

INVITATION FOR BIDS

ISSUE DATE: August 1, 2025 IFB # SMD 26-01

TITLE: Transportation and Deployment of VDOT #3
crushed stone in the Rappahannock River, Virginia,
for oyster reef construction

COMMODITY CODE: 95984/95900

ISSUING AGENCY: Commonwealth of Virginia
Marine Resources Commission
380 Fenwick Road, Building 96
Fort Monroe, VA 23651

WORK LOCATIONS: Orchard Point and Mill Creek Area, Rappahannock
River, Chesapeake Bay Virginia

PERIOD OF CONTRACT: From date of award through September 15, 2025.

**SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 P.M., August 15, 2025 FOR
FURNISHING THE GOODS/SERVICES HEREIN AND THEN OPENED IN
PUBLIC.**

ALL INQUIRIES FOR INFORMATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:
Adam Kenyon or Brandy Battle
Telephone: (757) 247-8068 Telephone: (757) 247-2260

IF BIDS ARE MAILED OR IF BIDS ARE HAND DELIVERED, DELIVER TO:

Brandy Battle
Marine Resources Commission
380 Fenwick Road, Building 96
Fort Monroe, VA 23651

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS AND TO ALL THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED THEREIN AND HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS AND AGREES TO FURNISH THE GOODS/SERVICES AT THE PRICE(S) INDICATED IN SECTION VI, PRICING SCHEDULE.

State Corporation Commission ID Number: _____ (See Special Terms and Conditions)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FIRM:

_____ DATE: _____

_____ BY: _____
(Signature in ink)

_____ NAME: _____
(Please print)

_____ Zip Code _____ TITLE: _____

FEI/FIN NO. _____ TELEPHONE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX NUMBER:() _____

- **RETURN ENTIRE BID PACKAGE TO VMRC. SIGN CERTIFICATION ABOVE.**
- **COMPLETE SECTIONS:**

VI –PRICING SCHEDULE
VIII – DELIVERY TIME
IX – LOADING/EQUIPMENT
ATTACHMENT A
ATTACHMENT B (if applicable)
ANNEX 6-I
ANNEX 6-J

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, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, or veteran status or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment. Faith-based organizations may request that the issuing agency not include subparagraph 1.f in General Terms and Condition C. Such a request shall be in writing and explain why an exception should be made in that invitation to bid or request for proposal.

TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR IFB# SMD 26-01

	PAGE
I. <u>BACKGROUND INFORMATION</u>	4
II. <u>SCOPE OF WORK</u>	4 - 6
<u>PREBID CONFERENCE</u>	Omitted
III. <u>GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS</u>	6 - 18
IV. <u>SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS</u>	18 – 23
V. <u>METHOD OF PAYMENT</u>	23
VI. <u>PRICING SCHEDULE</u>	23
VII. <u>DELIVERY</u>	23
VIII. <u>DELIVERY TIME</u>	23
IX. <u>LOADING FACILITY/DEPLOYMENT EQUIPMENT</u>	23-24
X. <u>INSURANCE</u>	24
XI. <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>	25 - 52

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Oyster production in Virginia has seen substantial growth over the last decade. Virginia has seen a resurgent public and private oyster fishery. In addition to the expansion of the oyster fishery, there has been expanded efforts throughout the Chesapeake Bay in the restoration of closed reefs. This trifecta of expansion has created increased demand for materials used in both oyster restoration and oyster propagation. Chief among these materials is oyster shells. Oyster shells have been widely used for decades in replenishment and restoration efforts. In part because they are a natural part of the benthic environment and in part because of the long-term history of oyster shell planting they are the least controversial material. In addition to the typical large-scale shell planting, due in part to the scarcity of shell, there is increasing use of alternative substrate materials. Crushed stone, concrete, 3D molded structures, vitreous china, and even neutralized coal ash have proved to provide an adequate substrate for oyster settlement. Not all of these substrates are suitable for areas that will be open to harvest. The larger sized substrates impede the harvest of oysters using gear types common in the Virginia fishery (dredges, scrapes, and tongs). This can be a positive if used thoughtfully. Recently, larger sized substrates have been deployed in areas where little to no oyster resource exists as a way of creating new oyster habitat. This “new” habitat is long lasting and resistant to illegal harvest. Larger sized substrate can be planted adjacent to harvest areas, without controversy, if not placed on existing oyster populations. This has been done to create additional sanctuary areas in the Piankatank and Rappahannock Rivers. The sanctuaries have benefited from natural recruitment from the existing oyster population. They may then aid in additional increases in future larval production that benefit both the new sanctuary and the existing population. The VMRC has established a rotational harvest strategy in the majority of areas that are open to public harvest. The strategy is most effective in harvest areas that have adjacent and wide spread high-density oyster populations. Alternative substrate oyster sanctuaries are one way of insuring that this necessary high-density population exists, and as importantly, persists.

II. SCOPE OF WORK:

A. DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS:

STONE:

Processed crushed granite stone will be a Virginia (VDOT) graduation size VA#3. ForVA#3, 100 percent of the processed crushed granite stone must pass through a 2.5 sieve, 90-100 percent passing a 2-inch sieve, 35 to 70 percent passing a 1.5 inch sieve, 0-15 percent passing a 1 inch sieve, and 0-5 percent passing a 0.5 inch sieve.

B. PROCUREMENT, LOADING AND STOCK PILE OF MATERIALS:

The contractor will be responsible for all aspects of procuring material, storing material at a suitable location for stockpile and/or delivering directly to the deployment/planting location by barge.

C. DEPLOYMENT OF MATERIALS:

1. The crushed stone will be deployed in a uniform layer to create an approximate elevation from the bottom of 1-3 inches at a target rate of 100 tons per acre.
2. Operations associated with deployment of reef materials include: proper loading of the materials on a seaworthy barge/vessel of suitable design for transport of such materials on Chesapeake Bay; transport of the materials to the permitted reef site; positioning the barge/vessel so that materials are off-loaded in the precise location indicated by VMRC personnel, or designated representative(s), (who will meet the barge and tug on location and place a marker buoys, or pole); Deployment shall be by crane and bucket or washed continuously using high pressure water or other devices capable of placement of stone materials in the project location (Map of locations and Permit attached).
3. In reference to these operations, the following conditions must be observed:
 - (a) Materials loaded onto the contractor's barge(s) or vessels must be properly loaded and secured to allow for their safe transport on Chesapeake Bay.
 - (b) The vessels used should be sufficiently powered and otherwise equipped for the job.
 - (c) The vessels must also be sufficiently powered and maneuverable for effective position and station keeping during all phases of the off-loading process.
 - (d) The vessels should be equipped with a working, accurate GPS receiver and other marine electronics, including an operational VHF radio.
 - (e) Any machinery used to off-load materials must be appropriate to the task at hand, sufficiently powered and maneuverable and capably operated to ensure safe, accurate and efficient off-loading of materials. Barges, tugs and other equipment used must be capable of a minimum deployment rate of 500 tons of material per day.

(f) Reliable communications must exist at all times during the operation between the tug, barge and VMRC personnel, or designated representative(s), on site.

(g) The contractor must ensure all appropriate necessary personnel and equipment certifications and insurance coverage needed for this work is current.

(h) The contractor must have tugs and barges capable of deployments of materials in waters with depths ranging from 4-15 feet mean low water.

(i) All deployments can be performed Monday through Sunday, between 6am and 5pm. VMRC personnel will be at the planting location when available.

III. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. **VENDORS MANUAL:** This solicitation is subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Vendors Manual* and any changes or revisions thereto, which are hereby incorporated into this contract in their entirety. The process for filing a complaint about this solicitation is in section 7.13 of the *Vendors Manual*. A copy of the manual is normally available for review at the purchasing office and is accessible on the Internet at www.eva.virginia.gov under "I Sell to Virginia".
- B. **APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS:** This solicitation and any resulting contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, without regard to its choice of law provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the circuit courts of the Commonwealth. The agency and the contractor are encouraged to resolve any issues in controversy arising from the award of the contract or any contractual dispute using Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedures (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4366). ADR procedures are described in Chapter 9 of the *Vendors Manual*. The contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.
- C. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By submitting their bid, bidders certify to the Commonwealth that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians With Disabilities Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act and § 2.2-4311 of the *Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA)*. If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate

in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1E).

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

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

- a. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, status as military family, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- b. The contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, will state that such contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
- c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
- d. If the contractor employs more than five employees, the contractor shall (i) provide annual training on the contractor's sexual harassment policy to all supervisors and employees providing services in the Commonwealth, except such supervisors or employees that are required to complete sexual harassment training provided by the Department of Human Resource Management, and (ii) post the contractor's sexual harassment policy in (a) a conspicuous public place in each building located in the Commonwealth that the contractor owns or leases for business purposes and (b) the contractor's employee handbook.
- e. The requirements of these provisions 1. and 2. are a material part of the contract. If the Contractor violates one of these provisions, the Commonwealth may terminate the affected part of this contract for breach, or at its option, the whole contract. Violation of one of these

provisions may also result in debarment from State contracting regardless of whether the specific contract is terminated.

f. In accordance with Executive Order 61 (2017), a prohibition on discrimination by the contractor, in its employment practices, subcontracting practices, and delivery of goods or services, on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, political affiliation, disability, or veteran status, is hereby incorporated in this contract.

2. The contractor will include the provisions of 1. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

D. ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING: By submitting their bids, bidders certify that their bids are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other bid, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their bid, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.

E. IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986: By entering into a written contract with the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Contractor certifies that the Contractor does not, and shall not during the performance of the contract for goods and services in the Commonwealth, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

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

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

G. ANTITRUST: By entering into a contract, the contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Commonwealth of Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now have or hereafter acquire

under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Commonwealth of Virginia under said contract.

H. MANDATORY USE OF STATE FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR IFBs:

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

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

J. PAYMENT:

1. To Prime Contractor:

- a. Invoices for items ordered, delivered and accepted shall be submitted by the contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the state contract number and/or purchase order number; social security number (for individual contractors) or the federal employer identification number (for proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations).
- b. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be regarded as requiring payment 30 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 30 days, however.
- c. All goods or services provided under this contract or purchase order, that are to be paid for with public funds, shall be billed by the contractor at the contract price, regardless of which public agency is being billed.
- d. The following shall be deemed to be the date of payment: the

date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail, or when offset proceedings have been instituted as authorized under the Virginia Debt Collection Act.

- e. **Unreasonable Charges.** Under certain emergency procurements and for most time and material purchases, final job costs cannot be accurately determined at the time orders are placed. In such cases, contractors should be put on notice that final payment in full is contingent on a determination of reasonableness with respect to all invoiced charges. Charges which appear to be unreasonable will be resolved in accordance with *Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4363 and -4364. Upon determining that invoiced charges are not reasonable, the Commonwealth shall notify the contractor of defects or improprieties in invoices within fifteen (15) days as required in *Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4351. The provisions of this section do not relieve an agency of its prompt payment obligations with respect to those charges which are not in dispute (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4363).

2. To Subcontractors:

- a. Within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Commonwealth, a contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
 - (1) To pay the subcontractor(s) for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
 - (2) To notify the agency and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.
- b. The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the Commonwealth, except for amounts withheld as stated in (2) above. The date of mailing of any payment by U. S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contract. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the Commonwealth.

3. Each prime contractor who wins an award in which provision of a SWAM procurement plan is a condition to the award, shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution, on or before request for final payment, evidence and certification of compliance (subject only to insubstantial shortfalls and to shortfalls arising from subcontractor default) with the SWAM procurement plan. Final payment under the contract in question may be withheld until such certification is delivered and, if necessary, confirmed by the agency or institution, or other appropriate penalties may be assessed in lieu of withholding such payment.
 4. The Commonwealth of Virginia encourages contractors and subcontractors to accept electronic and credit card payments.
- K. PRECEDENCE OF TERMS:** The following General Terms and Conditions *VENDORS MANUAL*, APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION, ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING, IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986, DEBARMENT STATUS, ANTITRUST, MANDATORY USE OF STATE FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS, CLARIFICATION OF TERMS, PAYMENT shall apply in all instances. In the event there is a conflict between any of the other General Terms and Conditions and any Special Terms and Conditions in this solicitation, the Special Terms and Conditions shall apply.
- L. QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS:** The Commonwealth may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the offeror to perform the services/furnish the goods and the offeror shall furnish to the Commonwealth all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Commonwealth reserves the right to inspect offeror's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the offeror's capabilities. The Commonwealth further reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such offeror fails to satisfy the Commonwealth that such offeror is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to provide the services and/or furnish the goods contemplated therein.
- M. INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION:**
- 1) The Contracting Officer for the VMRC shall be the Commissioner of VMRC or their designee.
 - 2) The Contractor shall maintain an adequate inspection system and perform such inspections as will ensure that the work performed under the contract conforms to the contract requirements.

- 3) VMRC inspections and tests are the sole benefit of the VMRC and do not:
 - a. Relieve the Contractor of responsibility for providing adequate quality control measures;
 - b. Relieve the Contractor of responsibility for damage to or loss of the material before acceptance;
 - c. Constitute or imply acceptance; or
 - d. Affect the continuing rights of the VMRC after acceptance of the completed work.
- 4) The presence or absence of a VMRC inspector does not relieve the Contractor from any contract requirement, nor is the inspector authorized to change any term or condition of the specification without the Contracting Officer's written authorization.
- 5) The Contractor shall promptly furnish, without additional charges, all facilities, labor and material reasonably needed for performing such safe and convenient inspections and tests as may be required by the Contracting Officer. The VMRC may charge to the Contractor any additional cost for inspection or tests when work is not ready at time specified by the Contractor for inspection or tests, or when prior rejection makes reinspection or retest necessary. The VMRC shall perform all inspections and tests in a manner that will not unnecessarily delay the work.
- 6) The Contractor shall, without charge, replace or correct work found by the VMRC not to conform to contract requirements, unless in the public interest the VMRC consents to accept work with an appropriate adjustment in contract price.
- 7) If the Contractor does not promptly, as advised by the Contracting Officer, replace or correct rejected work, the VMRC may (1) by contract or otherwise, replace or correct the work and charge the cost to the Contractor and (2) terminate for default the Contractor's right to proceed.
- 8) Unless otherwise specified in the contract, the VMRC shall accept, as promptly as practical after the completion and inspection, all work required by the contract or that portion of the work the Contracting Officer determines can be accepted separately.

N. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Commonwealth.

O. **CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT:** Changes can be made to the contract in any of the following ways:

1. The parties may agree in writing to modify the terms, conditions, or scope of the contract. Any additional goods or services to be provided shall be of a sort that is ancillary to the contract goods or services, or within the same broad product or service categories as were included in the contract award. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
2. The Purchasing Agency may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt, unless the contractor intends to claim an adjustment to compensation, schedule, or other contractual impact that would be caused by complying with such notice; in which case the contractor shall, in writing, promptly notify the Purchasing Agency of the adjustment to be sought, and before proceeding to comply with the notice, shall await the Purchasing Agency's written decision affirming, modifying, or revoking the prior written notice. If the Purchasing Agency decides to issue a notice that requires an adjustment to compensation, the contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the Purchasing Agency a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods:
 - a. By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - b. By agreeing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the Purchasing Agency's right to audit the contractor's records and/or to determine the correct number of units independently; or
 - c. By ordering the contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A

markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The contractor shall present the Purchasing Agency with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Purchasing Agency shall have the right to audit the records of the contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Purchasing Agency within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Purchasing Agency. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the question of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for resolving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract or, if there is none, in accordance with the disputes provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Vendors Manual*. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Purchasing Agency or with the performance of the contract generally.

- P. DEFAULT:** In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Commonwealth may terminate this agreement after verbal or written notice without penalty. Upon termination the Commonwealth may procure the goods or services contracted for from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies which the Commonwealth may have.
- Q. INSURANCE:** By signing and submitting a proposal under this solicitation, the offeror certifies that if awarded the contract, it will have the following insurance coverage at the time the contract is awarded. For construction contracts, if any subcontractors are involved, the subcontractor will have workers' compensation insurance in accordance with §§ 2.2-4332 and 65.2-800 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia*. The offeror further certifies that the contractor and any subcontractors will maintain these insurance coverage during the entire term of the contract and that all insurance coverage will be provided by insurance companies authorized to sell insurance in Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

MINIMUM INSURANCE COVERAGES AND LIMITS REQUIRED FOR MOST CONTRACTS:

1. Workers' Compensation - Statutory requirements and benefits. Coverage is compulsory for employers of three or more employees, to include the employer. Contractors who fail to notify the Commonwealth of increases in the number of employees that change their workers' compensation requirements under the *Code of Virginia* during the course of the contract shall be in noncompliance with the contract.
2. Employer's Liability - \$100,000.
3. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. Commercial General Liability is to include bodily injury and property damage, personal injury and advertising injury, products and completed operations coverage. The Commonwealth of Virginia must be named as an additional insured and so endorsed on the policy.
5. Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 combined single limit.
6. Watercraft policy with a combined single limit of \$2,000,000 for protection and indemnity coverage.

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

S. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE: During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

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

any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

T. NONDISCRIMINATION OF CONTRACTORS: A bidder, offeror, or contractor shall not be discriminated against in the solicitation or award of this contract because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, faith-based organizational status, any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment or because the bidder or offeror employs ex-offenders unless the state agency, department or institution has made a written determination that employing ex-offenders on the specific contract is not in its best interest. If the award of this contract is made to a faith-based organization and an individual, who applies for or receives goods, services, or disbursements provided pursuant to this contract objects to the religious character of the faith-based organization from which the individual receives or would receive the goods, services, or disbursements, the public body shall offer the individual, within a reasonable period of time after the date of his objection, access to equivalent goods, services, or disbursements from an alternative provider.

U. eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT VENDOR REGISTRATION, CONTRACTS, AND ORDERS: 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 e-procurement solution by completing the free eVA Vendor Registration. All bidders or offerors must register in eVA and pay the Vendor Transaction Fees specified below; failure to register will result in the bid being rejected.

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

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

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

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

- V. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:** It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that the agency shall be bound hereunder only to the extent that the legislature has appropriated funds that are legally available or may hereafter become legally available for the purpose of this agreement.
- W. **BID PRICE CURRENCY:** Unless stated otherwise in the solicitation, bidders shall state bid prices in US dollars.
- X. **AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN THE COMMONWEALTH:** A contractor organized as a stock or non-stock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the *Code of Virginia* or as otherwise required by law. Any business entity described above that enters into a contract with a public body pursuant to the *Virginia Public Procurement Act* shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth, if so required under Title 13.1 or Title 50, to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the term of the contract. A public body may void any contract with a business entity if the business entity fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section.
- Y. **CIVILITY IN STATE WORKPLACES:** The contractor shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that no individual, while performing work on behalf of the contractor or any subcontractor in connection with this agreement (each, a "Contract Worker"), shall engage in 1) harassment (including sexual harassment), bullying, cyber-bullying, or threatening or violent conduct, or 2) discriminatory behavior on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, political affiliation, veteran status, or disability.

The contractor shall provide each Contract Worker with a copy of this Section and will require Contract Workers to participate in agency training on civility in the State workplace if contractor's (and any subcontractor's) regular mandatory training programs do not already encompass equivalent

or greater expectations. Upon request, the contractor shall provide documentation that each Contract Worker has received such training.

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

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

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

IV. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. **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.
2. **AWARD OF CONTRACT:** After receipt of the bids the Commonwealth will make the award on a total deployment sum basis for the reef site, to include unloading and loading of materials, towing by barge and off-loading, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The purchasing office reserves the right to conduct any test it may deem advisable and to make all evaluations. The Commonwealth also reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any informalities and to delete items prior to making the award, whenever it is deemed in the sole opinion of the procuring public body to be in its best interest.
3. **BID PRICES:** Bid prices shall be as requested in Section VI, Pricing Schedule.
4. **BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD:** Any bid in response to this solicitation shall be valid for 120 days. At the end of the 120 days the bid may be withdrawn

at the written request of the bidder. If the bid is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.

5. **CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT:** The purchasing agency reserves the right to cancel and terminate any resulting contract, in part or in whole, without penalty, upon 15 days written notice to the Contractor. In the event the initial contract period is for more than 12 months, the resulting contract may also be terminated by the contractor, 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.
6. **CONTRACT EXTENSION:** Contract end date may be extended by mutual agreement between the Marine Resources Commission and the contractor. No other terms of the contract shall change.
7. **IDENTIFICATION OF BID ENVELOPE:** If a special envelope is not furnished, or if return in the special envelope is not possible, the signed bid should be returned in a separate envelope or package, sealed and identified as follows:

From: _____	Aug. 15, 2025	2:00 P.M.
Name of Bidder	Due Date	Time

Street or Box Number	IFB #SMD 26-01	IFB No.
Transportation and Deployment of VDOT# crushed stone in the Rappahannock River Virginia, for oyster reef construction		
City, State, Zip Code	_____	
	IFB Title	

Name of Contract/Purchase Officer or Buyer Brandy Battle

The envelope should be addressed as directed on Page 1 of the solicitation.

If a bid not contained in the special envelope is mailed, the bidder or offeror takes the risk that the envelope, even if marked as described above, may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised which may cause the bid to be disqualified. Bids may be hand delivered to the designated location in the office issuing the solicitation. No other correspondence or other bids should be placed in the envelope.

8. **INSPECTION OF JOB SITE:** My signature on this solicitation constitutes certification that I have inspected the job site and am aware of the conditions under which the work must be accomplished. Claims, as a result of failure to inspect the job site, will not be considered by the Commonwealth.
9. **NEGOTIATION WITH THE LOWEST BIDDER:** Unless all bids are cancelled or rejected, the Commonwealth reserves the right granted by § 2.2-4318 of the *Code of Virginia* to negotiate with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder to obtain a contract price within the funds available to the agency whenever such low bid exceeds the agency's available funds. For the purpose of determining when such negotiations may take place, the term "available funds" shall mean those funds which were budgeted by the agency for this contract prior to the issuance of the written Invitation for Bids. Negotiations with the low bidder may include both modifications of the bid price and the Scope of Work/Specifications to be performed. The agency shall initiate such negotiations by written notice to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder that its bid exceeds the available funds and that the agency wishes to negotiate a lower contract price. The times, places, and manner of negotiating shall be agreed to by the agency and the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.
10. **SUBMISSION OF SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN, EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN, AND SUBCONTRACTOR REPORTING:**
- A. Submission of Small Business Subcontracting Plan: It is the statewide goal of the Commonwealth that 42% of its purchases be made from small businesses certified by DSBSD. This includes discretionary spending in prime contracts and subcontracts. All offerors are required to submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan. The contractor is encouraged to offer such subcontracting opportunities to DSBSD-certified small businesses. This shall include DSBSD-certified women-owned and minority-owned businesses and businesses with DSBSD service disabled veteran-owned status when they have also received DSBSD small business certification. Where it is not practicable for any portion of the goods/services to be subcontracted to other suppliers, the offeror shall note such on the Small Business Subcontracting Plan. No offeror or subcontractor shall be considered a small business unless certified as such by the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD) by the due date for receipt of bids or proposals.
- B. Evidence of Compliance with Small Business Subcontracting Plan: Each prime contractor who wins an award in which provision of a small business subcontracting plan is a condition of the award, shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution timely reports substantiating compliance in accordance with the small business subcontracting plan. If a variance exists, the contractor shall provide a written explanation. A subcontractor shall be considered a Small Business for purposes of a contract if and only

if the subcontractor holds a certification as such by the DSBSD. Payment(s) may be withheld until the purchasing agency confirms that the contractor has certified compliance with the contractor's submitted Small Business Subcontracting Plan or is in receipt of a written explanation of the variance. The agency or institution reserves the right to pursue other appropriate remedies for non-compliance to include, but not be limited to, termination for default.

C. Prime Contractor Subcontractor Reporting:

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

11. **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.
12. **SUBCONTRACTS:** No portion of the work shall be subcontracted without prior written consent of the purchasing agency. In the event that the Contractor desires to subcontract some part of the work specified herein, the Contractor shall furnish the purchasing agency 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 the contract.
13. **WORK SITE AND OTHER DAMAGES:** Any damage to existing utilities, equipment or finished surfaces resulting from the performance of this contract shall be repaired to the Commonwealth's satisfaction at the contractor's expense. Any damage to the reef structure which has been completed or

adjacent oyster beds resulting from the performance of this contract shall be repaired to the Commonwealth's satisfaction at the Contractor's expense.

14. **COMPLETION OF ATTACHMENTS A AND B:** Attachment A – Contractor data sheet, and if applicable. Attachment B – One page for each subcontractor to be utilized, must be completed in full and returned with the bid package.
15. **APPLICABLE U.S. COAST GUARD LICENSES AND REGULATIONS:** Operators of all vessels used for deployment shall have obtained and shall present, upon request, applicable U. S. Coast Guard licenses and shall obey all applicable U. S. Coast Guard regulations at all times during operations under this contract.
16. **HAZARD TO NAVIGATION:** Contractor shall not create a hazard to navigation while performing under this contract. Any such hazard to navigation created by the contractor while performing under this contract shall be removed or eliminated at his expense.
17. **eVA ORDERS AND CONTRACTS:** The solicitation/contract will result in one purchase order with the applicable eVA transaction fee assessed for each order.

Vendors desiring to provide goods and/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA eProcurement Program and agree to comply with the following: If this solicitation is for a term contract, failure to provide an electronic catalog (price list) or Punch-Out Catalog for items awarded will be just cause for the Commonwealth to reject your bid or terminate this contract for default. The format of this electronic catalog shall conform to the eVA Catalog and/or Punch-Out Catalog Specification. For further information and details please email eVA-Catalog-Manager@dgs.virginia.gov.

18. **STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** Pursuant to Code of Virginia, §2.2-4311.2 subsection B, an offeror organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 is required to include in its proposal the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission (SCC). Any offeror that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 or as otherwise required by law is required to include in its proposal a statement describing why the offeror is not required to be so authorized. Indicate the above information on the SCC Form provided. Contractor agrees that the process by which compliance with Titles 13.1 and 50 is checked during the solicitation stage (including without limitation the SCC Form provided) is streamlined and not definitive, and the Commonwealth's use and acceptance of such form, or its acceptance of Contractor's statement describing why the bidder or offeror was not legally required to be authorized to

transact business in the Commonwealth, shall not be conclusive of the issue and shall not be relied upon by the Contractor as demonstrating compliance.

19. ENERGY-EFFICIENT AND WATER-EFFICIENT GOODS: When an agency or institution receives two or more bids for products that are Energy Star certified, meet the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) designated efficiency requirements, appear on FEMP’s Low Standby Power Product List; or are WaterSense certified, the agency or institution shall only select among those bids.

V. METHOD OF PAYMENT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The contractor will be paid on the basis of invoices submitted after satisfactory completion of the total job. Payments will be made directly to the contractor, who will be responsible for payments to all subcontractors. Payments will be made in accordance with the Virginia Prompt Payment Act. The Contractor shall submit, with its’ invoice for final payment, a report on all contract work subcontracted to minority and/or women-owned businesses, in accordance with Section IV, Number 10.

VI. PRICING SCHEDULE: The bidder agrees to load, transport and deploy materials in compliance with Section II, Scope of Work, and the terms and conditions for this Invitation for Bid at the price listed below.

Price per ton to procure, transport to location, and deploy as specified by VMRC staff and this IFB up to 1,500 tons of # 3 crushed stone.

Reef Site

Rappahannock River \$ _____

VII. DELIVERY: The agency expects delivery and complete deployment from Aug. 13 - September 15, 2025.

VIII. Please indicate your delivery time

THE COMPLETION DATE MAY BE A FACTOR IN MAKING THE AWARD.

IX. LOADING FACILITY/DEPLOYMENT EQUIPMENT:

A. With submission of bid package, send a description of all equipment to be used for the transportation and deployment of the materials and estimate the number of barge loads necessary to deploy **1,500** tons to the reef site, or list this information below.

Description of equipment:

Number of barge loads to the reef site:

Rappahannock River Reefs _____

- X. **INSURANCE:** Contractor shall provide all insurance coverage's as listed in General Terms and Conditions, Section Q to VMRC prior to commencement of contract work.

**ATTACHMENT A TO IFB #SMD 26-01
CONTRACTOR DATA SHEET
TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFEROR**

1. **QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFEROR:** Offerors must have the capability and capacity in all respects to fully satisfy all the contractual agreements.

2. **YEARS IN BUSINESS:** Indicates the length of time you have been in business providing this type of service.

_____ Years _____ Months

3. **REFERENCES:** Indicate below a listing of at least four (4) recent references for whom you have provided this type of service. Include the date service was furnished and the name, address and phone number of the person the purchasing agency has your permission to contact.

<u>CLIENT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CONTACT & PHONE No.</u>

**ATTACHMENT B TO IFB #SMD 26-01
SUBCONTRACTOR DATA SHEET
TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFEROR**

1. **QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFEROR:** Subcontractor must have the capability and capacity in all respects to fully satisfy all the contractual agreements.

2. **YEARS IN BUSINESS:** Indicates the length of time you have been in business providing this type of service.

_____ Years _____ Months

3. **REFERENCES:** Indicate below a listing of at least four (4) recent references for whom you have provided this type of service. Include the date service was furnished and the name, address and phone number of the person the purchasing agency has your permission to contact.

<u>CLIENT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CONTACT & PHONE No.</u>

Annex 6-I

Small Business Subcontracting Plan

It is the goal of the Commonwealth that over 42% of its purchases be made from small businesses. All potential bidders are required to include this document with their bid response in order to be considered responsive.

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

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

Bidder Name: _____
Preparer Name: _____ **Date:** _____

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

Instructions

- A. If you are certified by the DSBSD as a micro/small business, complete only Section A of this form.
- B. If you are not a DSBSD-certified small business, complete Section B of this form. For the bid to be considered and the bidder to be declared responsive, the bidder shall identify the portions of the contract that will be subcontracted to DSBSD-certified small business for the initial contract period in relation to the bidder's total price for the initial contract period in Section B.

Section A

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

Certification number: _____ Certification Date: _____

Section B

If the "I plan to use subcontractors box is checked," populate the requested information below, per subcontractor to show your firm's plans for utilization of DSBSD-certified small businesses in the performance of this contract for the initial

contract period in relation to the bidder's total price for the initial contract period. Certified small businesses include but are not limited to DSBSD-certified women-owned and minority-owned businesses and businesses with DSBSD service disabled veteran-owned status that have also received the DSBSD small business certification. Include plans to utilize small businesses as part of joint ventures, partnerships, subcontractors, suppliers, etc. It is important to note that these proposed participation will be incorporated into the subsequent contract and will be a requirement of the contract. Failure to obtain the proposed participation dollar value or percentages may result in breach of the contract.

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

Subcontract #1

Company Name: _____ SBSB Cert #: _____
Contact Name: _____ SBSB Certification: _____
Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____
Value % or \$ (Initial Term): _____ Contact Address: _____
Description of Work: _____

Subcontract #2

Company Name: _____ SBSB Cert #: _____
Contact Name: _____ SBSB Certification: _____
Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____
Value % or \$ (Initial Term): _____ Contact Address: _____
Description of Work: _____

Subcontract #3

Company Name: _____ SBSB Cert #: _____
Contact Name: _____ SBSB Certification: _____
Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____
Value % or \$ (Initial Term): _____ Contact Address: _____
Description of Work: _____

Subcontract #4

Company Name: _____ SBSB Cert #: _____

Contact Name: _____ SBSB Certification: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

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

Description of Work: _____

Subcontract #5

Company Name: _____ SBSB Cert #: _____

Contact Name: _____ SBSB Certification: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

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

Description of Work: _____

Annex 6-J

State Corporation Commission Form

Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) registration information. The bidder:

is a corporation or other business entity with the following SCC identification number:
_____ **-OR-**

is not a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, registered limited liability partnership, or business trust **-OR-**

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

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

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