, waive our sovereign immunity, agree to the Governing Law of another state, or limit a vendor's liability in instances of negligence, death/loss of life, or in instances where negligence on the part of the vendor leads to a data breach where sensitive/personally confidential information is lost. Please take this into consideration when submitting your terms and conditions/MSA/or redlining Mason's contract.\
 - Untimely delay or failure to reach an acceptable agreement/contract may result in Mason rejecting your offer.
2. Qualifications & Experience - General firm background and information :
- a. Provide a background and a brief history of your firm.
 - b. Describe your firm's specialty areas, and their size.
 - c. Describe your firm's location and organization structure. Provide additional detail related to offices likely to serve Mason.
 - d. Describe the nature and extent of your expertise with higher education, research-oriented, or similarly-situated clients.
 - e. Describe the nature and extent of your expertise with providing a solution/system (Off-Campus Housing Online Database/Listing) to clients similarly-situated to Mason.
 - f. Describe any impending changes in your organization that could impact delivery of services
3. Proposal – Technological Capabilities (Ability to Meet Stated Requirements):
- a. Demonstrate, in detail, your ability to meet Mason's scope of work/requirements. This should provide detailed explanations, examples, specifications, or other relevant information.
 - b. Demonstrate your solution/systems technical capabilities.
 - c. If your solution/system does not currently meet certain requirements, please clearly state which requirements you cannot meet. If there is a roadmap/future capabilities please provide a timeline and outline what those capabilities are.
 - d. If your system has additional, related, capabilities, that are not outlined in Mason's requirements/scope of work, clearly outline what those are and how they may meet current or future needs/requirements.
4. Methodology – Customer Service, Representation, etc.:
- a. Describe your process for working with Mason to deliver your system/solution/services.
 - i. Clearly outline your customer service solutions, local representatives, Housing Fairs and Administration in support of Mason.
 - a. Outline your organization's knowledge, skills, and expected availability / capacity to deliver services.
 - b. Provide a time/manner/schedule for delivery based on a contract start date of 01/01/2020 (tentative contract start date for scheduling purposes – subject to change).
 - c. Provide your management and support plan. Include any key personnel and provide their experience, qualifications, expertise, etc. if applicable.
5. Revenue Sharing OR Costs/Pricing: Please provide your plan for a revenue sharing arrangement with Mason (preferred) **or** pricing for any systems/software, service, training, travel, etc. and include the following:

- a. Revenue Sharing Arrangement (preferred) **OR**;
- b. Please provide and break out separately all one-time and recurring costs associated with your offered solution/system. Offerors should provide costs for implementation, support, training, development, and maintenance costs. Your pricing/cost of services quote should include all associated costs for this system/solution/service.
 - i. If there are any discounts available for volume, multi-year commitments, enterprise wide licensing, etc. please make sure to clearly state those in your proposal.
 - ii. Describe how you propose to handle any travel or out-of-pocket expenses related to provisions of these services. Specifically address expenses for resources based in locations near Mason. As part of your offer (if travel reimbursement or travel fees/costs/expense are to be billed) your organization must agree to accept to be reimbursed in accordance with Mason's per diem policies/requirements (GSA per diem rates). Please clearly outline any travel requirements/costs/expenses in your offer

6. References:

No fewer than three (3) that demonstrates the Offeror's qualifications preferably from other comparable higher education institutions your firm is/has provided services with which are similar in size and scope to that which has been described herein.

- a. Provide references on no more than three (3) relevant active contracts (minimum contract period: one year) or completed contracts within the last three (3) years. Relevant contracts are defined as contracts for services of the same size and scope contemplated herein. The university will focus on information that demonstrates quality of performance relative to the size and complexity of the contract. For each reference provide a brief description of the scope of the contract and state why the contract is relevant. Offerors should identify problems, weaknesses and/or deficiencies in the performance of the contracts given as references and their processes, corrective actions or method of problem solving resolution used to correct the weaknesses or deficiencies. For each reference provide the following information about each contract.
 - i. Name and address of contracting activity to which service is/was provided
 - ii. Contract Number
 - iii. Contract Title
 - iv. Contract Type
 - v. Original contract amount and current (or ending) contract amount.
(explain reasons for any difference)
 - vi. Contracting officials' names, telephone numbers
 - vii. Contract Level (Prime or Subcontract)
 - viii. Award Date
 - ix. Contract completion/projected completion date
- b. Provide a list of any active contract(s) terminated within the past five (5) years for other than convenience of the owner. If none, state.

C. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL ENVELOPE: **Return envelopes are not being provided. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to clearly mark submission envelopes identifying the contents as a response to this Request For Proposal as follows:**

FROM: Name of Offeror _____ Due Date/Time: **October 31, 2019@ 2:00PM EST**

Street or Box Number _____ RFP Number: **GMU-1613-20**

City, State, Zip Code _____ RFP Title: **Off-Campus Housing Online Database (Listing)**

Name of Procurement Officer or Buyer: **Katherine Sirotin, Asst. Director, Purchasing**

The envelope or package should be addressed to the Issuing Agency as directed on Page 1 of the solicitation. If a proposal is mailed, the Offeror takes the risk that the envelope/package, even if marked as described above, may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised which may cause the proposal to be disqualified. Proposals may be hand delivered to the designated location in the office issuing the solicitation. No other correspondence or other bid/proposal should be placed in the envelope.

XIV. INITIAL EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SUBSEQUENT AWARD:

- A. INITIAL EVALUATION CRITERIA: Proposals shall be initially evaluated and ranked using the following criteria:

	<u>Description of Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Point Value</u>
1.	Qualifications & Experience.	20
2.	Technological Capabilities	20
3.	Methodology (Customer Service etc.)	35
4.	Revenue Sharing OR Cost/Pricing.	15
5.	References	5
6.	Vendor is certified as a small, minority, or women-owned business (SWaM) with Virginia SBSD at the proposal due date & time.	5
Total Points Available:		100

- B. AWARD: Following the initial scoring by the evaluation committee, at least two or more top ranked offerors may be contacted for oral presentations/demonstrations or advanced directly to the negotiations stage. *If oral presentations are conducted Mason will then determine, in its sole discretion, which vendors will advance to the negotiations phase.* Negotiations shall then be conducted with each of the offerors so selected. Price shall be considered, but need not be the sole determining factor. After negotiations have been conducted with each offeror so selected, Mason shall select the offeror which, in its sole discretion has made the best proposal, and shall award the contract to that offeror. When the terms and conditions of multiple awards are so provided in the Request for Proposal, awards may be made to more than one offeror. Should Mason determine in writing and in its sole discretion that only one offeror has made the best proposal, a contract may be negotiated and awarded to that offeror. Mason is not required to furnish a statement of the reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous (*Governing Rules §49.D.*).

- XV. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: Upon award of the contract, Mason shall designate, in writing, the name of the Contract Administrator who shall work with the contractor in formulating mutually acceptable plans and standards for the operations of this service. The Contract Administrator shall use all powers under the contract to enforce its faithful performance. The Contract Administrator shall determine the amount, quality and acceptability of work and shall decide all other questions in connection with the work. All direction and order from Mason shall be transmitted through the Contract Administrator, or their designee(s) however, the Contract Administrator shall have no authority to approve changes which shall alter the concept or scope of the work or change the basis for compensation to the contractor.

XVI. PAYMENT TERMS / METHOD OF PAYMENT:

PLEASE NOTE: THE VENDOR MUST REFERENCE THE PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER ON ALL INVOICES SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT.

Option #1- Payment to be mailed in 10 days-Mason will make payment to the vendor under 2%10 Net 30 payment terms. Invoices should be submitted via email to the designated Accounts Payable email address which is acctpay@gmu.edu.

The 10 day payment period begins the first business day after receipt of proper invoice or receipt of goods, whichever occurs last. A paper check will be mailed on or before the 10th day.

Option #2- To be paid in 20 days. The vendor may opt to be paid through our Virtual Payables credit card program. The vendor shall submit an invoice and will be paid via credit card on the 20th day from receipt of a valid invoice. The vendor will incur standard credit card interchange fees through their processor. All invoices should be sent to:

George Mason University

Accounts Payable Department
4400 University Drive, Mailstop 3C1
Fairfax, Va. 22030
Voice: 703.993.2580 | Fax: 703.993.2589
e-mail: AcctPay@gmu.edu

Option#3- Net 30 Payment Terms. Vendor will enroll in Paymode-X where all payments will be made electronically to the vendor's bank account. For additional information or to sign up for electronic payments, go to <http://www.paymode.com/gmu>. There is no charge to the vendor for enrolling in this service.

Please state your payment preference in your proposal response.

XVII. SOLICITATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS – GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY:
<http://fiscal.gmu.edu/purchasing/do-business-with-mason/view-current-solicitation-opportunities/>
- B. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS – GMU-1613-20 (Also see ATTACHMENT C – SAMPLE CONTRACT which contains terms and conditions that will govern any resulting award).
1. BEST AND FINAL OFFER (BAFO): At the conclusion of negotiations, the Offeror(s) may be asked to submit in writing, a best and final offer (BAFO). After the BAFO is submitted, no further negotiations shall be conducted with the Offeror(s).
 2. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT: Mason 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 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.
 3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW: (If Applicable): All goods and services provided to George Mason University shall be done so in accordance with any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations and/or requirements. This includes any applicable provisions of FERPA or the "Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act" of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 4. CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION: The contractor assures that information and data obtained as to personal facts and circumstances related to patients or clients will be collected and held confidential, during and following the term of this agreement, and unless disclosure is required pursuant to court order, subpoena or other regulatory authority, will not be divulged without the individual's and the agency's written consent and only in accordance with federal law or the Code of Virginia. Contractors who utilize, access, or store personally identifiable information as part of the performance of a contract are required to safeguard this information and immediately notify the agency of any breach or suspected breach in the security of such information. Contractors shall allow the agency to both participate in the investigation of incidents and exercise control over decisions regarding external reporting. Contractors and their employees working on this project may be required to sign a confidentiality statement.
 5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: By submitting a proposal the contractor warrants that he/she has fully complied with the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act; furthermore certifying that he/she is not currently an employee of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 6. FINAL INSPECTION: At the conclusion of the work, the contractor shall demonstrate to the authorized owners representative that the work is fully operational and in compliance with contract specifications and codes. Any deficiencies shall be promptly and permanently corrected by the contractor at the contractor's sole expense prior to final acceptance of the work .
 7. LATE PROPOSALS: To be considered, proposals must be received at the specific office location specified in this solicitation on or before the date and time designated in this solicitation.

Offerors are responsible for the delivery of the proposal and if using U.S. Mail or a delivery service should ensure that the proposal is addressed properly. Proposals are due at 2:00PM on the date specified on the cover page of this solicitation. The Purchasing Department will contact the Offeror to arrange for pick up or destruction of the late proposal. The official time used in receipt of proposals shall be the time on the automatic time stamp machine of Mason's Purchasing Office, address and location on cover page of solicitation.

George Mason University is not responsible for delays in the delivery of mail by the U.S. Postal Service, private couriers, or the intra-university mail system. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to ensure that its proposal reaches the issuing office by the designated date and hour.

8. **OBLIGATION OF OFFEROR:** It is the responsibility of each Offeror to inquire about and clarify any requirements of this solicitation that is not understood. Mason will not be bound by oral explanations as to the meaning of specifications or language contained in this solicitation. Therefore, all inquiries must be in writing and submitted as instructed on page 1 of this solicitation. By submitting a proposal, the Offeror covenants and agrees that they have satisfied themselves, from their own investigation of the conditions to be met, that they fully understand their obligation and that they will not make any claim for, or have right to cancellation or relief from this contract because of any misunderstanding or lack of information.
9. **RENEWAL OF CONTRACT:** The resulting contract may be renewed by Mason for four (4) successive one (1) year periods, or as negotiated, under the terms and conditions of the original contract except as stated in 1. and 2. below. Price increases may be negotiated only at the time of renewal. Written notice of the Commonwealth's intention to renew shall be given approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of each contract period.
 - a. If the Commonwealth elects to exercise the option to renew the contract for an additional one-year period, the contract price(s) for the additional one year shall not exceed the contract price(s) of the original contract increased/decreased by more than the percentage increase/decrease of the "other goods and services" category of the CPI-U section of the Consumer Price Index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the latest twelve months for which statistics are available.
 - b. If during any subsequent renewal periods, the Commonwealth elects to exercise the option to renew the contract, the contract price(s) for the subsequent renewal period shall not exceed the contract price(s) of the previous renewal period increased/decreased by more than the percentage increase/decrease of the "other goods and services" category of the CPI-U section of the Consumer Price Index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the latest twelve months for which statistics are available.
10. **RFP DEBRIEFING:** In accordance with §49 of the *Governing Rules* Mason is not required to furnish a statement of the reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous. However, upon request we will provide a scoring/ranking summary and the award justification memo from the evaluation committee. Formal debriefings are generally not offered.
11. **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL OR PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNTS:** The contractor shall extend any special educational or promotional sale prices or discounts immediately to the Commonwealth during the term of the contract. Such notice shall also advise the duration of the specific sale or discount price.
12. **SUBCONTRACTS:** **No portion of the work shall be subcontracted without prior written consent of Mason's Purchasing office.** In the event that the contractor desires to subcontract some part of the work specified herein, the contractor shall furnish Mason's Purchasing office the names, qualifications, criminal background checks and experience of their proposed subcontractors. The Contractor shall, however, remain fully liable and responsible for the work to be done by its subcontractor(s) and shall assure compliance with all requirements of the contract.

XVIII. RFP SCHEDULE (Subject to Change):

- Issue in eVA: 10/03/19
- Advertise in Washington Post: 10/04/19
- Vendors submit questions by: 10/10/19 by 4:00PM EST
- Post Question Responses: 10/16/19 by 5:00 PM EST
- Proposals Due: 10/31/19 @ 2:00 PM EST
- Proposals to Committee: 11/05/19
- Review and Score Proposals: 11/15/19 – 11/15/19
- Scores to Purchasing: 11/15/19
- Oral presentations (if necessary): Week of 11/18/19 (TENTATIVE)
- Negotiations/BAFO: Week of 12/02/19 (TENTATIVE)
- ASRB Review (if applicable): Week of 12/02/19 (TENTATIVE)
- Award: Week of 12/16/19 (TENTATIVE)
- Contract Start Date: 01/01/2020 (TENTATIVE)

XIX. ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS REVIEW BOARD (ASRB) – IF APPLICABLE:

After conclusion of negotiations/Best and Final Offer (BAFO) but prior to award of a contract (and/or release of funding to procure your solution) your solution/system will be submitted to Mason’s Architectural Standards Review Board (ASRB). The ASRB will review your system for security, accessibility (508 compliance), ease/ability to integrate with existing systems, etc. The Offeror must agree to submit their product/system/software to ASRB and submit any requested information to assist in the review process. ASRB approval is required prior to contract award or funding being released to procure the system/product.

The contractor should be prepared to submit any of the following items including but not limited to;

- Data Dictionary identifying the data elements available for use in the product,
- Data integration documentation,
- Architecture diagrams,
- Security documentation,
- VPAT, and a useable software demo or “sandbox” for accessibility testing,
- And any single sign-on documentation.
- Additional documentation or items may be requested as needed during the review process.
- The contractor may be asked to answer ASRB questions verbally or in writing

It is imperative that the Contractor comply with these requests in a timely fashion as any delay will result in a delay of contract award. Failure to provide documentation or extended delay may result in negotiations concluding, your offer being rejected or an award being rescinded.

ATTACHMENT A
VENDOR DATA SHEET
TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFEROR

1. QUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR: The Offeror certifies that they have the capability and capacity in all respects to fully satisfy all of the contractual requirements.

2. YEARS IN BUSINESS: Indicate the length of time in business providing this type of service:

Type of Business: _____ . _____ Years _____ Months

3. BUSINESS STATUS:

A. Type of organization (circle one):

Individual
Sole Proprietor

Partnership
Government

Corporation
Other (explain)

B. Category (circle one):

Manufacturer/Producer
Service Establishment
Other (explain)

Mfg.'s Agent
Distributor

Retailer
Wholesaler

C. Status: If your classification is certified by the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD), provide your certification number _____. For certification assistance, please visit <http://www.sbsd.virginia.gov/>. (Please check all applicable classifications. Must be certified with **VIRGINIA DSBSD** to qualify)

_____ (MB) MINORITY OWNED. "Minority-owned business" means a business that is at least 51% owned by one or more minority individuals who are U.S. citizens or legal resident aliens, or in the case of a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51% of the equity ownership interest in the corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity is owned by one or more minority individuals who are U.S. citizens or legal resident aliens, and both the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more minority individuals.

_____ (WB) WOMAN OWNED. "Women-owned business" means a business that is at least 51% owned by one or more women who are U.S. citizens or legal resident aliens, or in the case of a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51% of the equity ownership interest is owned by one or more women who are citizens of the United States or legal resident aliens, and both the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

_____ (SB) SMALL BUSINESS: "Small business" means a business that is at least 51% independently owned and controlled by one or more individuals who are U.S. citizens or legal resident aliens, and together with affiliates, has 250 or fewer employees, or average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years. One or more of these individual owners shall control both the management and daily business operations of the small business.

_____ LARGE BUSINESS

I certify the accuracy of this information.

Signed: _____ Title: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

ATTACHMENT B
SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN
TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFEROR

It is the goal of the Commonwealth that over 42% of its purchases be made from small businesses. All potential offerors are required to return this document with their 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 proposals. 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 proposal 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: _____

Preparer Name: _____ **Date:** _____

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.

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

Populate the table below 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 offeror'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 percentages may result in breach of the contract.

Micro/Small Business Name & Address DSBSD Certificate #	Status if Micro/Small Business is also: Women (W), Minority (M), or DSBSD Service Disabled Veteran-Owned	Contact Person, Telephone & Email	Type of Goods and/or Services	Planned Involvement During Initial Period of the Contract	Planned Contract Dollars During Initial Period of the Contract (\$ or %)
Totals \$					

Add a separate page for Section B if necessary.



Purchasing Department
4400 University Drive, Mailstop 3C5
Fairfax, VA 22030
Voice: 703.993.2580 | Fax: 703.993.2589
<http://fiscal.gmu.edu/purchasing/>

ATTACHMENT C – SAMPLE CONTRACT GMU-1613-20

Note: Other documents may be incorporated into this document, either by way of attachment or by reference, but in all cases this contract document shall take precedence over all other documents and will govern the terms and conditions of the contract.

This Contract entered on this ____ day of _____ by _____ hereinafter called “Contractor” (located at _____) and George Mason University hereinafter called “Mason,” “University”.

- I. **WITNESSETH** that the Contractor and Mason, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreement herein contained, agree as follows:
- II. **SCOPE OF CONTRACT:** The Contractor shall provide an Off-Campus Housing Online Database/Listing for George Mason University’s Department of Contemporary Student Services of George Mason University (herein after referred to as “Mason,” or “University”) as set forth in the Contract Documents.
- III. **PERIOD OF CONTRACT:** One (1) Base Year with Four (4) Optional One-Year Renewals.
- IV. **REVENUE SHARING ARRANGEMENT OR PRICE SCHEDULE:** As negotiated
- V. **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:** TBD shall serve as Contract Administrator for this Contract and shall use all powers under the Contract to enforce its faithful performance. The Contract Administrators shall determine the amount, quality and acceptability of work and shall decide all other questions in connection with the work. All direction and order from Mason shall be transmitted through the Contract Administrator, however, the Contract Administrator shall have no authority to approve changes which shall alter the concept or scope or change the basis for compensation.
- VI. **METHOD OF PAYMENT:** As negotiated
- VII. **THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL CONSIST OF (In order of precedence):**
 - A. This signed form;
 - B. RFP No. GMU-1613-20, in its entirety (incorporated herein by reference);
 - C. Contractor’s proposal dated October 31, 2019 (incorporated herein by reference);
 - D. Negotiation Responses & BAFO dated (date of submission) (incorporated herein by reference).
- VIII. **GOVERNING RULES:** This Contract is governed by the provisions of the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act, Chapter 10 (§ [23.1-1000](#) et seq.) of Title 23.1 of the Code of Virginia, and in particular § [23.1-1003](#) of the Restructuring Act (“Memoranda of Understanding”), and the “*Governing Rules*” and the *Purchasing Manual for Institutions of Higher Education and their Vendors*. Documents may be viewed at: <https://vascupp.org>.
- IX. **CONTRACT PARTICIPATION:** As negotiated
- X. **STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**
 - A. **APPLICABLE LAW AND CHOICE OF FORUM:** This Contract shall be construed, governed, and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. All disputes arising under this Contract shall be brought before an appropriate court in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 - B. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By entering into this Contract Contractor certifies 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 §§ 9&10 of the *Governing Rules*. 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. (*Governing Rules*, § 36).

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

1. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:
 - a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - b. The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting these requirements.
 2. The Contractor will include the provisions of 1. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.
- C. 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.
- D. ASSIGNMENT: Neither party will assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this Contract without both parties' prior written consent. Any attempted assignment, transfer, or delegation without such consent is void.
- E. 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.
- F. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that the agency shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this agreement.
- G. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES: The signatory for each Party certifies that he or she is an authorized agent to sign on behalf such Party.
- H. BACKGROUND CHECKS: Contractor and their employees (and any subcontractors) coming on to any Mason campus must have successfully completed a criminal background check prior to the start of their work assignment/service. As stated in [Administrative Policy Number 2221 – Criminal Background Investigations for University Employees](#), the criminal background investigation will normally include a review of the individual's records to include Social Security Number Search, Credit Report (if related to potential job duties), Criminal Records Search (any misdemeanor convictions and/or felony convictions are reported) in all states in which the employee has lived or worked over the past seven years, and the National Sex Offender Registry. In addition, the Global Watch list (maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of The US Department of Treasury) should be reviewed. Signature on this contract confirms your compliance with this requirement.

- I. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT: Mason reserves the right to cancel and terminate this 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.
- J. CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT: Changes can be made to the Contract in any of the following ways:
1. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the Contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the Contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the Contract.
 2. George Mason University 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 George Mason University 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 George Mason University'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 George Mason University with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. George Mason University 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 George Mason University within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from George Mason University. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the question of an increase or decrease in the Contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for resolving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this Contract or, if there is none, in accordance with the disputes provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia Purchasing Manual for Institutions of Higher Education and Their Vendors. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this Contract shall excuse the Contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by George Mason University or with the performance of the Contract generally.
- K. CLAIMS: Contractual claims, whether for money or other relief, shall be submitted in writing no later than 60 days after final payment. However, written notice of the Contractor's intention to file a claim shall be 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 amounts agreed due in the final payment.
1. The firm must submit written claim to:
Chief Procurement Officer
George Mason University
4400 University Drive, MSN 3C5
Fairfax, VA 22030

2. The firm must submit any unresolved claim in writing no later than 60 days after final payment to the Chief Procurement Officer.
 3. Upon receiving the written claim, the Chief Procurement Officer will review the written materials relating to the claim and will mail his or her decision to the firm within 60 days after receipt of the claim.
 4. The firm may appeal the Chief Procurement Officer's decision in accordance with § 55 of the *Governing Rules*.
- L. COLLECTION AND ATTORNEY'S FEES: The Contractor shall pay to Mason any reasonable attorney's fees or collection fees, at the maximum allowable rate permitted under Virginia law, incurred in enforcing this Contract or pursuing and collecting past-due amounts under this Contract.
- M. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW: All goods and services provided to Mason shall be done so in accordance with any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations and/or requirements. This includes any applicable provisions of FERPA or the "Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act" of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- N. CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION: The Contractor shall ensure that personally identifiable information which may include but is not limited to personal identifiers such as name, address, phone, date of birth, Social Security number, student or personal identification number, non-directory information and any other information protected by state or federal privacy laws will be collected and held confidential, during and following the term of this Contract, and will not be divulged without the individual's and Mason's written consent and only in accordance with federal law or the Code of Virginia. The Contractor shall utilize, access, or store personally identifiable information as part of the performance of this Contract in a secure environment and immediately notify Mason of any breach or suspected breach in the security of such information. Contractor shall allow Mason to both participate in the investigation of incidents and exercise control over decisions regarding external reporting. If Contractor provides goods and services that require the exchange of personal identifiable information the following Data Security Addendum shall apply and be incorporated into this Contract.
- O. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Contractor represents to Mason that its entering into this Contract with Mason and its performance through its agents, officers and employees does not and will not involve, contribute to nor create a conflict of interest prohibited by Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (Va. Code 2.2-3100 *et seq*), the Virginia Ethics in Public Contracting Act (§57 of the *Governing Rules*), the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act (Va. Code 18.2 – 498.1 *et seq*) or any other applicable law or regulation.
- P. DEBARMENT STATUS: As of the effective date, the Contractor certifies that it is not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia from submitting bids or proposals on contracts for the type of services covered by this Contract, nor is the Contractor an agent of any person or entity that is currently so debarred.
- Q. 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 this Contract awarded to 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.

- R. ENTIRE CONTRACT: This Contract constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior oral or written contracts with respect to the subject matter herein. This Contract can be modified or amended only by a writing signed by all of the Parties.

S. EXPORT CONTROL:

1. **Munitions Items:** If the Contractor is providing any items, data or services under this order that are controlled by the Department of State, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, International Traffic in Arms Regulations (“ITAR”), or any items, technology or software controlled under the “600 series” classifications of the Bureau of Industry and Security’s Commerce Control List (“CCL”) (collectively, “Munitions Items”), prior to delivery, Contractor must:

(i) notify Mason (by sending an email to export@gmu.edu), and

(ii) receive written authorization for shipment from Mason’s Director of Export Controls.

The notification provided by the Contractor must include the name of the Mason point of contact, identify and describe each ITAR or CCL-controlled commodity, provide the associated U.S. Munitions List (USML) category number(s) or Export Control Classification Number, and indicate whether or not the determination was reached as a result of a commodity jurisdiction determination, or self-classification process. The Contractor promises that if it fails to obtain the required written pre-authorization approval for shipment to Mason of any Munitions Item, it will reimburse Mason for any fines, legal costs and other fees imposed for any violation of export controls regarding the Munition Item that are reasonably related to the Contractor’s failure to provide notice or obtain Mason’s written pre-authorization.

2. **Dual-Use Items:** If the Contractor is providing any dual-use items, technology or software under this order that are listed on the CCL in a series other than a “600 series”, Contractor must (i) include the Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) on the packing or other transmittal documentation traveling with the item(s) and, (ii) send a description of the item, its ECCN, and the name of the Mason point of contact to: export@gmu.edu.

- T. FINAL INSPECTION: At the conclusion of the work, the contractor shall demonstrate to the authorized owners representative that the work is fully operational and in compliance with contract specifications and codes. Any deficiencies shall be promptly and permanently corrected by the contractor at the contractor’s sole expense prior to final acceptance of the work.

- U. FORCE MAJEURE: Mason will not be responsible for any losses resulting from delay or failure in performance resulting from any cause beyond Mason’s control, including without limitation: war, strikes or labor disputes, civil disturbances, fires, natural disasters, and acts of God.

- V. IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986: By entering into this Contract Contractor certifies that they do not and will not during the performance of this Contract employ illegal alien workers or otherwise violate the provisions of the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

- W. INDEMNIFICATION: Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless George Mason University 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.

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

- Y. INFORMATION SECURITY: In cases where the contractor will store, process or transmit credit card data for the University, contractor represents and warrants that for the life of the contract and while contractor has possession of University customer cardholder data, the software and services used for processing transactions

shall be compliant with standards established by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Security Standards Council (www.pcisecuritystandards.org). In the case of a third-party application, the application will be listed as PA-DSS compliant at the time of implementation by the University. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it is responsible for the security of all University customer cardholder data in its possession. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold University, its officers, employees, and agents, harmless for, from, and against any and all claims, causes of action, suits, judgments, assessments, costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees), and expenses arising out of or relating to any loss of University customer credit card or identity information managed, retained, or maintained by contractor, including but not limited to fraudulent or unapproved use of such credit card or identity information. Contractor shall, upon written request, furnish proof of compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) within 10 business days of the request. Contractor agrees that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement or the Addendum, the University may terminate the Agreement immediately without penalty upon notice to the contractor in the event contractor fails to maintain compliance with the PCI DSS or fails to maintain the confidentiality or integrity of any cardholder data.

- Z. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESS ACT:** Computer and network security is of paramount concern at George Mason University. The University wants to ensure that computer/network hardware and software does not compromise the security of its IT environment. You agree to use commercially reasonable measures in connection with any offering your company makes to avoid any known threat to the security of the IT environment at George Mason University.

All e-learning and information technology developed, purchased, upgraded or renewed by or for the use of George Mason University shall comply with all applicable University policies, Federal and State laws and regulations including but not limited to Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d), the Information Technology Access Act, §§2.2-3500 through 2.2-3504 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and all other regulations promulgated under Title II of The Americans with Disabilities Act which are applicable to all benefits, services, programs, and activities provided by or on behalf of the University. The Contractor shall also comply with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0. For more information please visit <http://ati.gmu.edu>, under Policies and Procedures.

- AA. **INSURANCE:** The Contractor shall maintain all insurance necessary with respect to the services provided to Mason. The Contractor further certifies that they will maintain the insurance coverage during the entire term of the Contract and that all insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current reasonable A.M. Best's rating authorized to sell insurance in the Commonwealth of Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. The Commonwealth of Virginia and Mason shall be named as an additional insured.

1. Commercial General Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury or property damage, personal injury and advertising injury, products and completed operations coverage;
2. Workers Compensation Insurance in an amount not less than that prescribed by statutory limits; and, as applicable;
3. Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance applicable to bodily injury and property damage, covering owned, non-owned, leased, and hired vehicles in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and
4. An umbrella/excess policy in an amount not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to apply over and above Commercial General Liability, Employer's Liability, Workers' Compensation, and Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance.

- BB. **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:** Contractor warrants and represents that it will not violate or infringe any intellectual property right or any other personal or proprietary right and shall indemnify and hold harmless Mason against any claim of infringement of intellectual property rights which may arise under this Contract.

- CC. **NON-DISCRIMINATION:** All parties to this Contract agree to not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age (except where sex or age is a bona fide occupational qualification, marital status or disability).

- DD. **PUBLICITY:** The Contractor shall not use, in its external advertising, marketing programs or promotional efforts, any data, pictures, trademarks or other representation of Mason except on the specific written

authorization in advance by Mason's designated representative.

- EE. REMEDIES: If the Contractor breaches this Contract, in addition to any other rights or remedies, Mason may terminate this Contract without prior notice.
- FF. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT: This Contract may be renewed by the University for Four (4) optional one (1) year renewals under the terms and conditions of the original contract except as stated in 1. and 2. below. Price increases may be negotiated only at the time of renewal. Written notice of the University's intention to renew shall be given approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of each contract period.
1. If the University elects to exercise the option to renew the Contract for an additional one-year period, the Contract price(s) for the additional one year shall not exceed the Contract price(s) of the original Contract increased/decreased by more than the percentage increase/decrease of the "other goods services" category of the CPI-U section of the Consumer Price Index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the latest twelve months for which statistics are available.
 2. If during any subsequent renewal periods, the University elects to exercise the option to renew the Contract, the Contract price(s) for the subsequent renewal period shall not exceed the Contract price(s) of the previous renewal period increased/decreased by more than the percentage increase/decrease of the "other goods and services" category of the CPI-U section of the Consumer Price Index of the United States bureau of Labor Statistics for the latest twelve months for which statistics are available.
- GG. REPORTING OF CRIMES, ACCIDENTS, FIRES AND OTHER EMERGENCIES: Any Mason Employee, including contracted service providers, who is not a staff member in Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) or a pastoral counselor, functioning within the scope of that recognition, is considered a "Campus Security Authority (CSA)." CSAs must promptly report all crimes and other emergencies occurring on or near property owned or controlled by Mason to the Department of Police & Public Safety or local police and fire authorities by dialing 9-1-1. At the request of a victim or survivor, identifying information may be excluded from a report (e.g., names, initials, contact information, etc.). Please visit the following website for more information and training: <http://police.gmu.edu/clery-act-reporting/campus-security-authority-csa/>."
- HH. SEVERABILITY: Should any portion of this Contract be declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such portion is deemed severable from the Contract and the remainder of this Contract shall remain fully valid and enforceable.
- II. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY: Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth of Virginia and of Mason.
- JJ. SUBCONTRACTS: No portion of the work shall be subcontracted without prior written consent from Mason. In the event that the Contractor desires to subcontract some part of the work specified herein, the Contractor shall furnish Mason the names, qualifications and experience of their proposed subcontractors. The Contractor shall, however, remain fully liable and responsible for the work to be done by its subcontractor(s) and shall assure compliance with all requirements of this Contract.
- KK. UNIVERSITY REVIEW/APPROVAL: All goods, services, products, design, etc. produced by the Contractor for or on behalf of Mason are subject to Mason's review and approval.
- LL. WAIVER: The failure of a party to enforce any provision in this Contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such right.

Contractor Name Here

By:

Signature

Date

Name: _____

Title: _____

George Mason University

By:

Signature

Date

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