



## Chesapeake Public Schools

Purchasing Department

School Administration Building

312 Cedar Road

Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

Dear Contractor:

Effective July 1, 2006, amendments made to the Code of Virginia § 22.1-296.1 require that prior to awarding a contract, the contractor and the contractor's employees who may be in direct contact with students in the performance of the contract certify that both the contractor and the contractor's employees have not been convicted of a felony or any offense involving the sexual molestation or physical or sexual abuse or rape of a child. For the purpose of implementation the Chesapeake Public Schools defines "direct contact with students" as a contractor working at a school site between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and midnight during normal school days in lieu of a school facility such as the Warehouse or Transportation Department where students are not expected to be present.

Enclosed please find a certification (Certificate of Compliance) that **is required to be completed and submitted prior to awarding your contract and/or issuing your purchase order. This form must be updated every twelve (12) months for the duration of the contract/agreement period.** Should there be a change to the certification of your officers, or any individuals assisting in the performance of the contract between twelve (12) month periods, Chesapeake Public Schools must be notified immediately and an updated certification must also be provided to Chesapeake Public Schools within five (5) days of such change. Failure to complete all certifications accurately may result in the award of the contract/agreement being revoked without recourse against the Chesapeake Public Schools.

Please feel free to contact the school/department, which is responsible for finalizing your agreement, with any questions you may have, or call the Purchasing Department at 547-0265.

Sincerely,

Chesapeake Public Schools

Enclosure

*The Chesapeake Public School System is an equal opportunity school system. The School Board of the City of Chesapeake also adheres to the principles of equal opportunity in employment and, therefore, prohibits discrimination in terms and conditions of employment on the basis of race, sex, national origin, color, religion, or disability.*