

State of California

MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE

NON-MANDATORY

Howard Industries Inc. doing business as

Howard Technology Solutions

CMAS NUMBER:	3-24-03-1042
CMAS TERM DATES:	3/15/2024 through 11/30/2025
EFFECTIVE DATE:	3/15/2024
CMAS CATEGORY:	Information Technology Goods and Services
APPLICABLE CMAS TERMS & CONDITIONS:	March 1, 2023
MAXIMUM ORDER LIMIT:	State Agencies: See Purchasing Authority Dollar Threshold provision Local Government Agencies: Unlimited
FOR USE BY:	State & Local Government Agencies
BASE OMNIA CONTRACT #:	01-145
BASE CONTRACT HOLDER:	Howard Technology Solutions
PROGRAM ANALYST	Bryan Dugger bryan.dugger@dgs.ca.gov

This California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) provides for the purchase, warranty, installation, and integration of hardware, hardware maintenance and repair services, software, software maintenance as a product, Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), Software as a Service (SaaS), and other cloud computing services. (See page 3 for the restrictions applicable to this CMAS.)

NOTICE: Products and/or services on this CMAS may be available on a Mandatory State Contract. If this is the case, the use of this CMAS is restricted unless the State agency has an approved exemption as explained in the State Contract User Instructions. Information regarding State Contracts can be obtained at the: [State Contracts Index Listing](#). This requirement is not applicable to local government agencies.

Any reference to a specific manufacturer's or publisher's warranty or terms and conditions as shown in the base contract are not applicable to this CMAS.

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The services provided under this CMAS are only available in support of the products covered by 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 contract for the products and/or services available.

Brand-Barracuda
Brand-Boxlight
Brand-Crestron
Brand-Epson
Brand-Extron
Brand-Google
Brand-Hewlett Packard (HP)
Brand-Juniper
Brand-Lenovo
Brand-Meraki
Brand-Microsoft
Brand-Milestone Systems
Brand-Newline
Brand-Sophos
Furniture-Audio Visual
Security-Surveillance System

AVAILABLE PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES

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The ordering agency must verify all products and/or services, and pricing are currently available on the OMNIA 01-145 contract at the OMNIA website. Access the OMNIA website at [Howard Technology Solutions | OMNIA Partners | Contract Documents](https://www.omniapartners.com/suppliers/howard-technology-solutions/public-sector/contract-documents#contract-1538) (https://www.omniapartners.com/suppliers/howard-technology-solutions/public-sector/contract-documents#contract-1538)

EXCLUDED PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES

The sale of non-Information Technology products, software maintenance as a service, Information Technology consulting services, public works services with a requirement for State contractor licensing, and ancillary services are not available under this CMAS.

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ISSUE PURCHASE ORDER TO

Agency purchase orders must be sent to the following:

**Howard Technology Solutions
PO Box 1590
Laurel, MS 39441
Attn: Brandey Boyd**

E-mail: bboyd@howard.com

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

**Contact: Brandey Boyd
Phone: (601) 399-5831
E-mail: bboyd@howard.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.

CALIFORNIA SELLER'S PERMIT

The CMAS contractor's California Seller's Permit Number is 102423643. Prior to placing an order with this company, agencies must verify that this permit is still valid at the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration website.

MINIMUM ORDER LIMITATION

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

CMAS PRICES

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

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

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ACQUISITION OF IAAS AND/OR PAAS

If using this CMAS for the purpose of acquiring Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) and/or Platform as a Service (PaaS), State agencies must first obtain approval to use this CMAS from the California Department of Technology (CDT) in accordance with TL 17-06. State agencies must document CDT's approval and maintain in the procurement file. Contact CDT for all questions related to the acquisition of IaaS and PaaS and TL 17-06.

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 contract and the CMAS Warranty provision in the CMAS Terms and Conditions/General Provisions.

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.

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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)).
- 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)).

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- 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.

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.

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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.

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.

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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.

PRODUCT SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitution of Deliverables may not be tendered without advance written consent of the Buyer. The Contractor must offer an equivalent or newer model of the product from the same manufacturer at the same or lower price. Contractor cannot use any specification in lieu of those contained in the Contract without written consent from the Buyer.

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NEW EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

The State will procure new equipment. All equipment must be new (or warranted as newly manufactured) and the latest model in current production. Used, shopworn, demonstrator, prototype, or discontinued models are not acceptable.

Where Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) standards are available, all State agencies shall purchase only those products that meet the recommended standards. All products displaying the Energy Star label meet the FEMP standards.

SPECIAL MANUFACTURED GOODS

Any CMAS for goods to be manufactured by the CMAS contractor specifically for the State and not suitable for sale to others may require progress payments.

TRADE-IN EQUIPMENT

Trade-ins at open market price may be considered. The product description and trade-in allowance must be identified on the purchase order.

Agencies are required to adhere to SAM 3520 through 3520.6, Disposal of Personal Property and Surplus Personal Property, as applicable, when trade-ins are considered. A Property Survey Report, Standard 152, must be submitted for approval prior to disposition of any State owned personal property, including general office furniture regardless of the acquisition value, or if the property was recorded or capitalized for accounting purposes.

STATE AGENCY BUY RECYCLED CAMPAIGN

State ordering agencies are required to report purchases made within the eleven product categories in the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign per PCC 12200 through 12217.

Contractor will be required to complete and return a Recycled-Content Certification form upon request by the state ordering agency.

ACCEPTANCE TESTING CRITERIA

If the agency wants to include acceptance testing for all newly installed technology systems, individual equipment, and machines which are added or field modified (modification of a machine from one model to another) after a successful performance period, the test criteria must be included in the purchase order to be applicable.

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ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING

State agencies are required to recycle state owned surplus electronic equipment that has no useful life remaining (E-Waste) to the maximum extent possible. State agencies shall dispose of E-Waste using the services of the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA), unless the agency meets the pickup quantity and location exemption criteria detailed in SAM 3520.10. Electronic equipment that is usable and still retains value is not considered E-Waste and must be reutilized through DGS, Office of Fleet and Asset Management (OFAM) Surplus Personal Property Warehouse.

State agencies shall determine which equipment meets the definition of E-Waste or reusable Electronic Equipment per the definitions provided in the SAM Management Memo (MM) 17-06. OFAM will validate that equipment meets the appropriate definition when reviewing the submitted Property Survey Report (Standard 152).

The electronic waste recycling fee must be shown as a line item on the agency purchase order before the CMAS contractor can include it on their invoice.

See SAM 3520.10 for more information on this policy.

Information for submitting a Standard 152 can be found on the [DGS OFAM surplus property website](#).

Information on the [E-Waste - CALPIA Store and the E-Waste Exemption Request Form EWR-F400](#) can be found at the CALPIA website.

PRODUCTIVE USE REQUIREMENTS

The customer in-use requirement applies to all procurements of information technology equipment and software, per Statewide Information Management Manual Section 195.

Each equipment or software component must be in current operation for a paying customer and the paying customer must be external to the contractor's organization (not owned by the contractor and not owning the contractor).

To substantiate compliance with the Productive Use Requirements, the CMAS contractor must provide upon request the name and address of a customer installation and the name and telephone number of a contact person.

The elapsed time such equipment or software must have been in operation is based upon the importance of the equipment or software for system operation and its cost. The following designates product categories and the required period of time for equipment or software operation prior to approval of the replacement item on CMAS.

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Category 1 - Critical Software: Critical software is software that is required to control the overall operation of a computer system or peripheral equipment. Included in this category are operating systems, data base management systems, language interpreters, assemblers and compilers, communications software, and other essential system software.

Cost	Installation	Final Bid Submission
More than \$100,000	8 months	6 months
\$10,000 up to \$100,000	4 months	3 months
Less than \$10,000	1 month	1 month

Category 2 - All Information Technology Equipment and Non-Critical Software: Information technology equipment is defined in SAM 4819.2.

Cost	Installation	Final Bid Submission
More than \$100,000	6 months	4 months
\$10,000 up to \$100,000	4 months	3 months
Less than \$10,000	1 month	1 month

PRODUCT INSTALLATION

The CMAS contractor is fully responsible for all installation services performed under the CMAS. Product installations must be performed by manufacturer authorized personnel and meet manufacturer documented specifications.

The prime contractor, as well as any subcontractors, must hold any certifications and/or licenses required for the project.

NOT SPECIFICALLY PRICED ITEMS

The only time that open market/incidental, non-contract items may be included in a CMAS order is when they fall under the parameters of the Not Specifically Priced (NSP) Items provision.

CMAS contractors must be authorized providers of the hardware, software and/or services they offer under the NSP Items provision.

Agency and CMAS contractor use of the NSP provision is subject to the following requirements:

1. Purchase orders containing only NSP items are prohibited.
2. A purchase order containing NSP items may be issued only if it results in the lowest overall alternative to the State.
3. NSP items shall be clearly identified in the order. Any product or service already specifically priced and included in the base contract may not be identified as an NSP item.

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4. NSP Installation Services: The CMAS contractor is fully responsible for all installation services performed under the CMAS. Product installations must be performed by manufacturer authorized personnel and meet manufacturer documented specifications. The prime contractor, as well as any subcontractors, must hold any certifications and/or licenses required for the project. The total dollar value of all installation services included in the purchase order cannot exceed the dollar value of the products included in the purchase order, nor can they exceed the NSP Maximum Order Limitation.
5. Maximum Order Limitation: For orders \$250,000, or less, the total dollar value of all NSP items included in a purchase order shall not exceed \$5,000. For orders exceeding \$250,000, and at the option of the contractor, the total dollar value of all NSP items in a purchase order shall not exceed 5% of the total cost of the order or \$25,000 whichever is lower.
6. An NSP item included in an order issued against this CMAS is subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth in the CMAS.
7. Trade-ins, upgrades, involving the swapping of boards, are permissible, where the contract makes specific provisions for this action. In those instances, where it is permitted, the purchase order must include the replacement item and a notation that the purchase involves the swapping of a board.

The following NSP items **are specifically excluded** from any order issued under this CMAS:

1. Items not intended for use in direct support of the priced items included in the same order. An NSP item must be subordinate to the specifically priced item that it is supporting. For example, a cable, which is not otherwise specifically priced in the base contract, is subordinate to a specifically priced printer and is eligible to be an NSP item subject to that cable meeting the remaining NSP requirements. However, a printer that is not otherwise specifically priced in the base contract, is not subordinate to a specifically priced cable and is not eligible to be an NSP item.
2. Supply type items, except for the minimum amount necessary to provide initial support to the priced items included in the same order.
3. Items that do not meet the Productive Use Requirements for information technology products, per Statewide Information Management Manual Section 195.
4. Any other item or class of items specifically excluded from the scope of this CMAS.
5. Public Works and other services NOT in support of the products covered by this CMAS.
6. Products or services the CMAS contractor is NOT factory authorized or otherwise certified or trained to provide.

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7. Follow-on consultant services that were previously recommended or suggested by the same CMAS contractor.

The CMAS contractor is required to reject purchase orders containing NSP items that do not comply with the above requirements. The CMAS contractor will promptly notify the agency issuing the noncompliant order of its rejection and the reasons for its rejection.

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.

SELF-DELETING BASE CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Instructions or terms and conditions that appear in the Special Items or other provisions of the base contract 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 contract, packaging, invoices, catalogs, brochures, technical data sheets, or other documents (see CMAS Terms and Conditions, CONFLICT OF TERMS).

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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.

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.

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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.

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 accepts the State of California credit card (VISA CAL-Card).

A purchase order is required even when the ordering department chooses to pay the CMAS contractor via the 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.

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8. Lease/Purchase Analysis

California State agencies must complete a Lease/Purchase Analysis (LPA) to determine best value when contemplating a lease/rental and retain a copy for future audit purposes (SAM 3710).

For short-term rental equipment, the lease/purchase analysis must be approved by DGS Office of Legal Services.

The lease/purchase analysis for all other purchases must be approved by the Department of General Services, GS SMar State Financial Marketplace. Buyers may contact the GS SMar Unit via e-mail at SFM@dgs.ca.gov for further information.

9. 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 SMar and/or Lease SMar). 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 SMar Unit via e-mail at SFM@dgs.ca.gov for further information.

10. Maintenance Tax

The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration has ruled that in accordance with Section 1546 of the Sales and Use Tax Regulations of the Business Taxes Law Guide, whenever optional maintenance contracts include consumable supplies, such supplies are subject to sales tax.

Generally, the State has two options:

1. For agreements that provide for only maintenance services (i.e., the furnishing of labor and parts necessary to maintain equipment), the charges for the provision of maintenance services are not taxable.
2. For agreements that provide for both maintenance services and consumable supply items (e.g., toner, developer, staples), the provision of the consumable supplies is considered a taxable sale of tangible personal property. Therefore, State agencies awarding optional maintenance contracts are responsible for paying the applicable sales tax on the consumable supplies used during the performance period of the maintenance contract.

The Contractor will be required to itemize the taxable consumables for State accounting purposes.

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OBTAINING COPY OF CMAS

A copy of this CMAS can be obtained at [Cal eProcure](#). Links to the CMAS terms and conditions and base contract 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 contract rates. To streamline verification that the needed items are in the base contract, the agencies should ask the CMAS contractor to identify the specific location in the base contract that include the required products, services, and prices. Once verified, agencies should save the information for their file documentation.

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

The Travel provision is not applicable to this CMAS.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT

To view the [DGS Accessibility Policy](#), please visit the DGS website.