

State of California

# MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE

NON-MANDATORY

## V Group Consultancy Services, Inc.

CMAS NUMBER:	<b>3-24-01-1043</b>
CMAS TERM DATES:	1/24/2024 through 12/13/2026
EFFECTIVE DATE:	1/24/2024
CMAS CATEGORY:	Information Technology Goods and Services
APPLICABLE CMAS TERMS & CONDITIONS:	<a href="#">March 1, 2023</a>
MAXIMUM ORDER LIMIT:	State Agencies: <b>See Purchasing Authority Dollar Threshold provision</b> Local Government Agencies: <b>Unlimited</b>
FOR USE BY:	State & Local Government Agencies
BASE SCHEDULE #:	<a href="#">47QTCA22D002J</a>
BASE SCHEDULE HOLDER:	V Group Inc
PROGRAM ANALYST	Bryan Dugger bryan.dugger@dgs.ca.gov

This California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) provides for the purchase and warranty of Information Technology (IT) consulting services. (See page 3 for the restrictions applicable to this CMAS.)

The most current Ordering Instructions and Special Provisions, CMAS Terms and Conditions, and products and/or services are included herein. All purchase orders issued by State agencies shall incorporate these Ordering Instructions and Special Provisions and CMAS Terms and Conditions.

Agency non-compliance with the requirements may result in the loss of CMAS program delegated purchasing authority.

CMAS contractor non-compliance with the requirements may result in termination.

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**CMAS PRODUCT & SERVICE CODES**

Product & Service Codes listed below are for marketing purposes only. Review the base schedule for the products and/or services available.

IT Consult-Database Design  
IT Consult-Document Conversion  
IT Consult-E-Commerce  
IT Consult-Mobile App Maint  
IT Consult-Programming  
IT Consult-Project Mgmt  
IT Consult-Project Planning  
IT Consult-Quality Assurance  
IT Consult-Require Analysis  
IT Consult-Risk Mgmt  
IT Consult-Security Assessment  
IT Consult-Software Develop  
IT Consult-System Analysis  
IT Consult-System Design  
IT Consult-System Development  
IT Consult-System Integration  
IT Consult-Website Design  
IT Service-Website Maint

**AVAILABLE PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES**

All of the Information Technology (IT) consulting services job titles in the base schedule are available within the scope of this CMAS.

The ordering agency must verify the following current information about the job titles available in the base schedule at the [General Services Administration \(GSA\) eLibrary](#):

- Description of the functional requirements
- Minimum education and experience requirements
- Maximum pricing allowed (lower pricing acceptable)

**FIND BASE SCHEDULE PRICING**

Once on the Contractor Information page for a specific GSA schedule, the pricelist can be found either in the Contractor Terms & Conditions (T&Cs)/Pricelist document or at GSA Advantage. The Contractor T&Cs/Pricelist document is provided by the contractor as a requirement of GSA and can be found under the Contractor T&Cs/Pricelist heading by clicking on the page icon.

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If the contractor has products/services available for ordering on GSA Advantage, a 'GSA Advantage' icon will be displayed. By clicking this image link, this will execute a search against GSA Advantage. Depending on the category, whether product or service related, will return either:

- 1) If products, a listing of all products available for the contractor under this contract
- 2) If services, the same document provided under the column Contractor T&Cs/Pricelist by clicking View Contractor Information and then View Contractor Catalog.

**EXCLUDED PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES**

Risk assessment and mitigation services, temporary staffing services, staff recruiting services, and order-level materials are not available under this CMAS.

**ISSUE PURCHASE ORDER TO**

Agency purchase orders must be sent to the following:

**V Group Consultancy Services, Inc.  
379 Princeton-Hightstown Road, Building 3, Suite 2A  
East Windsor, NJ 08520  
Attn: Ankin Shah**

**E-mail: [cabids@vgroupinc.com](mailto:cabids@vgroupinc.com)**

Agencies with questions regarding products and/or services may contact the CMAS contractor as follows:

**Contact: Sandeep Soman  
Phone: (609) 371-5400, Ext.: 114  
E-mail: [cabids@vgroupinc.com](mailto:cabids@vgroupinc.com)  
Website: <https://www.vgroupinc.com/>**

**TOP 500 DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS**

In accordance with Public Contract Code (PCC) 10295.4, and prior to placing an order for IT goods and/or services, **agencies must verify** with the Franchise Tax Board and the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration that this CMAS contractor's name does not appear on either list of the 500 largest tax delinquencies pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code 7063 or 19195. The Franchise Tax Board's list of Top 500 Delinquent Taxpayers is available at their website. The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration's list of Top 500 Sales & Use Tax Delinquencies in California is available at their website.

**MINIMUM ORDER LIMITATION**

There is no minimum dollar value limitation on orders placed under this CMAS.

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**CMAS PRICES**

The maximum prices allowed for the products and/or services available are those set forth in the base schedule.

The ordering agency is encouraged to seek prices lower than those in the base schedule. When responding to an agency's Request for Offer (RFO), the CMAS contractor can offer lower prices to be competitive.

**PRICE DISCOUNTS**

This CMAS contains dollar volume discounts. See the base schedule for the specific discount percentage.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER N-6-22 – RUSSIA SANCTIONS**

On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law. The EO directs state agencies to terminate contracts with, and to refrain from entering any new contracts with, individuals or entities that are determined to be a target of Economic Sanctions. Accordingly, should the State determine Contractor is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for termination of this agreement. The State shall provide Contractor advance written notice of such termination, allowing Contractor at least 30 calendar days to provide a written response. Termination shall be at the sole discretion of the State.

**IRAN CERTIFICATION**

This CMAS contractor has certified compliance with the Iran Contracting Act, per PCC 2001-2008. It is the agency's responsibility to verify that the contractor has an Iran Contracting Act Certification on file.

**CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS LAW CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to PCC 2010 applicants must certify their compliance with the California Civil Rights laws and Employer Discriminatory Policies (Civil Code 51, GC 12960). It is the agency's responsibility to verify that the contractor has a California Civil Rights Law Certification on file.

**WARRANTY**

For warranties, see the base schedule and the CMAS Warranty provision in the CMAS Terms and Conditions/General Provisions.

CMAS contractor personnel shall have the experience, education, and expertise as defined in the base schedule.

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**DELIVERY**

As negotiated between agency and CMAS contractor and included in the purchase order.

**LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR LATE DELIVERY**

The value of the liquidated damages cannot be a penalty, must be mutually agreed upon by agency and contractor and included in the purchase order to be applicable.

**SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS**

F.O.B. (Free On Board) Destination. Seller pays the freight charges.

**PURCHASING AUTHORITY DOLLAR THRESHOLD**

Order limits for the purchase of goods and/or services is determined by the individual agency purchasing authority threshold.

No CMAS order may be executed by a State agency that exceeds that agency's purchasing authority threshold, unless an exemption is granted by the Department of General Services (DGS) Purchasing Authority Unit (PAU). State agencies with approved purchasing authority, along with their dollar thresholds can be obtained at the List of State Departments with Approved Purchasing Authority website.

**HOW TO USE CMAS**

State agencies must adhere to the requirements in the State Contracting Manual (SCM) Volume 2, Chapter 1600 and CMAS Ordering Instructions and Special Provisions when using CMAS.

- Develop an RFO, which includes a Scope of Work (SOW) and Bidder Declaration form. For information on the Bidder Declaration requirements see SCM, Volume 2, Sections 305 and 1202.
- Clearly defined Tasks (what needs to be done) and Deliverables (outcome of each task, i.e., reports, procedures manual, etc.) must be included in the State's SOW.
- A Work Order Authorization (WOA) may be used to document completion of pre-determined tasks, but only if the tasks are clearly defined in the SOW. The WOA may be used to approve release for the next phase of the agreement but cannot be used to identify any tasks other than the ones called out in the SOW. The WOA will be signed by all parties and may be submitted for progress payments under the award.
- Projects can be performed on a Fixed Price Per Deliverable (FP/D). Fixed Price; FP/D: A defined service, or set of services, performed by Contractor in response to a defined task, or set of tasks, at a specific fixed price, and delivered per a specific schedule. Note: When using FP/D the Statement of Work must describe in detail the particular project and the work that the selected Qualified Contractor will be required to perform.
- For Consulting or Personal services, do not include any labor categories/job titles or number of hours limit in RFO Requirements or the SOW. The CMAS Contractor provides this information in their Attachment B Cost Worksheet. The State does not have the expertise to make this decision (GC 19130(b)).

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- Search for potential CMAS contractors on the CMAS website and select “Find a CMAS Contractor.”
- Request offers from a minimum of 3 CMAS contractors including one small business (SB) and/or Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), if available, who are authorized to sell the products and/or able to perform the services needed. (Government Code 14846(b)).
- A valid attempt must be made to secure offers from viable CMAS contractors who are able to supply the goods and/or provide the services. Neither a lack of sufficient CMAS contractors nor the use of restrictive requirements meets the intent for obtaining offers (SCM Volume 2, Section 1670.2).
- If requesting offers from a certified DVBE, include the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Declarations form (Standard 843) in the RFO. This declaration must be completed by the DVBE prime contractor and/or any DVBE subcontractors and submitted with the offer (SCM Volume 2, Section 1201).
- This is not a bid transaction, so the small business preference, DVBE incentives, protest language, intent to award, evaluation criteria, advertising, Administrative and Technical Requirements, etc. are not applicable. (SCM Volume 2, Section 1603).
- If less than 3 offers are received, State agencies must document their file with the reasons why the other suppliers did not respond with an offer. The reason must come from the CMAS contractor.
- Assess the offers received using best value criteria including cost as one of the criteria (SCM Volume 2, Section 1603).
- Issue a Purchase Order to the selected CMAS contractor.
- For CMAS transactions under \$10,000, only one offer is required if the State agency can establish and document that the price is fair and reasonable. The fair and reasonable method can only be used for non-customizable purchases. See SCM Volume 2, Section 1510 for Fair and Reason criteria.

Local agencies must follow their own procurement regulations. For more information see the Local Agency packet available online.

**AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY**

Each agency is responsible for its own contracting program and purchasing decisions, including use of the CMAS program and associated outcomes. This responsibility includes, but is not limited to, ensuring the necessity of the services, securing appropriate funding, complying with laws and policies, preparing the purchase order in a manner that safeguards the State’s best interests, obtaining required approvals, and documenting compliance with GC 19130.b(3) for outsourcing services.

It is the responsibility of each agency to consult with their legal staff and contracting offices for advice depending upon the scope or complexity of the purchase order. If legal services are not available within your agency, DGS Office of Legal Services is available to provide services.

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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Agencies must evaluate the proposed purchase order to determine if there are any potential conflict of interest issues. See the CMAS Terms and Conditions, Conflict of Interest, for more information.

**SPLITTING ORDERS**

Splitting orders to avoid any monetary limitations is prohibited. Do not circumvent normal procurement methods by splitting purchases into a series of delegated purchase orders per PCC 10329. Splitting a project into small projects to avoid either fiscal or procedural controls is prohibited per State Administrative Manual (SAM) 4819.34.

This provision does not apply to local government agencies.

**ORDERING PROCEDURES**

**1. Purchase Orders**

All Ordering Agency purchase order documents executed under this CMAS must contain the applicable CMAS number as show on page 1.

a. State Departments:

Standard 65 Purchase Documents – State departments not transacting in FISCal must use the Purchasing Authority Purchase Order (Standard 65) for purchase execution. An electronic version of the Standard 65 is available at the Department of General Services (DGS), Procurement Division (PD) website, select Standard (STD) Forms.

FISCAL Purchase Documents – State departments transacting in FISCal will follow the FISCal procurement and contracting procedures.

b. Local Government Agencies:

Local government agencies may use their own purchase order document for purchase execution.

The agency is required to complete and distribute the purchase order. For services, the agency shall modify the information contained on the order to include the service period (start and end date), the monthly cost (or other intermittent cost), and any other information pertinent to the services. The cost for each line item must be included in the order, not just system totals.

The contractor must immediately reject purchase orders that are not accurate. Discrepancies are to be negotiated and incorporated into the purchase order prior to product delivery and service implementation.

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**2. Service and Delivery after CMAS Expiration**

The purchase order must be issued before the CMAS expires. However, delivery of the products or completion of the services may be after the CMAS expires (unless otherwise specifically stated in the purchase order). Amending the purchase order to add quantity, time, or money is not possible if the CMAS expired.

**3. Multiple CMAS Agreements on a Single Purchase Order**

State agencies wishing to include multiple CMAS agreements on a single FISCal purchase order must adhere to the following guidelines:

- All CMAS must be for the same CMAS contractor.
- The purchase order must go to one contractor location.
- Enter the word “CMAS” in the space reserved for the Leveraged Procurement Agreement (LPA) number. The word “CMAS” signifies that the purchase order contains items from multiple CMAS agreements. The purchasing agency may only use one bill code.
- For each individual CMAS, the agency must identify and group together the CMAS number with the line items and subtotal per CMAS number (do not include tax in the subtotal), and sequentially identify each individual CMAS as Sub #1, Sub #2, Sub #3, etc. This facilitates accurate billing of administrative fees by the Procurement Division.
- The total of all items on the purchase order must not exceed the State agency’s purchasing authority dollar threshold granted by DGS PAU.
- Do not combine items from IT and non-IT CMAS agreements. An Information Technology CMAS begins with the number “3” and a non-IT CMAS begins with the number “4.” The purchase order limits are different for these CMAS agreements.

**4. Amendments to State Agency's Purchase Orders**

Agency purchase orders cannot be amended if the CMAS has expired.

SCM, Volume 2, Section 1605 provides the following directions regarding amendments to all types of LPA purchase orders:

Original orders, which include options for changes (e.g., quantity or time), that were assessed and considered in the selection for award during the RFO process, may be amended consistent with the terms of the original order, provided that the original order allowed for amendments. If the original order did not evaluate options, then amendments are not allowed unless a Non-Competitively Bid is approved for those amendments.

Amendments unique to Non-IT Services:

If the original contract permitted amendments, but did not specify the changes, (e.g., quantity or time), it may be amended. Per PCC 10335 (d)(1), a contract may only be amended once under this exemption. The time shall not exceed one year, or add not more than 30 percent of the original order value and may not exceed \$250,000. If the original contract did not have language permitting amendments, the Non-Competitively Bid process must be followed.



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**CMAS CONTRACTOR OWNERSHIP INFORMATION**

The CMAS contractor is a large business enterprise.

**SMALL BUSINESS MUST BE CONSIDERED**

Prior to placing orders under the CMAS program, State agencies must first consider offers from small businesses that have established CMAS agreements (GC 14846(b)). NOTE: DGS auditors will request substantiation of compliance with this requirement when agency files are reviewed.

CMAS Small Business and Disabled Veteran Partners can be found on the CMAS website by selecting "Find a CMAS Contractor".

In response to our commitment to increase participation by small businesses, the Department of General Services waives the administrative fee (charged to customer agencies to support the CMAS program) for orders to California certified small business enterprises.

**SMALL BUSINESS/DVBE - TRACKING**

State agencies are able to claim subcontracting dollars towards their SB or DVBE goals whenever the CMAS contractor subcontracts a commercially useful function to a certified SB or DVBE. The CMAS contractor will provide the ordering agency with the name of the SB or DVBE used and the dollar amount the ordering agency can apply towards its SB or DVBE goal.

**SMALL BUSINESS/DVBE - SUBCONTRACTING**

1. The amount an ordering agency can claim towards achieving its SB or DVBE goals is the dollar amount of the subcontract award made by the CMAS contractor to each SB or DVBE.
2. The CMAS contractor will provide an ordering agency with the following information at the time the order is quoted:
  - a. The CMAS contractor will state that, as the prime contractor, it shall be responsible for the overall execution of the fulfillment of the order.
  - b. The CMAS contractor will indicate to the ordering agency how the order meets the SB or DVBE goal, as follows:
    - i. List the name of each company that is certified by the Office of Small Business and DVBE Services that it intends to subcontract a commercially useful function to; and
    - ii. Include the SB or DVBE certification number of each company listed and attach a copy of each certification; and
    - iii. Indicate the dollar amount of each subcontract with a SB or DVBE that may be claimed by the ordering agency towards the SB or DVBE goal; and
    - iv. Indicate what commercially useful function the SB or DVBE subcontractor will be providing towards fulfillment of the order.

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3. The ordering agency's purchase order must be addressed to the prime contractor, and the purchase order must reference the information provided by the prime contractor as outlined above.

**CONTRACTORS ACTING AS FISCAL AGENTS ARE PROHIBITED**

When a subcontractor ultimately provides all of the products or performs all of the services that a CMAS contractor has agreed to provide, and the prime contractor only handles the invoicing of expenditures, then the prime contractor's role becomes that of a fiscal agent because it is merely administrative in nature and does not provide a Commercially Useful Function. It is unacceptable to use fiscal agents in this manner because the agency is paying unnecessary administrative costs.

**WITHHOLD LANGUAGE (SB588)**

Upon delivery or completion of ordered goods or services for which the Contractor committed to DVBE subcontractor participation, state departments must require the Contractor to certify all the following:

1. The amount and percentage of work the Contractor committed to provide to one or more DVBEs under the requirements of the contract and the amount each DVBE received from the Contractor.
2. That all payments under the contract have been made to the DVBE. Upon request, the Contractor must provide proof of payment for the work.

In accordance with the Military and Veterans Code 999.7, state departments shall withhold \$10,000 from the final payment, or the full final payment if less than \$10,000, if the Contractor fails to meet the certification requirements identified above. State departments shall notify the Contractor of their failure to meet the certification requirements and give the Contractor an opportunity to comply with the certification requirements. If after 30 calendar days from the date of notice, the Contractor refuses to comply with the certification requirements, the state department shall permanently deduct \$10,000 from the final payment or the full payment if less than \$10,000.

**INTEGRATED SERVICES**

Agencies are prohibited from using CMAS for large-scale information technology system integration projects except when specifically approved by the California Department of Technology.

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**CONSULTING OR PERSONAL SERVICES**

To ensure sufficient expertise for all consulting or personal services, prior to issuing an order, the agency is required to review the resumes of all personnel the CMAS contractor intends to use to fulfill the order. Each agency is responsible for verifying that contractor personnel meet any education or experience requirements listed in the base schedule.

Each order should contain, as a minimum, a description of the task, a statement of the contractor's responsibilities, completion criteria, a list of deliverable items (if any), the estimated start date, the scheduled completion date, and a fixed cost for each task. A Work Order Authorization may be submitted by the CMAS Contractor to document completion of tasks identified in the SOW; authorizing the CMAS Contract to proceed to the next documented tasks.

The combined fixed cost for all tasks establishes the fixed maximum price for all tasks as described.

**1. Progress Payments**

For an IT service CMAS see the CMAS IT Terms and Conditions, Provision #75, CMAS Progress Payments & Risk Assessment.

**2. Outsourcing Services**

Careful analysis must be given by State agencies to using contracted personnel rather than using civil service positions within State government.

GC 19130(c) requires that all persons who provide services to the State under conditions that constitute an employment relationship shall, unless exempted by Article VII (Section 4) of the California Constitution, be retained under an appropriate civil service appointment.

Issuing a CMAS purchase order for services to an independent contractor is permissible when any of the following conditions set forth in GC 19130(b) can be met:

- Exempt under Constitution
- New State function and legislative authority
- Service not available; highly specialized or technical
- Incidental to the purchase or lease
- Conflict of interest; need unbiased findings
- Emergency appointment
- Private counsel, with Attorney General approval and Governor's Office, if applicable
- Contractor will provide deliverables that are not feasible for the State to provide
- Training when civil service is not available
- Urgent, temporary, or occasional services when civil service delay would frustrate the purpose (see Option 2)

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**When justified as outlined above, personal services must fall under one of the two following options:**

**Option 1.** CMAS orders for personal services such as project management, independent verification and validation, systems analysis and design, and miscellaneous services are not limited to the number of hours or months per year that a consultant can work if the services contracted for are not available within civil service, cannot be performed satisfactorily by civil service employees, or are of such a highly specialized or technical nature that the necessary expert knowledge, experience, and ability are not available through the civil service system (GC 19130.b (3)).

**Option 2.** CMAS personal services orders for programmers, systems analysts, and technical specialists which are of an urgent, temporary, or occasional nature, such that hiring additional civil service positions is not feasible, are limited to 9 months (1,548 hours) per consultant within a twelve consecutive month period (GC 19130.b (10)/California State Constitution, Article VII, Section 5).

This provision is per agency and is inclusive of orders issued on your behalf by another agency. Contractors must wait three months from CMAS order termination/expiration before submitting the candidate's resume for work at the same agency/department.

For both options above, the contractor may conduct training courses for which appropriately qualified civil service instructors are not available provided that permanent instructor positions in academies or similar settings shall be filled through civil service appointment (GC 19130.b (9)).

**For each order, the agency must prepare and retain in their file a written justification that includes specific and detailed factual information that demonstrates that the contract meets one or more of the conditions set forth in (GC 19130(b)).**

### **3. State Personnel Board Requirements**

State Personnel Board approval is required for a purchase order based on cost savings to the State as justification for not using civil service personnel.

### **4. Statement of Work**

A Statement of Work (SOW) must be prepared as applicable for each purchase order.

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**5. Follow-on Contracts Are Prohibited**

No person, firm, or subsidiary thereof who has been awarded a purchase order for consulting services, or a purchase order that includes a consulting component, may be awarded a purchase order for the provision of services, delivery of goods or supplies, or any other related action which is required, suggested, or otherwise deemed appropriate as an end product of the purchase order (PCC 10365.5).

Therefore, any consultant who develops a program study or provides formal recommendations is precluded from providing any work recommended in the program study or the formal recommendation.

**CONTRACTOR EVALUATIONS**

Pursuant to PCC 12102.3, a post evaluation must be completed for all IT services \$500,000 and over related to an IT project as defined in the SAM 4819.2. A copy of the post evaluation and subsequent comments from the contractor must be sent to [Form971@state.ca.gov](mailto:Form971@state.ca.gov). A post evaluation and contractor response pursuant to PCC 12102.3 is exempt from the Public Records Act.

Buyers must complete a Post Evaluation for IT Services Contracts (STD 971) for each completed IT services contract totaling \$500,000 or more AND related to an IT project (both delegated and non-delegated IT projects as defined by the State Administrative Manual).

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN USE CMAS**

State and local government agency use of CMAS is optional. A local government is any city, county, city and county, district, or other local governmental body or corporation, including Universities of California, California State Universities, K-12 schools, and community colleges empowered to expend public funds. While the State makes this CMAS available, each local government agency should make its own determination whether the CMAS program is consistent with its procurement policies and regulations.

PCC 10298 allows any city, county, city and county, district, or other local governmental body or corporation empowered to expend public funds to contract with suppliers awarded CMAS without further competitive bidding. See complete PCC 10298 language at the California Legislative Information website.

PCC 10299 allows any school district empowered to expend public funds to utilize CMAS without further competitive bidding. See complete PCC 10299 language at the California Legislative Information website.

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**SELF-DELETING BASE SCHEDULE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Instructions or terms and conditions that appear in the Special Items or other provisions of the base schedule and apply to the purchase, license, or rental (as applicable) of products or services by the US Government in the United States and/or to any overseas location shall be self-deleting. (Example: "Examinations of Records" provision).

Federal regulations and standards, such as Federal Acquisition Regulation, Federal Information Resources Management Regulation, Federal Information Processing Standards, General Services Administration Regulation, or Federal Installment Payment Agreement shall be self-deleting. Federal blanket orders and small order procedures are not applicable.

**ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

The CMAS Terms and Conditions take precedence if there is a conflict between the terms and conditions of the contractor's base schedule, packaging, invoices, catalogs, brochures, technical data sheets, or other documents (see CMAS Terms and Conditions, CONFLICT OF TERMS).

**APPLICABLE CODES, POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

All California codes, policies, and guidelines are applicable. The use of CMAS does not relieve state agencies of their responsibility to meet statewide requirements regarding contracting or the procurement of goods or services. Most procurement and contract codes, policies, and guidelines are incorporated into CMAS agreements; however, there is no guarantee that every requirement that pertains to all State processes has been included.

**PAYMENTS AND INVOICES**

**1. Payment Terms**

Payment terms for this CMAS are net 45 days.

Payment will be made in accordance with the provisions of the California Prompt Payment Act, GC 927. Unless expressly exempted by statute, the Act requires State agencies to pay properly submitted, undisputed invoices not more than 45 days after (1) the date of acceptance of goods or performance of services; or (2) receipt of an undisputed invoice, whichever is later.

**2. Payee Data Record (Standard 204)**

State Agencies must obtain a copy of the Payee Data Record (Standard 204) in order to process payments. State Ordering Agencies must forward a copy of the Standard 204 to their accounting offices. Without the Standard 204, payment may be unnecessarily delayed. State Agencies should contact the CMAS contractor for copies of the Payee Data Record.

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**3. DGS Administrative and Incentive Fees**

**Orders from State Agencies:**

DGS will bill each State agency directly an administrative fee for use of CMAS. The administrative fee should NOT be included in the order total or remitted before an invoice is received from DGS. This administrative fee is waived for CMAS purchase orders issued to California certified small businesses.

**Orders from Local Government Agencies:**

CMAS contractors, who are not California certified small businesses, are required to remit to DGS an incentive fee equal to a percentage of the total of all local government agency orders (excluding sales tax and shipping) placed against their CMAS.

The incentive fee is waived for CMAS purchase orders issued to California certified small businesses.

For more information on the incentive fees see the [CMAS Management Guide](#).

**4. Contractor Invoices**

Unless otherwise stipulated, the CMAS contractor must send their invoices to the agency address set forth in the purchase order. Invoices shall be submitted in triplicate and shall include the following:

- CMAS number
- Agency purchase order number
- Agency Bill Code (State Only)
- Line item number
- Unit price
- Extended line item price
- Invoice total

State sales tax and/or use tax shall be itemized separately and added to each invoice as applicable.

The company name on the CMAS, purchase order and invoice must match, or the State Controller's Office will not approve payment.

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**5. Advance Payments**

Advance payment is allowed for services only under limited, narrowly defined circumstances, i.e., between specific departments and certain types of non-profit organizations, or when paying another government agency (GC 11256 through 11263 and 11019).

It is NOT acceptable to pay in advance, except software maintenance and license fees, which are considered a subscription and may be paid in advance if a provision addressing payment in advance is included in the purchase order.

Software warranty upgrades and extensions may also be paid for in advance, one time.

**6. Credit Card**

The CMAS contractor does not accept the State of California credit card (VISA CAL-Card).

**7. Leasing/Financing**

California State Agencies should use the Golden State Financial Marketplace (GS SMart) program for all financing and leasing needs. California Local Government Agencies (counties, cities, K-12 school districts, community colleges, California State Universities, Universities of California, etc.) may utilize the GS SMart program for financing and leasing according to PCC 14937. The minimum dollar amount for Local Government Agency financing and leasing is \$100,000.

**8. Leasing**

The State reserves the right to select the form of payment for all procurements, whether it is an outright purchase with payment rendered directly by the State, or a financing/lease-purchase or operating lease via the State Financial Marketplace (GS SMart and/or Lease SMart). If payment is via the financial marketplace, the CMAS contractor will invoice the State and the State will approve the invoice. The selected Lender/Lessor for all product listed on the State's procurement document will pay the supplier on behalf of the State. Buyers may contact the GS SMart Unit via e-mail at [SFM@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:SFM@dgs.ca.gov) for further information.

**OBTAINING COPY OF CMAS**

A copy of this CMAS can be obtained at Cal eProcure. Links to the CMAS terms and conditions and base schedule are available on the front page of this CMAS agreement.

It is important for the agency to confirm that the required products, services, and prices are included in the CMAS and are at or below base schedule rates. To streamline verification that the needed items are in the base schedule, the agencies should ask the CMAS contractor to identify the specific location in the base schedule that include the required products, services, and prices. Once verified, agencies should save the information for their file documentation.



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**FEDERAL DEBARMENT**

When federal funds are expended, the agency is required to obtain (retain in file) a signed "Federal Debarment" certification from the CMAS contractor before the purchase order is issued. This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 29 CFR Part 98, Section 98.510, Participants; responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211).

**CONTRACTOR TRAVEL**

Travel costs are not included in the contractor's awarded hourly rates. If an agency purchase order allows for travel costs, reimbursement for contractor's personnel for travel, per diem, lodging, meals, and incidentals shall not exceed State rates current at the time of purchase as defined in the California Department of Human Resources Rules 599.615 to 599.635. Travel costs allowed by the agency shall be itemized separately on the purchase order.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT**

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