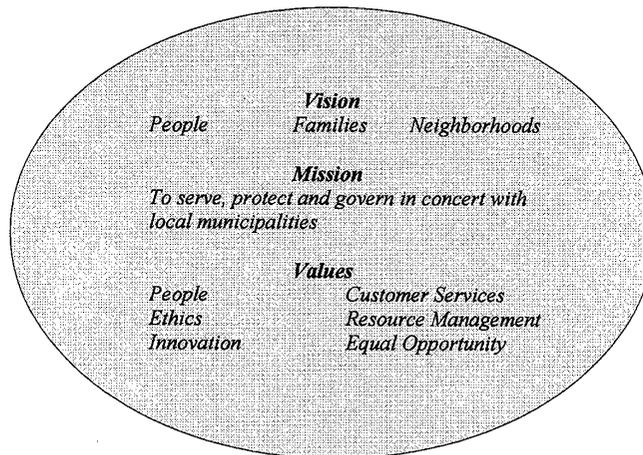




FULTON COUNTY



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
INVITATION TO BID NO. 05ITB45306A-TD

CARPET & CARPET TILE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR SERVICES

For

GENERAL SERVICES

BID DUE TIME AND DATE: 11:00 A.M., August 25, 2005
PURCHASING CONTACT: TONI DARDEN at (404)730-7916
E-MAIL: toni.darden@co.fulton.ga.us

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

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INVITATION TO BID

CARPET & CARPET TILE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR SERVICES

Purpose:

Fulton County (County) is soliciting bids from qualified vendors to provide carpet, and carpet tile installation, and carpet repair services for the General Services Department during the calendar year 2005.

Description of Project:

This project consist installation of carpet and carpet tile to include repair services.

Scope of Work Summary:

The successful Contractor is to furnish all parts, labor, equipment, transportation and material necessary to provide carpet, and carpet tile installation, and carpet repair services. All materials/supplies/service parts requested by Fulton County must be of the highest quality and must conform to any related state, municipal or federal standard and be consistent with standard commercial practices.

Any contract(s) emanating from this bid shall be for all participating departments and is to be administered by the General Services Department. The contractor may bid in whole or in part as contractor may desire as long as contractor is authorized and certified.

Contractor shall have obtained the *Seal of Approval* from the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) and shall include a copy of the certification along with the bid package.

All personnel of the company that will work in the County facilities must wear identification badges and/or uniforms with their company logo clearly visible on it. If the personnel report for work in a vehicle, the vehicle should have vendor's name or the company's name printed at the back or either sides of the vehicle(s). At least one (1) crew member should be able to communicate in English.

Purchasing the Bid Document

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

Term of Contract:

The term of contract is one (1) year with two (2) one (1) year renewal options subject to availability of departmental funding, performance of the Contractor and approval of Board of Commissioners. Fulton County does not, however, guarantee such an extension for an additional one (1) year period.

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.

Bid Contact

Information regarding the bid, either procedural or technical, may be obtained by contacting Toni Darden, Assistant Purchasing Agent, toni.darden@co.fulton.ga.us, at (404) 730-7916, Fulton County Department of Purchasing. Information regarding the bid requirements may be obtained by using the following procedure. Inquiries must be submitted in writing to;

Fulton County Purchasing Department
Attn: Toni Darden, Assistant Purchasing Agent
130 Peachtree Street, S.W. Suite 1168
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 730-7916
Fax: (404) 224-1034

Reference Bid# 05ITB45306A-TD Carpet & Carpet Tile Installation and Repair Services

Basis of Award

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded on a line item basis to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s). 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. Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in accordance with the Bid Bond Requirements provided in the Contract Documents, on a Surety Company's Standard Bid Bond Form acceptable to the County in an amount no less than 5% of the amount bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, **on or before** the issuance of Notice to Proceed, each in the amount of 100% of the Contract Amount. All other required Contract Documents must be fully completed and executed by the Contractor and his/her Surety, and submitted to the Owner **on or before** the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

Fulton County reserves the right to award the Contract to more than one Contractor(s).

The continuation and extension of Contract will be subject to satisfactory performance on the job. The Contract performance will be evaluated on a quarterly basis by the Contract Administrator.

Fulton County reserves the right to terminate the Contract if the Contract Performance Report is not satisfactory for more than one (1) quarterly evaluation period.

Pre-Bid Conference

There will not be a pre-bid conference for this project.

END OF SECTION

SECTION 1**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS****A. Contract Documents**

The Contract Documents include the Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders, 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.

B. Definitions: Where the following words or the pronouns used in their stead occur herein, they shall have the following meaning. If a conflict exists as to the meaning of a word, the definition existing in the General Conditions, if present, shall govern.

Addendum - a written or graphic change to the contract documents issued prior to bid opening which becomes a part of the specifications for the project.

Award - approval by the Board of Commissioners, to begin the contracting process with the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder.

Brand name or equal specification – means a specification limited to one or more items by manufacturer's names or catalogue numbers to describe the standard of quality, performance and other salient characteristics needed to meet County requirements and which provides for the submission of equivalent products from any manufacturer.

County - "County" shall mean the Fulton, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and shall include all agencies, establishments or officials of the government of the .

Contract - all types of agreements, including purchase orders, regardless of what they may be called, for the procurement or disposal of supplies, services, construction, professional or consultant services, and for the transfers of interest in real property.

Invitation to bid (ITB) - all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, utilized for soliciting sealed bids.

Invoice - the document provided by vendors to the County as a demand for payment of goods or services provided under the provisions of a contract awarded by the County.

Notice To Proceed - a written notice to the Contractor to begin the actual contract work, stating, if applicable, the date on which the contract time begins.

Payment bond - "Payment Bond" means a bond provided by a surety company authorized to do business in the state of Georgia, which guarantees to the County that all costs incurred by the Contractor relating to the performance of the contracted services (i.e., suppliers, subcontractors, etc.) shall be paid in a timely manner and fully satisfied at the completion of the contracted work.

Performance bond - "Performance Bond" means a bond provided by a surety company authorized to do business in the state of Georgia, which guarantees to the County that the services contracted for will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the contract document.

Pre-bid or pre-proposal conference – a meeting scheduled prior to the opening of bids/proposals at which attendance by potential bidders/offerors may be optional or mandatory, to clarify the solicitation and respond to prospective bidder/offeror inquiries.

Responsible bidder or responsible offeror – means a person or entity that has the capability in all respects to perform fully and reliably the contract requirements.

Responsive bidder or responsive offeror - means a person or entity that has submitted a bid or proposal that conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the invitation for bids or request for proposals.

Scope of work - means the work that is required by the contract documents.

Service - the furnishings of labor, time or effort by a contractor, not involving the delivery of a specific end product other than reports which are merely incidental to the required performance. This term does not include employment agreements or collective bargaining agreements.

Shall - denotes imperative.

Subcontractor – any person undertaking part of the work of a contract under the control of the principal contractor.

Substantial completion - the date when construction is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the contract documents, so the County can occupy or utilize the work or designated portion thereof for the use for which it is intended.

Surety - the corporation, partnership, or individual licensed and authorized to do business in the state of Georgia, other than the contractor, executing payment, performance or bid bonds to be furnished to the County by the contractor.

- C. **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, 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.**
- D. **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 Bidding Documents shall make a request to Toni Darden, Assistant Purchasing Agent no later than **2:00 PM, Thursday, July 28, 2005**. Written requests for clarification or interpretation may be mailed, hand delivered, e-mailed or faxed to the Assistant Purchasing Agent at the address below, e-mail address or fax number. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.

Toni Darden, Assistant Purchasing Agent
Department of Purchasing
Fulton County Public Safety Building
130 Peachtree Street, S.W., 1168
Atlanta, GA 30303
Fax: (404) 224-1034
toni.darden@co.fulton.ga.us

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, and if any addenda are issued to this Invitation to Bid.

- E. **Site Examination:** There will be no site visit for this project. However, bidders are encouraged to visit the route of the reuse main per the design drawings on their own.

Bid: All Bids must be made on the Bid forms contained herein. The Bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to Department of Purchasing, Fulton County Public Safety Building, 130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168 Atlanta, Georgia 30303 and labeled "**Bid for 05ITB45306A-TD Carpet & Carpet Tile Installation and Repair Services**".

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

1. Pricing Form
2. Bid Schedule
3. Bid Bond
4. Certification of Acceptance of Bid/Proposal Requirements
5. Corporate or Partnership Certificate
6. Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder
7. Non-Collusion Affidavit of Subcontractor
8. Contract Compliance Forms, fully executed
 - a. Promise of Non-Discrimination (Exhibit A)
 - b. Employment Report (Exhibit B)
 - c. Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization (Exhibit C)
 - d. Letter of Intent to Perform As a Subcontractor or Provide Materials or Services (Exhibit D)
 - e. Declaration Regarding subcontractor Practices (Exhibit E)
 - f. Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit (Exhibit F)
 - g. Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan

Any bids received after the stated time and date shall 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 for receipt on or before the stated time and date (section 00020). 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.

The original signed bid with three (3) copies shall be submitted in a sealed package, clearly marked on the outside "Bid" for the **Carpet & Carpet Tile Installation and Repair Services**.

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

- F. **Bid and Contract Security:** A Bid Bond for an amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) must accompany each Proposal. The bid bond shall be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope marked "Bid Bond".

Bids must be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check in an amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The bid bond or certified check shall apply **ONLY TO THIS BID**. The bid name and contract number must appear on the security instrument. The bond must remain in full force and effect until the Bidder executes the final Contract. Bids not satisfying the bonding requirements of this project will be declared non-responsive.

Any bid bond, performance bond, payment bond, or security deposit required for public works construction contract shall be approved and filed with purchasing agent. At the option of the County, if the surety named in the bond is other than a surety company authorized by law to do business in this state pursuant to a current certificate of authority to transact surety business by the Commissioner of Insurance, such bond shall not be approved and filed unless such surety is on the United States Department of Treasury's list of approved bond sureties.

A Purchasing Agent shall approve as to form and as to the solvency of the surety any bid bond, performance bond, or payment bond required by this. In the case of a bid bond, such approval

shall be obtained prior to acceptance of the bid or proposal. In the case of payment bonds and performance bonds, such approval shall be obtained prior to the execution of the contract.

Whenever, in the judgment of the County:

- (1) Any surety on a bid, performance, or payment bond has become insolvent;
- (2) Any corporation surety is not longer certified or approved by the Commissioner of Insurance to do business in the state; or
- (3) For any cause there are no longer proper or sufficient sureties on any or all the bonds

The County may require the contractor to strengthen any or all of the bonds or to furnish a new or additional bond or bonds within ten days. Thereupon, if so ordered by the County, all work on the contract shall cease unless such new or additional bond or bonds are furnished. If such bond or bonds are not furnished within such time, the County may terminate the contract and complete the same as the agent of and at the expense of the contractor and his or her sureties.

As a condition of responsiveness the bidder must contain a Bid Bond for an amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The Bid Bond shall be included in a separate envelope marked on the outside "Bid Bond". Checks or letters of credit of any type will not be accepted. A certified cashier's check will be acceptable. Provide a completed and fully executed Bid Bond. When the bidder's package is opened, a purchasing agent will verify the presence of the Bid Bond and remove it from the Proposal Package.

If the bidder withdraws its bid from the competition after the selection of its bid for a reason not authorized by Georgia law, the County will proceed on the Bid Bond, along with any other available remedies.

The Surety of the Bid Bond shall be from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Georgia, shall be listed in the Department of Treasury Circular 570, and shall have an underwriting limitation in excess of 100% of the bid amount. The Bonds and Surety shall be subject to approval by the County Attorney.

Attorneys-in-fact for bidders who sign bid bonds or contract bonds must file with each bond a certified and effectively dated copy of their power of attorney.

- G. **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.
- H. **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.
- I. **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.
- J. **Termination:** The County may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation at any time the vendor fails to carry out the contract provisions, if in the opinion of the County, the performance of the contract is unreasonably delayed, or the vendor is in direct violation of the contract conditions. The County shall provide the vendor with notice of any conditions which violate or endanger the performance of the contract and, if after such notice the contractor fails to remedy such conditions

within thirty (30) days, to the satisfaction of the County, the County may exercise their option in writing to terminate the Contract without further notice to the Contractor and order the Contractor to

stop work immediately and vacate the premises. Vendor agrees by its bid submission that the County's decision is final and valid.

- K. **Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement:** The successful contractor will agree to indemnify, save harmless and defend the County, its agents, servants, and employees from all lawsuits, claims, demands, liabilities, losses and expenses for or on account of any injury or loss in connection with the work performed under this contract: Provided, however the Contractor shall not be liable for any damages resulting from the sole negligent or intentional acts or omission of the County and its employees, agents or representatives.
- L. **Bid Opening:** Bids will be opened in public and read aloud. All bidders are requested to be present at the opening.
- M. **Determination of Successful Bidder:** Fulton County desires to complete this work in a timely manner. The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder(s), if awarded.
- 1) **Responsibility:** The determination of the bidder's responsibility will be made by the County based on whether the bidder meets the following minimum requirements:
 - a) 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.
 - b) Price quoted for supply and carpet installation. Prices quoted for carpet repair and all other supplies required.
 - c) Price quoted specifically for carpet tile.
 - d) Has the appropriate and adequate technical experience.
 - e) Has adequate personnel and equipment to the work expeditiously.
 - f) Discount offered.
 - g) Warranty quoted.
 - 2) **Responsiveness:** The determination of responsiveness will be made by the County based on a consideration of whether the bidder has submitted a complete Pricing form without irregularities, excisions, special conditions, or alternative bids for any item unless specifically requested in the Pricing form.
- N. **Wage Clause:** Pursuant to 102-391, 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.
- O. **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 of the Program Manager. 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 by the Program Manager unless earlier terminated pursuant to the termination provisions of the contract.

- P. **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 fifteen (15) 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.

- Q. **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.

- R. **Contractors Compliance With All Assurances And/Or Promises Made In Response To Procurement:** Should any Bidder submit a response to the County promising to provide a certain level of service for either the scope of work, MFBE participation, or any other matter, including where such promise or assurance is greater than what is required by the procurement documents, and should this response containing the promise or assurance be accepted by the County and made a part of the Contract Documents, then this degree or level of service promised by the bidder relating to the scope of work, MFBE participation, or other matter shall be considered to be a material part of the Agreement between the bidder and the County, such that the bidder's failure to provide the agreed upon degree or level of service or participation shall be a material breach of the Agreement giving the County just cause to terminate the Agreement for cause, pursuant to the General Conditions of the Agreement.

Availability Of Funding: Any award of work, contract, or service for any portion of the **Carpet & Carpet Tile Installation and Repair Services** will be conditional and subject to Fulton County obtaining financing through the issuance of water and sewer revenue bonds where the proceeds from such bonds are in an amount sufficient to fund the **Carpet & Carpet Tile Installation and Repair Services**. This conditional award will not be in effect until Fulton County has been successful in raising the required funds for payment of the **Carpet & Carpet Tile Installation and Repair Services**. If it proves impossible for Fulton County to raise the required funds, the conditional award will be cancelled by Fulton County without any recourse by the responding entity. The submittal of a bid in response to any phase of the procurement for the **Carpet & Carpet Tile Installation and Repair Services** serves as acceptance of this condition by the entity responding to the procurement. Without waiving any of the conditions contained herein, and solely for informational purposes, please be aware that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners has taken legislative action authorizing the Fulton County Director of Finance to procure the services of the various professionals that will assist in obtaining the bond proceeds and it is anticipated that the funding will be in place by the second or third quarter of 2005.

FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**BID GENERAL REQUIREMENTS****CARPET & CARPET TILE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR SERVICES**

The following information pertains to the submission of a Bid to Fulton County, and contains instructions on how Bids must be presented in order to be considered. Listed below are the requirements for all Bidders interested in doing business with Fulton County.

1. The Bid sheets included in this Invitation to Bid ("Bid") must be fully completed and returned with the Bid unless otherwise specified in writing by the Purchasing Department. Type or neatly print the date, company name, and the full legal name and title of the person(s) signing the Bid in the place provided at the bottom of each Bid sheet. Any additional sheets submitted must contain the same signature and Bidder information.
2. Original signature(s) must appear on each page of the Bid document. All signatures must be executed by person(s) having contracting authority for the Bidder.
3. Absolutely no fax Bids or reproduction Bids will be accepted, except that photocopies may be submitted in addition to the original when multiple copies of the Bid are specifically requested in the solicitation.
4. The envelope in which the Bid response is submitted must be sealed and clearly labeled with the Bid number, project title, due date and time, and the name of the company or individual submitting the proposal. Bids must be received by the opening date and time shown on this Bid in order to be considered. The Purchasing Agent has no obligation to consider Bids which are not in properly marked envelopes. Contract Compliance submittals shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope or package.
5. The original and the required number of copies of the Bid must be returned to:

Fulton County Purchasing Agent
Fulton County Purchasing Department
130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Any inquiries, questions, clarifications or suggestions regarding this solicitation should be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Contact Person. Contact with any other County personnel in regard to a current solicitation is strictly prohibited in accordance with Fulton County "No Contact" policy outlined in Section 35.

6. Show information and prices in the format requested. Prices are to be quoted F.O.B. Destination, and must include all costs chargeable to the Contractor executing the Contract, including taxes. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract, Fulton County shall have no liability for any cost not included in the price. The Contractor shall provide Fulton County the benefit through a reduction in price of any decrease in the Contractor's costs by reason of any tax exemption based upon Fulton County's status as a tax-exempt entity.
7. All prices Bid must be audited by the Bidder to ensure correctness before the Bid is submitted. The Bidder is solely responsible for the accuracy of information placed on a Bid sheet, including prices. Clerical or mathematical error is insufficient to void a successful Bid but a Bidder may withdraw a sealed Bid prior to opening without a penalty.
8. All prices must be submitted in the format requested and less all trade discounts. When multiple items are being Bid, Bidder must show both the unit price and the total extended price for each item. When applicable, the Bidder must include an additional lump sum Bid for groups or items. In the event a Bidder is offering an additional discount on groups of items, Bidder must indicate the total lump sum Bid for the particular group of items before any extra

- discount, the amount of extra discount, and the net total for the particular group. In the event of an extension error, unit pricing shall prevail.
9. By submitting a signed Bid, Bidder agrees to accept an award made as a result of that Bid under the terms and conditions spelled out in the Bid documents. In the event of a conflict between the different Bid documents, the County's cover Contract (if used) shall have precedence, followed in order by the Invitation to Bid, Purchase Order, Bid, Contractor's Warranty Agreement, Maintenance Agreement, and/or other Contractor provided agreements.
 10. A Bidder may submit only one (1) Bid response for each specific Bid solicitation unless otherwise authorized in the specifications.
 11. All prices submitted by the Bidder to Fulton County must be guaranteed by the authorized person(s) against any price increase for the time period designated in the Bid specifications, and Fulton County must be given the benefit of any price decrease occurring during such designated time period.
 12. All items Bid must be new. Used, rebuilt and refurbished items will not be considered unless specifically authorized by Fulton County in the written specifications.
 13. All Bidders must specify in the Bid response the earliest actual delivery date for each item unless otherwise specified in writing by Fulton County. The delivery date may be a factor in deciding the Bidder's capability to perform.
 14. A successful Bidder's delivery ticket(s) and invoice(s) must list each item separately and must show Fulton County's purchase order number as well as the proper department and address to which delivery was made, as listed on the purchase order or in the Bidder's contract with Fulton County.
 15. Unless clearly shown as "no substitute" or words to that effect, any items in this invitation to Bid which have been identified, described or referenced by a brand name or trade name are for reference only. Such identification is intended to be descriptive but not restrictive, and is to indicate the general quality and characteristics of products that may be offered. Each item Bid must be individually identified as to whether it is a specified item or an equivalent item by typing or printing after the item(s): The brand name; model or manufacturer's number, or identification regularly used in the trade. Deviations from the specifications must be clearly and fully listed on the Bid sheet, including photographs or cuts, specifications, and dimensions of the proposed "alternate". Fulton County is the sole judge of "exact equivalent", or "alternate". The factors to be considered are: function, design, materials, construction, workmanship, finishes, operating features, overall quality, local service facilities, warranty terms and service, and other relevant features of item(s) Bid.
 16. For all Bids, Fulton County reserves the right to request representative samples. If requested, samples must be delivered at the Bidder's cost within three (3) business days. Samples are submitted at the risk of the Bidder and may be subjected to destructive tests by Fulton County. Samples must be plainly tagged with Fulton County's Bid number, item name, manufacturer, and the name of the Bidder.
 17. Item(s) Bid must be complete and ready to operate. No obvious omissions of components or necessary parts shall be made even though the specifications may not detail or mention them. Unit(s) must be furnished with factory installed equipment and must be comparable with the basic form, fit, and functional requirements which are all to be included in the base price as well as any other equipment included as standard by the manufacturer or generally provided to the buying public.
 18. All successful Bidders must assume full responsibility for all item(s) damaged prior to F.O.B. Destination delivery and agree to hold harmless Fulton County of all responsibility for prosecuting damage claims.

19. All successful Bidders must assume full responsibility for replacement of all defective or damaged goods within thirty (30) days of notice by Fulton County of such defect or damage.
20. All successful Bidders must assume full responsibility for providing or ensuring warranty service on any and all items including goods, materials, or equipment provided to the County with warranty coverage. If a successful Bidder is not the manufacturer, all manufacturers' warranties must be passed through to Fulton County. The Bidder and not Fulton County is responsible for contacting the manufacturer of the warranty service provided during the warranty period and supervising the completion of the warranty service to the satisfaction of Fulton County.
21. As a successful Bidder providing any equipment which requires fitting and assembly, the Bidder shall be solely responsible for such installation being performed by a manufacturer's authorized or approved servicer or an experienced worker, utilizing workmanship of the highest caliber. The Bidder must verify all dimensions at the site, shall be responsible for their correctness, and shall be responsible for the availability of replacement parts when specified in writing by Fulton County in the specifications, purchase order, or other contract.
22. A successful Bidder is solely responsible for disposing of all wrappings, crating, and other disposable material upon deliver of item(s).
23. All Bidders are required to be authorized distributors or regularly engaged in the sale or distribution of the type of goods, materials, equipment or services for which the Bidder is submitting a Bid response in addition, all Bidders are required to provide Fulton County with three (3) written references documenting the successful completion of Bids or contracts for the types of items including goods, materials, equipment, or services for which the Bidder is submitting a Bid response. In instances where a Bidder has never supplied such goods, material, equipment, or services before, the Bidder must submit with the Bid response a statement and supporting documentation demonstrating such expertise, knowledge, or experience to establish the Bidder as a responsible Bidder, capable of meeting the Bid requirements should an award be made. No exceptions to this provision will be made unless authorized in the Bid specifications.
24. Bidders may be required to furnish evidence that they maintain permanent places of business of a type and nature compatible with their Bid proposal, and are in all respects competent and eligible vendors to fulfill the terms of the specifications. Fulton County may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform such work, and reserves the right to reject any Bidder if evidence fails to indicate that the Bidder is qualified to carry out the obligation of the Contract and to complete the work satisfactorily.
25. All Bidders must comply with all Fulton County Purchasing laws, policies, and procedures, non-discrimination in contracting and procurement ordinances, and relevant state and federal laws including but not limited to compliance with EEOC hiring guidelines and requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Successful Bidder must obtain all permits, licenses, and inspections as required and furnish all labor, materials, insurance, equipment, tools, supervision, and incidentals necessary to accomplish the work in these specifications.
26. If a successful Bidder is unable or unwilling to enter into a Contract with Fulton County subsequent to being granted an award, or who fails to perform in accordance with the Bid specifications the Bidder will be subject to damages and all other relief allowed by law.
27. Successful Bidders contract directly with Fulton County and are the party or parties obligated to perform. Contracts may not be assigned and any failure to perform the Contract in accordance with the specifications will constitute a breach of Contract and may result in a Bidder being found to be "non-responsive" in the future.
28. In case of default by the successful Bidder, Fulton County may procure the articles for services from another source and hold the successful Bidder responsible for any resulting excess cost.

29. The County may award any Bid in whole or in part to one or more vendors or reject all Bids and/or waive any technicalities if it is in the best interests of the County to do so. In the event that all Bids are not rejected, Bids for items including goods, materials, equipment, and services will be awarded to the lowest "responsible" Bidder(s) as determined by Fulton County. Submitting the lowest Bid, as published at the Bid opening, does not constitute an award or the mutual expectation of an award of a Contract and purchase order. For purposes of this notice and the attached Bid sheets, a purchase order is a Contract to provide items including goods, materials, equipment, and services and is intended to have the full force and effect of a Contract. A breach of the terms and conditions of a purchase order constitutes a breach of Contract.
30. 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 withdrawn as follows:
- Competitive sealed Bids ("Bid") may not be revoked or withdrawn until 60 days after the time set by the governmental entity for opening of Bids. At the end of this time period, the Bid will cease to be valid, unless the Bidder provides written notice to the County prior to the scheduled expiration date that the Bid will be extended for a time period specified by the County.
31. In the evaluation of the Bids, any award will be subject to the Bid being:
- A. Compliant to the specification – meets form, fit, and function requirements stated or implied in the specification.
 - B. Lowest cost to the County over projected useful life.
 - C. Administratively Compliant – Including all required bonds, insurance, established quality of work and general reputation, financial responsibility, relevant experience, and related criteria.
32. 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.
33. 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). The Utility Contractor License number of the person who will perform the utility work shall be written on the face of the Bid envelope.
34. The apparent silence of this specification, and any supplement thereto, as to details, of the omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, will be regarded as meaning only the best commercial practices are to prevail. Only materials of the highest quality, correct type, size, and design are to be used. All interpretations of this specification will be made upon the basis of this statement, with Fulton County interpretation to prevail.
35. 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.

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- 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.
36. Any Bidder intending to respond to this solicitation as a Joint Venture must submit an executed Joint Venture Agreement with this Bid. This agreement must designate those persons or entities authorized to execute documents or otherwise bind the Joint Venture in all transactions with Fulton County, or are accompanied by a document, binding upon the Joint Venture and its constituent members, making such designation. Bids from Joint Ventures that do not include these documents will be rejected as being "non-responsive".
37. Any Bidder intending to respond to this solicitation must complete all of the Procurement Affidavit Forms provided in this solicitation. Bids that do not include these completed documents will be rejected as being "non-responsive".

END OF SECTION NO. 1

SECTION 2**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 RFP, 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
- Form B: Non-Collusion Affidavit of Sub-Contractors
- Form C: Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Bid Requirements
- Form D: Contractor License Certification (*not applicable*)
- Form E: Certification Regarding Debarment
- Form F: Corporate Certification

Form A

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF BIDDER/OFFEROR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

I, _____ certify that pursuant to Fulton County Code Section 2-320 (11), 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 _____, 200__.

(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

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF SUBCONTRACTOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

I, _____ certify that pursuant to Fulton County Code Section 2-320 (11), 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.

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(COMPANY NAME)

(PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT)

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(SECRETARY/ASSISTANT SECRETARY)

(Affix corporate seal here, if a corporation)

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

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Form C

FULTON COUNTY CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF BID/PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

This Is To Certify That On This Day Bidder/Proposer Acknowledges That He/She Has Read This Bid Document, Pages _____ To _____ Inclusive, Including Addendum(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 Bidding/Proposing Company To Submit The Bid/Proposal Herein And To Legally Obligate The Bidder/Proposer Thereeto.

Company: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

(Corporate Seal)

Form D

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CERTIFICATION

Contractor's Name: _____

Utility Contractor's Name: _____

Expiration Date of License: _____

(ATTACHED COPY 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: _____

Form E**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.
- (1) 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 2-322 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 Chapter 6, Article B, Minority Business Enterprise Affirmative Action Program and certified as such by the County) 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 _____, 2005

(Legal Name of Offeror) (Date)

(Signature of Authorized Representative) (Date)

(Title)

Form F

CORPORATE CERTIFICATE

Corporations

I, _____, certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation named as Contractor in the foregoing Bid; that _____, who signed said Bid on behalf of the Contractor was then _____ of said Corporation; that said Bid was duly signed for and on behalf of said Corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and is within the scope of its corporate powers; that said Corporation is organized under the laws of the State of _____.

This _____ day of _____, 20 ____ .

(SEAL) must be affixed

Partnership or other entities:

I, _____, certify that I am authorized to sign to commit _____ named as Contractor in the foregoing Bid. That said company is formed under the laws of the State of _____.

This _____ day of _____, 20 ____ .

It is necessary to attach a letter on company letterhead and dated on or after the date of this certificate that the individual signing to commit the partnership or other entity not a corporation to the stipulations of this bid is authorized to do so. The letter should be signed by an individual working for the company who has knowledge of this fact.

Form G

NON CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

I, _____, as the legal representative of _____, do certify that we will not perform any type of professional services for property owners adjacent or contiguous to any project assigned by Fulton County, during the active life of such project. Further, I additionally certify that if we already have an agreement(s) with property owner(s) adjacent or contiguous to a project assigned by Fulton County, we will either reject the County assignment, or cancel the property owner already in effect if so directed by Fulton County Board of Commissioners. In no case will our firm utilize our knowledge of the ongoing Fulton County project for professional gain during the active life of such Project.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

END OF SECTION NO. 2

SECTION 3

BID BOND REQUIREMENTS

No bid for a contract in Fulton County for work to be done shall be valid for any purpose unless the Contractor shall give a Bid Bond with good and sufficient surety payable to, in favor of, and for the protection of Fulton County. The Bid Bond shall be in the amount of not less than **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)**. No bid shall be read aloud or considered if a proper bid bond has not been submitted.

Surety companies executing Bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia.

Attestation for the corporation must be by the corporate officer; for a partnership by another partner; for an individual by a notary with the corporate seal.

BID BOND

05ITB45306A-TD

**CARPET & CARPET TILE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR SERVICES
FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE _____

_____ hereinafter called the PRINCIPAL, and _____

_____ hereinafter call the SURETY, a corporation chartered and existing under the laws of the State of _____ and duly authorized to transact Surety business in the State of Georgia, are held and firmly bound unto the Fulton County Government, in the penal sum of _____ Dollars and Cents (\$ _____) good and lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid upon demand of the Fulton County Government, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators and assigns, jointly and severally and firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS the PRINCIPAL has submitted to the Fulton County Government, for **05ITB45306A-TD CARPET & CARPET TILE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR SERVICES**, a Bid;

WHEREAS the PRINCIPAL desires to file this Bond in accordance with law:

NOW THEREFORE: The conditions of this obligation are such that if the Bid be accepted, the PRINCIPAL shall within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of written notification from the COUNTY of the award of the Contract execute a Contract in accordance with the Bid and upon the terms, conditions and prices set forth therein, in the form and manner required by the Fulton County Government, and execute sufficient and satisfactory Performance and Payments Bonds payable to the Fulton County Government, each in the amount of one hundred (100%) percent of the total contract price in form and with security satisfactory to said Fulton County Government, then this obligation to be void; otherwise, to be and remain in full force and virtue in law; and the SURETY shall upon failure of the PRINCIPAL to comply with any or all of the foregoing requirements within the time specified above immediately pay to the Fulton County Government, upon demand the amount hereof in good and lawful money of the United States of America, not as a penalty but as liquidated damages.

In the event suit is brought upon this Bond by the COUNTY and judgment is recovered, the SURETY shall pay all costs incurred by the COUNTY in such suit, including attorney's fees to be fixed by the Court.

Enclosed is a Bid Bond in the approved form, in the amount of

_____ Dollars

(\$ _____) being in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). The money payable on this bond shall be paid to the Fulton County Government, for the failure of the Bidder to execute a CONTRACT within ten (10) days after receipt of the Contract form and at the same time furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond.

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(\$ _____) being in the amount of five (5%) percent of the CONTRACT Sum. The money payable on this bond shall be paid to the Fulton County Government, for the failure of the Bidder to execute a CONTRACT within ten (10) days after receipt of the Contract form and at the same time furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond.

IN TESTIMONY THEROF, the PRINCIPAL and SURETY have caused these presents to be duly signed and sealed this _____ day of _____, 2005.

ATTEST:

PRINCIPAL

(SEAL)

BY _____

CERTIFICATE AS TO CORPORATE PRINCIPAL

I, _____, certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation named as principal in the within bond; that _____

_____,
Who signed the said bond of said corporation; that I know this signature, and his/her signature thereto is genuine; and that said bond was duly signed, sealed and attested for in behalf of said Corporation by authority of its governing body.

SECRETARY

(CORPORATE SEAL)

SURETY

(SEAL)

BY _____

END OF SECTION NO. 3

SECTION 4

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT

Policy Statement: 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. 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 seeking to obtain contracts with Fulton County.

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.

Fulton County encourages joint ventures, teaming, partnering and mentor-protégé relationships with minority and female businesses in an effort to achieve contracting and procurement diversity.

Prompt Payment: The prime contractor **must** certify in writing and **must** document on the Exhibit G Form (Prime Contractor/Subcontractor Utilization Report) 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 payments within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of payment from Fulton County. In no event shall a subcontractor, sub-consultant or supplier be paid later than fifteen (15) days as provided for by state law.

REQUIRED FORMS AND EBO PLAN:

In order to be compliant with the intent and provisions of the Fulton County Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance (99-0960), bidders/proposers **must** submit the following completed documents. Failure to provide this information **shall** result in the bid/proposal being deemed non-responsive:

- **Exhibit A** - Promise of Non-Discrimination
- **Exhibit B** - Employment Report
- **Exhibit C** - Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization
- **Exhibit D** - Letter of Intent to Perform As a Subcontractor or Provide Materials or Services
- **Exhibit E** - Declaration Regarding Subcontractor Practices
- **Exhibit F** - Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit
- **Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan)** – This document is not a form. It is a statement created by the bidder/proposer on its company letter head addressing the EBO Plan requirements.

All Contract Compliance documents (Exhibits A – F and EBO Plan) are to be placed in a **separate sealed envelope** clearly marked "Contract Compliance". The EBO Plan must be submitted on company letterhead. These documents are considered part of and should be submitted with the Technical Proposal.

The following document **must** be completed as instructed if awarded the bid:

- **Exhibit G** - Prime Contractor's Subcontractor Utilization Report

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 Contract Compliance pursuant to Section 4.4 of the Fulton County Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance.

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EXHIBIT B – EMPLOYMENT REPORT

The demographic employment make-up for the bidder **must** be identified and submitted with this bid/proposal. In addition, if subcontractors will be utilized by the bidder/proposer to complete this project, then the demographic employment make-up of the subcontractor(s) must be identified and submitted with this bid.

EMPLOYEES

CATEGORY	NATIVE INDIAN		AFRICAN AMERICAN		ASIAN AMERICAN		HISPANIC AMERICAN		CACUSIAN AMERICAN		OTHER	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Male/Female												
Mgmt/Official												
Professional (Arch., P.E., etc.)												
Supervisors												
Office/ Clerical												
Craftsmen												
Laborers												
Others (Specify)												
TOTALS												

FIRM'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

This completed form is for (Check one) _____ Bidder/Proposer _____ Subcontractor

Submitted by: _____ Date Completed: _____

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** include Letter(s) of Intent (Exhibit D) in the bid document for all subcontractors who will be utilized under the scope of work/services.

Prime Bidder/Proposer: _____

ITB/RFP NUMBER: _____

Project Name or Description of Work/Service(s): _____

- 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. (Please indicate below the portion of work, including, percentage of bid amount that your firm will carry out directly):

If the Prime Bidder/Proposer is a Joint Venture, please complete Exhibit F: Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit and attach a copy of the executed Joint Venture Agreement.

- 2. 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 (WFBE); **If yes, attach copy of recent certification letter.**

EXHIBIT C – SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

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, attach copy of recent certification letter.

EXHIBIT C – SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

Total Dollar Value of Subcontractor Agreements: (\$)

Total Percentage Value: (%)

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by the Bid provisions, including the accompanying Exhibits and other terms and conditions regarding subcontractor utilization. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is legally authorized by the Bidder 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 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: _____

Firm 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/suppliers and submitted with the bid. The Prime Contractor **must** submit Letters of Intent for ALL known subcontractors/suppliers at time of bid submission.

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 – DECLARATION REGARDING SUBCONTRACTING PRACTICES

If the bidder/proposer **does not intend to subcontract** any portion of the scope of work services(s), this form **must be** completed and submitted with the bid.

_____ Hereby declares that it is my/our intent to
(Bidder)

Perform 100% of the work required for _____
(IFB/RFP Number)

(Description of Work)

In making this declaration, the bidder/proposer states the following:

1. That the bidder does not customarily subcontract elements of this type project, and normally performs and has the capability to perform and will perform **all elements** of the work on this project with his/her own current work forces;
2. If it should become necessary to subcontract some portion of the work at a later date, the bidder will comply with all requirements of the County's Non-Discrimination Ordinance in providing equal opportunities to all firms to subcontract the work. The determination to subcontract some portion of the work at a later date shall be made in good faith and the County reserves the right to require additional information to substantiate a bidder's decision to subcontract work following the award of the contract. Nothing contained in this provision shall be employed to circumvent the spirit and intent of the County's Non-Discrimination Ordinances;
3. The bidder will provide, upon request, information sufficient for the County to verify Item Number one.

AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

EXHIBIT F – JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

IFB No. _____

Project Name _____

This form must be completed and submitted with the bid if a Joint Venture approach is to be undertaken.

The firms listed below do hereby declare that they have entered into a joint venture agreement pursuant to the above mentioned project. The information requested below is to clearly identify and explain the extent of participation of each firm in the proposed joint venture. All items must be properly addressed before the business entity can be evaluated.

1. Firms:

1) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____

Nature of Business: _____

2) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____

Nature of Business: _____

3) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____

Nature of Business: _____

NAME OF JOINT VENTURE (If applicable): _____

OFFICE ADDRESS: _____

PRINCIPAL OFFICE: _____

OFFICE PHONE: _____

EXHIBIT F – JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

Note: Attach additional sheets as required

1. Describe the capital contributions by each joint venturer and accounting thereof. Indicate the percentage make-up for each joint venture partner.
2. Describe the financial controls of the joint venture, e.g., will a separate cost center be established? Which venturer will be responsible for keeping the books? How will the expense therefore be reimbursed? What is the authority of each joint venture to commit or obligate the order?
3. Describe any Ownership, options for Ownership, or loans between the joint ventures. Identify terms thereof.
4. Describe the estimate contract cash flow for each joint venturer.
5. To what extent and by whom will the on-site work be supervised?
6. To what extent and by whom will the administrative office be supervised?
7. Which joint venturer will be responsible for material purchases including the estimated cost thereof? How will the purchase be financed?
8. Which joint venturer will provide equipment? What is the estimated cost thereof? How will the equipment be financed?
9. Describe the experience and business qualifications of each joint venturer.
10. Submit a copy of all joint venture agreements and evidence of authority to do business in the State of Georgia as well as locally, to include all necessary business licenses.
11. Percent of ownership by each joint venture in terms of profit and loss sharing: _____

12. The authority of each joint venturer to commit or obligate the other: _____

13. Number of personnel to be involved in project, their crafts and positions and whether they are employees of the small business enterprise, the majority firm or the joint venture: _____

EXHIBIT F – JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

14. Identification of control and participation in venture; list those individuals who are responsible for day-to-day management and policy decision-maker, including, but not limited to, those with prime responsibility for areas designated below; (use additional sheets if necessary)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Financial Decisions</u>	<u>Supervision Field Operation</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

In connection with any work that these firms, as a joint venture, might be authorized to perform in connection with above captioned contract, we each do hereby authorize representatives of the Fulton County Department of Contract Compliance, Departments of Purchasing and Finance, under the direction of the County Manger’s Office, to examine, from time to time, the books, records and files to the extent that such relate to this County project.

WE DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, AND THAT WE ARE AUTHORIZED, ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE FIRMS, TO MAKE THIS AFFIDAVIT AND GRANT THE ABOVE PRIVILEGE.

FOR: _____
(Company)

Date: _____

(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

(Company)

Date: _____

(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

State of _____:

County of _____:

On this _____ day of _____, 20_____, before me, appeared

_____, the undersigned known to me to be the person described in the foregoing Affidavit and acknowledge that he (she) executed the same in the capacity therein stated and for the purpose therein contained.

END OF SECTION NO. 4

SECTION 5

INSURANCE INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS

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CARPET & CARPET TILE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR SERVICES

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. 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 Project Description must appear on the Certificate of Insurance).

Upon award, the Contractor/Vendor must maintain at their expense, insurance with policy limits equal to or greater than the limits described below. 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 – 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	BY ACCIDENT - EACH ACCIDENT	-	\$500,000
INSURANCE	BY DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	-	\$500,000
(Aggregate)	BY DISEASE - EACH EMPLOYEE	-	\$500,000

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

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

3. BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

Combined Single Limits	Each Occurrence	-	\$1,000,000
(Including operation of non-owned, owned, and hired automobiles).			

4. ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING LIABILITY

(Required if computer contractor)	Limits	-	\$1,000,000
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Carpet & Carpet Tile Installation and Repair Services

Insurance Information/Requirements

(In excess of above noted coverage's)	Each Occurrence	-	\$2,000,000
6. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY (Required if respondent providing quotation for professional services).	Each Occurrence	-	\$1,000,000
7. FIDELITY BOND (Employee Dishonesty)	Each Occurrence	-	\$ 100,000

Certificates shall state that the policy or policies shall not expire, be cancelled or altered without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Fulton County Government. Policies and Certificates of Insurance are to list Fulton County Government as an Additional Insured (except for Workers' Compensation) and shall conform to all terms and conditions (including coverage of the indemnification and hold harmless agreement) contained in the Insurance and Risk Management Provisions.

If Fulton County Government shall so request, the Offeror, 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 shall be sent to:

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

The Contractor/Vendor shall insure that the Request for Bid/Proposal number and Project Description appears on the Certificate of Insurance.

It is understood that **Insurance in no way limits the Liability of the Contractor/Vendor.**

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Contractor/Vendor hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, it's Commissioners, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns and agents, from and against any and all losses (including death), claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including but not limited to all actions, proceedings, or investigations in respect thereof and any costs of judgments, settlements, court costs, attorney's fees or expenses, regardless of the outcome of any such action, proceeding, or investigation), caused by, relating to, based upon or arising out of any act or omission by contractor, it's directors, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns or agents, or otherwise in connection with it's acceptance, or the performance, or nonperformance, of it's obligations under this agreements.

THE OFFEROR ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING READ, UNDERSTANDING, AND AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE STATEMENTS, AND IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDING COMPANY.

COMPANY: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

END OF SECTION NO. 5

SECTION 6A

PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENTS

No contract with Fulton County for work to be done shall be valid for any purpose unless the Contractor shall give a Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety payable to, in favor of and for the protection of Fulton County. The Performance Bond shall be in the amount of at 100% of the total contract amount payable by the terms of the Contract and shall be written on the enclosed form.

Surety companies executing Bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business as a surety in Georgia.

Attestation for the corporation must be by the corporate officer; for a partnership by another partner; for an individual by a notary with the corporate seal.

PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS [INSERT CONTRACTOR NAME] (hereinafter called the "Principal") and [insert name of surety] (hereinafter called the "Surety"), are held and firmly bound unto **FULTON COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter called the "Owner") and their successors and assigns, the penal sum of [100% of contract amount], lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which the principal and the Surety bind themselves, their administrators, executors, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has entered, or is about to enter, into a certain written contract (Contract) with the Owner, dated _____, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, for the **CARPET & CARPET TILE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR SERVICES**, more particularly described in the Contract (herein called the "Project"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, the conditions of this obligation are as follows, that if the Principal shall fully and completely perform all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions, warranties, and guarantees contained in the Contract, including all modifications, amendments, changes, deletions, additions, and alterations thereto that may hereafter be made, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

Whenever the Principal shall be, and declared by the Owner to be, in default under the Construction-Type Contract, the Surety shall promptly remedy the default as follows:

1. Complete the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions; or, at the sole option of the Owner,
2. Obtain a bid or bids for completing the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, and upon determination by the Surety and the Owner of the lowest responsible bidder, arrange for a contract between such bidder and Owner and make available as the work progresses (even though there should be a default or succession of defaults under the Contract or contracts of completion arranged under this paragraph) sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion less the balance of the contract price; but not exceeding, including other costs and damages for which the Surety may be liable hereunder, the penal sum set forth in the first paragraph hereof, as may be adjusted, and the Surety shall make available and pay to the Owner the funds required by this Paragraph prior to the payment of the Owner of the balance of the contract price, or any portion thereof. The term "balance of the contract price," as used in this paragraph, shall mean the total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor under the Contract, and any amendments thereto, less the amount paid by the Owner to the Contractor; or, at the sole option of the Owner,
3. Allow Owner to complete the work and reimburse the Owner for all reasonable costs incurred in completing the work.

In addition to performing as required in the above paragraphs, the Surety shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner from any and all losses, liability and damages, claims, judgments, liens, costs and fees of every description, including reasonable attorney's fees, litigation costs and expert witness fees, which the Owner may incur, sustain or suffer by reason of the failure or default on the part of the Principal in the performance of any or all of the terms, provisions, and requirements of the Contract, including any and all amendments and modifications thereto, or incurred by the Owner in making good any such failure of performance on the part of the Principal.

The Surety shall commence performance of its obligations and undertakings under this Bond promptly and without delay, after written notice from the Owner to the Surety.

The Surety hereby waives notice of any and all modifications, omissions, additions, changes, alterations, extensions of time, changes in payment terms, and any other amendments in or about the Contract, and agrees that the obligations undertaken by this Bond shall not be impaired in any manner by reason of any such modifications, omissions, additions, changes, alterations, extensions of time, change in payment terms, and amendments.

The Surety hereby agrees that this Bond shall be deemed amended automatically and immediately, without formal or separate amendments hereto, upon any amendment to the Contract, so as to bind the Principal and the Surety to the full and faithful performance of the Contract as so amended or modified, and so as to increase the penal sum to the adjusted Contract Price of the Contract.

No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to or for the use of any person, entity or corporation other than the Owner and any other obligee named herein, or their executors, administrators, successors or assigns.

This Bond is intended to comply with O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-1 et seq., and shall be interpreted so; as to comply with; the minimum requirements thereof. However, in the event the express language of this Bond extends protection to; the Owner beyond that contemplated by O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-1 et seq. and O.C.G.A. Section 13-10-1, as amended, or any other statutory law applicable to this Project, then the additional protection shall be enforced in favor of the Owner, whether or not such protection is found in the applicable statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have caused this instrument to be executed and their respective corporate seals to be affixed and attested by their duly authorized representatives this _____ day of _____, 200__.

_____(SEAL)
(Principal)

By: _____

Attest:

Secretary

_____(SEAL)
(Surety)

By: _____

Attest:

Secretary

(Address of Surety's Home Office)

(Resident Agent of Surety)

END OF SECTION NO. 6A

SECTION 6B

PAYMENT BOND REQUIREMENTS

No Contract with Fulton County for work to be done shall be valid for any purpose unless the Contractor shall give a Payment Bond with good and sufficient surety payable to Fulton County for the use and protection of all sub-contractors and all persons supplying labor, materials, machinery, and equipment in the prosecution of the work provided for in the Contract. The Payment Bond shall be in the amount of 100% of the total contract amount payable by the terms of the Contract and shall be written on the following form.

Surety companies executing Bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia.

Attestation for the corporation must be by the corporate officer; for a partnership by another partner; for an individual by a notary with the corporate seal.

PAYMENT BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that [insert name of contractor] (hereinafter called the "Principal") and [insert name of surety] (hereinafter called the "Surety"), are held and firmly bound unto **FULTON COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter called the "Owner"), its successors and assigns as obligee, in the penal sum of [100% of contract amount], lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which the Principal and the Surety bind themselves, their administrators, executors, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has entered, or is about to enter, into a certain written contract with the Owner, dated [insert date of contract], which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety (hereinafter called the "Contract"), for construction-type services of a project known as [insert name of project], as more particularly described in the Contract (hereinafter called the "Project");

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if the Principal shall promptly make payment to all persons working on or supplying labor or materials under the Contract, and any amendments thereto, with regard to labor or materials furnished and used in the Project, and with regard to labor or materials furnished but not so used, then this obligation shall be void; but otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

1. A "Claimant" shall be defined herein as any subcontractor, person, party, partnership, corporation or the entity furnishing labor, services or materials used, or reasonably required for use, in the performance of the Contract, without regard to whether such labor, services or materials were sold, leased or rented, and without regard to whether such Claimant is or is not in privity of contract with the Principal or any subcontractor performing work on the Project, including, but not limited to, the following labor, services, or materials: water, gas, power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, telephone service or rental of equipment directly applicable to the Contract.

2. In the event a Claimant files a lien against the property of the Owner, and the Principal fails or refuses to satisfy or remove it promptly, the Surety shall satisfy or remove the lien promptly upon written notice from the Owner, either by bond or as otherwise provided in the Contract.

3. The Surety hereby waives notice of any and all modifications, omissions, additions, changes, alterations, extensions of time, changes in the payment terms, and any other amendments in or about the Contract and agrees that the obligations undertaken by this Bond shall not be impaired in any manner by reason of any such modifications, omissions, additions, changes, alterations, extensions of time, changes in payment terms, and amendments.

4. The Surety hereby agrees that this Bond shall be deemed amended automatically and immediately, without formal or separate amendments hereto, upon any amendment or modifications to the Contract, so as to bind the Principal and Surety, jointly and severally, to the full payment of any Claimant under the Contract, as amended or modified, provided only that the Surety shall not be liable for more than the penal sum of the Bond, as specified in the first paragraph hereof.

5. This Bond is made for the use and benefit of all persons, firms, and corporations who or which may furnish any materials or perform any labor for or on account of the construction-type services to be performed or supplied under the Contract, and any amendments thereto, and they and each of them may sue hereon.

6. No action may be maintained on this Bond after one (1) year from the date the last services, labor, or materials were provided under the Contract by the Claimant prosecuting said action.

7. This Bond is intended to comply with O.C.G.A. Section 13-10-1, and shall be interpreted so as to comply with the minimum requirements thereof. However, in the event the express language of this Bond extends protection to the Owner beyond that contemplated by O.C.G.A. Section 13-10-1, or any other statutory law applicable to this Project, then the additional protection shall be enforced in favor of the Owner, whether or not such protection is found in the applicable statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and Surety have hereunto affixed their corporate seals and caused this obligations to be signed by their duly authorized representatives this _____ of _____, 200__.

_____(SEAL)
(Principal)

By: _____

Attest:

Secretary

_____(SEAL)
(Surety)

By: _____

Attest:

Secretary

(Address of Surety's Home Office)

(Resident Agent of Surety)

END OF SECTION NO. 6B

**SECTION 7
AGREEMENT**

CARPET & CARPET TILE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR SERVICES

**CONTRACT BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY
AND CONTRACTOR**

THIS CONTRACT, entered into this ___ day of _____ 2005, by and between **FULTON COUNTY** (hereinafter referred to as "County"), a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, acting by and through its duly elected Board of Commissioners, and Company (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County, through its General Services Department, has identified the need for **carpet repair and replacement** for Fulton County facilities;

WHEREAS, the County by and through its General Services Department, has determined that this need can best be met by retaining the services of a **carpet and carpet tile installation and repair services** contractor;

WHEREAS, the County requested a formal bid for **carpet and carpet tile installation and repair services** for Fulton County facilities;

WHEREAS, the County and Contractor desire to enter into a Contract for provision of such services, the scope of services which is more specifically defined in Article III of the Contract;

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

ARTICLE 1 - ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

Paragraph 1.0 Contractor shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and be binding to the extent allowable by law on the parties hereto, their heirs, successors, administrators, executors and assigns. Contractor shall not sell or in any way assign any parties, payments, rights, privileges, detriments, or benefits provided for in this Contract to any entity or person without the prior express written consent of the County. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any attempted assignment or subcontracting by Contractor without the prior expressed written consent of Fulton County shall at Fulton County's sole option terminate this Contract without any notice to Contractor of such termination.

ARTICLE II - TERM

Paragraph 2.0 The time of performance shall begin from the date of award and continue for twelve (12) consecutive months. Fulton County reserves the right to extend the Contract for two (2) twelve (12) month periods, subject to availability of departmental funding, satisfactory Contract Performance Report, approval of Board of Commissioners, as well as compliance with County rules, policies and Contract terms and conditions. If funds are not allocated, this Contract will terminate upon the expiration of the then existing term. Fulton County does not, however, guarantee such an extension for an additional twelve (12) month period.

ARTICLE III - SCOPE OF WORK

Paragraph 3.0 The County retains Contractor and Contractor accepts retention by the County to render **carpet and carpet tile installation and repair services** in County facilities as specified by Fulton County Invitation to Bid (ITB) #_____.

Contractor's bid and any and all clarifications or amendments thereto, all of which are incorporated herein, made part of this Contract, and referred to collectively as the "Contract Documents". Contractor shall perform all such services, including any and all agreed upon in written amendments, in the manner and to the extent agreed to by the parties herein. ITB # _____ is hereby attached and incorporated herein as Attachment A. Contractor's bid is hereby attached and incorporated herein as Attachment B. Contractor is to furnish all labor, equipment, transportation, material, insurance, and other requirements necessary to provide **carpet and carpet tile installation and repair services** for various facilities in Fulton County as specified in Attachment A.

Paragraph 3.1 Contractor shall commence providing as stated in the Invitation to Bid (ITB # _____) and Contractor's own response to that bid (**Attachments A & B respectively**). In the event there is a conflict between the scope of work described in the Invitation to Bid and the Contractor's own bid, the description in the Invitation to Bid takes precedence. In the event that specifications in either the Invitation to Bid or the Contractor's own proposal lack detailed descriptions concerning performance, the best commercial practices in the industry shall be used and only materials of the correct type, size and design are to be used. All workmanship and quality of materials shall be first quality as determined by the sole discretion of the County. Any equipment or supplies determined by the County to be improper or insufficient to the task to be performed shall be replaced immediately with County approved equipment/supplies. This will be done at no additional cost to the County.

Paragraph 3.2 Any additional services that are to be performed by Contractor and not included in the ITB or the bid response must be approved by the County in

advance pursuant to Change Order Policy and Procedure 800-6 of Contractor providing services and billed at the unit rate stated in the bid response.

Paragraph 3.3 The silence of this Contract, or any of the documents incorporated into it by reference with regard to items or services typically a part of the contracted service shall not relieve Contractor of the obligation to perform.

ARTICLE IV - AUDIT

Paragraph 4.0 The County shall have the right to review Contractor's records and documents, upon reasonable notice, to determine if number of hours worked and labor charges are consistent with Contract requirements. Contractor shall permit the County's Internal Audit Department to inspect and audit all files of Contractor relevant to its performance under this Contract for thirty-six (36) months after final payment. The Contractor file shall be retained by Contractor during the term of the Contract and for thirty-six (36) months after final payment for the purpose of such audit and inspection.

Paragraph 4.1 The County's authorized representative shall have the right to supervise the **carpet repair and replacement** services performed by the Contractor, with regard to the frequency and adequacy of services provided. For this purpose, the respective Zonal Manager will be the County's authorized representative.

Paragraph 4.2 Contractor agrees to include audit requirements specified in Section 4.0 above in any and all contracts with subcontractors, consultants, or agents whose services will be charged directly or indirectly to the County under the Contract herein.

ARTICLE V - COMPENSATION FOR SCOPE OF WORK

Paragraph 5.0 The services described under "Scope of Work" herein shall be performed by Contractor for a total sum not to exceed \$_____ from date of award and continue for twelve (12) consecutive months.

Paragraph 5.1 Any additional services requested by the County within the scope of work of this Contract shall be performed by the Contractor and a detailed invoice submitted which references the written contract, which must be approved by the County pursuant to Change Order Policy 800-6 before the work is started.

Paragraph 5.2 Contractor shall submit monthly invoices for work performed during the previous calendar month to the following zones: Central Zonal Maintenance, Fulton Co. Justice Center, 160 Pryor St., Suite B-4, Atlanta, Ga. 30303; North Zonal Maintenance, 3929 Aviation Circle, Bldg. B., Atlanta, Ga. 30336 and South Zonal Maintenance, 5590 Stonewall Tell Road, College Park, Ga. 30349. No job, task, or duty may be submitted to Fulton County for payment unless the work has been completed. Any invoice which attempts to change the terms of this Contract is null and void and Contractor shall be required to provide a proper invoice to Fulton County prior to payment.

Paragraph 5.3 Fulton County shall make payments to Contractor by U.S. mail approximately thirty (30) days after receipt of a proper invoice by the Fulton County General Services Department. 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 Contract; parties further agree that Fulton County shall not be liable for any interest or penalty arising from late payments.

ARTICLE VI - RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLAIMS AND LIABILITY

Paragraph 6.0 **CONTRACTOR** shall indemnify and hold harmless the **COUNTY** and its agents, employees, successors, and assigns from and against all loss, cost, damage, claim, suit and judgment, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the negligent, intentional or willful performance or non-performance of the work. **CONTRACTOR'S** duty to indemnify applies in connection with, but is not limited to, injury or death of any person or persons, loss of or damage to property caused by or in any way connected with **CONTRACTOR'S** negligent, intentional or willful performance or non-performance of the work, whether such injury, death, loss or damage results from any cause whatsoever. The **CONTRACTOR'S** duty to indemnify shall extend to all claims, damage, loss or expense caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of the **CONTRACTOR**, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. **CONTRACTOR** shall not hold harmless or indemnify the **COUNTY** for the sole acts or omissions of the County's employees or agents. **CONTRACTOR'S** obligation to protect, defend, 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 any actual or alleged unfair competition disparagement of product or service, or other business tort of any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations. **CONTRACTOR** further agrees to protect, defend,

indemnify and hold harmless the **COUNTY** and its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employees of **CONTRACTOR**. These indemnities shall not be limited by reason of the listing of any insurance coverage.

ARTICLE VII - TERMINATION

Paragraph 7.0 If through any cause, Contractor shall fail to perform the **carpet and carpet tile installation and repair services** as specified in Contract, including the Bid Documents in a satisfactory, timely and proper manner or in the event that any of the provisions or stipulations of this Contract are violated by Contractor, the County shall thereupon have the right to immediately terminate this Contract by serving written notice to Contractor of its intent to terminate the Contract. If the Contract is terminated by the County, Contractor will be compensated for the work satisfactorily performed up to the termination date.

Paragraph 7.1 Upon receipt of notice of such failure and a ten (10) day cure period after receipt of notice of such failure, any of the provisions or stipulations of this Contract continue to be violated, the County shall thereupon have the right to immediately terminate this Contract by serving written notice of termination of the Contract. In the event that the Contract is terminated due to breach of this Contract, the County retains all information, reports, data, equipment, etc. in its possession, respective of whether such information, report data, equipment is in a completed form. In the event that the Contract is terminated due to breach of this Contract, the County retains all rights to compensations from Contractor for losses resulting from that breach of

Contract, except consequential, special, incidental or indirect loss and punitive damages, unless caused by the willful misconduct of the Contractor.

Paragraph 7.2 In the event that the County determines that it is no longer in its best interest to provide these services through the use of an independent contractor, the County may terminate this Contract, without any liability whatsoever upon the County, by giving (10) days notice in writing (by hand delivery or posting in the U.S. Mail) to Contractor.

ARTICLE VIII - SUSPENSION OF WORK

Paragraph 8.0 COUNTY may order CONTRACTOR in writing to suspend, delay or interrupt all or any part of the work for such period of time as it may determine appropriate for the convenience of COUNTY. The time for completion of the work shall be extended by the number of days the work is suspended. COUNTY shall not be responsible for any claims, damages or cost stemming from any delay of the project.

ARTICLE IX - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Paragraph 9.0 Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create any relationship other than that of an independent contractor between the County and Contractor. Under no circumstances shall Contractor, its subcontractor, directors, officers, employees, agents, partners, successors or assigns be deemed employees, agents, partners, successors, assigns or legal representatives of the County. Contractor acknowledges that its subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, agents and assigns shall have no right of redress pursuant to the Personnel Rules and Regulations of Fulton County.

ARTICLE X - PROVIDE COUNTY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Paragraph 10.0 All insurance shall be provided to and accepted by the County in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications of the Bid Documents.

Paragraph 10.1 Contractor acknowledges that insurance meets all requirements under state law including solvency of surety and status of Georgia surety.

Paragraph 10.2 It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to monitor the status of the insurance company to be certain that the policies continue to be current and valid during the entire term of the Contract. If a policy becomes invalid for any reason, the Contractor must provide the County with a current, valid policy within ten (10) days.

ARTICLE XI - VARIATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO CONTRACT

Paragraph 11.0 This Contract and the incorporated documents constitutes the entire Contract between the County and Contractor and there are no further written or oral Contracts with respect thereto. No variation or modification of this Contract, and no waiver of this provision, shall be valid unless in writing, comply with Change Order Procedure 800-6 and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE XII - NON-DISCRIMINATION

Paragraph 12.0 Contractor agrees to comply with federal and state laws, rules and regulations and the County's policy relative to non-discrimination in employment practices and to non-discrimination in client and client services practices regarding political affiliation, religion, race, color, sex, disability, age or national origin.

ARTICLE XIII - SEVERABILITY OF TERMS

Paragraph 13.0 If any part or provision of this Contract is held invalid, the remainder of this Contract shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XIV - CAPTIONS

Paragraph 14.0 The captions are inserted herein only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way defines, limits or describe the scope of this Contract or the intent of the provision thereof.

ARTICLE XV - NOTICES

Paragraph 15.0 Any and all notices referred under this Contract shall be sent, via certified mail, to the following individual on behalf of Fulton County:

Assistant Director
Building Maintenance

141 Pryor St., Suite G-119
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

With copies to the Director of Fulton County General Services Department and the County Attorney.

Furthermore, any and all notices required under this Contract shall be sent via certified mail, to the following individual on behalf of the Contractor.

Contractor
Address

ARTICLE XVI - WAIVER OF BREACH

Paragraph 16.0 The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Contract, shall not operate or be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of the same or other provision thereof.

ARTICLE XVII - COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

Paragraph 17.0 **CONTRACTOR** will undertake the Scope of Services in cooperation with and in coordination with other studies, projects or related work performed for, with or by **COUNTY** employees, appointed with other contractors, **CONTRACTOR** shall fully cooperate with such other related consultants and **COUNTY** employees or appointed committees. **CONTRACTOR** shall provide within his schedule or work, time and effort to coordinate with other contractors under contract with **COUNTY**. **CONTRACTOR** shall not commit or permit any act, which will interfere with the performance of work by any other contractors or by **COUNTY** employees.

ARTICLE XVIII – FORCE MAJEURE

Paragraph 18.0 Neither the County nor the Contractor shall be deemed in violation of this Contract 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, acts of public enemy, war, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, or catastrophic failure of public transportation, provided however, that nothing herein shall relieve or be construed to relieve the Contractor from performing its obligations hereunder in the event of riots, rebellions, or legal strikes.

ARTICLE XIX - PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

Paragraph 19.0 **CONTRACTOR** shall identify in writing a project manager 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 Contractor's Services under the Contract, 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.

ARTICLE XX - GOVERNING LAW

Paragraph 20.0 This Contract shall be governed in all respects as to validity, construction, capacity, performance or otherwise by the laws of the State of Georgia.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals.

For The Contractor

SEAL:

ATTEST:

FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

Clerk to the Commission

BY: _____
Karen Handel
Chair
Board of Commissioners

SEAL:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Office of the County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Willie A. Hopkins, Jr.
Director
General Services Department

END OF SECTION NO. 7

SECTION 8**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS****CARPET & CARPET TILE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR SERVICES****1. SCOPE OF WORK**

The successful Contractor is to furnish all parts, labor, equipment, transportation and material necessary to provide carpet and carpet tile installation and carpet repair services. All materials/supplies/service parts requested by Fulton County must be of the highest quality and must conform to any related state, municipal or federal standard and be consistent with standard commercial practices.

Any contract(s) emanating from this bid shall be for all participating departments and is to be administered by the General Services Department. The contractor may bid in whole or in part as contractor may desire as long as contractor is authorized and certified.

Contractor shall have obtained the *Seal of Approval* from the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) and shall include a copy of the certification along with the bid package.

All personnel of the company that will work in the County facilities must wear identification badges and/or uniforms with their company logo clearly visible on it. If the personnel report for work in a vehicle, the vehicle should have bidder's name or the company's name printed at the back or either sides of the vehicle(s). At least one (1) crew member should be able to communicate in English.

2. WORKING HOURS

For the purpose of this Contract, normal working hours will be from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Fulton County holidays. The Contractor is required to respond to all calls within twenty-four (24) hours of notification. Failure to respond within the twenty-four (24) hour time period will be a condition for contract termination at the County's discretion.

3. WARRANTY CLAUSE

Contractor shall furnish high quality, stain resistant carpet. Each bid package shall include a statement from the manufacturer indicating that the carpet product offered meets the grade quality and stain resistant level for at least five years.

The Contractor will be responsible for providing a warranty on all materials equal to the manufacturer's standard warranty period and labor for a minimum period of ninety (90) days from the completion of the service. Any additional repairs required within this ninety (90) day period will be at the expense of the Contractor. Materials will be replaced at no additional cost to Fulton County.

4. TECHNICAL REPORTS

The Contractor is required to submit a technical report on service calls within five (5) days of completion. The report must contain the following information:

1. Start time & completion time.
2. Date service was performed.
3. Location of service: Indicate Fulton County asset number for the facility.
4. Person requesting the service.
5. Itemized materials list.

The Contractor may submit this information on the same form utilized for invoicing; however, the Contractor will not receive payment for any invoices until the technical report is received.

5. INVENTORY

The contractor must certify below that a full inventory of materials and services required is available on an if needed, as needed and when needed basis and that contractor understands compliance with this requirement will be considered in selecting the successful Contractor. Fulton County reserves the right to reject any contractor failing to meet these requirements.

Services available: Yes _____ No _____

Location of Contractor's facility

Supply location

Service

6. DELIVERY

The Contractor must fulfill routine requests for services and/or materials to be provided within forty-eight (48) hours after meeting at the project site and/or receipt of order or within the time period agreed upon in writing between the bidder and the Point of Contact (POC).

7. PRICE LISTS

The successful Contractor agrees to supply three (3) complete sets of manufacturer's product catalogs, and price lists, including applicable discounts to Fulton County before the start of this Contract. The Contractor agrees to furnish additional materials to Fulton County at _____% (percent) off list prices.

Price list Number _____ Date _____

Price list discounts are firm for the contract period; however:

- 7.1 Prices are subject to adjustment according to manufacturers' superseding published price lists and supplements.
- 7.2 Such changes must be requested and confirmed by manufacturers' printed price lists received by Fulton County ten (10) business days prior to the effective date shown on

the price list.

- 7.3 Such changes will be effective on the date shown on the price list. If the Contractor fails to submit the revised price list in accordance with paragraph (B) above, prices will become effective on the date of approval by Fulton County.
- 7.4 If during this Contract, the parties cannot mutually agree on the extent of any change in the price lists, Fulton County reserves the right to terminate the Contract without prejudice.

The Contractor must indicate the price and product description column being used on the price list. Photocopies of manufacturer's price lists and/or computer printouts must be clear and legible. Blurred copies and distributor inventory price lists are not acceptable. Pencil, typewritten, or pen and ink changes in price lists will not be acceptable. Failure to supply price lists within ten (10) days after a bid award will be cause for an immediate end of the award and appointment of the next lowest Contractor.

8. INVOICING

Invoices submitted against the contract must include the information required in the technical report (paragraph 4). If the Contractor elects to submit an invoice other than the technical report the Contractor must include, as a minimum, Fulton County asset number for each facility invoiced. In addition to this, a manifest supporting re-cycling of the removed carpet shall be attached to the invoice, in cases where a carpet is replaced or repaired. Invoice shall relate to work performed in not more than one facility. Multiple visits performed in the same facility can be covered by single invoice. Invoices will be returned unpaid to the Contractor when one of the following conditions exists:

- 8.1 Invoices do not contain all the required information, including the asset number.
- 8.2 Invoice is not supported by re-cycling manifest when required.
- 8.3 List price on the invoice does not correspond to the latest price.
- 8.4 All invoices shall be forwarded to: Fulton County South Zonal Maintenance, 5590 Stonewall Tell Rd., College Park Ga. 30340.

9. KEY PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

9.1 General Information

- 9.1.1 The Contractor shall declare the following information:
- Product identification i.e., style name and number
 - Product type and gauge/pitch
 - Type of pile
 - Type of backing system
 - Surface fiber composition
- 9.1.2 Successful Contractor will be required to produce test certificates from a lab certified by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program.
- 9.1.3 Carpets supplied in any particular batch shall come from the same dye lot.

- 9.2 The tufted carpet covered by this specification is intended for end-use applications that have a **'SEVERE'** Use Classification. Based on this the carpet must have an Appearance Retention Rating of 4.0 or more for short term applications and 3.5 or more for long term applications.

The ARR shall be determined in accordance with (CRI tm101) ASTM D-5252 (Hexapod) or ASTM D-5415 (Vetterman) test methods, using the following test cycles:

Hexapod: Short term – 4000, Long term – 12000
 Vetterman: Short term – 5000, Long term – 22000

9.3 Material requirements

9.3.1 Pile Fiber Type: 100% Solutia Ultrob VIP or DuPont Antron Lumena. The pile fiber shall consist of 100% Solution Dyed, soil hiding and static resistant with integral static control element, advanced generation fiber which may contain reclaimed polymer.

9.3.2 Backing.
 The backing shall consist of a primary backing and a secondary backing made from 100% polypropylene.

9.4 Construction requirements

Surface type County needs carpets with **Cut Pile and Level Loop Pile** construction.

Machine gauge _____ (to be stated by the bidder)
 Stitches per inch _____ (to be stated by the bidder)
 Average pile height _____ (to be stated by the bidder)

Yarn: Cut Pile _____
 Level loop _____
 (to be stated by the bidder)

No. of stitches per inch _____ (to be stated by the bidder)
 Finished pile thickness _____ (to be stated by the bidder)
 Average Pile weight _____ (to be stated by the bidder)
 Dye method Piece
 Width 12'

All carpets shall have at least the minimum ARR (CRI tm101) as specified above; the rating shall be **"severe"** and meet the following physical requirements.

9.5 Physical requirements

- 9.5.1 Tuft Bind: Cut Pile – 3.0 lbs. minimum average value
 Loop Pile – 10.0 lbs min. average value
- 9.5.2 Dimensional stability Maximum shrinkage of 1% in both length and width
- 9.5.3 De-lamination resistance of secondary backing: 2.5 lbs per inch minimum.

9.5.4	Color fastness	To Crocking: Color transfer Class 4 Minimum To light: A color contrast between the exposed and unexposed carpet areas equivalent to a minimum of Grade 4 on the Gray Scale for Color Change after an exposure of 60 AFU for all colors
9.5.5	Fluoro-chemical Finish:	A minimum average of 350 ppm fluorine on the pile fiber when tested in accordance with CRI TM-102
9.5.6	Cold water bleed (AATCC 107)	4.0
9.5.7	Electrostatic Propensity	3.5 kV max
9.5.8	Flammability	Compliant with Federal Flammability Standards CPSC FF 1-70, (Methenamine Table Test/Pill Test), when tested according to ASTM D2859 Radiant Panel Test Class I
9.5.9	Indoor air quality	Carpets shall be certified with CRI Indoor Air Quality Testing Program Green Label.
9.5.10	Anti-microbial (AATCC 154, Part II)	≥ 95% reduction
9.5.11	Fungicidal (AATCC 154, Part III)	No growth
9.5.12	NBS smoke density	Less than 450
9.5.13	Warranties (non-prorated), state in each case below:	
	Surface wear	_____ Years
	Edge ravel	_____ Years
	De-lamination	_____ Years
	Antimicrobial efficacy	_____ Years

9.6 Test Procedures

The following tests shall be conducted in accordance with the standard test methods specified.

<u>TEST</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
Pile Fiber Identity	AATCC 20
Backing Material identity	AATCC 20
Average Finished Pile weight	ASTM D 5848
Finished Pile thickness	ASTM D 418
Gauge	ASTM D 5793

<u>TEST</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
Tuft Bind	ASTM D 1335

Methenamine Table test	ASTM D 2859
Color fastness to crocking	AATCC 165
Color fastness to Light, Xenon arc	AATCC 16E
Dimensional stability	DDD-C-0095A, Para 4.5.14
Indoor Air Quality	ASTM D 5116
De-lamination resistance	ASTM D 3936
Electrostatic	AATCC 134

Note: The Contractor will be required to submit test reports on all or any of the above on samples selected by Fulton County. Failure in compliance may lead to cancellation of contract.

9.7 Carpet Padding
Carpet pad shall be fire retardant cushion 40 ounces with 13 lb. Density.

9.8 Carpet Tiles
Please see **Attachment 1** for specifications of Carpet Tiles.

10. MANUFACTURING PERFORMANCE

Carpets /Carpet tiles offered must be manufactured/recycled under environmentally acceptable conditions. The following conditions shall apply.

10.1 The carpet manufacturer shall have a quality management program compliant to ISO 9001 or 9002. Contractor may submit documentary evidence to support compliance/registration with ISO 9001 or ISO 9002.

(Circle your choice)

Manufacturer complies with ISO 9001/ISO 9002: **Yes** **NO**

Manufacturer is registered with ISO 9001/ISO 9002: **Yes** **NO**

10.2 Manufacturer must have in place an Environment Management program complying with ISO 14001, and shall produce documentary evidence to support this.

(Circle your choice)

Does the manufacturer's environment management program meet the requirements of ISO 14001? **Yes** **No**

Does the manufacturer have an independent carpet reclamation program and "No landfill" guarantee? **Yes** **No**

Does the manufacturer sponsor Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE)?

No Corporate sponsor Green sponsor Sustainable Leader

10.3 Post consumer recycled carpet content shall be more than 10%

State post consumer carpet content in the carpets/tiles offered: _____ %

11. INSTALLATION PRICING:

Installation pricing must include:

- 11.1 All necessary adhesives, hardware, supplies and labor;
- 11.2 Raising and lowering of furniture when required, for repair/replacement of carpet
- 11.3 Removal and repair of carpet and related items.
- 11.4 Recycling of carpet and related items removed, in any of the Carpet Re-cycling facilities.
- 11.5 Producing necessary manifest supporting re-cycling of the carpet along with the invoice.
- 11.6 Complete cleanup, including thorough vacuuming, of work areas after carpet installation and /or repair areas;
- 11.7 Floor leveling and removal of adhesive where needed.
- 11.8 Any other duty required to leave the work area in an aesthetically pleasing and sanitary condition.

Item # 1 Cut pile carpet

Brand name _____

Manufacturer _____

Exceptions noted _____

Product meets the requirements in Paragraph 9 above?

(Circle your choice)

Yes No

Item # 2 Level loop carpet

Brand name _____

Manufacturer _____

Exceptions noted _____

Product meets the requirements in Paragraph 9 above?

(Circle your choice)

Yes No

Item # 3 Carpet Padding:

Brand name _____

Manufacturer _____

Exceptions noted _____

Product meets the requirements in Paragraph 9 above?

(Circle your choice)

Yes No

Item # 4 Carpet Tiles:

Brand name _____

Manufacturer _____

Exceptions noted _____

Product meets the requirements in Paragraph 9 above?

(Circle your choice)

Yes No

Item # 5 Re-Cycling Agency:

Name _____

Address _____

PRICING FORMS

This section should contain the appropriate schedule of prices for this project.

12. REPAIR PRICING:

12.1 Repair and/or replace damaged sections of carpet, per square yard cut pile carpet 30 ounces.

REQUIREMENTS: Pull up existing carpet, clean floor of excessive adhesive, patch cracks in concrete, furnish and install cut pile carpet 30 ounces. Remove all trash and clean the area as required.

Line 1 – Carpet price (with pad): \$ _____ per square yard (001)

Line 2 – Installation Charges: \$ _____ per square yard (002)

TOTAL OF LINES 1 & 2: _____

Line 3 – Carpet price (glue down): \$ _____ per square yard (003)

Line 4 – Installation Charges: \$ _____ per square yard (004)

TOTAL OF LINES 3 & 4: _____

12.2 Price to repair and /or replace level loop carpet 26 ounces.

REQUIREMENTS: Pull up existing carpet, clean floor of excessive adhesive, patch minor cracks in concrete, furnish and install level loop, 26 ounces carpet. Remove all trash and clean the area as required.

Line 5 – Carpet price (with pad): \$ _____ per square yard (005)

Line 6– Installation Charge: \$ _____ per square yard (006)

TOTAL OF LINES 5 & 6: _____

Line 7 – Carpet price (glue down): \$ _____ per square yard (007)

Line 8 – Installation Charges: \$ _____ per square yard (008)

TOTAL OF LINES 7 & 8: _____

12.3 Price to supply and install Carpet Tiles, sizes 18"x18" and 36" x 36" as per specification described in **Attachment 1**.

Line 9a – Supply Carpet tiles 18"x18" \$ _____ per tile (009a)

Line 9b – Labor Charges for Installation, to include removal of old tiles where necessary.

18" x 18" tile \$ _____ per tile (009b)

TOTAL OF LINES 9A & 9B: _____

Line 9 c – Supply Carpet tiles 36"x 36" \$ _____ per tile (009c)

Line 9d – Labor Charges for Installation, to include removal of old tiles where necessary. (009d)

36" x 36" tile \$ _____ per tile

TOTAL OF LINES 9C & 9D: _____

12.4 Indicate standard colors for cove base for which the following pricing applies:

Furnish and install rubber cove base, set-on type, 4 inch.

Line 10- price \$ _____/linear foot (010)

12.5 Removal of vinyl composite tile (V.C.T.)

Line 11- price \$ _____/sq. foot (011)

12.6 Installation of vinyl composite tile (V.C.T.)

Line 12- price \$ _____/sq. foot (012)

TOTAL OF LINES 10, 11, & 12: _____

Prices on the following items (12.7 - 12.12) are required for application as and when necessary during the contract. These prices will not be used for comparison of bid prices, or for selecting a bidder, as the effect of these prices on the contract value is negligibly small.

- 12.7 Furnish and install flex-cove inside corners, rubber set-on type, 4 inch.
Line 13-price \$ _____/linear foot (013)

- 12.8 Furnish and install flex-cove outside corners, rubber set-on type, 4 inch.
Line 14-price \$ _____/linear foot (014)

- 12.9 Furnish and install flex-cove rubber cove base, flat type, 4 inch.
Line 15-price \$ _____/linear foot (015)

- 12.10 Furnish and install flex-cove inside corners, rubber flat type, 4 inch.
Line 16-price \$ _____/linear foot (016)

- 12.11 Furnish and install flex-cove outside corners, rubber flat type, 4 inch.
Line 17-price \$ _____/linear foot (017)

- 12.12 Furnish and install flex-cove outside corners, rubber flat type, 6 inch.
Line 18-price \$ _____/linear foot (018)

TOTAL OF LINES 13 thru 18: _____

13. PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES:

- 13.1 Contractor agrees to find the locations of, and take proper precautions not to disturb or damage any utilities and/or subsurface installations to include, but not limited to, electrical wiring, telephone cables, and other surface and subsurface mounted lines and furnishings.
- 13.2 Contractor accepts full and strict liability, for all repairs and/or replacement of all furniture, utilities, subsurface structures damaged and/or disturbed in performing the work covered by this specification and the resulting contract.
- 13.3 Contractor agrees to provide adequate and appropriate barriers, lighting, warning signs, and temporary structures to assure safe and unhindered passage of pedestrians within and adjacent to work areas.
- 13.4 Contractor agrees to comply with municipal, state, and federal regulations in erecting precautionary and warning signs adjacent to and in the vicinity of the work areas.
- 13.5 Contractor agrees to be strictly liable for an accident emanating from or under the performance of this contract.
- 13.6 Contractor Bidder agrees to comply with municipal, state, and federal regulations for removal and disposal of any hazardous materials on products.

14. PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS:

- 14.1 Contractor agrees to attend a pre-construction familiarization tour, with the responsible Fulton County employee at work sites prior to the start-up of all and every carpet repair or replacement project falling within and under this contract.
- 14.2 Contractor agree to use the familiarization tour to assess and determine the requirements to complete the specific project or task to be completed, and to field check all measurements.

15. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The performance of the contractor will be evaluated on a continuous basis, based on the Fulton County's "Contract Performance" benchmarks. General parameters for performance evaluation are as follows.

- 15.1 Performance evaluation will be done by the Contract Administrator or by other authorized personnel of General Services Department.
- 15.2 Performance evaluation will be done at periods not greater than three (3) months.
- 15.3 The Contractor will be given a copy of the evaluation. The contractor is required to acknowledge the receipt of the evaluation.
- 15.4 Contractor will be able to make remarks or note corrective actions taken, on the evaluation sheet.
- 15.5 Fulton County reserves the right to terminate the contract based on the Performance evaluation, after serving due notice on the contractor, if the contractor fails to provide acceptable services for two (2) or more three (3) month periods.

- 15.6 Any dispute resulting from the evaluation will be left to the arbitration of the Assistant Director/Building Maintenance.
- 15.7 The decision of the Assistant Director/ Building Maintenance will be final and binding on both the parties.

16. TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED:

- 16.1 *Seal of Approval* from the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI). Include a copy of the certification along with the bid package.
- 16.2 Documentary evidence to support compliance/registration with ISO 9001 or ISO 9002.
- 16.3 Documentary evidence to support compliance with ISO 14001, for Environment Management program.
- 16.4 Contractor may seek exceptions to the specification and record those below. The exception shall be stated with clear indication as to which clause of this specification the exception applies.

STATE EXCEPTIONS BELOW:

END OF SPECIFICATIONS

ATTACHMENT 1**SPECIFICATION FOR CARPET TILES**

1.0 DESCRIPTION OF WORK: this specification section covers the furnishing and installation of carpet tiles. Installation shall be in accordance with the product manufacturer's recommendations. Removal and recycling of old /damaged carpet tiles is a requirement for this work.

1.1 Manufacturers: Manufacturers of products having CRI Seal of Approval.

1.2 Samples:

- A. Submit three (3) samples of carpet tiles for approval before any installation work is begun.
- B. Indicate range of available selection from manufacturer's standard carpet and colors. Colors shall be selected by Fulton County.
- C. Extra Stock: Deliver one box of carpet tiles to Fulton County for use in future patching,
- D. Guarantee: Furnish a five-year unconditional guarantee covering satisfactory workmanship, material and installation.

1.3 Quality Assurance:

Installer:

- A. Shall be experience in the supervision of carpet installation with at least five years experience in this type of work.
- B. Actual work shall be done by qualified and experience mechanics working under his supervision or under the supervision of an experienced workroom supervisor who has also been doing this type work for five years.

1.4 Regulatory Requirements:

Fire Performance Characteristics: Provide carpet that has been tested for the following fire performance requirements, according to test method and inspecting agency having jurisdiction.

- A. Flammability: Passing Methenamine Pill test, test method DOC FF1-1970
- B. Critical Radiant Flux: Not less than 0.40 watts per sq. centimeter, test method ASTM E648
- C. Smoke Density: Not more than 450; test method ASTM E662, NBS smoke chamber.

2.0 PRODUCT:

The product requirements are to be read in conjunction with Paragraphs 10 and 11 of requirements for carpets. Physical and Manufacturing requirements specified in Paragraphs 10 and 11 as applicable to carpet tiles will be applied even those are not specifically mentioned in this attachment (Attachment 1).

Physical and Construction requirements

2.1.1 Construction requirements

(a)	Style	Modules, 18" x 18" and 36" x 36"
(b)	Construction	Loop Pile
(c)	Fiber	DuPont Antron Lumena 100% Solution Dyed Type 6
(d)	Gauge	_____ (to be stated by the bidder)
(e)	Face Yarn Weight	_____ (to be stated by the bidder)
(f)	Average Pile height	_____ (to be stated by the bidder)
(g)	Stitches per inch	_____ (to be stated by the bidder)
(h)	Dye method	_____ (to be stated by the bidder)
(i)	Static Control	Less than 3.5 kv at 70deg F and 20% relative humidity
(j)	CRI TM101	SEVERE
(k)	Aachen Test	<0.2%
(l)	Color	Selection will be basically from one or more of 'Patina', 'Lichen', 'Heron', 'Oyster', 'Atlantic', 'Silt', 'Pollen', or 'Kimono' colors. However Fulton County reserves the right to order any colors not shown above.
(m)	Primary Backing	Non-woven primary backing with PVC reinforced with fiberglass.
(n)	Secondary backing	Recycled PVC composite containing a minimum of 20% post-consumer/20% post-industrial.
(o)	Total backing weight	125 ounces, minimum
(p)	Anti-microbial	Preservation properties warranted to >90%, effective for 15 years
(q)	Dye Lots	One dye lot for life of manufacturing product. Dye lots must be mergeable into each other
(r)	Installation method	Random. Replacement of one or more tile from a lot shall not produce any difference in overall pattern, color or orientation.

2.1.2 Physical Requirements

- (a) Tuft Bind Cut Pile – 3.0 lbs. minimum average value
- (b) Dimensional stability Max. Shrinkage of 1% in both length and width for not less than 15 years
- (c) De-lamination resistance of secondary backing: 2.5 lbs per inch (min.)
No de-lamination guaranteed for 15 years
- (d) Color fastness To crocking: Color transfer Class 4 min
To light: A color contrast between the exposed and unexposed carpet areas equivalent to a minimum of Grade 4 on the Grey Scale after an exposure of 60 AFU for all colors
- (e) Fluoro-chemical finish A minimum average of 330 ppm fluorine on the pile fiber when tested in accordance with CRI TM-102
- (f) Electrostatic propensity – 3.5 kV max
- (g) Flammability Compliant with Federal Flammability Standards CPSC FF1-70, (Methenamine Table Test/Pill Test) when tested according to ASTM D2859 Radiant Panel Test Class I
- (h) Indoor Air Quality Carpets shall be certified with CRI Indoor Air Quality Testing program Green Label
- (i) NBS Smoke Density Less than 450
- (j) Wear warranty Fifteen (15) year limited wear warranty
- (k) Availability Product to be available for ten (10) years

2.1 Adhesive: as recommended by carpet manufacturer for direct glue down application.

2.2 Edge Guard: Heavy-duty vinyl carpet guard as manufactured by Mercer Plastic Co., or approved equal, minimum 2" anchorage flange. Color as selected by Fulton County.

2.3 Reducing Strip: Solid heavy duty vinyl reducing strip (tapered vinyl saddle) or half saddle as manufactured by Mercer Plastic Co. Or approved equal, minimum 1/2" taper. Colors as selected by Fulton County.

2.4 Patching Compound and Floor Filter: as recommended by carpet manufacturer.

3.0 EXECUTION

3.1 Raising and lowering system furniture to facilitate removal and installation of carpet tiles is included in the scope of work.

3.2 Fill small cracks and holes in concrete floor slabs with one-part, non-shrinking cement to three part sand grout with latex or epoxy additive. All ridges or other uneven surface

- 3.3 Level floors and fill small cracks and holes in concrete or underpayment with commercial latex or epoxy floor-patching compound.
- 3.4 Wood Floors Surface: Knot holes, cracks wider than 1/8" and holes larger than 1/4" diameter shall be filled with crack filler as specified for this application. All ridges or uneven surfaces shall be planed, scarped or sanded smooth.
- 3.5 Wood underlayment and sub-floors shall be screwed down where loose.
- 3.6 Rotted, broken or otherwise unsatisfactory wood sub floor and all other defective materials shall be removed and replaced new.
- 3.7 Undercut wood door bottoms as required to allow clear door swing over new carpet.
- 3.8 Glue- down installation:
- A. Apply adhesive uniformly, to comply with manufacturer's instructions. Butt carpet edges tightly to form seams with no gaps. Roll entire area lightly to eliminate air pockets and ensure uniform bond. Properly remove excess adhesive from carpet by approved methods.
 - B. All glue-down installation a minimum of 48 hours to cure before subjecting to any traffic, moving of furniture or final cleaning.
- 3.9 Adjusting:
- A. Include as part of the work of this contract repairing of seams and joints if required after installation is completed.
 - B. Fulton County shall determine if and when this work is required, but it shall be within twelve (12) months after final approval of finish installation.
 - C. Contract shall be notified fourteen (14) days prior to the time he would be required to return to the site for this repair work.
 - D. Provide Fulton County with service telephone number.
- 3.10 Cleaning:
- A. Immediately remove spots and smears of cement form carpet with solvent.
 - B. Upon completion of installation, remove all tools and equipment and dispose of all waste and excess materials. Carefully and thoroughly vacuum clean to satisfaction of Fulton County.
- 3.11 Protection:
- A. Upon completion and final inspection by Fulton County, provide reinforced Kraft paper runner 36" wide at all traffic arrears as directed by Fulton County.
 - B. Prior to final inspection, no traffic shall be allowed on the carpet.

END OF SPECIFICATIONS