

Standard Contract

UCPUMW 23-1521

Temporary Staffing Services

This contract, between The Michelle Martin Group, LLC, hereinafter called the “Contractor”, and the Commonwealth of Virginia, University of Mary Washington, called the “University” or “UMW”, shall become effective upon September 15, 2023.

WITNESSETH that the Contractor and the University, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements contained herein, agree as follows:

PERIOD OF CONTRACT: September 15, 2023 through September 14, 2024; with an option for five (5), additional one-year renewals.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: The contract shall consist of the following documents *in order of precedence*, all of which are incorporated herein by reference, and constitute the “contract documents”:

1. This signed Contract;
2. Any addenda and the original solicitation, RFP 23-1521, dated March 28, 2023 to include:
 - a. The Statement of Needs
 - b. The General Terms and Conditions
 - c. The Special Terms and Conditions;
3. The Contractor’s proposal dated April 25, 2023 including all attachments and subsequent clarifications;

Any contractual claims shall be submitted in accordance with the contractual dispute procedures set forth in the Commonwealth of Virginia Purchasing Manual for Institutions of Higher Education and their Vendors.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Contractor agrees to furnish temporary personnel on an as needed basis to the University of Mary Washington, an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, per the requirements and terms and conditions of the original Request for Proposal (RFP) with exceptions below.

CONTRACT ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS:

- A. Addition of Positions: Positions, other than those listed below, may be added at any time during the term of the contract, via written two-party contract modification, issued by the Procurement Services department only. The Contractor will be given the opportunity to provide pricing for all additional positions incorporated into the contract during the life of the contract.
- B. Other service locations may be added at any time during the life of the contract. Additional locations will be added via written two-party contract modification, issued by the Procurement Services department only.

PRICING: The billing rate for the initial contract term, FY24 (September 15, 2023 – September 14, 2024) and FY25 (September 15, 2024 – September 14, 2025) if renewed, shall invoice to the University as follows. The University retains the option to propose a higher pay rate for a temporary employee in order to hire a more highly qualified applicant. This option will continue throughout the life of the contract including all renewals.

POSITION TITLE	REGULAR BILL RATE	OVERTIME BILL RATE
Executive Assistant	\$33.65	\$50.48
Office Associate with Personal Computer Skills	\$25.06	\$37.59
Accountant/Sr. Accountant	\$44.20	\$66.30
Housekeeping Worker	\$21.00	\$31.50
Grounds Worker	\$24.00	\$36.00
General Laborer	\$22.75	\$34.13
Office Associate with IT and A/V Skills	\$27.65	\$41.48
IT and A/V Technician	\$34.40	\$51.60
Application Support Programmer	\$41.47	\$62.21
Campus Buyer/Technical Support	\$37.17	\$55.76

ADDITIONAL PRICING:

1. For personnel that the University finds (i.e., where the University has done all the recruiting) and The Michelle Martin Group payrolls the individual, there will be a markup of 30%.
2. For conversion hires where the University hires personnel from The Michelle Martin Group, LLC on a full-time basis, there will be no conversion fee charged after the temporary personnel completes 960 billed hours.

Conversion Rates:

Hours Worked	Conversion Fee (% of first-year's salary)
0 – 480 hours	15%
After 480 hours but less than 640	10%
After 640 hours but less than 960	5%
960 hours or more	0

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: The Director of Human Resources, or designee, shall be identified by the University as the Contract Administrator and shall use all powers under the contract to enforce its faithfulness and performance in conjunction with the University's Procurement Services department.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Please refer to the link to follow regarding [Required General Terms and Conditions](#) of this Contract.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

ADDITIONAL (FUTURE) GOODS & SERVICES: The University reserves the right to request from the contractor to provide additional Goods and/or Services under similar and market-based pricing, terms, and conditions, and to make modifications or enhancements to existing services. Additional Goods and Services may include other products, components, accessories, subsystems or related services that are newly introduced during the term of the Agreement. Newly introduced additional Services will be provided to the University at favored nations pricing, terms, and conditions.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD: Upon the award or the announcement of the decision to award a contract resulting from a competitive solicitation process for any dollar value, or sole source procurement the University will publicly post such notice on the DGS/DPS eVA VBO (www.eva.virginia.gov) for a minimum of 10 days.

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

CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT: The University reserves the right to cancel and terminate any resulting contract, in part or in whole, without penalty, upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the Contractor. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive full compensation for all University-accepted services performed and/or goods received prior to the effective date of contract termination. Contractor shall not be entitled to, and hereby waives claims for lost profits and all other damages and expenses.

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

1. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
2. The University may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the University a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods:
 - a. By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - b. By agreeing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the University's right to audit the contractor's records and/or to determine the correct number of units independently; or
 - c. By ordering the contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The contractor shall present the University with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The University shall have the right to audit the records of the contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the University within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the University. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the question of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for resolving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract or, if there is none, in accordance with the disputes provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia Manual for Institutions of Higher Education and Their Vendors. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the University or with the performance of the contract generally.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION: The contractor assures that information and data obtained as to personal facts and circumstances related to faculty, staff, students or others will be collected and held confidential, during and following the term of this agreement, and will not be divulged without the individual's and the University's written consent and only in accordance with federal law or the Code of Virginia. Contractors who utilize, access, or store personally identifiable information as part of the performance of a contract are required to safeguard

this information and immediately notify the University of any breach or suspected breach in the security of such information. Contractors shall allow the agency to both participate in the investigation of incidents and exercise control over decisions regarding external reporting. Contractors and their employees working on this project may be required to sign a confidentiality statement.

CONTINUITY OF SERVICES:

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

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE REQUIREMENTS – BACKGROUND SCREENS: The Contractor shall ensure that its employees have undergone background screening and possess all necessary qualifications to comply with the terms of this contract, including, but not limited to all terms related to data and intellectual property protection and physical protection and safety of students, faculty and staff. To this end, all contractor staff considered for full-time or part-time employment on any property owned, leased or otherwise acquired by UMW, shall undergo a background screening, the cost of which shall be incurred by the Contractor, after an offer has been extended, and prior to commencement of work on any UMW property. If Contractor employs the use of a staffing company to provide seasonal or temporary labor at any point during any term of the contract, including optional renewals, background screening shall be performed by Contractor's contractor to the same extent as for any full-time or part-time Contractor staff.

- a. The results of background checks shall be directed solely to the Contractor, including any criminal convictions. Consideration shall be given to the relationship to the job, how long ago the conviction occurred, the potential risk posed to employees, customers, campus and Contractor, and any other circumstances deemed relevant to the final determination of whether to employ or retain the employee. Conviction information shall be maintained as confidential to the Contractor. If a conviction is found to be relevant to the role and the decision is made not to proceed, the Adverse Action Process shall be commenced, in accordance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act.
- b. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, and to ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff and facilities, UMW reserves the right to approve or disapprove any contract employee that will work on UMW property. Such request shall be in writing and state the reason. Such reason must be for good cause and may not be for an illegal reason. Disapproval by the University will solely apply to UMW property and should have no bearing on the Contractor's empowerment of an individual outside of UMW.
- c. UMW reserves the right to audit a Contractor's background check process at any time.

- d. All Contractor employees shall have a duty to self-disclose any criminal conviction(s) occurring while assigned to the UMW campus. Such disclosure shall be made to the Contractor.
- e. Screens shall include:
 - i. Enhanced Nationwide Criminal Search; which shall include Social Security Number search, address history, legal name and alias, including for job-related criminal history
 - ii. DOJ Sex Offender Search and individual evaluation of results
 - iii. County Criminal Search for all identified counties.

CONTROLLING VERSION: The PDF version of the contract issued by University of Mary Washington Procurement Services is the mandatory controlling version of the document. Any modification and/or additions by the Contractor shall not modify the official version of the contract issued by UMW Procurement Services unless accepted in writing by the University.

COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT/ADDITIONAL USERS - USE OF AGREEMENT BY THIRD PARTIES:

It is the intent of this contract to allow for cooperative procurement. Accordingly, any public body (to include government/state agencies, political subdivisions, etc.), cooperative purchasing organizations, public or private health or educational institutions, or any University affiliated agency and/or corporation may access any resulting contract if authorized by the Contractor. Use of this Agreement does not preclude any participating entity from using other agreements or competitive processes.

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

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

The Contractor is strongly encouraged to offer additional discounts to all contract participants as the result of increasing aggregated spend among all entities accessing the contract. A plan for extending deeper discounts among all contract participants will be requested during negotiations.

DEBARMENT STATUS: By participating in this procurement, the vendor certifies that they are not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia or any affiliated agency from submitting a response for the type of goods and/or services covered by this solicitation. Vendor further certifies that they are not debarred from filling any order or accepting any resulting order, or that they are an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia. If a vendor is created or used for the purpose of circumventing a debarment decision against another vendor, the non-debarred vendor will be debarred for the same time period as the debarred vendor.

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

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

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

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTATION & COMMUNICATION: When appropriate, the delivery of all documents in support of this Contract should be made by electronic means. Acceptable methods include the affixing of a file(s) to an email; uploading documents to SharePoint or other site as designated by the University; or transmitted via a thumb drive. Proprietary or personally identifiable information shall be encrypted. During meetings or presentations, the distribution of hard copy documents to the participants is prohibited.

ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL: Disposal of electronic waste incurred in support of this Contract should be through a certified E-Waste Recycler.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE NOTIFICATION: In the event of a local, state, or national emergency, the Contractor shall submit to the University its current updated emergency policies and/or procedures if any personnel are to be performing work on University grounds. In addition to any specific guidelines established by the University for any current or ongoing emergency, all guidelines established by the Commonwealth of Virginia, OSHA, the CDC and any other regulatory agency shall be followed. *It is the responsibility of the Contractor to remain updated regarding any current University emergency policies and procedures.*

E-VERIFY PROGRAM: EFFECTIVE 12/1/2013: Pursuant to the *Code of Virginia, §2.2-4308.2.*, any employer with more than an average of fifty (50) employees for the previous twelve (12) months entering into a contract in excess of \$50,000 with any agency of the Commonwealth to perform work or provide services pursuant to such contract shall register and participate in the E-Verify program to verify information and work authorization of its newly hired employees performing work pursuant to such public contract. Any such employer who fails to comply with these provisions shall be debarred from contracting with any agency of the Commonwealth for a period up to one year. Such debarment shall cease upon the employer's registration and participation in the E-Verify program. If requested, the employer shall present a copy of their Maintain Company page from E-Verify to prove that they are enrolled in E-Verify.

EXTRA CHARGES PROHIBITED: The contract pricing shall be complete; and shall include all applicable freight and any other charges; extra charges invoked by the Contractor shall not be honored or paid. These charges, for example, shall

include but not be limited to fees invoked by the Contractor for the use of a University charge card for payment of invoices, or any order-associated eVA fees.

FAIR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTING ACT: In accordance with **§ 2.2-4201**, during the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, or national origin, except where religion, sex, or national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause, including the names of all contracting agencies with which the contractor has contracts of over \$10,000.
2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that such contractor is an equal opportunity employer. However, notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this chapter.
3. If the contractor employs more than five employees, the contractor shall (i) provide annual training on the contractor's sexual harassment policy to all supervisors and employees providing services in the Commonwealth, except such supervisors or employees that are required to complete [sexual harassment training provided by the Department of Human Resource Management](#), and (ii) post the contractor's sexual harassment policy in (a) a conspicuous public place in each building located in the Commonwealth that the contractor owns or leases for business purposes and (b) the contractor's employee handbook.

The contractor shall include the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2, and 3 in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that such provisions shall be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

FISCAL YEAR PROCESSING: The University of Mary Washington fiscal year is July 1st through June 30th. Payment cannot be made for multiple fiscal years in advance of services.

FRATERNIZATION: The University is entrusted with the safety of all UMW community members at all times while on campus grounds. Any behavior by any contractor employee that is determined to be inappropriate by the Contract Administrator may be cause for request for removal of the contractor's employee from University property, at minimum, and/or result in contract termination.

INDEMNIFICATION: Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the University as an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, its officers, agents, and employees from any claims, damages and actions of any kind or nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or caused by the use of any materials, goods, or equipment of any kind or nature furnished by the contractor/any services of any kind or nature furnished by the contractor, provided that such liability is not attributable to the sole negligence of the using agency or to failure of the using agency to use the materials, goods, services, or equipment in the manner already and permanently described by the contractor on the materials, goods, services or equipment delivered.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP:

In performing any and all of the services to be provided under this contract, the Contractor shall at all times and for all purposes be and remain an independent contractor. In no case and under no circumstances shall the Contractor or any of its employees, including but not limited to those of its employees actually performing any of the services, have

authority to make any representations or commitments on behalf of the University or be considered the agent of the University for any purpose whatsoever. No persons engaged by the Contractor in connection with the provision of Services shall be considered employees of the University. As between the parties, the Contractor shall be responsible for hiring, supervising, training and instructing those individuals performing the services and shall pay any required state and federal taxes on behalf of such persons and provide them with any legally required employee benefits.

INSURANCE: By signing this contract, the offeror certifies that it will have the following insurance coverage at the time the contract is awarded. For construction contracts, if any subcontractors are involved, the subcontractor will have workers' compensation insurance in accordance with §25 of the Rules Governing Procurement – Chapter 2, Exhibit J, Attachment 1, and 65.2-800 et seq. of the Code of Virginia. The bidder or offeror further certifies that the contractor and any subcontractors will maintain these insurance coverages during the entire term of the contract and that all insurance coverage will be provided by insurance companies authorized to sell insurance in Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

MINIMUM INSURANCE COVERAGES AND LIMITS REQUIRED FOR MOST CONTRACTS:

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

NON-ASSIGNMENT: Neither Party shall assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of the other Party.

NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT: Nothing herein is intended nor shall be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with the Contractor. The contract shall not restrict UMW from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other sources.

NOTICES: Any official legal notice, demand, request, consent, approval or communication required by this Agreement to be provided in writing by either party, shall be addressed to the University or Contractor at their respective addresses entered below. These notices shall be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be considered by the sender received within five (5) days of delivery to the U.S. Postal Service (for deliveries within the continental U.S.), or via the stamped evidence of delivery, whichever occurs first. Any unofficial notices or communications may be sent via electronic mail.

If to the University:
University of Mary Washington
Attn: Procurement Services
1301 College Avenue
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

If to the Contractor:
The Michelle Martin Group
Attn: Michelle Martin
4250 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22203

OPERATING VEHICLES ON UMW CAMPUS: Operating vehicles on sidewalks, plazas and areas heavily used by pedestrians is prohibited unless authorized by the University.

OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS: Any furnished materials, including but not limited to reports, analyses, data, etc., shall remain the property of the University. All such items and materials shall be delivered to UMW in usable condition after completion of the work, and prior to submission of the final invoice for payment. Operating Manuals, procedures, or other documents written for carrying out contract services will remain property of the University once the contract is closed.

PAYMENT TERMS:

1. To Prime Contractor:
 - a. Invoices for items ordered, delivered and accepted shall be submitted by the contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the state contract number and/or purchase order number. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be regarded as requiring payment 30 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 30 days, however.
 - b. All goods or services provided under this contract or purchase order, that are to be paid for with public funds, shall be billed by the contractor at the contract price, regardless of which public agency is being billed.
 - c. The following shall be deemed to be the date of payment: the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail, or the date of offset when offset proceedings have been instituted as authorized under the Virginia Debt Collection Act.
 - d. Unreasonable Charges. Under certain emergency procurements and for most time and material purchases, final job costs cannot be accurately determined at the time orders are placed. In such cases, contractors should be put on notice that final payment in full is contingent on a determination of reasonableness with respect to all invoiced charges. Charges which appear to be unreasonable will be researched and challenged, and that portion of the invoice held in abeyance until a settlement can be reached. Upon determining that invoiced charges are not reasonable, the Commonwealth shall promptly notify the contractor, in writing, as to those charges which it considers unreasonable and the basis for the determination. A contractor may not institute legal action unless a settlement cannot be reached within thirty (30) days of notification. The provisions of this section do not relieve an agency of its prompt payment obligations with respect to those charges which are not in dispute (Rules Governing Procurement, Chapter 2, Exhibit J, Attachment 1 §53).
2. To Subcontractors:
 - a. A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
 - i. To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Commonwealth for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
 - ii. To notify the agency and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.
3. The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the Commonwealth, except for amounts withheld as stated

in (2) above. The date of mailing of any payment by U. S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contract. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the Commonwealth.

- a. Each prime contractor who wins an award in which provision of a SWAM procurement plan is a condition to the award, shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution, on or before request for final payment, evidence and certification of compliance (subject only to insubstantial shortfalls and to shortfalls arising from subcontractor default) with the SWAM procurement plan. Final payment under the contract in question may be withheld until such certification is delivered and, if necessary, confirmed by the agency or institution, or other appropriate penalties may be assessed in lieu of withholding such payment.
 - i. The Commonwealth of Virginia encourages contractors and subcontractors to accept electronic and credit card payments.

PRICE ESCALATION/DE-ESCALATION: Price adjustments may be permitted for changes in the contractor's cost not to exceed the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), effective at the end of each contract period, for the preceding twelve (12) months. Price escalation may be permitted only at the beginning of each renewal term only when explicitly requested in writing by the Contractor. However, "across the board" price decreases are subject to implementation at any time and shall be immediately conveyed to the University. Contractor shall give not less than 30 days advance notice of any price increase to the procurement office. Any approved price changes will be effective only at the beginning of the calendar month following the end of the full 30-day notification period. The contractor shall document the amount and proposed effective date of any general change in the price of materials. Documentation shall be supplied with the contractor's request for increase which will: (1) verify that the requested price increase is general in scope and not applicable just to the University; and (2) verify the amount or percentage of increase which is being passed on to the contractor by the contractor's suppliers. The procurement office will notify the using agencies and contractor in writing of the effective date of any increase which it approves. However, the contractor shall fill all purchase orders received prior to the effective date of the price adjustment at the old contract prices. The contractor is further advised that decreases which affect the cost of materials are required to be communicated immediately to the purchasing office.

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

PROCUREMENT MANUAL: This contract is subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia Procurement Manual for Institutions of Higher Education and their Vendors and any revisions thereto, which are hereby incorporated into this contract in their entirety. The manual may be viewed at <http://vascupp.org>.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT: This contract may be renewed by the University for five (5) successive one-year periods, or as negotiated, under the terms and conditions of the original contract except as stated in 1. and 2. below. Price increases may be negotiated only at the time of renewal. Regular and Overtime bill rates are locked for two years beginning September 15, 2023 through September 14, 2025. Price increases will not be honored until year three of this contract, which is set to begin on September 15, 2025. Written notice of the University's intention to renew shall be given approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of each contract period.

1. If the University elects to exercise the option to renew the contract for an additional one-year period, the contract price(s) for the additional one year shall not exceed the contract price(s) of the original contract increased/decreased by more than the percentage increase/decrease of the all services category of the CPI-W section of the Consumer Price Index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the latest twelve months for which statistics are available.
2. If during any subsequent renewal periods, the University elects to exercise the option to renew the contract, the contract price(s) for the subsequent renewal period shall not exceed the contract price(s) of the previous renewal period increased/decreased by more than the percentage increase/decrease of the CPI-W section of the Consumer Price Index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the latest twelve months for which statistics are available.

SECTION HEADINGS: Section headings are for the convenience of the parties; and in no way alter, modify, amend, limit, or restrict the contractual obligations of the parties.

SEVERABILITY: If any term or provision of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or otherwise unenforceable, the same shall not affect the other terms or provisions hereof or the whole of this Agreement, but such term or provision shall be deemed modified to the extent necessary in the court's opinion to render such term or provision enforceable, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly, preserving to the fullest permissible extent the intent and agreements of the parties herein set forth.

SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING AND EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE:

1. It is the goal of the University that 42% of its purchases are made from small businesses. This includes discretionary spending in prime contracts and subcontracts. All potential bidders/offerors are required to submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan. Unless the bidder/offeror is registered as a Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD) certified small business and where it is practicable for any portion of the awarded contract to be subcontracted to other suppliers, the contractor is encouraged to offer such subcontracting opportunities to DSBSD-certified small businesses. This shall not exclude DSBSD-certified women-owned and minority-owned businesses when they have received DSBSD small business certification. No bidder/offeror or subcontractor shall be considered a Small Business, a Women-Owned Business or a Minority-Owned Business unless certified as such by DSBSD by the due date for receipt of bids or proposals. If small business subcontractors are used, the prime contractor agrees to report the use of small business subcontractors by providing the procurement office at a minimum the following information: name of small business with the DSBSD certification number, phone number, total dollar amount subcontracted, category type (small, women-owned, or minority-owned), and type of product/service provided.
2. Each prime contractor who wins an award in which provision of a small business subcontracting plan is a condition of the award, shall deliver to the University on a quarterly basis, evidence of compliance (subject only to insubstantial shortfalls and to shortfalls arising from subcontractor default) with the small business subcontracting plan. When such business has been subcontracted to these firms and upon completion of the contract, the contractor agrees to furnish the procurement office at a minimum the following information: name of firm with the DSBSD certification number, phone number, total dollar amount subcontracted, category type (small, women-owned, or minority-owned), and type of product or service provided. Payment(s) may be withheld until compliance with the plan is received and confirmed by the University. The University reserves the right to pursue other appropriate remedies to include, but not be limited to, termination for default.
3. Each prime contractor who wins an award valued over \$200,000 shall deliver to the University on a quarterly basis, information on use of subcontractors that are not DSBSD-certified small businesses. When such

business has been subcontracted to these firms and upon completion of the contract, the contractor agrees to furnish the procurement office at a minimum the following information: name of firm, phone number, total dollar amount subcontracted, and type of product or service provided.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN THE WORKPLACE: The University of Mary Washington, an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, strictly forbids harassment of any employee, applicant for employment, vendor, contractor or volunteer in the workplace, on the basis of an individual's race, sex, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, political affiliation or disability. The Commonwealth will not tolerate any form of retaliation directed against an employee or third party who either complains about harassment or who participates in any investigation concerning harassment. http://web1.dhrm.virginia.gov/itech/hrpolicy/pol1_80.html. Pursuant to the authority provided in Chapter 10 and 12, Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia.

TITLE IX: Educational institutions that receive federal financial assistance are covered by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. In compliance with Title IX, the University of Mary Washington prohibits discrimination in employment as well as in all programs and activities on the basis of sex. The University of Mary Washington's Policy on Sexual and Gender Based Harassment and Other Forms of Interpersonal Violence can be found at <http://diversity.umw.edu/title-ix/files/2016/09/Policy-on-Sexual-and-Gender-Based-Harassment-and-Other-Forms-of-Interpersonal-Violence-03.18.pdf>.

WORK SITE DAMAGES AND PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY: The Contractor agrees to take every precaution at all times for the protection of persons and property, including employees, students, and the public. Any damage, including damages to existing utilities, equipment, or finished surfaces, resulting from the performance of this contract shall be repaired to the University's satisfaction at the Contractor's expense.

WORK SITE USE: The Contractor expressly undertakes, either directly or through its subcontractors:

1. To comply with the regulations governing the operation of premises and to perform its contract in such a manner as not to interrupt or interfere with the operation of any existing activity on the premises or at the location of work.
2. To store all apparatus, materials, supplies and equipment in such orderly fashion at the site of the work as will not unduly interfere with the progress of the work or the University's use of the facilities.
3. To place upon the work or any part thereof only such loads as are consistent with the safety of that portion of the work.
4. To clean up frequently all refuse, rubbish, scrap materials, and debris caused by operations.
5. To perform contract in such a manner as not to interrupt or interfere with the operation of any existing activity on the premises or with the work of any contractor.
6. Vehicle parking shall be permitted in designated areas. Contractor shall obtain approval through the Contract Administrator for parking in other areas.

METHOD OF PAYMENT/PAYMENT TERMS: The contractor shall be paid using one of the following methods for all University initiated procurements:

1. **University Charge Card:** At the time of verified receipt of goods or services, if the Contractor accepts credit cards in payment, the University will authorize payment by UMW charge card, currently through the Bank of America Visa. Any "Check-out fees" imposed by the contractor must be disclosed prior to the purchase. No check-out fee or surcharge may be greater than 3% of the total sale, effective 4/15/2023. The University

expects that these costs, as well as all contractor business expenses will be built into the contractor's quoted price.

2. Virtual Payables through Bank of America: All payments under Virtual Payables will have a net 16 payment term.
3. Check or ACH: Payment will be made 30 days after satisfactory performance of the contract in all provisions thereof and upon receipt of a properly completed invoice, whichever is later; in accordance with Chapter 43, VPPA, Article 4, Code of Virginia.

To be considered eligible for payment, all physical invoices must be received at the address below and should reference the eVA purchase order and UMW contract numbers as applicable. All electronic invoices must be sent to invoices@mail.umw.edu. *The University will not be responsible for late payment or nonpayment of invoices not received directly by Accounts Payable at this email address or at the mailing address indicated (below).*

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON
Attn: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
1301 COLLEGE AVENUE
FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22401

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

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

THE MICHELLE MARTIN GROUP, LLC

Signature: 

Printed Name: Michelle Martin

Title: Founder & CEO

Date: September 13, 2023

Phone: 703-896-0006

Email: michelle@michellemartingroup.com

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Melva A. H. Kishpaugh

Title: Director, Procurement Services

Date: September 14, 2023