



July 1, 2026

INVITATION TO BID
BL076-26

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified suppliers for the **Purchase of Solids Dewatering and Thickening Polymer 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 **July 30, 2026**, 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.

The bid opening will be virtual ONLY. To access the bid opening virtually, visit the following link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/24806182039311?p=0zMtcM80gZvwckSAOG> , or dial 1-323-676-6170 and enter Conference ID 893 985 038#. Apparent bid results will be available the following business day on the website www.GwinnettCounty.com.

Questions regarding bids should be directed to Anna West, Purchasing Associate II, at Anna.West@GwinnettCounty.com or by calling 770-822-7862, no later than **July 22, 2026**. Bids are legal and binding upon the vendor when submitted. All bids should be submitted in duplicate.

Gwinnett County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to its programs or activities. Any requests for reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in any open meeting, program or activity of Gwinnett County Government should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Center, 770-822-8165.

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

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

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

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

Anna West
Purchasing Associate II

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS

TESTING:

A. Schedule

All suppliers should complete bench testing and full-scale testing no later than **July 22, 2026**. Suppliers shall make arrangements to pick up samples at the designated facilities listed below to conduct bench-scale testing required to identify their selected product(s) and recommended dosage(s). Bench testing samples may be picked up from each facility on **July 10, 2026, between 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.** Upon arrival at the F. Wayne Hill Water Resources Center (FHWRC), please ask for Chloe Crouch or Luke West to coordinate sample pick up. Upon arrival at the Crooked Creek Water Reclamation Facility (CCWRF), please ask for Cody Reece or Malcom Gavin to coordinate sample pick up. **There should be no communication about this solicitation during sample pick up. All questions and communication must come through Purchasing. Please contact Anna West with any questions.**

Upon completion of bench testing, suppliers should be prepared to have the product they deem most effective on site ready for full-scale testing no later than the scheduled trial date.

Scheduling requests will be processed in order of receipt and on a first request, first scheduled basis. Please reach out to schedule full-scale testing as soon as possible as each facility can only accommodate one supplier per day. There is **no guarantee** that time slots will be available close to the full-scale testing deadline. **If you would like to schedule full-scale testing, please contact Anna West at Anna.West@GwinnettCounty.com**

Full-scale testing must be completed by **July 22, 2026**. Suppliers who do not have product on site by the scheduled trial date will not be tested or considered. A single representative from each supplier may be present for the trial but is not required.

Bids are due in Purchasing on **July 30, 2026**, as stated in the bid documents. Pricing for the product tested full-scale should be included in the bid form only. Upon completion of trials the total cost will be calculated. **No bonds are required for this solicitation.**

B. Current Products

Gwinnett County currently uses polymer for the following locations in its water reclamation facilities:

1. Dewatering waste activated sludge from aerated sludge storage tanks at the CCWRF via belt presses.
2. Thickening combined primary and waste activated sludge at the FHWRC via rotary drum thickeners (RDTs).
3. Dewatering anaerobically digested sludge at the FHWRC via centrifugation.

C. Requirements

Pre-approved products are Polydyne, Inc. Clarifloc SE-1748 and Clarifloc SE-1748. All other products must be submitted for performance testing as outlined in this solicitation. Testing is mandatory and all decisions are final. Testing shall include the following:

1. Gwinnett County will consider only emulsion polymers for all applications.
2. It is the supplier's responsibility to visit the site and conduct on-site, bench-scale testing of products to select the best product for evaluation. The supplier will also be responsible for knowing the type of polymer make-up equipment at each site to ensure their product is compatible with the existing feed equipment. Suppliers may be on-site during the full-scale performance evaluation. Gwinnett County personnel and/or their designated contractor will collect composite, test and otherwise handle all samples and equipment adjustments during the performance trials.
3. Each supplier will be required to select and submit one (1) product for each of the polymer application points for full-scale testing. Notification of products proposed for full-scale testing, proposed sample delivery dates, technical sheets, and material safety data sheets shall be submitted by each supplier to Anna West with the Purchasing Division (who will provide to DWR) , no less than four (4) calendar days prior to scheduled full-scale testing. Suppliers will provide enough dewatering polymer for full, plant-scale evaluation based on their recommended dosage. Suppliers will also be required to submit one lab sample (2 oz. minimum) of the product proposed for full-scale testing.
4. If the existing polymer feed equipment is not compatible with the supplier's product, the supplier must supply necessary make-up/feed equipment for the trials. Suppliers will be responsible for removing both equipment and product after their trial by the specified date or face disqualification. Suppliers must also supply any equipment necessary for handling their product if selected for the annual contract. This includes any make-up equipment not owned by Gwinnett County, all piping required and all tanks. If in Gwinnett County's opinion the incompatibility of a supplier's product with existing equipment causes undue complication or other operational or maintenance issues, the need to use alternative feed equipment may be cause for disqualification of a product.

The supplier will supply, at no charge to Gwinnett County, enough polymer to conduct a full-scale performance evaluation. If any product provided by the supplier is not compatible with our current product, any or all cleaning or preparation of the storage tanks and/or feed system will be the responsibility of the vendor.

Any remaining sample product must be removed within seven (7) calendar days of the supplier's last trial. Removal is to be done by the supplier at the supplier's expense.

Each supplier will be given only data that pertains to his/her product. Comparison data will not be given nor discussed with suppliers.

5. Products that meet or exceed the minimum requirements set forth in this document, as demonstrated in the full-scale performance evaluations and specified herein, will be considered for award. Consideration of products not meeting the minimum requirements will be at the discretion of the Department of Water Resources.
6. By submitting a product for testing, the supplier acknowledges that it is able to supply this product, at the same performance quality and specifications, at the volume necessary to fulfill the terms/length of the annual contract. Lab samples will be checked against future deliveries of product to ensure performance-based standards. The supplier will be required to produce, at the County's request, retained samples of product batches delivered. An MSDS sheet must accompany each shipment and a

certificate of analysis stating the total solids, total active solids, bulk viscosity, and dilute viscosity. Gwinnett County reserves the right to conduct lab analysis on each load delivered to verify the certificate of analysis.

In the event the supplier can no longer provide the product as bid, it is the supplier's responsibility to inform Gwinnett County of these changes and to supply, at no additional cost to the County, a product with equal or superior performance than the product previously supplied at no more than the annual contract price.

In the event of a drop in performance without a notification of change by the supplier and with no significant changes in plant process, the sludge/polymer interaction will be documented and compared with the original sludge/polymer interaction. It will be the supplier's responsibility to remove any polymer whose performance or specifications are deemed substandard by Gwinnett County. Failure to do so may result in termination of the annual contract.

D. Polymer Performance Trials Procedures

In an effort to establish a consistent means of evaluating polymers throughout the division, the following guidelines are to be applied to each trial conducted:

1. **Preparation** – Only one representative from each supplier will be allowed, but not required, to be on site for the performance evaluations to direct polymer make up and recommend any process changes. The supplier's representative will remain with the Gwinnett County representative at all times during the set up and trials. In an effort to minimize trial variations, Gwinnett County has adopted a "hands off" policy for suppliers during performance trials. Suppliers will not be allowed to handle product or make machine adjustments by themselves. Any supplier found moving polymer or making machine adjustments will be asked to leave the trial site.
2. **Testing** - Test methods for measuring thickened sludge dewatered cake, centrate, and feed solids concentrations will be at the discretion of the management at each facility. The same test method will be used for each test for all trials at the facility. Both facilities use microwave testing for TSS measurement (CEM SmartMatic 6). Split samples may be arranged with the concurrence of facility management.
3. **Trial Run** - Centrifuge or RDT trials will allow up to 2 hours for adjustments recommended by the supplier or deemed appropriate by the evaluator when the supplier is not present. Once the process is optimized, the trial will begin and run for 4 hours. Once the trial period has started no adjustments will be allowed to the polymer, sludge or load during the trial period, unless testing shows a substantial change in feed solids or other conditions which the evaluator and the supplier's representative agree warrants a change. In the event that a gross error in trial setup is made and the error is caught during the first two hours of the trial the supplier may recommend changes to the sludge feed, load and/or polymer and the trial restarted. (4 hour timer restarts). **Only one trial restart will be allowed per Supplier, unless an additional is approved by the plant superintendent.** Samples will be collected every 30 minutes and analyzed by Gwinnett County. Feed and centrate samples will be composited while cake solids and thickened sludge solids will be run individually and averaged. These results will be used in the calculation of total treatment cost. Suppliers wishing to use instruments for determining cake solids during their evaluation must bring their own instruments and equipment for use. **(Any supplier testing done is for informational**

purposes of the supplier only. Only the results obtained through County staff with County testing equipment will be used for calculation of treatment costs).

4. **Monitoring** – Samples of the feed sludge, and centrate will be composited; cake samples and thickened sludge samples will be run individually, and results averaged. Samples will be taken at thirty (30) minute intervals for RDTs and centrifuges. Sampling points will be identified by the person overseeing the trial and these points will remain the same throughout all the trials. Visual observations of the polymer and RDT/ centrifuge performance will be noted on an evaluation form. Any considerable variances observed in the sludge quality will also be noted. Only County personnel are permitted to take, composite, test or otherwise handle the samples. Each sample will be properly identified with supplier's name and the facility test information.

SPECIFICATIONS AND COMPLIANCE

1. Sludge data is based on operations from January 1st, 2025 through December 31st 2025.
2. All items will be ordered on an "as needed" basis by Gwinnett County.
3. Bid will be awarded on the product, which has the lowest cost per ton of sludge dewatered and its effectiveness.

The winning bid for F. Wayne Hill's **thickening polymer** will be dependent on the polymer cost incurred to meet the minimum thickening and solids capture requirements.

Polymer cost (\$/dry ton) = dosage (lb polymer/dry ton) x unit price (\$/lb polymer)

The following formula will be used for the **dewatering polymer** in this evaluation process:

Total cost (\$/dry ton) = polymer cost + hauling cost

Polymer cost (\$/dry ton) = dosage (lb polymer/dry ton) x unit price (\$/lb polymer)

Hauling cost (\$/dry ton) = contract hauling cost (\$/wet ton)/[cake solids (%)/100]

Polymer dosage and cake solids will be determined for each product in the full-scale dewatering tests to be scheduled and performed in the near future. Polymers must meet the minimum solids capture and percent cake dryness requirements. Suppliers will be provided with data from full-scale testing of their own products.

Contract hauling costs: \$140.23/ton for Crooked Creek WRF
\$140.23/ton for F. Wayne Hill WRC

4. If the existing polymer feed equipment is not compatible with the supplier's product, the supplier must supply necessary make-up/feed equipment for the testing and will be responsible for removing both the equipment and product after their trial by the specified date or face disqualification. Suppliers must also supply any equipment necessary for handling their product if selected for the price agreement. This includes all make-up equipment not owned by Gwinnett County, all piping required and all tanks.
5. In addition to providing the polymer, all polymer vendors will be required to meet the service conditions set forth in the Additional Service Requirements.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Gwinnett County's polymer suppliers are required to advise our operations staff by providing

support in the application of these products.

1. On-site Services
 - a. Polymer supplier shall be able to provide staff for the following on-site services when requested by plant management:
 - i. Bench-scale testing will be performed to determine the accuracy and effectiveness of the field applications by a representative of the polymer supplier.
 - ii. The polymer supplier will offer practical hands-on, on-site in the field training as it relates to any process issues or applications that are being reviewed to ensure a cohesive approach is being taken to implement changes.
2. Project Development Support
 - a. The polymer supplier will provide to Gwinnett County any information available from its technical support staff on projects of a like fashion at any point in a project's development. This will allow the County a stronger evaluation of all considered projects.
3. Resolution of Issues
 - a. Any process issues that are defined through monitoring will be resolved through an action plan as determined by Gwinnett County and the representatives of the polymer supplier.
 - b. The polymer supplier will work with operations staff to re-evaluate and report on the impacts to the process initiated by the changes outlined in the action plan.

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GWINNETT COUNTY
POLYMER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA

SLUDGE THICKENING

COMPANY:			
PRODUCT:		COST/LB:	
PLANT: F. Wayne Hill WRC		OPERATOR:	
DATE:			
TRIAL START TIME:		END TIME:	
FEED SLUDGE TS (mg/L):			
FILTRATE TS (mg/L):			
FEED FLOW (GPM)			
CAKE SOLIDS TS %:			
LBS DEWATERED ((FEED TS-FILTRATE TS) x GPM x 8.34 x 1440/10^6):			
POLYMER USED:		GALLONS	POLYMER USED:
			LBS
LBS OF POLYMER/DRY TON:			
POLYMER COST/DRY TON:			
OBSERVATIONS:			

PASS:	FAIL:
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GWINNETT COUNTY
POLYMER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA

SOLIDS DEWATERING

COMPANY:			
PRODUCT:		COST/LB:	
PLANT:		OPERATOR:	
DATE:			
TRIAL START TIME:		END TIME:	
FEED SLUDGE TS (mg/L):			
CENTRATE TS (mg/L):			
SLUDGE DEWATERED (MG):			
LBS DEWATERED ((FEED TS-CENTRATE TS) x MG x 8.34):			
TONS DEWATERED:			
CAKE TS %:			
POLYMER USED:	GALLONS	POLYMER USED:	LBS
LBS OF POLYMER/DRY TON DEWATERED:			
POLYMER COST/DRY TON DEWATERED:			
HAULING COST/TON:			
OBSERVATIONS:			

PASS:	FAIL:
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Facility Location	Crooked Creek WRF 6557 Plant Drive Norcross, GA 30092	F. Wayne Hill WRC 1500 One Water Way Buford, GA 30519	
Polymer Application	Dewatering via Belt Filter Press	Thickening via Rotary Drum Thickener	Dewatering via Centrifuge
Feed Sludge Solids (%TS)¹	1.4% - Avg 0.9% - Min 1.8% - Max	2.1% - Avg 1.2% - Min 4.1% - Max	3.1% - Avg 2.3% - Min 4.2% - Max
Typical Sludge Feed Rate per Unit (gpm/unit)	170 to 200	250 to 300	200 to 250
Filtrate/Centrates Solids (mg/L)¹	110 - Avg 4 - Min 407 - Max	113 - Avg 26 - Min 358 - Max	138 - Avg 31 - Min 267 - Max
Thickened Sludge/ Cake Solids (%)¹	18.4 - Avg 12.6 - Min 21.0 - Max	7.5 - Avg 6.2 - Min 8.9 - Max	20.8 - Avg 19.3 - Min 23.1 - Max
Solids Production (dry tons/day)¹	11.4 - Avg 3.6 - Min 27.2 - Max	85.5 - Avg 49.2 - Min 123.6 - Max	49.8 - Avg 4.6 - Min 72.5 - Max
Minimum Performance Requirements during Full-Scale Testing	Avg Filtrate Solids < 200 mg/L Avg Cake Solids > 18.0%	Avg Filtrate Solids < 200 mg/L 7.0% < Avg Thickened Sludge Solids < 9.0%	Avg Centrate Solids < 200 mg/L Avg Cake Solids > 20.0%

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Notification of Scheduled Delivery of Polymer Samples for Testing

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Authorized Representative _____

E-mail Address _____

FACILITY	PRODUCT	RECOMMENDED DOSE	DELIVERY DATE
Crooked Creek WRF Dewatering			
F. Wayne Hill WRC Dewatering			
F. Wayne Hill WRC Thickening			

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BID SCHEDULE

Delivery will be F.O.B. to:

Crooked Creek WRF
6557 Plant Drive
Norcross, GA 30092

or

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

Notes: Delivery 8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

SECTION A: CROOKED CREEK WRF						
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	SUPPLIER & NO. (Circle appropriate product)	ESTIMATED USAGE (LB/DRY TON)	UNIT PRICE PER LB.	% CAKE DRYNESS	WET TONS PER DAY
A1.	Dewatering Polymer, bulk					

SECTION B: F. WAYNE HILL WRC						
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	SUPPLIER & NO. (Circle appropriate product)	ESTIMATED USAGE (LB/DRY TON)	UNIT PRICE PER LB.	% SLUDGE	WET TONS PER DAY
B1.	Thickening Polymer, bulk					

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	SUPPLIER & NO. (Circle appropriate product)	ESTIMATED USAGE (LB/DRY TON)	UNIT PRICE PER LB.	% CAKE DRYNESS	WET TONS PER DAY
B2.	Dewatering Polymer, bulk					

Company Name: _____

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BID SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

Gwinnett County requires pricing to remain firm for the duration of the initial term of the contract. Failure to hold firm pricing for the initial term of the contract will be sufficient cause for Gwinnett County to declare bid non-responsive. Contract to begin October 19, 2026, or upon Board of Commissioners approval.

Unless otherwise noted, quoted prices will remain firm for four (4) additional 12-month periods. If a percentage increase/decrease is a part of the renewal options, please note this in the space provided together with an explanation.

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

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

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

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BID SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

Certification Of Non-Collusion In Bid Preparation _____
Signature _____ Date _____

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

Legal Business Name _____

Address _____

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

Representative Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Contact Person (if someone other than the authorized representative listed above) _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____ E-mail Address _____

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REFERENCES

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

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

1. Company Name _____

Brief Description of Project _____

Completion Date _____

Contract Amount \$ _____ Start Dates _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

2. Company Name _____

Brief Description of Project _____

Completion Date _____

Contract Amount \$ _____ Start Date _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

3. Company Name _____

Brief Description of Project _____

Completion Date _____

Contract Amount \$ _____ Start Date _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Company Name _____



Insurance:

Contractor shall provide evidence of insurance for at least the coverage and amounts set forth below. All insurance shall be maintained in the form and with a company (or companies) satisfactory to the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners. The Contractor and their Subcontractor’s/vendor’s Certificates of Insurance shall require that the County be notified in writing thirty (30) days prior to cancellation, modification, or non-renewal of any insurance policy listed on the certificate(s). Upon request, the County will be provided certified copies of all required insurance policies.

A. Minimum Coverage

Commercial General Liability (Occurrence Form):

General Aggregate (other than Prod/Comp Ops Liability)	\$2,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Liability	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000

- Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners to be named as Additional Insured
- Additional Insured Endorsement CG 20 10 (edition dates of 07/04, 04/13, 12/19 or a substitute endorsement providing equivalent coverage) and CG 2037 (edition dates of 07/04, 04/13, 12/19 or a substitute endorsement providing equivalent coverage) must be provided with your Certificate of Insurance.
- Primary and Non-Contributory Endorsement to be specified in writing
- 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
- Include Waiver of Subrogation in favor of Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
- If project or operations are within 50 ft of a railroad, Contractor is required to name the specific Railroad as an Additional Insured and provide a copy of the Additional Insured Endorsement CG2417 or its equivalent.
- In the event the General Liability insurance required by this Contract is written on a claims-made basis, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained, or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of five (5) years or applicable statute of limitation period following completion of the work.

Automobile Liability to include:

Combined Single Limit – Each Accident	\$1,000,000
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- Comprehensive form providing coverage for bodily injury, death of any person, and property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance, and use of all owned, non-owned, leased, hired, borrowed vehicles, and any other statutorily required automobile coverage.

- Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners to be named as Additional Insured
- Additional Insured Endorsements must be provided with the Certificate of Insurance
- Coverage to include loading and unloading
- Contractual Liability

Worker’s Compensation & Employer’s Liability Coverage to include:

Workers Compensation Employers Liability	Georgia State Statutory Limits
Bodily Injury by Accident – Each Accident	\$ 500,000
Bodily Injury by Disease – Policy Limit	\$ 500,000
Bodily Injury by Disease – Each Employee	\$ 500,000

- Waiver of Subrogation in favor of Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners

Umbrella/Excess Liability Insurance with policy limits as determined by Contract Sums (higher limits may be required depending on the extent of contract):

Contract Sums:

Contracts up to \$999,999 Each Occurrence and Aggregate Limit	\$1,000,000
Contracts from \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 Each Occurrence and Aggregate Limit	\$3,000,000
Contracts from \$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 Each Occurrence and Aggregate Limit	\$5,000,000
Contracts Over \$5,000,000 Each Occurrence and Aggregate Limit	\$10,000,000

- Concurrency of Effective Dates with Primary
- Blanket Contractual Liability
- Drop Down Feature
- Umbrella Policy must be as broad as the primary policy.
- Coverage excess over General Liability, Business Auto Liability, and Employers Liability
- In the event the Umbrella/Excess Liability insurance required by this Contract is written on a claims-made basis, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of five (5) years or applicable statute of limitation period following completion of the work.
- Evidence of coverage in the form of a Certificate of Insurance shall be provided to the County prior to start of work.
- Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners shall be Additional Insureds.
- Contractor shall be liable for money, securities, or other property of the County.
- Such coverage shall include an owner coverage endorsement for County and County shall be included as a loss payee.
- Additional Insured Endorsements must be provided with the Certificate of Insurance

Cyber Liability Insurance: Applies if scope of work includes the storage or transfer of any County data or sensitive data (including but not limited to personally identifiable, health, or payment card data) or the related hosting of database(s) or internet site(s):

Limit of Insurance per Claim	\$1,000,000
Aggregate Limit	\$1,000,000

The Contractor shall maintain insurance coverage for network security and privacy risks, including, but not limited to, insurance for data breach or introduction of virus or malicious codes, consumer notification, whether or not required by law, forensic investigation, public relations and crisis management and credit or identity monitoring or similar remediation services, unauthorized access, failure of security information theft, damage to destruction of or alteration of electronic information, breach of privacy perils, wrongful disclosure and release of private information, collection, or other negligence in the handling of confidential information, and including coverage for related regulatory fines, defenses, and penalties allowed by law.

Property Insurance:

The Contractor is fully and solely responsible for any physical loss or damage to all tools, equipment, construction office trailers and their contents, vehicles or any other personal property utilized in the performance of the Contractor's work. Contractor agrees to waive its rights of recovery and cause its insurers, if any, to waive their rights of subrogation against Owner and Company for any such damage or loss, however caused.

Riggers Liability Insurance:

If any work to be performed involves the rigging, lifting, lowering or moving of property or equipment, then those parties performing such work shall carry Rigger's Liability Insurance in an amount adequate to insure against the physical loss or damage to the property or equipment in its care

Aviation Insurance: Applies if scope of work requires the use of aircraft, including helicopters, unmanned aircraft systems (e.g., drones) and/or fixed-wing aircraft:

Maintain (or require aircraft owner or operator to maintain), and Contractor shall furnish proof of, Aircraft Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$10,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage of all aircraft.

Unmanned aircraft systems, minimum limits of \$2,000,000 for bodily injury, property damage, and personal injury (including invasion of privacy) for unmanned aircraft systems, and guest voluntary settlement bodily injury coverage (for any aircraft except unmanned aircraft systems)

- Such policy shall include contractual liability covering all owned and non-owned aircraft
- If the party providing the Aircraft Liability insurance is not Contractor, then Contractor shall require such party to (a) waive any subrogation rights of recovery they and/or their insurance carriers may have against County and any other indemnified parties and (b) name County and such other parties as Additional Insureds
- The Contractor shall (or shall require aircraft owner or operator) to hire, employ, and utilize pilots certified by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate any such aircraft.

- B. Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners (and any applicable Authority) must be specified in writing as an Additional Insured on General Liability, Auto Liability and Umbrella Liability policies.
- C. Gwinnett County should be provided with a minimum of 30 days advance written notice of cancellation, material change, or non-renewal of policies required by the contract.
- D. Certificate Holder should read:
 Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
 75 Langley Drive
 Lawrenceville, GA 30046-6935

- E. Insurance Company, except Worker' Compensation carrier, must have an A.M. Best Rating of A-7 or higher. Certain Workers' Comp funds may be accepted subject to the approval of the Gwinnett County 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-7 or better.
- F. Insurance companies providing coverage should be licensed, and authorized to do business by the Office of the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner of Georgia ("Insurance Commissioner"), with the exception of non-admitted carriers, in which case the broker placing coverage should be licensed by the Insurance Commissioner. All agents placing coverage should be licensed by the Insurance Commissioner, either as a resident or non-resident.
- G. Certificates of Insurance, and any subsequent renewals, must reference each corresponding bid/contract by project name and project/bid number, if applicable.
- H. 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 compliance with these insurance requirements.
- I. All insurance coverage required to be provided by the Contractor shall state that it is primary over any insurance program carried by the County.
- J. 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. The Contractor agrees that if for any reason a subcontractor fails to procure and maintain insurance as required, all such required Insurance shall be procured and maintained by Contractor at Contractor's expense.
- K. 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.
- L. The Contractor and its insurer(s) 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.
- M. Special Form Contractors' Equipment and Contents Insurance covering owned, used, and leased equipment, tools, supplies, and contents is 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.
- N. The Contractor shall make available to the County, through its records or the records of its insurer, information regarding any claim related to a County project. Any loss run information relating to a County project will be made available to the County upon its request.
- O. Compliance by the Contractor and Subcontractors with the foregoing insurance requirements shall not relieve the Contractor and Subcontractors of liability under the Contract and any applicable law.
- P. 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.
- Q. The Contractor shall at a minimum apply risk management practices accepted by the Contractors' industry.
- R. The Contractor shall advise the County if required limits of insurance become eroded or impaired.

Surety Bonds (if required)

All of the surety requirements will stay the same except the Surety Company must have the same rating as set forth in item E above.



Bid # & Description _____

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 vendor, its affiliates or its subcontractors:

1. _____
Company Submitting Bid/Proposal

2. Please select one of the following:
- No information to disclose (*complete only section 4 below*)
 - Disclosed information below (*complete section 3 & section 4 below*)

3. If additional space is required, please attach list:

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

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

(seal)

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

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

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Buyer Initials: AW

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

Do not offer this product or service; remove us from your bidder's list for this item only.

Specifications too "tight"; geared toward one brand or manufacturer only.

Specifications are unclear.

Unable to meet specifications

Unable to meet bond requirements

Unable to meet insurance requirements

Our schedule would not permit us to perform.

Insufficient time to respond.

Other

COMPANY NAME _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE _____

SIGNATURE



GWINNETT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES | PURCHASING
**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 VERSUS NON-RESPONSIVE SUBMITTAL:

1. FAILURE TO USE COUNTY 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 OR ALTERNATES OR EQUIVALENTS.
5. FAILURE TO PROVIDE BID BOND, WHEN REQUIRED, WILL RESULT IN SUBMITTAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND AUTOMATIC REJECTION. BID BONDS ARE NOT REQUIRED ON ALL SOLICITATIONS. 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 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 only have 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 GwinnettCounty.com.

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 where 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 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 to 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 declared 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 may 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 Division 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 (10) 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 thirty (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 the 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 the 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 Police and Review Committee has been established to review purchasing procedures and make recommendations for changes; resolve problems regarding the purchasing process make recommendations for standardization of commodities, schedule buying, qualified products list, annual contracts, supplier performance (Ineligible Source List), and other problems or requirements related to purchasing. The Purchasing Police and 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 of 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 subcontractor's 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 employes or contracts with 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 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 suppliers, materials, equipment, and agricultural products as may be manufactured or produced in this state. Such preference shall not sacrifice quality. The 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, judgement, cost, penalty, liability, loss, or expense (1) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or 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 subcontracts (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 and Review Committee for action pursuant to the Purchasing Ordinance or to the District



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Attorney for possible criminal prosecution. Note: See Gwinnett County Code of Ethics Ordinance EO2011, Section 54-33. The ordinance is available to view in its entirety at 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 [Supplier Login and Registration](#) on the County's website and update the requested information on the Direct Deposit tab or mail a [Direct Deposit Authorization Agreement](#) form.

County staff are required to verify receipt of goods and submit proof of delivery of services with invoice before payment is processed. Failure to provide proof of delivery of goods and/or services may result in delayed payment.

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 page or click here -> [Gwinnett County Electronic Payments](#).

DIRECTIONS TO GJAC BUILDING FROM I-85

Take I-85 to Georgia Highway 316 (Lawrenceville/Athens exit). Exit Highway 120 (Lawrenceville/Duluth exit) and turn right. At the 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. **The Purchasing Division is located on the second floor of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center at 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia, 30046. WE HAVE MOVED BACK TO OUR PERMANENT LOCATION.**