

**Department of Military and Veterans Affairs  
Purchase Order**

**Purchase Order:  
12795818**

**Vendor:**  
Chomko Funeral Home  
262 Railroad Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18503  
**Phone:** 570-342-3657  
**Email:**  
edsr@chomkofuneralhome.com  
**Fax:**

**Bill To:**  
DMVA Procurement &  
Contracting Office  
Attn: David Stile  
Phone: (717) 861-2119  
Email: ra-gr-po@pa.gov

**Deliver To:**  
Gino J Merli Veterans Center  
Attn: Tim Hart  
401 Penn Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18503  
Ph: 570-961-4356

**PO Date:** 12/26/23

**Purchase Agent:**  
Megan Tobin  
metobin@pa.gov

**Validity Start Date:**  
01-Jan-24  
**Validity End Date:**  
31-Dec-24

Line Item	Qty	UOM	Unit Price	Line Amount
1 Burial and Cremation Funeral Services - BP 2023 Service Date: 01/01/2024 - 06/30/2024	1	ea	\$2500.00	\$2,500.00
2 Burial and Cremation Funeral Services - BP 2024 Service Date: 07/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	1	ea	\$2500.00	\$2,500.00
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

**Please consider this Purchase Order as your official Notice to Proceed.**

**Note to Vendor:**

Master Card Payment will be made upon receipt of your invoice and after verification with recipient that all items have been received. Please mail or fax your invoice to the bill to address above for payment. Master Card payment will be made upon receipt of your invoice and after verification that all items have been received. Please email you invoice to the bill to resource email account above for payment.

The Department reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities based on actual need. The vendor will be paid for services and/or supplies satisfactorily delivered. The awarded contractor will be notified in writing when services or supplies have been added. This purchase is tax exempt (PA #25-1644382). This procurement does not violate the Governor's purchasing ban of 3.19.2020. The awarded contractor must comply with all Commonwealth of PA COVID-19 guidelines and socially distancing requirements for the duration of the contract period.

Requisitioner: Thomas Fortese

Comments: Funeral Services for indigent residents.  
Vendor POC: Ed Chomko Sr. (edsr@chomkofuneralhome.com)

Justification: Services needed for the uninsured residents.

# Commonwealth Terms and Conditions

## 1. ENHANCED MINIMUM WAGE

- a. **Enhanced Minimum Wage.** Contractor/Lessor agrees to pay no less than \$12.00 per hour to its employees for all hours worked directly performing the services called for in this Contract/Lease, and for an employee's hours performing ancillary services necessary for the performance of the contracted services or lease when such employee spends at least twenty per cent (20%) of their time performing ancillary services in a given work week.
- b. **Adjustment.** Beginning July 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, the minimum wage rate shall be increased by \$0.50 until July 1, 2024, when the minimum wage reaches \$15.00. Thereafter, the minimum wage rate would be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment using the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. The applicable adjusted amount shall be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin by March 1 of each year to be effective the following July 1.
- c. **Exceptions.** These Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions shall not apply to employees:
  - 1) Exempt from minimum wage under the Minimum Wage Act of 1968;
  - 2) covered by a collective bargaining agreement;
  - 3) required to be paid a higher wage under another state or federal law governing the services, including the Prevailing Wage Act and Davis-Bacon Act; or
  - 4) required to be paid a higher wage under any state or local policy or ordinance.
- d. **Notice.** Contractor/Lessor shall post these Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions for the entire period of the contract conspicuously in easily-accessible and well-lighted places customarily frequented by employees at or near where the contracted services are performed.
- e. **Records.** Contractor/Lessor must maintain and, upon request and within the time periods requested by the Commonwealth, furnish all employment and wage records necessary to document compliance with these Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions.
- f. **Sanctions.** Failure to comply with these Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions may result in the imposition of sanctions, which may include, but shall not be limited to, termination of the contract or lease, nonpayment, debarment or referral to the Office of General Counsel for appropriate civil or criminal referral.
- g. **Subcontractors.** Contractor/Lessor shall include the provisions of these Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions in every subcontract so that these provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.

## 2. COMMONWEALTH HELD HARMLESS

- a. The Contractor shall hold the Commonwealth harmless from and indemnify the Commonwealth against any and all third-party claims, demands and actions based upon or arising out of any activities performed by the Contractor and its employees and agents under this Contract, provided the Commonwealth gives Contractor prompt notice of any such claim of which it learns. Pursuant to the Commonwealth Attorneys Act (71 P.S. Section 732-101, *et seq.*), the Office of Attorney General (OAG) has the sole authority to represent the Commonwealth in actions brought against the Commonwealth. The OAG may, however, in its sole discretion and under such terms as it deems appropriate, delegate its right of defense. If OAG delegates the defense to the Contractor, the Commonwealth will cooperate with all reasonable requests of Contractor made in the defense of such suits.
- b. Notwithstanding the above, neither party shall enter into any settlement without the other party's written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Commonwealth may, in its sole discretion, allow the Contractor to control the defense and any related settlement negotiations.

## 3. NONDISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAUSE (August 2018)

***The Contractor agrees:***

1. In the hiring of any employee(s) for the manufacture of supplies, performance of work, or any other activity required under the contract or any subcontract, the Contractor, each subcontractor, or any person acting on behalf of the Contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the *Pennsylvania Human Relations Act* (PHRA) and applicable federal laws, against any citizen of this Commonwealth who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.
2. Neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor nor any person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the PHRA and applicable federal laws, against or intimidate any employee involved in the manufacture of supplies, the performance of work, or any other activity required under the contract.
3. Neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor nor any person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the PHRA and applicable federal laws, in the provision of services under the contract.
4. Neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor nor any person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate against employees by reason of participation in or decision to refrain from participating in labor activities protected under the *Public Employee Relations Act*, *Pennsylvania Labor Relations Act* or *National Labor Relations Act*, as applicable and to the extent determined by entities charged with such Acts' enforcement, and shall comply with any provision of law establishing organizations as employees' exclusive representatives.
5. The Contractor and each subcontractor shall establish and maintain a written nondiscrimination and sexual harassment policy and shall inform their employees in writing of the policy. The policy must contain a provision that sexual harassment will not be tolerated and employees who practice it will be disciplined. Posting this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause conspicuously in easily-accessible and well-lighted places customarily frequented by employees and at or near where the contracted services are performed shall satisfy this requirement for employees with an established work site.
6. The Contractor and each subcontractor shall not discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of PHRA and applicable federal laws, against any subcontractor or supplier who is qualified to perform the work to which the contract relates.
7. The Contractor and each subcontractor represents that it is presently in compliance with and will maintain compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and policies relating to nondiscrimination and sexual harassment. The Contractor and each subcontractor further represents that it has filed a Standard Form 100 Employer Information Report ("EEO-1") with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") and shall file an annual EEO-1 report with the EEOC as required for employers' subject to *Title VII* of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964*, as amended, that have 100 or more employees and employers that have federal government contracts or first-tier subcontracts and have 50 or more employees. The Contractor and each subcontractor shall, upon request and within the time periods requested by the Commonwealth, furnish all necessary employment documents and records, including EEO-1 reports, and permit access to their books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business Opportunities for purpose of ascertaining compliance with provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause.
8. The Contractor shall include the provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause in every subcontract so that those provisions applicable to subcontractors will be binding upon each subcontractor.
9. The Contractor's and each subcontractor's obligations pursuant to these provisions are ongoing from and after the effective date of the contract through the termination date thereof. Accordingly, the Contractor and each subcontractor shall have an obligation to inform the Commonwealth if, at any time during the term of the contract, it becomes aware of any actions or occurrences that would result in violation of these provisions.
10. The Commonwealth may cancel or terminate the contract and all money due or to become due under the contract may be forfeited for a violation of the terms and conditions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause. In addition, the agency may proceed with debarment or suspension and may place the Contractor in the Contractor Responsibility File.

**4. CONTRACTOR INTEGRITY PROVISIONS**

It is essential that those who seek to contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Commonwealth") observe high standards of honesty and integrity. They must conduct themselves in a manner that fosters public confidence in the integrity of the

Commonwealth contracting and procurement process.

- a. **DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of these Contractor Integrity Provisions, the following terms shall have the meanings found in this Section:
- 1) **“Affiliate”** means two or more entities where (a) a parent entity owns more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each of the entities; or (b) a common shareholder or group of shareholders owns more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each of the entities; or (c) the entities have a common proprietor or general partner.
  - 2) **“Consent”** means written permission signed by a duly authorized officer or employee of the Commonwealth, provided that where the material facts have been disclosed, in writing, by prequalification, bid, proposal, or contractual terms, the Commonwealth shall be deemed to have consented by virtue of the execution of this contract.
  - 3) **“Contractor”** means the individual or entity, that has entered into this contract with the Commonwealth.
  - 4) **“Contractor Related Parties”** means any affiliates of the Contractor and the Contractor’s executive officers, Pennsylvania officers and directors, or owners of 5 percent or more interest in the Contractor.
  - 5) **“Financial Interest”** means either:
    - a) Ownership of more than a five percent interest in any business; or
    - b) Holding a position as an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee, or holding any position of management.
  - 6) **“Gratuity”** means tendering, giving, or providing anything of more than nominal monetary value including, but not limited to, cash, travel, entertainment, gifts, meals, lodging, loans, subscriptions, advances, deposits of money, services, employment, or contracts of any kind. The exceptions set forth in the [\*Governor’s Code of Conduct, Executive Order 1980-18\*](#), the *4 Pa. Code §7.153(b)*, shall apply.
  - 7) **“Non-bid Basis”** means a contract awarded or executed by the Commonwealth with Contractor without seeking bids or proposals from any other potential bidder or offeror.
- b. In furtherance of this policy, Contractor agrees to the following:
- 1) Contractor shall maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity during the performance of this contract and shall take no action in violation of state or federal laws or regulations or any other applicable laws or regulations, or other requirements applicable to Contractor or that govern contracting or procurement with the Commonwealth.
  - 2) Contractor shall establish and implement a written business integrity policy, which includes, at a minimum, the requirements of these provisions as they relate to the Contractor activity with the Commonwealth and Commonwealth employees and which is made known to all Contractor employees. Posting these Contractor Integrity Provisions conspicuously in easily-accessible and well-lighted places customarily frequented by employees and at or near where the contract services are performed shall satisfy this requirement.
  - 3) Contractor, its affiliates, agents, employees and anyone in privity with Contractor shall not accept, agree to give, offer, confer, or agree to confer or promise to confer, directly or indirectly, any gratuity or pecuniary benefit to any person, or to influence or attempt to influence any person in violation of any federal or state law, regulation, executive order of the Governor of Pennsylvania, statement of policy, management directive or any other published standard of the Commonwealth in connection with performance of work under this contract, except as provided in this contract.
  - 4) Contractor shall not have a financial interest in any other contractor, subcontractor, or supplier providing services, labor, or material under this contract, unless the financial interest is disclosed to the Commonwealth in writing and the Commonwealth consents to Contractor’s financial interest prior to Commonwealth execution of the contract. Contractor shall disclose the financial interest to the Commonwealth at the time of bid or proposal submission, or if no bids or proposals are solicited, no later than Contractor’s submission of the contract signed by Contractor.
  - 5) Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that within the last five (5) years Contractor or Contractor Related Parties have not:

- a) been indicted or convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or business honesty or integrity in any jurisdiction;
- b) been suspended, debarred or otherwise disqualified from entering into any contract with any governmental agency;
- c) had any business license or professional license suspended or revoked;
- d) had any sanction or finding of fact imposed as a result of a judicial or administrative proceeding related to fraud, extortion, bribery, bid rigging, embezzlement, misrepresentation or anti-trust; and
- e) been, and is not currently, the subject of a criminal investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency and/or civil anti-trust investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency.

If Contractor cannot so certify to the above, then it must submit along with its bid, proposal or contract a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made and the Commonwealth will determine whether a contract may be entered into with the Contractor. The Contractor's obligation pursuant to this certification is ongoing from and after the effective date of the contract through the termination date thereof. Accordingly, the Contractor shall have an obligation to immediately notify the Commonwealth in writing if at any time during the term of the contract it becomes aware of any event which would cause the Contractor's certification or explanation to change. Contractor acknowledges that the Commonwealth may, in its sole discretion, terminate the contract for cause if it learns that any of the certifications made herein are currently false due to intervening factual circumstances or were false or should have been known to be false when entering into the contract.

- 6) Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the *Lobbying Disclosure Act (65 Pa.C.S. §13A01 et seq.)* regardless of the method of award. If this contract was awarded on a Non-bid Basis, Contractor must also comply with the requirements of the *Section 1641 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P.S. §3260a)*.
- 7) When Contractor has reason to believe that any breach of ethical standards as set forth in law, the Governor's Code of Conduct, or these Contractor Integrity Provisions has occurred or may occur, including but not limited to contact by a Commonwealth officer or employee which, if acted upon, would violate such ethical standards, Contractor shall immediately notify the Commonwealth contracting officer or the Office of the State Inspector General in writing.
- 8) Contractor, by submission of its bid or proposal and/or execution of this contract and by the submission of any bills, invoices or requests for payment pursuant to the contract, certifies and represents that it has not violated any of these Contractor Integrity Provisions in connection with the submission of the bid or proposal, during any contract negotiations or during the term of the contract, to include any extensions thereof. Contractor shall immediately notify the Commonwealth in writing of any actions for occurrences that would result in a violation of these Contractor Integrity Provisions. Contractor agrees to reimburse the Commonwealth for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Office of the State Inspector General for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the Commonwealth that results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Contractor shall not be responsible for investigative costs for investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.
- 9) Contractor shall cooperate with the Office of the State Inspector General in its investigation of any alleged Commonwealth agency or employee breach of ethical standards and any alleged Contractor non-compliance with these Contractor Integrity Provisions. Contractor agrees to make identified Contractor employees available for interviews at reasonable times and places. Contractor, upon the inquiry or request of an Inspector General, shall provide, or if appropriate, make promptly available for inspection or copying, any information of any type or form deemed relevant by the Office of the State Inspector General to Contractor's integrity and compliance with these provisions. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, Contractor's business or financial records, documents or files of any type or form that refer to or concern this contract. Contractor shall incorporate this paragraph in any agreement, contract or subcontract it enters into in the course of the performance of this contract/agreement solely for the purpose of obtaining subcontractor compliance with this provision. The incorporation of this provision in a subcontract shall not create privity of contract between the Commonwealth and any such subcontractor, and no third party beneficiaries shall be created thereby.
- 10) For violation of any of these Contractor Integrity Provisions, the Commonwealth may terminate this and any other contract with Contractor, claim liquidated damages in an amount equal to the value of anything received in breach of these Provisions, claim damages for all additional costs and expenses incurred in obtaining another contractor to complete performance under this contract, and debar and suspend Contractor from doing business with the Commonwealth. These rights and remedies are cumulative, and the use or non-use of any one shall not

preclude the use of all or any other. These rights and remedies are in addition to those the Commonwealth may have under law, statute, regulation, or otherwise.

## **5. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY PROVISIONS (Updated December 2020)**

For the purpose of these provisions, the term contractor is defined as any person, including, but not limited to, a bidder, offeror, loan recipient, grantee or lessor, who has furnished or performed or seeks to furnish or perform, goods, supplies, services, leased space, construction or other activity, under a contract, grant, lease, purchase order or reimbursement agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth). The term contractor includes a permittee, licensee, or any agency, political subdivision, instrumentality, public authority, or other public entity in the Commonwealth.

- a. The Contractor certifies, in writing, for itself and its subcontractors required to be disclosed or approved by the Commonwealth, that as of the date of its execution of this Bid/Contract, that neither the Contractor, nor any such subcontractors, are under suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth or any governmental entity, instrumentality, or authority and, if the Contractor cannot so certify, then it agrees to submit, along with its Bid/Contract, a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made.
- b. The Contractor also certifies, in writing, that as of the date of its execution of this Bid/Contract it has no tax liabilities or other Commonwealth obligations, or has filed a timely administrative or judicial appeal if such liabilities or obligations exist, or is subject to a duly approved deferred payment plan if such liabilities exist.
- c. The Contractor's obligations pursuant to these provisions are ongoing from and after the effective date of the Contract through the termination date thereof. Accordingly, the Contractor shall have an obligation to inform the Commonwealth if, at any time during the term of the Contract, it becomes delinquent in the payment of taxes, or other Commonwealth obligations, or if it or, to the best knowledge of the Contractor, any of its subcontractors are suspended or debarred by the Commonwealth, the federal government, or any other state or governmental entity. Such notification shall be made within 15 days of the date of suspension or debarment.
- d. The failure of the Contractor to notify the Commonwealth of its suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth, any other state, or the federal government shall constitute an event of default of the Contract with the Commonwealth.
- e. The Contractor agrees to reimburse the Commonwealth for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Office of State Inspector General for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the Commonwealth that results in the suspension or debarment of the contractor. Such costs shall include, but shall not be limited to, salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor shall not be responsible for investigative costs for investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.
- f. The Contractor may obtain a current list of suspended and debarred Commonwealth contractors by visiting the eMarketplace website at <http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us> and clicking the Debarment list tab.

## **6. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

- a. Pursuant to federal regulations promulgated under the authority of The Americans With Disabilities Act, 28 C.F.R. § 35.101 et seq., the Contractor understands and agrees that it shall not cause any individual with a disability to be excluded from participation in this Contract or from activities provided for under this Contract on the basis of the disability. As a condition of accepting this contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with the "General Prohibitions Against Discrimination," 28 C.F.R. § 35.130, and all other regulations promulgated under Title II of The Americans With Disabilities Act which are applicable to all benefits, services, programs, and activities provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through contracts with outside contractors.
- b. The Contractor shall be responsible for and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from all losses, damages, expenses, claims, demands, suits, and actions brought by any party against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a result of the Contractor's failure to comply with the provisions of subparagraph a above.

## **7. RIGHT TO KNOW LAW**

- a. The Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-3104, (“RTKL”) applies to this Contract. For the purpose of these provisions, the term “the Commonwealth” shall refer to the contracting Commonwealth agency.
- b. If the Commonwealth needs the Contractor’s assistance in any matter arising out of the RTKL related to this Contract, it shall notify the Contractor using the legal contact information provided in this Contract. The Contractor, at any time, may designate a different contact for such purpose upon reasonable prior written notice to the Commonwealth.
- c. Upon written notification from the Commonwealth that it requires the Contractor’s assistance in responding to a request under the RTKL for information related to this Contract that may be in the Contractor’s possession, constituting, or alleged to constitute, a public record in accordance with the RTKL (“Requested Information”), the Contractor shall:
  - 1) Provide the Commonwealth, within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of written notification, access to, and copies of, any document or information in the Contractor’s possession arising out of this Contract that the Commonwealth reasonably believes is Requested Information and may be a public record under the RTKL; and
  - 2) Provide such other assistance as the Commonwealth may reasonably request, in order to comply with the RTKL with respect to this Contract.
- d. If the Contractor considers the Requested Information to include a request for a Trade Secret or Confidential Proprietary Information, as those terms are defined by the RTKL, or other information that the Contractor considers exempt from production under the RTKL, the Contractor must notify the Commonwealth and provide, within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the written notification, a written statement signed by a representative of the Contractor explaining why the requested material is exempt from public disclosure under the RTKL.
- e. The Commonwealth will rely upon the written statement from the Contractor in denying a RTKL request for the Requested Information unless the Commonwealth determines that the Requested Information is clearly not protected from disclosure under the RTKL. Should the Commonwealth determine that the Requested Information is clearly not exempt from disclosure, the Contractor shall provide the Requested Information within five (5) business days of receipt of written notification of the Commonwealth’s determination.
- f. If the Contractor fails to provide the Requested Information within the time period required by these provisions, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold the Commonwealth harmless for any damages, penalties, costs, detriment or harm that the Commonwealth may incur as a result of the Contractor’s failure, including any statutory damages assessed against the Commonwealth.
- g. The Commonwealth will reimburse the Contractor for any costs associated with complying with these provisions only to the extent allowed under the fee schedule established by the Office of Open Records or as otherwise provided by the RTKL if the fee schedule is inapplicable.
- h. The Contractor may file a legal challenge to any Commonwealth decision to release a record to the public with the Office of Open Records, or in the Pennsylvania Courts, however, the Contractor shall indemnify the Commonwealth for any legal expenses incurred by the Commonwealth as a result of such a challenge and shall hold the Commonwealth harmless for any damages, penalties, costs, detriment or harm that the Commonwealth may incur as a result of the Contractor’s failure, including any statutory damages assessed against the Commonwealth, regardless of the outcome of such legal challenge. As between the parties, the Contractor agrees to waive all rights or remedies that may be available to it as a result of the Commonwealth’s disclosure of Requested Information pursuant to the RTKL.
- i. The Contractor’s duties relating to the RTKL are continuing duties that survive the expiration of this Contract and shall continue as long as the Contractor has Requested Information in its possession.

## **8. OFFSET PROVISION**

- a. The Contractor agrees that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) may set off the amount of any state tax liability or other obligation of the Contractor or its subsidiaries to the Commonwealth against any payments due the Contractor under any contract with the Commonwealth.

**9. FOR ALL MEDICAL SERVICES, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS APPLY:**

- a. **COVID-19.** The Contractor shall comply with all Commonwealth of Pennsylvania COVID-19 guidelines and social distancing requirements, for the term of the contract.
- b. **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Compliance.** The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act are applicable to activities associated with this Contract.
- c. **Medical Screening.**
  - 1) The Contractor will present proof for all staff assigned to the Facility having received a current completed two-step PPD (purified-protein-derivative) test with negative/no reaction result within the past 90 days. If the Contractor has written proof a PPD within the last six months, the Facility will accept this documentation in lieu of administration of a repeat test. If the Contractor's employees are unwilling to submit to the test due to a previous positive reading, allergy to PPD material or refusal, then the Contractor must complete a Risk Assessment Questionnaire.
  - 2) The Contractor will present proof for all staff assigned to the Facility of having received a current, completed two-step tuberculin skin test (TST) or chest x-ray, with negative/no reaction result, within the past 90 days. If the Contractor can show evidence that the contracted employees have has tuberculin skin testing in the recent past, the two-step tuberculin skin testing requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Medical Director of the Veterans Home, following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on tuberculin skin testing for long-term care facilities. The Contractor will conduct a TB Assessment worksheet according to CDC guidelines for staff that have documentation of a negative two-step TST performed within the past 12 months. All staff assigned to the Veterans Home must have annual TST testing performed and shall provide the Facility with the negative/no reaction documentation. A physician at the Veterans Home will evaluate any person with a known history of having a positive TST before that individual is permitted to work at the Veterans Home. For those individuals with a prior positive TST, a risk assessment questionnaire for tuberculosis must be completed annually. The TST is safe for infants, children, pregnant women, HIV-infected people, or those who have been vaccinated with the TB vaccine bacilli Calmette-Guerin (BCG). It is the Contractor's responsibility to make sure that the Veterans Home is provided with the most current documentation throughout the term of the Contract/purchase order. Failure to provide the required documentation will be interpreted as the Contractor not complying with the Terms and Conditions of the purchase order.
- d. **Stark Law.** The Contractor shall comply with the Physician Self-Referral Law 42 U.S.C. § 1395nn.
- e. **Anti-Kickback Statute.** The Contractor shall comply with the Anti-Kickback Statute, 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b.
- f. **False Claims Act.** The Contractor shall comply with the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733.
- g. **Exclusion Statute.** The Contractor shall comply with the Exclusion Statute, 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7.
- h. **Annual Checks.** The Contractor shall ensure that all contract staff who will have contact with residents, complete the following checks annually:
  - 1) The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Exclusion Database Check.
  - 2) The Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Exclusion Database Check.
  - 3) The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioners Data Bank Check.
  - 4) Background Check Certification Form (All onsite services)

The Contractor shall immediately report to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, any individual who does not have a clean check and remove them from providing services to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The Contractor shall provide certifications that the checks have been completed upon request of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.



## **10. Pennsylvania Worker Protection and Investment.**

The awarded contractor must maintain compliance with all Pennsylvania state labor and workforce safety laws for the duration of the contract, including, but not limited to: (All contracts)

- a. Construction Workplace Misclassification Act.
- b. Employment of Minors Child Labor Act.
- c. Minimum Wage Act.
- d. Prevailing Wage Act.
- e. Equal Pay Law.
- f. Employer to Pay Employment Medical Examination Fee Act.
- g. Seasonal Farm Labor Act.
- h. Wage Payment and Collection Law.
- i. Industrial Homework Law.
- j. Construction Industry Employee Verification Act.

All bidders shall submit the Worker Protection and Investment certification with their bid.

## **11. Buy American Preference (If applicable).**

The awarded contractor must comply with the Build America, Buy America Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, specifically, §§ 70901-52 and §§70914 in the provision of products, supplies, and equipment under this Contract.

All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States. This means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States. This means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States, and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation. All construction materials are manufactured in the United States. This means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States. (All construction contracts and infrastructure projects with federal funds)

## **12. Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA).**

The awarded contractor shall comply with all provisions contained under APPENDIX II TO PART 200 —CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 2.

## **13. Fees and Surcharges.**

The commonwealth does not pay surcharges or % fees for the use of the purchasing card.  
Only the amount outlined on the Pcard will be paid.