Request for Proposal # 0059973

For

VT Innovation Campus Business Marketing Consulting

November 5, 2019

Note: This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4343.1 or against a bidder or offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.
QUESTIONS: All inquiries for information regarding this solicitation should be directed to: Reed Nagel, nagelr@vt.edu Phone: (540) 231-5240.

DUE DATE: Proposals will be received until December 3, 2019 at 3:00 PM. Failure to submit proposals to the correct location by the designated date and hour will result in disqualification.

ADDRESS: Proposals should be mailed or hand delivered to: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Procurement Department (MC 0333) North End Center, Suite 2100, 300 Turner Street NW, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061. Reference the due date and hour, and RFP Number in the lower left corner of the return envelope or package.

Please note that USPS is delivered to a central location and is not delivered directly to Procurement. Allow extra time if sending proposal via USPS. It is the vendor’s responsibility to ensure proposals are received in the Procurement office at the appropriate date and time for consideration.

TYPE OF BUSINESS: (Please check all applicable classifications). If your classification is certified by the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD), provide your certification number: ___________. For assistance with SWaM certification, visit the SBSD website at http://sbsd.virginia.gov/.

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___ Small business – An independently owned and operated business which, together with affiliates, has 250 or fewer employees or average annual gross receipts of $10 million or less averaged over the previous three years. Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD) certified women-owned and minority-owned business shall also be considered small business when they have received SBSD small business certification.

___ Women-owned business – A business concern 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 non-citizens who are in full compliance with the United States immigration law, and both the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women who are U. S. citizens or legal resident aliens.

___ Minority-owned business – A business concern that is at least 51% owned by one or more minority individuals (see Section 2.2-1401, Code of Virginia) 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 and both the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more minority individuals.
COMPANY INFORMATION/SIGNATURE: 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 or services in accordance with the attached signed proposal and as mutually agreed upon by subsequent negotiation.

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I acknowledge that I have received the following addendums posted for this solicitation.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ (Please check all that apply)

Is any member of the firm an employee of the Commonwealth of Virginia who has a personal interest in this contract pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 2.2 – 3102 - 3112

YES____________ NO____________

SIGNATURE ________________________________ Date: _________________________

08/15/2019
I. **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit proposals to establish a service contract through competitive negotiations for business consulting to specifically include the design and implementation of industry round tables to support the University’s new Innovation Campus in Arlington, Virginia. The goal of these industry round tables will be to establish brand ambassadors; increase corporate engagement and strengthen partnerships while gaining industry insights.

The resulting service contract will be issued by Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

II. **SMALL, WOMAN-OWNED AND MINORITY (SWAM) BUSINESS PARTICIPATION:**

The mission of the Virginia Tech supplier opportunity program is to foster inclusion in the university supply chain and accelerate economic growth in our local communities through the engagement and empowerment of high quality and cost competitive small, minority-owned, women-owned, and local suppliers. Virginia Tech encourages prime suppliers, contractors, and service providers to facilitate the participation of small businesses, and businesses owned by women and minorities through partnerships, joint ventures, subcontracts, and other inclusive and innovative relationships.

III. **CONTRACT PERIOD:**

The industry round tables will be held during the Winter 2019 through Summer 2020 timeframe. To allow for the possibility of additional consulting services that may be needed, yet to be determined, the term of this service contract will be for two (2) year(s), or as negotiated. There will be an option for and additional one (1) year renewal, or as negotiated.

IV. **BACKGROUND:**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) is located in Blacksburg, Virginia, approximately 40 miles southwest of Roanoke, Virginia, the major commercial hub of the area. In addition to the university’s main campus in Blacksburg, major off campus locations include twelve agriculture experiment research stations, the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center and graduate centers in Roanoke and Fairfax, Virginia. Regularly scheduled air service is provided at the Roanoke Regional Airport.

Dedicated to its motto, Ut Prosim (That I May Serve), Virginia Tech takes a hands-on, engaging approach to education, preparing scholars to be leaders in their fields and communities. As the Commonwealth’s most comprehensive university and its leading research institution, Virginia Tech offers 240 undergraduate degree programs to more than 31,000 students and manages a research portfolio of nearly $513 million. The university fulfills its land-grant mission of transforming knowledge to practice through technological leadership and by fueling economic growth and job creation locally, regionally, and across Virginia.

**WHY VIRGINIA TECH**

Virginia Tech is partnering with the Commonwealth of Virginia to build a revolutionary 1 million-square-foot Innovation Campus focused on graduate-level education and research in computer science and related fields in Alexandria, driving a new era for the region’s innovation economy. The Innovation Campus will extend from Virginia Tech’s foundation as one of the largest and most highly regarded producers of STEM degrees in the nation and the commonwealth’s leading Research University. As the commonwealth’s research land-grant institution, Virginia Tech has a responsibility to serve the commonwealth.
LEVERAGING THE REGION’S TECH ECONOMY
The strategic location of Alexandria positions Virginia Tech and its future partners near the nation's capital, diverse industries, and leading tech companies, including Amazon’s HQ2. The Innovation Campus will anchor the Northern Virginia tech district with groundbreaking new programs and impactful human-centered research–shaping the high-tech disciplines of the future. It will be a leading magnet for tech talent and innovation, increasing global competitiveness for both the region and the nation. The Innovation Campus will provide economic contributions in the region through capital investments, academic spending, job creation, research and development, entrepreneurship, filling the talent pipeline, alumni involvement and more.

A LOOK AHEAD
The campus will include academic classrooms, incubator space for new startups and research and development, offices for industry collaboration, and convening space for alumni events. The first class of Innovation Campus master’s degree students will enroll in the fall of 2020 in temporary space in Alexandria. When complete in about 10 years, the campus will enroll 750 master’s candidates and hundreds of doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows who will address big ideas and broad themes–including security, transportation, energy, and more– to spark discoveries and drive change.

LINK | Center for Advancing Industry Partnerships
LINK connects great companies with great opportunities at Virginia Tech. Drawing from the university’s deep bench of people, research, programs, and infrastructure, LINK streamlines the path to partnership.

V. EVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM:
The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution streamlines and automates government purchasing activities within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Virginia Tech, and other state agencies and institutions, have been directed by the Governor to maximize the use of this system in the procurement of goods and services. We are, therefore, requesting that your firm register as a vendor within the eVA system.

There are transaction fees involved with the use of eVA. These fees must be considered in the provision of quotes, bids and price proposals offered to Virginia Tech. Failure to register within the eVA system may result in the quote, bid or proposal from your firm being rejected and the award made to another vendor who is registered in the eVA system.

Registration in the eVA system is accomplished on-line. Your firm must provide the necessary information. Please visit the eVA website portal at http://www.eva.virginia.gov/pages/eva-registration-buyer-vendor.htm and register both with eVA and Ariba. This process needs to be completed before Virginia Tech can issue your firm a Purchase Order or contract. If your firm conducts business from multiple geographic locations, please register these locations in your initial registration.

For registration and technical assistance, reference the eVA website at: http://www.eva.virginia.gov, or call 866-289-7367 or 804-371-2525.
VI. CONTRACT PARTICIPATION:

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 Virginia Tech’s affiliated corporations and/or partnerships may access any resulting contract if authorized by the contractor.

Participation in this cooperative procurement is strictly voluntary. If authorized by the Contractor, the resultant contract may be extended to the entities indicated above to purchase at contract prices in accordance with contract terms. The Contractor shall notify Virginia Tech in writing of any such entities accessing the contract, if requested. No modification of this contract or execution of a separate contract is required to participate. The Contractor will provide semi-annual usage reports for all entities accessing the Contract, as requested. Participating entities shall place their own orders directly with the Contractor and shall fully and independently administer their use of the contract to include contractual disputes, invoicing and payments without direct administration from Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech 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 Virginia Tech 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.

Please refer to Attachment B, Zone Map, if the offeror wishes to submit separate pricing structure based on approved zones for cooperative institutions. Refer to Attachment B for the approved Zone Map. If no other prices are offered, pricing provided will apply to all zones in the Commonwealth. If you wish to provide pricing for a zone other than which this solicitation originated, please indicate you are doing so in the response. If you anticipate pricing differentials for different zones, a separate pricing sheet must be submitted for each zone that includes appropriate pricing for that zone.

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

VII. STATEMENT OF NEEDS:

In support of the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus, the LINK leadership team is seeking an external partner to assist in the design and implementation of industry round tables. These sessions provide a mechanism to engage key stakeholders around relevant research themes and initiatives that will inform the future campus. The goals include establishing brand ambassadors; increasing corporate engagement and strengthening partnerships; and gaining industry insights. It is expected that the sessions are in person and will take place in the Northern Virginia region. The winning proposer must have proven experience working with clients in session design, group facilitation, content creation and customize deliverables.
Timeframe: Winter 2019 – Summer 2020

Location: Sessions to take place in Northern Virginia Region. Planning and pre-work will likely take place virtually, in Blacksburg, VA and Arlington, VA.

Experience/Expertise: We are seeking a firm with strategy session experience including design, implementation, and deliverable creation.

Project Scope:
Topic Definition & Project Plan
 a. Utilize existing Innovation Campus collateral (i.e. position paper, proposal, and marketing/communication documents and website), as well as, the Innovation Campus leadership delivery team to create a clear and concise description of the Innovation Campus and purpose for the Industry Round Tables. This includes a narrative to help generate excitement that can then be used to invite session participants.
 b. Collaborate with Virginia Tech Industry Round Table project team to define the scope and topics for each of the sessions, including goals, outcomes, and metrics. It is expected there will be approximately 4 – 7 standalone sessions that range in length based on session, but no longer than 1 day.
 c. Create a project plan that includes deliverables, roles and responsibilities, timeline/deadlines, and progress tracking mechanism.

Guest Invitation/Pre-Session Prep
 d. Provide insight and expertise on types of individuals that should be included.
 e. Based on client portfolio and partnerships help to secure key stakeholders to participate and/or be part of the actual session to enhance the participant experience.
 f. In alignment with goals of the session, develop pre-work to ensure participants are excited and prepared to contribute during the sessions.
 g. Design and send invitations, monitor RSVPs.

Session Design
 h. Develop session content including agendas and activities for each round table based on output from step 1.
 i. Design and provide all materials.

Session Delivery/Execution
 j. Facilitate each session and execute on the associated logistics.
 k. Capture the discussion and key takeaways to inform deliverables and follow up.

Deliverables and Session Follow Up
 l. Conduct debrief meetings after each session with Virginia Tech project team to discuss any revisions that need to be made moving forward and the next steps and deliverables are clearly articulated.
  i. Create and provide custom deliverables (Deliverables might include roadmaps, summary reports, and manifestos) and participant appreciation/stewardship materials to be provided to participants within 1-2 weeks of each session.

VIII. PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION:

A. Specific Requirements
Proposals should be as thorough and detailed as possible so that Virginia Tech may properly evaluate your capabilities to provide the required goods or services. Offerors are required to submit the following information/items as a complete proposal:

1. Describe what sets your firm apart from other firms to be able to provide the services requested regarding the industry round tables. Include a brief history of your firm and an overview of the team that would assigned to Virginia Tech for the industry round table project as described in the statement of needs.

2. Describe similar or comparable projects for which your firm has provided to other entities including a detailed description, outcomes, and unique characteristics.

3. Describe your firm’s commitment to the aggressive timeline of the round table project and your ability to deploy a highly qualified team to start pre-session prep work upon award and meet the timeline as described within the statement of needs.

4. Describe the fees that will be charged for the services provided as outlined in the statement of needs.

5. Participation of Small, Women-owned and Minority-owned Business (SWAM) Business:

If your business cannot be classified as SWaM, describe your plan for utilizing SWaM subcontractors if awarded a contract. Describe your ability to provide reporting on SWaM subcontracting spend when requested. If your firm or any business that you plan to subcontract with can be classified as SWaM, but has not been certified by the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD), it is expected that the certification process will be initiated no later than the time of the award. If your firm is currently certified, you agree to maintain your certification for the life of the contract. For assistance with SWaM certification, visit the SBSD website at [http://www.sbsd.virginia.gov](http://www.sbsd.virginia.gov)

6. The return of the General Information Form and addenda, if any, signed and filled out as required.

B. General Requirements

1. RFP Response: In order to be considered for selection, Offerors shall submit a complete response to this RFP to include;

   a. **One (1) original and one (1) copy** of the entire proposal, including all attachments. Any proprietary information should be clearly marked in accordance with 2.e. below.

   b. **One (1) electronic copy** in WORD format or searchable PDF (flash drive) of the entire proposal as one document, INCLUDING ALL ATTACHMENTS mailed along with the hard copy above. Any proprietary information should be clearly marked in accordance with 2.e. below.

   c. Should the proposal contain proprietary information, provide **one (1) redacted hard copy** of the proposal and attachments with proprietary portions removed or blacked out. This copy should be clearly marked “Redacted Copy” on the front cover. The classification of an entire proposal document, line item prices and/or total proposal prices as proprietary or trade secrets is not acceptable.
Virginia Tech shall not be responsible for the Contractor's failure to exclude proprietary information from this redacted copy.

Response shall be submitted to:

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)  
Procurement Department (MC 0333)  
North End Center, Suite 2100  
300 Turner Street NW  
Blacksburg, Virginia  24061

Reference the Due Date and Hour, and RFP Number in the lower left hand corner of the return envelope or package.

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

2. Proposal Preparation:

a. Proposals shall be signed by an authorized representative of the Offeror. All information requested should be submitted. Failure to submit all information requested may result in Virginia Tech requiring prompt submission of missing information and/or giving a lowered evaluation of the proposal. Proposals which are substantially incomplete or lack key information may be rejected by Virginia Tech at its discretion. Mandatory requirements are those required by law or regulation or are such that they cannot be waived and are not subject to negotiation.

b. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically providing a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content.

c. Proposals should be organized in the order in which the requirements are presented in the RFP. All pages of the proposal should be numbered. Each paragraph in the proposal should reference the paragraph number of the corresponding section of the RFP. It is also helpful to cite the paragraph number, subletter, and repeat the text of the requirement as it appears in the RFP. If a response covers more than one page, the paragraph number and subletter should be repeated at the top of the next page. The proposal should contain a table of contents which cross references the RFP requirements. Information which the offeror desires to present that does not fall within any of the requirements of the RFP should be inserted at an appropriate place or be attached at the end of the proposal and designated as additional material. Proposals that are not organized in this manner risk elimination from consideration if the evaluators are unable to find where the RFP requirements are specifically addressed.

d. Each copy of the proposal should be bound in a single volume where practical. All documentation submitted with the proposal should be bound in that single volume.

e. Ownership of all data, material and documentation originated and prepared for Virginia Tech pursuant to the RFP shall belong exclusively to Virginia Tech and be subject to public inspection in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by an Offeror shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. However, to prevent disclosure the Offeror must invoke the protections of Section 2.2-4342F of the Code of Virginia, in writing, either before or at the time the data or other materials is submitted. The written request must specifically identify the data or other materials to be protected.
and state the reasons why protection is necessary. The proprietary or trade secret material submitted must be identified by some distinct method such as highlighting or underlining and must indicate only the specific words, figures, or paragraphs that constitute trade secret or proprietary information. The classification of an entire proposal document, line item prices and/or total proposal prices as proprietary or trade secrets is not acceptable and may result in rejection of the proposal.

3. Oral Presentation: Offerors who submit a proposal in response to this RFP may be required to give an oral presentation of their proposal to Virginia Tech. This will provide an opportunity for the Offeror to clarify or elaborate on the proposal but will in no way change the original proposal. Virginia Tech will schedule the time and location of these presentations. Oral presentations are an option of Virginia Tech and may not be conducted. Therefore, proposals should be complete.

IX. SELECTION CRITERIA AND AWARD:

A. Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by Virginia Tech using the following:

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B. Award:

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

X. INQUIRIES:

All inquiries concerning this solicitation should be submitted in writing via email, citing the particular RFP section and paragraph number. All inquiries will be answered in the form of an addendum. Inquiries must be submitted by November 18, 2019 at 3:00 PM. Inquiries must be submitted to the procurement officer identified in this solicitation.

XI. INVOICES:

Invoices for goods or services provided under any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be submitted by email to vtinvoices@vt.edu or by mail to:

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)
Accounts Payable
North End Center, Suite 3300
300 Turner Street NW
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

XII. METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Virginia Tech will authorize payment to the contractor as negotiated in any resulting contract from the aforementioned Request for Proposal.

Payment can be expedited through the use of the Wells One AP Control Payment System. Virginia Tech strongly encourages participation in this program. For more information on this program please refer to Virginia Tech’s Procurement website: http://www.procurement.vt.edu/vendor/wellsone.html or contact the procurement officer identified in the RFP.

XIII. ADDENDUM:

Any ADDENDUM issued for this solicitation may be accessed at http://www.apps.vpfin.vt.edu/html.docs/bids.php. Since a paper copy of the addendum will not be mailed to you, we encourage you to check the web site regularly.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications regarding this solicitation shall be formal from the date of issue, until either a Contractor has been selected or the Procurement Department rejects all proposals. Formal communications will be directed to the procurement officer listed on this solicitation. Informal communications, including but not limited to request for information, comments or speculations regarding this solicitation to any University employee other than a Procurement Department representative may result in the offending Offeror’s proposal being rejected.

XV. CONTROLLING VERSION OF SOLICITATION:

The posted version of the solicitation and any addenda issued by Virginia Tech Procurement Services is the mandatory controlling version of the document. Any modification of/or additions to the solicitation by the Offeror shall not modify the official version of the solicitation issued by Virginia Tech Procurement Services. Such modifications or additions to the solicitation by the Offeror may
be cause for rejection of the proposal; however, Virginia Tech reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject such a proposal.

XVI. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

This solicitation and any resulting contract/purchase order shall be governed by the attached terms and conditions, see Attachment A.

XVII. **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:**

A. Megan Wallace, Associate Director of LINK, at Virginia Tech or their designee, shall be identified as the Contract Administrator and shall use all powers under the contract to enforce its faithful performance.

B. The Contract Administrator, or their designee, shall determine the amount, quantity, acceptability, fitness of all aspects of the services and shall decide all other questions in connection with the services. The Contract Administrator, or their designee, shall not have authority to approve changes in the services which alter the concept or which call for an extension of time for this contract. Any modifications made must be authorized by the Virginia Tech Procurement Department through a written amendment to the contract.

XVIII. **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Terms and Conditions
Attachment B - Sample of Standard Contract Form
ATTACHMENT A

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RFP GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

See:
http://procurement.vt.edu/content/dam/procurement_vt_edu/docs/terms/GTC_RFP_07012019.pdf

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. ADDITIONAL GOODS AND SERVICES: The University may acquire other goods or services that the supplier provides other than those specifically solicited. The University reserves the right, subject to mutual agreement, for the Contractor to provide additional goods and/or services under the same pricing, terms and conditions and to make modifications or enhancements to the existing goods and services. Such additional goods and services may include other products, components, accessories, subsystems, or related services newly introduced during the term of the Agreement.

B. AUDIT: The Contractor hereby agrees to 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. Virginia Tech, its authorized agents, and/or the State auditors shall have full access and the right to examine any of said materials during said period.

C. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that Virginia Tech shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this agreement.

D. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT: Virginia Tech 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. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: The contract entered into by the parties shall consist of the Request for Proposal including all modifications thereof, the proposal submitted by the Contractor, the written results of negotiations, the Commonwealth Standard Contract Form, all of which shall be referred to collectively as the Contract Documents.

F. IDENTIFICATION OF BID/PROPOSAL ENVELOPE: The signed bid or proposal should be returned in a separate envelope or package and identified as follows:

From: ___________________________________________ Due Date Time Due
Name of Bidder or Offeror

Street or Box No. Solicitation Number

City, State, Zip Code Solicitation Title

Name of Procurement Officer: _____________________________

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

G. NOTICES: Any notices to be given by either party to the other pursuant to any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be in writing, hand delivered or mailed to the address of the respective party at the following address

If to Contractor: Address Shown On RFP Cover Page
Attention: Name Of Person Signing RFP

If to Virginia Tech:

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)
Attn: Reed Nagel
Procurement Department (MC 0333)
North End Center, Suite 2100
300 Turner Street NW
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

and

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)
Attn: Megan Wallace, Virginia Tech LINK
900 North Glebe Road
Arlington, VA  22203

H. SEVERAL LIABILITY: Virginia Tech will be severally liable to the extent of its purchases made against any contract resulting from this solicitation. Applicable entities described herein will be severally liable to the extent of their purchases made against any contract resulting from this solicitation.

I. CLOUD OR WEB HOSTED SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS: For agreements involving Cloud-based Web-hosted software/applications refer to link for additional terms and conditions: http://www.ita.vt.edu/purchasing/VT_Cloud_Data_Protection_Addendum_final03102017.pdf
ADVERTISING: In the event a contract is awarded for supplies, equipment, or services resulting from this solicitation, no indication of such sales or services to Virginia Tech will be used in product literature or advertising. The contractor shall not state in any of the advertising or product literature that the Commonwealth of Virginia or any agency or institution of the Commonwealth has purchased or uses its products or services.

INSURANCE:

By signing and submitting a Proposal/Bid under this solicitation, the offeror/bidder certifies that if awarded the contract, it will have the following insurance coverages at the time the work commences. Additionally, it will maintain these during the entire term of the contract and that all insurance coverages will be provided by insurance companies authorized to sell insurance in Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

During the period of the contract, Virginia Tech reserves the right to require the contractor to furnish certificates of insurance for the coverage required.

INSURANCE COVERAGES AND LIMITS REQUIRED:

A. Worker's Compensation - Statutory requirements and benefits.
B. Employers Liability - $100,000.00
C. General Liability - $2,000,000.00 combined single limit. Virginia Tech and the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be named as an additional insured with respect to goods/services being procured. This coverage is to include Premises/Operations Liability, Products and Completed Operations Coverage, Independent Contractor's Liability, Owner's and Contractor's Protective Liability and Personal Injury Liability.
D. Automobile Liability - $500,000.00
E. Builders Risk – For all renovation and new construction projects under $100,000 Virginia Tech will provide All Risk – Builders Risk Insurance. For all renovation contracts, and new construction from $100,000 up to $500,000 the contractor will be required to provide All Risk – Builders Risk Insurance in the amount of the contract and name Virginia Tech as additional insured. All insurance verifications of insurance will be through a valid insurance certificate.

F. The contractor agrees to be responsible for, indemnify, defend and hold harmless Virginia Tech, its officers, agents and employees from the payment of all sums of money by reason of any claim against them arising out of any and all occurrences resulting in bodily or mental injury or property damage that may happen to occur in connection with and during the performance of the contract, including but not limited to claims under the Worker's Compensation Act. The contractor agrees that it will, at all times, after the completion of the work, be responsible for, indemnify, defend and hold harmless Virginia Tech, its officers, agents and employees from all liabilities resulting from bodily or mental injury or property damage directly or indirectly arising out of the performance or nonperformance of the contract.

PRICE ESCALATION/DEESCALATION: Price adjustments for changes in the contractor's price of materials, labor and transportation may be permitted. Request for price adjustments for any other reasons will not be granted. No price increases will be authorized for 365 calendar days after the effective date of the contract. Contractor shall give not less than 30 days advance notice prior to the annual renewal of the contract of any desired price increase.

The Contractor shall document the amount and proposed effective date of any general change in the price of materials, labor and transportation. 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 Virginia Tech, and (2) verify the amount or percentage of increase which is being passed on to the contractor by the contractor's suppliers. Failure by the contractor to supply the aforementioned verification with the request for price increase will result in a delay of the effective date of such increase. The Virginia Tech Procurement Department may verify such change in price
independently. The Virginia Tech Procurement Department may make such verification as it deems adequate. However, any increase which the Virginia Tech Procurement Department determines is excessive, regardless of any documentation supplied by the contractor, may be cause for cancellation of the contract by the Virginia Tech Procurement Department. The Virginia Tech Procurement Department will notify the contractor in writing of the effective date of any increase which is approved. However, the contractor shall fill all purchase orders received prior to the effective date of the price adjustments of the old contract prices.

“Across the Board” price decreases are subject to implementation at any time and shall be immediately conveyed to Virginia Tech. The contractor is further advised that price decreases which affect the price of materials, labor, and transportation are required to be passed on to Virginia Tech immediately. Failure to do so will result in action to recoup such amounts.

PRIME CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES: 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.

SUBCONTRACTS: No portion of the work shall be subcontracted without prior written consent of Virginia Tech. In the event that the contractor desires to subcontract some part of the work specified herein, the contractor shall furnish Virginia Tech 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 his subcontractor(s) and shall assure compliance with all requirements of the contract.
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STANDARD CONTRACT

Contract Number: _________________________

This contract entered into this ____ day of ____________ 20___, by ______________________, hereinafter called the "Contractor" and Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University called "Virginia Tech".

WITNESSETH that the Contractor and Virginia Tech, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements herein contained, agrees as follows:

SCOPE OF CONTRACT: The Contractor shall provide the _____________ to Virginia Tech as set forth in the Contract Documents.

PERIOD OF CONTRACT: From _________________________ through ________________________.

COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT: The Contractor shall be paid by Virginia Tech in accordance with the contract documents.

CONTRACT DOCUMENT: The Contract Documents shall consist of this signed contract, Request For Proposal Number __________ dated __________, together with all written modifications thereof and the proposal submitted by the Contractor dated __________ and the Contractor's letter dated __________, all of which Contract Documents are incorporated herein.

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

Contractor: _________________________
By: ________________________________
Title: ______________________________

Virginia Tech
By: ________________________________
Title: ______________________________