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January 27, 2012

INVITATION TO QUOTE

IWQ: 1-348324

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners is soliciting competitive quotes from qualified contractors for the **Purchase and Installation of Bunker Gear Storage Systems** for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

Quotes should be typed or submitted in ink and returned to the Attention of Steve Murray, CPPB, Purchasing Associate III. Quotes should be received by 3:00 P.M. **Thursday, February 9, 2012** by fax (770-822-8735) or sent to the Gwinnett County Finance Office, 75 Langley Drive, 2nd Floor, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046.

Questions regarding quotes should be directed to Steven Murray, CPPB, Purchasing Associate III at steven.murray@gwinnettcounty.com or by calling 770-822-8722. Quotes are legal and binding upon the contractor when submitted.

Successful contractor will be required to meet insurance requirements. The Insurance Company should be authorized to do business in Georgia by the Georgia Insurance Department, and must have an A.M. Best rating of A-5 or higher.

Gwinnett County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to its programs or activities. Any requests for reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in any open meeting, program or activity of Gwinnett County Government should be directed to Michael Plonowski, Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Center, 770-822-8015.

The written quote documents supersede any verbal or written prior communications between the parties.

Award will be made to the contractor submitting the lowest responsive and responsible quote. Gwinnett County reserves the right to reject any or all quotes; to waive technicalities, and to make an award deemed in its best interest. Quotes may be split or awarded in entirety.

We look forward to your quote and appreciate your interest in Gwinnett County.

Steve Murray, CPPB
Purchasing Associate III

The following pages **should** be returned as your quote:

Quote Schedule, Page 7
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Subcontractor List, Page 9



Bunker Gear Storage Systems

1. Scope of Project:

Furnish and install Bunker Gear Storage Systems for various facilities of The Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

2. Specifications:

Brand names used are to establish a standard of quality. The words “or equal” if not written are implied. Specifications for an equal fixture must be submitted prior to written quote.

A. Wall Mount Storage System: Standard 18” & 20” section units.

- a. All storage systems shall be welded at all applicable joints.
- b. Any forming of metal shall be completed by standard cold-forming operations.
- c. Vertical outer frames (dividers) shall be made of 1 ¼” O.D. x 16 gauge wall thickness ASTM A513 steel tubing. Inner grid of panel shall be of ¼” diameter ASTM A510 cold drawn steel wire. Resistance welded to form a square 3” mesh pattern and provide ventilation.
- d. Wall mounted panels shall be constructed 1 ¼” x 16 gauge wall thickness ASTM A513 steel tubing. Wall brackets shall be supplied by manufacture as per manufactures specifications for attaching units/sections to the wall in a safe and secure manner. Inner grid of panel shall be of ¼” diameter ASTM A510 cold drawn steel wire. Resistance welded to form a square 3” mesh pattern and provide ventilation.
- e. Each opening of each section shall be supplied with two (2) adjustable shelves. The top shelf shall include a 20 gauge steel bracket for the mounting of name placards.
- f. Each opening of each section shall be supplied with three adjustable hooks. Hook shall be of cold formed wire designed to attach at any desired location of the mesh grid.
- g. Finish of all system components and parts shall be electrostatically coated with a durable TGIC powder coating. Color selection shall be by owner from manufactures standard color chart.
- h. Use of fasteners shall only be allowed for knock down shipping only.

3. Product:

- a. Storage systems shall be manufactured by Gear Grid, Mid-Minnesota Wire, Telephone (888) 643-6694, or owner approved equal prior to bid.

1. Model : Wall Mount Storage System – 18” wide openings

Color: Black

2 opening units ----- quantity = 1 total

4 opening units ----- quantity = 1 total

5 opening units ----- quantity = 2 total

6 opening units ----- quantity = 16 total

7 opening units ----- quantity = 8 total

8 opening units ----- quantity = 1 total

2. Model: Wall Mount Storage System – 20” wide openings

Color: Black

4 opening units ----- quantity = 1 total

6 opening units ----- quantity = 12 total

4. General Requirements:

- a. Project installations of product shall be coordinated with The Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services Facilities Management office.

Project Manager:

K. Paul Jernigan

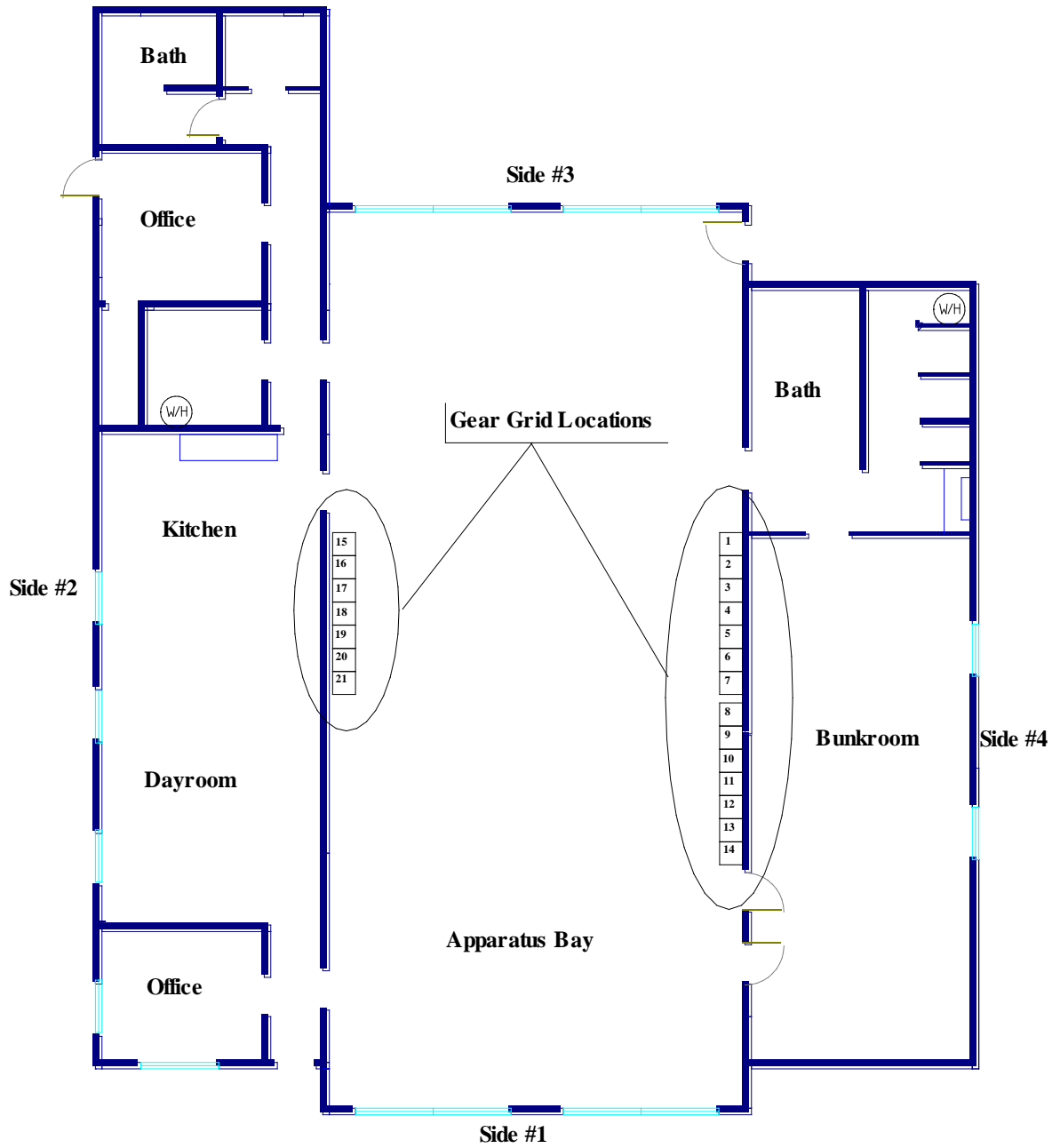
Trades Tech IV

408 Hurricane Shoals Road N.E.

Lawrenceville, GA. 30045-4406

- b. All products shall meet or exceed manufactures specifications.
- c. It shall be the contractors’ responsibility to unload any of the products during the shipping segment to include the rental of any equipment. I.e.: forklift, labor, etc.
- d. The Project Manager shall approve the selection of an equal product.

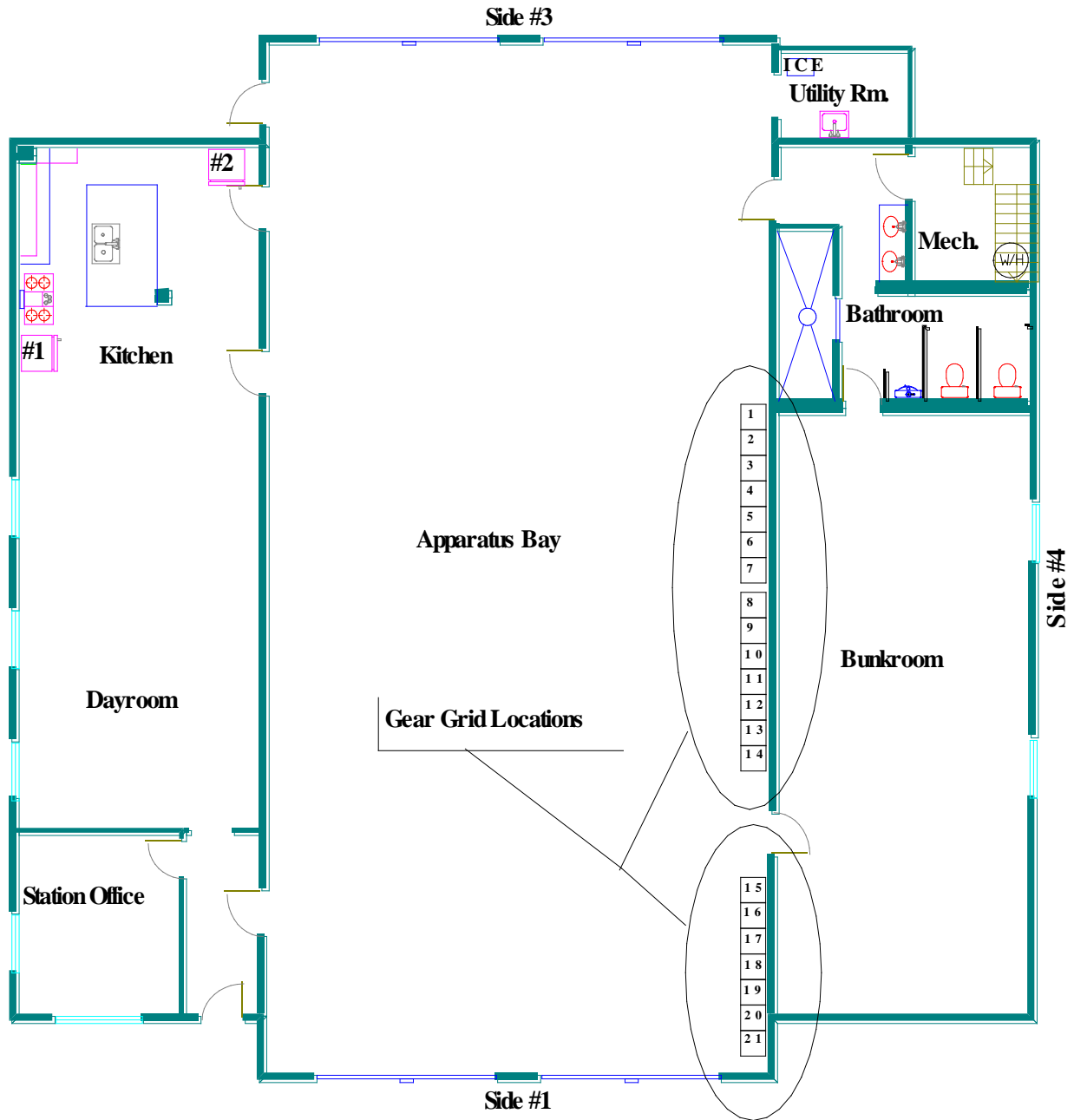
Gwinnett County Fire Station #02
Wall Mount: 3 - 18" x 18" units = 7 openings each



Notes:

- 1) Remove existing wood framed gear storage system.
- 2) Patch all areas and repaint to match existing wall finish.
- 3) Mount and install gear grid system to CMU wall. Set bottom at 12" above finish floor.

Gwinnett Fire Station #03
Wall Mount: 3 – 18” x 18” units = 7 openings each

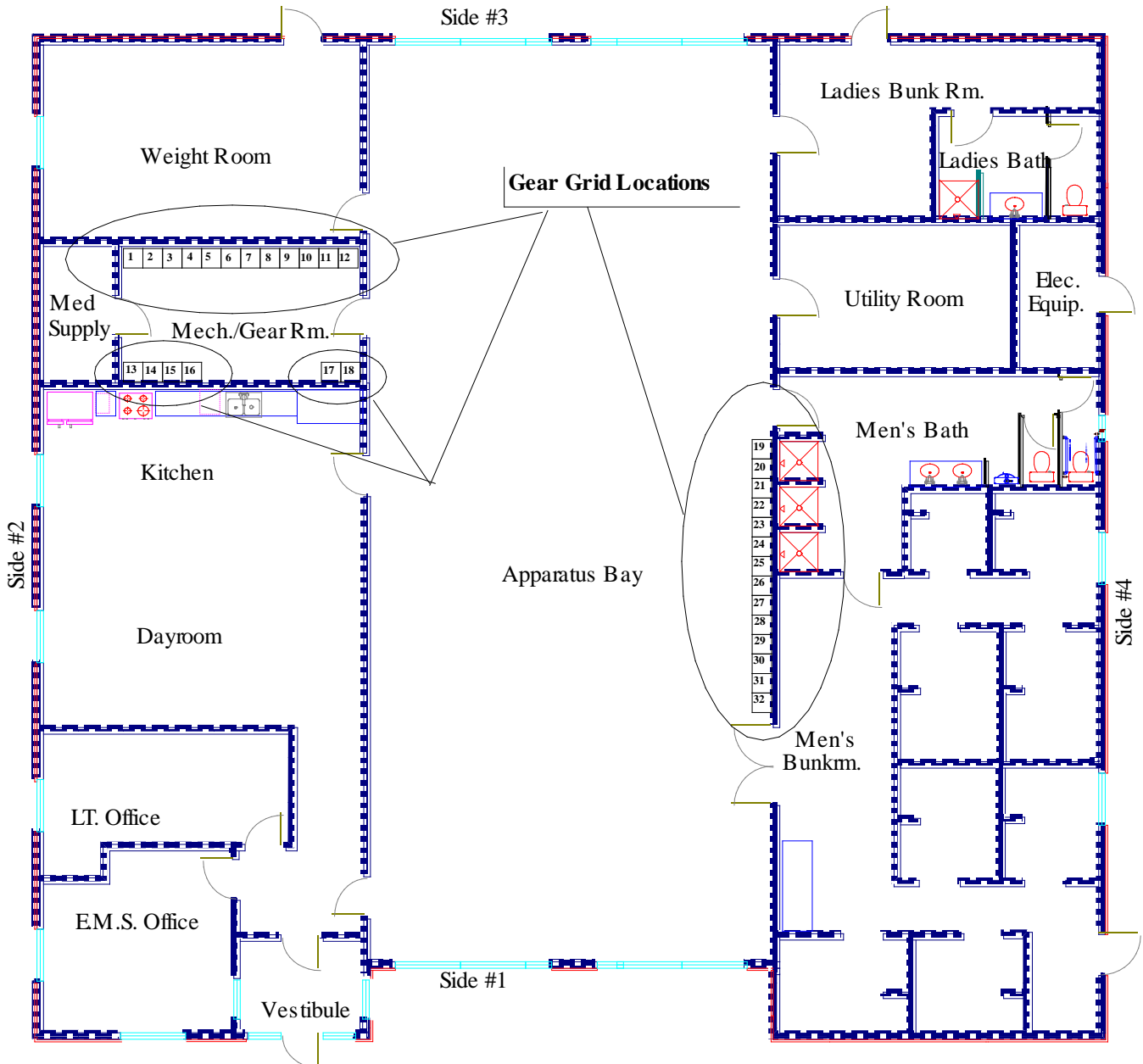


Notes:

- 1) Remove existing wood framed gear storage system.
- 2) Patch all areas and repaint to match existing wall finish.
- 3) Mount and install gear grid system to CMU wall. Set bottom at 12” above finish floor.

Gwinnett Fire Station #04

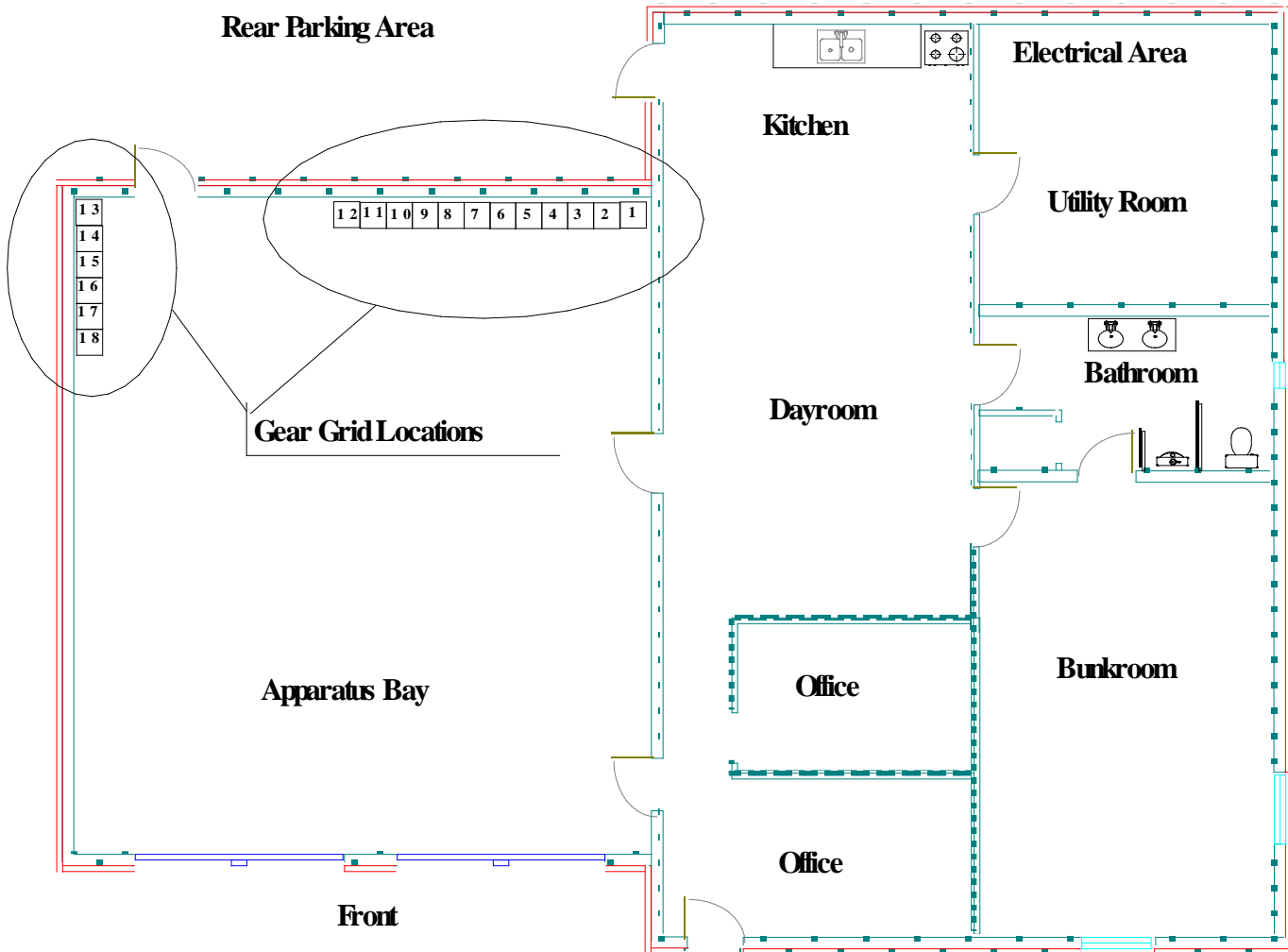
- Wall Mount: 2 – 18” x 18” units = 7 openings each (Apparatus Bay)
 2 – 18” x 18” units = 6 openings each
 1 – 18” x 18” unit = 4 openings
 1 - 18” x 18” unit = 2 openings



Notes:

- 1) Remove existing wire shelved gear storage system.
- 2) Patch all areas and repaint to match existing wall finish.
- 3) Mount and install gear grid system to CMU wall. Set bottom at 12” above finish floor.

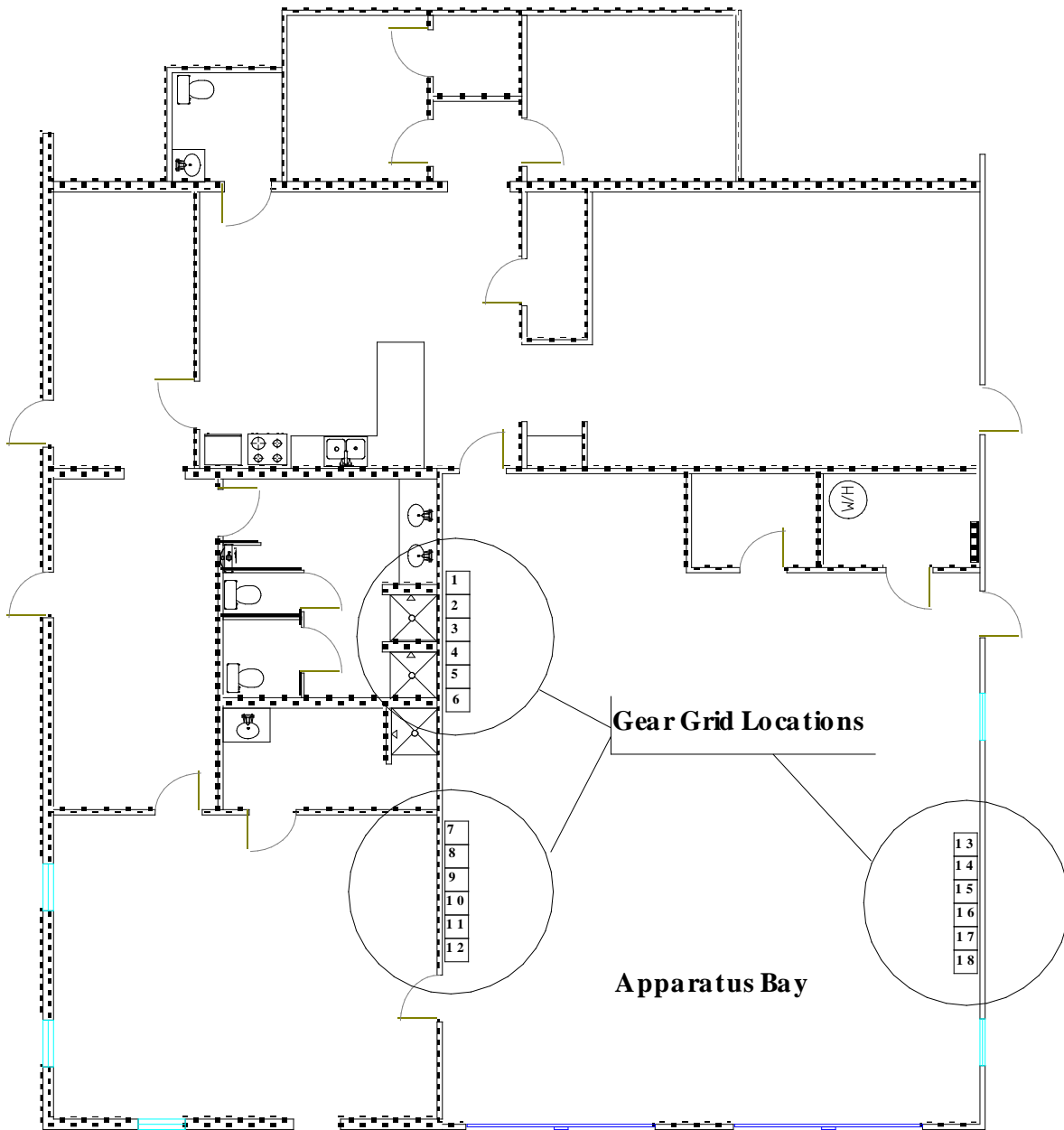
Gwinnett Fire Station #10
Wall Mount: 3 – 18” x 18” units = 6 openings each



Notes:

- 1) Remove existing wood framed gear storage system.
- 2) Patch all areas and repaint to match existing wall finish.
- 3) Mount and install gear grid system to CMU wall. Set bottom at 12” above finish floor.

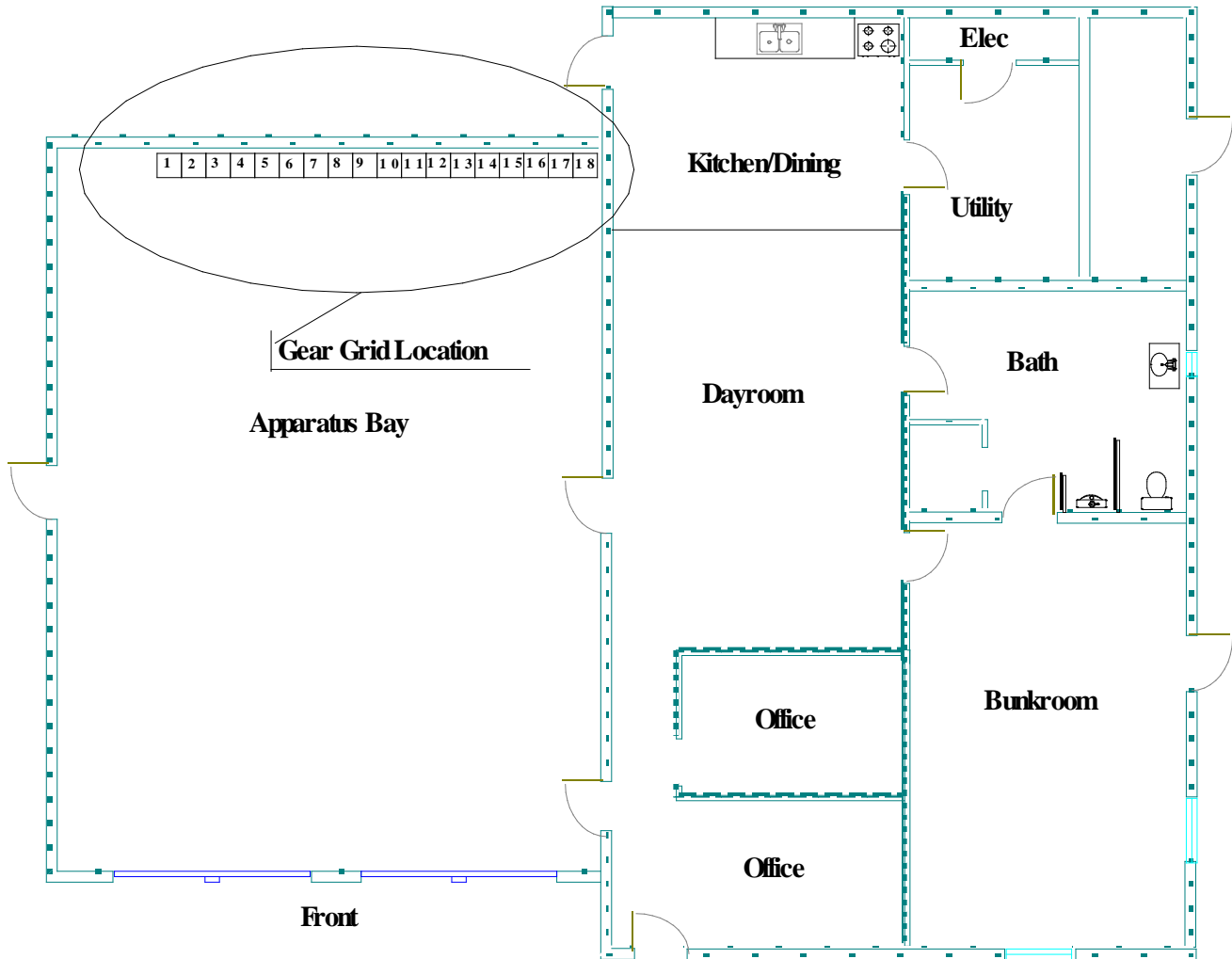
Gwinnett County Fire Station #13
Wall Mount: 3 – 18” x 18” units = 6 openings each



Notes:

- 1) Remove existing wire shelf gear storage system.
- 2) Patch all areas and repaint to match existing wall finish.
- 3) Mount and install gear grid system to metal wall sections. A 2"x4" wood stringer will be required to attach system securely. Set bottom at 12" above finish floor.

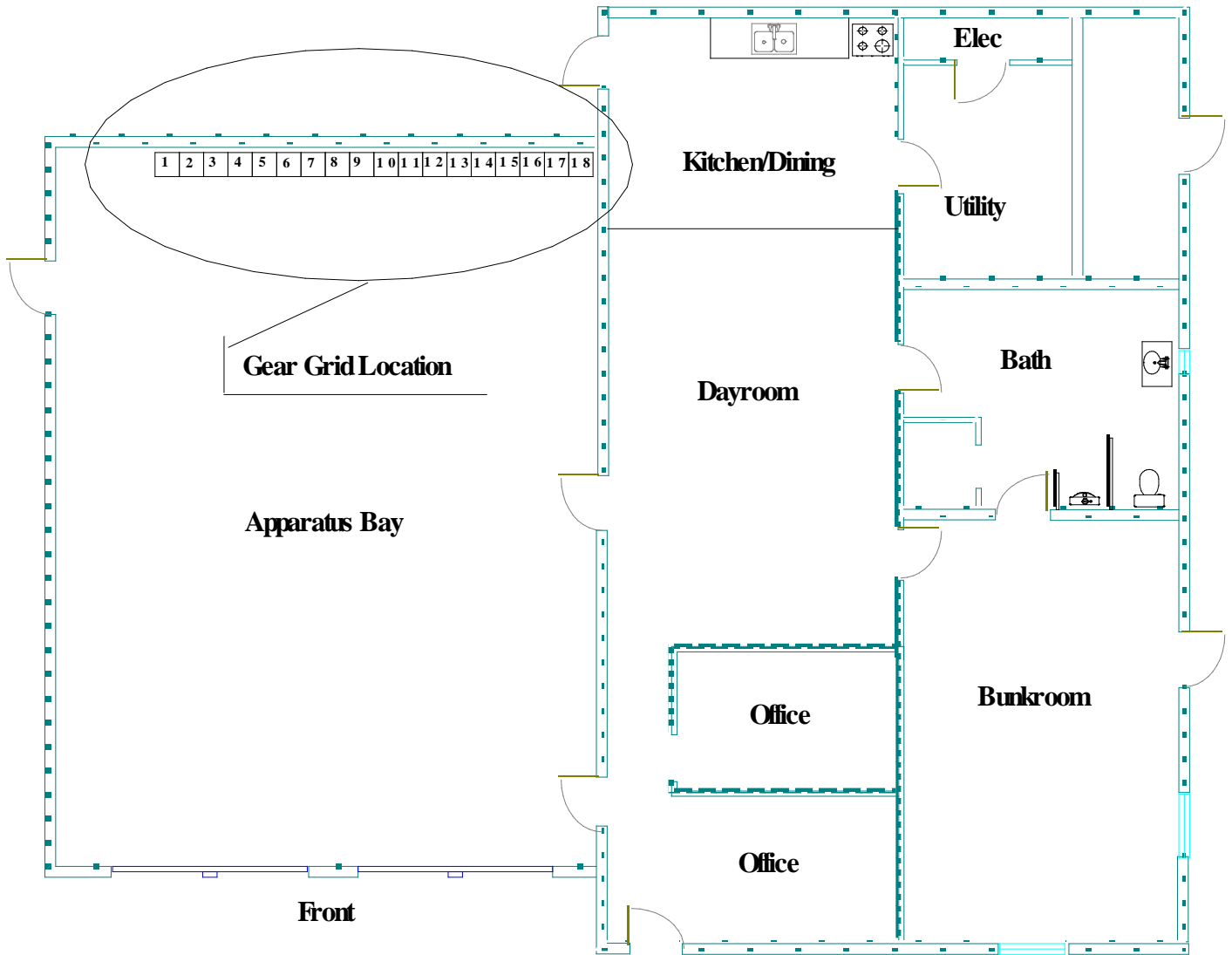
Gwinnett County Fire Station #16
Wall Mount: 3 – 18” x 18” units = 6 openings each



Notes:

- 1) Remove existing wood framed gear storage system.
- 2) Patch all areas and repaint to match existing wall finish.
- 3) Mount and install gear grid system to CMU wall. Set bottom at 12” above finish floor.

Gwinnett County Fire Station #17
Wall Mount: 3 – 18” x 18” units = 6 openings each

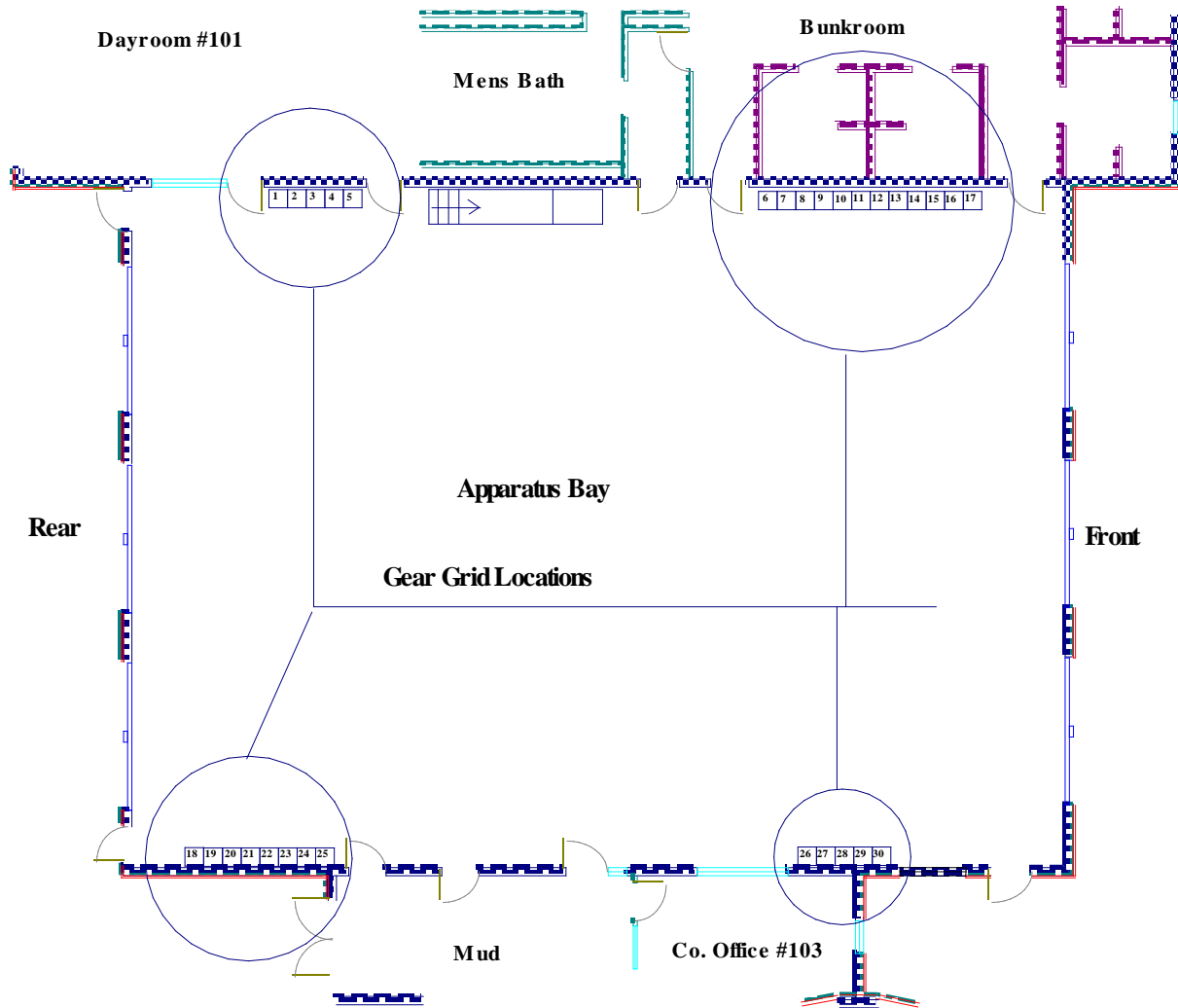


Notes:

- 1) Remove existing wood framed gear storage system.
- 2) Patch all areas and repaint to match existing wall finish.
- 3) Mount and install gear grid system to CMU wall. Set bottom at 12” above finish floor.

Gwinnett County Fire Station #19

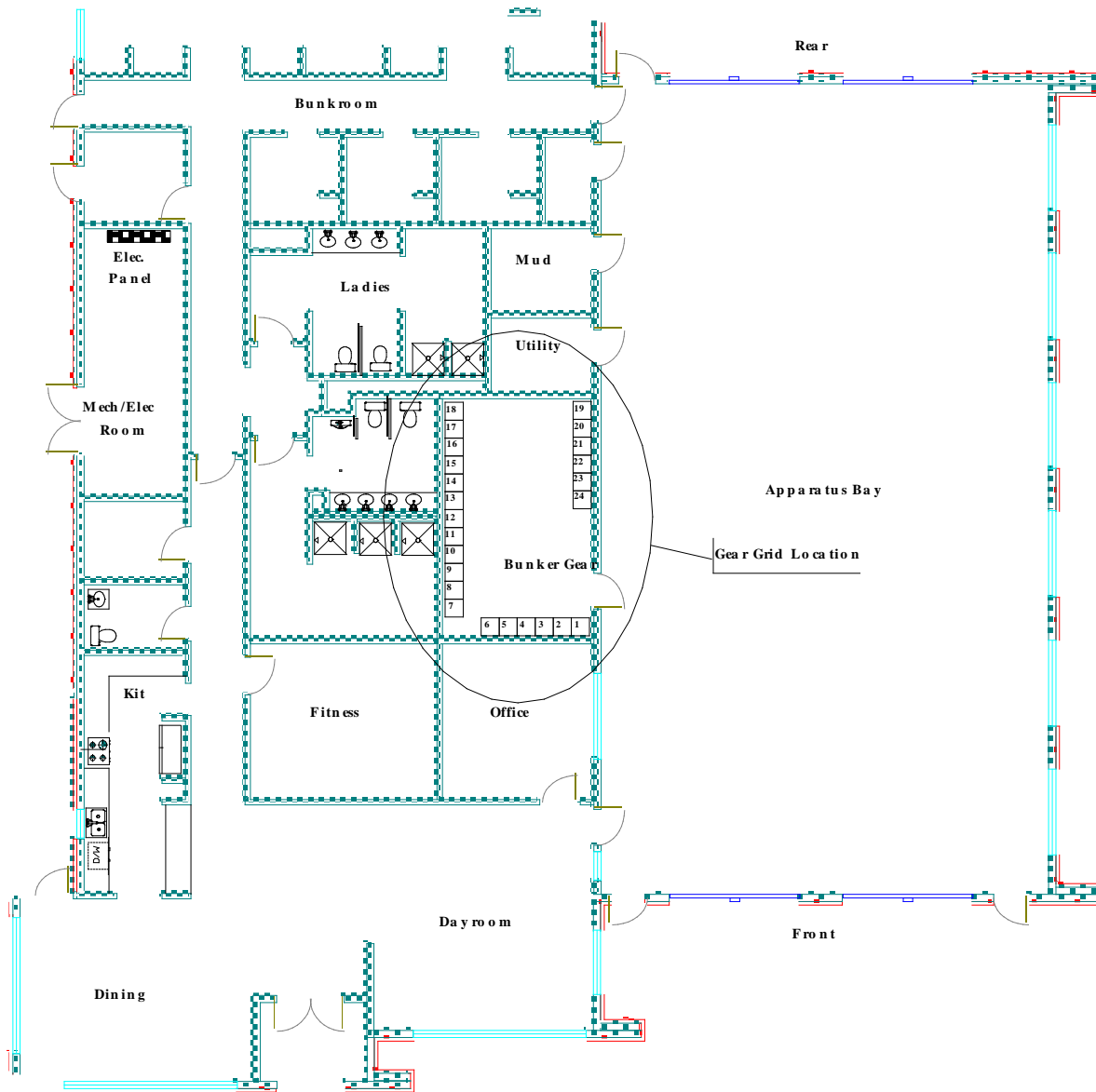
Wall Mount: 1 – 18” x 18” units = 8 openings each
2 – 18” x 18” units = 6 openings each
2 – 18” x 18” units = 5 openings each



Notes:

- 1) Remove existing metal locker gear storage system.
- 2) Patch all areas and repaint to match existing wall finish.
- 3) Mount and install gear grid system to CMU wall. Set bottom at 12” above finish floor.

Gwinnett County Fire Station #21
Wall Mount: 4 – 20” x 20” units = 6 openings each

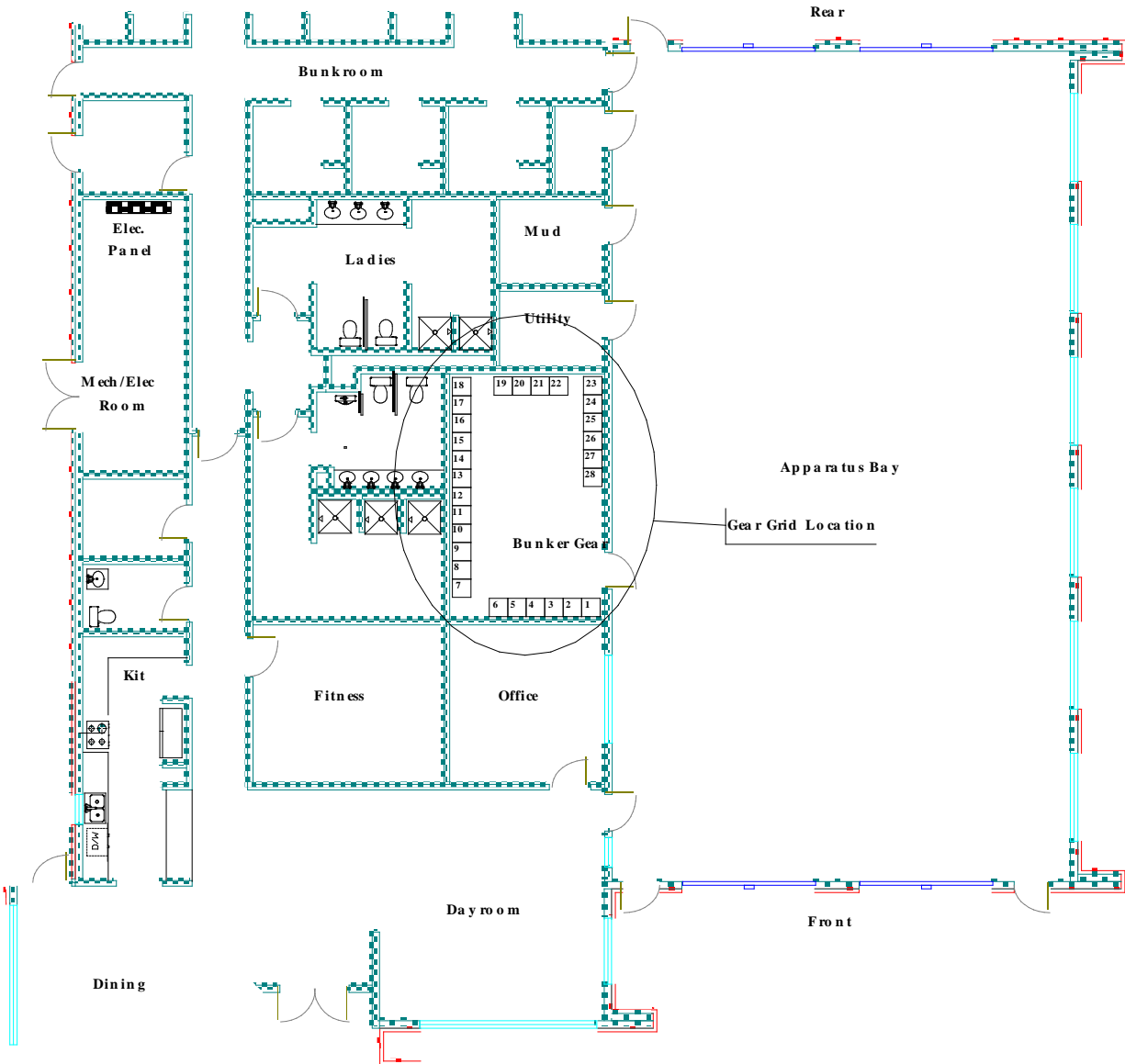


Notes:

- 1) Remove existing wire shelf gear storage system.
- 2) Patch all areas and repaint to match existing wall finish.
- 3) Mount and install gear grid system to CMU wall. Set bottom at 12” above finish floor.

Gwinnett County Fire Station #22

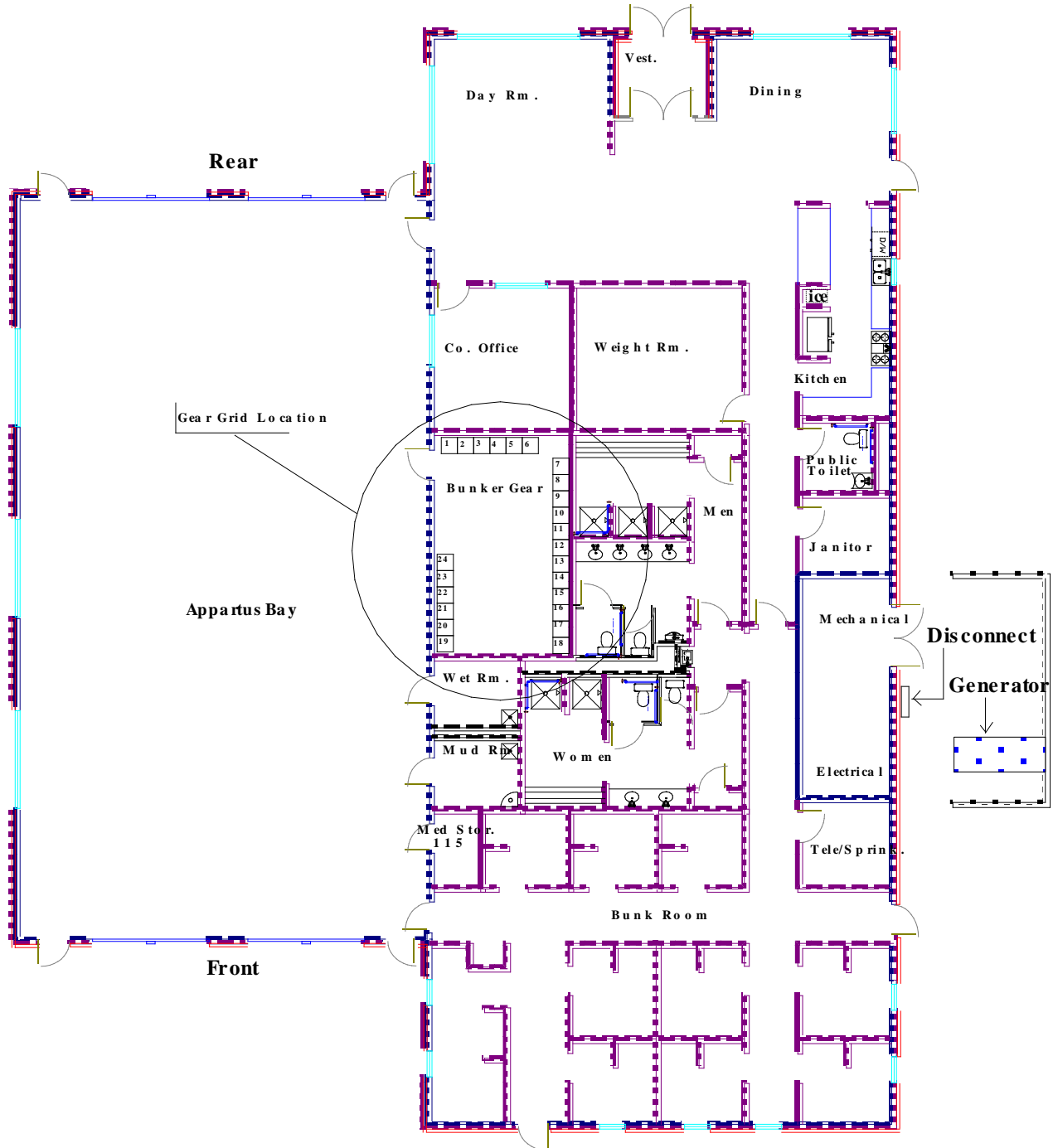
Wall Mount: 4 – 20” x 20” units = 6 openings each
1 – 20” x 20” unit = 4 openings



Notes:

- 1) Remove existing wire shelf gear storage system.
- 2) Patch all areas and repaint to match existing wall finish.
- 3) Mount and install gear grid system to CMU wall. Set bottom at 12” above finish floor.

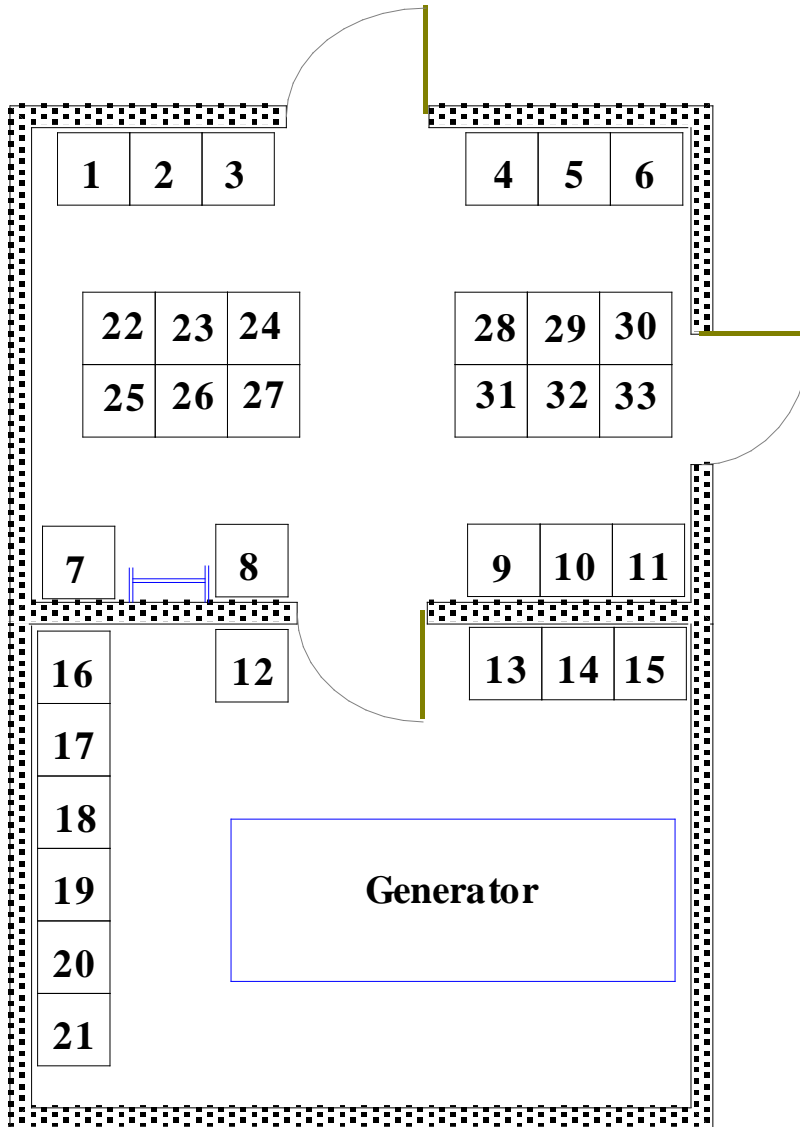
Gwinnett County Fire Station #23
Wall Mount: 4 – 20” x 20” units = 6 openings each



Notes:

- 1) Remove existing wire shelf gear storage system.
- 2) Patch all areas and repaint to match existing wall finish.
- 3) Mount and install gear grid system to CMU wall. Set bottom at 12” above finish floor.

**Gwinnett County Fire Station #15
Installation only**



NOTE:

- 1) These systems are in stock at the Facilities Management Warehouse. They will need to be picked up for installation.
- 2) Remove existing wood framed gear storage system.
- 3) Patch all areas and repaint to match existing wall finish.
- 4) Mount and install gear grid system to CMU wall. Set bottom at 12" above finish floor.

ADDRESSES

STATION #2 12 Harmony Grove Rd Lilburn, 30047	STATION #3 4394 Five Forks Trickum Rd Lilburn, 30047
STATION #4 5550 Spalding Drive Norcross, 30092	STATION # 10 642 Russell Road Lawrenceville, 30043
STATION #13 343 Highway 23 Suwanee, 30024	STATION #15 275 S. Perry Street Lawrenceville, 30045
STATION #16 195 Dacula Road Dacula, 30019	STATION #17 2739 Brooks Road Dacula, 30019
STATION #19 3275 N. Berkeley Lake Rd, NE Duluth, 30096-3054	STATION #21 470 Old Peachtree Rd Suwanee, 30024
STATION #22 2180 Stone Drive Lilburn, 30047	STATION #23 4355 Steve Reynolds Blvd. NW Norcross, 30093

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QUOTE SCHEDULE

The Bidder has carefully examined and fully understands the Scope of Work and General Requirements, and other elements of the Procurement Documents hereto attached, and has made a personal examination of the Site of the proposed Work, the legal requirements, and other conditions affecting the performance and cost of the Work, and has satisfied himself to the actual conditions and requirements of the Work, and hereby proposes and agrees that if his quote is accepted, he will furnish all labor, materials and services required for the Work defined in the Procurement Documents entitled: Purchase and Installation of Bunker Gear Storage Systems.

QUOTE: PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF BUNKER GEAR STORAGE SYSTEMS

Implementation of Purchase and Installation of Bunker Gear Storage Systems

_____ Dollars (\$_____)

The Undersigned agrees to commence all preliminary and submittal work within 10 days of the date of the Purchase Order issued by Gwinnett County Purchasing Division and to commit adequate forces on site to substantially complete all work within 60 calendar days.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda, listed by number and date appearing on each:

Addendum No.	Date	Addendum	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____

Certification of Noncollusion in Quote Preparation _____
(Signature) (Date)

In compliance with the attached specifications, the undersigned offers and agrees, within sixty (60) days of the date of quote opening, to furnish any or all of the items upon which prices are quoted, at the price set opposite each item, delivered to the designated point(s) within the time specified in the quote schedule.

Legal Business Name _____ Federal Tax ID _____
(If your company is an LLC, you must identify all principals to include addresses and phone numbers in your submittal.)

Federal Tax I.D. _____

Address _____

Does your company currently have a location within Gwinnett County? Yes No

Representative Signature _____

Print Authorized Representative's Name _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

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REFERENCES

Gwinnett County requests a minimum of three (3) references where work of a similar size and scope has been completed.

1. Company Name _____

Brief Description of Project _____

Completion Date _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone _____ Facsimile _____

E-Mail Address _____

2. Company Name _____

Brief Description of Project _____

Completion Date _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone _____ Facsimile _____

E-Mail Address _____

3. Company Name _____

Brief Description of Project _____

Completion Date _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone _____ Facsimile _____

E-Mail Address _____

Company Name _____

STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

(For projects less than \$1,000,000)

1. Statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance
 - (a) Employers Liability:
 - ✓ Bodily Injury by Accident - \$100,000 each accident
 - ✓ Bodily Injury by Disease - \$500,000 policy limit
 - ✓ Bodily Injury by Disease - \$100,000 each employee
2. Commercial General Liability Insurance
 - (a) \$500,000 limit of liability per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage
 - (b) The following additional coverage must apply:
 - ✓ 1986 (or later) ISO Commercial General Liability Form
 - ✓ Dedicated Limits per Project Site or Location (CG 25 03 or CG 25 04)
 - ✓ Additional Insured Endorsement (Form B CG 20 10 with a modification for completed operations or a separate endorsement covering Completed Operations)
 - ✓ Blanket Contractual Liability
 - ✓ Broad Form Property Damage
 - ✓ Severability of Interest
 - ✓ Underground, explosion, and collapse coverage
 - ✓ Personal Injury (deleting both contractual and employee exclusions)
 - ✓ Incidental Medical Malpractice
 - ✓ Hostile Fire Pollution Wording
3. Auto Liability Insurance
 - (a) \$500,000 limit of liability per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage
 - (b) Comprehensive form covering all owned, non-owned, leased, hired, and borrowed vehicles
 - (c) Additional Insured Endorsement
 - (d) Contractual Liability
4. Umbrella Liability Insurance - \$1,000,000 limit of liability
 - (a) The following additional coverage must apply
 - ✓ Additional Insured Endorsement
 - ✓ Concurrency of Effective Dates with Primary
 - ✓ Blanket Contractual Liability
 - ✓ Drop Down Feature
 - ✓ Care, Custody, and Control - Follow Form Primary
 - ✓ Aggregates: Apply Where Applicable in Primary
 - ✓ Umbrella Policy must be as broad as the primary policy
5. Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners should be shown as an additional insured on General Liability, Auto Liability and Umbrella Liability policies.
6. The cancellation should provide 10 days notice for nonpayment and 30 days notice of cancellation.
7. Certificate Holder should read:

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
75 Langley Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30046-6935
8. Insurance Company, except Worker' Compensation carrier, must have an A.M. Best Rating of A-5 or higher. Certain Workers' Comp funds may be acceptable by the approval of the Insurance Unit. European markets including those based in London and domestic surplus lines markets that operate on a non-admitted basis are exempt from this requirement provided that the contractor's broker/agent can provide financial data to establish that a market is equal to or exceeds the financial strengths associated with the A.M. Best's rating of A-5 or better.

9. Insurance Company should be licensed to do business by the Georgia Department of Insurance.
10. Certificates of Insurance, and any subsequent renewals, must reference specific bid/contract by project name and project/bid number.
11. The Contractor shall agree to provide complete certified copies of current insurance policy (ies) or a certified letter from the insurance company (ies) if requested by the County to verify the compliance with these insurance requirements.
12. All insurance coverages required to be provided by the Contractor will be primary over any insurance program carried by the County.
13. Contractor shall incorporate a copy of the insurance requirements as herein provided in each and every subcontract with each and every Subcontractor in any tier, and shall require each and every Subcontractor of any tier to comply with all such requirements. Contractor agrees that if for any reason Subcontractor fails to procure and maintain insurance as required, all such required Insurance shall be procured and maintained by Contractor at Contractor's expense.
14. No Contractor or Subcontractor shall commence any work of any kind under this Contract until all insurance requirements contained in this Contract have been complied with and until evidence of such compliance satisfactory to Gwinnett County as to form and content has been filed with Gwinnett County. **The Acord Certificate of Insurance or a preapproved substitute is the required form in all cases where reference is made to a Certificate of Insurance or an approved substitute.**
15. The Contractor shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, the Board of Commissioners, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers from losses arising from work performed by the contractor for the County.
16. Special Form Contractors' Equipment and Contents Insurance covering owned, used, and leased equipment, tools, supplies, and contents required to perform the services called for in the Contract. The coverage must be on a replacement cost basis. The County will be included as a Loss Payee in this coverage for County owned equipment, tools, supplies, and contents.
17. The Contractor shall make available to the County, through its records or records of their insurer, information regarding a specific claim related to any County project. Any loss run information available from the contractor or their insurer relating to a County project will be made available to the County upon their request.
18. Compliance by the Contractor and all subcontractors with the foregoing requirements as to carrying insurance shall not relieve the Contractor and all Subcontractors of their liability provisions of the Contract.
19. The Contractor and all Subcontractors are to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Public Law 91-956, and any other laws that may apply to this Contract.
20. The Contractor shall at a minimum apply risk management practices accepted by the contractors' industry.

*****ATTENTION*****

FAILURE TO RETURN THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MAY RESULT IN BID BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND AUTOMATIC REJECTION:

1. FAILURE TO USE COUNTY BID SCHEDULE.
2. FAILURE TO RETURN APPLICABLE COMPLIANCE SHEETS/SPECIFICATION SHEETS.
3. FAILURE TO RETURN APPLICABLE ADDENDA.
4. FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ALTERNATES OR EQUIVALENTS.
5. THE COUNTY SHALL BE THE SOLE DETERMINANT OF TECHNICALITY VS. NON-RESPONSIVE BID.
6. FAILURE TO PROVIDE BID BOND, WHEN REQUIRED, WILL RESULT IN BID BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND AUTOMATIC REJECTION. BID BONDS ARE NOT REQUIRED ON ALL BIDS. BOND REQUIREMENTS ARE CLEARLY STATED ON THE INVITATION TO BID. IF YOU NEED CLARIFICATION, CONTACT THE PURCHASING ASSOCIATE.
7. FAILURE TO PROVIDE CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT, WHEN REQUIRED, MAY RESULT IN BID BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND AUTOMATIC REJECTION. CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT IS NOT REQUIRED ON ALL BIDS. IF YOU NEED CLARIFICATION, CONTACT THE PURCHASING ASSOCIATE.

GWINNETT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES – PURCHASING DIVISION
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. PREPARATION OF BIDS

- A. Each bidder shall examine the drawings, specifications, schedule and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk, as the bidder will be held accountable for their bid response.
- B. Each bidder shall furnish all information required by the bid form or document. Each bidder shall sign the bid and print or type his or her name on the schedule. The person signing the bid must initial erasures or other changes. An authorized agent of the company must sign bids.
- C. Individuals, firms and businesses seeking an award of a Gwinnett County contract may not initiate or continue any verbal or written communications regarding a solicitation with any County officer, elected official, employee or other County representative without permission of the Purchasing Associate named in the solicitation between the date of the issuance of the solicitation and the date of the final contract award by the Board of Commissioners. Violations will be reviewed by the Purchasing Director. If determined that such communication has compromised the competitive process, the offer submitted by the individual, firm or business may be disqualified from consideration for award.
- D. Sample contracts (if pertinent) are attached. These do NOT have to be filled out with the bid/proposal submittal, but are contained for informational purposes only. If awarded, the successful bidder(s) will be required to complete them prior to contract execution.
- E. In accordance with the Georgia Illegal Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011, an original signed, notarized and fully completed Contractor Affidavit and Agreement should be included with your bid/proposal submittal, if applicable. Failure to provide the Contractor Affidavit and Agreement with your bid/proposal submittal may result in bid/proposal being deemed non-responsive and automatic rejection.

II. DELIVERY

- A. Each bidder should state time of proposed delivery of goods or services.
- B. Words such as "immediate," "as soon as possible," etc. shall not be used. The known earliest date or the minimum number of calendar days required after receipt of order (delivery A.R.O.) shall be stated (if calendar days are used, include Saturday, Sunday and holidays in the number).

III. EXPLANATION TO BIDDERS

Any explanation desired by a bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of the invitation for bids, drawings, specifications, etc. must be requested by the question cutoff deadline stated in the solicitation in order for a reply to reach all bidders before the close of bid. Any information given to a prospective bidder concerning an invitation for bid will be furnished to all prospective bidders as an addendum to the invitation if such information is necessary or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to uninformed bidders. The written bid documents supersede any verbal or written communications between parties. Receipt of addendum should be acknowledged in the bid. **It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that they have all applicable addenda prior to bid submittal.** This may be accomplished via contact with the assigned Procurement Agent prior to bid submittal.

IV. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- A. Bids shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Gwinnett County Purchasing Office with the name of the bidder, the date and hour of opening and the invitation to bid number on the face of the envelope. Telegraphic/faxed bids will not be considered. Any addenda should be enclosed in the sealed envelopes as well.

- B. ADD/DEDUCT: Add or deduct amounts indicated on the outside of the envelope are allowed and will be applied to the lump sum amount. Amount shall be clearly stated and should be initialed by an authorized company representative.
- C. Samples of items, when required, must be submitted within the time specified and, unless otherwise specified by the County, at no expense to the County. Unless otherwise specified, samples will be returned at the bidder's request and expense if items are not destroyed by testing.
- D. Items offered must meet required specifications and must be of a quality, which will adequately serve the use and purpose for which intended.
- E. Full identification of each item bid upon, including brand name, model, catalog number, etc. must be furnished to identify exactly what the bidder is offering. Manufacturer's literature may be furnished.
- F. The bidder must certify that items to be furnished are new and that the quality has not deteriorated so as to impair its usefulness.
- G. Unsigned bids will not be considered except in cases where bid is enclosed with other documents, which have been signed. The County will determine this.
- H. Gwinnett County is exempt from federal excise tax and Georgia sales tax with regard to goods and services purchased directly by Gwinnett County. Suppliers and contractors are responsible for federal excise tax and sales tax, including taxes for materials incorporated in county construction projects. Suppliers and contractors should contact the State of Georgia Sales Tax Division for additional information.
- I. Information submitted by a bidder in the bidding process shall be subject to disclosure after the public opening in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act. Each page of proprietary information must be identified. Entire bid may not be deemed proprietary.

V. WITHDRAWAL OF BID DUE TO ERRORS

The bidder shall give notice in writing of his claim of right to withdraw his bid without penalty due to an error within two (2) business days after the conclusion of the bid opening procedure. Bids may be withdrawn from consideration if the price was substantially lower than the other bids due solely to a mistake therein, provided the bid was submitted in good faith, and the mistake was a clerical mistake as opposed to a judgment mistake, and was actually due to an unintentional arithmetic error or an unintentional omission of a quantity of work, labor or material made directly in the compilation of the bid, which unintentional arithmetic error or unintentional omission can be clearly shown by objective evidence drawn from inspection of original work papers, documents and material used in the preparation of the bid sought to be withdrawn. The bidder's original work papers shall be the sole acceptable evidence of error and mistake if he elects to withdraw his bid. If a bid is withdrawn under the authority of this provision, the lowest remaining responsive bid shall be deemed to be low bid.

No bidder who is permitted to withdraw a bid shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn bid was submitted.

Supplier has up to forty-eight (48) hours to notify the Gwinnett County Purchasing Office of an obvious clerical error made in calculation of bid in order to withdraw a bid after bid opening. Withdrawal of bid for this reason must be done in writing within the forty-eight (48) hour period. Suppliers who fail to request withdrawal of bid by the required forty-eight (48) hours shall automatically forfeit bid bond. Bid may not be withdrawn otherwise.

Bid withdrawal is not automatically granted and will be allowed solely at Gwinnett County's discretion.

VI. TESTING AND INSPECTION

Since tests may require several days for completion, the County reserves the right to use a portion of any supplies before the results of the tests are determined. Cost of inspections and tests of any item, which fails to meet the specifications, shall be borne by the bidder.

VII. F.O.B. POINT

Unless otherwise stated in the invitation to bid and any resulting contract, or unless qualified by the bidder, items shall be shipped F.O.B. Destination. The seller shall retain title for the risk of transportation, including the filing for loss or damages. The invoice covering the items is not payable until items are delivered and the contract of carriage has been completed. Unless the F.O.B. clause states otherwise, the seller assumes transportation and related charges either by payment or allowance.

VIII. PATENT INDEMNITY

The contractor guarantees to hold the County, its agents, officers or employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind for use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, articles or appliances furnished or used in the performance of the contract, for which the contractor is not the patentee, assignee or licensee.

IX. BID BONDS AND PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS (IF REQUIRED)

A five percent (5%) bid bond, a one hundred percent (100%) performance bond, and a one hundred percent (100%) payment bond shall be furnished to Gwinnett County for any bid as required in bid package or document. Failure to submit appropriate bonding will result in automatic rejection of bid. Bonding company must be authorized to do business in Georgia by the Georgia Insurance Commission, listed in the Department of the Treasury's publication of companies holding certificates of authority as acceptable surety on Federal bonds and as acceptable reinsuring companies, and have an A.M. Best rating as stated in the insurance requirement of the solicitation.

X. DISCOUNTS

- A. Time payment discounts will be considered in arriving at net prices and in award of bids. Offers of discounts for payment within ten (10) days following the end of the month are preferred.
- B. In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from the date of delivery and acceptance at destination, or from the date correct invoice or voucher is received, whichever is the later date. Payment is deemed to be made for the purpose of earning the discount, on the date of the County check.

XI. AWARD

- A. Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The quality of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the requirements of the County, and the delivery terms will be taken into consideration in making the award. The County may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform, and the bidder shall furnish to the County all such information and data for this purpose as the County may request. The County reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of such bidder fails to satisfy the County that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract.
- B. The County reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids and to waive technicalities, informalities and minor irregularities in bids received.
- C. The County reserves the right to make an award as deemed in its best interest, which may include awarding a bid to a single bidder or multiple bidders; or to award the whole bid, only part of the bid, or none of the bid to single or multiple bidders, based on its sole discretion of its best interest.

XII. DELIVERY FAILURES

Failure of a contractor to deliver within the time specified or within reasonable time as interpreted by the

Purchasing Director, or failure to make replacement of rejected articles/services when so requested, immediately or as directed by the Purchasing Director, shall constitute authority for the Purchasing Director to purchase in the open market articles/services of comparable grade to replace the articles/services rejected or not delivered. On all such purchases, the contractor shall reimburse the County within a reasonable time specified by the Purchasing Director for any expense incurred in excess of contract prices, or the County shall have the right to deduct such amount from monies owed the defaulting contractor. Alternatively, the County may penalize the contractor one percent (1%) per day for a period of up to ten (10) days for each day that delivery or replacement is late. Should public necessity demand it, the County reserves the right to use or consume articles delivered which are substandard in quality, subject to an adjustment in price to be determined by the Purchasing Director.

XIII. COUNTY FURNISHED PROPERTY

No material, labor or facilities will be furnished by the County unless so provided in the invitation to bid.

XIV. REJECTION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

Failure to observe any of the instructions or conditions in this invitation to bid may constitute grounds for rejection of bid.

XV. CONTRACT

Each bid is received with the understanding that the acceptance in writing by the County of the offer to furnish any or all of the commodities or services described therein shall constitute a contract between the bidder and the County which shall bind the bidder on his part to furnish and deliver the articles quoted at the prices stated in accordance with the conditions of said accepted bid. The County, on its part, may order from such contractor, except for cause beyond reasonable control, and to pay for, at the agreed prices, all articles specified and delivered.

Upon receipt of a bid package containing a Gwinnett County "Sample Contract" as part of the requirements, it is understood that the bidder has reviewed the documents with the understanding that Gwinnett County requires that all agreements between the parties must be entered into via this document. If any exceptions are taken to any part, each must be stated in detail and submitted as part of the bid. If no exceptions are stated, it is assumed that the bidder fully agrees to the provisions contained in the "Sample Contract" in its entirety.

When the contractor has performed in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, Gwinnett County shall pay to the contractor, within thirty (30) days of receipt of any department approved payment request and based upon work completed or service provided pursuant to the contract, the sum so requested, less the retainage stated in this agreement, if any. In the event that Gwinnett County fails to pay the contractor within sixty (60) days of receipt of a pay requested based upon work completed or service provided pursuant to the contract, the County shall pay the contractor interest at the rate of ½% per month or pro rata fraction thereof, beginning the sixty-first (61st) day following receipt of pay requests. The contractor's acceptance of progress payments or final payment shall release all claims for interest on said payment.

XVI. NON-COLLUSION

Bidder declares that the bid is not made in connection with any other bidder submitting a bid for the same commodity or commodities, and that the bid is bona fide and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. An affidavit of non-collusion shall be executed by each bidder. Collusion and fraud in bid preparation shall be reported to the State of Georgia Attorney General and the United States Justice Department.

XVII. DEFAULT

The contract may be canceled or annulled by the Purchasing Director in whole or in part by written notice of default to the contractor upon non-performance or violation of contract terms. An award may be made to the next low responsive and responsible bidder, or articles specified may be purchased on the open market similar to those so terminated. In either event, the defaulting contractor (or his surety) shall be liable to the County for costs to the County in excess of the defaulted contract prices; provided, however, that the contractor shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent not terminated under the

provisions of this clause. Failure of the contractor to deliver materials or services within the time stipulated on his bid, unless extended in writing by the Purchasing Director, shall constitute contract default.

XVIII. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

The County may terminate this agreement for cause upon ten days prior written notice to the contractor of the contractor's default in the performance of any term of this agreement. Such termination shall be without prejudice to any of the County's rights or remedies by law.

XIX. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The County may terminate this agreement for its convenience at any time upon 30 days written notice to the contractor. In the event of the County's termination of this agreement for convenience, the contractor will be paid for those services actually performed. Partially completed performance of the agreement will be compensated based upon a signed statement of completion to be submitted by the contractor, which shall itemize each element of performance.

XX. DISPUTES

Except as otherwise provided in the contract documents, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under the contract which is not disposed of shall be decided after a hearing by the Purchasing Director, who shall reduce his/her decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the contractor. The decision of the procurement agent shall be final and binding; however, the contractor shall have the right to appeal said decision to a court of competent jurisdiction.

XXI. SUBSTITUTIONS

Bidders offering and quoting on substitutions or who are deviating from the attached specifications shall list such deviations on a separate sheet to be submitted with their bid. The absence of such a substitution list shall indicate that the bidder has taken no exception to the specifications contained herein.

XXII. INELIGIBLE BIDDERS

The County may choose not to accept the bid of a bidder who is in default on the payment of taxes, licenses or other monies due to the County. Failure to respond to three (3) consecutive times for any given commodity/service may result in removal from the supplier list under that commodity/service.

XXIII. OCCUPATION TAX CERTIFICATE

Each successful bidder shall provide evidence of a valid Gwinnett County occupation tax certificate if the bidder maintains an office within the unincorporated area of Gwinnett County. Incorporated, out of County, and out of State bidders are required to provide evidence of a certificate to do business in any town, County or municipality in the State of Georgia, or as otherwise required by County ordinance or resolution.

XXIV. PURCHASING POLICY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Purchasing Policy and Review Committee has been established to review purchasing procedures and make recommendations for changes; resolve problems regarding the purchasing process; make recommendations for standardization of commodities, schedule buying, qualified products list, annual contracts, supplier performance (Ineligible Source List), and other problems or requirements related to Purchasing. The Purchasing Policy & Review Committee has authority to place suppliers and contractors on the Ineligible Source List for reasons listed in Part 6, Section II of the Gwinnett County Purchasing Ordinance.

XXV. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

All contractors for Gwinnett County are required to comply with all applicable sections of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as an equal opportunity employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Gwinnett County provides reasonable accommodations to permit a qualified applicant with a disability to enjoy the privileges of employment equal to those employees with disabilities. Disabled individuals must satisfy job requirements for education background, employment experience, and

must be able to perform those tasks that are essential to the job with or without reasonable accommodations. Any requests for the reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in any open meeting, program or activity of Gwinnett County should be directed to Michael Plonowski, Human Relations Coordinator, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046, 770-822-8015.

XXVI. ALTERATIONS OF SOLICITATION AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Alterations of County documents are strictly prohibited and will result in automatic disqualification of the firm's solicitation response. If there are "exceptions" or comments to any of the solicitation requirements or other language, then the firm may make notes to those areas, but may not materially alter any document language.

XXVII. TAX LIABILITY

Local and state governmental entities must notify contractors of their use tax liability on public works projects. Under Georgia law, private contractors are responsible for paying a use tax equal to the sales tax rate on material and equipment purchased under a governmental exemption that is incorporated into a government construction project: excluding material and equipment provided for the installation, repair, or expansion of a public water, gas or sewer system when the property is installed for general distribution purposes. To the extent the tangible personal property maintains its character (for example the installation of a kitchen stove), it remains tax-exempt. However, if the installation incorporates the tangible personal property into realty, e.g., the installation of sheetrock, it becomes taxable to the private contractor. See O.C.G.A. 48-8-3(2) and O.C.G.A. 48-8-63

XXVIII. STATE LAW REGARDING WORKER VERIFICATION

State Law requires that all who enter into a contract for public works as defined by O.C.G.A. 36-91-2(10) for the County must satisfy the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011, in all manner, and such are conditions of the contract.

By submitting a bid to the County, contractor agrees that, in the event the contractor employs or contracts with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the covered contract, the contractor will secure from the subcontractor(s) such subcontractor(s)' indication of the employee-number category applicable to the subcontractor, as well as attestation(s) from such subcontractor(s) that they are in compliance with the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011. Original signed, notarized Subcontractor Affidavits and Agreements must be submitted to the County.

The Purchasing Division Director with the assistance of the Performance Analysis Division shall be authorized to conduct random audits of a contractor's or subcontractors' compliance with the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Department of Labor. The contractor and subcontractors shall retain all documents and records of its compliance for a period of three (3) years following completion of the contract. This requirement shall apply to all contracts for the public works as defined by O.C.G.A. 36-91-2(10) where any persons are employed on the County contract.

Whenever it appears that a contractor's or subcontractor's records are not sufficient to verify the work eligibility of any individual in the employ of such contractor or subcontractor, the Purchasing Director shall report same to the Department of Homeland Security.

A contractor's failure to participate in the federal work authorization program as defined by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 shall be sanctioned by termination of the contract. If it is determined that a subcontractor is not participating in the federal work authorization program as defined by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011, Gwinnett County may direct the contractor to terminate that subcontractor. A contractor's failure to follow Gwinnett County's instruction to terminate a subcontractor that is not participating in the federal work authorization program as defined by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 may be sanctioned by termination of the contract.

XXIX. SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

No individual, partnership, corporation or other entity shall engage in solid waste handling except in such a manner as to conform to and comply with the current Gwinnett County Solid Waste Ordinance and all other applicable local, state and federal legislation, rules, regulation and orders.

XXX. GENERAL CONTRACTORS LICENSE

Effective July 1, 2008: **All General Contractors must have a current valid license from the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors, unless specifically exempted from holding such license pursuant to Georgia law (O.C.G.A. Section 43-41-17).**

XXXI. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall, at his sole cost and expense, indemnify, defend, satisfy all judgments, and hold harmless the County, the engineer, and their agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, actions, judgments, costs, penalties, liabilities, losses and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work, provided that any such claim, damage, action, judgment, cost, penalty, liability, loss or expense (1) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the work itself) including the loss of use resulting therefrom, and (2) is caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of the Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless whether such claim is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or otherwise reduce any of the rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this agreement. In any and all claims against the County, the engineer, or any of their agents or employees by any employee of the Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation contained herein shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or any subcontractor under Worker's Compensation Acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

XXXII. CODE OF ETHICS:

"Proposer/Bidder" shall disclose under oath the name of all elected officials whom it employs or who have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the business entity, its affiliates, or its subcontractors. The "Proposer/Bidder" shall execute a Code of Ethics affidavit. Failure to submit the affidavit during the bid or proposal process shall render the bid or proposal non-responsive.

The act of submitting false information or omitting material information shall be referred to the Purchasing Policy & Review Committee for action pursuant to the Purchasing Ordinance or to the District Attorney for possible criminal prosecution.

Any business entity holding a contract with Gwinnett County that subsequent to execution of the contract or issuance of the purchase order employs, subcontracts with, or transfers a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the business entity to an elected official shall within five (5) days disclose such fact in writing under oath to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners. Failure to comply shall be referred to the Purchasing Policy & Review Committee for action pursuant to the Purchasing Ordinance or to the District Attorney for possible criminal prosecution.

Note: See Gwinnett County Code of Ethics Ordinance EO2011, Sec. 60-33. The ordinance will be available to view in its entirety at www.gwinnettcounty.com

DIRECTIONS TO GJAC BUILDING FROM I-85

Take I-85 to Georgia Highway 316 (Lawrenceville/Athens exit). Exit Highway 120 (Lawrenceville/Duluth exit) and turn right. At sixth traffic light, turn right onto Langley Drive. Cross Highway 29 through the traffic light and cross at the 4-way stop sign. The public parking lot is on the left and the Purchasing Division is located in the Administrative Wing.