APPENDIX I

PARTICIPATION IN STATE PROCUREMENT TRANSACTIONS SMALL BUSINESSES AND BUSINESSES OWNED BY WOMEN AND MINORITIES

The following definitions will be used in completing the information contained in this Appendix.

Definitions

- **Small business** is an independently owned and operated business which, together with affiliates, has 250 or fewer employees, or average annual gross receipts of $10 million or less averaged over the previous three years. Nothing in this definition prevents a program, agency, institution or subdivision from complying with the qualification criteria of a specific state program or federal guideline to be in compliance with a federal grant or program.

- **Women-owned business** is a business concern which is at least 51 percent 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 percent of the equity ownership interest in which is owned by one or more women, and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of such individuals.

- **Minority-owned business** is a business concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more minorities or in the case of a corporation, partnership or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51 percent of the equity ownership interest in which is owned by one or more minorities and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of such individuals.

- **Minority Individual**: “Minority” means a person who is a citizen of the United States or a legal resident alien and who satisfies one or more of the following definitions:
  - “Asian Americans” means all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands, including but not limited to Japan, China, Vietnam, Samoa, Laos, Cambodia, Taiwan, Northern Marinas, the Philippines, U.S. territory of the Pacific, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka and who are regarded as such by the community of which these persons claim to be a part.
  - “African Americans” means all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Africa and who are regarded as such by the community of which these persons claim to be a part.
  - “Hispanic Americans” means all persons having origins in any of the Spanish speaking peoples of Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands or other Spanish or Portuguese cultures and who are regarded as such by the community of which these persons claim to be a part.
  - “Native Americans” means all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who are regarded as such by the community of which these persons claim to be a part or who are recognized by a tribal organization.
  - “Eskimos and Aleuts” means all persons having origins in any of the peoples of Northern Canada, Greenland, Alaska, and Eastern Siberia and who are regarded as such in the community of which these persons claim to be a part.
This appendix should only be completed by firms that are not Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD) certified small businesses.

Offeror certifies that it will involve Small Businesses, Women-Owned Businesses, and/or Minority-Owned Businesses (SWaM) in the performance of this contract either as part of a joint venture, as a partnership, as Subcontractors or as suppliers.

VCU has an overall goal of 42% SWaM participation for all annual purchases and seeks the maximum level of participation possible from all its contractors.

List the names of the SWaM Businesses your firm intends to use and identify the direct role of these firms in the performance of the contract. State whether the firm is a Small Business (SB), Women-Owned (WO), or Minority-Owned (MO).

Name of Businesses: SB, WO, MO: Role in contract: 

Commitment for utilization of DSBSD SWaM Businesses: ______________% of total contract amount that will be performed by DSBSD certified SWaM businesses.

Identify the individual responsible for submitting SWaM reporting information to VCU:

Name Printed: Email: Phone: Firm: 

Offeror understands and acknowledge that the percentages stated above represent a contractual commitment by the Offeror. Failure to achieve the percentage commitment will be considered a breach of contract and may result in contract default.

Acknowledged:
By (Signature): 
Name Printed: 
Title: 
Email: 

Note: Small, Minority and/or Women-owned business sub-contractors are required to become certified and maintain certification through the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD; http://www.sbsd.virginia.gov/swamcert.html) to fulfill the Offeror’s commitment for utilization.