

# NOTICE

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## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE TRIPLOID, EYED OYSTER LARVAE PRODUCED FOR THE 2011 REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) intends to contract for up to 1.8 billion hatchery produced triploid, eyed oyster larvae. These larvae will be produced and delivered to spat on shell setting stations around the Chesapeake Bay:

### **THE COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.**

#### **GENERAL:**

Oyster broodstock will be provided to the contracted hatcheries by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS).

Eyed oyster larvae will be produced and delivered to spat on shell setting stations between May 1 and September 15, 2011.

Generally, eyed oyster larvae will be delivered in lots of 7 to 21 million.

VMRC personnel will document the delivery of eyed oyster larvae to the setting stations.

The price per million for eyed oyster larvae delivered to the remote setting station will be \$265.00:

Larvae will be delivered in lots of 7 – 21 million. Hatchery contractors may supply from one to 100 lots. Payment to the contractor shall be made after the delivery of the larvae to the setting locations.

Upon receipt of proper documentation by the Conservation and Replenishment office, and verification of registration with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises, as a small, woman, or minority owned company, payment will be made to the contractor within 15 days. Before any payments can be made, a contract and current Tax form (W-9) will have to be completed and on file at the Marine Resources Commission main office. Checks will be forwarded to the contractor by mail.

The Marine Resources Commission will provide all contractors with information, so that they, if not already registered, can promptly register as a small, woman, or minority owned company with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises.

Hatcheries interested in providing the eyed oyster larvae should provide, in writing to the Conservation and Replenishment Department the number of lots of 7 – 21 million larvae that they could provide. To participate, a hatchery must have a documented history of commercial production of shellfish larvae or seed for the Chesapeake Bay. Hatcheries interested in providing the eyed oyster larvae must provide a written description of their facilities and

experience in commercial production of shellfish. If more than one (1) hatchery expresses a desire to participate and are qualified, the total quantity may be divided among those expressing written interest in the project in accordance with their capabilities. A lottery will be held in the event that hatcheries express interest in producing more than 1.8 billion eyed oyster larvae.

**RESPONSE DEADLINE:**

Persons interested in participating in this project should submit their written response to the Conservation and Replenishment Department, at the main office either by mail, fax, or e-mail, no later than 12 Noon, Friday, March 25, 2011.

**LOTTERY:**

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission intends to contract with hatcheries interested in providing all or part of the 1.8 billion eyed oyster larvae. A lottery will be held on Friday, March 25, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the VMRC Conservation and Replenishment Department office, Suite 303 on the 3rd floor, if a number of hatcheries express interest in producing more than a total of 1.8 billion eyed oyster larvae. The building address is: VMRC, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Newport News, Virginia. Individuals who wish to be present during the drawing may attend, but it is not required.

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