



January 6, 2023

**INVITATION TO BID  
BL023-23**

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified suppliers for the **Purchase of Leather Structural Firefighter Boots on an Annual Contract** with four (4) one-year options to renew for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

Bids should be typed or submitted in ink and returned in a sealed container marked on the outside with the BL# and Company Name. Bids will be received until **2:50 P.M. local time on Thursday, February 2, 2023** at the Gwinnett County Purchasing Office, 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](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com).

Questions regarding bids should be directed to Casey Beauston, Purchasing Associate II at [casey.beauston@gwinnettcounty.com](mailto:casey.beauston@gwinnettcounty.com) or by calling 770-822-7995, no later than **3:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 26, 2023**. 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 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](http://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.

Casey Beauston  
Purchasing Associate II

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

- Delivery Compliance Statement, Page 3**
- Supplier Specifications Compliance, Pages 4-9**
- Bid Schedule, Pages 10-11**
- References, Page 12**
- Code of Ethics Affidavit, Page 13**

## SCOPE AND REQUIREMENTS

### I. General Purpose

Gwinnett County is seeking competitive formal written bids for the Purchase of Leather Structural Firefighter Boots on an Annual Contract with four (4) options to renew for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

Gwinnett County requires pricing and delivery to remain firm for the duration of the initial term of contract. No increases will be accepted during that time. Contract shall begin upon award and continue for an initial term of one year. With the potential volatility of today's market, the County is encouraging suppliers to submit renewal percentage increases/decreases that allow all parties to be flexible with future pricing.

### II. Quantities

Quantities are estimated for bid purposes only and not to be construed as a commitment to order a specific quantity. Items will be ordered as needed.

All quantities stated on bid schedule are approximate 12-month usage and actual quantities may vary depending on the County's needs. Orders will be placed on an "as needed" basis and must be filled regardless of quantity or total dollar amount.

### III. Award

Award will be made to the supplier 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. The awarded supplier is to provide a fitter line to be used by department for accurate sizing.

### IV. Samples

Alternates bid will require samples to be provided for wear trial. Sizes will be identified at the time of the trial and will include at least one female size. Samples must be furnished upon request by the user department and will be at the supplier's expense. Each sample is to be labeled with supplier's name, item number as indicated in the Bid Schedule, and bid number. All products are to be identified by brand and manufacturer number. Samples requested but not supplied may result in rejection of that item as non-responsive. Samples will be shipped to the following address:

Fire Resource Management  
Attn: Yvonne Shannon  
450 Hosea Road  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

### V. Ordering

Following bid award, purchase orders will be placed directly with the successful supplier, on an as-needed basis, by the Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services for the duration of the contract period.

### VI. Delivery

The successful supplier must include a packing slip and/or tag in each order with the specified employee name as provided on the purchase order. All orders should be received within 21 days from the date of order. Manufacture date shall be on affixed label of product received and shall not be more than six (6) months prior to the purchase order date.

Unit prices bid for each item shall include shipping, delivery, and handling charges and shall be shipped to:

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Fire Resource Management  
450 Hosea Road  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

F.O.B. Point: Unless otherwise stated on the bid schedule, item(s) must 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.

A list of all serial numbers and manufacturing dates for boots shall be provided by the awarded supplier electronically in an Excel spreadsheet format upon delivery to the County.

**VII. References**

A minimum of three (3) references that can provide information regarding company's products and service shall be listed on the included reference sheet.

**VIII. Supplier Requirements**

Successful supplier shall be a stocking distributor and have a fully stocked building with employees available during normal business hours. Building must be located within 50 "drive" miles of Gwinnett County Fire & Emergency Services Resource Management located at 450 Hosea Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. The mileage MUST be verifiable by using the mapping/directions program of either MapQuest or Google and entering:

Start Location: Gwinnett County Fire & Emergency Services  
Resource Management  
450 Hosea Road  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

**Enter complete address of stocking distributor below for verification:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Verifiable Number of Miles from distributor location to GC Fire Resource Management

\_\_\_\_\_Comply

\_\_\_\_\_Exception

**COMPANY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IX. Boot Specifications**

**Product Specification**

The use of brand name is not for restrictive purposes or to limit competition, but to assist suppliers in determining the standard of quality and basis of design Gwinnett County is seeking. It shall be understood that items equaling or surpassing the quality level are also acceptable. Gwinnett County shall be the sole determinant of acceptability of all approved equivalents. It is the supplier's responsibility to prove equivalent products equal or exceed the quality level of the product(s) specified. If quoting an equivalent product, specifications/brochures should be submitted with quote.

When quoting an equivalent product, supplier represents:

- Equivalent product has been personally investigated and determined to be equal to or superior in all respects to that specified.
- Product identification, including manufacturer's name and address should be provided as part of quote document.
- Manufacturer's literature, including product description, performance and test data and reference standards, should be submitted with quote.
- Itemized comparison of proposed equivalents with specified product.

It is the supplier's responsibility to prove equivalent products quoted/bid equal or exceed the quality level of the product(s) specified. All materials and construction shall meet or exceed NFPA 1971 "Standard on Protective Ensemble for Structural Fire Fighting", latest edition. Production facility should be ISO 9001 certified for quality performance.

**Exceptions to Specifications**

Any and all exceptions to the above specifications must be clearly stated for each heading. Use additional pages for exceptions, if necessary.

**Specifications for Structural Fire Fighting 14" Pull-On Boots and Supplier Response**

**NFPA 1971 and NFPA 1992 Certified**

Certified to NFPA 1971, Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Firefighting and Proximity Firefighting, Current Edition for Structural Fire Fighting and NFPA 1992, Standard on Liquid Splash-Protective Ensembles and Clothing for Hazardous Materials Emergencies, Current Edition.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**General Design**

Fourteen inch (14") Pull-On athletic footwear (cement construction) boot, black flame-resistant and water-resistant leather, double-stitched leather joining seams, hi-vis yellow and silver reflective trim, leather-trimmed webbing pull straps, padded leather collar, padded leather flex joints in the shaft above vamp and heel, liquid and chemical resistant breathable bootie liner, cut-resistant and thermal protective bootie-shield liner, composite safety toe cap, composite shank, composite penetration-resistant insole barrier, molded shin guard, flame-resistant synthetic rubber molded cup outsole and toe bumper, 3D lasting board, molded composite heel counter, internal heel fit system, and a removable molded footbed as well as an additional insert for use in conjunction with the footbed.

**Comply**     **Exception**

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**Slip Resistance**

Boots shall exceed the minimum test values for slip resistance (average of left and right foot) as detailed below to provide superior performance in dry, wet, and frosted ice conditions. Bidders must promptly supply a Technical Services Report from a recognized independent testing laboratory upon request showing the boots bid exceed this requirement.

Test Method: SATRA TM144:2011

Slip Resistance of Footwear and Floorings

Load = 500 N

Dry Clay Quarry Tile:	Forepart > 1.00	Heel > 1.00
Wet Clay Quarry Tile:	Forepart > 0.60	Heel > 0.60
Frosted Ice -7°C Run 1:	Forepart = 0.28	Heel = 0.28
Frosted Ice -7°C Run 4:	Forepart > 0.12	Heel > 0.12

For maximum slip resistance, each outsole should have Siping lines. Siping lines cut into flat areas open up when flexed to provide additional traction on water and ice. The boot should also include self-cleaning lugs and an omni-direction tread pattern designed for superior performance in all terrains and when working on ladders.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Specifications for Supreme Structural Fire Fighting 14" Pull-On Boots 2018 R1 06.01.18**

**Flexibility**

Boots must reach the Maximum Flex Angle of 48 degrees without exceeding the critical bending moment with a resulting stiffness index less than 10.0 as detailed below to provide maximum flexibility. Boots that do not meet this requirement shall not be acceptable. Bidders must promptly supply a Technical Services Report from a recognized independent testing laboratory upon request showing the boots bid meet this requirement.

Test Method: SATRA TM194:2004

Longitudinal stiffness of footwear

**Comply**     **Exception**

**FireStorm Leather**

Boots should be made from heavy-duty, flame-resistant and water-resistant full-grain cattle hide leather measuring 2.0 – 2.2 mm of thickness for durable tear and puncture resistance. Tumbled full-grain cattle hide leather should be utilized in collar and flex areas for mobility. The leather shall be chrome tanned to withstand high temperature with minimal shrinkage, re-tanned to impart water resistance and low water absorption, and finished to retain maximum breathability. Leather shall meet or exceed the following physical tests:

Water Penetration	ASTM D2099	15,000 flex minimum
Dynamic Water Absorption	ASTM D2099	15% maximum
Static Water Absorption	ASTM D6015	30% maximum
Slit Tearing Strength	ASTM D2212	30 pound minimum
Moisture Vapor Transmission	ASTM D5052	350 g/meter <sup>2</sup> /24 hours minimum
Flame Resistance	NFPA 1971	afterflame no more than 2.0 sec, no melting or dripping, no burn through

**Comply**     **Exception**

**COMPANY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAILURE TO RETURN THIS PAGE AS PART OF YOUR BID PACKAGE MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF BID****CROSSTECH® Footwear Fabric**

A full-height, full sock, bootie liner made from a package of Omaha lining fabric, 300g felt insulation, and CROSSTECH® moisture barrier shall be provided for a liquid resistant and breathable moisture barrier as well as thermal protection as defined by the specified NFPA standards.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Athletic Footwear (Cement) Construction Outsole**

For optimum flexibility, comfort, and weight reduction, the boot should include a VIBRAM® Synthetic Rubber Sculpted, Contoured Cup Outsole cemented to the bottom and sides of the upper using a 2-part cross-linking adhesive that forms a bond stronger than the materials it attaches. The outsole should be made from a flame, abrasion, oil, acid, and slip resistant compound engineered for high-traction, cold-weather resistance, and durability. Goodyear welt or direct attach construction methods shall not be acceptable.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Bootie-Shield Liner**

A protective bootie-shield of KEVLAR® fiber blend stitch-bonded non-woven batting weighing 4.0 oz/yd<sup>2</sup> shall be positioned between the leather shell and the CROSSTECH® moisture barrier bootie to provide abrasion and cut resistance and additional thermal protection. Boots that do not have an additional Flame Resistant (FR) protective bootie-shield between the leather shell and the CROSSTECH® moisture barrier bootie shall not be acceptable.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Composite Safety Toe Cap**

The safety toe shall consist of a composite material that is lighter than steel, does not transmit heat or cold, and will spring back to shape after impact. Must exceed NFPA standards for safety. Metal toe caps shall not be acceptable.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Padded Leather Collar**

The padded collar should have a rolled top edge formed by folding over the leather to help the boots slide against the pants liner and reduce the potential for the pants liner to hang up on the top of the boots as well as to reduce abrasion against the wearer's calf.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Composite Penetration Resistant Insole Barrier**

Penetration resistance shall be provided by a composite insole to maximize flexibility and insulate from heat or cold transmission. Must exceed NFPA standards for safety. Metal plates shall not be acceptable.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**3D Composite Lasting Board**

Boot uppers should be lasted to a molded and contoured dual-density lasting board with a built-in flex zone in the forefoot and a torsionally stable heel. Flat fiber board lasting boards shall not be acceptable.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**COMPANY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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The shank shall consist of a composite material that is lighter than steel, does not transmit heat or cold, and springs back to shape better. Metal shank shall not be acceptable.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Molded Heel Counter**

Boots shall have a molded heel counter of water-resistant composite material individually molded to fit each size perfectly. Leather or fiber board heel counters shall not be acceptable.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Padded Shin Guard**

Boots should include a padded composite shin guard to provide extra protection when working on a ladder. Moisture absorbing natural fiber padding shall not be acceptable.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Synthetic Rubber Toe Bumper**

Boots should have a molded Flame Resistant (FR) synthetic rubber toe bumper to provide abrasion resistance when crawling. The toe bumper shall be cemented and 2-needle stitched to the vamp.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**3M SCOTCHLITE™ Reflective Material**

Boots shall have flame-resistant fluorescent yellow and silver 3M SCOTCHLITE™ reflective material sewn to both sides of the shaft for added visibility.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Webbing Pull-Straps**

Boots should have NOMEX® webbing pull-straps with leather trim securely attached to the leather uppers by inserting into to collar seam to minimize stitching through the leather. Pull strength should be a minimum of 120 lbs when tested with a single handle.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Internal Fit System**

Boots shall have an anatomical foam insert that wraps around the top and sides of the heel with an opening to fit and hold the back of the heel securely while cushioning the ankle.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**3D Molded Footbeds System**

Boots shall have a removable urethane foam footbed. The footbeds are contoured to cradle and cushion the bottom of the foot and to provide arch support. The footbeds shall have a moisture-wicking and anti-microbial fabric top layer. A second pair of 3D molded footbeds that are thicker in the forefoot is provided with every pair for a custom fit. This thicker footbed provides a snugger fit.

**Comply**     **Exception**

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**Sizes**

Boots must be available in Men’s full sizes 5 – 18 and half sizes 5½ – 15½ in Narrow, Medium, Wide, and X-Wide widths. Boots must also be available in a Wide Calf model in the same size range that will provide an additional three inches (3”) in circumference at the calf to fit those with larger calves. Boots must be available in Women’s full sizes 5 – 12 and half sizes 5½ – 11½ in Narrow, Medium, Wide, and X-Wide widths.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Resoling Service**

The awarded vendor shall have resoling services available at their factory as needed.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Country of Origin**

Boots shall be manufactured in the United States.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Third Party Testing and Listing Program**

The footwear shall be tested for compliance to NFPA Standard 1971 and 1992 by a recognized independent testing lab which shall certify and list compliance to that standard. Such certification shall be denoted by the independent testing labs mark on the certification label affixed to the boots.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Labels**

Appropriate warning label(s) shall be permanently affixed to each boot. Additionally, the label(s) shall include the following information:

- Compliance to applicable NFPA Standard(s), current edition(s).
- Independent Testing Lab mark
- Manufacturer's name
- Manufacturer's address
- Manufacturer's boot identification number
- Date of manufacture
- Size

**Comply**     **Exception**

**ISO Certification/Registration**

The manufacturer shall be certified and registered to ISO Standard 9001 to assure a satisfactory level of quality.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Warranty**

The manufacturer shall warrant these boots to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for one year when properly used and cared for.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**COMPANY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_



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**Sizing by Vendor**

The vendor shall be available to perform all sizing requirements.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**PPE Record Keeping**

The manufacturer should make available at no-charge, a password protected data based backed website that allows all brands of PPE assets are being recorded. The website should have the functionality to allow the manufacturer to import all of the pertinent data (minimum required information size, MFG date and serial number) into the department's account so that the initial data entry by fire department personnel is eliminated. The website should allow for the department to use a barcode scanner, if desired, to scan the Interleaved 2 of 5 barcode found in the gear by going to the Search the Serial Number page in PPE record keeping program, and scanning the asset's barcoded serial number.

**Comply**     **Exception**

**Exceptions to Specifications**

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**BID SCHEDULE**

Delivery will be F.O.B. Destination to: Gwinnett County Fire & Emergency Services 450 Hosea Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30046

ITEM #	APPROX. ANNUAL QTY		DESCRIPTION	MANUF. & NO.	DELIVERY A.R.O.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1.	300	EA	Globe Structural Fire Fighting 14" Pull-On Supreme Boots, or approved equivalent.			\$	\$
						<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

**COMPANY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Board of Commissioners approval.

Unless otherwise noted, quoted prices will remain firm for four (4) additional 12-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

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

Addendum No.	Date	Addendum No.	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 \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Representative Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone 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.

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

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM COMPLETED WITH YOUR SUBMITTAL. SUBMITTED FORMS ARE 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 their 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 select one of the following:
  - 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

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Gwinnett County Elected Official Name

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Gwinnett County Elected Official Name

4. BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer or Agent Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

(seal)

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

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

## BL023-23

**Buyer Initials: CB**

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

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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 (61<sup>st</sup>) 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, Human Relations 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 EO2011, Sec. 54-33. The ordinance will be available to view in its entirety at [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://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@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:vendorelectronicpayment@gwinnettcountry.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.