



Radford
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Procurement and
Contracts

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # R25-004

STRATEGIC MARKETING AND MEDIA PLACEMENT

APRIL 4, 2025

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP # R25-004**

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

QUESTIONS/INQUIRIES: All questions/inquiries for information regarding this solicitation should be directed to:

Name: Austin Eads
Phone: (540) 831-5634
Email: ateads@radford.edu.

Written questions to be submitted via email no later than: **May 7, 2025, by 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (hereinafter EST)**

PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME: Proposals will be received until **June 4, 2025, up to and including 3:00 PM (EST)**. Email and fax responses will not be accepted.

In Person*	Mail or Courier*	Electronically through eVA
<u>Deliver proposal to:</u> Radford University David E. Armstrong Complex 501 Stockton Street Radford, VA 24142	<u>Mailing Address:</u> Radford University Procurement and Contracts PO Box 6885 Radford, VA 24142-6885	<u>Electronic Submissions:</u> A PDF of your proposal may be submitted through eVA's Virginia Business Opportunities (VBO) site. See Attachment F for more details.

* Identify the envelope package as instructed in **Attachment A** – Terms and Conditions.

BUSINESS HOURS: Radford University's Procurement and Contracts Department is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM EST.

LATE PROPOSAL RECEIPT:

In-Person or Mail/Courier Delivery:
To be considered for selection, *proposals must be received by Radford University's Procurement and Contracts Department* by the due date and time identified in this solicitation document. The official time used in documenting the receipt of In-Person and Mail/Couriered proposals is that time identified on the automatic time stamp machine located in the Procurement and Contracts Department in the David E. Armstrong building on the main campus of Radford University. Proposals received after the date and time designated herein are automatically deemed non-responsive and will not be given consideration. The University is not responsible for delays in delivery conducted by the U.S. Postal Service, private couriers, or the intra-university mail system. It is the sole responsibility of the Offeror to ensure their proposal reaches the Procurement and Contracts Department at Radford University by the designated date and time.

For Electronic Submission through eVA:
To be considered for selection, proposals must be submitted through the eVA Electronic Submission process by the date and time identified herein. *In order to submit an electronic proposal, the Vendor **MUST BE properly registered with eVA***. Registration may be accomplished through this site: <https://eva.virginia.gov/register-now.html>. It is strongly encouraged that registration be completed well in advance of the submission deadline to avoid any delays in the process. Upon successful submission, the Contractor will receive confirmation of submission through eVA. Radford University will not confirm receipt of the proposal. For a tutorial on how to view and respond to a solicitation, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSxcAkOekW0>. The University is not responsible for delays, miscommunications, or transmission errors that may occur during the electronic submission process. This includes but is not limited to issues related to internet connectivity, email servers, or other technical malfunctions. It is the sole responsibility of the Offeror to ensure the proposal is submitted on time.

UNIVERSITY CLOSINGS: If the University is closed as a result of an act of God or an emergency situation, the University's website shall post notices of said closings. It is the responsibility of the vendor to check the website at www.radford.edu for said notifications. If the University is closed on the day proposals are due, proposals will be accepted at the same time on the next scheduled business day the University is open. If the University is closed on the day of a scheduled pre-proposal conference a written addendum will be issued to officially reschedule the conference.

OPTIONAL PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: An optional pre-proposal conference will be held on **April 22, 2025, at 10:30 AM (EST)**. See Section (13) for additional information. **PRE-REGISTRATION FOR PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED ****

TYPE OF BUSINESS: (Please check all applicable classifications). In order to qualify for assigned Small, Women and Minority (SWaM) points your business must be certified by the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD), provide your assigned SBSB certification number. For assistance with SWaM certification, visit the SBSB website at <https://www.sbsd.virginia.gov/>.

- Large**
- Small business** – A business that is at least 51% independently owned and controlled by one or more individuals who are U.S. citizens or legal resident aliens, and together with affiliates, has 250 or fewer employees, or average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years. One or more of these individual owners shall control both the management and daily business operations of the small business.
- Women-owned business** – A business that is at least 51% owned by one or more women who are U.S. citizens or legal resident aliens, or in the case of a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51% of the equity ownership interest in owned by one or more women who are citizens of the United States or legal resident aliens, and both the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.
- Minority-owned business** – A business that is at least 51% owned by one or more minority individuals who are U.S. citizens or legal resident aliens, or in the case of a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51% of the equity ownership interest in the corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity is owned by one or more minority individuals who are U.S. citizens or legal resident aliens, and both the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more minority individuals, or any historically black college or university, regardless of the percentage ownership by minority individuals or, in the case of a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity, the equity ownership interest in the corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity.

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COMPANY INFORMATION/SIGNATURE: In compliance with this Request for Proposal and to all the conditions imposed therein and hereby incorporated by reference, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish the goods or services in accordance with the attached signed proposal inclusive of all addenda, if applicable, and as mutually agreed upon by subsequent negotiation.

Information Requested	Vendor Response (Please write or fill in legibly)
FULL LEGAL NAME OF BUSINESS: (Please print the company name as it appears with your Federal Taxpayer Identification Number)	
FEDERAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN):	
BUSINESS NAME / DBA NAME/ TA NAME: (If different than the Full Legal Name)	
BILLING NAME: (Company name as it appears on your invoice)	
PAYMENT ADDRESS:	
CONTACT NAME:	
CONTACT TITLE:	
EMAIL:	
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
TOLL FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
EVA VENDOR ID NUMBER:	
VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION REGISTRATION NUMBER:	

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

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

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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1. **PURPOSE:**

The intent and purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to establish a contract through competitive negotiations for Strategic Marketing and Media Placement for Radford University located at 801 East Main Street, Radford, Virginia 24142, an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. **SMALL, WOMEN-OWNED AND MINORITY OWNED - SWaM BUSINESS PARTICIPATION:**

The mission of Radford University is to ensure strategic business development practices are in place to promote Small, Women-Owned and Minority-Owned (SWaM) businesses to the maximum extent. Radford University encourages prime suppliers, Contractors, and service providers to facilitate the participation of small businesses, and businesses owned by women and minorities through partnerships, joint ventures, subcontracts, and other inclusive and innovative relationships.

Radford University has established SWaM goals that are posted on the Procurement and Contract website. Links to the University's SWaM initiative can be located at: [Procurement and Contracts | Radford University](#).

3. **CONTRACT PERIOD:**

The term of this contract is for one year, or as negotiated. There will be an option for four (4) one-year renewals, or as mutually negotiated.

4. **BACKGROUND**

Radford University Background:

Radford University is a comprehensive public university of 7,812 students that has received national recognition for many of its undergraduate and graduate academic programs, as well as its sustainability initiatives. Well known for its strong faculty/student bonds, innovative use of technology in the learning environment and vibrant student life on a beautiful 211-acre American classical campus, Radford University offers students many opportunities to get involved and succeed in and out of the classroom. With over 200 clubs and organizations, Radford University offers many opportunities for student engagement, leadership development and community service. In addition to robust academic offerings and engaging student experiences on the main campus located in Radford, Virginia, Radford University also offers a clinical-based educational experience for some 1,000 students living and learning in Roanoke, Virginia as part of Radford University Carilion, a public-private partnership focused on the cutting-edge delivery of health sciences programming, outreach, and service. Radford University joins several other institutions in offering degree programs and continuing education opportunities at the Roanoke Higher Education Center in Roanoke, the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon and flexible online offerings through its virtual campus.

Specific Background: The Office of Marketing and Communication provides a broad range of services to support the university's mission and advance its strategic priorities. These services include marketing and advertising, media relations, creative design, brand management, web and digital design, internal communications and executive communications.

TOP PRIORITIES OF ENROLLEMENT MANAGEMENT INCLUDE:

- Advancing the university's mission by supporting executive-level communications, events and activities.
- Increasing enrollment in the university's academic programs by presenting the distinctive elements of Radford's educational experience to prospective students and their families.
- Positively influencing the university's reputation by communicating key messages and success stories and managing crises and other reputational risks.
- Enhancing the university's brand equity by promoting the new brand elements, pillar messages and tagline in a credible, consistent and compelling manner to internal and external audiences.
- Increasing employee and student awareness and engagement in key events, activities, initiatives and points of pride across the university.

The full-services marketing entity selected through this RFP will play a key role as a strategic partner in meeting these goals.

5. **EVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT ELECTRONIC PROCURMENT SYSTEM:** The eVA internet electronic procurement solution, web site portal eva.virginia.gov, streamlines and automates government purchasing activities within the

Commonwealth, Radford University, and other state agencies and institutions, have been directed by the Governor to maximize the use of this system in the procurement of goods and services. We are therefore requesting that your firm participate in the eVA Internet e-procurement solution by completing the free eVA Vendor Registration as a **self-registered** vendor.

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

Registration in the eVA system is accomplished on-line. Your firm must provide the necessary information. Please visit the eVA website portal at <https://eva.virginia.gov/register-now.html> and register with eVA. This process needs to be completed before Radford University can issue your firm a Purchase Order or contract. If your firm conducts business from multiple geographic locations, please register these locations in your initial registration.

For registration and technical assistance, reference the eVA website at <http://www.eva.virginia.gov>, or call eVA Customer Care at eva.virginia.gov/get-help-customer-care.html

6. **CONTRACT PARTICIPATION-COOPERATIVE PURCHASING/USE OF AGREEMENT BY THIRD PARTIES**

Under the authority of §6 of the Rules Governing Procurement of Goods, Services, Insurance and Construction by a Public Institution of Higher Education of the Commonwealth of Virginia (see <https://vascupp.org/rules.pdf>), it is the intent of this solicitation and resulting contracts to allow for cooperative procurement. Accordingly, any public body, public or private health or educational institutions or lead issuing institution's affiliated corporations may access any resulting contract if authorized by the Contractor.

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

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

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

7. **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:** Radford University assigns Contract Administrators to each contract awarded. The Contract Administrator shall be the initial point of contact for the Contractor. Contract Administrators are charged with ensuring the terms and conditions of the contract are followed, payments are made in accordance to the contractual pricing schedule, and reporting noncompliance issues to the Procurement and Contracts Department at Radford University. Contract Administrators **do not** have the authority to authorize changes and/or modifications to the contract. Should noncompliance issues exist and cannot be resolved at this level or changes/modifications to the contract are required, the assigned Procurement Officer in the Procurement and Contracts Department must be notified immediately by the Contract Administrator.

8. **DEFINITIONS: INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK**

9. **STATEMENT OF NEEDS:**

A. GENERAL:

Radford University seeks a full-service marketing entity to serve as a strategic partner for the Office of Marketing and Communication. The firm will develop and execute a comprehensive, multimedia marketing and advertising plan that will support the University's annual recruiting efforts for undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs (in-person, hybrid and online), as well as ongoing brand-building activities across key external stakeholder groups.

The plan should encompass media planning, media buy and media placement for an appropriate mix of platforms, which could include:

- Traditional out-of-home (OOH), digital and social media channels.
- Event sponsorships.
- Grassroots marketing opportunities.
- Terrestrial and streaming radio; and
- Broadcast, cable and streaming TV.

In addition, the plan should include design, creation and delivery of creative assets across all platforms, as well as brand consulting, design and perception measurement (including brand perception surveys).

Primary audiences include:

- Traditional prospective students and their families (first year and transfer students);
- First-generation and Pell-eligible prospective students.
- Non-traditional prospective students (working professionals, individuals ages 25 and older); and
- Military-affiliated prospective students (active-duty, retired, spouses and dependents) throughout Virginia and in select areas in contiguous states.

Secondary audiences include alumni and donors around the world, as well as strategic partners, elected officials, business leaders, community members and media throughout Virginia.

The University also seeks access to outstanding creative talent; expertise in the latest marketing and advertising technologies and best practices; responsible and responsive account management; and ongoing accountability in the form of continuous performance measurement, regular results reporting and frequent optimization recommendations.

In order to develop and maintain a collegial environment and strong partnership, the University will engage in regular meetings and interactions with the full-service marketing entity to ensure the development, execution and effectiveness of the overall strategy and specific elements of the plan, as measured by achievement of goals and related key performance indicators (KPIs), with a strong focus on analytics. As a result, The University is keenly interested in the development of and access to an online platform providing real-time analytics (i.e., dashboards).

While the Office of Marketing and Communications has in-house expertise in developing creative assets and related messaging, it expects the outside marketing entity to produce the creative assets across all platforms selected for the marketing and advertising campaigns for the University. The University also expects the marketing entity to lead the media planning effort and manage all aspects of media buy and media placement/asset delivery, as well as support University-led branding efforts focused on increasing awareness, understanding, acceptance and engagement.

The University seeks to build a lasting and meaningful strategic partnership with an energetic, responsive and innovative entity that is aligned with the University's mission, vision and core values; guided by the University's strategic priorities in the areas of enrollment and branding; and focused on meeting the goals and KPIs of specific campaigns. The marketing entity should be agile and attentive in helping the University adapt to change, drawing upon a deep understanding of market trends, technological advancements and the evolving competitive landscape.

10. **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:**

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

- A. **Plan or Methodology for Delivery of Services:** Provide your plan for providing [name of good/service] for Radford University. Offeror should provide information addressing all requirements as stated in the Statement of Needs above to include:

1. A description of what specific services the Offeror proposes to provide the manpower needed, when services shall be performed, by whom, and the anticipated time durations for typical services.
 2. A description of any reports, certifications, or deliverables in the performance of the work included in this solicitation. Please include copies of all standard certifications, business licenses, resumes of key employees, reports, example receipts, and tracking tools.
 3. Identify a projected timeline for delivery of services relative to the award date of the contract.
- B. **Experience and Qualifications:** Please provide a written narrative outlining the experience of the firm in providing the services described.
1. Provide names, qualifications and experience of personnel to be assigned to the project, including an organization chart, individual qualifications and duties.
 2. Resumes of key employees to be assigned to the project.
- C. **References:** Provide four (4) references, either educational (preferred) or governmental, for those who you have provided the type of services described here. Include the date(s) services were furnished, the client's name, address, and the name and phone number of the individual Radford University has your permission to contact. See **Attachment D**.
- D. ***Participation of Small, Women-owned and Minority-owned business (SWaM) Business:** If your business cannot be classified as SWaM, describe your plan for utilizing SWaM subcontractors if awarded a contract. Describe your ability to provide reporting on SWaM subcontracting spend when requested. If your firm or any business that you plan to subcontract with can be classified as SWaM, but has not been certified by the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD), it is expected that the certification process will be initiated no later than the time of the award. If your firm is currently certified, you agree to maintain your certification for the life of the contract. For assistance with SWaM certification, visit the SBSB website at <http://www.sbsd.virginia.gov>.

11. **SELECTION CRITERIA AND AWARD**

A. **Selection Criteria:**

Proposals will be evaluated by Radford University using the following weighted evaluation criteria.

	Evaluation Criteria	Percentage of Points
1	Qualifications and experience of Offeror in providing the goods/services.	25%
2	Quality of products/services offered and suitability for the intended purposes.	25%
3	Specific plans or methodology to be used to provide the products/services.	20%
4	Financial (Cost)	20%
5	Participation of Small, Women-Owned and Minority-Owned (SWaM) Businesses.	10%
	TOTAL	100%

B. **Award (Single award option.)**

Selection shall be made of two or more Offerors deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those submitting proposals on the basis of the evaluation criteria included in the Request for Proposals, including price, if so stated in the Request for Proposals. Negotiations shall be conducted with the offers so selected. Price shall be considered, but need not be the sole determining factor. After negotiations have been conducted with each Offeror so selected, Radford University shall select the Offeror which, in its opinion, has made the best proposal, and shall award the contract to that Offeror. Radford University may cancel this Request for Proposal or reject proposals at any time prior to award. Should Radford University determine in writing and in its sole discretion that only one Offeror has made the best proposal a contract may be negotiated and awarded to that Offeror. The award document will be a contract incorporating by reference all the requirements, terms and conditions of the solicitation and the Contractor's proposal as negotiated. See **Attachment B** for sample contract form. **Radford University reserves the right to award multiple contracts as a result of this solicitation.**

12. **PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION:**

A. **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Response shall be submitted in one of the following ways:

In Person*	Mail or Courier*	Electronically through eVA
<u>Deliver proposal to:</u> Radford University David E. Armstrong Complex 501 Stockton Street Radford, VA 24142	<u>Mailing Address:</u> Radford University Procurement and Contracts PO Box 6885 Radford, VA 24142-6885	<u>Electronic Submissions:</u> A PDF of your proposal may be submitted through eVA's Virginia Business Opportunities (VBO) site. See Attachment F for more details.

* **Identify the envelope/package as instructed in Attachment A – Terms and Conditions**

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

1. **IN PERSON or MAIL/COURIER RFP Responses:** In order to be considered for selection, Offerors shall submit a complete response to this RFP to include.
 - a. **One (1) original paper copy of the entire proposal, INCLUSIVE OF ALL ATTACHMENTS.** Any proprietary information should be clearly marked in accordance with section 12.A.1.c below.
 - b. **One (1) electronic copy** in WORD format or searchable PDF (USB/Flash Drive) of the entire proposal as one document, **INCLUSIVE OF ALL ATTACHMENTS** mailed along with the hard copy above. Any proprietary information should be clearly marked in accordance with 12.A.1.c below.
 - c. Should the proposal contain **proprietary information**, provide **one (1) redacted** electronic copy in WORD format or searchable PDF (USB/Flash Drive) of the entire document **INCLUSIVE OF ALL ATTACHMENTS. All identified proprietary information should be blacked out.** This USB/Flash Drive should be marked **“Redacted Copy.”**
2. **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION via eVA VBO RFP Responses:** In order to be considered for selection, Offerors shall submit a complete response to this RFP to include. A brief tutorial on how to submit a response through eVA VBO can be found here: [eVA VBO Electronic Submission](#).
 - a. **One (1) electronic copy** in WORD format or searchable PDF (USB/Flash Drive) of the entire proposal as one document, **INCLUSIVE OF ALL ATTACHMENTS.** Any proprietary information should be clearly marked in accordance with 12.A.2.b. below.
 - b. Should the proposal contain **proprietary information**, provide **one (1) redacted** electronic copy in WORD format or searchable PDF of the entire document **INCLUSIVE OF ALL ATTACHMENTS. All identified proprietary information should be blacked out.** This file should be clearly labeled or marked **“Redacted Copy.”**

B. **PROPOSAL PREPARATION:**

1. **Sign and Complete:** Proposals shall be signed by an authorized representative of the Offeror. All information requested should be submitted. Failure to submit all information requested may result in Radford University requiring prompt submission of missing information and/or giving a lowered evaluation of the proposal. Proposals which are substantially incomplete or lack key information may be rejected by Radford University. Mandatory requirements are those required by law or regulation or are such that they cannot be waived and are not subject to negotiation.
2. **Concise & Clear:** Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis should be placed on completeness and clarity of content.
3. **Organization:** Proposals should be organized in the order in which the requirements are presented in the RFP. All pages of the proposal should be numbered. Each paragraph in the proposal should reference the paragraph number of the corresponding section of the RFP. It is also helpful to cite the attachment, paragraph number, sub letter, and repeat

the text of the requirement as it appears in the RFP. If a response covers more than one page, the paragraph number and sub letter should be repeated at the top of the next page. The proposal should contain a table of contents, which cross-references the RFP requirements. Information which the Offeror desires to present that does not fall within any of the requirements of the RFP should be inserted at an appropriate place or be attached at the end of the proposal and designated as additional material. Proposals that are not organized in this manner risk elimination from consideration if the evaluators are unable to find the RFP requirements are specifically addressed.

4. **Word Usage:** As used in this RFP, the terms “must”, “shall”, “should” and “may” identify the criticality of requirements. “must” and “shall” identify requirements whose absence will have a major impact on the suitability of the proposed solution. Items labeled as “should” or “may” are highly desirable, although their absence will not have a large impact and would be useful, but are not necessary. Depending on the overall response to the RFP, some individual “must” and “shall” items may not be fully satisfied, but it is the intent to satisfy most, if not all, “must” and “shall” requirements. The inability of an Offeror to satisfy a “must” or “shall” requirement does not automatically remove that Offeror from consideration; however, it may seriously affect the overall rating of the Offeror's proposal.
 5. **Binding:** The original proposal should be bound or contained in a single volume where practical. All documentation submitted with the proposal should be contained in that single volume.
 6. **Ownership:** Ownership of all data, materials and documentation originated and prepared for Radford University pursuant to the RFP shall belong exclusively to Radford University and be subject to public inspection in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by an Offeror shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia of Freedom of Information Act. However, to prevent disclosure the Offeror must invoke the protections of Section 2.2-4342F of the Code of Virginia, in writing either before or at the time the data or other materials is submitted. The written request must specifically identify the data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. The proprietary or trade secret material submitted must be identified by some distinct method such as highlighting or underlining and must indicate only the specific words, figures, or paragraphs that constitute trade secret proprietary information. The classification of an entire proposal document, line item prices and/or total proposal prices as proprietary or trade secrets is not acceptable and may result in the rejection of the proposal.
 7. **Legal Agreement:** Unless noted in the proposal, a signed and submitted proposal certifies that the firm’s principals or legal counsel has reviewed the Request for Proposal General Terms and Conditions and the Special Terms and Conditions and agrees that these provisions will become a part of any final agreement, and that the principals or legal counsel has reviewed and approved the firm’s entire proposal prior to submission to the University.
- C. **ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Offerors who submit a proposal in response to this RFP may be invited to give an oral presentation of their proposal to Radford University. This will provide an opportunity for the Offeror to clarify or elaborate on the proposal but in no way will change the original proposal. The University will schedule the time and location of these presentations. Oral presentations may be conducted at the option of Radford University; therefore, proposals should be complete.

13. OPTIONAL PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

- A. **An optional pre-proposal conference** will be held **April 22, 2025, at 10:30 AM (EST)** in the Procurement and Contracts Conference Room #231 located in the Armstrong Complex. The street address is 501 Stockton Street, Radford, VA 24142. ***Offerors should register for the site visit with the Procurement Officer (Austin Eads: ateads@radford.edu) and indicate the number of attendees by no later than April 18, 2025.***
- B. Attendance at the conference can be either in person or via teleconference. While attendance at this conference will not be a prerequisite to submitting a proposal, Offerors who intend to submit a proposal are encouraged to attend. It is recommended you have a copy of the solicitation readily available to review during the conference.

IN PERSON ATTENDANCE:

For those who wish to attend in person, you may do so by coming to **the Armstrong Complex, Conference Room #231. The street address is 501 Stockton Street, Radford, VA 24142.**

ZOOM ATTENDANCE (Registration is required):

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: **April 22, 2025, 10:30 AM (EST)**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://radford.zoom.us/meeting/register/OqWpCpt2TR2G89-fyGXWBQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please allow a few extra minutes prior to the Pre-Proposal Conference to complete registration and to obtain the link to the meeting via email.

- C. The purpose of the pre-proposal conference is to allow potential Offerors an opportunity to present questions and requests for clarification, with final responses provided in an RFP Addendum that will be published on [eVA - Virginia's eProcurement Portal](#). The Addendum will include any updates to the RFP, including changes as well as responses to questions presented.
14. **INVOICES and PAYMENT:** Invoices for goods or services provided under any contract resulting from this solicitation should be submitted by email to acctspayable@radford.edu. Invoices shall be identified with the assigned contract number. Invoices shall identify contract pricing for all good/services payment is being requested. If submitting invoices by mail use the following address. **Email is the preferred method of invoice receipt.**

**RADFORD UNIVERSITY
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
POST OFFICE BOX 6906
RADFORD, VA 24142-6906**

Payment will be made thirty days after receipt of proper invoice for the amount of payment due, or thirty days after receipt of goods / services, whichever is later, in accordance with the [Commonwealth of Virginia Prompt Pay Act](#).

15. **ADDENDUM:** Any **ADDENDUM** issued for this solicitation may be accessed on Virginia Business Opportunities by going to www.eva.virginia.gov. Since a paper copy of the addendum will not be mailed to you, we encourage you to check the web site regularly.
16. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Communications regarding this solicitation shall be formal from the date of issue, until either a Contractor has been selected or the Procurement and Contracts Department at Radford University rejects all proposals. Formal communications will be directed to the Procurement Officer listed on this solicitation. Reference General Information – Questions/Inquiries. Informal communications, including but not limited to request for information, comments or speculations regarding this solicitation to any University employee other than a Procurement and Contracts Department representative may result in the offending Offeror's proposal being rejected.
17. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** This solicitation and any resulting contract/purchase order shall be governed by the attached terms and conditions. See **Attachment A**.
18. **ATTACHMENTS:**
- Informational:
Attachment A – Terms and Conditions
Attachment B – Sample of Standard Contract Form
Attachment C – Zone Map for Cooperative Contracts
Attachment F – Virginia Business Opportunities Information
- To be returned with proposals:
Attachment D – Vendor Data Sheet (References)
Attachment E – Pricing Schedule

Attachment A

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: See [GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS](#)

II. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. **ADDITIONAL GOOD AND SERVICES:** The University may acquire other goods or services that the supplier provides other than those specifically solicited. The University reserves the right, subject to mutual agreement, for the Contractor to provide additional goods and/or services, under the same pricing, terms and conditions and to make modifications or enhancements to the existing goods and services. Such additional goods and services may include other products, components, accessories, subsystems, or related services newly introduced during the term of the contract.
2. **AUDIT:** The Contractor hereby agrees to retain all books, records, and other documents relative to this contract for five (5) years after final payment, or until audited by the Commonwealth of Virginia, whichever is sooner. Radford University, its authorized agents, and/or state auditors shall have full access and the right to examine any of said materials during said period.
3. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:** It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that Radford University shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this contract.
4. **CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT:** Radford University reserves the right to cancel and terminate any resulting contract, in part or in whole, without penalty, upon 60 days written notice to the Contractor. In the event the initial contract period is for more than 12 months, the resulting contract may be terminated by either party, without penalty, after the initial 12 months of the contract period upon 60 days written notice to the other party. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.
5. **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:** The contract entered into by the parties shall consist of the Request for Proposal including all addendums thereof, the proposal submitted by the Contractor, the written results of negotiations, the University Standard Contract Form, all of which shall be referred to collectively as the Contract Documents.
6. **IDENTIFICATION OF PROPOSAL ENVELOPE:** The signed proposal should be returned in a separate envelope or package and identified as follows:

From

Name of Offeror	Due Date	Time Due
Street or Box Number		Solicitation Number
City, State, Zip Code		Solicitation Title
Name of Procurement Officer:		

The envelope should be addressed to:

RADFORD UNIVERSITY
Procurement and Contracts Department
P.O. Box 6885
501 Stockton Street
Radford, Virginia 24142

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

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

If to the Contractor: Address Shown on the RFP Cover Page
Attention: Name of Person Signing RFP

If to Radford University:

RADFORD UNIVERSITY
Procurement and Contracts Department
Attn: Procurement Officers Name
P.O. Box 6885
501 Stockton Street
Radford, Virginia 24142

8. **PUBLIC POSTING:** Radford University maintains a web-based contract database with a public gateway access. Any resulting cooperative contract(s) to this solicitation will be posted to the publicly accessible website. Contents identified and mutually negotiated, as proprietary information will not be made public.
9. **SEVERAL LIABILITY:** Radford University will be severally liable to the extent of its purchase made against any contract resulting from this solicitation. Applicable entities described herein will be severally liable to the extent of their purchases made against any contract resulting from this solicitation.

III. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. **ACCEPTANCE PERIOD:** Any Proposal received in response to this solicitation shall be valid for (180) days. At the end of the (180) days the Proposal may be withdrawn at the written request of the Offeror. If the Proposal is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is cancelled.
2. **CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION:** The Contractor assures that the information and data obtained as to personal facts and circumstances related to faculty, students or staff and affiliates will be collected and held confidential, during and following the term of this contract, 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. This shall include FTI, which is a term of art and consists of federal tax returns and return information (and information derived from it) that is in contractor/agency possession or control which is covered by the confidentiality protections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and subject to the IRC 6103(p)(4) safeguarding requirements including IRS oversight. FTI is categorized as sensitive but unclassified information and may contain personally identifiable information (PII). 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 University 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.
3. **CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL:** All employees of the Contractor shall comply with the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of Radford University and shall maintain proper conduct. In the event the University finds, at its sole discretion, that an employee of the Contractor is objectionable to the University that employee shall be removed by the Contractor from University grounds and shall not again be employed by the Contractor on University grounds until approved by the University.

4. CONTINUITY OF SERVICES:

- A. 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:
- o To exercise its best efforts and cooperation to affect an orderly and efficient transition to a successor;
 - o 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
 - o That the University Contract Officer shall have final authority to resolve disputes related to the transition of the contract from the Contractor to its successor.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.

5. **LICENSE TO USE RADFORD UNIVERSITY LICENSED INDICIA:** By signing and submitting this Proposal, the Offeror agrees that if it is awarded a purchase order/contract as a result of this solicitation, it will follow the procedures outlined by Radford University's Licensing and Trademarks Administration to become a licensed vendor authorized to use Radford University licensed indicia identified in the solicitation and to follow all procedures for submitting artwork for product for approval prior to producing any product with Radford University indicia. *More information on the licensing process and application can be located at Radford University Brand Guide*

6. **RENEWAL OF CONTRACT:** This Contract may be renewed by Radford University upon written agreement of both parties for (one year)/ (four successive one-year periods), under the terms of the current Contract, and at a reasonable time (approximately 90 days) prior to the expiration.

7. **SUBCONTRACTS:** No portion of the work shall be subcontracted without prior written consent of Radford University. In the event that the Contractor desires to subcontract some part of the work specified herein, the Contractor shall furnish Radford University the names, qualifications and experience of their proposed subcontractors. The Contractor shall, however, remain fully liable and responsible for the work to be done by his subcontractor(s) and shall assure compliance with all requirements of the Contract.

Attachment B

SAMPLE CONTRACT FORM
Standard Contract form for reference only
Offerors do not need to fill in this form.



This contract entered into this ___ day of _____, 20___, by _____, located at (insert complete physical address), hereinafter called the “Contractor” and Commonwealth of Virginia, **Radford University**, called the “Purchasing Agency or Radford University”, located at 801 East Main Street, Radford, VA. 24142.”

1. **WITNESSETH** that the Contractor and Radford University, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements contained, agree as follows:
2. **SCOPE OF CONTRACT:** The Contractor shall provide _____ to Radford University as set forth in the Contract Documents.
3. **TERM OF CONTRACT:** From _____ through _____ with _____ **(number of years) year renewal options or as negotiated, to include all contractual provisions contained herein.**
4. **THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL CONSIST OF:**

This signed Radford University Standard Contract. Document;

Radford University’s Request for Proposal (RFP) **Rxx-xxx** dated _____, Addendum **xxx** dated _____
(list all addendums in this format).

Contractor’s Proposal signed and dated _____

Negotiation Summation: **(List each document by title and execution date)**

5. **COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT:** The Contractor shall be paid by Radford University in accordance with the contract documents. **(*Note: If advantageous you can list compensation here.)**

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

CONTRACTOR:

RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

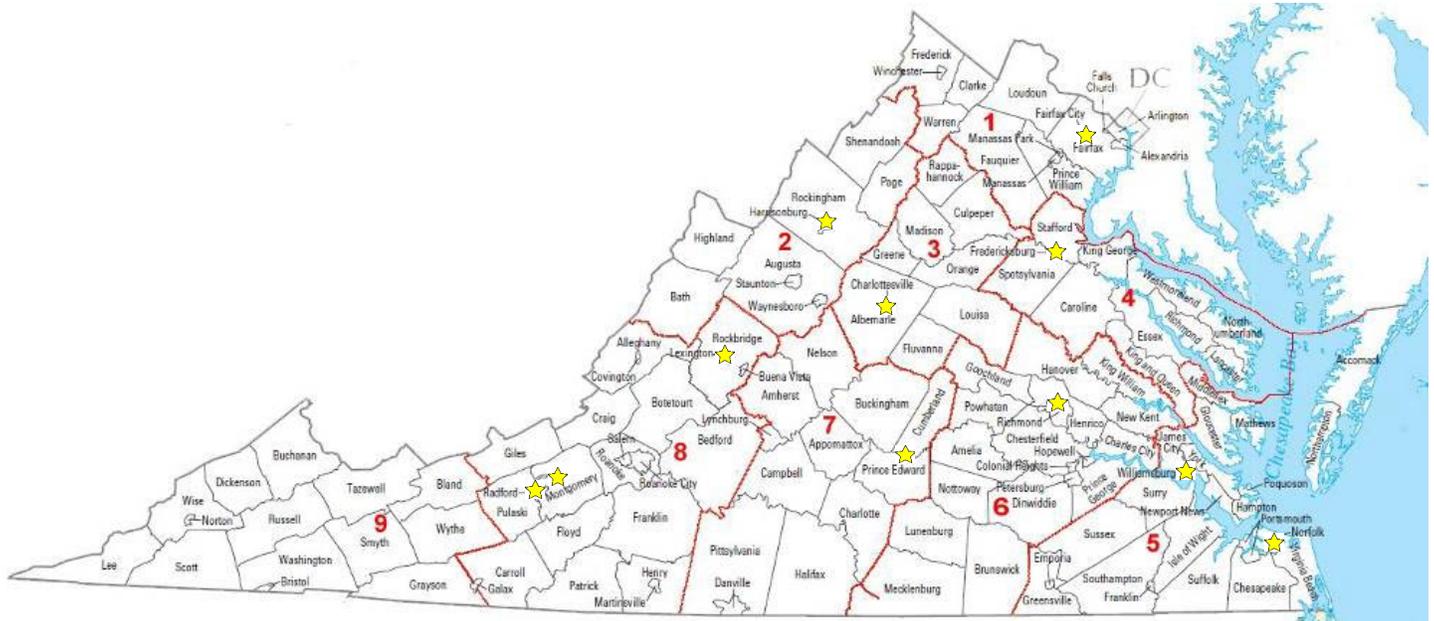
Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

**Attachment C
Zone Map**



Virginia Association of State College & University Purchasing Professionals (VASCUPP)

List of member institutions by zones

<u>Zone 1</u> George Mason University (Fairfax)	<u>Zone 2</u> James Madison University (Harrisonburg)	<u>Zone 3</u> University of Virginia (Charlottesville)
<u>Zone 4</u> University of Mary Washington (Fredericksburg)	<u>Zone 5</u> Christopher Newport University (Hampton) College of William and Mary (Williamsburg) Old Dominion University (Norfolk) Norfolk State University (Norfolk)	<u>Zone 6</u> Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond)
<u>Zone 7</u> Longwood University (Farmville)	<u>Zone 8</u> Virginia Military Institute (Lexington) Virginia Tech (Blacksburg) Radford University (Radford)	<u>Zone 9</u>

The zone map is provided for the Offeror to determine appropriate pricing structures based on approved zones for cooperative institutions. If no other prices are offered, pricing provided will apply to all zones in the Commonwealth of Virginia. If you wish to provide pricing for a zone other than which this solicitation originated, please indicate you are doing so in the response. If you anticipate pricing differentials for different zones, a separate pricing sheet must be submitted for each zone that includes appropriate pricing for that zone.

**Attachment D
Vendor Data Sheet**

*Note: The following information is required as part of your response to this solicitation. Failure to complete and provide this sheet may result in finding your offer nonresponsive.

Qualifications: The Offeror must have the capability and capacity in all respects to satisfy fully all of the contractual requirements.	
Vendor's Primary Contact for this RFP:	
NAME:	TITLE:
PHONE:	EMAIL:
Years in Business: Indicate the length of time the Offeror's company has been in business providing the type of good or service to the type of customer detailed in this RFP:	
YEARS:	MONTHS:
References: Indicate below a listing of at least four (4) current or recent accounts (educational, commercial or governmental) that your company is servicing, has serviced, or has provided similar goods/services. Include the length of service and the name, address and telephone number of the point of contact. The Contact should be knowledgeable about the design, implementation, training, and service the Offeror's company provided to the referenced company.	
Company:	Contact Name and Title:
Phone: ()	Email:
Fax: ()	
Project:	
Dates of Service:	\$ Value:
Company:	Contact Name and Title:
Phone: ()	Email:
Fax: ()	
Project:	
Dates of Service:	\$ Value:

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**Attachment E
Pricing Schedule**

Attachment E is to be completed and submitted by the Offeror as part of a complete Proposal. Offerors shall identify **all** costs associated with providing the services as specified in this document.

- A. Offerors should submit a fixed pricing as applicable. The hourly rates should be a schedule of hourly labor rates categorized by labor categories appropriate to perform the services requested. All labor rates shall be inclusive (fully burdened) to include all direct labor, indirect costs, travel, and profit.
- B. Offerors are encouraged to include pricing incentives and relative discounts.
- C. Indicate allowed discounts for payment terms less than n30 days.

<i>Line Item</i>	<i>Description Provide additional description as appropriate for clarity of offer</i>	<i>Notes on Price Details, Factors, and Discounts</i>	<i>Fixed Price for each Line Item</i>
1			
2			
3			
4			
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6			
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