



September 7, 2022

**INVITATION TO BID
BL107-22**

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified suppliers for the **Purchase of Janitorial Supplies on a Six-Month Contract** with four (4) options to renew for various Gwinnett County Departments.

Bids should be typed or submitted in ink and returned in a sealed container marked on the outside with the BL# and Company Name. A digital copy should also be provided via USB flash drive/thumb drive within the sealed bid document, do not email. Flash drive should also be marked on the outside with the BL# and Company Name to be included in physical submission. Bids will be received until **2:50 P.M. local time on September 26, 2022**, at the Gwinnett County Purchasing Division, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046. Any bid received after this date and time will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 3:00 P.M. Apparent bid results will be available the following business day on our website www.gwinnettcounty.com.

Questions regarding bids should be directed to Chelsey Ward, Purchasing Associate II, at Chelsey.ward@GwinnettCounty.com or by calling 770-822-7788, **no later than 2:00. P.M on September 22, 2022**. Bids are legal and binding upon the bidder when submitted.

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 the ADA Coordinator at the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Center, 770-822-8165.

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

Award will be made to the supplier(s) submitting the lowest responsive and responsible bid. Gwinnett County reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive technicalities and to make an award deemed in its best interest. Bids may be split or awarded in entirety. Gwinnett County reserves the option to negotiate terms, conditions and pricing with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder(s) at its discretion.

Award notification will be posted after award on the County website, www.gwinnettcounty.com and companies submitting a bid will be notified via email.

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

Chelsey Ward

Chelsey Ward
Purchasing Associate II

The following pages should be returned in duplicate as your bid:

**(Return a physical and digital copy)
Bid Schedule, (Attached Excel file)
Supplier Information, Page 15
References, Page 16
Ethics Affidavit, Page 17**

REQUIREMENTS

I. Scope of Work

The successful supplier(s) will be required to provide janitorial products as specified within the bid documents for the various Gwinnett County departments as requested on an as needed basis during the contract term. The contract shall commence upon approval by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners for a six (6) month period. **Pricing and delivery are to remain firm throughout the initial term of the contract period. No increases will be accepted.**

The contract may be renewed for four (4) additional six (6) month periods providing that pricing remains firm or there is a pre-approved increase, service is satisfactory, both parties are willing to renew, and upon approval by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners.

II. General Information

- A. During the term of this contract, if successful supplier is unable to provide any products as specified in the bid document or is providing products below specifications, Gwinnett County reserves the right to terminate the contract and/or purchase outside of contract. **See General Instructions for Bidders, Terms and Conditions, Delivery Failures.**
- B. On the Bid Schedule, under the columns "Packaging If Different" be sure to be specific; include all information applicable to the items (for example: can, box, drum, jug, and how many units are in each container). Failure to complete the Bid Schedule in its entirety may result in rejection of bid.
- C. Approximate quantity is per unit as described, not case.
- D. It will be the responsibility of each bidder to read each line-item description carefully as described on the bid schedule and technical specifications, and then appropriately and legibly fill in the information as requested in each column of the bid schedule. This information will determine your responsiveness to this solicitation.
- E. Manufacturer names, brand names, and product numbers referenced in the following bid documents are used for the sole purpose of describing and establishing minimum performance and quality levels. Such references are not intended to be restrictive.
- F. Material Safety and Data Sheets (MSDS) should be submitted for each product/item bid if requested by Gwinnett County.

III. Product Packaging

- A. On each product, box, and/or case delivered to each of the County facilities indicated in the following bid specifications, the name of the distributor and the manufacturer name must be indicated with the item/product number, size, quantity, brand name, and case weight. Distributor's name is not to cover/disguise manufacturer's information. Failure to provide labeling with the required information may result in the refusal of delivery, cancellation of order and/or the return of items that are not in compliance with the bid specifications at which no additional cost will be incurred by the County. It will be the responsibility of the successful supplier to incur any additional expense associated with picking up/replacing non-compliant items with items compliant to the bid specifications
- B. Upon an approved change or substitution of a product by the user department and/or the Purchasing Division, the successful supplier must submit an MSDS sheet with the new product if requested.

IV. Product Requirements

- A. All products quoted must meet or exceed the technical specifications indicated within this bid. Product technical specifications and MSDS should be submitted for each product labeled with its corresponding item number on the bid schedule if requested by the County. These requirements

establish a minimum performance level and describe features deemed necessary to accomplish specific tasks.

- B. The successful supplier(s) shall supply labels for Gwinnett County to apply to smaller containers when a larger concentrated size is being used.

V. **Equivalent Products/Alternate Bids**

- A. Equivalent products and alternate bids are invited on these items provided the quality and/or performance of the proposed substitution meets or exceeds the specifications as indicated within the bid specifications for each item. Supplier should provide the same guarantee for the equivalent/alternate item as they would for specified product indicated in the bid documents. Supplier should ensure product has been personally investigated and determined that it is equal or superior in all respects to that specified.

The following must be provided with the bid documents for all alternate/equivalent items bid:

1. Product identification, including manufacturer's name and product code, brand name, item number, container size, product number, and case quantity.
 2. Manufacturer's product literature/specifications, including but not limited to product description and Material Safety Data Sheets for each product if requested.
 3. Itemized comparison of alternate product versus product specified.
- B. If bidding something other than the product specified in the Bid Schedule, state your packaging (under the column "Packaging If Different") and brand information (under the column "Brand Name & MFG. #"). Also, state unit price information (for example if the bid specified a certain size container but is also competitively available in a size very close to what is specified, then the supplier is encouraged to indicate this substitute information and pricing in addition to the specified item being bid). State the alternate total unit of measure under column "Total Converted Measurement if Different Number Only". See page 6 for example. All alternate bids made available to Gwinnett County will be evaluated and awarded only when deemed in the County's best interest.

VI. **Samples**

Gwinnett County reserves the right to request samples for evaluation purposes prior to award.

- A. Samples shall be provided upon request within five (5) business days.
- B. It will be the responsibility of the supplier to incur all costs associated with the samples.
- C. All samples are to be identified and must include the following:
 1. Labeled with product identification, including supplier's name, manufacturer's/ distributor name, product number, brand name, item number as indicated on the Bid Schedule and the Bid Number.
 2. Manufacturer's product literature/specifications, including but not limited to product description, and Material Safety Data Sheets if requested.
- D. All samples used for evaluation purposes must be the same product that will be provided to the user departments and as indicated on the bid schedule. Quality, quantity per box/case, size, and performance of product and case weight will be taken into consideration in comparing equivalent items bid. Samples will not be returned.
- E. Failure to submit samples upon request may result in rejection of bid documents.

VII. **Substitutions**

- A. No substitutions will be permitted after the award of this bid has been made unless pre-approved in writing by an authorized Gwinnett County representative. Any substitutions that are received, other than those items approved/awarded and indicated on the successful suppliers bid documents will result in possible rejection and cancellation of order. Any approved substitutions must remain at the contracted price. **Gwinnett County reserves the right to purchase outside of this contract and the price difference will be charged to the vendor if substitution is not approved or if the pricing is not held firm.**
1. Prior approval by the user departments and the Purchasing Division is required for any substituted item to ensure that the substituted products are acceptable by all departments made part of this bid. Any products provided to any of the user departments without prior approval/authorization will be returned at the supplier's expense and deemed non-compliant.
 2. The successful supplier agrees not to assign, transfer, or sublet in whole or in part any items indicated in this bid.

VIII. **Product Variations**

Product items described within the bid specifications may be limited to a 4 oz (+/-) variation. If bidder is not able to bid the specified size as described in the bid specifications an equivalent product/item may be bid with the exception of the stated variation. Any product bid that exceeds this variation may be deemed non-responsive.

IX. **Orders**

Orders will be placed directly with the successful supplier with a purchase order issued by the individual user departments on an "as needed" basis. Quantities are approximate annual quantities. Orders are to be filled regardless of quantity and/or dollar amount. All orders delivered or picked up will require a PO number. Orders provided without a contract document are not to be considered authorized purchases and may be subject to non-payment of invoice. All orders must be accompanied with a packing slip and all orders shipped in error, to be returned are to be picked up within five (5) business days of notification.

XI. **Delivery Terms/Invoice**

- A. Delivery should be coordinated with each user department upon award, as orders are placed individually by each department and will require delivery to various facilities and locations as indicated below in item XII.
- B. All products delivered to Gwinnett County under this contract are subject to inspection and verification for compliance with bid specifications. Gwinnett County reserves the right to refuse delivery or return any items received that are not labeled properly, damaged, or not in compliance with the bid specifications. Any and all non-compliance will be documented by County personnel and may have a negative impact on suppliers with this contract including but not limited to vendor replacement of products, rejection of shipment, possible cancellation of order and/or re-award of contract which could negatively impact future awards. All cost incurred to pick up and correct non-compliant or damaged orders will be the sole responsibility of the successful supplier.
- C. Deliveries will be F.O.B. Destination to each location, drop ship only (no inside delivery required). Supplier shall deliver orders as specified on the issued PO document received and be accompanied with a packing slip. All invoices shall reflect the bid number, PO document number and the delivery address. **All items ordered from this contract must be invoiced separately from those items ordered which are not a part of this contract.**

F.O.B. Point: Item(s) 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 all items are delivered and the contract of carriage has been complete.

Delivery Time A.R.O.

After receipt of order (PO document) and all pertinent information necessary from Gwinnett County, please indicate on the attached **Bid Schedule** for each item, the number of calendar days required for delivery.

XII. **Delivery Locations**

Delivery will be F.O.B. Destination to the following locations: (Subject to change through the life of the contract, locations may be added and deleted in writing as necessary)

<p>Gwinnett County Comprehensive – Correctional Complex 750 Hi-Hope Road Lawrenceville, GA 30043</p>	<p>Gwinnett County Detention Center 2900 University Parkway Lawrenceville, GA 30043 ** Hours of Delivery- 7:00 am – 3:30 pm</p>
<p>Police Services - Police Headquarters 770 Hi-Hope Road Lawrenceville, GA 30043</p>	<p>Department of Water Resources – Central Warehouse 684 Winder Highway Lawrenceville, GA 30045</p>
<p>Department of Community Services – Parks and Recreation Warehouse 352 Hosea Road Lawrenceville, GA 30046 **Hours of Delivery at this Location should be Monday – Friday, 7:00 am. – 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Department of Fire & Emergency Services - Logistical Support Section 450 Hosea Road Lawrenceville, GA 30046</p>
<p>Department of Support Services Fleet Management 620 Swanson Drive Lawrenceville, GA 30043 **Hours of Delivery at this location should be Monday – Friday, 8:00 am. – 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Department of Support Services - Housekeeping/Building Services 75 Langley Drive Lower Level – Room LL752 Lawrenceville, GA 30046 **Hours of Delivery at this location should be Monday – Friday, 8:00 am. – 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Department of Transportation - Signal Shop 250 Oak Street Lawrenceville, GA 30046</p>	<p>Department of Transportation – Airport 600 Briscoe Boulevard Lawrenceville, GA 30046 **Hours of Delivery at this location should be Monday – Friday, 8:00 am. – 4:00 p.m.</p>

XIII. **Award**

Award will be based on the correct lowest unit of measure price indicated in the bid schedule. Gwinnett County reserves the right to make award of this bid by line item, by section, or to the overall low responsive and responsible supplier bidding the majority of items, and/or on the basis of uniformity as deemed in the County’s best interest.

XIV. **Communications**

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.

BID SCHEDULE INFORMATION

PLEASE ENSURE THERE IS A PRINTED SIGNED HARD COPY OF THE BID SCHEDULE WITH THE BID SUBMITTAL AND A DIGITAL VERSION OF THE BID SCHEDULE VIA USB FLASHDRIVE/THUMBDRIVE.

The following cells should be completed on the attached Excel Bid Schedule by the submitting supplier, all other cells should be locked for editing.

BRAND NAME & MFG. #	VENDOR PRODUCT CODE	DELIVERY A.R.O.	TOTAL CONVERTED MEASUREMENT IF DIFFERENT NUMBER ONLY	PACKAGING IF DIFFERENT	TOTAL CONVERTED MEASUREMENT IF DIFFERENT NUMBER ONLY
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Examples: Please see the first two lines of the Bid Schedule for the example along with the explanation for calculation below:

The Supplier will complete the column "Unit Price that Orders will be Placed". The unit price should be two (2) decimal places. Any unit price per case/box/bag/etc. will be rounded to two decimal places.

PLEASE NOTE: To compare bid prices, the lowest unit of measure formula is rounded to the fourth decimal place. **NOTE: THE COST OF LOWEST UNIT OF MEASURE (i.e., Cost per OZ.) WILL BE EVALUATED AND USED TO DETERMINE THE AWARDED BIDDER.** If supplier indicates a different total converted measurement, the formula will be adjusted during the evaluation period to calculate the cost per oz based on the same formula with the adjusted number of ounces. This will adjust the lowest unit measurement and the total calculated price, based on the lowest measurement.

To find the alternative "Total Converted Measurement if Different, Number Only": (\$25.00/cs divided by 25 bottles/cs = \$1/bottle divided 16oz = \$.0625/oz) **25** Bottles in a Case X **16oz** each Bottle= **400 oz**. Indicate **400** in the column.

THE "TOTAL PRICE" IS DETERMINED BY MULTIPLYING THE COST PER CASE/BOX OR EACH BY THE "APPROX. ANNUAL QTY". Formula that is locked Total Price - \$25.00 X 60 cases (approximate quantity) = \$1,500.00

PLEASE ENSURE you have provided a printed signed hard copy of the Bid Schedule with your bid package AND a digital version of the Bid Schedule via USB flashdrive/thumbdrive.

***Gwinnett County requires pricing to remain firm for the duration of the initial term of the contract. Failure to hold firm pricing for the initial term of the contract will be sufficient cause for Gwinnett County to declare bid non-responsive. Contract to begin upon approval by the Board of Commissioners.**

Bid Schedule Pages 7-14 – file name is BL107-22 Bid Schedule.xlsx.

FAILURE TO RETURN THIS PAGE AS PART OF YOUR BID DOCUMENT MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF THE BID.

BID SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Gwinnett County requires pricing to remain firm for the duration of the initial term of the contract. Failure to hold firm pricing for the initial term of the contract will be sufficient cause for Gwinnett County to declare bid non-responsive. Contract to begin upon approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Unless otherwise noted, quoted prices will remain firm for four (4) additional 6-month periods. If a percentage increase/decrease is a part of the renewal options, please note this in the space provided together with an explanation.

Renewal Option 1:	_____ % Increase	_____ % Decrease	Explanation _____
Renewal Option 2:	_____ % Increase	_____ % Decrease	Explanation _____
Renewal Option 3:	_____ % Increase	_____ % Decrease	Explanation _____
Renewal Option 4:	_____ % Increase	_____ % Decrease	Explanation _____

Certification Of Non-Collusion in Bid Preparation _____
Signature Date

In compliance with the attached specifications, the undersigned acknowledges all requirements outlined in the "Instructions to Bidders" and all documents referred to therein, if this bid is accepted by the Board of Commissioners within ninety (90) days of the date of bid opening, to furnish any or all of the items upon which prices are bid, at the price set opposite each item bid, delivered to the designated point(s) within the time specified in the bid schedule. By submission of this bid, I understand that Gwinnett County uses Electronic Payments for remittance of goods and services. Vendors should select their preferred method of electronic payment upon notice of award. For more information on electronic payments, please refer to the Electronic Payment information in the instructions to bidders.

Legal Business Name _____

Federal Tax ID _____

Address _____

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

Representative Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

E-mail address _____

REFERENCES

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

Note: References should be customized for each project, rather than submitting the same set of references for every project bid. The references listed should be of similar size and scope of the project being bid on. Do not submit a project list in lieu of this form.

1. Company Name _____

Brief Description of Project _____

Completion Date _____

Contract Amount \$ _____ Start Dates _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

2. Company Name _____

Brief Description of Project _____

Completion Date _____

Contract Amount \$ _____ Start Date _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

3. Company Name _____

Brief Description of Project _____

Completion Date _____

Contract Amount \$ _____ Start Date _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Company Name _____



CODE OF ETHICS AFFIDAVIT

(THIS FORM SHOULD BE FULLY COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH YOUR SUBMITTAL AND WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO EVALUATION)

In accordance with Section 54-33 of the Gwinnett County Code of Ordinances the undersigned bidder/proposer makes the following full and complete disclosure under oath, to the best of his/her knowledge, of the name(s) of all elected officials whom it employs or who have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in or with the bidder/proposer, its affiliates or its subcontractors:

1. _____
(Company Submitting Bid/Proposal)

2. (Please check **one** box below)

No information to disclose *(complete only section 4 below)*

Disclosed information below *(complete section 3 & section 4 below)*

3. (if additional space is required, please attach list)

_____	_____
Gwinnett County Elected Official Name	Gwinnett County Elected Official Name
_____	_____
Gwinnett County Elected Official Name	Gwinnett County Elected Official Name

4.

BY: _____	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
Authorized Officer or Agent Signature	_____ day of _____, 20____
_____	_____
Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent	Notary Public

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor	(seal)

Note: See Gwinnett County Code of Ethics Ordinance EO2011, Sec. 54-33. The ordinance will be available to view in its' entirety at www.gwinnettcounty.com

FAILURE TO RETURN THIS PAGE MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL OF YOUR COMPANY FROM COMMODITY LISTING.

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Buyer Initials: CW

IF YOU DESIRE TO SUBMIT A "NO BID" IN RESPONSE TO THIS PACKAGE, PLEASE INDICATE BY CHECKING ONE OR MORE OF THE REASONS LISTED BELOW AND EXPLAIN.

- Do not offer this product or service; remove us from your bidder's list for this item only.
- Specifications too "tight"; geared toward one brand or manufacturer only.
- Specifications are unclear.
- Unable to meet specifications
- Unable to meet bond requirements
- Unable to meet insurance requirements
- Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
- Insufficient time to respond.
- Other

COMPANY NAME _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE _____

SIGNATURE

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. **IF BONDS ARE REQUIRED, FORMS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THIS BID DOCUMENT.**
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. With the exception of solicitations for the sale of real property, 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 other than 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. The Purchasing Director will review violations. 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. Solicitations for the sale of real property may allow for verbal or written communications with the appropriate Gwinnett County representative.
- 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. Effective, July 1, 2013 and in accordance with the Georgia Illegal Immigration Reform Enhancements for 2013, an original signed, notarized and fully completed Contractor Affidavit and Agreement should be included with your bid/proposal submittal, if the solicitation is for the physical performance of services for all labor or service contract(s) that exceed \$2,499.99 (except for services performed by an individual who is licensed pursuant to Title 26, Title 43, or the State Bar of Georgia). 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.

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, FORMS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THIS DOCUMENT)

A five percent (5%) bid bond, a one hundred percent (100%) performance bond, and a one hundred percent (100%) payment bond must be furnished to Gwinnett County for any bid as required in bid package or document. **Failure to submit a bid bond with the proper rating will result in the bid being deemed non-responsive.** 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. **The bid bond, payment bond, and performance bond must have the proper an A.M. Best rating as stated in the bid when required in the bid package or document.**

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.

Any Consultant as defined in O.C.G.A. §36-80-28 that is engaged to develop or draft specifications/requirements or serve in a consultative role during the procurement process for any County procurement method, , by entering into such an arrangement or executing a contract that the consultant agrees to: (1) Avoid any appearance of impropriety and shall follow all policies and procedures of the County (2) disclose to the County, any material transaction or relationship pursuant to §36-80-28, considered a conflict of interest, any involvement in litigation or other dispute, relationship or financial interest not disclosed in the ethics affidavit, when ethics affidavit is required or such that may be discovered during the pending contract or arrangement; and (3) Acknowledge that any violation or threatened violation of the agreement

may cause irreparable injury to the County, entitling the County, to seek injunctive relief in addition to all other legal remedies. This requirement does not apply to confidential economic development activities pursuant to §50-18-72 or to any development authority for the purpose of promoting the development of trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities or for other purposes and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall specifically include all authorities created pursuant to Title 36 Chapter 62; However, per provisions of subparagraph (e)(1)(B) of Code Section 36-62-5 reporting of potential conflicts of interest by development authority board members is required.

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 Susan Canon, ADA Coordinator, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046, 770-822-8165.

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

Effective July 1, 2013 State Law requires that all who enter into a contract for the physical performance of services for all labor or service contract(s) that exceed \$2,499.99 (except for services performed by an individual who is licensed pursuant to Title 26, Title 43, or the State Bar of Georgia) for the County, must satisfy the Illegal Immigration Reform Enhancements for 2013, in all manner, and such are conditions of the contract.

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 Enhancements for 2013 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 five (5) years following completion of the contract. This requirement shall apply to all contracts for all labor or service contracts that exceed \$2,499.99 except for services performed by an individual who is licensed pursuant to Title 26, Title 43, or the State Bar of Georgia.

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 and may result in termination of the contract if it is determined at any time during the work that the contractor/or subcontractor is no longer in compliance with the Illegal Immigration Reform Enhancements for 2013.

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 Enhancements for 2013, 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 Enhancements for 2013. 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 Enhancements for 2013 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 Enhancements for 2013 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 Enhancements for 2013, 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 Enhancements for 2013 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. PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN GEORGIA

Gwinnett County, when contracting for or purchasing supplies, materials, equipment, or agricultural products that exceeds \$100,000.00, excluding beverages for immediate consumption, shall give preference as far as may be reasonable and practicable to such supplies, materials, equipment, and agricultural products as may be manufactured or produced in this state. Such preference shall not sacrifice quality. Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners shall consider, among other factors, information submitted by the bidder which may include the bidder's estimate of the multiplier effect on gross state domestic product and the effect on public revenues of the state and the effect on public revenues of political subdivisions resulting from acceptance of a bid or offer to sell Georgia manufactured or produced goods as opposed to out-of-state manufactured or produced goods. Any such estimates shall be in writing. **(O.C.G.A. Section 36-84-1).**

XXXII. 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 the negligent acts, errors 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.

XXXIII. 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 E02011, Sec. 54-33. The ordinance will be available to view in its entirety at www.gwinnettcountry.com.

XXXIV. PENDING LITIGATION

A bid submitted by an individual, firm or business who has litigation pending against the County, or anyone representing a firm or business in litigation against the County, not arising out of the procurement process, will be disqualified.

XXXV. ELECTRONIC PAYMENT

Vendors accepting procurements should select one of Gwinnett County's electronic payment options.

- A. A vendor may select ePayables payment process which allows acceptance of Gwinnett County's virtual credit card as payment for outstanding invoices. The authorized vendor representative must send an email to: vendorelectronicpayment@gwinnettcounty.com and indicate the desire to enroll in Gwinnett County's virtual credit card payment process.
- B. A vendor may select Direct Deposit payment process and the payment will be deposited directly into an account at their designated financial institution. To securely enroll in Direct Deposit, either access your online [Vendor Login and Registration](#) on the County's web site and update the requested information on the Direct Deposit tab or mail a Direct Deposit Authorization Agreement form.

The County will send a Payment Advice notification via email for both payment types.

For more information about Electronic Payments, please go to the Treasury Division page on the County's Web Site or click here -> [Gwinnett County Electronic Payments](#).

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 seventh traffic light, turn right onto Langley Drive. Cross Highway 29 through the traffic light and at the roundabout you can either proceed to the front parking area or you may proceed to the parking deck behind the building. The main public parking lot is on the left or behind the building, Click [Here](#), for additional information about parking. The Purchasing Division is located in the Administrative Wing on the second floor.