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**BID RECEIVING LOCATION**

BID CLERK  
 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
 PURCHASING DIVISION  
 2019 WASHINGTON ST E  
 CHARLESTON WV 25305  
 US

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 2026 MAR 24 PM 12:52  
 WV PURCHASING  
 DIVISION

**VENDOR**

**Vendor Customer Code:** 000000176479

**Vendor Name :** S. A. Comunale Co., Inc.

**Address :** WV Branch Location: 6702 MacCorkle Avenue St. Albans, WV 25177

**Street :** Corporate Location: 2900 Newpark Drive, Barberton

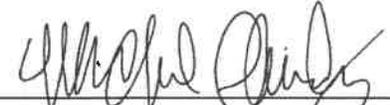
**City :**

**State :** OH **Country :** USA **Zip :** 44203

**Principal Contact :** Mike Shirley

**Vendor Contact Phone:** 304-915-4466 **Extension:**

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE BUYER**  
 David H Pauline  
 304-558-0067  
 david.h.pauline@wv.gov

**Vendor Signature X**  **FEIN#** 34-1122758 **DATE** 3/18/2026

All offers subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Addendum No. 1

To provide responses to the vendor technical questions, see attached,

To move the bid opening date and time to March 24, 2026, at 1:30 pm., EST.

No other changes.

**INVOICE TO****SHIP TO**WEST VIRGINIA VETERANS  
HOME  
512 WATER STBARBOURSVILLE WV  
USWEST VIRGINIA VETERANS  
HOME  
512 WATER STBARBOURSVILLE WV  
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Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Fire Extinguisher inspection maintenance and repair service	0.00000	EA		

**Comm Code****Manufacturer****Specification****Model #**

72101509

**Extended Description:**

Please see Exhibit "A" to input pricing.

Quarterly sprinkler inspections on wet systems located in Buildings B (1), C (5), D South (4), D North (5), and E (3). Complete and file all necessary forms and other tags to meet NFPA code. Vendor must have WV Sprinkler license.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<u>Line</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Date</u>
1	Vendor Technical Questions Due By 11:00 am., EST.	2026-03-10

**SOLICITATION NUMBER: CRFQ BVH2600000003**  
**Addendum Number: 1**

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The purpose of this addendum is to modify the solicitation identified as (“BVH2600000003”) to reflect the change(s) identified and described below.

**Applicable Addendum Category:**

- Modify bid opening date and time.
- Modify specifications of product or service being sought.
- Attachment of vendor questions and responses.
- Attachment of pre-bid sign-in sheet.
- Correction of error.
- Other.

**Description of Modification to Solicitation:**

1. To provide responses to the vendor technical questions, see attached.
2. To move the Bid opening date & time to March 24th, 2026, at 1:30pm.
3. No other changes.

**Additional Documentation:** Documentation related to this Addendum (if any) has been included herewith as Attachment A and is specifically incorporated herein by reference.

**Terms and Conditions:**

1. All provisions of the Solicitation and other addenda not modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.
2. Vendor should acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued for this Solicitation by completing an Addendum Acknowledgment, a copy of which is included herewith. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification. The addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.

CRFQ BVH26\*03 Fire Protection System Inspection & Maintenance

Responses to the Vendor Technical Questions.

1. How many Fire Pumps, Kitchen Hoods, FDC's and Wet systems they have at that facility?

Answer: 1 Fire Pump, 1 Kitchen Hood, 6 FDC's, and 1 wet system

**ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**  
**SOLICITATION NO.: CRFQ BVH2600000003**

**Instructions:** Please acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this solicitation by completing this addendum acknowledgment form. Check the box next to each addendum received and sign below. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification.

**Acknowledgment:** I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following addenda and have made the necessary revisions to my proposal, plans and/or specification, etc.

**Addendum Numbers Received:**

(Check the box next to each addendum received)

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Addendum No. 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Addendum No. 6  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Addendum No. 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Addendum No. 7  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Addendum No. 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Addendum No. 8  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Addendum No. 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Addendum No. 9  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Addendum No. 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Addendum No. 10 |

I understand that failure to confirm the receipt of addenda may cause for rejection of this bid. I further understand that any verbal representation made or assumed to be made during any oral discussion held between Vendor's representatives and any state personnel is not binding. Only the information issued in writing and added to the specifications by an official addendum is binding.

S. A. Comunale Co., Inc.

Company



Authorized Signature

March 18, 2026

Date

NOTE: This addendum acknowledgment should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.

**EXHIBIT A - PRICING PAGE - CRFQ BVH26\*03**

<b>ITEM #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>USAGE</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1	Quarterly sprinkler system inspections on wet systems	4	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
2	Semi-annual vane and pressure switch type devices testing	2	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
3	Annual full testing and tagging of wet sprinkler system	1	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
4	Semi-annual Range hood inspection	2	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
5	Annual fire extinguisher inspections for 91 fire extinguishers	1	\$ 364.00	\$ 364.00
6	Annual fire pump test	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
7	Annual flow of three (3) fire hydrants	1	\$ 222.00	\$ 222.00
8	Annual backflow test on sprinkler pit and above ground domestic devices	1	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
9	Five (5) year hydrostatic test and inspection of the insides of the fire sprinklers' piping (2027) only	1	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
10	Corrective Maintenance Regular Work Hours 8am-4pm M-F* (50 hour estimate)	50	\$ 130.00	\$ 6,500.00
11	Estimated Annual Parts Usage x % Mark-Up**	\$1,000.00	25%	\$ 250.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 10,336.00</b>

**This form is for bidding evaluation purposes only.**

**Vendor should complete the Pricing Page by entering the Unit Price and multiplying by the usage to calculate the total on each line.**

**\* Corrective Maintenance is an estimate for bid purposes only. The actual hours worked may be more or less than the estimate.**

**\*\* Estimated annual usage for parts is an estimate only. Actual parts cost may be more or less depending on need.**

**Vendor must total all totals and enter in the grand total line.**

**Vendor should complete the Pricing Page in full as failure to complete the Pricing Page in its entirety may result in Vendor's bid being disqualified.**

**Vendors should type or electronically enter the information into the Pricing Page through WVOasis, if available, or as an electronic document.**

## INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS SUBMITTING BIDS

1. **REVIEW DOCUMENTS THOROUGHLY:** The attached documents contain a solicitation for bids. Please read these instructions and all documents attached in their entirety. These instructions provide critical information about requirements that if overlooked could lead to disqualification of a Vendor's bid. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the provisions contained in these instructions and the Solicitation. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of Vendor's bid.

2. **MANDATORY TERMS:** The Solicitation may contain **mandatory** provisions identified by the use of the words "**must**," "**will**," and "**shall**." Failure to comply with a mandatory term in the Solicitation will result in bid disqualification.

3. **PRE-BID MEETING:** The item identified below shall apply to this Solicitation.

A pre-bid meeting will not be held prior to bid opening

A **MANDATORY PRE-BID** meeting will be held at the following place and time:

All Vendors submitting a bid must attend the **mandatory** pre-bid meeting. Failure to attend the **mandatory** pre-bid meeting shall result in disqualification of the Vendor's bid. No one individual is permitted to represent more than one vendor at the pre-bid meeting. Any individual that does attempt to represent two or more vendors will be required to select one vendor to which the individual's attendance will be attributed. The vendors not selected will be deemed to have not attended the pre-bid meeting unless another individual attended on their behalf.

An attendance sheet provided at the pre-bid meeting shall serve as the official document verifying attendance. Any person attending the pre-bid meeting on behalf of a Vendor must list on the attendance sheet his or her name and the name of the Vendor he or she is representing. It is the Vendor's responsibility to locate the attendance sheet and provide the required information. Failure to complete the attendance sheet as required may result in disqualification of Vendor's bid.

Vendors who arrive after the starting time but prior to the end of the pre-bid will be permitted to sign in but are charged with knowing all matters discussed at the pre-bid.

Any discussions or answers to questions at the pre-bid meeting are preliminary in nature and are non-binding. Official and binding answers to questions will be published in a written addendum to the Solicitation prior to bid opening.

**4. VENDOR QUESTION DEADLINE:** Vendors may submit questions relating to this Solicitation to the Purchasing Division. Questions must be submitted in writing. All questions **must be submitted on or before the date listed below and to the address listed below to be considered.** A written response will be published in a Solicitation addendum if a response is possible and appropriate. Non-written discussions, conversations, or questions and answers regarding this Solicitation are preliminary in nature and are non-binding.

Submitted emails should have the solicitation number in the subject line. Question

Submission Deadline: March 10, 2026, at 11:00 am., EST.

Submit Questions to: David Pauline, Senior Buyer  
2019 Washington Street, East Charleston, WV 25305  
Fax: (304) 558-3970  
Email: david.h.pauline@wv.gov

**5. VERBAL COMMUNICATION:** Any verbal communication between the Vendor and any State personnel is not binding, including verbal communication at the mandatory pre-bid conference. Only information issued in writing and added to the Solicitation by an official written addendum by the Purchasing Division is binding.

**6. BID SUBMISSION:** All bids must be submitted on or before the date and time of the bid opening listed in section 7 below. Vendors can submit bids electronically through *wvOASIS*, in paper form delivered to the Purchasing Division at the address listed below either in person or by courier, or in facsimile form by faxing to the Purchasing Division at the number listed below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Purchasing Division may prohibit the submission of bids electronically through *wvOASIS* at its sole discretion. Such a prohibition will be contained and communicated in the *wvOASIS* system resulting in the Vendor's inability to submit bids through *wvOASIS*. The Purchasing Division will not accept bids or modification of bids via email.

**Bids submitted in paper, facsimile, or via wvOASIS must contain a signature. Failure to submit a bid in any form without a signature will result in rejection of your bid.**

A bid submitted in paper or facsimile form should contain the information listed below on the face of the submission envelope or fax cover sheet. Otherwise, the bid may be rejected by the Purchasing Division.

VENDOR NAME:

BUYER:

SOLICITATION NO.:

BID OPENING DATE:

BID OPENING TIME:

FAX NUMBER:

Any bid received by the Purchasing Division staff is considered to be in the possession of the Purchasing Division and will not be returned for any reason.

**Bid Delivery Address and Fax Number:**

Department of Administration, Purchasing Division 2019 Washington Street East

Charleston, WV 25305-0130

Fax: 304-558-3970

**7. BID OPENING:** Bids submitted in response to this Solicitation will be opened at the location identified below on the date and time listed below. Delivery of a bid after the bid opening date and time will result in bid disqualification. For purposes of this Solicitation, a bid is considered delivered when confirmation of delivery is provided by wvOASIS (in the case of electronic submission) or when the bid is time stamped by the official Purchasing Division time clock (in the case of hand delivery or via delivery by mail).

Bid Opening Date and Time: March 18, 2026 1:30 pm., EST.

Bid Opening Location:

Department of Administration, Purchasing Division

2019 Washington Street East

Charleston, WV 25305-0130

**8. ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Changes or revisions to this Solicitation will be made by an official written addendum issued by the Purchasing Division. Vendor should acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this Solicitation by completing an Addendum Acknowledgement Form. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification. The addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.

9. **BID FORMATTING:** Vendor should type or electronically enter the information onto its bid to prevent errors in the evaluation. Failure to type or electronically enter the information may result in bid disqualification.

10. **ALTERNATE MODEL OR BRAND:** Unless the box below is checked, any model, brand, or specification listed in this Solicitation establishes the acceptable level of quality only and is not intended to reflect a preference for, or in any way favor, a particular brand or vendor. Vendors may bid alternates to a listed model or brand provided that the alternate is at least equal to the model or brand and complies with the required specifications. The equality of any alternate being bid shall be determined by the State at its sole discretion. Any Vendor bidding an alternate model or brand **shall** clearly identify the alternate items in its bid and should include manufacturer's specifications, industry literature, and/or any other relevant documentation demonstrating the equality of the alternate items. Failure to provide information for alternate items **may** be grounds for rejection of a Vendor's bid.

This Solicitation is based upon a standardized commodity established under W. Va. Code § 5A-3-61. Vendors are expected to bid the standardized commodity identified. Failure to bid the standardized commodity will result in your firm's bid being rejected.

11. **COMMUNICATION LIMITATIONS:** In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules §148-1-6.6.2, communication with the State of West Virginia or any of its employees regarding this Solicitation during the solicitation, bid, evaluation or award periods, except through the Purchasing Division, is strictly prohibited without prior Purchasing Division approval. Purchasing Division approval for such communication is implied for all agency delegated and exempt purchases.

12. **REGISTRATION:** Prior to Contract award, the apparent successful Vendor **must** be properly registered with the West Virginia Purchasing Division and must have paid the \$125 fee, if applicable.

13. **UNIT PRICE:** Unit prices **shall** prevail in cases of a discrepancy in the Vendor's bid.

14. **PREFERENCE:** Vendor Preference may be requested in purchases of motor vehicles or construction and maintenance equipment and machinery used in highway and other infrastructure projects. Any request for preference must be submitted in writing with the bid, must specifically identify the preference requested with reference to the applicable subsection of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-37, and must include with the bid any information necessary to evaluate and confirm the applicability of the requested preference. A request form to help facilitate the request can be found at: [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/Venpref.pdf](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/Venpref.pdf).

**15A. RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE:** The State of West Virginia applies a reciprocal preference to all solicitations for commodities and printing in accordance with W. Va. Code § 5A-3-37(b). In effect, non-resident vendors receiving a preference in their home states, will see that same preference granted to West Virginia resident vendors bidding against them in West Virginia. Any request for reciprocal preference must include with the bid any information necessary to evaluate and confirm the applicability of the preference. A request form to help facilitate the request can be found at: [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/Venpref.pdf](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/Venpref.pdf).

**15. SMALL, WOMEN-OWNED, OR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES:**

For any solicitations publicly advertised for bid, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3-37 and W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9, any non-resident vendor certified as a small, women-owned, or minority-owned business under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 shall be provided the same preference made available to any resident vendor. Any non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business must identify itself as such in writing, must submit that writing to the Purchasing Division with its bid, and must be properly certified under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 prior to contract award to receive the preferences made available to resident vendors.

**16. WAIVER OF MINOR IRREGULARITIES:** The Director reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.7.

**17. ELECTRONIC FILE ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** Vendor must ensure that its submission in *wvOASIS* can be accessed and viewed by the Purchasing Division staff immediately upon bid opening. The Purchasing Division will consider any file that cannot be immediately accessed and viewed at the time of the bid opening (such as, encrypted files, password protected files, or incompatible files) to be blank or incomplete as context requires and are therefore unacceptable. A vendor will not be permitted to unencrypt files, remove password protections, or resubmit documents after bid opening to make a file viewable if those documents are required with the bid. A Vendor may be required to provide document passwords or remove access restrictions to allow the Purchasing Division to print or electronically save documents provided that those documents are viewable by the Purchasing Division prior to obtaining the password or removing the access restriction.

**18. NON-RESPONSIBLE:** The Purchasing Division Director reserves the right to reject the bid of any vendor as Non-Responsible in accordance with W. Va. Code of State Rules § 148-1- 5.3, when the Director determines that the vendor submitting the bid does not have the capability to fully perform or lacks the integrity and reliability to assure good-faith performance.”

**19. ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION:** The State may accept or reject any bid in whole, or in part in accordance with W. Va. Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.6. and § 148-1-6.3.”

20. **WITH THE BID REQUIREMENTS:** In instances where these specifications require documentation or other information with the bid, and a vendor fails to provide it with the bid, the Director of the Purchasing Division reserves the right to request those items after bid opening and prior to contract award pursuant to the authority to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications under W. Va. CSR § 148-1-4.7. This authority does not apply to instances where state law mandates receipt with the bid.

21. **EMAIL NOTIFICATION OF AWARD:** The Purchasing Division will attempt to provide bidders with e-mail notification of contract award when a solicitation that the bidder participated in has been awarded. For notification purposes, bidders must provide the Purchasing Division with a valid email address in the bid response. Bidders may also monitor *vv*OASIS or the Purchasing Division's website to determine when a contract has been awarded.

22. **EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:** The Solicitation contains the specifications that **shall** form the basis of a contractual agreement. **Vendor shall clearly mark any exceptions, clarifications, or other proposed modifications in its bid.** Exceptions to, clarifications of, or modifications of a requirement or term and condition of the Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

**1. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT:** Issuance of an Award Document signed by the Purchasing Division Director, or his designee, and approved as to form by the Attorney General's office constitutes acceptance by the State of this Contract made by and between the State of West Virginia and the Vendor. Vendor's signature on its bid, or on the Contract if the Contract is not the result of a bid solicitation, signifies Vendor's agreement to be bound by and accept the terms and conditions contained in this Contract.

**2. DEFINITIONS:** As used in this Solicitation/Contract, the following terms shall have the meanings attributed to them below. Additional definitions may be found in the specifications included with this Solicitation/Contract.

**2.1. "Agency" or "Agencies"** means the agency, board, commission, or other entity of the State of West Virginia that is identified on the first page of the Solicitation or any other public entity seeking to procure goods or services under this Contract.

**2.2. "Bid" or "Proposal"** means the vendors submitted response to this solicitation.

**2.3. "Contract"** means the binding agreement that is entered into between the State and the Vendor to provide the goods or services requested in the Solicitation.

**2.4. "Director"** means the Director of the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.

**2.5. "Purchasing Division"** means the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.

**2.6. "Award Document"** means the document signed by the Agency and the Purchasing Division, and approved as to form by the Attorney General, that identifies the Vendor as the contract holder.

**2.7. "Solicitation"** means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the State with goods or services that is published by the Purchasing Division.

**2.8. "State"** means the State of West Virginia and/or any of its agencies, commissions, boards, etc. as context requires.

**2.9. "Vendor" or "Vendors"** means any entity submitting a bid in response to the Solicitation, the entity that has been selected as the lowest responsible bidder, or the entity that has been awarded the Contract as context requires.

**3. CONTRACT TERM; RENEWAL; EXTENSION:** The term of this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below:

**Term Contract**

**Initial Contract Term:** The Initial Contract Term will be for a period of one (1) year. The Initial Contract Term becomes effective on the effective start date listed on the first page of this Contract, identified as the State of West Virginia contract cover page containing the signatures of the Purchasing Division, Attorney General, and Encumbrance clerk (or another page identified as \_\_\_\_\_), and the Initial Contract Term ends on the effective end date also shown on the first page of this Contract.

**Renewal Term:** This Contract may be renewed upon the mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). Any request for renewal should be delivered to the Agency and then submitted to the Purchasing Division thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the initial contract term or appropriate renewal term. A Contract renewal shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract. Unless otherwise specified below, renewal of this Contract is limited to three (3) successive one (1) year periods or multiple renewal periods of less than one year, provided that the multiple renewal periods do not exceed the total number of months available in all renewal years combined. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division and Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only)

**Alternate Renewal Term** – This contract may be renewed for \_\_\_\_\_ successive \_\_\_\_\_ year periods or shorter periods provided that they do not exceed the total number of months contained in all available renewals. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division and Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only)

**Delivery Order Limitations:** In the event that this contract permits delivery orders, a delivery order may only be issued during the time this Contract is in effect. Any delivery order issued within one year of the expiration of this Contract shall be effective for one year from the date the delivery order is issued. No delivery order may be extended beyond one year after this Contract has expired.

**Fixed Period Contract:** This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and must be completed within \_\_\_\_\_ days.

**Fixed Period Contract with Renewals:** This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and part of the Contract more fully described in the attached specifications must be completed within \_\_\_\_\_ days. Upon completion of the work covered by the preceding sentence, the vendor agrees that:

the contract will continue for \_\_\_\_\_ years;

the contract may be renewed for \_\_\_\_\_ successive \_\_\_\_\_ year periods or shorter periods provided that they do not exceed the total number of months contained in all available renewals. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division and Attorney General's Office (Attorney General approval is as to form only).

**One-Time Purchase:** The term of this Contract shall run from the issuance of the Award Document until all of the goods contracted for have been delivered, but in no event will this Contract extend for more than one fiscal year.

**Construction/Project Oversight:** This Contract becomes effective on the effective start date listed on the first page of this Contract, identified as the State of West Virginia contract cover page containing the signatures of the Purchasing Division, Attorney General, and Encumbrance clerk (or another page identified as \_\_\_\_\_), and continues until the project for which the vendor is providing oversight is complete.

**Other:** Contract Term specified in \_\_\_\_\_

**4. AUTHORITY TO PROCEED:** Vendor is authorized to begin performance of this contract on the date of encumbrance listed on the front page of the Award Document unless either the box for "Fixed Period Contract" or "Fixed Period Contract with Renewals" has been checked in Section 3 above. If either "Fixed Period Contract" or "Fixed Period Contract with Renewals" has been checked, Vendor must not begin work until it receives a separate notice to proceed from the State. The notice to proceed will then be incorporated into the Contract via change order to memorialize the official date that work commenced.

**5. QUANTITIES:** The quantities required under this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below.

**Open End Contract:** Quantities listed in this Solicitation/Award Document are approximations only, based on estimates supplied by the Agency. It is understood and agreed that the Contract shall cover the quantities actually ordered for delivery during the term of the Contract, whether more or less than the quantities shown.

**Service:** The scope of the service to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

**Combined Service and Goods:** The scope of the service and deliverable goods to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

**One-Time Purchase:** This Contract is for the purchase of a set quantity of goods that are identified in the specifications included herewith. Once those items have been delivered, no additional goods may be procured under this Contract without an appropriate change order approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division, and Attorney General's office.

**Construction:** This Contract is for construction activity more fully defined in the specifications.

**6. EMERGENCY PURCHASES:** The Purchasing Division Director may authorize the Agency to purchase goods or services in the open market that Vendor would otherwise provide under this Contract if those goods or services are for immediate or expedited delivery in an emergency. Emergencies shall include, but are not limited to, delays in transportation or an unanticipated increase in the volume of work. An emergency purchase in the open market, approved by the Purchasing Division Director, shall not constitute of breach of this Contract and shall not entitle the Vendor to any form of compensation or damages. This provision does not excuse the State from fulfilling its obligations under a One-Time Purchase contract.

**7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** All of the items checked in this section must be provided to the Purchasing Division by the Vendor as specified:

**LICENSE(S) / CERTIFICATIONS / PERMITS:** In addition to anything required under the Section of the General Terms and Conditions entitled Licensing, the apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the following licenses, certifications, and/or permits upon request and in a form acceptable to the State. The request may be prior to or after contract award at the State's sole discretion.

WV Sprinkler's License as stated in specifications

Registered as a vendor with WV Oasis

Registered to do business in West Virginia through the West Virginia Secretary of State.

The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional licenses or certifications contained in the specifications regardless of whether or not that requirement is listed above.

**8. INSURANCE:** The apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the insurance identified by a checkmark below prior to Contract award. The insurance coverages identified below must be maintained throughout the life of this contract. Thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the insurance policies, Vendor shall provide the Agency with proof that the insurance mandated herein has been continued. Vendor must also provide Agency with immediate notice of any changes in its insurance policies, including but not limited to, policy cancelation, policy reduction, or change in insurers. The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional insurance requirements contained in the specifications prior to Contract award regardless of whether that insurance requirement is listed in this section.

Vendor must maintain:

**Commercial General Liability Insurance** in at least an amount of: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.

**Automobile Liability Insurance** in at least an amount of: \$50,000.00 per occurrence.

**Professional/Malpractice/Errors and Omission Insurance** in at least an amount of: \_\_\_\_\_ per occurrence. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Vendor's are not required to list the State as an additional insured for this type of policy.

**Commercial Crime and Third Party Fidelity Insurance** in an amount of: \_\_\_\_\_ per occurrence.

**Cyber Liability Insurance** in an amount of: \_\_\_\_\_ per occurrence.

**Builders Risk Insurance** in an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the Contract.

**Pollution Insurance** in an amount of: \_\_\_\_\_ per occurrence.

**Aircraft Liability** in an amount of: \_\_\_\_\_ per occurrence.

**9. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE:** Vendor shall comply with laws relating to workers compensation, shall maintain workers' compensation insurance when required, and shall furnish proof of workers' compensation insurance upon request.

**10. VENUE:** All legal actions for damages brought by Vendor against the State shall be brought in the West Virginia Claims Commission. Other causes of action must be brought in the West Virginia court authorized by statute to exercise jurisdiction over it.

**11. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:** This clause shall in no way be considered exclusive and shall not limit the State or Agency's right to pursue any other available remedy. Vendor shall pay liquidated damages in the amount specified below or as described in the specifications:

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

Liquidated Damages Contained in the Specifications.

Liquidated Damages Are Not Included in this Contract.

**12. ACCEPTANCE:** Vendor's signature on its bid, or on the certification and signature page, constitutes an offer to the State that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn, signifies that the product or service proposed by vendor meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation for that product or service, unless otherwise indicated, and signifies acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation unless otherwise indicated.

**13. PRICING:** The pricing set forth herein is firm for the life of the Contract, unless specified elsewhere within this Solicitation/Contract by the State. A Vendor's inclusion of price adjustment provisions in its bid, without an express authorization from the State in the Solicitation to do so, may result in bid disqualification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Vendor must extend any publicly advertised sale price to the State and invoice at the lower of the contract price or the publicly advertised sale price.

**14. PAYMENT IN ARREARS:** Payments for goods/services will be made in arrears only upon receipt of a proper invoice, detailing the goods/services provided or receipt of the goods/services, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the foregoing, payments for software maintenance, licenses, or subscriptions may be paid annually in advance.

**15. PAYMENT METHODS:** Vendor must accept payment by electronic funds transfer and P-Card. (The State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card program, administered under contract by a banking institution, processes payment for goods and services through state designated credit cards.)

**16. TAXES:** The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, personal property or any other taxes arising out of this Contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.

**17. ADDITIONAL FEES:** Vendor is not permitted to charge additional fees or assess additional charges that were not either expressly provided for in the solicitation published by the State of West Virginia, included in the Contract, or included in the unit price or lump sum bid amount that Vendor is required by the solicitation to provide. Including such fees or charges as notes to the solicitation may result in rejection of vendor's bid. Requesting such fees or charges be paid after the contract has been awarded may result in cancellation of the contract.

**18. FUNDING:** This Contract shall continue for the term stated herein, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available, this Contract becomes void and of no effect beginning on July 1 of the fiscal year for which funding has not been appropriated or otherwise made available. If that occurs, the State may notify the Vendor that an alternative source of funding has been obtained and thereby avoid the automatic termination. Non-appropriation or non-funding shall not be considered an event of default.

**19. CANCELLATION:** The Purchasing Division Director reserves the right to cancel this Contract immediately upon written notice to the vendor if the materials or workmanship supplied do not conform to the specifications contained in the Contract. The Purchasing Division Director may also cancel any purchase or Contract upon 30 days written notice to the Vendor in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-5.2.b.

**20. TIME:** Time is of the essence regarding all matters of time and performance in this Contract.

**21. APPLICABLE LAW:** This Contract is governed by and interpreted under West Virginia law without giving effect to its choice of law principles. Any information provided in specification manuals, or any other source, verbal or written, which contradicts or violates the West Virginia Constitution, West Virginia Code, or West Virginia Code of State Rules is void and of no effect.

**22. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:** Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances. By submitting a bid, Vendor acknowledges that it has reviewed, understands, and will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances.

**SUBCONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE:** Vendor shall notify all subcontractors providing commodities or services related to this Contract that as subcontractors, they too are required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances. Notification under this provision must occur prior to the performance of any work under the contract by the subcontractor.

**23. ARBITRATION:** Any references made to arbitration contained in this Contract, Vendor's bid, or in any American Institute of Architects documents pertaining to this Contract are hereby deleted, void, and of no effect.

**24. MODIFICATIONS:** This writing is the parties' final expression of intent. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Contract to the contrary no modification of this Contract shall be binding without mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). Any change to existing contracts that adds work or changes contract cost, and were not included in the original contract, must be approved by the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's Office (as to form) prior to the implementation of the change or commencement of work affected by the change.

**25. WAIVER:** The failure of either party to insist upon a strict performance of any of the terms or provision of this Contract, or to exercise any option, right, or remedy herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of such term, provision, option, right, or remedy, but the same shall continue in full force and effect. Any waiver must be expressly stated in writing and signed by the waiving party.

**26. SUBSEQUENT FORMS:** The terms and conditions contained in this Contract shall supersede any and all subsequent terms and conditions which may appear on any form documents submitted by Vendor to the Agency or Purchasing Division such as price lists, order forms, invoices, sales agreements, or maintenance agreements, and includes internet websites or other electronic documents. Acceptance or use of Vendor's forms does not constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions contained thereon.

**27. ASSIGNMENT:** Neither this Contract nor any monies due, or to become due hereunder, may be assigned by the Vendor without the express written consent of the Agency, the Purchasing Division, the Attorney General's office (as to form only), and any other government agency or office that may be required to approve such assignments.

**28. WARRANTY:** The Vendor expressly warrants that the goods and/or services covered by this Contract will: (a) conform to the specifications, drawings, samples, or other description furnished or specified by the Agency; (b) be merchantable and fit for the purpose intended; and (c) be free from defect in material and workmanship.

**29. STATE EMPLOYEES:** State employees are not permitted to utilize this Contract for personal use and the Vendor is prohibited from permitting or facilitating the same.

**30. PRIVACY, SECURITY, AND CONFIDENTIALITY:** The Vendor agrees that it will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the Agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the Agency's policies, procedures, and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy).

**31. YOUR SUBMISSION IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT:** Vendor's entire response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are public documents. As public documents, they will be disclosed to the public following the bid/proposal opening or award of the contract, as required by the competitive bidding laws of West Virginia Code §§ 5A-3-1 et seq., 5-22-1 et seq., and 5G-1-1 et seq. and the Freedom of Information Act West Virginia Code §§ 29B-1-1 et seq.

**DO NOT SUBMIT MATERIAL YOU CONSIDER TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, A TRADE SECRET, OR OTHERWISE NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.**

Submission of any bid, proposal, or other document to the Purchasing Division constitutes your explicit consent to the subsequent public disclosure of the bid, proposal, or document. The Purchasing Division will disclose any document labeled "confidential," "proprietary," "trade secret," "private," or labeled with any other claim against public disclosure of the documents, to include any "trade secrets" as defined by West Virginia Code § 47-22-1 et seq. All submissions are subject to public disclosure without notice.

**32. LICENSING:** In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-6.1.e, Vendor must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, West Virginia Insurance Commission, or any other state agency or political subdivision. Obligations related to political subdivisions may include, but are not limited to, business licensing, business and occupation taxes, inspection compliance, permitting, etc. Upon request, the Vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Purchasing Division Director or the Agency to verify that the Vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

**SUBCONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE:** Vendor shall notify all subcontractors providing commodities or services related to this Contract that as subcontractors, they too are required to be licensed, in good standing, and up-to-date on all state and local obligations as described in this section. Obligations related to political subdivisions may include, but are not limited to, business licensing, business and occupation taxes, inspection compliance, permitting, etc. Notification under this provision must occur prior to the performance of any work under the contract by the subcontractor.

**33. ANTITRUST:** In submitting a bid to, signing a contract with, or accepting a Award Document from any agency of the State of West Virginia, the Vendor agrees to convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the State of West Virginia all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to Vendor.

**34. VENDOR NON-CONFLICT:** Neither Vendor nor its representatives are permitted to have any interest, nor shall they acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would compromise the performance of its services hereunder. Any such interests shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

**35. VENDOR RELATIONSHIP:** The relationship of the Vendor to the State shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by this Contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising, and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this Solicitation and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor, nor any employees or subcontractors of the Vendor, shall be deemed to be employees of the State for any purpose whatsoever. Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for payment of employees and contractors for all wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension, or other deferred compensation plans, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation and Social Security obligations, licensing fees, etc. and the filing of all necessary documents, forms, and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing.

Vendor shall hold harmless the State, and shall provide the State and Agency with a defense against any and all claims including, but not limited to, the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, Social Security taxes, and employer income tax returns.

**36. INDEMNIFICATION:** The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the Agency, their officers, and employees from and against: (1) Any claims or losses for services rendered by any subcontractor, person, or firm performing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the Contract; (2) Any claims or losses resulting to any person or entity injured or damaged by the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors by the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use, or disposition of any data used under the Contract in a manner not authorized by the Contract, or by Federal or State statutes or regulations; and (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors to observe State and Federal laws including, but not limited to, labor and wage and hour laws.

**37. NO DEBT CERTIFICATION:** In accordance with West Virginia Code §§ 5A-3-10a and 5-22-1(i), the State is prohibited from awarding a contract to any bidder that owes a debt to the State or a political subdivision of the State. By submitting a bid, or entering into a contract with the State, Vendor is affirming that (1) for construction contracts, the Vendor is not in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state, and (2) for all other contracts, neither the Vendor nor any related party owe a debt as defined above, and neither the Vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined in the statute cited above unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the statute.

**38. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Vendor, its officers or members or employees, shall not presently have or acquire an interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict with or compromise the performance of its obligations hereunder. Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise. Any conflict of interest discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

**39. REPORTS:** Vendor shall provide the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division with the following reports identified by a checked box below:

Such reports as the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division may request. Requested reports may include, but are not limited to, quantities purchased, agencies utilizing the contract, total contract expenditures by agency, etc.

Quarterly reports detailing the total quantity of purchases in units and dollars, along with a listing of purchases by agency. Quarterly reports should be delivered to the Purchasing Division via email at [purchasing.division@wv.gov](mailto:purchasing.division@wv.gov).

**40. BACKGROUND CHECK:** In accordance with W. Va. Code § 15-2D-3, the State reserves the right to prohibit a service provider's employees from accessing sensitive or critical information or to be present at the Capitol complex based upon results addressed from a criminal background check. Service providers should contact the West Virginia Division of Protective Services by phone at (304) 558-9911 for more information.

**41. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC STEEL PRODUCTS:** Except when authorized by the Director of the Purchasing Division pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56, no contractor may use or supply steel products for a State Contract Project other than those steel products made in the United States. A contractor who uses steel products in violation of this section may be subject to civil penalties pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56. As used in this section:

- a. "State Contract Project" means any erection or construction of, or any addition to, alteration of or other improvement to any building or structure, including, but not limited to, roads or highways, or the installation of any heating or cooling or ventilating plants or other equipment, or the supply of and materials for such projects, pursuant to a contract with the State of West Virginia for which bids were solicited on or after June 6, 2001.
- b. "Steel Products" means products rolled, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated or otherwise similarly processed, or processed by a combination of two or more or such operations, from steel made by the open heath, basic oxygen, electric furnace, Bessemer or other steel making process.
- c. The Purchasing Division Director may, in writing, authorize the use of foreign steel products if:
  1. The cost for each contract item used does not exceed one tenth of one percent (.1%) of the total contract cost or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), whichever is greater. For the purposes of this section, the cost is the value of the steel product as delivered to the project; or
  2. The Director of the Purchasing Division determines that specified steel materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity or otherwise are not reasonably available to meet contract requirements.

**42. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC ALUMINUM, GLASS, AND STEEL:** In Accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-19-1 et seq., and W. Va. CSR § 148-10-1 et seq., for every contract or subcontract, subject to the limitations contained herein, for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works or for the purchase of any item of machinery or equipment to be used at sites of public works, only domestic aluminum, glass or steel products shall be supplied unless the spending officer determines, in writing, after the receipt of offers or bids, (1) that the cost of domestic aluminum, glass or steel products is unreasonable or inconsistent with the public interest of the State of West Virginia, (2) that domestic aluminum, glass or steel products are not produced in sufficient quantities to meet the contract requirements, or (3) the available domestic aluminum, glass, or steel do not meet the contract specifications. This provision only applies to public works contracts awarded in an amount more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or public works contracts that require more than ten thousand pounds of steel products.

The cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than twenty percent (20%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. If the domestic aluminum, glass or steel products to be supplied or produced in a “substantial labor surplus area”, as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than thirty percent (30%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. This preference shall be applied to an item of machinery or equipment, as indicated above, when the item is a single unit of equipment or machinery manufactured primarily of aluminum, glass or steel, is part of a public works contract and has the sole purpose or of being a permanent part of a single public works project. This provision does not apply to equipment or machinery purchased by a spending unit for use by that spending unit and not as part of a single public works project.

All bids and offers including domestic aluminum, glass or steel products that exceed bid or offer prices including foreign aluminum, glass or steel products after application of the preferences provided in this provision may be reduced to a price equal to or lower than the lowest bid or offer price for foreign aluminum, glass or steel products plus the applicable preference. If the reduced bid or offer prices are made in writing and supersede the prior bid or offer prices, all bids or offers, including the reduced bid or offer prices, will be reevaluated in accordance with this rule.

**43. INTERESTED PARTY SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE:** W. Va. Code § 6D-1-2 requires that for contracts with an actual or estimated value of at least \$1 million, the Vendor must submit to the Agency a disclosure of interested parties prior to beginning work under this Contract. Additionally, the Vendor must submit a supplemental disclosure of interested parties reflecting any new or differing interested parties to the contract, which were not included in the original pre-work interested party disclosure, within 30 days following the completion or termination of the contract. A copy of that form is included with this solicitation or can be obtained from the WV Ethics Commission. This requirement does not apply to publicly traded companies listed on a national or international stock exchange. A more detailed definition of interested parties can be obtained from the form referenced above.

**44. PROHIBITION AGAINST USED OR REFURBISHED:** Unless expressly permitted in the solicitation published by the State, Vendor must provide new, unused commodities, and is prohibited from supplying used or refurbished commodities, in fulfilling its responsibilities under this Contract.

**45. VOID CONTRACT CLAUSES:** This Contract is subject to the provisions of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-62, which automatically voids certain contract clauses that violate State law.

**46. ISRAEL BOYCOTT:** Bidder understands and agrees that, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-63, it is prohibited from engaging in a boycott of Israel during the term of this contract.

## **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Construction Contracts Only)**

**1. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE:** Until June 15, 2021, West Virginia Code § 21-11-2, and after that date, § 30-42-2, requires that all persons desiring to perform contracting work in this state be licensed. The West Virginia Contractors Licensing Board is empowered to issue the contractor's license. Applications for a contractor's license may be made by contacting the West Virginia Contractor Licensing Board.

The apparent successful Vendor must furnish a copy of its contractor's license prior to the issuance of a contract award document.

**2. BONDS:** The following bonds must be submitted:

- BID BOND:** Pursuant to the requirements contained in W. Va. Code § 5-22-1(c), All Vendors submitting a bid on a construction project shall furnish a valid bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid protecting the State of West Virginia. **THE BID BOND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID OR VENDOR'S BID WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- PERFORMANCE BOND:** The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a performance bond in the amount of 100% of the contract. The performance bond must be received by the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award. (Attorney General requires use of the State approved bond forms found at: [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/forms2.html](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/forms2.html))
- LABOR/MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND:** The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a labor/material payment bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract value. The labor/material payment bond must be delivered to the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award. (Attorney General requires use of the State approved bond forms found at: [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/forms2.html](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/forms2.html))
- MAINTENANCE BOND:** The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a two (2) year maintenance bond covering the roofing system if the work impacts an existing roof. The amount of the bond must be equal to the price associated with the percentage of the project impacting the roof. The maintenance bond must be issued and delivered to the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award. (Attorney General requires use of the State approved bond forms found at: [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/forms2.html](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/forms2.html))

At a minimum, all construction projects require a bid bond, performance bond, and labor/material payment bond. Failure on the part of the state of West Virginia to checkmark the required bonds above does not relieve the vendor from the legal requirement of providing these bonds.

In lieu of the Bid Bond, the Vendor may provide certified checks, cashier's checks, or irrevocable letters of credit. Any certified check, cashier's check, or irrevocable letter of credit provided in lieu of the bid bond must be of the same amount required of the Bid Bond and delivered with the bid.

**3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AFFIDAVIT:** W. Va. Code § 21-1D-5 provides that any solicitation for a public improvement contract requires each Vendor that submits a bid for the work to submit an affidavit that the Vendor has a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy. If the affidavit is not submitted with the bid submission, the Purchasing Division shall promptly request by telephone and electronic mail that the low bidder and second low bidder provide the affidavit within one business day of the request. Failure to submit the affidavit within one business day of receiving the request shall result in disqualification of the bid. To comply with this law, Vendor should complete the enclosed drug-free workplace affidavit and submit the same with its bid. Failure to submit the signed and notarized drugfree workplace affidavit or a similar affidavit that fully complies with the requirements of the applicable code, within one business day of being requested to do so shall result in disqualification of Vendor's bid. Pursuant to W. Va. Code 21-1D-2(b) and (k), this provision does not apply to public improvement contracts the value of which is \$100,000 or less or temporary or emergency repairs.

**3.1. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY:** Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 21-1D-4, Vendor and its subcontractors must implement and maintain a written drug-free workplace policy that complies with said article. The awarding public authority shall cancel this contract if: (1) Vendor fails to implement and maintain a written drug-free workplace policy described in the preceding paragraph, (2) Vendor fails to provide information regarding implementation of its drug-free workplace policy at the request of the public authority; or (3) Vendor provides to the public authority false information regarding the contractor's drug-free workplace policy.

Pursuant to W. Va. Code 21-1D-2(b) and (k), this provision does not apply to public improvement contracts the value of which is \$100,000 or less or temporary or emergency repairs.

**4. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE REPORT:** Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 21-1D-7b, no less than once per year, or upon completion of the project, every contractor shall provide a certified report to the public authority which let the contract. For contracts over \$25,000, the public authority shall be the West Virginia Purchasing Division. For contracts of \$25,000 or less, the public authority shall be the agency issuing the contract. The report shall include:

- (1) Information to show that the education and training service to the requirements of West Virginia Code § 21-1D-5 was provided;
- (2) The name of the laboratory certified by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or its successor that performs the drug tests;
- (3) The average number of employees in connection with the construction on the public improvement;
- (4) Drug test results for the following categories including the number of positive tests and the number of negative tests: (A) Pre-employment and new hires; (B) Reasonable suspicion; (C) Post-accident; and (D) Random.

Vendor should utilize the attached Certified Drug Free Workplace Report Coversheet when submitting the report required hereunder. Pursuant to W. Va. Code 21-1D-2(b) and (k), this provision does not apply to public improvement contracts the value of which is \$100,000 or less or temporary or emergency repairs.

**5. AIA DOCUMENTS:** All construction contracts that will be completed in conjunction with architectural services procured under Chapter 5G of the West Virginia Code will be governed by the attached AIA documents, as amended by the Supplementary Conditions for the State of West Virginia, in addition to the terms and conditions contained herein.

**6. PROHIBITION AGAINST GENERAL CONDITIONS:** Notwithstanding anything contained in the AIA Documents or the Supplementary Conditions, the State of West Virginia will not pay for general conditions, or winter conditions, or any other condition representing a delay in the contracts. The Vendor is expected to mitigate delay costs to the greatest extent possible and any costs associated with Delays must be specifically and concretely identified. The state will not consider an average daily rate multiplied by the number of days extended to be an acceptable charge.

**7. GREEN BUILDINGS MINIMUM ENERGY STANDARDS:** In accordance with § 22-29-4, all new building construction projects of public agencies that have not entered the schematic design phase prior to July 1, 2012, or any building construction project receiving state grant funds and appropriations, including public schools, that have not entered the schematic design phase prior to July 1, 2012, shall be designed and constructed complying with the ICC International Energy Conservation Code, adopted by the State Fire Commission, and the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007: Provided, That if any construction project has a commitment of federal funds to pay for a portion of such project, this provision shall only apply to the extent such standards are consistent with the federal standards.

**8. LOCAL LABOR MARKET HIRING REQUIREMENT:** Pursuant to West Virginia Code §21-1C-1 et seq., Employers shall hire at least seventy-five percent of employees for public improvement construction projects from the local labor market, to be rounded off, with at least two employees from outside the local labor market permissible for each employer per project.

Any employer unable to employ the minimum number of employees from the local labor market shall inform the nearest office of Workforce West Virginia of the number of qualified employees needed and provide a job description of the positions to be filled.

If, within three business days following the placing of a job order, Workforce West Virginia is unable to refer any qualified job applicants to the employer or refers less qualified job applicants than the number requested, then Workforce West Virginia shall issue a waiver to the employer stating the unavailability of applicant and shall permit the employer to fill any positions covered by the waiver from outside the local labor market. The waiver shall be in writing and shall be issued within the prescribed three days. A waiver certificate shall be sent to both the employer for its permanent project records and to the public authority.

Any employer who violates this requirement is subject to a civil penalty of \$250 per each employee less than the required threshold of seventy-five percent per day of violation after receipt of a notice of violation.

Any employer that continues to violate any provision of this article more than fourteen calendar days after receipt of a notice of violation is subject to a civil penalty of \$500 per each employee less than the required threshold of seventy-five percent per day of violation.

The following terms used in this section have the meaning shown below.

(1) The term “construction project” means any construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, painting, decorating or repair of any public improvement let to contract in an amount equal to or greater than \$500,000. The term “construction project” does not include temporary or emergency repairs;

(2) The term “employee” means any person hired or permitted to perform hourly work for wages by a person, firm or corporation in the construction industry; The term “employee” does not include:(i) Bona fide employees of a public authority or individuals engaged in making temporary or emergency repairs;(ii) Bona fide independent contractors; or(iii) Salaried supervisory personnel necessary to assure efficient execution of the employee's work;

(3) The term “employer” means any person, firm or corporation employing one or more employees on any public improvement and includes all contractors and subcontractors;

(4) The term “local labor market” means every county in West Virginia and any county outside of West Virginia if any portion of that county is within fifty miles of the border of West Virginia;

(5) The term “public improvement” includes the construction of all buildings, roads, highways, bridges, streets, alleys, sewers, ditches, sewage disposal plants, waterworks, airports and all other structures that may be let to contract by a public authority, excluding improvements funded, in whole or in part, by federal funds.

#### **9. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT WAGE RATES:**

The work performed under this contract is federally funded in whole, or in part. Pursuant to \_\_\_\_\_, Vendors are required to pay applicable Davis-Bacon wage rates.

The work performed under this contract is not subject to Davis-Bacon wage rates.

**10. SUBCONTRACTOR LIST SUBMISSION:** In accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-22-1, the apparent low bidder on a contract valued at more than \$250,000.00 for the construction, alteration, decoration, painting or improvement of a new or existing building or structure shall submit a list of all subcontractors who will perform more than \$25,000.00 of work on the project including labor and materials. (This section does not apply to any other construction projects, such as highway, mine reclamation, water or sewer projects.) The subcontractor list shall be provided to the Purchasing Division within one business day of the opening of bids for review.

If the apparent low bidder fails to submit the subcontractor list, the Purchasing Division shall promptly request by telephone and electronic mail that the low bidder and second low bidder provide the subcontractor list within one business day of the request. Failure to submit the subcontractor list within one business day of receiving the request shall result in disqualification of the bid.

If no subcontractors who will perform more than \$25,000.00 of work are to be used to complete the project, the apparent low bidder must make this clear on the subcontractor list, in the bid itself, or in response to the Purchasing Division's request for the subcontractor list.

a. Required Information. The subcontractor list must contain the following information:

i. Bidder's name

ii. Name of each subcontractor performing more than \$25,000 of work on the project.

iii. The license number of each subcontractor, as required by W. Va. Code § 21-11-1 et. seq.

iv. If applicable, a notation that no subcontractor will be used to perform more than \$25,000.00 of work. (This item iv. is not required if the vendor makes this clear in the bid itself or in documentation following the request for the subcontractor list.)

b. Subcontractor List Submission Form: The subcontractor list may be submitted in any form, including the attached form, as long as the required information noted above is included. If any information is missing from the bidder's subcontractor list submission, it may be obtained from other documents such as bids, emails, letters, etc. that accompany the subcontractor list submission.

c. Substitution of Subcontractor. Written approval must be obtained from the State Spending Unit before any subcontractor substitution is permitted. Substitutions are not permitted unless:

i. The subcontractor listed in the original bid has filed for bankruptcy;

ii. The subcontractor in the original bid has been debarred or suspended; or

iii. The contractor certifies in writing that the subcontractor listed in the original bid fails, is unable, or refuses to perform his subcontract.



**DESIGNATED CONTACT:** Vendor appoints the individual identified in this Section as the Contract Administrator and the initial point of contact for matters relating to this Contract.

(Printed Name and Title) Sean Coustillac, Executive VP Service and Inspection

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(Phone Number) / (Fax Number) 330-351-4131

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**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE:** By signing below, or submitting documentation through wvOASIS, I certify that: I have reviewed this Solicitation/Contract in its entirety; that I understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that this bid, offer or proposal constitutes an offer to the State that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn; that the product or service proposed meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation/Contract for that product or service, unless otherwise stated herein; that the Vendor accepts the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation, unless otherwise stated herein; that I am submitting this bid, offer or proposal for review and consideration; that this bid or offer was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any entity submitting a bid or offer for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; that this bid or offer is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that this Contract is accepted or entered into without any prior understanding, agreement, or connection to any other entity that could be considered a violation of law; that I am authorized by the Vendor to execute and submit this bid, offer, or proposal, or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that I am authorized to bind the vendor in a contractual relationship; and that to the best of my knowledge, the vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

*By signing below, I further certify that I understand this Contract is subject to the provisions of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-62, which automatically voids certain contract clauses that violate State law; and that pursuant to W. Va. Code 5A-3-63, the entity entering into this contract is prohibited from engaging in a boycott against Israel.*

S. A. Comunale Co., Inc.  
(Company)

  
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Sean Coustillac - Executive VP Service and Inspection  
(Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative) (Date)

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**SPECIFICATIONS**

1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE:** The West Virginia Purchasing Division is soliciting bids on behalf of the West Virginia Veterans Home (WVH) to establish an open-end contract for Fire Protection Inspections and Corrective Maintenance services as stated below under Contract Services. All work to be performed must comply with West Virginia State Fire Code Title 87-01, effective August 1, 2020 and heretofore attached as Exhibit B.

**THIS PROCUREMENT MAY BE FUNDED IN WHOLE OR PART BY  
FEDERAL FUNDS. PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 1: PROVISIONS FOR  
FEDERALLY FUNDED PROCUREMENTS.**

2. **DEFINITIONS:** The terms listed below shall have the meanings assigned to them below. Additional definitions can be found in section 2 of the General Terms and Conditions.

2.1 **“Contract Services”** means quarterly sprinkler system inspections; semi-annual range hood inspections; annual fire extinguisher inspections; annual fire pump test; annual flow of fire hydrants; and annual test and certification on sprinkler and domestic backflow devices and corrective maintenance services as more fully described in these specifications.

2.2 **“Pricing Pages”** means the schedule of prices, estimated order quantity, and totals contained in wvOASIS or attached hereto as Exhibit A, and used to evaluate the Solicitation responses.

2.3 **“Solicitation”** means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the State with goods or services that is published by the Purchasing Division.

2.4 **“Agency”** as used herein means the West Virginia Veterans Home.

3. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Vendor, or Vendor’s staff if requirements are inherently limited to individuals rather than corporate entities, must have the following minimum qualifications:

3.1 Knowledgeable and competent in the application of NFPA 1 of the 2018 edition (Fire Code) of “The National Fire Codes” published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 101 (Life Safety Code) 2018 edition with the exceptions listed in West Virginia State Fire Code, Section 2.1.a.1.A, and any changes/additions to NFPA and West Virginia State Fire Code that overrides or otherwise supersedes the aforementioned sections/code.

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3.2 Vendor must have staff with the correct license for each inspection required. Vendor staff will be required to submit license upon each testing, inspection and maintenance service.

**4. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:**

**4.1 Mandatory Contract Services Requirements and Deliverables:** Vendor must provide Agency with the Contract Services listed below on an open-end and continuing basis. Contract Services must meet or exceed the mandatory requirements as shown below.

- 4.1.1** Quarterly and annual sprinkler system inspections on 27 wet systems located in Buildings B (10), C (5), D (9), and E (3).  
Quarterly: In order to be as effective as possible, fire sprinkler mechanical devices should be tested quarterly. Semiannually: Every six months, vane and pressure switch type devices must be tested. Annually: Full testing and tagging should be performed annually. Complete and file all necessary forms and other tags to meet NFPA codes. Vendor staff must have WV Sprinkler license.
- 4.1.2** Semi-annual range hood inspections located in the kitchen room D 113. Replace all seals, tags, and fusible links. Complete and file forms and other tags to meet NFPA code.
- 4.1.3** Annual inspections of ninety (90) fire extinguishers in various locations in seven (7) buildings. Replace all seals and tags. Complete and file forms and other tags to meet NFPA code.
- 4.1.4** Annual Fire Pump Test per NFPA code on 1500 GPM electric fire pump. A complete pump test report shall be supplied.
- 4.1.5** Annual flow of three (3) fire hydrants per NFPA code.
- 4.1.6** Annual backflow test on sprinkler pit and above ground domestic devices. Complete and file all certification and all supporting documentation under WV American Water Company standards. WV Sprinkler License is required.
- 4.1.7** Operate seven (7) post indicator valves quarterly.
- 4.1.8** Perform a five (5) year hydrostatic test and inspection of the insides of the fire sprinklers' piping.

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**4.2 Corrective Maintenance:**

**4.2.1** Corrective Maintenance must be performed between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday unless authorized by the Agency (WVH).

**4.2.2** The Vendor must provide and install all parts, components, and materials to keep equipment operating in accordance with NFPA codes. The Vendor must supply all tool accessories, personal safety equipment and supplies necessary to execute the responsibilities of the Contract. Non-reusable parts, components, and materials used in the scope of performing under this Contract must be supplied by the Vendor at no cost to the Agency. Such items may include grease, cleaning supplies, rags, etc.

**5. CONTRACT AWARD:**

**5.1 Contract Award:** The Contract is intended to provide Agencies with a purchase price on all Contract Items. The Contract shall be awarded to the Vendor that provides the Contract Items meeting the required specifications for the lowest overall total cost as shown on the Pricing Pages.

**5.2 Pricing Pages:** Vendor should complete the Pricing Pages by supplying a unit cost for each service provided to the Agency and multiply that by the “Usage” number provided. Estimated parts cost will be entered using a multiplier. Example: \$2,000 X 1.15 (cost of part with 15% markup) = \$2300. Vendor should then add all total lines for the grand total. The Vendor meeting all mandatory specifications with the lowest grand total will be awarded the contract. Vendor should complete the Pricing Pages in their entirety as failure to do so may result in Vendor’s bids being disqualified.

The Pricing Pages contain a list of the Contract Items and estimated purchase volume. The estimated purchase volume for each item represents the approximate volume of anticipated purchases only. No future use of the Contract or any individual item is guaranteed or implied.

Vendor should electronically enter the information into the Pricing Pages through wvOASIS, if available, or as an electronic document. In most cases, the Vendor can request an electronic copy of the Pricing Pages for bid purposes by sending an email request to the following address: [morgan.sheets@wv.gov](mailto:morgan.sheets@wv.gov).

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**6. ORDERING AND PAYMENT:**

**6.1 Ordering:** Vendor shall accept orders through wvOASIS, regular mail, facsimile, e-mail, or any other written form of communication. Vendor may, but is not required to, accept on-line orders through a secure internet ordering portal/website. If Vendor has the ability to accept on-line orders, it should include in its response a brief description of how Agencies may utilize the on-line ordering system. Vendor shall ensure that its on-line ordering system is properly secured prior to processing Agency orders on-line.

**6.2 Payment:** Vendor shall accept payment in accordance with the payment procedures of the State of West Virginia.

**7. PERFORMANCE:** Vendor and Agency must agree upon a schedule for performance of Contract Services and Contract Services Deliverables, unless such a schedule is already included herein by Agency. In the event that this Contract is designated as an open-end contract, Vendor must perform in accordance with the release orders that may be issued against this Contract.

**8. PAYMENT:** Agency must pay Vendor per inspection/test, an hourly rate for Corrective Maintenance and a part plus markup cost as shown on the Pricing Pages, for all Contract Services performed and accepted under this Contract. Vendor must accept payment in accordance with the payment procedures of the State of West Virginia.

**9. FACILITIES ACCESS:** Performance of Contract Services may require access keys to gain entrance to Agency's facilities. In the event that access keys are required:

**9.1** Vendor must identify principal service personnel which will be issued access keys to perform service.

**9.2** Vendor will be responsible for controlling keys and will pay replacement fee, if the keys become lost or stolen.

**9.3** Vendor must notify Agency immediately of any lost, stolen, or missing keys.

**9.4** Anyone performing under this Contract will be subject to Agency's security protocol and procedures.

**9.5** Vendor must inform all staff of Agency's security protocol and procedures.

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**10. VENDOR DEFAULT:**

**10.1** The following shall be considered a vendor default under this Contract.

**10.1.1** Failure to provide Contract Items in accordance with the requirements contained herein.

**10.1.2** Failure to comply with other specifications and requirements contained herein.

**10.1.3** Failure to comply with any laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to the Contract Services provided under this Contract.

**10.1.4** Failure to remedy deficient performance upon request.

**10.2** The following remedies shall be available to Agency upon default.

**10.2.1** Immediate cancellation of the Contract.

**10.2.2** Immediate cancellation of one or more release orders issued under this Contract.

**10.2.3** Any other remedies available in law or equity.

**11. MISCELLANEOUS:**

**11.1 No Substitutions:** Vendor shall supply only Contract Items submitted in response to the Solicitation unless a contract modification is approved in accordance with the provisions contained in this Contract.

**11.2 Vendor Supply:** Vendor must carry sufficient inventory of the Contract Items being offered to fulfill its obligations under this Contract. By signing its bid, Vendor certifies that it can supply the Contract Items contained in its bid response.

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**11.3 Reports:** Vendor shall provide quarterly reports and annual summaries to the Agency showing the Agency's items purchased, quantities of items purchased, and total dollar value of the items purchased. Vendor shall also provide reports, upon request, showing the items purchased during the term of this Contract, the quantity purchased for each of those items, and the total value of purchases for each of those items. Failure to supply such reports may be grounds for cancellation of this Contract.

**11.4 Contract Manager:** During its performance of this Contract, Vendor must designate and maintain a primary contract manager responsible for overseeing Vendor's responsibilities under this Contract. The Contract manager must be available during normal business hours to address any customer service or other issues related to this Contract. Vendor should list its Contract manager and his or her contact information below.

**Contract Manager:** Mike Shirley  
**Telephone Number:** 304-410-2387  
**Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address:** mike.shirley@comunale.com

## **Provisions Required for Federally Funded Procurements**

- 1. Federal Funds:** This purchase is being funded in whole or in part with Federal Funds and is subject to the requirements established in 2 CFR § 200. Pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.317 the provisions of 2 CFR §§ 200.322 and 200.326 are expressly included in this solicitation below and incorporated into any contract resulting from this solicitation by reference.
- 2. 2 CFR §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials:** A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.
- 3. §200.326 Contract provisions:** Pursuant to the requirements contained in 2 CFR §§ 200.317 and 200.326, the following provisions are included any contract resulting from this solicitation, to the extent that the provisions are applicable.

**(A)** At a minimum, the administrative, contractual, or legal remedies contained in W. Va. CSR § 148-1-5 and the applicable definitions contained in W. Va. CSR § 148-1-2 apply to any contract resulting from this solicitation in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms for contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000 (which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908),.

West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-5 states:

### **§ 148-1-5. Remedies.**

5.1. The Director may require that the spending unit attempt to resolve any issues that it may have with the vendor prior to pursuing a remedy contained herein. The spending unit must document any resolution efforts and provide copies of those documents to the Purchasing Division.

5.2. Contract Cancellation.

5.2.a. Cancellation. The Director may cancel a purchase or contract immediately under any one of the following conditions including, but not limited to:

5.2.a.1. The vendor agrees to the cancellation;

5.2.a.2. The vendor has obtained the contract by fraud, collusion, conspiracy, or is in conflict with any statutory or constitutional provision of the State of West Virginia;

5.2.a.3. Failure to honor any contractual term or condition or to honor standard commercial practices;

5.2.a.4. The existence of an organizational conflict of interest is identified;

5.2.a.5. Funds are not appropriated or an appropriation is discontinued by the legislature for the acquisition.

5.2.a.6. Violation of any federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance.

5.2.b. The Director may cancel a purchase or contract for any reason or no reason, upon providing the vendor with 30 days' notice of the cancellation.

5.2.c. Opportunity to Cure. In the event that a vendor fails to honor any contractual term or condition, or violates any provision of federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance, the Director may request that the vendor remedy the contract breach or legal violation within a time frame the Director determines to be appropriate. If the vendor fails to remedy the contract breach or legal violation or the Director determines, at his or her sole discretion, that such a request is unlikely to yield a satisfactory result, then he or she may cancel immediately without providing the vendor an opportunity to perform a remedy.

5.2.d. Re-Award. The Director may award the cancelled contract to the next lowest responsible bidder (or next highest scoring bidder if best value procurement) without a subsequent solicitation if the following conditions are met:

5.2.d.1. The next lowest responsible bidder (or next highest scoring bidder if best value procurement) is able to perform at the price contained in its original bid submission, and

5.2.d.2. The contract is an open-end contract, a one-time purchase contract, or a contract for work which has not yet commenced.

Award to the next lowest responsible bidder (or next highest scoring bidder if best value procurement) will not be an option if the vendor's failure has in any way increased or significantly changed the scope of the original contract. The vendor failing to honor contractual and legal obligations is responsible for any increase in cost the state incurs as a result of the re-award.

5.3. Non-Responsible. If the Director believes that a vendor may be non-responsible, the Director may request that a vendor or spending unit provide evidence that the vendor either does or does not have the capability to fully perform the contract requirements, and the integrity and reliability necessary to assure good faith performance. If the Director determines that the vendor is non-responsible, the Director shall reject that vendor's bid and shall not award the contract to that vendor. A determination of non-responsibility must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and can only be made after the vendor in question has submitted a bid. A determination of non-responsibility will only extend to the contract for which the vendor has submitted a bid and does not operate as a bar against submitting future bids.

5.4. Suspension.

5.4.a. The Director may suspend, for a period not to exceed one (1) year, the right of a vendor to bid on procurements issued by the Purchasing Division or any state spending unit under its authority if:

5.4.a.1. The vendor has exhibited a pattern of submitting bids and then requesting that its bid be withdrawn after bids have been publicly opened. For purposes of this provision, a pattern is two or more instances in any 12 month period.

5.4.a.2. The vendor has exhibited a pattern of poor performance in fulfilling his or her contractual obligations to the State. Poor performance includes, but is not limited to, two or more instances of any of the following: violations of law, regulation, or ordinance; failure to deliver timely; failure to deliver quantities ordered; poor performance reports; and failure to deliver commodities, services, or printing at the quality level required by the contract.

5.4.a.3. The vendor has breached a contract issued by the Purchasing Division or any state spending unit under its authority and refuses to remedy that breach.

5.4.a.4. The vendor's actions have given rise to one or more of the grounds for debarment listed in section 5A-3-33d.

5.4.b. Vendor suspension for the reasons listed in section 5.4 above shall occur as follows:

5.4.b.1. Upon a determination by the Director that a suspension is warranted, the Director will serve a notice of suspension to the vendor.

5.4.b.2. A notice of suspension must inform the vendor:

5.4.b.2.A. Of the grounds for the suspension;

5.4.b.2.B. Of the duration of the suspension;

5.4.b.2.C. Of the right to request a hearing contesting the suspension;

5.4.b.2.D. That a request for a hearing must be served on the Director no later than five (5) working days of the vendor's receipt of the notice of suspension;

5.4.b.2.E. That the vendor's failure to request a hearing no later than five (5) working days of the receipt of the notice of suspension will be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing and result in the automatic enforcement of the suspension without further notice or an opportunity to respond; and

5.4.b.2.F. That a request for a hearing must include an explanation of why the vendor believes the Director's asserted grounds for suspension do not apply and why the vendor should not be suspended.

5.4.b.3. A vendor's failure to serve a request for hearing on the Director no later than five (5) working days of the vendor's receipt of the notice of suspension will be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing and may result in the automatic enforcement of the suspension without further notice or an opportunity to respond. 5.4.b.4. A vendor who files a timely request for hearing but nevertheless fails to provide an explanation of why the asserted grounds for suspension are inapplicable or should not result in a suspension, may result in a denial of the vendor's hearing request.

5.4.b.5. Within five (5) working days of receiving the vendor's request for a hearing, the Director will serve on the vendor a notice of hearing that includes the date, time and place of the hearing.

5.4.b.6. The hearing will be recorded and an official record prepared. Within ten (10) working days of the conclusion of the hearing, the Director will issue and serve on the vendor, a written decision either confirming or reversing the suspension.

5.4.c. A vendor may appeal a decision of the Director to the Secretary of Administration. The appeal must be in writing and served on the Secretary no later than five (5) working days of receipt of the Director's decision.

5.4.d. The Secretary, or his or her designee, will schedule an appeal hearing and serve on the vendor, a notice of hearing that includes the date, time and place of the hearing. The appeal hearing will be recorded and an official record prepared. Within ten (10) working days of the conclusion of the appeal hearing, the Secretary will issue and serve on the vendor a written decision either confirming or reversing the suspension.

5.4.e. Any notice or service related to suspension actions or proceedings must be provided by certified mail, return receipt requested.

5.5. Vendor Debarment. The Director may debar a vendor on the basis of one or more of the grounds for debarment contained in West Virginia Code § 5A-3-33d or if the vendor has been declared ineligible to participate in procurement related activities under federal laws and regulation.

5.5.a. Debarment proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with West Virginia Code § 5A-3-33e and these rules. A vendor that has received notice of the proposed debarment by certified mail, return receipt requested, must respond to the proposed debarment within 30 working days after receipt of notice or the debarment will be instituted without further notice. A vendor is deemed to have received notice, notwithstanding the vendor's failure to accept the certified mail, if the letter is addressed to the vendor at its last known address. After considering the matter and reaching a decision, the Director shall notify the vendor of his or her decision by certified mail, return receipt requested.

5.5.b. Any vendor, other than a vendor prohibited from participating in federal procurement, undergoing debarment proceedings is permitted to continue participating in the state's procurement process until a final debarment decision has been reached. Any contract that a debarred vendor obtains prior to a final debarment decision shall remain in effect for the current term, but may not be extended or renewed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Director may cancel a contract held by a debarred vendor if the Director determines, in his or her sole discretion, that doing so is in the best interest of the State. A vendor prohibited from participating in federal procurement will not be permitted to participate in the state's procurement process during debarment proceedings.

5.5.c. If the Director's final debarment decision is that debarment is warranted and notice of the final debarment decision is mailed, the Purchasing Division shall reject any bid submitted by the debarred vendor,

including any bid submitted prior to the final debarment decision if that bid has not yet been accepted and a contract consummated. 5.5.d. Pursuant to West Virginia Code section 5A-3-33e(e), the length of the debarment period will be specified in the debarment decision and will be for a period of time that the Director finds necessary and proper to protect the public from an irresponsible vendor.

5.5.e. List of Debarred Vendors. The Director shall maintain and publicly post a list of debarred vendors on the Purchasing Division's website.

#### 5.6. Damages.

5.6.a. A vendor who fails to perform as required under a contract shall be liable for actual damages and costs incurred by the state.

5.6.b. If any commodities delivered under a contract have been used or consumed by a spending unit and on testing the commodities are found not to comply with specifications, no payment may be approved by the Spending Unit for the merchandise until the amount of actual damages incurred has been determined.

5.6.c. The Spending Unit shall seek to collect damages by following the procedures established by the Office of the Attorney General for the collection of delinquent obligations.

**(B)** At a minimum, the termination for cause and for convenience provisions contained in W. Va. CSR § 148-1-5.2 and the applicable definitions contained in W. Va. CSR § 148-1-2 apply to any contract in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this solicitation.

West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-5.2 states:

#### 5.2. Contract Cancellation.

5.2.a. Cancellation. The Director may cancel a purchase or contract immediately under any one of the following conditions including, but not limited to:

5.2.a.1. The vendor agrees to the cancellation;

5.2.a.2. The vendor has obtained the contract by fraud, collusion, conspiracy, or is in conflict with any statutory or constitutional provision of the State of West Virginia;

5.2.a.3. Failure to honor any contractual term or condition or to honor standard commercial practices;

5.2.a.4. The existence of an organizational conflict of interest is identified;

5.2.a.5. Funds are not appropriated or an appropriation is discontinued by the legislature for the acquisition.

5.2.a.6. Violation of any federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance.

5.2.b. The Director may cancel a purchase or contract for any reason or no reason, upon providing the vendor with 30 days' notice of the cancellation.

5.2.c. Opportunity to Cure. In the event that a vendor fails to honor any contractual term or condition, or violates any provision of federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance, the Director may request that the vendor remedy the contract breach or legal violation within a time frame the Director determines to be appropriate. If the vendor fails to remedy the contract breach or legal violation or the Director determines, at his or her sole discretion, that such a request is unlikely to yield a satisfactory result, then he or she may cancel immediately without providing the vendor an opportunity to perform a remedy.

**(C) Equal Employment Opportunity.** Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “**federally assisted construction contract**” in 41 CFR Part 60–1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60–1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964–1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

41 CFR § 60-1.3 defines “Federally assisted construction contract” as any agreement or modification thereof between any applicant and a person for construction work which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Government or borrowed on the credit of the Government pursuant to any Federal program involving a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or any application or modification thereof approved by the Government for a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee under which the applicant itself participates in the construction work.

Accordingly, to the extent that this contract meets the definition of a "federally assisted construction contract" under 41 CFR Part 60-1.3, the following clause is included:

**41 CFR 60-1.4 - Equal opportunity clause. (b) *Federally assisted construction contracts.***

In accordance with the requirements of described above, and except as otherwise provided in the applicable regulations, the following language is hereby incorporated into any contract resulting from this solicitation involving federally assisted construction which is not exempt from the requirements of the equal opportunity clause:

The applicant hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, the following equal opportunity clause:

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

- (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

- (3) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (4) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (5) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (6) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (7) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: *Provided, however,* That in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may

request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: *Provided*, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

**(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C.3141–3148).** Any construction contract resulting from this solicitation hereby requires compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C.3141–3144, and 3146–3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor

Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors are required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors are required to pay wages not less than once a week.

Any construction contract resulting from this solicitation hereby requires compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient are prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

**(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708).** Where applicable, any contract resulting from this solicitation in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers hereby requires compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor is required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

**(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.** If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

**(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387), as amended—** Any contract resulting from this solicitation in excess of \$150,000 hereby requires compliance with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the **Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q)** and the **Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C.1251–1387)**.

**(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—** Any contract resulting from this solicitation will not be awarded to parties listed on the government wide Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR Part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR Part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.”

**(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—** Any contract resulting from this solicitation requires compliance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). Contractors that apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.



**State of West Virginia**  
**DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CONFORMANCE AFFIDAVIT**  
**West Virginia Code §21-1D-5**

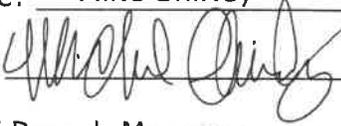
I, Mike Shirley, after being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am an employee of S. A. Comunale Co., Inc.; and,  
(Company Name)
2. I do hereby attest that S. A. Comunale Co., Inc.  
(Company Name)

maintains a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy and that such plan and policy are in compliance with **West Virginia Code** §21-1D.

The above statements are sworn to under the penalty of perjury.

Printed Name: Mike Shirley

Signature: 

Title: WV Branch Manager

Company Name: S. A. Comunale Co., Inc.

Date: 3/18/2026

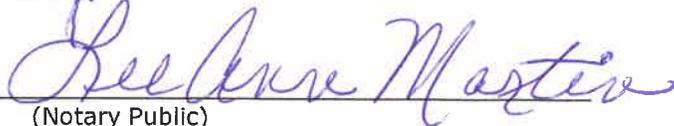
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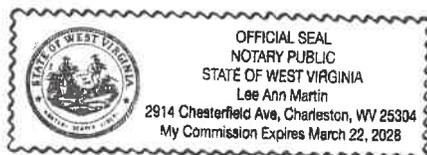
COUNTY OF Kanawha, TO-WIT:

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, 2026.

By Commission expires March 22, 2028

(Seal)

  
(Notary Public)





State of West Virginia  
**PURCHASING DIVISION**  
**Construction Bid Submission Review Form**

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*This list has been provided for informational purposes only and is not to be construed as a complete list of request for quotation or bidding requirements for any individual construction project. This list does not and cannot include every item, mistake or oversight that could cause a contractor's bid to be disqualified. Rather, this list is intended to draw attention to some of the most common problems that the Purchasing Division encounters in the bidding process for construction projects. All potential bidders must read the request for quotation, all additional documents, and all instructions relating thereto ("Bid Documents") in their entirety to identify the actual request for quotation and bidding requirements. Failure to read the Bid Documents in their entirety and comply with the stated requirements contained therein may result in bid disqualification.*

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### **Errors That Shall Be Reason for Immediate Bid Disqualification**

1. Failure to attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting
2. Failure to sign the bid
3. Failure to supply a valid bid bond or other surety approved by the state of West Virginia
4. Failure to meet any mandatory requirement of the solicitation
5. Failure to submit bid prior to the bid opening date and time
6. Federal debarment
7. State of West Virginia debarment or suspension

### **Errors that May Be Reason for Bid Disqualification Before Contract Award**

1. Failure to acknowledge receipt of Addenda (only if stipulated as mandatory)
2. Debt to the state or political subdivision (must be cured prior to award)
3. Workers' Compensation or Unemployment Compensation delinquency (must be cured prior to award)
4. Not registered as a vendor with the state of West Virginia (must be cured prior to award)
5. Failure to obtain required bonds and/or insurance
6. Failure to provide the sub-contractor listing within one business day of bid opening or one business day of the request to do so by the Purchasing Division
7. Failure to supply West Virginia contractor's license number with bid or within one day of Purchasing Division request to do so
8. Failure to supply a signed drug-free workplace affidavit with bid or within one day of Purchasing Division request to do so
9. Failure to use the provided solicitation form (only if stipulated as mandatory)

**BID BOND**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned, S.A. Comunale Co., Inc.  
\_\_\_\_\_ of 2900 Newpark Drive, Barberton, OH 44203, as Principal, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America  
\_\_\_\_\_ of One Tower Square, Hartford, CT 06183, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut  
\_\_\_\_\_ with its principal office in the City of Hartford, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State  
of West Virginia, as Obligee, in the penal sum of Five Percent of the Amount Bid (\$ 5% of Amt. Bid) for the payment of which,  
well and truly to be made, we jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the Principal has submitted to the Purchasing Section of the  
Department of Administration a certain bid or proposal, attached hereto and made a part hereof, to enter into a contract in writing for  
Solicitation No. CRFQ 0618 BVH2600000003, Construction -Fire Protection System Inspection & Maintenance  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NOW THEREFORE,

(a) If said bid shall be rejected, or  
(b) If said bid shall be accepted and the Principal shall enter into a contract in accordance with the bid or proposal  
attached hereto and shall furnish any other bonds and insurance required by the bid or proposal, and shall in all other respects perform  
the agreement created by the acceptance of said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise this obligation shall remain in  
full force and effect. It is expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall, in no  
event, exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The Surety, for the value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its bond shall be in no  
way impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which the Obligee may accept such bid, and said Surety does hereby  
waive notice of any such extension.

WITNESS, the following signatures and seals of Principal and Surety, executed and sealed by a proper Officer of Principal and  
Surety, or by Principal individually if Principal is an individual, this 9th day of March \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Principal Seal

S.A. Comunale Co., Inc.

(Name of Principal)

By Stephen Comunale

(Must be President, Vice President, or  
Duly Authorized Agent)

President

(Title)

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America  
(Name of Surety)

Camille Maitland

Camille Maitland, Attorney-in-Fact



**IMPORTANT – Surety executing bonds must be licensed in West Virginia to transact surety insurance, must affix its seal, and must attach a power of attorney with its seal affixed.**



**Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America  
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company  
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **Camille Maitland** of **UNIONDALE**, **New York**, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **16th** day of **February, 2024**.



State of Connecticut

City of Hartford ss.

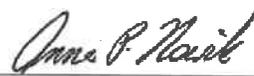
By:   
Bryce Grissom, Senior Vice President

On this the **16th** day of **February, 2024**, before me personally appeared **Bryce Grissom**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the **30th** day of **June, 2026**



  
Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

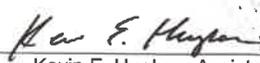
**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, **Kevin E. Hughes**, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this **9th** day of **March**, **2026**



  
Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

**To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880.  
Please refer to the above-named Attorney(s)-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.**

**TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA**

**HARTFORD, CT 06183**

**PRINCIPAL'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

State of OH, County of Summit }ss.

On this 17th day of March in the year 2026, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Stephen Comunale, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.



KRISTEN PATTON  
Notary Public  
State of Ohio  
My Comm. Expires  
February 20, 2028

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Notary Public

**SURETY COMPANY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

State of New York, County of Nassau }ss.

On this 9th day of March in the year 2026, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Camille Maitland, personally known to me, and who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: That he/she resides in Nassau County, New York; that he/she is Attorney-in-Fact of **TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA**, the corporation described in and which executed the within instrument; that he/she knows the corporate seal of said Company; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; and that he/she signed said instrument as Attorney-in-Fact by authority of the Board of Directors of said Company; and affiant did further depose and say that the Superintendent of the State of New York Department of Financial Services has, pursuant to Section 1111 of the New York Insurance Law, issued to **TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA** his/her certificate that said Company is qualified to become and be accepted as surety or guarantor on all bonds, undertakings, recognizances, guaranties, and other obligations required or permitted by law; and that such certificate has not been revoked.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Notary Public

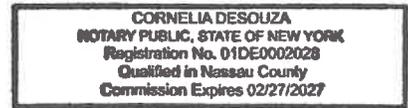
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06183

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

AS FILED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

CAPITAL STOCK \$ 6,480,000



ASSETS		LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	
BONDS	\$ 5,367,684,447	LOSSES	\$ 1,648,831,742
STOCKS	99,502,344	LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES	169,492,904
CASH AND INVESTED CASH	69,689,826	REINSURANCE PAYABLE ON PAID LOSSES & LOSS ADJ. EXPENSES	15,148,347
OTHER INVESTED ASSETS	9,969,793	COMMISSIONS	62,360,717
SECURITIES LENDING REINVESTED COLLATERAL ASSETS	30,993,966	OTHER EXPENSES	69,184,511
INVESTMENT INCOME DUE AND ACCRUED	45,630,862	TAXES, LICENSES AND FEES	16,311,579
PREMIUM BALANCES	346,017,428	CURRENT FEDERAL AND FOREIGN INCOME TAXES	7,102,552
REINSURANCE RECOVERABLE	62,034,928	UNEARNED PREMIUMS	1,647,964,685
NET DEFERRED TAX ASSET	78,278,940	ADVANCE PREMIUM	3,970,618
UNDISTRIBUTED PAYMENTS	15,607,795	POLICYHOLDER DIVIDENDS	26,972,587
GUARANTY FUNDS RECEIVABLE OR ON DEPOSIT	2,148,727	CEDED REINSURANCE NET PREMIUMS PAYABLE	57,879,540
OTHER ASSETS	1,100,106	AMOUNTS WITHHELD / RETAINED BY COMPANY FOR OTHERS	17,071,685
		REMITTANCES AND ITEMS NOT ALLOCATED	10,456,481
		PROVISION FOR REINSURANCE	8,746,887
		PAYABLE TO PARENTS, SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES	79,937,444
		PAYABLE FOR SECURITIES LENDING	30,993,966
		ESCHEAT LIABILITY	595,014
		OTHER ACCRUED EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES	4,726
		<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 3,873,025,985</b>
		CAPITAL STOCK	\$ 6,480,000
		PAID IN SURPLUS	433,803,760
		OTHER SURPLUS	1,815,349,416
		<b>TOTAL SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS</b>	<b>\$ 2,255,633,176</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 6,128,659,161</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 6,128,659,161</b>

