

GWINNETT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES PURCHASING DIVISION

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INVITATION TO BID BL111-23

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified contractors for the **Provision of Fire Suppression Systems Inspection and Maintenance on an Annual Contract** for the Department of Water Resources.

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 **August 18, 2023** at the Gwinnett County Financial Services - Purchasing Division – 2nd Floor, 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.

A Pre-bidconference is scheduled for 3:00 P.M. on **July 13, 2023** at the Gwinnett County F. Wayne Hill Water Resources Center Conference Room located at 1500 One Water Way, Buford, GA 30519. All contractors are urged to attend.

Instruction on Submitting Questions:

Questions regarding bids should be directed to Brittany Bryant, Purchasing Associate II, at Brittany.Bryant@GwinnettCounty.com or by calling 770-822-7759, **no later than 3:00PM on August 1, 2023.** Bids are legal and binding upon the vendor when submitted. All bids should be submitted in duplicate.

All Bidders are required to submit a Bid Bond, or a certified check made payable to the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount bid. The Bid Bond or certified check must be enclosed in the envelope with the sealed bid. Failure to submit a bid bond with the proper rating will result in the bid being deemed non-responsive. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a contract Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each up to a sum of \$150,000.00 and provide insurance coverage as required by the contract documents. The payment and performance bond amounts are subject to change for each renewal option. It is the intent of Gwinnett County to award this contract to multiple contractors. Each awarded contractor will be provided the required bond amount during the renewal process and will be required to provide bonds for that amount. Insurance and Bonding Company should be licensed to do business by the Georgia Secretary of State, authorized to do business in Georgia by The Georgia Insurance Department, listed in the Department of Treasury's Publication of Companies holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Surety on Federal Bonds and as acceptable reinsuring companies. The bid bond, payment bond, and performance bond must have an A.M. Best rating of A-5 or higher.

Gwinnett County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to its programs or activities. Any requests for reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in any open meeting, program or activity of Gwinnett County Government should be directed to 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 contractor(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 vendor(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.

Brittany Bryant Purchasing Associate II

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STATEMENT OF WORK

The Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources (DWR) is soliciting competitive sealed bids for Fire Suppression Systems Inspection and Maintenance Services on an Annual Contract at various DWR facilities. Contractor shall furnish all insurance, transportation, materials, supplies, parts, test equipment, instrumentation, apparatus, services, tools, project management, supervision, labor, technical knowledge, skills, and all things necessary to provide an annual contract for the inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, and replacement of fire suppression systems and ancillary equipment. Contract to begin September 19, 2023, or upon award. If exercised, there is four (4) additional renewal options for twelve (12) month periods.

SCOPE OF WORK

Inspections and Testing - All inspection and testing shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of the relevant and current National Fire Protection Association standards, any manufacturers' recommendations, and the authority having jurisdiction for the individual location. Contractor will provide the DWR representative with a Not to Exceed (NTE) cost proposal for all inspection and testing services. Compensation for inspections and testing will be based on the hourly labor rates provided in the Bid Schedule, the actual cost of parts, materials, and equipment plus a percentage mark-up indicated in the Bid Schedule (not to exceed 10%). The Contractor shall return the system to normal operation after any work has been completed. Any deficiencies shall be brought to the immediate attention of the DWR representative. The Contractor shall provide a detailed report documenting the inspection and test procedures and results. This report shall include any recommended modifications or repairs and an itemized proposal to correct these issues. This report shall be delivered to the DWR representative within 7 business days.

Inspection and testing shall also include:

- 1. Releasing panel functions,
- 2. All initiating and notification appliances shall be tested, and
- 3. Verify activation of the building fire alarm system,
- II. Preventive Maintenance All maintenance shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of the relevant and current National Fire Protection Association standards, any manufacturers' recommendations, and the authority having jurisdiction for the individual location. Contractor will provide the DWR representative with a Not to Exceed (NTE) cost proposal for all preventive maintenance services. Compensation for preventive maintenance services will be based on the hourly labor rates provided in the Bid Schedule, the actual cost of parts, materials, and equipment plus a percentage mark-up indicated in the Bid Schedule (not to exceed 10%). The Contractor shall return the system to normal operation after any work has been completed. Any deficiencies shall be brought to the immediate attention of the DWR representative.
- III. <u>Corrective Maintenance</u> All corrective maintenance services (repairs) shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of the relevant and current National Fire Protection Association standards, any manufacturers' recommendations, and the authority having jurisdiction for the individual location. Repairs may be initiated due to failure of equipment or from the discovery of deficiencies. Once the need for repairs is identified, Contractor shall provide a Not to Exceed (NTE) cost proposal to do the repairs. Compensation for repair work will be based on the hourly labor rates provided in the Bid Schedule, the actual cost of parts, materials, and equipment plus a percentage mark-up indicated in the Bid Schedule (not to exceed 10%). The Contractor will provide the appropriate personnel to complete the work within an agreed upon schedule. In some cases, repair work may be considered emergency or urgent, in which case the Contractor will be required to allocate the necessary resources to expedite the work.

If the Contractor's repair estimate exceeds 85% of the cost of a major equipment element or a complete system, the Contractor shall notify the DWR representative of this situation prior to any repair activities. It will be at DWR's discretion whether to proceed with the repair or replace the equipment/unit. Depending on the exigency of the situation, DWR may authorize the Contractor to proceed with purchase and installation of the replacement equipment/unit, or it may choose to purchase the equipment/unit and furnish it to the Contractor for installation.

Any major repairs, upgrades and/or replacements may require procurement separate from this annual contract to be compliant with Public Works Law.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. The qualifications and experience of the Contractor are critical to DWR, which must have assurances that the selected Contractor is a responsible organization capable of professionally implementing the services requested. Contractor shall have at least 5 years' experience providing similar scope of services. To confirm such capabilities, the Contractor should provide three References indicating projects of similar size and scope as the one specified in this solicitation. Include contact names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and brief descriptions of the projects.
- Technicians providing services for this contract shall possess current State of Georgia Fire Suppression professional license. <u>The Contractor should include documentation of this license with the bid. Failure to provide documentation prior to award, may result in bid being deemed nonresponsive.</u>
- 3. Contractor personnel may work alongside or in conjunction with DWR personnel for any work.
- 4. Contractor shall keep work sites clean and free of debris. When providing services, contractor shall maintain a level of cleanliness and neatness needed for proper execution of the work. Contractor shall keep newly installed work clean and protect it from damage. When services are complete, contractor shall clean the work site, in all areas, disturbed by its activities, of rubbish, waste material and litter; remove all tools, equipment and surplus materials from the site, and remove any temporary protection and facilities installed during its services. Any surfaces and/or finishes that are damaged by contractor's work shall be patched, repaired, and repainted to match surrounding area. Contractor also shall take precautions to protect trees, shrubbery, and sod at its service locations. Where such items are inadvertently destroyed or damaged, contractor shall replace or restore at its cost.
- 5. The successful Contractor may be asked to purchase and install various parts or materials for the modification or repair of fire suppression systems.

6. Facility Locations

Gwinnett County reserves the right to add facilities at a comparable rate and to remove facilities as necessary during the contract period.

Location	Address	Number of Units
Crooked Creek Water Reclamation Facility	6657 Plant Drive Norcross, GA 30092	3
F.Wayne Hill Water Reclamation Facility	1500 One Water Way Buford, GA 30519	3

7. The hourly labor rates on the Bid Schedule shall include all costs associated with transportation by service vans and trucks as well as all costs for hand tools, power tools, ladders, carts, testing equipment, trip charge, truck charges, and miscellaneous items and consumables normally associated with fire suppression system service calls for testing, inspection, repair, and installation work.

- 8. Hourly labor rates shall begin when the Contractor's personnel reach the service site and shall end when leaving the service site.
- 9. All work should be completed between 7:30 A.M.- 3:30 P.M., but work may be required outside of that time frame on occasion with prior approval in writing from DWR representative.
- 10. Contractor agrees that it will provide documentation of costs for parts and materials with their invoice.
- 11. The Contractor shall warrant against failure of all materials and workmanship associated with its service request work for one (1) year after the date of acceptance of such work by DWR. If any of the work is found defective or not in accordance with the service request or applicable codes and standards, the Contractor shall correct warranted work promptly, at no cost to DWR, after receipt of a written notice from DWR to do so.
 - Contractor shall provide the DWR Representative copies of the standard manufacturer's warranties for any new equipment and parts purchased and installed by the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide this warranty information with its service request report whenever applicable.
- 12. The Contractor shall be prepared to perform all the services called for under this agreement with its own staff, and its bid should reflect this approach. In such cases as a specialized sub-contractor may be needed, the DWR representative shall approve such sub-contractors before they are utilized. Sub-contractor expenses shall be billed as "reimbursables" at the documented actual costs plus the Contractor's pre-determined mark-up for parts/materials as submitted in the Bid Schedule.
- 13. Contractor will respond to regular service calls within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of call or notification from DWR. Delivery of regular services will be within five (5) calendar days. Contractor will respond to emergency calls within two (2) hours after receipt of notification from DWR. An emergency shall be defined as any condition that poses a threat to health, welfare, or safety of people and/or propertyor a condition that will negatively affect any essential service(s) as determined by Gwinnett County. Contractor will provide DWR with a twenty-four (24) hour emergency contact and telephone number(s). * Delivery of emergency services MUST occur within two (2) hours.
- 14. <u>SAFETY:</u> Contractor will be responsible for the safety of their personnel. Costs for safety program and measures to be included in the hourly rates and percentages of markup in the Fee Schedule.
 - a. Contractor must comply with all applicable OSHA regulations, Gwinnett County, Gwinnett County DWR Safety Policies and Procedures as well as other applicable regulatory agencies (i.e. DOT, EPA, EPD) or established industry standards (i.e. NFPA 70E) where required by Federal, State or local regulations. Service providers may follow their own policies and procedures, provided they are equal to or more stringent than applicable standards.
 - Contractor will ensure they provide an accurate headcount to the DWR key contact should conditions warrant a facility evacuation. These situations include fire, chemical spill, etc.

c. Contractor will contact 9-1-1- in the event of a serious injury or illness and notify the Gwinnett County Project Director/Manager immediately.

- d. Contractor will require any subcontractors to adhere with all applicable laws and regulations.
- e. Contractor will provide proof of employee safety training and/or programs within 2 business days to DWR documenting compliance with regulatory requirements and assuring safe working practices upon request.
- f. Contractor will notify DWR of any work-related hazards or hazardous chemicals they intend to introduce into the workplace and provide SDS's.
- g. Contractor will utilize appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect their employees and subcontractors from conditions associated with their work.
- h. While working on DWR property the Contractor (and sub-contractors) may be subject to a Contractor Safety Assessment conducted by DWR.
- The Contractor shall ensure that all Contractor personnel performing any work in Confined Spacesare properly regulated, trained, equipped, and certified under CFR-29-1910.46 (or current regulation).
- j. Contractor shall provide and require use of safety equipment, clothing, and accessories as required by its work activities and safety regulations. NOTE: As a safety precaution, GCDWR requires the Contractor to always furnish its own equipment, tools, and ladders.
- 15. Each completed service request shall be documented by a Contractor Service Report. The format of the Contractor Service Report shall be developed at the beginning of the contract period and shall be acceptable to the Contractor and DWR Representative. The Contractor Service Report shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
 - DWR purchase order number
 - Location of services
 - Description of repairs, services, or installation performed
 - Personnel utilized and hours of service. This section shall clearly indicate for each day of service the individuals assigned, the labor rates, the hours worked, and the labor subtotals and totals
 - Parts, materials, and equipment utilized. Include descriptions, quantities, costs, applicable mark-ups, and subtotals and totals
 - Summary of Costs

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ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
SECTI	ON A – INSPECTION AND TESTING SERVICES			
1	Semi-Annual Inspection and Testing of a Unit, per specifications	6 UNITS	\$	\$
2	Annual Inspection and Testing of a Unit, per specifications	6 UNITS	\$	\$
	SECTION A - INSPECTION AND TESTING SERVICES TOTAL			\$

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
SECTI	ON B – MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES			
1	Senior Fire Suppression Technician			\$
	(Minimum 5 years relevant experience)	100 HRS	\$	
'	During normal hours Monday – Friday,	100 HKS	>	
	7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.			
	Senior Fire Suppression Technician			\$
2	(Minimum 5 years relevant experience)	10 HRS	\$	
	After hours Monday – Friday, After 3:30			
	PM, Weekends & Holidays			
	Fire Suppression Technician		\$	\$
3	(Less than 5 years relevant experience)	100 HRS		
3	During normal hours - Monday – Friday,	1001113		
	7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.			
	Fire Suppression Technician		\$	
4	(Less than 5 years relevant experience)	10 HRS		\$
4	After hours - Monday – Friday, After 3:30 PM, Weekends & Holidays	TO FINS	3	\$
	SECTION B - REPAIR AND INSTALLATION SERVICES TOTAL			

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ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QTY	PERCENT MARK-UP	TOTAL PRICE*
SECTIO	ON C - PARTS PLUS PERCENTAGE MARK-UP			
	State percentage of mark up above cost			
1	for repair parts (not to exceed 10%)	\$10,000.00	00 %	\$
'	Calculate Total Price by adding \$10,000.00 + mark -up	\$10,000.00		Ş
	State percentage of mark up above cost			
2	for new fire suppression equipment (not to exceed 10%) Calculate Total Price by adding \$20,000.00 + mark -up	\$20,000.00	%	\$
SECTION C - PARTS PLUS PERCENTAGE MARK-UP TOTAL			\$	

^{*}Unit prices cannot exceed two decimal points.

^{*} Hourly rates in the bid schedule should cover the cost of all in-direct labor, equipment, materials, trip charges and truck charges necessary to support the direct labor categories in fulfilling the requirements of this annual contract.

BID TOTALS	
SECTION A - INSPECTION AND TESTING SERVCIES TOTAL	\$
SECTION B - MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES TOTAL	\$
SECTION C - PARTS PLUS PERCENTAGE MARK-UP	\$
OVERALL BID TOTAL	\$

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 and the bid will not be considered for award. **Contract to begin September 19, 2023, or upon award. If exercised, there is four (4) additional renewal options for twelve (12) month periods.**

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

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The undersign appearing on e	• .	ollowing addenda, lis	sted by number and date as issued
appearing on e	Addendum No. Date	Addendum No.	Date —————
Certification O	of Non-Collusion in Bid Preparation		 Date
		Signature	Date
			performance of services with the County and such are conditions of the contract.
the "Instructio Commissione which prices a time specified Electronic Pay electronic pay	ons to Bidders" and all documents rs within sixty (60) days of the date are quoted, at the price set opposit in the fee schedule. By submission rments for remittance of goods and	referred to therein, e of proposal openin e each item, deliver on of this proposal, I d services. Vendors ore information on e	knowledges all requirements outlined in , if this bid is accepted by the Board of
notice to the c		ult in the performan	nt for cause upon ten days prior written ce of any term of this agreement. Such or remedies by law.
upon 30 days oconvenience, performance of	written notice to the contractor. In the contractor will be paid for	the event of the Cou those services ac sated based upon a	greement for its convenience at any time unty's termination of this agreement for tually performed. Partially completed signed statement of completion to be erformance.
	ss Nameany is an LLC, you must identify a	ll principals include	addresses and phone numbers in you
Gwinnett Cou	unty Vendor Number		
Address Does your co	mpany currently have a location	n within Gwinnett	County? Yes No
Representati	ve Signature		
Printed Name	e		
E-mail addres	SS		

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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 \$		
	Contact Person	Telephone	
	E-Mail Address		
Com	ipany Name		



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Solicitation Name & No. <u>BL111-23</u>, <u>Provision of Fire Suppression Systems Inspection and Maintenance on an</u> Annual Contract

CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT (THIS FORM SHOULD BE FULLY COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH YOUR SUBMITTAL)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with The Illegal Immigration Reform Enhancements for 2013, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is contracting with the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program* [any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security] to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act, in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established therein.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services or the performance of labor pursuant to this contract with the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01-.08 or a substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

E-Verify * User Identification Number	Date Reg	istered
Legal Company Name	_	
Street Address	_	
City/State/Zip Code	_	
BY: Authorized Officer or Agent (Contractor Signature)	Date	
		For Gwinnett County Use Only:
Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of C	ontractor	Document ID #
Printed Name of Authorized Officer or A	 kgent	Issue Date:
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE DAY OF,	20	
Notary Public My Commission Expires:		

^{*} As of the effective date of O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, the applicable federal work authorization program is "E-Verify" operated by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Social Security Administration (SSA).



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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	
 Please select one of the following: □ No information to disclose (complete only section) □ Disclosed information below (complete section) 	
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: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**

BIDDER'S AFFIDAVIT

(This Bidder's Affidavit is part of the Bid Documents)

BID NUMBER: BL111-23 BID DATE: AUGUST 18, 2023

PROJECT NAME: Provision of Fire Suppression Systems Inspection and Maintenance on an Annual Contract
STATE OF)
COUNTY OF
(Name Printed)
being duly sworn, deposes and says that he resides at
that he is the
(Title)
(Name of Bidder)
who signed the above Bid Form, that he was duly authorized to sign and that the Bid is the tru offer of the Bidder, that the seal attached is the seal of the Bidder and that all the declarations and statements contained in the Bid are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.
(Affiant)
Subscribed and Sworn to before me thisDay of 20
(Notary Public)
My Commission expires, 20
(SEAL)

Gwinnett County, Georgia

BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that
(Name of Contractor)
(Address of Contractor)
a(Corporation, Partnership or Individual)
hereinafter called Principal, and
(Name of Surety)
(Address of Surety)
a Corporation of the State of, and a surety authorized by law to do business in the State of Georgia, hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto
Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners (Name of Obligee)
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046 (Address of Obligee)
Thereinafter referred to as Obligee: in the penal sum ofDollars (\$) in lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum will and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, and successors, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal is about to submit, or has submitted, to Gwinnett County, Georgia, a proposal for furnishing materials, labor, and equipment for:

WHEREAS, the Principal desires to file this Bond in accordance with law in lieu of a certified Bidder's check otherwise required to accompany this Proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, the conditions of this obligation are such that if the proposal be accepted, the Principal shall within ten days after receipt of notification of the acceptance, execute a Contract in accordance with the Proposal and upon the terms, conditions, and prices set forth in the form and manner required by Gwinnett County, Georgia, and execute a sufficient and satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond payable to Gwinnett County, Georgia, each in the amount of 100% of the total Contract Price, in form and with security satisfactory to said Gwinnett County, Georgia, and otherwise, to be and remain in full force and virtue in law, and the Surety shall, upon failure of the Principal to comply with any or all of the foregoing requirements within the time specified above, immediately pay to Gwinnett County, Georgia, upon demand, the amount hereof in good and lawful money of the United States of America, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages.

Gwinnett County, Georgia

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that Principal and Surety agree and represent that this bond is executed pursuant to and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as Amended, including, but not limited to, O.C.G.A. § 36-91-1 et seq., and is intended to be and shall be constructed as a bond in compliance with the requirements thereof.

Signed, sealed and dated this	day of	, A.D., 20
ATTEST:		
	(Princi	pal)
(Principal Secretary)		
(SEAL)	Ву:	
	(Addre	ess)
(Witness as to Principal)		
(Address)		
	(Surety	y)
ATTEST:	Ву:	(Attorney-in-Fact)
Resident or Nonresident Agent		
(SEAL)	(Addre	ess)
(Witness as to Surety)		
(Address)		

NOTE: If Contractor is Partnership, all partners should execute Bond. Surety Companies executing Bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the State where the Project is located.

Principal Secretary, Principal and Witness as to Principal signature lines must be signed by three different individuals. Additionally, Resident or Nonresident Agent, Witness as to Surety, and Attorney-in-fact must be signed by three different individuals.

GENERAL CONDITIONS To Service Provider AGREEMENT

<u>Article</u>

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1 DEFINITIONS

Wherever used in this Agreement, whether in the singular or in the plural, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1 <u>COUNTY</u>-means Gwinnett County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia.
- 1.2 <u>SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT</u>-means a written order to SERVICE PROVIDER signed by COUNTY and accepted by SERVICE PROVIDER, effecting an addition, deletion or revision in the Work, or an adjustment in the Agreement Price or the Contract Time, issued after execution of this Agreement.
- 1.3 <u>CONTRACT</u>-means the Agreement Documents specifically identified and incorporated herein by reference in Section 2, CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
- 1.4 <u>AGREEMENT EXECUTION</u>-means the date on which SERVICE PROVIDER executes and enters into an Agreement with the COUNTY to perform the Work.
- 1.5 <u>AGREEMENT PRICE</u>-means the total monies, adjusted in accordance with any provision herein, payable to the SERVICE PROVIDER under this Agreement.
- 1.6 <u>CONTRACT TIME</u>-means the period of time stated in this Agreement for the completion of the Work.
- 1.7 <u>SERVICE PROVIDER</u>-means the party or parties contracting directly with the COUNTY to perform Work pursuant to this Agreement.
- 1.8 <u>DEPARTMENT</u>- means the Director or designee of requesting department(s) named in this solicitation.
- 1.9 <u>DRAWINGS</u>-means collectively, all the drawings, receipt of which is acknowledged by the COUNTY, listed in this Agreement, and also such supplementary drawings as the SERVICE PROVIDER may issue from time to time in order to clarify or explain such drawing or to show details which are not shown thereon.
- 1.10 <u>SPECIFICATIONS</u>-means the written technical provisions including all appendices thereto, both general and specific, which form a part of the Agreement Documents.
- 1.11 <u>SUBSERVICE PROVIDER</u>-means any person, firm, partnership, joint venture, company, corporation, or entity having a contractual agreement with SERVICE PROVIDER or with any of its subservice providers at any tier to provide a part of the Work called for by this Agreement.
- 1.12 <u>WORK</u>-means any and all obligations, duties and responsibilities, including furnishing equipment, engineering, design, workmanship, labor and any other services or things necessary to the successful completion of the Project, assigned to or undertaken by SERVICE PROVIDER under this Agreement.
- 1.13 <u>LIAISON</u>-Representative of the COUNTY who shall act as Liaison between the County and the SERVICE PROVIDER for all matters pertaining to this Agreement, including review of SERVICE PROVIDER'S plans and work.

2.1 LIST OF DOCUMENTS

The Agreement, any required bonds, the General Conditions, the Appendices, the Detailed Scope of Work, the Specifications, the Drawings, the Exhibits, and all Agreement Supplemental Agreements shall constitute the Agreement Documents.

2.2 <u>CONFLICT AND PRECEDENCE</u>

- 2.2.1 The Agreement Documents are complementary, and what is called for by one is as binding as if called for by all. In the event there are any conflicting provisions or requirements in the component parts of this Agreement, the several Agreement Documents shall take precedence in the following order:
 - 1. Supplemental Agreements
 - 2. Agreement
 - General Conditions
 - 4. Detailed Scope of Work
 - 5. Specifications
 - 6. Drawings

3 CHANGES AND EXTRA WORK

The COUNTY may, at any time, request changes in the work to be performed hereunder. All such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the SERVICE PROVIDER'S compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the COUNTY and the SERVICE PROVIDER, shall be incorporated in written Supplemental Agreements to the Agreement.

4 PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

The SERVICE PROVIDER represents that it has secured or will secure, at its own expense, all personnel necessary to complete this Agreement; none of whom shall be employees of, or have any contractual relationship with, the COUNTY. Primary liaison with the COUNTY will be through its designee. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by the SERVICE PROVIDER under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under law to perform such services.

The SERVICE PROVIDER shall employ only persons duly registered in the appropriate category in responsible charge of supervision and design of the work; and further shall employ only qualified surveyors in responsible charge of any survey work.

The SERVICE PROVIDER shall endorse all reports, contract plans, and survey data. Such endorsements shall be made by a person duly registered in the appropriate category by the Georgia State Board of Registration, being in the full employ of the SERVICE PROVIDER and responsible for the work prescribed by this Agreement.

5 <u>ACCURACY OF WORK</u>

The SERVICE PROVIDER shall be responsible for the accuracy of the work and shall promptly correct errors and omissions in its plans and specifications without additional compensations.

Acceptance of the work by the COUNTY will not relieve the SERVICE PROVIDER of the responsibility for subsequent correction of any errors and the clarification of any ambiguities.

6 FINDINGS CONFIDENTIAL

The SERVICE PROVIDER agrees that its conclusions and any reports are for the confidential information of the COUNTY and that it will not disclose its conclusions in whole or in part to any persons whatsoever, other than

to submit its written documentation to the COUNTY, and will only discuss the same with it or its authorized representatives. Upon completion of this Agreement term, all documents, reports, maps, data and studies prepared by the SERVICE PROVIDER pursuant thereto shall become the property of the COUNTY and be delivered to the DEPARTMENT.

Articles, papers, bulletins, reports, or other materials reporting the plans, progress, analyses, or results and findings of the work conducted under this Agreement shall not be presented publicly or published without prior approval in writing of the COUNTY.

It is further agreed that if any information concerning the PROJECT, its conduct, results, or data gathered or processed should be released by the SERVICE PROVIDER without prior approval from the COUNTY, the release of same shall constitute grounds for termination of this Agreement without indemnity to the SERVICE PROVIDER, but should any such information be released by the COUNTY or by the SERVICE PROVIDER with such prior written approval, the same shall be regarded as public information and no longer subject to the restrictions of this Agreement.

7 TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CAUSE

If through any cause the SERVICE PROVIDER shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the SERVICE PROVIDER shall violate any of the covenants, agreements or stipulations of this Agreement, the COUNTY shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the SERVICE PROVIDER of such termination, and specifying the effective date thereof, at least ten (10) days before the effective date of such termination. Failure to maintain the scheduled level of effort as proposed and prescribed, or deviation from the aforesaid scheduler without prior approval of the COUNTY shall constitute cause for termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, maps, data, studies, work papers and reports prepared by the SERVICE PROVIDER under this Agreement shall become the property of the COUNTY, and the SERVICE PROVIDER shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents, as determined by the COUNTY.

8 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE COUNTY

The COUNTY may terminate this Agreement for its convenience at any time upon 30 days notice in writing to the SERVICE PROVIDER. If the Agreement is terminated by the COUNTY as provided in this Article 8, the SERVICE PROVIDER will be paid compensation for those services actually performed. Partially completed tasks will be compensated for based on a signed statement of completion to be submitted by the SERVICE PROVIDER which shall itemize each task element and briefly state what work has been completed and what work remains to be done.

All such expenses shall be properly documented and submitted to the COUNTY for processing and payment. The County shall be the final authority in the event of any disputes over authorized costs between the COUNTY and the Service Provider.

9 SERVICE PROVIDERS TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

If the COUNTY undertakes or awards other contracts for additional related work, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall fully cooperate with such other SERVICE PROVIDERS and the COUNTY employees or appointed committee(s), and carefully fit its own work to such additional work as may be directed by the COUNTY. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not commit or permit any act which will interfere with the performance of work by any other SERVICE PROVIDER or COUNTY employees.

10 INDEMNIFICATION

SERVICE PROVIDER agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the COUNTY, its commissioners, officers, agents and employees from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, suits, liens, and

judgments, for whatever nature, including claims for contribution and/or indemnification, for injuries to or death of any person or persons, or damage to the property or other rights of any person or persons to the extent arising out of and attributed to the negligent acts, errors or omissions of the SERVICE PROVIDER. SERVICE PROVIDER'S obligation to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, as set forth herein above shall include any matter arising out of any patent, trademark, copyright, or service mark, or any actual or alleged unfair competition disparagement of product or service, or other business tort of any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations.

SERVICE PROVIDER further agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the COUNTY, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employee of the SERVICE PROVIDER.

11 <u>COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES</u>

The SERVICE PROVIDER warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by SERVICE PROVIDER for the purpose of securing business and that the SERVICE PROVIDER has not received any non-COUNTY fee related to this Agreement without the prior written consent of the COUNTY. For breach or violation of this warranty, the COUNTY shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or at its discretion to deduct from the Agreement Price of consideration the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

12 INSURANCE

The SERVICE PROVIDER shall, at all times that this Agreement is in effect, cause to be maintained in force and effect an insurance policy (s) that will ensure and indemnify both GWINNETT COUNTY and SERVICE PROVIDER against liability or financial loss resulting from injuries occurring to persons or property or occurring as a result of any negligent error, act, or omission of the SERVICE PROVIDER during the term of this Agreement. The liability under such insurance policy shall be not less than as stated in the Bid Proposal.

The SERVICE PROVIDER shall provide, at all times that this Agreement is in effect, Worker's Compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

The SERVICE PROVIDER shall provide, at all times that this Agreement is in effect, Professional Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than that as stated in the Bid Proposal.

Additionally, SERVICE PROVIDER shall provide, at all times that this Agreement is in effect, automobile liability insurance with a limit of not less than that as stated in the Bid Proposal.

The policies shall be written by a responsible company(s), to be approved by the COUNTY, and shall be non-cancelable except on thirty-(30) days' written notice to the COUNTY. Such policies shall name the COUNTY as additional insured, except for worker's compensation and professional liability policies, and a copy of such policy or a certificate of insurance shall be filed with the Director at the time of the execution of this Agreement.

13 PROHIBITED INTERESTS

- 13.1 <u>Conflict of Interest</u>: The SERVICE PROVIDER agrees that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder.
- 13.2 <u>Interest of Public Officials</u>: No member, officer, or employee of the COUNTY during his tenure

or for one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

14 **SUBCONTRACTING**

The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not subcontract any part of the work covered by this Agreement or permit subcontracted work to be further subcontracted without the DEPARTMENT's prior written approval of the subservice provider, except as may have been specifically stated in the SERVICE PROVIDER'S response to proposal per Exhibit A. The DEPARTMENT will not approve any subservice provider for work covered by this Agreement that has not been recommended for approval by the Department Director.

All subcontracts in the amount of \$5,000 or more shall include the provisions set forth in this Agreement.

15 ASSIGNABILITY

The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not assign or transfer whether by an assignment or novation, any of its rights, obligations, benefits, liabilities or other interest under this Agreement without the written consent of the COUNTY.

16 <u>EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY</u>

During the performance of this Agreement, the SERVICE PROVIDER agrees as follows: (1) the SERVICE PROVIDER will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex or national origin; (2) the SERVICE PROVIDER will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by qualified applicants, receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin; (3) the SERVICE PROVIDER will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by the Agreement so that such provision will be binding upon each subservice provider, provided that the foregoing provision shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies of raw materials.

17 ANTI-KICKBACK CLAUSE

Salaries of architects, draftsmen, technical engineers and engineers, and technicians performing work under this Agreement shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a month without deduction or rebate on any account except only such payroll deductions as are mandatory by law. The SERVICE PROVIDER hereby promises to comply with all applicable "Anti-kickback" laws, and shall insert appropriate provisions in all subcontracts covering work under this Agreement.

18 AUDITS AND INSPECTORS

At any time during normal business hours and as often as the COUNTY may deem necessary, the CONSULTANT shall make available to the COUNTY for examination all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement. It shall also permit the COUNTY to audit, examine and make copies, excerpts or transcripts from such records of personnel, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this Agreement.

The SERVICE PROVIDER shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred on the Project and used in support of its proposal and shall make such material available at all reasonable times during the period of the Agreement, and for three years from the date of final

payment under the Agreement, for inspection by the COUNTY or any reviewing agencies, and copies thereof shall be furnished upon request. The SERVICE PROVIDER agrees that the provisions of this Article shall be included in any Agreements it may make with any subservice provider, assignee, or transferee.

19 OWNERSHIP, PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION AND USE

All documents and materials prepared pursuant to this Agreement are the property of the COUNTY. The COUNTY shall have the unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute, and otherwise use, in whole or in part, any reports, data, maps, or other materials prepared under this Agreement without according credit of authorship. The COUNTY shall hold harmless and indemnify the SERVICE PROVIDER against all claims arising out of such use of documents and materials without the SERVICE PROVIDER'S knowledge and consent.

20 <u>VERBAL AGREEMENT OR CONVERSATION</u>

No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent, or employee of the COUNTY, either before, during, or after the execution of this Agreement, shall affect or modify any of the terms or obligations herein contained, nor shall such verbal agreement or conversation entitle the SERVICE PROVIDER to any additional payment whatsoever under the terms for this Agreement. All changes to this Agreement shall be in writing and appended hereto as prescribed in Article 3 above.

21 INDEPENDENT SERVICE PROVIDER

The SERVICE PROVIDER shall perform the services under this Agreement as an independent service provider and nothing contained herein shall be construed to be inconsistent with this relationship or status. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed to constitute the SERVICE PROVIDER or any of its agents or employees to be the agent, employee, or representative of the COUNTY.

22 NOTICES

All notices shall be in writing and delivered in person or transmitted by certified mail, postage prepaid.

Gwinnett County requires that all Contracts between parties be entered into via the following documents. If any exceptions are taken to any part of this document, each must be stated in detail and submitted as part of your proposal/bid document. If no exceptions are noted it is assumed that the party fully agrees to the contract in its entirety. Exceptions to the sample contract provided in this request for proposal will be considered in terms of responsiveness when making award.

SAMPLE

ANNUAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT

PROVISION OF FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE ON AN ANNUAL CONTRACT

	o thisday of hereinafter called the "County"), and vice Provider").	•
NOW THEREFORE, for and in considera conditions hereinafter set forth, the par	ation of the mutual promises and obligat ties do hereby agree as follows:	ions contained herein and under the
1. TERM: This contract shall commence for additional one-year periods	, for an initial term through Marc	h 19, 2024 with four options to renew

2. ATTACHMENTS:

This Contract shall consist of the Service Provider's bid/proposal and all Invitations to Bid/Proposals including all drawings, specifications, price lists, Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Special Provisions, Detailed Specifications, addenda, and change orders issued after execution of the Contract (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Bid"), which are specifically incorporated herein by reference (Exhibit A). In the event of a conflict between the County's contract documents and the Service Provider's bid/proposal, the County's contract documents shall control.

3. PERFORMANCE:

Service Provider agrees to furnish all skill and labor of every description necessary to carry out and complete in good, firm and substantial, workmanlike manner, the work specified, in strict conformity with the Bid.

4. PRICE:

As full compensation for the performance of this Contract, the County shall pay the Service Provider for the actual quantity of work performed. Bid amount shown on Exhibit A is the total obligation of the County pursuant to OCGA section 36-60-13 (a) (3). The fees for the work to be performed under this Contract shall be charged to the County in accordance with the rate schedule referenced in the Bid (Exhibit A). The County agrees to pay the Service Provider following receipt by the County of a detailed invoice, reflecting the actual work performed by the Service Provider.

5. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS:

Service Provider agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the COUNTY, its commissioners, officers, agents and employees from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, suits, liens, and judgments, for whatever nature, including claims for contribution and/or indemnification, for injuries to or death of any person or persons, or damage to the property or other rights of any person or persons to the extent arising out of and attributed to the negligent acts, errors, or omissions of the Service Provider. Service Provider's obligation to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, as set forth hereinabove shall include any matter arising out of any patent, trademark, copyright, or service mark, or any actual or alleged unfair competition disparagement of product or service, or other business tort of any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations.

Service Provider further agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the COUNTY, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employee of the Service Provider.

6. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:

The County may terminate this Contract for cause upon ten (10) days prior written notice to the Service Provider of the Service Provider's default in the performance of any term of this Contract. Such termination shall be without prejudice to any of the County's rights or remedies provided by law.

7. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:

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

8. CONTRACT NOT TO DISCRIMINATE:

During the performance of this Contract, the Service Provider will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability which does not preclude the applicant or employee from performing the essential functions of the position. The Service Provider will also, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by qualified applicants, consider the same without regard to race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability which does not preclude the applicant from performing the essential functions of the job. The Service Provider will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by this Contract so that such provision will be binding upon each subservice provider, providing that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subservice providers for standard commercial supplies of raw materials.

9. ASSIGNMENT:

The Service Provider shall not sublet, assign, transfer, pledge, convey, sell or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of this Contract or his right, title, or interest therein to any person, firm, or corporation without the previous consent of the County in writing.

10. WAIVER:

A waiver by either party of any breach of any provision, term, covenant, or condition of this Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision, term, covenant, or condition.

11 SEVERABILITY:

The parties agree that each of the provisions included in this Contract is separate, distinct and severable from the other and remaining provisions of this Contract, and that the invalidity of any Contract provision shall not affect the validity of any other provision or provisions of this Contract.

12. GOVERNING LAW:

The parties agree that this Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. This Contract has been signed in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

13. MERGER CLAUSE:

The parties agree that the terms of this Contract include the entire Contract between the parties, and as such, shall exclusively bind the parties. No other representations, either oral or written, may be used to contradict the terms of this Contract.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their duly authorized agents, have caused this **CONTRACT** to be signed, sealed and delivered.

	GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA
	By:
	ATTEST:
	Signature
	Tina King, County Clerk Board of Commissioners
	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
	Signature Gwinnett County Staff Attorney
SERVICE PROVIDER:	-
BY:	
Signature	
Print Name	<u>.</u>
Title	
ATTEST:	
Signature	
Print Name Corporate Secretary (Seal)	·

Gwinnett County, Georgia

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that
(Name of Contractor)
(Address of Contractor)
a
(Corporation, Partnership or Individual)
hereinafter called Principal, and
(Name of Surety)
(Address of Surety)
a Corporation of the State of, and a surety authorized by law to do business in the State of Georgia hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto
Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
(Name of Obligee)
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046 (Address of Obligee)
hereinafter called Obligee;
for the use and protection of all subcontractors and all persons supplying labor, services, skill, tools, machinery, materials and/or equipment in the prosecution of the work provided for in the contract hereinafter referred to in the full and just sum of
Dollars
(\$) in lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum, will and truly to be made, the Principal and Surety bind themselves, their, and each of their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.
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The condition of this obligation is such, as whereas the Principal entered into a certain contract, hereto attached, with the Obligee.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the Principal shall well, truly, and faithfully perform said Contract according to its terms, covenants, and conditions, and shall promptly pay all persons furnishing labor, materials services, skill, tools, machinery and/or equipment for use in the performance of said Contract, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

ALL persons who have furnished labor, materials, services, skill, tools, machinery and/or equipment for use in the performance of said Contract shall have a direct right of action on this Bond, provided payment has not been made in full within ninety (90) days after the last day on which labor was performed, materials, services, skill, tools, machinery, and equipment furnished or the subcontract completed.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that said Surety to this Bond, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alterations, or additions to the terms of the Contract or to the Work to be performed thereunder shall in any way affect its obligation on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alterations, or additions to the terms of the Contract or to the work to be performed thereunder.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no suit or action shall be commenced hereunder by any person furnishing labor, materials, services, skill, tools, machinery, and/or equipment having a direct contractual relationship with a subcontractor, but no contractual relationship express or implied with the Principal:

Unless such person shall have given notice to the Principal within ninety (90) days after such person did, or performed the last of the work or labor, or furnished the last of the materials, services, skill, tools, machinery and/or equipment for which claim is made, stating with substantial accuracy the amount claimed and the name of the party to whom the materials, services, skill, tools, machinery and/or equipment were furnished, or for whom the work or labor was done or performed. Such a notice shall be served by mailing the same by registered mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Principal, at any place where an office is regularly maintained for the transaction of business, or served in any manner in which legal process may be served in the State in which the aforesaid project is located, save that such service need not be made by a public officer, and a copy of such notice shall be delivered to the Obligee, to the person and at the address provided for in the Contract, within five (5) days of the mailing of the notice to the Principal.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that any suit under this bond must be instituted before the expiration of one (1) year after the acceptance of the public works covered by the Contract by the proper authorities.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that Principal and Surety agree and represent that this bond is executed pursuant to and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as Amended, including, but not limited to, O.C.G.A. § 36-91-1 et seq., and is intended to be and shall be construed as a bond in compliance with the requirements thereof.

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(Principal Secretary)			
(SEAL)	Ву:		
		(Address)	
		,	
(Witness as to Principal)			
(Address)			
		(Surety)	
ATTEST:		By: (Attorney-in-Fact)	
		(Attorney-in-ract)	
Resident or Nonresident Agent			
(SEAL)			
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Company Name			
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NOTE: If Contractor is Partnership, all partners should execute Bond. Surety Companies executing Bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the State where the Project is located.

Principal Secretary, Principal and Witness as to Principal signature lines must be signed by three different individuals. Additionally, Resident or Nonresident Agent, Witness as to Surety, and Attorney-in-fact must be signed by three different individuals.

Gwinnett County, Georgia

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PERFORMANCE BOND
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(Name of Contractor)
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(Corporation, Partnership or Individual)
hereinafter called Principal, and
(Name of Surety)
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Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners (Name of
Obligee)
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046 (Address of Obligee)
hereinafter referred to as Obligee, are held and firmly bound unto said Obligee and all persons doing work or furnishing skill, tools, machinery, supplies, or material under or for the purpose of the Contract hereinafter referred to, in the penal sum of
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bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and successors, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the Principal shall well, truly, fully and faithfully perform said contract according to its terms, covenants, conditions, and agreements of said contract during the original term of said contract and any extensions thereof that may be granted by the Obligee, with or without notice to the Surety, and during the life of any guaranty required under the contract, and shall also well and truly perform and fulfill all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions and agreement of any and all duly authorized modifications of said contract that may hereafter be made, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that said Surety to this Bond, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alterations, or additions to the terms of the Contract or to the Work to be performed thereunder shall in any way affect its obligation on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alterations, or additions to the terms of the Contract or to the work to be performed thereunder.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that Principal and Surety agree and represent that this bond is executed pursuant to and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as Amended, including, but not limited to, O.C.G.A. § 36-91-1 et seq., and is intended to be and shall be construed as a bond in compliance with the requirements thereof.

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BL111-23 PAGE 31 ATTEST: (Principal) (Principal Secretary) (SEAL) (Address) (Witness as to Principal) (Address) (Surety) By: _____(Attorney-in-Fact) ATTEST: Resident or Nonresident Agent (SEAL) (Address) (Witness as to Surety) (Address) **BONDING AGENT CONTACT INFO** Print Name____ Company Name_____ E-Mail_____ Phone_____

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INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance
 - (a) Employers Liability:
 - ✓ Bodily Injury by Accident \$100,000 each accident
 - ✓ Bodily Injury by Disease \$500,000 policy limit
 - ✓ Bodily Injury by Disease \$100,000 each employee
- 2. Commercial General Liability Insurance
 - (a) \$1,000,000 limit of liability per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage
 - (b) The following additional coverage must apply:
 - √ 1986 (or later) ISO Commercial General Liability Form
 - ✓ Dedicated Limits per Project Site or Location (CG 25 03 or CG 25 04)
 - ✓ Additional Insured Endorsement (Form B CG 20 10 with a modification for completed operations or a separate endorsement covering Completed Operations)
 - ✓ Blanket Contractual Liability
 - ✓ Broad Form Property Damage
 - ✓ Severability of Interest
 - ✓ Underground, explosion, and collapse coverage
 - ✓ Personal Injury (deleting both contractual and employee exclusions)
 - ✓ Incidental Medical Malpractice
 - ✓ Hostile Fire Pollution Wording
- 3. Auto Liability Insurance
 - (a) \$500,000 limit of liability per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage
 - (b) Comprehensive form covering all owned, nonowned, leased, hired, and borrowed vehicles
 - (c) Additional Insured Endorsement
 - (d) Contractual Liability
- 4. Professional Liability Insurance \$1,000,000 (project specific for the Gwinnett County project) limit of liability per claim/aggregate or a limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or a claim/aggregate limit of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate.
 - ✓ Insurance company must be authorized to do business in the State of Georgia.
 - ✓ Dedicated Limits per Project Site or Location (CG 25 03 or CG 25 04 or some other form)
- 5. Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners should be shown as an additional insured on General Liability and Auto Liability policies.
- 6. The cancellation should provide 10 days notice for nonpayment and 30 days notice of cancellation.
- 7. Certificate Holder should read:

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners 75 Langley Drive Lawrenceville, GA 30046-6935

- 8. Insurance Company, except Worker' Compensation carrier, must have an A.M. Best Rating of A-5 or higher. Certain Workers' Comp funds may be acceptable by the approval of the Insurance Unit. European markets including those based in London and domestic surplus lines markets that operate on a non-admitted basis are exempt from this requirement provided that the contractor's broker/agent can provide financial data to establish that a market is equal to or exceeds the financial strengths associated with the A.M. Best's rating of A-5 or better.
- 9. Insurance Company should be licensed to do business by the Georgia Department of Insurance.
 *See above note regarding Professional Liability

10. Certificates of Insurance, and any subsequent renewals, must reference specific bid/contract by project name and project/bid number.

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

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	Unable to meet specifications
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	Unable to meet insurance requirements
	Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
	Insufficient time to respond.
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GWINNETT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES – PURCHASING DIVISION GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR VENDORS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ATTENTION

FAILURE TO RETURN THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MAY RESULT IN SUBMITTAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND AUTOMATIC REJECTION. THE COUNTY SHALL BE THE SOLE DETERMINANT OF TECHNICALITY VS. NON-RESPONSIVE SUBMITTAL:

- 1. FAILURE TO USE COUNTY QUOTE/BID/FEE SCHEDULE.
- 2. FAILURE TO RETURN OR ACKNOWLEDGE APPLICABLE COMPLIANCE/SPECIFICATION SHEETS.
- 3. FAILURE TO RETURN OR ACKNOWLEDGE APPLICABLE ADDENDA.
- 4. FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ALTERNATES OR EQUIVALENTS.
- 5. FAILURE TO PROVIDE BID BOND, <u>WHEN REQUIRED</u>, WILL RESULT IN SUBMITTAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND AUTOMATIC REJECTION. <u>BID BONDS ARE NOT REQUIRED ON ALL SOLICITATIONS</u>. BOND REQUIREMENTS ARE CLEARLY STATED ON THE INVITATION PAGE. IF CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED, CONTACT THE PURCHASING ASSOCIATE LISTED IN THE INVITATION. **IF BONDS ARE REQUIRED, FORMS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THIS SOLICITATION DOCUMENT.**
- 6. FAILURE TO PROVIDE CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT, WHEN REQUIRED, MAY RESULT IN SUBMITTAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND REJECTED. THE CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT IS NOT REQUIRED ON ALL SOLICITATIONS. IF CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED, CONTACT THE PURCHASING ASSOCIATE LISTED IN THE INVITATION.
- 7. FAILURE TO PROVIDE AN ETHICS AFFIDAVIT WHEN REQUIRED, MAY RESULT IN SUBMITTAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND REJECTED. THE ETHICS AFFIDAVIT IS REQUIRED ON ALL FORMAL SOLICITATIONS OVER \$100,000.00. IF CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED, CONTACT THE PURCHASING ASSOCIATE LISTED IN THE INVITATION.

I. PREPARATION OF SUBMITTAL

A. Each vendor shall examine the drawings, specifications, schedule, and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the vendor's risk, as the vendor will be held accountable for their submittal.

- B. Each vendor shall furnish all information required by the solicitation form or document. Each vendor shall sign the submittal and print or type his or her name on the quote/bid/fee schedule. The person signing the submittal should initial erasures or other changes. An authorized agent of the vendor must sign the submittal.
- C. Fee schedule pricing should have only two decimal places unless otherwise stated. In the event of a calculation error in total price, the unit pricing prevails.
- D. Except for 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 award. 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.
- E. Sample contracts (if pertinent) are attached. These do NOT have to be filled out with the submittal but are contained for informational purposes only. If awarded, the successful vendor(s) will be required to execute these documents prior to County execution.
- F. 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 vendor's 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 submittal may result in being deemed non-responsive and automatic rejection.

II. DELIVERY

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

III. EXPLANATION TO VENDORS

Any explanation desired by a vendor regarding the meaning or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc. must be requested by the question cutoff deadline stated in the solicitation for a reply to reach all vendors before the deadline of the solicitation. Any information given to a prospective vendor concerning a solicitation will be furnished to all prospective vendors as an addendum to the solicitation if such information is necessary or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to uninformed vendors. The written solicitation documents supersede any verbal or written communications between the parties. Receipt of addenda should be acknowledged in the submittal. It is the vendor's responsibility to ensure they have all applicable addenda prior to their submittal. This may be accomplished by contacting the assigned Purchasing Associate prior to the submittal or visiting the Gwinnett County website.

IV. SUBMISSION OF FORMAL OFFERS/SUBMITTALS

A. Formal bid and proposal submittals shall be enclosed in a sealed package or envelope, addressed to the Gwinnett County Purchasing Division with the name of the vendor, the date and hour of opening and the solicitation number on the face of the package or envelope. Facsimile or emailed submittals 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 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 vendor's request and expense, if items are not destroyed by testing.
- D. Items offered must meet required specifications and must be of a quality that will adequately serve the use and purpose for which intended.
- E. Full identification of each item submitted, including brand name, model, catalog number, etc. must be furnished to identify exactly what the vendor is offering. Manufacturer's literature may be furnished but vendor should not submit excessive marketing material.
- F. The vendor must certify that items to be furnished are new and that the quality has not deteriorated to impair its usefulness.
- G. Unsigned submittals will not be considered except in cases where it is enclosed with other documents that have been signed. The County will determine acceptability in these cases.
- H. Gwinnett County is exempt from federal excise tax and Georgia sales tax regarding goods and services purchased directly by Gwinnett County. Vendors are responsible for federal excise tax and sales tax, including taxes for materials incorporated in county construction projects. Vendors should contact the State of Georgia Sales Tax Division for additional information. Agreements were there is a cost-plus mark-up, mark-up will not be paid on taxes.
- I. Information submitted by a vendor in the solicitation process shall be subject to disclosure after the public opening in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act.

V. WITHDRAWAL DUE TO ERRORS

Vendors must give Gwinnett County Purchasing Division written notice within two (2) business days of completion of the opening stating that they wish to withdraw their submittal without penalty for an obvious clerical or calculation error. Submittal may be withdrawn from consideration if the price was substantially lower than the other submittals due solely to a mistake therein, provided pricing was submitted in good faith, and the mistake was a clerical mistake as opposed to a judgment mistake and was 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 submittal. The unintentional arithmetic error or omission can be clearly proven through inspection of the original work papers, documents, and materials used in preparing the submittal sought to be withdrawn. The vendor's original work papers shall be the sole acceptable evidence of error and mistake if a vendor elects to withdraw their submittal. If a quote or bid submittal is withdrawn under the authority of this provision, the lowest remaining responsive offer shall be deemed to be low bid.

No vendor who is permitted to withdraw their submittal 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 or proposal was submitted.

Vendors who fail to request withdrawal by the required forty-eight (48) hours may automatically forfeit bid bond if a bond was required. Bid may not be withdrawn otherwise.

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 that fails to meet the specifications, shall be borne by the vendor.

VII. F.O.B. POINT

Unless otherwise stated in the request for invitation and any resulting contract, or unless qualified by the vendor, items shall be shipped F.O.B. Destination, Freight Prepaid and Allowed. 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 vendor 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 vendor 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 solicitation as required in the solicitation package or document. Failure to submit a bid bond with the proper rating will result in submittal 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 A.M. Best rating as stated in the solicitation document.

X. DISCOUNTS

- A. Time payment discounts may be considered in arriving at net prices and in award of solicitations. 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 either the highest scoring firm (for proposals) or the lowest responsive and responsible vendor (for quotes/bids). 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 vendor to perform, and the vendor 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 submittal if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of such vendor fails to satisfy the County that such vendor is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract.
- B. The County reserves the right to reject or accept any or all offers and to waive technicalities, informalities and minor irregularities in the submittals received.

C. The County reserves the right to make an award as deemed in its best interest, which may include awarding to a single vendor or multiple vendors; or to award the whole solicitation agreement, only part of the agreement, or none of the agreement, based on its sole discretion of its best interest.

- D. In the event of proposal scores rounded to the nearest whole number result in a tie score, the award will be based on lowest cost.
- E. If proposal negotiations with the highest ranked firm are unsuccessful, the County may then negotiate with the second ranked firm and so on until a satisfactory agreement has been reached.

XII. DELIVERY FAILURES

Failure of a vendor 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 vendor shall reimburse the County within a reasonable time specified by the Purchasing Director for any expense incurred in excess of the contract prices, or the County shall have the right to deduct such amount from monies owed the defaulting vendor. Alternatively, the County may penalize the vendor 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/services 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 solicitation package.

XIV. REJECTION OF SUBMITTALS

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

XV. CONTRACT

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

Upon receipt of a solicitation package containing a Gwinnett County "Sample Contract" as part of the requirements, it is understood that the vendor 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 vendor's submittal. If no exceptions are stated, it is assumed that the vendor 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, the consultant agrees to abide by the current state law and: 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, that is considered a conflict of interest, any involvement in litigation or other dispute, relationship, or financial interest not disclosed in the ethics affidavit, 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.

When the vendor has performed in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, Gwinnett County shall pay to the vendor, 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. If Gwinnett County fails to pay the vendor within sixty (60) days of receipt of a pay request based upon work completed or service provided pursuant to the contract, the County shall pay the vendor

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 vendor's acceptance of progress payments or final payment shall release all claims for interest on said payment.

The parties agree that this Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

XVI. NON-COLLUSION

Vendor declares that the submittal is not made in connection with any other vendor's submittal for the same commodity or commodities, and that the submittal is bona fide and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. An affidavit of non-collusion shall be executed by each vendor. Collusion and fraud in submittal 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 vendor upon non-performance or violation of contract terms. An award may be made to the next low responsive and responsible vendor, or the next highest scoring responsive and responsible proposer, or articles specified may be purchased on the open market similar to those so terminated. In either event, the defaulting vendor (or their surety) shall be liable to the County for costs to the County in excess of the defaulted contract prices; provided, however, that the vendor shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this clause. Failure of the vendor to deliver materials or services within the time stipulated on their offer, 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 vendor of the vendor'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 vendor. In the event of the County's termination of this agreement for convenience, the vendor 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 vendor, which shall itemize each element of performance.

XX. SUBSTITUTIONS

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

XXI. INELIGIBLE VENDORS

The County may choose not to accept the offer by an individual, firm, or business who is in default on the payment of taxes, licenses, or other monies owed to the County. Additionally, vendors or persons placed on an Ineligible Source List for reasons listed in Part 6, Section II of the Gwinnett County Purchasing Ordinance shall not be eligible to provide any commodities or services to the County during the period such person remains on the Ineligible Source List.

XXII. PENDING LITIGATION

An individual, firm, or business that 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.

XXIII. OCCUPATION TAX CERTIFICATE

Each successful vendor must have a valid Gwinnett County occupation tax certificate if the vendor maintains an office within the unincorporated area of Gwinnett County. Incorporated, out of County, and out of State vendors are required to have any and all certificates necessary to do business in any town, County or municipality in the State of Georgia, or as otherwise required by County ordinance or resolution. Vendors may be required to provide evidence of valid certificates. Out of State vendors are required to have a certificate in the Georgia jurisdiction where they receive the most revenue.

XXIV. PURCHASING POLICY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Purchasing Policy & 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 vendors on the Ineligible Source List for reasons listed in Part 6, Section II of the Gwinnett County Purchasing Ordinance, for a period not to exceed three (3) years.

XXV. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

All vendors 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 without 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 the 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 vendor'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 vendors of their use tax liability on public works projects. Under Georgia law, private vendors 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 (for example, the installation of sheetrock), it becomes taxable to the private vendor. See O.C.G.A. §48-8-3(2) and O.C.G.A. §48-8-63.

XXVIII. STATE AND FEDERAL 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) and that all who enter into a contract for public works as defined by O.C.G.A. §36-91-2(12) for the County, must satisfy the Illegal Immigration Reform Enhancements for 2013 in conjunction with the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986, in all manner, and such are conditions of the contract.

The Purchasing Division Director with the assistance of the Internal Audit Division shall be authorized to conduct random audits of a vendor's or subcontractors' compliance with the Illegal Immigration Reform Enhancements for 2013 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Department of Labor. The vendor and subcontractors shall retain all documents and records of its compliance for a period of five (5) years following completion of the contract or shall abide by the current time requirements at the time of the contract. This requirement shall apply to all contracts for all public works, 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 vendor's or subcontractor's records are not sufficient to verify the work eligibility of any individual in the employment of such vendor 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 vendor or subcontractor is no longer in compliance with worker verification.

By submitting an offer to the County, vendor agrees that, in the event the vendor employs or contracts with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the covered contract, the vendor 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 follow the Illegal Immigration Reform Enhancements for 2013 in conjunction with all federal requirements. Original signed, notarized Subcontractor Affidavits and Agreements must be maintained by the vendor awarded the contract.

A vendor's or subcontractor's failure to participate in the federal work authorization program as defined above shall be subject to termination of the contract. A vendor's failure to follow Gwinnett County's instruction to terminate a subcontractor that is not participating in the federal work authorization program may be subject to 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. §43-41-17).

XXXI. PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN GEORGIA

When contracting for or purchasing supplies, materials, equipment, or agricultural products that exceeds \$100,000.00, excluding beverages for immediate consumption, Gwinnett County 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 vendor which may include the vendor'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 an 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. §36-84-1).

XXXII. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the vendor shall, at his sole cost and expense, indemnify, defend, satisfy all judgments, and hold harmless the County, its commissioners, officers, 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 vendor, 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, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees by any employee of the vendor, 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 vendor or any subcontractor under Worker's Compensation Acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

Vendor shall also indemnify, hold harmless, insure, and defend the County for damages, losses, or expenses to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the vendor or other persons employed or utilized by the vendor in the performance of a contract that utilizes survey services.

XXXIII. CODE OF ETHICS

Vendors 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. (This shall not apply to informal purchases as defined by the Purchasing Ordinance.) The vendor shall execute a Code of Ethics affidavit. Failure to submit the affidavit during the procurement process shall render the offer non-responsive.

Any business entity holding a contract with Gwinnett County that after 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, or vendors 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. Note: See Gwinnett County Code of Ethics Ordinance EO2011, Sec. 54-33. The ordinance is available to view in its entirety at www.gwinnettcounty.com.

XXXIV. 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 visit the Gwinnett County Treasury Division page or click here -> <u>Gwinnett County Electronic Payments</u>.

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 proceed through the roundabout. Visitors can either proceed to the front parking area on the left or to the parking deck behind the building. Click here for additional information about parking. The Purchasing Division is located on the second floor, West Wing.

APPENDIX A

Crooked Creek Water Reclamation Facility 6657 Plant Drive Norcross, GA 30092

Asset Type	Asset Description	Location Description	Site ID	Manufacturer	Vendor	Model Number	Serial Number	Installation Date
FIRE-SUPP	FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	MAINTENANCE BUILDING/WAREHOUSE FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	CC	POTTER	SIMPLEX	PFC-4410RC		04/04/2014
FIRE-SUPP	ELECTRICAL ROOM FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	OPERATIONS CENTER BUILDING FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	CC	POTTER	SIMPLEX	PFC-4410RC		04/04/2014
FIRE-SUPP	CONTROL ROOM FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	OPERATIONS CENTER BUILDING FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	CC	POTTER	SIMPLEX	PFC-4410RC		04/04/2014
CONTROL PANEL	FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM CONTROL PANEL No1	OPERATIONS CENTER BUILDING FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	CC	POTTER		PFC SERIES 4410RC		
CONTROL PANEL	FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM CONTROL PANEL No2	OPERATIONS CENTER BUILDING FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	CC	POTTER		PFC SERIES 4410RC		

F. Wayne Hill Water Reclamation Facility 1500 One Water Way Buford, GA 30519

Asset Type	Asset Description	Location Description	Site ID	Manufacturer	Vendor	Model Number	Serial Number	Installation Date
TANK	[404A/406A] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No 1	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	FENWALPROTE				01/01/2001
TANK	[350A/351] - FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	FENWALPROTE			300428	01/01/2001
SWITCH	[350A/351] - FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM - SWITCH No5	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	FENWALPROTE		FENWAL 732		01/01/2001
SWITCH	[350A/351] - FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM - SWITCH No7	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	FENWALPROTE		FENWAL 732		01/01/2001
TANK	[350A/351] - FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM FM 200 - TANK No5	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	FENWALPROTE		FM200		01/01/2001
TANK	[350A/351] - FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM FM 200 - TANK No 6	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	FENWALPROTE		FM200	300428	01/01/2001
TANK	[350A/351] - FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM FM 200 - TANK No 7	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	FENWALPROTE		FM200		01/01/2001
TANK	[360B] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No1	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	PYROCHEM		FM-200		01/01/2005
TANK	[360B] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No2	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	PYROCHEM		FM-200		01/01/2005
TANK	[360B] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No3	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	PYROCHEM		FM-200		01/01/2005
TANK	[360B] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No4	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	PYROCHEM		FM-200		01/01/2005
TANK	[211A/B/C] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No 1 (ELECTRICAL ROOM No 1)	FIRE SUPPRESSION TANKS	FWH	PYROCHEM		FM-200		01/01/2001
TANK	[211A/B/C] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No 2 (ELECTRICAL ROOM No1)	FIRE SUPPRESSION TANKS	FWH	PYROCHEM		FM-200		í
TANK	[211A/B/C] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No 3 (ELECTRICAL ROOM No1)	FIRE SUPPRESSION TANKS	FWH	PYROCHEM		FM-200		í
TANK	[211A/B/C] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No 1(ELECTRICAL ROOM No2)	FIRE SUPPRESSION TANKS	FWH	PYROCHEM		FM-200		01/01/2005
TANK	[211A/B/C] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No 1 (ELECTRICAL ROOM No3)	FIRE SUPPRESSION TANKS	FWH	PYROCHEM		FM-200		01/01/2005
TANK	[211A/B/C] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No 2 (ELECTRICAL ROOM No2)	FIRE SUPPRESSION TANKS	FWH			FM 200		
TANK	[211A/B/C] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No 2 (ELECTRICAL ROOM No3)	FIRE SUPPRESSION TANKS	FWH			FM 200		í
TANK	[211A/B/C] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No 3 (ELECTRICAL ROOM No3)	FIRE SUPPRESSION TANKS	FWH			FM 200		
CONTROL PANEL	[211A/B/C] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM - CONTROL PANEL (ELECTRICAL ROOM No1)	FIRE SUPPRESSION CONTROL PANELS	FWH	CHEMTRON		MICRO 1002		01/01/2001
CONTROL PANEL	[211A/B/C] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM - CONTROL PANEL (ELECTRICAL ROOM No1)	FIRE SUPPRESSION CONTROL PANELS	FWH	PYROCHEM		PCR-100		01/01/2001
CONTROL PANEL	[211A/B/C] - FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM - CONTROL PANEL (ELECTRICAL ROOM No3)	FIRE SUPPRESSION CONTROL PANELS	FWH	PYROCHEM		PCR-100		01/01/2005
TANK	[350A/351] - FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM FM 200 - TANK No5	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	FENWALPROTE		FM200		01/01/2001
TANK	[350A/351] - FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM FM 200 - TANK No 6	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	FENWALPROTE		FM200	300428	01/01/2001
TANK	[350A/351] - FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM FM 200 - TANK No 7	FIRE PROTECTION	FWH	FENWALPROTE		FM200		01/01/2001
TANK	[520A] - EAST CHEMICAL FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FM 200 - CHEMICAL TANK No 1 (ELECTRICAL ROOM No 1)	EAST CHEMICAL	FWH			FM 200		