



INVITATION TO BID #16ITB103716C-BJ

**PICK-UP, REMOVAL AND DELIVERY
OF DECEASED REMAINS**

For

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

BID ISSUANCE DATE: August 16, 2016

BID DUE DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 11:00 A.M.

PURCHASING CONTACT: Brian Jones at (404) 612-6306

E-MAIL: Brian.Jones@fultoncountyga.gov

**LOCATION: FULTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING
130 PEACHTREE STREET, S.W., SUITE 1168
ATLANTA, GA 30303**

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**INVITATION TO BID
PICK-UP, REMOVAL AND DELIVERY OF DECEASED REMAINS**

Sealed Bids for furnishing all materials, labor, tools, equipment and appurtenances necessary to provide the services of removal, pick-up, and delivery of deceased remains will be received by the Fulton County Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance at 130 Peachtree Street, S.W. Suite 1168 Atlanta, GA 30303, **no later than 11:00 a.m.**, local time, on **Wednesday, September 21, 2016**.

SCOPE OF WORK

Fulton County is seeking a qualified vendor to provide the services of pick-up and removal of deceased bodies from scenes and delivered to the Medical Examiner's Office as called for. The detailed scope of work and technical specifications are outlined in the Scope of Work of this bid document.

METHOD OF SOURCE SELECTION

This procurement is being conducted in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances and the specific method of source selection for the services required in this bid is Code Section 102-373, Competitive Sealed Bid.

BID DOCUMENTS

This document and supporting documents can be downloaded at the Fulton County Website, <http://www.fultoncountyga.gov> under "Bid Opportunities".

PURCHASING CONTACT

Information regarding the bid or bid requirements, either procedural or technical, may be obtained by submitting questions in writing to:

Fulton County Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance
Attn: Brian Jones, Assistant Purchasing Agent
Fulton County Public Safety Building
130 Peachtree Street, S.W. Suite 1168
Atlanta, GA 30303
Email: Brian.Jones@fultoncountyga.gov
Reference Bid #:16ITB103716C-BJ

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A Pre-Bid Conference will not be held for this project.

BONDING REQUIREMENTS

There are no bonding requirements for this project.

END OF SECTION

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents include the Contract Agreement, Contractor's Bid (including all documentation accompanying the Bid and any post-Bid documentation required by the County prior to the Notice of Award), Bonds, all Special Conditions, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Specifications, Drawings and addenda, together with written amendments, change orders, field orders and the Construction Manager's written interpretations and clarifications issued in accordance with the General Conditions on or after the date of the Contract Agreement.

Shop drawing submittals reviewed in accordance with the General Conditions, geotechnical investigations and soils report and drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface structures at or contiguous to the site are not Contract Documents.

The Contract Documents shall define and describe the complete work to which they relate.

2. BID PREPARATION

Bidders shall **SUBMIT ONE (1) ORIGINAL, SIGNED AND DATED (IN BLUE INK), AND TWO (2) COPIES** on the forms provided in the Bid Document.

All bids must be made on the bid forms contained herein and shall be subject to all requirements of the Agreement Documents. All bids must be regular in every respect and no interlineations, excisions, or special conditions shall be made or included in the bid by the Bidder.

Lump sum, unit price and extensions of unit prices must be entered in the appropriate spaces provided on the Bid Schedule/Bid Form. Unit prices shall include an appropriate allocation of overhead and other indirect costs so that the summation of unit price extensions and lump sum items represents the total bid amount. All blank spaces must be typed or hand written in blue ink on the "Original". All dollar amounts must be BOTH in writing and figures and represent prices for the published scope of work without exceptions.

The County may, in its sole discretion, reject any bid determined as irregular, a conditional bid or any bid on which there is an alteration of, or departure from the Bid Schedule attached.

Erasures or other changes in the bids must be explained or noted over the signature of the Bidder. All corrections to any entry must be lined out and initialed by the Bidder. Please do not use correction tapes or fluid. Failure to do so shall render the Bidder as non-responsive and cause rejection of the bid.

Failure to execute the Bid Schedule/Bid Form documents may result in Bidder being deemed non-responsive and cause rejection of the bid.

3. RECEIPT AND OPENING OF BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Fulton County Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance at Fulton County Public Safety Building, 130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168 Atlanta, Georgia 30303. All submitted bids shall be time and date stamped according to the clock at the front desk of the Fulton County Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance. The original signed Bid with three (3) copies shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance and labeled **16ITB103716C-BJ - Pick-up, Removal and Delivery of Deceased Remains**.

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS: The bidder **must complete and execute** the following:

1. Bid Form
2. Acknowledgement of each Addendum
3. Bid Bond
4. Purchasing Forms (See Submittal Check List at end of this Section), fully executed
5. Contract Compliance Forms (See Submittal Check List at end of this Section), fully executed
6. Risk Management Insurance Provisions Form

Any bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to have his/her bid delivered to the Fulton County Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance for receipt on or before the stated time and date. If a bid is sent by U.S. Mail, the bidder shall be responsible for its timely delivery to the Purchasing Department. Bids delayed by mail will not be considered, shall not be opened, and arrangements shall be made for their return at the bidder's request and expense.

Bid shall be publicly opened, with only the names and total bid price of the bidders disclosed at the opening.

4. ADDENDA AND INTERPRETATIONS

No interpretations of the meaning of the Drawings, Specifications or other pre-bid documents will be made to any Bidder orally.

Bidders requiring clarification or interpretation of the Contract Documents shall make a request in writing, either by mail, hand delivery, e-mail or fax, to the Purchasing Contact identified in the Invitation to Bid. To be given consideration, requests must be received no later than **11:00 AM, Wednesday, September 7, 2016**. The County will not respond to any requests, oral or written, received after this date.

Requests for clarification or interpretation regarding this Bid shall only be submitted in writing via letter or email to the designated Purchasing Contact: Brian.Jones@fultoncountyga.gov

Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.

Only communications from firms that are in writing and signed will be recognized by the County as duly authorized expressions on behalf of proposers/bidders. Any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written Addenda to the Specifications which, if any addend are issued to this Invitation to Bid.

Failure of Bidders to receive or acknowledge any Addendum shall not relieve them of any obligation under the Bid. All Addenda shall become part of the Contract Documents.

5. SITE EXAMINATION

There will not be a scheduled site visit for this project.

6. BIDDER'S MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

A Bidder may modify or withdraw its bid by written request, provided that the request is received by the County prior to the bid due date and time at the address to which bids are to be submitted. Provided further, that in case of an electronic request (i.e. facsimile, e-mail, etc.) a written confirmation thereof over the authorized signature of the Bidder must be received by the County at the address to which original Bids are to be submitted within three (3) calendar days after issue of the electronic message. Following withdrawal of its bid, the Bidder may submit a new bid, providing delivery is affected prior to the established bid opening date and time. **No bid may be withdrawn after bid due date for sixty (60) calendar days.**

7. BID AND CONTRACT SECURITY

A Bid Bond is not required for this project.

8. SURETY BONDS

A Surety Bond is not required for this project.

9. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement, Workmen's Compensation, Public Liability, Property Damage, Automobile Liability insurance and any other insurance necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Agreement Documents. At the time of award, a copy of the successful Bidder's Certificate of Insurance must be provided through the County's online insurance compliance system.

The County has implemented an online insurance compliance system designed to make the experience of submitting and retrieval of insurance information quick and easy. This system is designed to be used by insurance brokers and agents on behalf of their insurance clients for submittal of Certificates of Insurance (“COI”) directly to the Fulton County Department of Purchasing. Instructions will be provided to the successful bidder.

10. RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. No bids will be received after the time set for opening bids. Any unauthorized conditions, limitations or provisions attached to the Bid, except as provided herein, will render it informal and may cause its rejection. Unbalanced bids will be subject to rejection. Any bidder may withdraw his/her bid, either personally or by telegraphic or written request, at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids. Telegraphic or written requests for withdrawal must be in the possession of the County prior to the closing time for receipt of bids.

11. APPLICABLE LAWS

All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Georgia and ordinances and regulations of Fulton County shall apply. Protestors shall seek resolution of their complaints in the manner provided in the Fulton County Code of Laws §2-324, which is incorporated by reference herein.

12. EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Prospective bidders shall examine the contract documents and before submitting a bid, shall make a written request to the County for an interpretation or correction of any ambiguity, in consistency or error therein which could be discovered by a bidder. At the bid opening each bidder shall be presumed to have read and be familiar with the contract documents.

13. BID EVALUATION

- a. Each Bid timely received and in the County's hands at the time set forth for the Bid opening shall constitute an offer to perform the Agreement on the terms and conditions thereof, in strict accordance with the Agreement documents, and all other requirements, all for the Bid total. For good cause and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged by submittal of a Bid, each Bidder promises and agrees that its Bid shall be irrevocable for a period of **sixty calendar days** after the Bid opening and will not be withdrawn or modified during that time. The County may accept any Bid by giving the Bidder Written Notice of acceptance during that time. If necessary, the period of time specified may be extended by written agreement between the County and the Bidder or Bidders concerned.
- b. After the Bids have been opened and before any award is made, the County will evaluate the Bid process, the Bid total, the supplements to the Bid form,

Bidder's experience, proposed Subcontractors and equipment manufacturers and other data relating to Bidders' responsibility and qualifications to perform the Agreement satisfactorily.

- c. All extension of the unit prices shown and the subsequent addition of extended amounts may be verified by the County. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price bid and the extension, the unit price will be deemed intended by the Bidder and the extension shall be adjusted. In the event of a discrepancy between the sum of the extended amounts and the bid total, the sum of the extended amounts shall govern.
- d. Bidder may be required to submit, in writing, the addresses of any proposed Subcontractors or Equipment manufacturers listed on the Bid, and to submit other material information relative to proposed Subcontractors or Equipment manufacturers. The County reserves the right to disapprove any proposed Subcontractor or Equipment manufacturers whose technical or financial ability or resources or whose experience are deemed inadequate.
- e. The County reserves the right to reject any Bid the prices of which appear to be unbalanced, and to reject any or all Bids, or parts thereof, if it determines, in its sole discretion, that such rejection is in the best interest of the Commission. Where only a single responsible and responsive Bid is received, the County may in its sole discretion, elect to conduct a price or cost analysis of the Bid. Such Bidder shall cooperate with such analysis and provide such supplemental information as may be required. The determination whether to enter into an Agreement with such sole Bidder shall be solely within the County's discretion and not dependent upon performance of a price or cost analysis.
- f. Bids will be evaluated on the basis of determining the lowest Bid total of a Bidder, not including alternates, whose Bid is responsive to the Invitation to Bid and who is determined to be technically, financially and otherwise responsible to perform the Agreement satisfactorily, and to meet all other requirements of the Bidding Documents relating thereto. Any Bid may be rejected if it is determined by the County to be non-responsive, provided, however, that the Commission reserves the right to waive any irregularities or technicalities which it determines, within its sole discretion, to be minor in nature and in the interest of the public. Furthermore, any Bid may be rejected if it is determined by the County, in its sole discretion, that the Bidder is not capable of performing the Agreement satisfactorily based upon review of its experience and technical and financial capabilities, or the failure of such bidder to provide information requested relating to such determination. Additionally, the County reserves the right to disqualify Bids, before and after the bid opening, upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud or other illegal practices upon the part of any Bidder(s).
- g. The County intends to award the Agreement at the earliest practicable date to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder(s), provided that the Bid is within the funds available for the project. In addition, the Commission reserves the right to reject all Bids if it determines, in its sole discretion, that the public interest will be best served by doing so.

- h. A Pre-Award Conference may be conducted with the apparent low Bidder(s) to review general requirements of the Bidding Documents.

14. AWARD CRITERIA

Award will be made after evaluating the prices, responsiveness and responsibility of each Bidder.

- A. **Responsiveness:** The determination of responsiveness will be determined by the following:

- a. The completeness of all material, documents and/or information required by the County;
- b. Whether the bidder has submitted a complete Bid form without irregularities, excisions, special conditions, or alternative bids for any item unless specifically requested in the Bid form.

- B. **Responsibility:** The determination of the bidder's responsibility will be determined by the following

- a. The ability, capacity and skill of the Bidder to perform and/or provide the Work required;
- b. The County reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, the bidder fails to satisfy the County that he/she is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Contract;
- c. The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the Bidder;
- d. The quality of performance of work on previous contracts or work; Maintains a permanent place of business individually or in conjunction with the prime contractor.
- e. Has the appropriate and adequate technical experience necessary to perform the Work;
- f. Has adequate personnel and equipment to do the Work expeditiously;
- g. Has suitable financial means to meet obligations incidental to the work.

15. DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

Any of the following may be considered as sufficient for disqualification of a Bidder and the rejection of the Bid:

- a. Submission of more than one Bid for the same work by an individual, firm, partnership or Corporation under the same or different name(s);
- b. Evidence of collusion among Bidders;
- c. Previous participation in collusive bidding on Work for the County;

- d. Submission of an unbalanced Bid, in which the prices quoted for same items are out of proportion to the prices for other items;
- e. Lack of competency of Bidder. The Agreement will be awarded only to a Bidder(s) rated as capable of performing the Work.

16. BASIS OF AWARD

The County shall award to the overall lowest responsive and responsible bidder complying with the provisions of this ITB.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of bid opening except as permitted by O.C.G.A., §36-91-41 et seq., as amended.

17. PROFESSIONAL LICENSES (NON-APPLICABLE)

The State of Georgia requires that the following professions are required by state law to be licensed:

1. Electricians
2. Plumbers
3. Conditioned Air Contractors
4. Low voltage Contractors

Bidders and any sub-contractors performing any of the above described work must provide a copy of their license for the work they will perform on this project. Bidders must complete Form C3: Georgia Professional License Certification in Section 6, Purchasing Forms Failure to provide the required license may deem your bid non-responsive.

18. WAGE CLAUSE

Pursuant to 102-413, Each Contractor shall agree that in the performance of the Contract he will comply with all lawful agreements, if any, which the Contractor had made with any association, union, or other entity, with respect to wages, salaries, and working conditions, so as not to cause inconvenience, picketing, or work stoppage.

19. NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT

As soon as possible, and within sixty (60) days after receipt of bids, the County shall notify the successful Bidder of the Award of Contract.

The award shall be made by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder(s) as soon as possible after receipt of bids, taking into consideration price and the responsiveness to the requirements set forth in the Invitation for Bid. In such case, no claim shall be made by the selected Contractor(s) for loss of profit if the contract is not awarded or awarded for less

work than is indicated and for less than the amount of his bid. The total of the awarded contract shall not exceed the available funds allocated for this project.

Should the County require additional time to award the contract, the time may be extended by mutual agreement between the County and the successful bidder. If an Award of Contract has not been made within sixty (60) days from the bid date or within the extension mutually agreed upon, the Bidder may withdraw the Bid without further liability on the part of either party.

Any award made by the Board of Commissioners as a result of this bid will begin from the date of the notice to proceed. The Bidder agrees hereby to commence work under this Contract, with adequate personnel and equipment, on a date to be specified in a written order from the user department. The contract shall become effective on the Contract Date and shall continue in effect until the end of the term of the contract or until the project has been closed-out unless earlier terminated pursuant to the termination provisions of the contract.

20. EXECUTION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Upon notification of Award of Contract, the County shall furnish the Contractor the conformed copies of Contract Documents for execution by the Contractor and Contractor's surety.

Within ten (10) days after receipt the Contractor shall return all the documents properly executed by the Contractor and the Contractor's surety. Attached to each document shall be an original power-of-attorney for the person executing the bonds for the surety and certificates of insurance for the required insurance coverage.

After receipt of the documents executed by the Contractor and his surety with the power-of-attorney and certificates of insurance, the County shall complete the execution of the documents. Distribution of the completed documents will be made upon completion.

Should the contractor and/or surety fail to execute the documents within the time specified, the County shall have the right to proceed on the Bid Bond accompanying the bid.

If the County fails to execute the documents within the time limit specified, the Contractor shall have the right to withdraw the Contractor's bid without penalty.

Should an extension of any of the time limits stated above be required, this shall be done only by mutual agreement between both parties.

Any agreement or contract resulting from the acceptance of a bid shall be on a County approved document form. The County reserves the right to reject any agreement that does not conform to the Invitation for Bid and any County requirements for agreements and contracts. The County reserves the right to modify the agreement resulting from this bid upon the recommendation of the County Attorney.

21. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (“EEO”) IN PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING

To be eligible for award of this Agreement, the Bidder must certify and fully comply with the requirements, terms, and conditions of the County’s Non Discrimination in Contracting and Procurement.

22. JOINT VENTURE

Any Bidder intending to respond to this solicitation as a joint venture must submit an executed joint venture agreement with its offer. The agreement must designate those persons or entities authorized to execute documents or otherwise bind the joint venture in all transactions with Fulton County, or be accompanied by a document, binding upon the joint venture and its constituent members, making such designation. Offers from joint ventures that do not include these documents will be rejected as being non-responsive.

23. GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT

This Invitation to Bid is subject to the Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance Act. Effective July 1, 2013, bidders and proposers are notified that all bids/proposals for services that are to be physically performed within the State of Georgia must be accompanied by proof of their registration with and continuing and future participation in the E-Verify program established by the United States Department of Homeland Security. Physical performance of services means any performance of labor or services for a public employer using a bidding process or by contract wherein the labor or services 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).

A completed affidavit must be submitted on the top of the bid/proposal at the time of submission, prior to the time for opening bids/proposals. Under state law, the County cannot consider any bid/proposal which does not include a completed affidavit. It is not the intent of this notice to provide detailed information or legal advice concerning the Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance Act. All bidders/proposers intending to do business with the County are responsible for independently apprising themselves and complying with the requirements of that law and its effect on County procurements and their participation in those procurements. For additional information on the E-Verify program or to enroll in the program, go to: <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll>.

The Director of Purchasing & Contract Compliance is authorized to conduct random audits of a contractor’s or subcontractors’ compliance with the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Department of Labor.
See Section 6, Purchasing Forms & Instructions for declarations and affidavits.

24. SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

Potential prime contractors submitting a bid on this project for Fulton County and are seeking subcontractors and/or suppliers can advertise those subcontracting opportunities on the County's website, <http://www.fultoncountyga.gov> under "Subcontracting Bid Opportunities".

25. CONTRACT TERM

The period of this Agreement shall consist of a series of Terms as defined below. The County is obligated only to pay such compensation under this Agreement as may lawfully be made from funds budgeted and appropriated for that purpose during the County's then current fiscal year.

a. Commencement Term

The "Commencement Term" of this Agreement shall begin on January 1, 2017, the starting date, and shall end absolutely and without further obligation on the part of the County on the 31st day of December, 2017. The Commencement Term shall be subject to events of termination and the County's termination rights that are described elsewhere in this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, the County's obligation to make payments provided under this Agreement shall be subject to the County's annual appropriations of funds for the goods, services, materials, property and/or supplies procured under this Agreement by the County's governing body and such obligation shall not constitute a pledge of the County's full faith and credit within the meaning of any constitutional debt limitation.

b. Renewal Terms

Unless the terms of this Agreement are fulfilled with no further obligation of the part of either party on or before the final date of the Commencement Term as stated above, or unless an event of termination as defined within this Agreement occurs during the Commencement Term, this Agreement may be renewed at the written option of the County upon the approval of the County Board of Commissioners for two (2) one-year ("Renewal Terms"). However, no Renewal Term of this Agreement shall be authorized nor shall any Renewal Term of this Agreement commence unless and until each Renewal Term has first been approved in writing by the County Board of Commissioners for the calendar year of such Renewal Term. If approved by the County Board of Commissioners, the First Renewal Term shall begin on the 1st day of January, 2018 and shall end no later than the 31st day of December, 2018. If approved by the County Board of Commissioners, the Second Renewal Term shall begin on the 1st day of January, 2019 and shall end no later than the 31st day of December, 2019. If the County chooses not to exercise any Renewal Term as provided in this Section, then the Term of this Agreement then in effect shall also be deemed the "Ending Term" with no further obligation on the party of either party.

c. Term Subject to Events of Termination

All "Terms" as defined within this Section are subject to the section of this Agreement which pertain to events of termination and the County's rights upon termination.

d. Same Terms

Unless mutually agreed upon in writing by the parties, or otherwise indicated herein, all provisions and conditions of any Renewal Term shall be exactly the same as those contained within in this Agreement.

e. Statutory Compliance Regarding Purchase Contracts.

The parties intend that this Agreement shall, and this Agreement shall operate in conformity with and not in contravention of the requirements of O.C.G.A. §36-60-13, as applicable, and in the event that this Agreement would conflict therewith, then this Agreement shall be interpreted and implemented in a manner consistent with such statute.

26. NO CONTACT PROVISION

It is the policy of Fulton County that the evaluation and award process for County contracts shall be free from both actual and perceived impropriety, and that contacts between potential vendors and County officials, elected officials and staff regarding pending awards of County contracts shall be prohibited.

- A. No person, firm, or business entity, however situated or composed, obtaining a copy of or responding to this solicitation, shall initiate or continue any verbal or written communication regarding this solicitation with any County officer, elected official, employee, or designated County representative, between the date of the issuance of this solicitation and the date of the County Manager's recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for award of the subject contract, except as may otherwise be specifically authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
- B. All verbal and written communications initiated by such person, firm, or entity regarding this solicitation, if same are authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation, shall be directed to the Purchasing Agent.
- C. Any violation of this prohibition of the initiation or continuation of verbal or written communications with County officers, elected officials, employees, or designated County representatives shall result in a written finding by the Purchasing Agent that the submitted Bid or proposal of the person, firm, or entity in violation is "non-responsive", and same shall not be considered for award.

27. AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS

If the Contractor is a corporation or corporations combined to form a joint venture, the corporation or members of the joint venture team, prior to Agreement execution, must submit documentary evidence from the Secretary of State that the corporation is in good standing and that the corporation is authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia.

28. PRE-WORK CONFERENCE/KICK-OFF MEETING

A Pre-Work Conference or Kick-off Meeting may be held with the successful Bidder and all known Subcontractors after the award of the contract and prior to the commencement of work at a time and place set by the County.

29. SUBSTITUTIONS

See Special Conditions.

30. RIGHT TO PROTEST

Any actual bidder or offeror that has submitted a bid/proposal for a particular procurement and is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of the contract shall protest in writing to the purchasing agent after the date that the specific bid or proposal is submitted. No protest will be accepted or considered prior to the date the specific bid or proposal is submitted; it will be considered untimely. All protests shall set forth in full detail the factual and legal bases for the protest and specific relief sought by the protestor. Protests arising from factual or legal bases that the protestor knew or should have known prior to the submission of the bid/proposal must be submitted within three business days of the submission of the bid/proposal. Protests arising from factual or legal bases that the protestor knew or should have known subsequent to the date the bid/proposal was submitted must be submitted within ten business days after the protestor knew or should have known of such bases, but in no event shall any protest be submitted more than ten business days after the award of the contract. Untimely protests will not be considered by the purchasing agent and will be simply denied as untimely. Decisions on timeliness by the purchasing agent are not appealable. An oral protest or a protest to an official, employee, User Department, or other person apart from the Director of Purchasing & Contract Compliance does not comply.

31. NON-COLLUSION

By submitting a signed bid, Bidder certifies and attests that there has been no collusion with any other Bidder. Reasonable grounds for believing Bidder has an interest in more than one bid submittal will result in rejection of all bids in which the Bidder has an interest. Any party to collusion may not be considered in future proposals for the same or similar work.

32. CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

By responding to this Bid, Bidder acknowledges that he/she has read this solicitation document, including any addenda, exhibits, attachments, and/or appendices in its entirety, and agrees that no pages or parts of the document have been omitted, that he/she understands, accepts and agrees to fully comply with the requirements therein.

Offeror also certifies and attests that the Bidder has reviewed the form Fulton County contract included in this solicitation and agrees to be bound by its terms, or that the Offeror certifies that it is submitting any proposed modification(s) to the contract terms with its bid submittal. The Bidder further certifies that the failure to submit proposed modifications with the proposal waives the Bidder's right to submit proposed modifications later. The Bidder also acknowledges that the indemnification and insurance provisions of Fulton County's contract included in this solicitation document are non-negotiable and that proposed modifications to said terms may be reason to declare the Bidder's proposal as non-responsive.

33. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

By responding to this Bid, Bidder certifies that neither it or its subcontractors is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency. Any such exclusion may cause prohibition of your firm from participating in any procurement by the County. Section 102-449 of the Fulton County Code of Laws, which is incorporated as if fully set forth herein, establishes the procedure for the debarment of contractors.

34. BID GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Proposals may be withdrawn upon receipt of a written request prior to the stated due date and time. If a firm seeks to withdraw a proposal after the due date and time, the firm must present a notarized statement indicating that an error was made, with an explanation of how it occurred. The withdrawal request must be accompanied by documentation supporting the claim. Prior to approving or disapproving the request, an opinion will be obtained from Fulton County's Legal Counsel indicating whether the firm is bound by its proposal.

Proposals for projects that are solicited pursuant to the Georgia Local Government Public Works Construction Law (O.C.G.A. §36-91-1 et seq.) may be withdrawn as follows:

The County must advise Offerors in the request for proposals of the number of days that Offerors will be required to honor their proposals. If an Offeror is not selected within 60 days of opening the proposals, any Offeror that is determined by the governmental entity to be unlikely of being selected for contract award will be released from the proposal.

2. Fulton County shall be the sole judge of the quality and the applicability of all proposals. Design, features, overall quality, local facilities, terms and

other pertinent considerations will be taken into account in determining acceptability.

3. The successful Offeror must assume full responsibility for delivery of all goods and services proposed.
4. The successful Offeror must assume full responsibility for replacement of all defective or damaged goods and/or performance of contracted services within thirty (30) days' notice by the County of such defect, damage or deficiency.
5. The successful Offeror must assume full responsibility for providing warranty service on all goods, materials, or equipment provided to the County with warranty coverage. Should a vendor be other than the manufacturer, the vendor and not the County is responsible for contacting the manufacturer. The Offeror is solely responsible for arranging for the service to be performed.
6. The successful Offeror shall be responsible for the proper training and certification of personnel used in the performance of the services proposed.
7. The successful Offeror shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of any contract resulting from the RFP or of any of its rights, title or interest therein without prior written consent of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.
8. In case of default by the successful Offeror, Fulton County may procure the articles or services from another source and hold the successful Vendor responsible for any resultant excess cost.
9. All proposals and bids submitted to Fulton County are subject to the Georgia "Open Records Act", Official Code of Georgia, Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 50-18-70 et seq.
10. All proposals and bids submitted to Fulton County involving Utility Contracting are subject to the Georgia law governing licensing of Utility Contractors, O.C.G.A. §43-14-8.2(h).

35. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

No Special Conditions are required for this project.

36. SUBMITTALS

The following submittals must be completed and submitted with the Bid Submittal. This checklist is provided to ensure that the Bidder submits certain required information with its Bid.

	Bid Submittal Check Sheet	Check (√)
1.	Georgia Security and Immigration Contractor Affidavit(s) and Agreements	
2.	Georgia Security and Immigration Subcontractor Affidavit(s)	
3.	Bid Form w/Pricing Sheets	
4.	Acknowledgment of Addenda	
5.	Bid Bond (Non-Applicable)	N/A
6.	Non-Collusion Affidavit	
7.	Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Bid	
8.	Georgia Utility Contractor's License (Non-Applicable)	N/A
9.	Georgia General Contractors License (Non-Applicable)	N/A
10.	Georgia Professional License (Non-Applicable)	N/A
11.	Certificate Regarding Debarment	
12.	Disclosure Form and Questionnaire	
13.	Office of Contract Compliance Requirements (submitted in a separate envelope)	
14.	Proof of Insurance Coverage	

END OF SECTION

BID FORM

Submitted To: Fulton County Government

Submitted By: _____

For: **16ITB103716C-BJ – Pick-up, Removal and Delivery of Deceased Remains**

Submitted on _____, 2016.

The undersigned, as Bidder, hereby declares that the only person or persons interested in the Bid as principal or principals is or are named herein and that no other person than herein mentioned has any interest in this Bid or in the Contract to be entered into; that this Bid is made without connection with any other person, company or parties making a Bid; and that it is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud.

The Bidder further declares that he has examined the site of the work and informed himself fully in regard to all conditions pertaining to the place where the work is to be done; that he has examined the Drawings and Specifications for the work and contractual documents relative thereto, and has read all instructions to Bidders and General Conditions furnished prior to the openings of bids; that he has satisfied himself relative to the work to be performed.

The Bidder proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to contract with the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia, in the form of contract specified, to furnish all necessary materials, equipment, machinery, tools, apparatus, means of transportation and labor necessary, and to complete the construction of the work in full and complete accordance with the shown, noted, and reasonably intended requirements of the Specifications and Contract Documents to the full and entire satisfaction of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia, with a definite understanding that no money will be allowed for extra work except as set forth in the attached General Conditions and Contract Documents for the following prices.

THE BASE BID IS THE AMOUNT UPON WHICH THE BIDDER WILL BE FORMALLY EVALUATED AND WHICH WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER.

The base bid may not be withdrawn or modified for a period of sixty (60) days following the receipt of bids.

BASE BID AMOUNT (Do not include any Bid Alternates)

\$ _____
(Dollar Amount In Numbers)

(Dollar Amount in Words)

The Bidder agrees hereby to commence work under this Contract, with adequate personnel and equipment, on a date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed" from the County.

The Bidder declares that he understands that the quantities shown for the unit prices items are subject to either increase or decrease, and that should the quantities of any of the items of work be increased, the Bidder proposes to do the additional work at the unit prices stated herein; and should the quantities be decreased, the Bidder also understands that payment will be made on the basis of actual quantities at the unit price bid and will make no claim for anticipated profits for any decrease in quantities; and that actual quantities will be determined upon completion of work, at which time adjustments will be made to the contract amount by direct increase or decrease.

BASE BID AMOUNT

PRODUCT	ESTMATED QUANTITY -/+	PER UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1. Removal, Pick up, and Delivery of deceased remains	1500		

The quantities for bodies stated above are for estimate purposes only. The County may require more or less than the stated quantity listed above.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda (list by the number and date appearing on each addendum) and thereby affirms that its Bid considers and incorporates any modifications to the originally issued Bidding Documents included therein.

ADDENDUM # _____ DATED _____

BIDDER: _____

Signed by: _____
[Type or Print Name]

Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____

Note: If the Bidder is a corporation, the Bid shall be signed by an officer of the corporation; if a partnership, it shall be signed by a partner. If signed by others, authority for signature shall be attached.

The full name and addresses of persons or parties interested in the foregoing Bid, as principals, are as follows:

Name	Address
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

END OF SECTION

BOND FORMS

No Bond Forms are required for this project.

SECTION 4

SCOPE OF WORK AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

A. Pick-up, Removal and Delivery of Deceased Remains

Unless otherwise advised at the time of dispatch, Vendor will deliver all bodies picked up to the Office of the Medical Examiner in the body bags provided by the Medical Examiner. Vendor shall pick up and remove bodies at any location within the borders of Fulton County.

B. Hours of Operation

The successful vendor shall be on call twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, three hundred sixty-five (365) days per year.

C. Transportation of Bodies

Vendor shall have a minimum of two (2) fully maintained vans or similar type vehicles appropriately equipped for transporting dead bodies available for simultaneous removal for the Medical Examiner's Office (M.E.O.). Both vehicles must be licensed and insured in accordance with County, State and Federal Regulations. The successful vendor must provide the Make, Model, Year and Vehicle Tag number for both vehicles.

Upon notification, the vendor shall immediately pick up the body and transport it to the Medical Examiner's Office. The vendor must adhere to the following schedule upon notification:

- 1) Body removal less than 15 miles of M.E.O- 30 minutes or less to arrive at the scene.
- 2) Body removal between 16 and 30 miles of M.E.O- 35 minutes or less to arrive at the scene.
- 3) Body Removal between 31 and 45 miles of M.E.O- 40 minutes or less to arrive at the scene.

D. Communications

The driver of each vehicle must be able to communicate with the Medical Examiner's Office via cell phone while en route to picking up the bodies.

E. Personnel

Vendor shall provide a minimum of two (2) employees per vehicle for each and every body removal. All personnel of the vendor that will transport bodies must wear appropriate clothing with their company logo clearly visible on it.

F. Solicitation

The successful vendor and all employees are prohibited by the State of Georgia Funeral Services Board from soliciting burials or funeral services on behalf of any funeral home on any removal call. No employees are to represent themselves as agents of any funeral home, organization, and/or any other party in the course of any removal call.

G. Permits, Fees, and Notices

The Awarded Contractor shall secure and pay for all Permits and Governmental Fees, licenses, and inspection necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work which are legally required, file all notices, comply with all laws, rules, regulations and lawful orders bearing on the performance of the work.

H. Quantities

Fulton County reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities shown herein at any time during the life of the contract to correspond to the actual needs. Quantities shown are **ESTIMATES ONLY** of anticipated volume for the one-year period.

I. Experience

Vendor must have at least three (3) years of experience in the field of picking up, removal, and transportation of dead bodies.

J. Georgia Code O.C.G.A. 31-21.

The vendor shall comply with the Georgia Code O.C.G.A 31-21 which defines the procedures for handling dead bodies.

Insurance and Risk Management Provisions Pickup, Removal and Delivery of Deceased Remains

The following is the minimum insurance and limits that the Contractor/Vendor must maintain. If the Contractor/Vendor maintains higher limits that the minimum shown below, Fulton County Government requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the Contractor/Vendor.

It is Fulton County Government’s practice to obtain Certificates of Insurance from our Contractors and Vendors. Insurance must be written by a licensed agent in a company licensed to write insurance in the State of Georgia, with an A.M. Best rating of at least A- VI, subject to final approval by Fulton County. Respondents shall submit with the bid/proposal evidence of insurability satisfactory to Fulton County Government as to form and content. Either of the following forms of evidence is acceptable:

- A letter from an insurance carrier stating that upon your firm/company being the successful Bidder/Respondent that a Certificate of Insurance shall be issued in compliance with the Insurance and Risk Management Provisions outlined below.
- A Certificate of Insurance complying with the Insurance and Risk Management Provisions outlined below (Request for Bid/Proposal number and Scope of Services must appear on the Certificate of Insurance).
- A combination of specific policies written with an umbrella policy covering liabilities in excess of the required limits is acceptable to achieve the applicable insurance coverage levels.

Proof of insurance must be provided to Fulton County Government prior to the start of any activities/services as described in the bid document(s). Any and all Insurance Coverage(s) and Bonds required under the terms and conditions of the contract shall be maintained during the entire length of the contract, including any extensions or renewals thereto, and until all work has been completed to the satisfaction of Fulton County Government.

Accordingly the Respondent shall provide a certificate evidencing the following:

1. WORKERS COMPENSATION/EMPLOYER’S LIABILITY INSURANCE – STATUTORY (In compliance with the Georgia Workers Compensation Acts and any other State or Federal Acts or Provisions in which jurisdiction may be granted)

Employer’s Liability Insurance	BY ACCIDENT	EACH ACCIDENT	\$500,000
Employer’s Liability Insurance	BY DISEASE	POLICY LIMIT	\$500,000
Employer’s Liability Insurance	BY DISEASE	EACH EMPLOYEE	\$500,000

2. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE (Including contractual Liability Insurance)

Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability (Other than Products/Completed Operations)	Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
	General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products\Completed Operation	Aggregate Limit	\$2,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	Limits	\$1,000,000
Damage to Rented Premises	Limits	\$100,000

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|---|-----------------|-------------|
| 3. BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE | | |
| Bodily injury and property damage | Each Occurrence | \$1,000,000 |
| (Including operation of non-owned, owned, and hired automobiles). | | |
|
 | | |
| 4. UMBRELLA LIABILITY | Each Occurrence | \$1,000,000 |
| (In excess of above noted coverages) | | |

Certificates of Insurance

Contractor shall provide written notice to Fulton County Government immediately if it becomes aware of or receives notice from any insurance company that coverage afforded under such policy or policies shall expire, be cancelled or altered. Certificates of Insurance are to list Fulton County Government, Its Officials, Officers and Employees as an Additional Insured (except for Workers' Compensation), using ISO Additional Insured Endorsement form CG 2010 (11/85 version), its' equivalent or on a blanket basis.

The Contractor /Vendor insurance shall apply as Primary Insurance before any other insurance or self-insurance, including any deductible, non-contributory, and Waiver of Subrogation provided in favor of Fulton County.

Additional Insured under the General Liability, Auto Liability, Umbrella Policies (with exception of Workers Compensation and Professional Liability), with no Cross Suits exclusion.

If Fulton County Government shall so request, the Respondent, Contractor or Vendor will furnish the County for its inspection and approval such policies of insurance with all endorsements, or confirmed specimens thereof certified by the insurance company to be true and correct copies.

Such certificates and notices **must** identify the "Certificate Holder" as follows:

Fulton County Government – Purchasing and Contract Compliance Department
130 Peachtree Street, S.W.
Suite 1168
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3459

Certificates **must** list Project Name (where applicable).

Important:

It is understood that neither failure to comply nor full compliance with the foregoing insurance requirements shall limit or relieve the Contractor/Vendor from any liability incurred as a result of their activities/operations in conjunction with the Contract and/or Scope of Work.

USE OF PREMISES

Contractor/Vendor shall confine its apparatus, the storage of materials and the operations of its workers to limits/requirements indicated by law, ordinance, permits and any restrictions of Fulton County Government and shall not unreasonably encumber the premises with its materials (where applicable).

PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

Contractor/Vendor will adequately protect its own work from damage, will protect Fulton County Government's property from damage or loss and will take all necessary precautions during the progress of the work to protect all persons and the property of others from damage or loss.

Contractor/Vendor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of employees of the work and shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal, State and local safety laws and building codes to prevent accidents or injury to persons on, about, or adjacent to the premises where work is being performed.

Contractor/Vendor shall erect and properly maintain at all times as required by the conditions and progress of the work, all necessary safeguards for the protection of its employees, Fulton County Government employees and the public and shall post all applicable signage and other warning devices to protect against potential hazards for the work being performed (where applicable).

CONTRACTOR/VENDOR ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING READ, UNDERSTANDING, AND AGREEING TO COMPLY WITH THE AFOREMETNIONED STATEMENTS AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR/VENDOR IDENTIFIED BELOW IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDING CONTRACTOR/VENDOR.

COMPANY: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

PURCHASING FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS

This section contains the procurement forms that are required to be executed and submitted with the bid package. This section does not contain all forms required to be included with the bid package submittal.

To be deemed responsive to this ITB, Bidders must provide the information requested and complete in detail all Purchasing Forms. The appropriate individual(s) authorized to commit the Bidder to the Project must sign the Purchasing Forms. Bidders should reproduce each Purchasing Form, as required, and complete the appropriate portions of the forms provided in this section.

- Form A: Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder/Offeror
- Form B: Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Bid/Proposal Requirements
- Form C: Professional License Certifications (***Non Applicable***)
 - Form C1 – Georgia Utility License Contractor License
 - Form C2 – Georgia General Contractors License
 - Form C3 – Georgia Professional License
- Form D: Certification Regarding Debarment
- Form E: Disclosure Form and Questionnaire
- Form F: Georgia Security and Immigration Contractor Affidavit and Agreement
- Form G: Georgia Security and Immigration Subcontractor Affidavit

FORM A: NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF BIDDER/OFFEROR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

I, _____ certify that pursuant to Fulton County Code Section 102-397, this bid or proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same work, labor or service to be done or the supplies, materials or equipment to be furnished and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damages awards. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid or proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid or proposal for the bidder.

Affiant further states that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-21 (d) and (e), _____ has not, by itself or with others, directly or indirectly, prevented or attempted to prevent competition in such bidding or proposals by any means whatsoever. Affiant further states that (s)he has not prevented or endeavored to prevent anyone from making a bid or offer on the project by any means whatever, nor has Affiant caused or induced another to withdraw a bid or offer for the work.

Affiant further states that the said offer of _____ is bona fide, and that no one has gone to any supplier and attempted to get such person or company to furnish the materials to the bidder only, or if furnished to any other bidder, that the material shall be at a higher price.

(COMPANY NAME)

(PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

(SECRETARY/ASSISTANT SECRETARY)

(Affix corporate seal here, if a corporation)

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

Commission Expires: _____

NOTE:

IF THE OFFEROR IS A PARTNERSHIP, ALL OF THE PARTNERS AND ANY OFFICER, AGENT, OR OTHER PERSON WHO MAY HAVE REPRESENTED OR ACTED FOR THEM IN BIDDING FOR OR PROCURING THE CONTRACT SHALL ALSO MAKE THIS OATH.

IF THE OFFEROR IS A CORPORATION, ALL OFFICERS, AGENTS, OR OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE ACTED FOR OR REPRESENTED THE CORPORATION IN BIDDING FOR OR PROCURING THE CONTRACT SHALL MAKE THE OATH.

**FORM B: FULTON COUNTY CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF BID/PROPOSAL
REQUIREMENTS**

This is to certify that on this day, offeror acknowledges that he/she has read this solicitation document, pages #_____ to #_____ inclusive, including any addenda # _____ to #_____ exhibit(s) #_____ to #_____, attachment(s) # to #_____, and/or appendices # _____ to #,_____ in its entirety, and agrees that no pages or parts of the document have been omitted, that he/she understands, accepts and agrees to fully comply with the requirements therein, and that the undersigned is authorized by the offeror to submit the proposal herein and to legally obligate the offeror thereto.

This is also to certify that the offeror has reviewed the form Fulton County contract included in the solicitation documents and agrees to be bound by its terms, or that the offeror certifies that it is submitting any proposed modification to the contract terms with its proposal. The offeror further certifies that the failure to submit proposed modifications with the proposal waives the offeror's right to submit proposed modifications later. The offeror also acknowledges that the indemnification and insurance provisions of Fulton County's contract included in the solicitation documents are non-negotiable and that proposed modifications to said terms may be reason to declare the offeror's proposal as non-responsive.

Company: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

(Corporate Seal)

FORM C1: CONTRACTOR'S GEORGIA UTILITY LICENSE CERTIFICATION

Contractor's Name: _____

Utility Contractor's Name: _____

Expiration Date of License: _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that the classification noted is applicable to the Bid for this Project.

Signed:

Date:

(ATTACH COPY OF LICENSE)

(NON APPLICABLE)

**FORM C2: CONTRACTOR'S GEORGIA GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE
CERTIFICATION**

Contractor's Name: _____

General Contractor's License Number: _____

Expiration Date of License: _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that the classification noted is applicable to the Bid for this Project.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

(ATTACH COPY OF LICENSE)

(NON APPLICABLE)

FORM C3: GEORGIA PROFESSIONAL LICENSE CERTIFICATION

NOTE: Please complete this form for the work your firm will perform on this project.

Contractor's Name: _____

Performing work as: Prime Contractor ____ Sub-Contractor ____

Professional License Type: _____

Professional License Number: _____

Expiration Date of License: _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that the classification noted is applicable to the Bid for this Project.

Signed:

Date:

(ATTACH COPY OF LICENSE)

(NON APPLICABLE)

FORM D: CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

- (1) The Offeror certifies that neither it or its subcontractors is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency. Any such exclusion may cause prohibition of your firm from participating in any procurement by the Fulton County Government.
- (2) If the Offeror is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Offeror or subcontractor shall attach an explanation to this bid or proposal.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this certification, the Offeror is providing the certification set out below:

- (1) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed. If it is later determined that the prospective vendor knowingly rendered a false certification, the Purchasing Agent may pursue all available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment, for withdrawal of award or termination of a contract.
- (2) The prospective Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Purchasing Agent if at anytime the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (3) Offeror shall be under a continuing duty to immediately inform the Purchasing Agent in writing of any changes, if as a result of such changes, the Offeror certification regarding debarment is affected.

DEBARMENT ORDINANCE

The following Section 102-449 of Fulton County Code of Laws establishes the procedure for the debarment of contractors.

(a) Authority to suspend.

After reasonable notice to the entity involved and reasonable opportunity for that entity to be heard, the Purchasing Agent, after consultation with user department, the County Manager and the County Attorney shall have the authority to suspend an entity for cause from consideration for award of county contracts. As used in this section, the term entity means any business entity, individual, firm, contractor, subcontractor or business corporation, partnership, limited liability corporation, firm, contractor, subcontractor or business structured; provided, further, that any such entity shall also be subject to suspension under this section if any of its constituents, members, subcontractors at any tier of such entity's and the entity, or any constituent or member, knew or should have known of the commission of the act. The suspension shall be for a period not to exceed three (3) years unless cause is based on a felony conviction for an offense related or associated with fraudulent contracting or misappropriation of funds wherein the suspension shall not exceed seven (7) years.

(b) Causes for Suspension. The causes for suspension include:

- (1) Conviction for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtain or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in performance of such contract or subcontract;

- (2) Conviction of state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property or other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously and directly affects responsibility as a county contractor.
- (3) Conviction of state or federal anti-trust statutes arising out of the solicitation and submission of bids and proposals;
- (4) Violation of contract provisions, as set forth below, of a character which is regarded by the Purchasing Agent to be so serious as to justify suspension action:
 - a. Failure to perform in accordance with the specifications within a time limit provided in a county contract;
 - b. A recent record of failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of one or more contracts; provided, that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor shall not be considered to be a basis for suspension;
 - c. Material representation of the composition of the ownership or workforce or business entity certified to the county as a minority business enterprise; or
 - d. Falsification of any documents.
- (5) For violation of the ethical standards set forth in Fulton County Code Chapter 9, Code of Ethics.
- (6) Knowing misrepresentation to the county, of the use which a majority owned contractor intends to make a minority business enterprise (a business entity at least 51 percent of which is owned and controlled by minority persons, as defined in Fulton County Code Section 102-431) as a subcontractor or a joint venture partner, in performing work under contract with the County.

Failure to fully and truthfully provide the information required, may result in the disqualification of your bid/proposal from consideration or termination of the Contract, once awarded. This document must be completed and included as a part of the bid/proposal package along with other required documents.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certification and all attachments hereto, if applicable, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and all statements contained hereto are true, correct, and complete.

On this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Legal Name of Offeror) (Date)

(Signature of Authorized Representative) (Date)

(Title)

FORM E: DISCLOSURE FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Please provide the names and business addresses of each of the Offeror's firm's officers and directors.

For the purposes of this form, the term "Offeror" means an entity that responds to a solicitation for a County contract by either submitting a proposal in response to a Request for Proposal or a Request for Qualification or a Bid in response to an Invitation to Bid. Describe accurately, fully and completely, their respective relationships with said Offeror, including their ownership interests and their anticipated role in the management and operations of said Offeror.

2. Please describe the general development of said Offeror's business during the past five (5) years, or such shorter period of time that said Offeror has been in business.

3. Please state whether any employee, agent or representative of said Offeror who is or will be directly involved in the subject project has or has ever: (i) directly or indirectly had a business relationship with Fulton County; (ii) directly or indirectly received revenues from Fulton County; or (iii) directly or indirectly receives revenues from the result of conducting business on Fulton County property or pursuant to any contract with Fulton County. Please describe in detail any such relationship.

5. Has any offeror, member of offeror's team, or officer of any of them (with respect to any matter involving the business practices or activities of his or her employer), been notified within the five (5) years preceding the date of this offer that any of them are the target of a criminal investigation, grand jury investigation, or civil enforcement proceeding?

Circle One: YES NO

If you have answered "YES" to any of the above questions, please indicate the name(s) of the person(s), the nature, and the status and/or outcome of the information, indictment, conviction, termination, claim or litigation, the name of the court and the file or reference number of the case, as applicable. Any such information should be provided on a separate page, attached to this form and submitted with your proposal.

NOTE: If any response to any question set forth in this questionnaire has been disclosed in any other document, a response may be made by attaching a copy of such disclosure. (For example, said Offeror's most recent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") may be provided if they are responsive to certain items within the questionnaire.) However, for purposes of clarity, Offeror should correlate its responses with the exhibits by identifying the exhibit and its relevant text.

Disclosures must specifically address, completely respond and comply with all information requested and fully answer all questions requested by Fulton County. Such disclosure must be submitted at the time of the bid or proposal submission and included as a part of the bid/proposal submitted for this project. Disclosure is required for Offerors, joint venture partners and first-tier subcontractors.

Failure to provide required disclosure, submit officially signed and notarized documents or respond to any and all information requested/required by Fulton County can result in the bid/proposal declared as non-responsive. This document must be completed and included as a part of the bid/proposal package along with other required documents.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined this questionnaire and all attachments hereto, if applicable, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and all statements contained hereto are true, correct, and complete.

On this _____ day of _____, 20__

(Legal Name of Proponent) (Date)

(Signature of Authorized Representative) (Date)

(Title)

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

This _____ day of _____, 20__

(Notary Public) (Seal)

Commission Expires _____
(Date)

**FORM F: GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT
AND AGREEMENT**

Instructions:

Contractors must attest to compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A 13-10-91 and the Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-01-.02 by executing the Contractor Affidavit provided.

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

**FORM F: GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT
AND AGREEMENT**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services¹ under a contract with **[insert name of prime contractor]** _____ on behalf of **Fulton County Government** has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program*,² in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services to this contract with **Fulton County Government**, contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91 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 **Fulton County Government** at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

EEV/Basic Pilot Program* User Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer of Agent
(Insert Contractor Name)

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

Commission Expires: _____

¹O.C.G.A. § 13-10-90(4), as amended by Senate Bill 160, provides that "physical performance of services" means any performance of labor or services for a public employer (e.g., Fulton County) using a bidding process (e.g., ITB, RFQ, RFP, etc.) or contract wherein the labor or services exceed \$2,499.99, except for those individuals licensed pursuant to title 26 or Title 43 or by the State Bar of Georgia and is in good standing when such contract is for service to be rendered by such individual.

²*[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 of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603].

**FORM G: GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION SUBCONTRACTOR
AFFIDAVIT**

Instructions:

In the event that your company is awarded the contract for this project, and will be utilizing the services of any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract, the following affidavit must be completed by such subcontractor(s). Your company must provide a copy of each such affidavit to Fulton County Government, Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance with the proposal submittal.

All subcontractor affidavit(s) shall become a part of the contract and all subcontractor(s) affidavits shall be maintained by your company and available for inspection by Fulton County Government at any time during the term of the contract. All subcontractor(s) affidavit(s) shall become a part of any contractor/subcontractor agreement(s) entered into by your company.

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

**FORM G: GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION SUBCONTRACTOR
AFFIDAVIT**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services³ under a contract with **[insert name of prime contractor]** _____ behalf of **Fulton County Government** has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program*,⁴ in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

EEV/Basic Pilot Program* User Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer of Agent
(Insert Subcontractor Name)

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Subcontractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

Commission Expires: _____

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SECTION 7
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

7.1 NON-DISCRIMINATION IN PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING

It is the policy of Fulton County Government that discrimination against businesses by reason of the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of any such business is prohibited. Furthermore, it is the policy of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") that Fulton County and all vendors and contractors doing business with Fulton County shall provide to all businesses the opportunity to participate in contracting and procurement paid, in whole or in part, with monetary appropriations of the Board without regard to the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of any such business. Similarly, it is the policy of the Board that the contracting and procurement practices of Fulton County should not implicate Fulton County as either an active or passive participant in the discriminatory practices engaged in by private contractors or vendors seeking to obtain contracts with Fulton County.

Implementation of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy

Pursuant to Fulton County Code section §102-391, Equal Opportunity Clause, the County effectuates Equal Employment Opportunity. This policy considers racial and gender workforce availability. The availability of each workgroup is derived from the work force demographics set forth in the 2010 Census EEO file prepared by the United States Department of Commerce for the applicable labor pool normally utilized for the contract.

Monitoring of EEO Policy

Upon award of a contract with Fulton County, the successful bidder/proposer must complete Exhibit B, Equal Employment Opportunity Report ("EEOR"), describing the racial and gender make-up of the firm's work force. If the EEOR indicates that the firm's demographic composition indicates underutilization of employee's of a particular ethnic group for each job category, the EEOR will be submitted to the Division of Diversity and Civil Rights Compliance for further action.

7.2 EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PLAN (EBO PLAN)

In addition to the proposal submission requirements, each vendor **must** submit an Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan) with their bid/proposal. The EBO Plan is designed to enhance the utilization of a particular racial, gender or ethnic group by a bidder/proposer, contractor, or vendor or by Fulton County. The respondent **must** outline a plan of action to encourage and achieve diversity and equality in the available procurement and contracting opportunities with *this solicitation*.

The EBO Plan **must** identify and include:

1. Potential opportunities within the scope of work of *this solicitation* that will allow for participation of racial, gender or ethnic groups.
2. Efforts that will be made by the bidder/proposer to encourage and solicit minority and female business utilization in *this solicitation*.

7.3 DETERMINATION OF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

In accordance with Fulton County Code Section §102-426, the Prime Contractor **must** demonstrate that they have made all efforts reasonably possible to ensure that Minority and Female Business Enterprises (MFBE) have had a full and fair opportunity to compete and win subcontracts on this project. The Prime Contractor is required to include all outreach attempts that would demonstrate a "Good Faith Effort" in the solicitation of sub-consultants/subcontractors.

Written documentation demonstrating the Prime Contractor's outreach efforts to identify, contact, contract with or utilize Minority or Female owned businesses shall include holding pre-bid conferences, publishing advertisements in general circulation media, trade association publications, minority-focused media, and the County's bid board, as well as other efforts.

Include a list of publications where the advertisement was placed as well as a copy of the advertisement. Advertisement shall include at a minimum, scope of work, project location, location(s) of where plans and specifications may be viewed or obtained and trade or scopes of work for which subcontracts are being solicited.

7.4 PROMPT PAYMENT

The prime contractor must certify in writing and must document that all subcontractors, sub-consultants and suppliers have been promptly paid for work and materials, (less any retainage by the prime contractor prior to receipt of any further progress payments). In the event the prime contractor is unable to pay subcontractors, sub-consultants or suppliers until it has received a progress payment from Fulton County, the prime contractor shall pay all subcontractors, sub-consultants or suppliers funds due from said progress payment within ten days (10) of receipt of payment from Fulton County. In no event shall a subcontractor, sub-consultant or supplier be paid later than ten (10) days as provided for by state

7.5 REQUIRED FORMS (To be submitted with Technical Proposal)

In order to be compliant with the intent and provisions of the Fulton County Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Policy, bidders/proposers **must** submit the following completed documents with the Technical Proposal.

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- Exhibit A – Promise of Non-Discrimination
 - Exhibit C – Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization

The following documents must be completed as instructed if awarded the project:

- Exhibit B – Equal Employment Opportunity Report (EEOR)
- Exhibit D – Letter of Intent to Perform as a Subcontractor or Provide Materials or Services **(To be submitted only by subcontractor/sub-consultant/suppliers of winning Prime prior to contract execution)**
- Exhibit E – Prime Contractor’s Subcontractor Utilization Report **(To be submitted monthly with pay applications)**

All Contract Compliance documents (Exhibits A, C and the EBO Plan) are to be placed in a **separate sealed envelope** clearly marked **“CONTRACT COMPLIANCE”**. These documents are considered part of and must be submitted with the Technical Proposal.

EXHIBIT A – PROMISE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

“Know all persons by these presents, that I/We (_____),
Name

_____ Title Firm Name
Hereinafter “Company”, in consideration of the privilege to bid on or obtain contracts funded, in whole or in part, by Fulton County, hereby consent, covenant and agree as follows:

- 1) No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin or gender in connection with any bid submitted to Fulton County for the performance of any resulting there from,
- 2) That it is and shall be the policy of this Company to provide equal opportunity to all businesses seeking to contract or otherwise interested in contracting with this Company without regard to the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of this business,
- 3) That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing in nature and shall remain in full force and effect without interruption,
- 4) That the promise of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be made a part of, and incorporated by reference into, any contract or portion thereof which this Company may hereafter obtain,
- 5) That the failure of this Company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall constitute a material breach of contract entitling the Board to declare the contract in default and to exercise any and all applicable rights and remedies, including but not limited to cancellation of the contract, termination of the contract, suspension and debarment from future contracting opportunities, and withholding and/or forfeiture of compensation due and owing on a contract; and
- 6) That the bidder shall provide such information as may be required by the Director of Purchasing & Contract Compliance pursuant to Section 102.436 of the Fulton County Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Policy.

NAME: _____ **TITLE:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

EXHIBIT B – EMPLOYMENT REPORT

The demographic employment make-up for the bidder and all subcontractors performing work on this project must be submitted prior to the execution of the contract.

JOB CATEGORIES	TOTAL EMPLOYED		TOTAL MINORITIES		WHITE (Not Hispanic Origin)		BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN (Not of Hispanic Origin)		HISPANIC or LATINO		AMERICAN INDIAN or ALASKAN NATIVE (AIAN)		ASIAN		NATIVE HAWAIIAN or OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER (NHOP)		TWO or MORE RACES		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
EXECUTIVE/SENIOR LEVEL OFFICIALS and MANAGERS																			
FIRST/MID LEVEL OFFICIALS and MANAGERS																			
PROFESSIONALS																			
TECHNICIANS																			
SALES WORKERS																			
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT WORKERS																			
CRAFT WORKERS																			
OPERATIVES																			
LABORERS & HELPERS																			
SERVICE WORKERS																			
TOTAL																			

FIRM'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

EXHIBIT C - SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

If the bidder/proposer intends to subcontract any portion of this scope of work/service(s), this form **must be** completed and **submitted with the bid/proposal**. All prime bidders/proposers **must** submit Letter(s) of Intent (Exhibit D) for all subcontractors who will be utilized under the scope of work/services prior to contract execution.

Prime Bidder/Proposer Company Name _____

ITB/RFP Name & Number: _____

1. My firm, as Prime Bidder/Proposer on this scope of work/service(s) is , is not a minority or female owned and controlled business enterprise. (Please indicate below the portion of work, including, percentage of bid/proposal amount that your firm will carry out directly):
 \$ _____ or _____ %
2. This highlighted information below must be completed and submitted with the bid/proposal if a **joint venture (JV)** approach is to be undertaken. Please provide JV breakdown information below and attach a copy of the executed Joint Venture Agreement.

JV Partner(s) information:

Business Name	Business Name	Business Name
% of JV _____	% of JV _____	% of JV _____
Ethnicity _____	Ethnicity _____	Ethnicity _____
Gender _____	Gender _____	Gender _____
Phone# _____	Phone# _____	Phone# _____

3. Sub-Contractors (including suppliers) to be utilized in the performance of this scope of work/service(s), if awarded, are:

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____

WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

***Ethnic Groups: African American (AABE); Asian American (ABE); Hispanic American (HBE); Native American (NABE); White Female American (WFBF); **If yes, please attach copy of recent certification.**

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____
DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____
DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____
DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____
DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

***Ethnic Groups: African American (AABE); Asian American (ABE); Hispanic American (HBE); Native American (NABE); White Female American (WFBE); **If yes, please attach copy of recent certification.**

Total Dollar Value of Subcontractor Agreements: (\$)

Total Percentage of Subcontractor Value: (%)

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by the Bid/Proposer provisions, including the accompanying Exhibits and other terms and conditions regarding sub-contractor utilization. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is legally authorized by the Bidder/Proposer to make the statement and representation in this Exhibit and that said statements and representations are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. The undersigned understands and agrees that if any of the statements and representations are made by the Bidder/Proposer knowing them to be false, or if there is a failure of the intentions, objectives and commitments set forth herein without prior approval of the County, then in any such event the Contractor's acts or failure to act, as the case may be, shall constitute a material breach of the contract, entitling the County to terminate the Contract for default. The right to so terminate shall be in addition to, and in lieu of, any other rights and remedies the County may have for other defaults under the contract.

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

Business or Corporate Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____

Fax Number: () _____

Email Address: _____

EXHIBIT D

**LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM AS A SUBCONTRACTOR
OR
PROVIDE MATERIALS OR SERVICES**

This form **must** be completed by **ALL** known subcontractors and submitted only by subs of awarded Prime prior to contract execution.

To: _____
(Name of Prime Contractor Firm)

From: _____
(Name of Subcontractor Firm)

ITB/RFP Number: _____

Project Name: _____

The undersigned is prepared to perform the following described work or provide materials or services in connection with the above project (specify in detail particular work items, materials, or services to be performed or provided):

Description of Work	Project Commence Date	Project Completion Date	Estimated Dollar Amount

(Prime Bidder)

(Subcontractor)

Signature _____

Signature _____

Title _____

Title _____

Date _____

Date _____

EXHIBIT E - PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUB-CONTRACTOR UTILIZATION REPORT

This report **must** be submitted by the **tenth day** of each month, along with a copy of your monthly invoice (schedule of values/payment application) to Contract Compliance. Failure to comply **shall** result in the County commencing proceedings to impose sanctions to the prime contractor, in addition to pursuing any other available legal remedy. Sanctions may include the suspending of any payment or part thereof, termination or cancellation of the contract, and the denial of participation in any future contracts awarded by Fulton County.

REPORTING PERIOD	PROJECT NAME:
FROM:	PROJECT NUMBER:
TO:	PROJECT LOCATION:

PRIME CONTRACTOR	Contract Award Date	Contract Award Amount	Change Order Amount	Contract Period	% Complete to Date
Name:					
Address:					
Phone #:					
Email:					

AMOUNT OF PAY APPLICATION THIS PERIOD: \$
 TOTAL PAYMENT(S) RECEIVED FROM COUNTY THIS PERIOD: \$
 TOTAL AMOUNT PAID YEAR TO DATE: \$

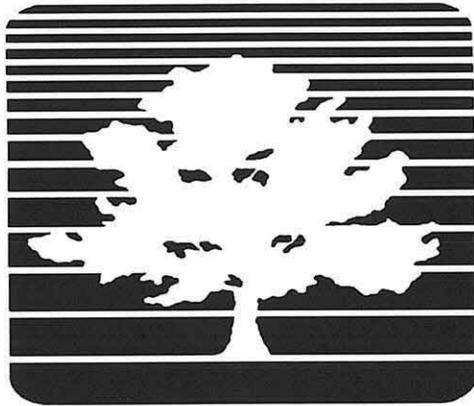
SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION (add additional rows as necessary)						
Name of Sub-Contractor	Description of Work	Contract Amount	Amount Paid To Date	Amount of Pay Application This Period	Contract Period Starting Date	Contract Period Ending Date
TOTALS						

Executed By: _____ (Signature) _____ (Printed Name)

Notary: _____ Date: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Should you have questions regarding any of the documents contained in Section 7, please feel free to contact the Office of Contract Compliance at (404) 612-6300, for further assistance.



FULTON COUNTY

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR

PROJECT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

For

DEPARTMENT NAME

SAMPLE CONTRACT

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Instructions to Purchasing Staff: Please make sure the above Exhibits List matches the Exhibits List in Article 1 and that those Exhibits are inserted into the Contract Agreement.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1:	<u>APPLICATION FORMS</u>	<i>(Example)</i>
APPENDIX 2:	<u>PROCEDURES</u>	<i>(Example)</i>

Only use Appendices if you are attaching Appendices, examples are listed above. Please make sure the above Appendices List matches the Appendices List in Article 1 if the Contract Agreement and that those Appendices are inserted into the Contract Agreement.

**PURCHASING STAFF, REMOVE ALL INSTRUCTIONS IN
YELLOW BEFORE INSERTING THIS DOCUMENT INTO THE
RFP!!**

CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Contractor: [Insert Contractor Name]
Contract No.: [Insert Project Number and Title]
Address: [Insert Contractor Address]
City, State
Telephone: [Insert Contractor telephone #]
Email: [Insert Consultant Email]
Contact: [Insert Contractor Contact Name]
[Insert Contractor Contact Title]

This Agreement made and entered into effective the ____ day of _____, 2016 by and between **FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as "**County**", and **[INSERT CONTRACTOR COMPANY NAME]**, hereinafter referred to as "**Contractor**", authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County through its [insert User Department Name] hereinafter referred to as the "**Department**", desires to retain a qualified and experienced Contractor to perform [insert project description/services to be provided], hereinafter, referred to as the "**Project**".

WHEREAS, Contractor has represented to County that it is experienced and has qualified and local staff available to commit to the Project and County has relied upon such representations.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, County and Contractor agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

County hereby engages Contractor, and Contractor hereby agrees, to perform the services hereinafter set forth in accordance with this Agreement, consisting of the following contract documents:

- I. Form of Agreement;
- II. Addenda;
- III. Exhibit A: General Conditions;

- IV. Exhibit B: Special Conditions [where applicable]
- V. Exhibit C: Scope of Work
- VI. Exhibit D: Compensation;
- VII. Exhibit E: Purchasing Forms;
- VIII. Exhibit F: Contract Compliance Forms;
- IX. Exhibit G: Insurance and Risk Management Form;
- X. Exhibit H: Payment & Performance Bonds (if applicable)

The foregoing documents constitute the entire Agreement of the parties pertaining to the Project hereof and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of promises, representations, discussions and agreements oral or otherwise that have been made in connection therewith. No modifications or amendment to this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing, conforms to Fulton County Purchasing Code §102-420 governing change orders, is signed by the County's and the Contractor's duly authorized representatives, and entered upon the meeting minutes of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

If any portion of the Contract Documents shall be in conflict with any other portion, the various documents comprising the Contract Documents shall govern in the following order of precedence: 1) the Agreement, 2) the Bid document, 3) any Addenda, 4) change orders, 5) the exhibits, and 6) portions of Contractor's proposal that was accepted by the County and made a part of the Contract Documents.

The Agreement was approved by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners on [Insert Board of Commissioners approval date and item number].

ARTICLE 2. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the unenforceability thereof shall not affect the remainder of the Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect, and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

ARTICLE 3. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

County and Contractor agree the Project is to perform [Insert project description]. All exhibits referenced in this agreement are incorporated by reference and constitute an integral part of this Agreement as if they were contained herein.

ARTICLE 4. SCOPE OF WORK

Unless modified in writing by both parties in the manner specified in the agreement, duties of Contractor shall not be construed to exceed those services specifically set forth herein. Contractor agrees to provide all services, products, and data and to perform all tasks described in Exhibit C, Scope of Work.

ARTICLE 5. SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNTY

Contractor shall gather from County all available non-privileged data and information pertinent to the performance of the services for the Project. Certain services as described in Exhibit C, Scope of Work, if required, will be performed and furnished by County in a timely manner so as not to unduly delay Contractor in the performance of said obligations. County shall have the final decision as to what data and information is pertinent.

County will appoint in writing a County authorized representative with respect to work to be performed under this Agreement until County gives written notice of the appointment of a successor. The County's authorized representative shall have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, and define County's policies, consistent with County rules and regulations. Contractor may rely upon written consents and approvals signed by the County's authorized representative that are consistent with County rules and regulations.

ARTICLE 6. MODIFICATIONS

If during the course of performing the Project, County and Contractor agree that it is necessary to make changes in the Project as described herein and referenced exhibits, such changes will be incorporated by written amendments in the form of Change Orders to this Agreement. Any such Change Order and/or supplemental agreement shall not become effective or binding unless approved by the Board of Commissioners and entered on the minutes. Such modifications shall conform to the requirements of the Fulton County Purchasing Code, §102-420 which is incorporated by reference herein.

ARTICLE 7. SCHEDULE OF WORK

Contractor shall not proceed to furnish such services and County shall not become obligated to pay for same until a written authorization to proceed (Notice to Proceed) has been sent to Contractor from County. The Contractor shall begin work under this Agreement no later than five (5) days after the effective date of notice to proceed.

ARTICLE 8. MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT TERM

[Use this contract term if the contract is an annual contract with renewal options and funded with General Fund monies (Fund 100).]

[Please check with the department regarding funding, if the funding is grant funding, federal funding and/or capital funds the contract does not have to end on December 31st of the calendar year, use "Term of Contract" above.]

The period of this Agreement shall consist of a series of Terms as defined below. The County is obligated only to pay such compensation under this Agreement as may lawfully be made from funds budgeted and appropriated for that purpose during the County's then current fiscal year.

a. Commencement Term

The "Commencement Term" of this Agreement shall begin on [1st day of April 2016], the starting date, and shall end absolutely and without further obligation on the part of the county on the 31st day of December [Insert year]. The Commencement Term shall be subject to events of termination and the County's termination rights that are described elsewhere in this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, the County's obligation to make payments provided under this Agreement shall be subject to the County's annual appropriations of funds for the goods, services, materials, property and/or supplies procured under this Agreement by the County's governing body and such obligation shall not constitute a pledge of the County's full faith and credit within the meaning of any constitutional debt limitation.

b. Renewal Terms

Unless the terms of this Agreement are fulfilled with no further obligation of the part of either party on or before the final date of the Commencement Term as stated above, or unless an event of termination as defined within this Agreement occurs during the Commencement Term, this Agreement may be renewed at the written option of the County upon the approval of the County Board of Commissioners for two (2) one-year ("Renewal Terms"). However, no Renewal Term of this Agreement shall be authorized nor shall any Renewal Term of this Agreement commence unless and until each Renewal Term has first been approved in writing by the County Board of Commissioners for the calendar year of such Renewal Term. If approved by the County Board of Commissioners, the First Renewal Term shall begin on the 1st day of January, 2015 and shall end no later than the 31st day of December, 2015. If approved by the County Board of Commissioners, the Second Renewal Term shall begin on the 1st day of January, 2015 and shall end no later than the 31st day of December, 2015. [More than two renewal options must be approved by the Purchasing Director]. If the County chooses not to exercise any Renewal Term as provided in this Section, then the Term of this Agreement then in effect shall also be deemed the "Ending Term" with no further obligation on the party of either party.

c. Term Subject to Events of Termination

All "Terms" as defined within this Section are subject to the section of this Agreement which pertain to events of termination and the County's rights upon termination.

d. Same Terms

Unless mutually agreed upon in writing by the parties, or otherwise indicated herein, all provisions and conditions of any Renewal Term shall be exactly the same as those contained within in this Agreement.

e. Statutory Compliance Regarding Purchase Contracts.

The parties intend that this Agreement shall, and this Agreement shall operate in conformity with and not in contravention of the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 36-60-13, as applicable, and in the event that this Agreement would conflict therewith, then this Agreement shall be interpreted and implemented in a manner consistent with such statute.

ARTICLE 9. COMPENSATION

Compensation for work performed by Contractor on Project shall be in accordance with the payment provisions and compensation schedule, attached as Exhibit D, Compensation.

The total contract amount for the Project shall not exceed [Insert amount approved by BOC], (Insert dollar number in words) Example: \$500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents), which is full payment for a complete scope of work.

ARTICLE 10. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

Contractor shall designate in writing a person(s) to serve as its authorized representative(s) who shall have sole authority to represent Contractor on all manners pertaining to this contract.

Contractor represents that it has secured or will secure, at its' own expense, all equipment and personnel necessary to complete this Agreement, none of whom shall be employees of or have any contractual relationship with County. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by Contractor under his supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under law to perform such services.

Written notification shall be immediately provided to County upon change or severance of any of the authorized representative(s), listed key personnel or subcontractor performing services on this Project by Contractor. No changes or substitutions shall be permitted in Contractor's key personnel or subcontractor as set forth herein without the prior written approval of the County. Requests for changes in key personnel or subcontractors will not be unreasonably withheld by County.

ARTICLE 11. SUSPENSION OF WORK

Suspension Notice: The County may by written notice to the Contractor, suspend at any time the performance of all or any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement. Upon receipt of a suspension notice, the Contractor must, unless the notice requires otherwise:

- 1) Immediately discontinue suspended services on the date and to the extent specified in the notice;
- 2) Place no further orders or subcontracts for material, services or facilities with respect to suspended services, other than to the extent required in the notice; and
- 3) Take any other reasonable steps to minimize costs associated with the suspension.

Notice to Resume: Upon receipt of notice to resume suspended services, the Contractor will immediately resume performance under this Agreement as required in the notice.

ARTICLE 12. DISPUTES

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the County. The representative shall reduce the decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor. The Contractor shall have 30 days from date the decision is sent to appeal the decision to the County Manager or his designee by mailing or otherwise furnishing to the County Manager or designee, copy of the written appeal. The decision of the County Manager or his designee for the determination of such appeal shall be final and conclusive. This condition shall not be pleaded in any suit involving a question of fact arising under this Agreement, unless the same is fraudulent, or capricious, or arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith, or is not supported by substantial evidence. In connection with any appeal proceeding under this clause, Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of an appeal. Pending any final decision of a dispute hereunder, Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of the Agreement and in accordance with the decision of the County's designated representative.

ARTICLE 13. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CAUSE

- (1) Either County or Contractor may terminate work under this Agreement in the event the other party fails to perform in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement. Any party seeking to terminate this Agreement is required to give thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

- (2) Notice of termination shall be delivered by certified mail with receipt for delivery returned to the sender.
- (3) **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE** and if the Contractor refuses or fails to perform the work as specified in Exhibit C, Scope of Work and maintain the scheduled level of effort as proposed, or any separable part thereof, with such diligence as will insure completion of the work within the specified time period, or any extension or tolling there of, or fails to complete said work within such time. The County may exercise any remedy available under law or this Agreement. Failure to maintain the scheduled level of effort as proposed or deviation from the aforesaid proposal without prior approval of County shall constitute cause for termination
- (4) The County may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate Contractor's right to proceed with the Project or such part of the Project as to which there has been delay. In such event, the County may take over the work and perform the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and Contractor shall be required to provide all copies of finished or unfinished documents prepared by Contractor under this Agreement.
- (5) Contractor shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents as reasonably determined by the County.
- (6) Whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work has been terminated, the Contractor shall be liable for any damage to the County resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within the specified time period, and said damages shall include, but not be limited to, any additional costs associated with the County obtaining the services of another Contractor to complete the project.

ARTICLE 14. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF COUNTY

Notwithstanding any other provisions, the County may terminate this Agreement for its convenience at any time by a written notice to Contractor. If the Agreement is terminated for convenience by the County, as provided in this article, Contractor 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 Contractor which shall itemize each task element and briefly state what work has been completed and what work remains to be done.

If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the government.

ARTICLE 15. WAIVER OF BREACH

The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement, shall not operate or be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of the same or other provision thereof.

ARTICLE 16. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Contractor shall perform the services under this Agreement as an independent contractor and nothing contained herein shall be construed to be inconsistent with such relationship or status. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed to constitute Contractor or any of its agents or employees to be the agent, employee or representative of County.

ARTICLE 17. RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTOR

Contractor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expenses, all personnel appropriate to perform all work to be completed under this Agreement;

All the services required hereunder will be performed by Contractor or under the direct supervision of Contractor. All personnel engaged in the Project by Contractor shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under applicable State and local law to perform such services.

None of the work or services covered by this Agreement shall be transferred, assigned, or subcontracted by Contractor without the prior written consent of the County.

ARTICLE 18. INDEMNIFICATION

18.1 Non-Professional Services Indemnification. Consultant/Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Fulton County, its Commissioners and their respective officers, members, employees, and agents (each, hereinafter referred to as an "Indemnified Person") from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, losses, costs or expenses, including attorneys' fees due to liability to a third party or parties, for any loss due to bodily injury (including death), personal injury, and property damage arising out of or resulting from the performance of this Agreement or any act or omission on the part of the Consultant/Contractor, its agents, employees or others working at the direction of Consultant/Contractor or on its behalf, or due to any breach of this Agreement by the Consultant/Contractor or due to the application or violation of any pertinent Federal, State or local law, rule or regulation. This indemnification is binding upon to the successors and assigns of Consultant/Contractor. This indemnification does not extend to the sole negligence of the Indemnified Persons nor beyond the scope of this Agreement and the work undertaken thereunder. This indemnification survives the termination of this Agreement and shall also survive the dissolution or to the

extent allowed by law, the bankruptcy of Consultant/Contractor.

Consultant/Contractor obligation to indemnify and hold harmless, as set forth hereinabove, shall also include, but is not limited to, any matter arising out of any actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, or service mark, or other actual or alleged unfair competition disparagement of product or service, or other tort or any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations.

Consultant/Contractor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Fulton County, its Commissioners, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns and agents from and against any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act, Disability Benefits Act, or any other employee benefits act arising out of injuries sustained by any employees of Consultant/Contractor. These indemnities shall not be limited by reason of the listing of any insurance coverage.

18.2 Notice of Claim. If an Indemnified Person receives written notice of any claim or circumstance which could give rise to indemnified losses, the receiving party shall promptly give written notice to Consultant/Contractor, and shall use best efforts to deliver such written notice within ten (10) Business Days. The notice must include a copy of such written notice of claim, or, if the Indemnified Person did not receive a written notice of claim, a description of the indemnification event in reasonable detail and the basis on which indemnification may be due. Such notice will not stop or prevent an Indemnified Person from later asserting a different basis for indemnification. If an Indemnified Person does not provide this notice within the ten (10) Business Day period, it does not waive any right to indemnification except to the extent that Consultant/Contractor is prejudiced, suffers loss, or incurs additional expense solely because of the delay.

18.3 Defense. Consultant/Contractor, at Consultant/Contractor's own expense, shall defend each such action, suit, or proceeding or cause the same to be resisted and defended by counsel designated by the Indemnified Person and reasonably approved by Consultant/Contractor (provided that in all instances the County Attorney of Fulton County Georgia shall be acceptable, and, for the avoidance of doubt, is the only counsel authorized to represent the County). If any such action, suit or proceedings should result in final judgment against the Indemnified Person, Consultant/Contractor shall promptly satisfy and discharge such judgment or cause such judgment to be promptly satisfied and discharged. Within ten (10) Business Days after receiving written notice of the indemnification request, Consultant/Contractor shall acknowledge in writing delivered to the Indemnified Person (with a copy to the County Attorney) that Consultant/Contractor is defending the claim as required hereunder.

18.4 Separate Counsel.

18.4.1 Mandatory Separate Counsel. In the event that there is any potential conflict of interest that could reasonably arise in the representation of any Indemnified Person and Consultant/Contractor in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding pursuant to Section 18.3 above or in the event that state or local law requires the use of specific counsel, (i) such Indemnified Person may elect in its sole and absolute discretion whether to waive such conflict of interest, and (ii) unless such Indemnified Person (and, as applicable, Consultant/Contractor) elects to waive such conflict of interest, or in any event if required by state or local law, then the counsel designated by the Indemnified Person shall solely represent such Indemnified Person and, if applicable, Consultant/Contractor shall retain its own separate counsel, each at Consultant/Contractor's sole cost and expense.

18.4.2 Voluntary Separate Counsel. Notwithstanding Consultant/Contractor's obligation to defend a claim, the Indemnified Person may retain separate counsel to participate in (but not control or impair) the defense and to participate in (but not control or impair) any settlement negotiations, provided that for so long as Consultant/Contractor has complied with all of Consultant/Contractor's obligations with respect to such claim, the cost of such separate counsel shall be at the sole cost and expense of such Indemnified Person (provided that if Consultant/Contractor has not complied with all of Consultant/Contractor's obligations with respect to such claim, Consultant/Contractor shall be obligated to pay the cost and expense of such separate counsel). Consultant/Contractor may settle the claim without the consent or agreement of the Indemnified Person, unless the settlement (i) would result in injunctive relief or other equitable remedies or otherwise require the Indemnified Person to comply with restrictions or limitations that adversely affect or materially impair the reputation and standing of the Indemnified Person, (ii) would require the Indemnified Person to pay amounts that Consultant/Contractor or its insurer does not fund in full, (iii) would not result in the Indemnified Person's full and complete release from all liability to the plaintiffs or claimants who are parties to or otherwise bound by the settlement, or (iv) directly involves the County (in which case the County of Fulton County, Georgia shall be the only counsel authorized to represent the County with respect to any such settlement).

18.5 Survival. The provisions of this Article will survive any expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement and any closing, settlement or other similar event which occurs under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 19. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

Contractor 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 maintained by Contractor for the purpose of securing business and that Contractor has not received any non-County fee related to this Agreement without the prior written consent of County. For breach or violation of this warranty, County shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or at its discretion to deduct from the Contract Price or consideration the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

ARTICLE 20. INSURANCE

Contractor agrees to obtain and maintain during the entire term of this Agreement, all of the insurance required as specified in the Agreement documents, Exhibit G, Insurance and Risk Management Forms, with the County as an additional insured and shall furnish the County a Certificate of Insurance showing the required coverage. The cancellation of any policy of insurance required by this Agreement shall meet the requirements of notice under the laws of the State of Georgia as presently set forth in the Georgia Code.

ARTICLE 21. PROHIBITED INTEREST

Section 21.01 Conflict of interest:

Contractor 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 service hereunder. Contractor further agrees that, in the performance of the Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

Section 21.02 Interest of Public Officials:

No member, officer or employee of County during his tenure shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

ARTICLE 22. SUBCONTRACTING

Contractor shall not subcontract any part of the work covered by this Agreement or permit subcontracted work to be further subcontracted without prior written approval of County.

ARTICLE 23. ASSIGNABILITY

Contractor shall not assign or subcontract this Agreement or any portion thereof without the prior expressed written consent of County. Any attempted assignment or subcontracting by Contractor without the prior expressed written consent of County shall at County's sole option terminate this Agreement without any notice to Contractor of such termination. Contractor binds itself, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives of such other party in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained herein.

ARTICLE 24. ANTI-KICKBACK CLAUSE

Salaries of engineers, surveyors, draftsmen, clerical 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. Contractor hereby promises to comply with all applicable "Anti-Kickback" Laws, and shall insert appropriate provisions in all subcontracts covering work under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25. AUDITS AND INSPECTORS

At any time during normal business hours and as often as County may deem necessary, Contractor shall make available to County and/or representatives of the County for examination all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement.

It shall also permit County and/or representative of 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. Contractor's records of personnel, conditions of employment, and financial statements (hereinafter "Information") constitute trade secrets and are considered confidential and proprietary by Contractor. To the extent County audits or examines such Information related to this Agreement, County shall not disclose or otherwise make available to third parties any such Information without Contractor's prior written consent unless required to do so by a court order. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as granting County any right to make copies, excerpts or transcripts of such information outside the area covered by this Agreement without the prior written consent of Contractor. Contractor 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 eight years from the date of final payment under the Agreement, for inspection by County or any reviewing agencies and copies thereof shall be furnished upon request and at no additional cost to County. Contractor agrees that the provisions of this Article shall be included in any Agreements it may make with any subcontractor, assignee or transferee.

ARTICLE 26. ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

Contractor shall have an accounting system, which is established, and maintaining in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Contractor must account for cost in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting procedures, as approved by Fulton County.

ARTICLE 27. VERBAL AGREEMENT

No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent or employee of County either before, during or after the execution of this Agreement, shall affect or modify any of the terms of obligations herein contained, nor shall such verbal agreement or conversation entitle Contractor to any additional payment whatsoever under the terms of this Agreement. All changes to this shall be in writing and the form of a change order in supplemental agreement, approved by the County, and entered on the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE 28. NOTICES

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

Notice to County, shall be addressed as follows:

[Insert User Department Representative Position for project]
[Insert User Department Address
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone:
Email:
Attention: [Insert User Department Representative for project]

With a copy to:

Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance
Director
130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone: (404) 612-5800
Email: felicia.strong-whitaker@fultoncountyga.gov
Attention: Felicia Strong-Whitaker

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

[Insert Contractor Representative for project]
[Insert Contractor Address]
Telephone:
Email:
Attention: [Insert Contractor Representative for project]

ARTICLE 29. JURISDICTION

This Agreement will be executed and implemented in Fulton County. Further, this Agreement shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of Georgia. Jurisdiction of litigation arising from this Agreement shall be in the

Fulton County Superior Courts. If any part of this Agreement is found to be in conflict with applicable laws, such part shall be inoperative, null and void insofar as it is in conflict with said laws, but the remainder of this Agreement shall be in full force and effect.

Whenever reference is made in the Agreement to standards or codes in accordance with which work is to be performed, the edition or revision of the standards or codes current on the effective date of this Agreement shall apply, unless otherwise expressly stated.

ARTICLE 30. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor agrees as follows:

Section 30.01 Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex or national origin;

Section 30.02 Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by, or on behalf of, Contractor state that all qualified applicants, will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin;

Section 30.03 Contractor 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 subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

ARTICLE 31. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither County nor Contractor shall be deemed in violation of this Agreement if either is prevented from performing its obligations hereunder for any reason beyond its control, including but not limited to acts of God, civil or military authority, act of public enemy, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods or catastrophic failures of public transportation, provided however, that nothing herein shall relieve or be construed to relieve Contractor from performing its obligations hereunder in the event of riots, rebellions or legal strikes.

ARTICLE 32. OPEN RECORDS ACT

The Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. Section 50-18-70 et seq., applies to this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges that any documents or computerized data provided to the County by the Contractor may be subject to release to the public. The Contractor also acknowledges that documents and computerized data created or held by the Contractor in relation to the Agreement may be subject to release to the public, to include documents turned over to the County. The Contractor shall cooperate with and provide assistance to the

County in rapidly responding to Open Records Act requests. The Contractor shall notify the County of any Open Records Act requests no later than 24 hours following receipt of any such requests by the Contractor. The Contractor shall promptly comply with the instructions or requests of the County in relation to responding to Open Records Act requests.

ARTICLE 33. INVOICING AND PAYMENT

Contractor shall submit monthly invoices for work performed during the previous calendar month, in a form acceptable to the County and accompanied by all support documentation requested by the County, for payment and for services that were completed during the preceding phase. The County shall review for approval of said invoices. The County shall have the right not to pay any invoice or part thereof if not properly supported, or if the costs requested or a part thereof, as determined by the County, are reasonably in excess of the actual stage of completion.

Time of Payment: Invoices for payment shall be submitted to County by the first (1st) calendar day of the month to facilitate processing for payment in that same month. Invoices received after the first (1st) calendar day of the month may not be paid until the last day of the following month. The County shall make payments to Contractor by U.S. mail approximately thirty (30) days after receipt of a proper invoice. Parties hereto expressly agree that the above contract term shall supersede the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Georgia Prompt Pay Act, O.C.G.A. 13-11-1 et seq., pursuant to 13-11-7(b), and the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Prompt Pay Act shall have no application to this Agreement; parties further agree that the County shall not be liable for any interest or penalty arising from late payments.

Submittal of Invoices: Invoices shall be submitted as follows:

Via Mail:

Fulton County Government
141 Pryor Street, SW
Suite 7001
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Attn: Finance Department – Accounts Payable

OR

Via Email:

Email: Accounts.Payable@fultoncountyga.gov

At minimum, original invoices must reference all of the following information:

- 1) Vendor Information

- a. Vendor Name
- b. Vendor Address
- c. Vendor Code
- d. Vendor Contact Information
- e. Remittance Address

2) Invoice Details

- a. Invoice Date
- b. Invoice Number (uniquely numbered, no duplicates)
- c. Purchase Order Reference Number
- d. Date(s) of Services Performed
- e. Itemization of Services Provided/Commodity Units

3) Fulton County Department Information (needed for invoice approval)

- a. Department Name
- b. Department Representative Name

Contractor's cumulative invoices shall not exceed the total not-to-exceed fee established for this Agreement.

Optional: [A narrative of one (1) page only, listing the scope of work/services billed for shall accompany each invoice.]

County's Right to Withhold Payments: The County may withhold payments for services that involve disputed costs, involve disputed audits, or are otherwise performed in an inadequate fashion. Payments withheld by the County will be released and paid to the Contractor when the services are subsequently performed adequately and on a timely basis, the causes for disputes are reconciled or any other remedies or actions stipulated by the County are satisfied. The County shall promptly pay any undisputed items contained in such invoices.

Payment of Sub-contractors/Suppliers: The Contractor must certify in writing that all sub-contractors of the Contractor and suppliers have been promptly paid for work and materials and previous progress payments received. In the event the prime Contractor is unable to pay sub-contractors or suppliers until it has received a progress payment from Fulton County, the prime Contractor shall pay all sub-contractors or supplier funds due from said progress payments within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of payment from Fulton County and in no event later than fifteen days as provided for by State Law.

Acceptance of Payments by Contractor; Release. The acceptance by the Contractor of any payment for services under this Agreement will, in each instance, operate as, and be a release to the County from, all claim and liability to the Contractor for work performed or furnished for or relating to the service for which payment was accepted, unless the Contractor within five (5) days of its

receipt of a payment, advises the County in writing of a specific claim it contends is not released by that payment.

ARTICLE 34. TAXES

The Contractor shall pay all sales, retail, occupational, service, excise, old age benefit and unemployment compensation taxes, consumer, use and other similar taxes, as well as any other taxes or duties on the materials, equipment, and labor for the work provided by the Contractor which are legally enacted by any municipal, county, state or federal authority, department or agency at the time bids are received, whether or not yet effective. The Contractor shall maintain records pertaining to such taxes as well as payment thereof and shall make the same available to the County at all reasonable times for inspection and copying. The Contractor shall apply for any and all tax exemptions which may be applicable and shall timely request from the County such documents and information as may be necessary to obtain such tax exemptions. The County shall have no liability to the Contractor for payment of any tax from which it is exempt.

ARTICLE 35. PERMITS, LICENSES AND BONDS

All permits and licenses necessary for the work shall be secured and paid for by the Contractor. If any permit, license or certificate expires or is revoked, terminated, or suspended as a result of any action on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor shall not be entitled to additional compensation or time.

ARTICLE 36. NON-APPROPRIATION

This Agreement states the total obligation of the County to the Contractor for the calendar year of execution. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, the obligation of the County to make payments provided under this Agreement shall be subject to annual appropriations of funds thereof by the governing body of the County and such obligation shall not constitute a pledge of the full faith and credit of the County within the meaning of any constitutional debt limitation. The Director of Finance shall deliver written notice to the Contractor in the event the County does not intend to budget funds for the succeeding Contract year.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, if sufficient funds have not been appropriated to support continuation of this Agreement for an additional calendar year or an additional term of the Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate absolutely and without further obligation on the part of the County at the close of the calendar year of its execution and at the close of each succeeding calendar year of which it may be renewed, unless a shorter termination period is provided or the County suspends performance pending the appropriation of funds.

ARTICLE 37. WAGE CLAUSE

Contractor shall agree that in the performance of this Agreement the Contractor will comply with all lawful agreements, if any, which the Contractor had made with any association, union, or other entity, with respect to wages, salaries, and working conditions, so as not to cause inconvenience, picketing, or work stoppage.

SAMPLE CONTRACT

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as attested and witnessed and their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed as of the day and year date first above written.

OWNER:

FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

John H. Eaves, Commission Chair
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Mark Massey
Clerk to the Commission (Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Office of the County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

[Insert Department Head Name]
[Insert Department Head Title]

CONTRACTOR:

**[INSERT CONTRACTOR
COMPANY NAME]**

[Insert Name & Title of person
authorized to sign contract]

ATTEST:

Secretary/
Assistant Secretary

(Affix Corporate Seal)

SAMPLE CONTRACT

ADDENDA

Instructions for Users: Acknowledgement(s) of any addenda should be inserted behind this cover sheet.

SAMPLE CONTRACT

EXHIBIT A
GENERAL CONDITIONS

SAMPLE CONTRACT

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Bids may be withdrawn upon receipt of a written request prior to the stated due date and time. If a firm seeks to withdraw a bid after the due date and time, the firm must present a notarized statement indicating that an error was made, with an explanation of how it occurred. The withdrawal request must be accompanied by documentation supporting the claim. Prior to approving or disapproving the request, an opinion will be obtained from Fulton County's Legal Counsel indicating whether the firm is bound by its bid submittal.

Bids for projects that are solicited pursuant to the Georgia Local Government Public Works Construction Law (O.C.G.A. § 36-91-1 et seq.) may be withdrawn as follows:

The County must advise Bidders in the invitation to bid of the number of days that Bidders will be required to honor their bids. If an Bidder is not selected within 60 days of opening the bids, any Bidder that is determined by the governmental entity to be unlikely of being selected for contract award will be released from the bid.

2. Fulton County shall be the sole judge of the quality and the applicability of all bids. Design, features, overall quality, local facilities, terms and other pertinent considerations will be taken into account in determining acceptability.
3. The successful Bidder must assume full responsibility for delivery of all goods and services proposed.
4. The successful Bidder must assume full responsibility for replacement of all defective or damaged goods and/or performance of contracted services within thirty (30) days' notice by the County of such defect, damage or deficiency.
5. The successful Bidder must assume full responsibility for providing warranty service on all goods, materials, or equipment provided to the County with warranty coverage. Should a vendor be other than the manufacturer, the vendor and not the County is responsible for contacting the manufacturer. The Bidder is solely responsible for arranging for the service to be performed.
6. The successful Bidder shall be responsible for the proper training and certification of personnel used in the performance of the services proposed.
7. The successful Bidder shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of any contract resulting from the invitation to bid or of

any of its rights, title or interest therein without prior written consent of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

8. In case of default by the successful Bidder, Fulton County may procure the articles or services from another source and hold the successful Vendor responsible for any resultant excess cost.
9. All bids submitted to Fulton County are subject to the Georgia "Open Records Act", Official Code of Georgia, Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 50-18-70 et seq.
10. All bids submitted to Fulton County involving Utility Contracting are subject to the Georgia law governing licensing of Utility Contractors, O.C.G.A. §43-14-8.2(h).

SAMPLE CONTRACT

EXHIBIT B
SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Instructions for Users: Insert any Special Conditions that were in the solicitation document behind this cover sheet. If no Special Conditions were required, on a separate page behind this cover page please use the following language:

No Special Conditions were required for this Project

EXHIBIT C
SCOPE OF WORK

Instructions for Users: Insert the detailed Scope of Work to be provided by the Contractor behind this cover sheet.

SAMPLE CONTRACT

SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor shall provide [insert the scope of work from the solicitation document].

SAMPLE CONTRACT

EXHIBIT D

COMPENSATION

Instructions for Users: Insert the detailed Compensation to Contractor (payment to contractor providing service) behind this cover sheet.

For Lowest Responsible Bidder contracts insert the entire Bid Form from the Bid submittal.

SAMPLE CONTRACT

COMPENSATION

The County agrees to compensate the Consultant as follows:

County agrees to compensate Contractor for all services performed under this Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$XXX,XXX.XX (One Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Two Hundred Forty Dollars and Thirty Two Cents) , which is full payment for a complete scope of work. The detailed costs are provided in the attached Bid Form.

SAMPLE CONTRACT

EXHIBIT E
PURCHASING FORMS

Instructions for Users: Insert the Purchasing forms submitted by the Contractor. Please contact Purchasing to insure you have the correct forms. Insert forms behind this cover sheet.

SAMPLE CONTRACT

EXHIBIT F

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE FORMS

Instructions for Users: Insert the Contract Compliance forms submitted by the Contractor. Please contact Contract Compliance to insure you have the correct forms. Insert forms behind this cover sheet.

SAMPLE

TRACT

EXHIBIT G

INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT FORMS

Instructions for Users: Insert the following information behind this cover sheet.

1. Insurance and Risk Management Provisions from Solicitation Document

The following information should be inserted after you have received submittals from the Contractor:

1. Certificate of Insurance

EXHIBIT H

PAYMENT & PERFORMANCE BONDS

Instructions for Users: The following information should be inserted after you have received submittals from the Contractor.

SAMPLE CONTRACT